

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

The retro section: Winning do-overs

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1206 was Part 2 of our annual retrospective contest, in which you could enter (or re-enter) any of the year's previous contests.

4th place

Week 1159, new board games: Donopoly: Buying up properties and building hotels in one city is no longer enough.

3rd place

Week 1183, if [x] were more honest: If golfers were more honest, ironically, they'd have worse lies.

2nd place and the Trump Winery wineglass:

Week 1187, drop the last letter of a word and define the result: Diarrhe: A daily blog that desperately needs an editor.

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

Week 1171, take a line from a song, then add your own, rhyming line: With the thoughts I'd be thinkin', I could be another Lincoln if I only had a brain.

But the rubes loathe "elitists"; with the wisdom of a fetus, I just ran the best campaign. @realDonaldTrump

The laughed-overs: Honorable mentions

Week 1162, Onion-style headlines: Aunt Eleanor Considers Removing Plastic Slipcovers for Papal Visit

American Robot Loses Job to Cheaper Chinese Robot

Week 1165, add one or more B's: State of the Bunion: A lengthy speech given by Grandma each Thanksgiving, Christmas and Mother's Day.

Week 1165, "breed" two racehorse names and name the foal: Annals of Time x Caribbean = Age Before Booty

The Lieutenant x Let Me Go First = The Loo Tenant

Week 1171, song "tailgaters": When you're a Jet, you're a Jet all the way

Week 1172, write something using only words in the song "American Pie": The spoken word of the foul jester was caught

Week 1177, election song parodies: To "The Joker": Some people call me a base clownboy

Week 1195, change a movie title without changing any letters: La-la-land: A man overcomes his insecurities stemming from a stutter to become an air traffic controller.



BOB STAAK E FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Week 1210: Send us the bill: Our 'joint legislation' game

The Kustoff-Brat Get Off the Lawn Act

The Budd-Beyer Initiative to Celebrate Good Ol' American Non-Craft Beer

The King-Lee-Banks Repeal of Any Government Control of Wall Street

Like it or not (and it's not getting too many Likes), the 115th Congress has commenced to make/not-make its contribution to American democracy.

So: Combine two or more names from the list of members of Congress (the list is at the bottom of this page) to "co-sponsor" a bill based on their combined last names, and state its purpose, as in the examples above.

Submit entries at this website: bit.ly/enter-invite-1210

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy.

Other runners-up win the yearned-for "This Is Your Brain on Mugs" Loser mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship."

THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results.

People tweet about me, baby; Say I'm sayin' things wrong, sayin' things wrong.

Well, I don't worry, baby, don't worry, 'Cause I'm white-white-white-white, rich and strong . . .

Week 1195, change a movie title without changing any letters: La-la-land: A man overcomes his

insecurities stemming from a stutter to become an air traffic controller. (Brian Cohen, Winston-Salem, N.C.)

Many more honorable mentions in the online Invite at bit.ly/invite1210.

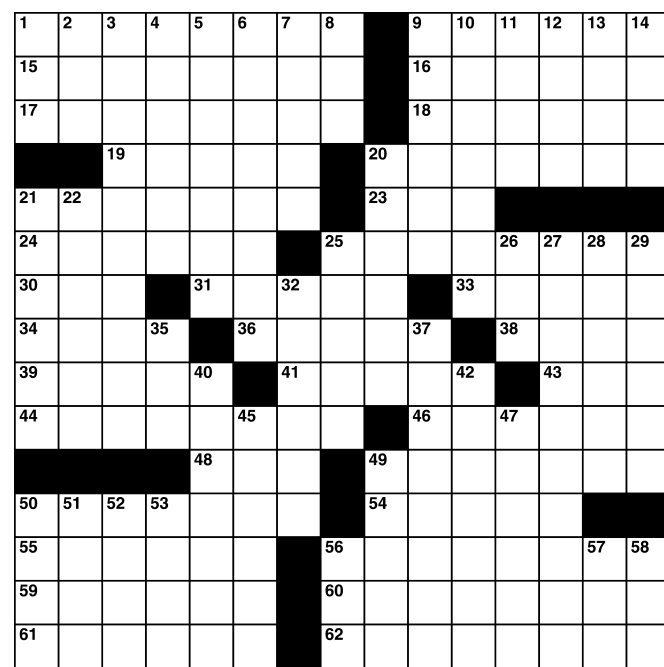
Still running — deadline Tuesday night, Jan. 17: Our contest for bogus tales of how products or inventions came to be.

