

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

The long and winding word: Grid finds

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1294** we asked you to discover new words in the random word-search grid below, by choosing a starting letter and snaking around in all directions. (The circled words, "dello" and "slangry," were the week's examples.) Several people told of a "fonduel" with long, skinny forks.

4th place

J-4: ALARMOPATH: An extreme worrywart. "Nellie stayed up all night fretting that she might be an alarmopath." (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

3rd place

F-7: MaTOO: Reminder that sexual harassment did not start yesterday. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

2nd place and the book "The Gas We Pass":

P-5: ZITSEN: The other red-nosed reindeer. (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

N-16: DJ DIZZY G: Rudolph W. Giuliani's secret hip-hop name: "I'm a long-in-the-tooth sleuth for truth-isn't-truth — kind of goof, like I'm dipped in vermouth or I fell off a roof, trying to prove there's no proof . . ." (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Good griddance! Honorable mentions

M-12: MYCOLD: The worst possible affliction, much more debilitating than yourcold. (J. Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

D-9: DUNNOIST: Sarah Sanders's real job description. (Dave Silberstein, College Park)

C-6: GROPY: The eighth dwarf, known for his uncontrollable little hands. (Annie Westover, Alexandria, a First Offender)

B-2: XXXDRTY: The license plate you least want to see on your grandma's car. (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

L-14: BARFONDUE: "And this artisanal cheese is actually cultured from human toe bacteria." (Frank Osen)

M-5: FEMPATY: A man's effort to relate to a woman's troubles. "Jacob, did you say you're wearing an underwire jockstrap?" (Don Juran, Rockville, who last got Invite ink in 1998)

C-1: XXXZOO: Where you can watch the camels hump. (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

E-14: MUDIOT: A half-wit — or, I guess, a three-quarter wit. (Bob Kruger, Rockville)

L-15: UnderCNN: Where the whoopee cushion is placed in the White House briefing room. (Bob Kruger)

G-8: WMATAPOX: A rash of problems brought on by stress in a confined space. (Nancy Della Rovere, Silver Spring)

A-10: MOROL . . . B-12: MAREL . . . G-3: MDRAL: Oh, well, if I can't spell it, guess I don't have to be it! — D.J.T., Washington (Ellen Ryan, Rockville)

A-13: OMAROSININE: Crazy like a crying lowlife dog. — D.J.T. (Jesse Frankovich)

A-2: BROZO: The relative who always ends a family gathering with "hold my beer." (Connie Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

A-4: OOH OOH STOP: Right there, almost got it, that's it! (Gordon Cobb, Marietta, Ga.)

A-8: SLOMEMORATE: To take two days to lower the flag to half-staff. (Jesse Frankovich)

B-14: FOURARM: What Vishnu does when forewarned. (Paul White, Gainesville, Va., a First Offender)

C-1: XXXROTH: Stormy Daniels's retirement fund. (David Peckarsky, Tucson)

C-4: HOOHAM: You know how they say you can eat every part of a pig? Well, there's a delicacy made from female hogs . . . (Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.)

C-4: HRRKTOO: How to spell "hairball" in Phlegmish. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

D-3: TOOSIT: Responds that they've also done that. "No matter what experience I describe, Jim always toosit." (Rick Haynes, Ocean City, Md.)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1298: It's IGH time for 3-word phrases

IHG: International House of Gastroenteritis: For a limited time try our Jellied Moose Nose Pancakes With Durian Syrup!

IGH: International Graduates of Hogwarts: Once you've mastered Expelliwampum — paying through the nose — you're in.

IGH: Institute of Giant Heads: They've asked the president to be a spokesman because he's such a swell(ed) guy.

