

Style Invitational

BY PAT MYERS

Report from Week 1017

in which we asked for “univocalic” headlines — either for real events or made-up ones — that included only one of the vowels A, E, I, O or U. (Just to ensure enough good stuff, we allowed the headlines to also include Y.)

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WINNER
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MEMORIAL

Dimwit: 'I'll Hit Mississippi's Hill Bigwig With Ricin, Inflicting Ill!' FBI: WHICH Dimwit? (Nan Reiner, Alexandria)

2 Winner of the Basket Head basketball-hoop-on-head

game: Self-Centered, Feckless Celeb Reese Regresses, Repents, Ends Demented Beer Benders (She'd Better — Sheesh! The Nerve!) (Dixon Wragg, Santa Rosa, Calif.)

3 Ex-Veep Cheney Gets Wet, Melts (Mark Hagenau, Derry, N.H.)

4 Doctors Botch Colonoscopy, Now Look for Lost Blowtorch (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Hong Kong Chow Chow: Dog Food or Food-Dog? (Doug Hamilton, College Park)

NYC Bigwig: Nixing Big Drinks Will Shrink Blimps (Mark Raffman)

TP Boycott Boosts Worth of Post's Stock (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

BFF Tells Celeb's Secret: 'Helen Keller Peeked!' (Konrad Schwoerke, Chapel Hill, N.C.)

Wiz Win Big!!! (Kidding.) (Steve Goldsmith, Springfield)

Boston horror. CNN scoop!? Oh. Wrong. Oops. (Nan Reiner)

Bad Xmas! Santa's Anagram, Satan, Nabs All Bags (Ann Martin, Bracknell, England)

Man's Hand Awkwardly Grabs Lady Gaga's Sham Mammary at Grammy Awards Bacchanal (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Drunk Pulls Dumb Stunt — Puts Gun Up Butt, Hurls Slugs (Liza Recto, Lexington Park, Md.)

Mitt's Witticism: 'I Win, Since I'm Still Rich' (Robert Schechter)

Empress 'Expected Better Jests,' Gets 'Senseless Excrement' (Robert Schechter)

Jester Schechter: When He Enters, the Rest Get Less Press (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Week Ten-Seventeen: Mr. Glenn Enters, Excels, Empress Decrees; The Rest? Sheer Dreck. (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

LOSYSR X-PLOYT 'Y' ROOLYNG & OTHYR CHËP TRYCKS TO WYN (Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

Still running — deadline Monday night — is our “grandfoals” contest. See bit.ly/invitewk1020.



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Jeff Contompasis, 308-time Loser and ScrabbleGrams aficionado.

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

Week 1021: 'Gram theft

I O U S B L T

Subtoil: Busywork that schoolkids have to do when their teacher's out sick.

Biolust: An unhealthy passion for microbes.

Slutbio: That clearly fabricated list of naughty interests and turn-ons next to the centerfold.

One of the most obsessive Losers of recent Invitational vintage is Jeff Contompasis, who lives in the outer suburbs and spends a lot of time on public transportation. And for the few moments he's not working on Invite entries, he likes to play the syndicated ScrabbleGrams game that appears daily in The Post's comics pages. Each ScrabbleGrams puzzle contains four sets of seven letters, and the object of the game is to form the highest-scoring (in Scrabble value) word for each set.

Jeff's a regular in the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook, in which the Devotees greet each new member with as many outrageous anagrams of the newbie's name as they can muster. And he's so facile at rearranging letters that in ScrabbleGrams, he often comes up with nifty alternatives to the actual six- or seven-letter words intended, as in his solutions for the seven letters above (actual word in mind: “sublot”).