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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- ACROSS 1 Gradually substitute 9 Early milestone 15 Refinement 16 Made public someone else's private info 17 Atelier boards 18 Quaker 19 ___ nous 20 Spears on the waves? 21 Sleeveless cloaks 23 Unagi, at a sushi bar 24 Roused 25 Cold pack application spot 30 "Slumdog Millionaire" actor Patel 31 Unstressed vowel 33 Sleep disorder 34 Sky, in Versailles 36 They get what's coming to them 38 Thailand, once 39 Eyeballs 41 "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" actor Lee Van ___ 43 Half of sei 44 "Thanks, bud!" 46 French notebook 48 Real estate offering 49 Something you're in when you're behind 50 Journal 54 Get the picture 55 "Leave that to me!" 56 Worshipper in a horror movie, perhas 59 Catlike 60 Skunk River city established to serve the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad 61 Wall Street figure 62 Radio fan

- DOWN 1 Sales figure 2 Pay stub? 3 Spanish soap? 4 Brolin's "Men in Black 3" role 5 Rats 6 Fix firmly 7 Frozen treats at the movies 8 Wii forerunner, briefly 9 Like some premium streaming services 10 Thug 11 Way to go 12 Farm team 13 State bird where the state tree is the kukui 14 Swirl 20 "Watch your step" 21 Bovine disease, familiarly 22 A little off the bottom 25 Guzzle 26 Pressed platters 27 Hazing, perhaps 28 "___, My God, to Thee" 29 Minecraft masters 32 Goddess of witchcraft 35 Allow 37 Stashes out of sight 40 Goldfish flavor, also known as "original" 42 China setting 45 Bedford Falls villain or Hogwarts hero 47 Tush 49 "Me, too" 50 Knack 51 From the U.S. 52 "J'accuse" writer 53 Oklahoma city 56 "On the Road" narrator Paradise 57 Neighbor of Nor. 58 Swabbie



Answer to last week



HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jan. 15: This year you open up to many new ideas, and you also see an increase in your awareness. In fact, you become more intuitive than in the recent past.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Listen carefully to feedback, but also make sure you pace yourself — you can't do everything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Revisit a long-term goal to see whether you really still want to fulfill it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A family matter could become the focal point of your plans. Whatever you have decided to do, others might have different ideas about how to proceed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your words let others know your limits. You would prefer to explore a flea market or go to the movies rather than be saddled with the burden of getting through what you need to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your ideas come across as irresistible and delightful. No one seems to mind the idea of wasting a day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Friends and loved ones will feel closer to you. Many of your close friends see you as logical and reliable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might need some time to reflect on a goal to see whether it is still viable for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You could see a personal matter very differently from how your friends see it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll need to bend when dealing with an authority figure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make calls to those you care about who don't live close to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Use care with your finances, as you easily could miscount your change at brunch or make a commitment to a pal that could cost you more than you realize.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You will try to express certain thoughts, but others might not be hearing you clearly.

Widow illegally uses handicap permit

Ask Amy Dear Amy: My beloved father-in-law passed away a few months ago.

Before he died, he was bedridden for several years. He received a handicapped parking permit.

Now that he has died, she still uses it everywhere she goes, even though she is very healthy and walks two miles every day.

Recently, my wife and I took her out to dinner. I was very embarrassed when she pulled the permit out and told me to park in the handicap space.

To avoid an argument, I parked in a handicapped space. Afterward, I vowed not to do that again, because it is illegal and wrong.

appease her mother and believes the permit reminds her of dad. Please help.

In a Quandary

In a Quandary: A parking permit is a strange totem to attach emotional meaning to.

When you are transporting people in your own car, you get to say how and where you will park.

Because you know it was wrong of you to park in the handicapped spot, you might have made your point clearly if you had told the group before the meal.

leave I'll retrieve it and pick you up at the entrance, if you don't want to walk."

Dear Amy: I was very disappointed that you neglected to mention the neediest among us — animals — when you recommended several charities in your column.

Dismayed: I grew up on a farm. I have and love animals. It may be easier to love defenseless animals than people.

Amy's column appears seven days a week at washingtonpost.com/advise. Write to askamy@amydickinson.com or Amy Dickinson, Tribune Content Agency, 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, Tex. 75001.

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The congressional freshmen (and more)

- Arrington Bacon Banks Barr Barragan (pronounced barrigan) Bergman Beyer (buyer) Biggs Brat Brown Budd Byrne (burn) Carbajal (CAR-ba-hal) Carson Cheney Comstock Connolly Correa (cor-RAY-a) Crist Cummings Davidson Delaney Demings (demmings) Duckworth Dunn Espallat (espi-aht) Esty Faso (fasso) Ferguson Fitzpatrick Gabbard (GAB-berd) Gaetz (gates) Gallagher Garrett Gonzalez Goodlatte (good-lat) Gottheimer (got-hymer) Griffith Harris Hassan (HASS-in) Higgins Hice Hill Hollingsworth Hoyer Jayapal (JY-a-pahl) Johnson Kennedy Khanna Kihuen (kee-wen) King Krishnamoorthi (krishna-moorti) Kustoff (cust-off) Lawson Lee Lewis Marshall Mast Masto McEachin Mitchell Murphy Norton O'Halleran Panetta Polis Raskin Rochester Rooney Ross Roppersberger Rush Rutherford Sarbanes Schneider Scott Shea-Porter Simpson Smucker Soto Suozzi (swazi) Taylor Tenney Van Hollen Wittman Yoder Young