It's our third go-round — we also went round in 2016 and 2017 — of a contest in which we march through the alphabet three letters at a time. But this time the Empress is going to broaden it a little by letting you repeat letters: **Make up some entity that might take a three-letter abbreviation of GHI, HGI, GGG, GHH, etc., and then humorously describe it,** as in the examples above by Bob Staake (the first one) and Loser Jon Gearhart (who reminded the Empress that it had been more than a year since we toured the DEFs). You might also supply an especially brilliant description of an actual thing that could take one of these abbreviations. It's all right to add "the," "of," etc., as in the examples. See this week's Style Conversational column for some of the inking entries from Weeks 1179 and 1238.

Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1298 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets the **Cap Zappa**, a gadget that not only pops open your beer bottle but then can shoot the bottle cap "over 5 metres." Donated by Mike Creveling.

Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship." Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "We've Seen Better" or "Idiot Card." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, Oct 1;** results published Oct. 21 (online Oct. 18). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Jon Gearhart; Chris Doyle wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

D-7: VOMITOM: A zero-star review from The Post's restaurant critic. (Ben Aronin, Washington)

D-7: VOMITOMA: A telltale bruise on the forehead from throwing up in the toilet all last night. (Frank Osen)

F-10: BILLG: Where Trump puts invoices from his contractors. (David Peckarsky)

F-5: TOOTOO: A plus-size ballet skirt. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

F-5: TOPMARX: What you need to graduate Phi Beta Kapital. (Chris Doyle)

G-15: DULLY: An eatery specializing in bologna on Wonder bread (Roy Ashley, Washington)

G-17: DT U LYR: A popular blue-state license plate. (Ellen Ryan)

G-9: SPORTOZOA: The Very Little League (Rivka Liss-Levinson, Washington)

H-2: WED: How to Get a Divorce, Step 1. (Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

J-4: ABBREVIATING: "Are we almost finished? I think I left something on the stove." (Frank Osen)

K-4: BARDER: To sing for your supper. (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

K-9: MAINLYBQ: The Texas food pyramid. (Ward Kay)

L-14: BUG: Russia's national insect. (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

N-7: DANGRY: Of a mild-mannered person, hopping mad. "Bobbie Sue is really dangry. I just heard her say 'Damn it all to heck!'" (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

O-1: GRITZY: Upscale Southern: "Ribs, collards and POLENTA?" (Beverly Sharp)

And Last: **P-10: DRUEL:** A two-man race for Loser of the Year. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

Still running — deadline Monday, Sept. 24: our contest for "typos" in headlines. See wapo.st/invite1297.



L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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"GO FIGURE" By GAIL GRABOWSKI

- 1 Abacus unit
- 5 Brother of Lucrezia Borgia
- 11 Lipstick shade
- 15 Insignificant
- 19 Drivetrain component
- 20 Rhododendron variety
- 21 Sport with masks
- 22 "Cake Boss" competitor, at times
- 23 Usually retrospective assessment
- 25 Cop (to), as a lesser charge
- 27 Service that manages network messages
- 28 Ingenuous one
- 29 Kemper who plays Kimmy Schmidt
- 30 Feed a line
- 31 "About time!"
- 34 Grabs with a toothpick
- 35 Brazen crime time
- 40 Palate-cleansing serving
- 41 Way to go
- 42 Winds into rings
- 43 Common scale extreme
- 44 Cathedral section
- 45 Shade of pink
- 46 It's often designed to rise
- 53 Pull in
- 54 Zebra mom
- 55 Sound quality?
- 57 First Nations tribe
- 58 Cash or credit, e.g.
- 59 California county or its seat
- 60 Pub orders
- 62 Kilt features
- 65 South Beach, say
- 68 Ribs
- 69 It isn't negotiable
- 70 "That's not true!"
- 71 Go over
- 72 Barcelona-born muralist
- 73 Lightly washed
- 75 Comedy club sound
- 76 Old school dance
- 79 Tire measurement that can be checked by the "penny test"
- 82 "I Hated, Hated, Hated This Movie" author