For quite a while, Jeff's been imploring the Empress to do a ScrabbleGram neologism contest, going so far as to buy a book with hundreds of letter sets. So we'll give it a try — using some of the combinations from “The Big Book of ScrabbleGrams” as well as old Post puzzles — because we are so fond of Jeff's Invite-geekitude: **This week: Come up with a term by scrambling any of the letter sets in the list below, and define it, as in the examples above. Unlike with most of our neologism contests, the word doesn't have to be a brand-new term; you may also find an existing word and supply a novel, humorous definition for it. There's no minimum word length, and we're not playing for Scrabble points; the letters won't have any point values. As usual, we're looking for funny. As usual, don't send more than 25 entries. If you don't include the letter set with your entry, in the letter order we supply here, we won't look at it.**

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln-statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the decidedly odd little photo book “Off the Wall: Fashion From East Germany, 1964-1980.” You'll be treated to women posing in red palazzo pants in Red Square, as well as leisure suits that are the fashion equivalent of the Trabant putt-putt cars featured in the last spread. Donated by Loser Pie Snelson.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet. First Offenders receive a smelly, tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, May 20; results published June 9 (online June 6). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include “Week 1021” in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/inviterules. The subhead for this week's honorable mentions is by Brendan Beary. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

Good tho not, y'know, wow: Honorable mentions

Barack's Lass Sasha Rants, “Arrgh! Can't Stand Dad's 'Dad Pants'!” (Dan O'Day, Alexandria)

Mass. SWAT Nabs Track-Day A-Hat at Small Yacht (Kevin d'Eustachio, Beltsville, whose name includes all five vowels)

1865: Mary L. Says Play 'Wasn't That Bad' (Mark Raffman, R'st'n)

'Dang!' Drawls Alabama Gal as Crawdad Grabs Grandma (Laurie Morrison, Rockville, a First Offender)

Mitt, Big Bird Kiss, Fix Rift (Brendan Beary, Great Mills)

'DWTS' Scandal! Chaz, Marc Bachmann Samba at Gay Bash,

Swap Bras! (Al Salas, Washington, a First Offender)

Miss Piggy Hits Skids, Living in Sty (Frank Osen)

N. Kor. Loco Moron Moons World (Hugh Pullen, Vienna)

NRA Stand — Arm All: Crank, Madman, Adam Lanza — Charms Satan (William J. Collinge, Gettysburg, Pa.)

'A Lass, Alas:' A Trans's Dad's Rants Gall Lambda (Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.)

Tom vows to hold Joy? OK. John to hold Bob?

DC: OK. OK: Not OK. (Noah Meyerson, Washington)

Rand: Barack's 'Tax-Happy'! Barack: Rand's 'Bananas,' 'Dad's Pawn' (Michael Simon, Potomac)

What can you make out of these?

AAELRBR	AIDLMSD	AYWKSON	EEUXTPM	IAOHNSV	OELWTNN
AAEUTNP	AIUDQL	EAKLNHS	EEYRSWN	IEISVCC	OEOWRBR
AAIOSRV	AILNBRT	EAUOHCT	EILVTNT	IEMSGXS	OIYLZTG
AALTSMP	AIOADRF	EEANRWB	EITBCTK	IIOANTH	OOINKLM
AAOYBLP	AIOCFGS	EEHTTL	EITLJNK	IOAYTXL	OUEMNQS
AAAYTHSS	AIONNKP	EEIFCTG	EIUMLMN	IOEWDRG	OUHTRFD
AEECDFG	AIOYFDM	EEILFRH	EIVLNWS	IOUCPBL	OULRSCC
AEEUSRF	AIUKQSW	EEIOTTP	EIYINSW	IOUSBLT	OOUYSJR
AEGLHRD	AIUYSMD	EEITDCP	EOGNLNB	IOUYTRG	OUPLMSS
AEIOGWT	AIYNHLM	EEIUWLV	EOUKLTC	IOYFTHS	UALTMNT
AEIURPB	AOCBLGM	EEONNLK	EOWTSCB	IUMLLTS	UAYBSTB
AEKMRBT	AOLBWMN	EEOTGKN	EUTSNH	IUUKBNM	UIALSrw
AEOLPNW	AOLDPRL	EEOTRPM	EUUGHMB	OAYLWHN	UIAPLKW
AEOOHLM	AUETCPN	EEOUDRC	EUUTNRF	OAYNETR	UIOHGPL
AEOVFRl	AUFWRGF	EEPLWNH	EUYCDTP	OEAMGYV	UOYPCCL
AEUUTRB	AUULRFS	EEUGSCX	EUYLNRs	OEETMCB	UUANCTM
AEUZNRB	AUYMSPG	EEUOGRB	IAOCLRF		

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