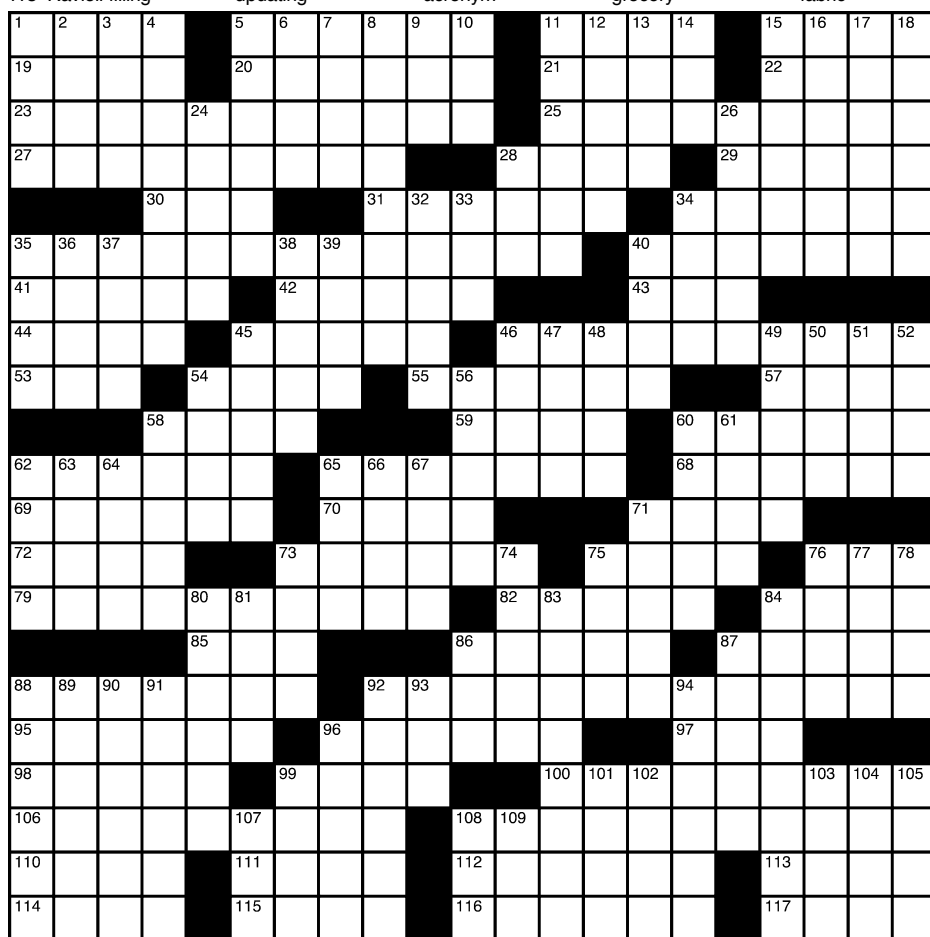
- 84 "Arbitrage" actor
- 85 Apples run on it
- 86 Bush, for one
- 87 Where van Gogh painted "Sunflowers"
- 88 Letter writing, sadly
- 92 Place to buy a train ticket
- 95 Fifth-century conqueror
- 96 Washington airport
- 97 Sushi bar offering
- 98 Put away for later
- 99 Unveiling shout
- 100 Showbiz honors
- 106 Buffet stack item
- 108 Combine ... and a hint to what's hidden in eight long answers
- 110 Had to fork over
- 111 Letters before a viewpoint
- 112 Lowlife, slangily
- 113 Actress Watson
- 114 Pollster's enc.
- 115 Ravioli filling

- 116 "Hear me out" Resale caveat
- DOWN**
- 1 Sonny & Cher's "I Got You ..."
- 2 Class struggle?
- 3 "Same Time, Next Year" actor
- 4 Inscribe personally
- 5 Hidden
- 6 Basso Pinza
- 7 Fresh words
- 8 Carrier with a hub in Fiumicino
- 9 1906 Runabout, e.g.
- 10 Suffix with Jacob example
- 11 Meal
- 12 Illuminated indirectly
- 13 Complaint
- 14 Word of support
- 15 "The Rose" singer
- 16 Big name in food safety
- 17 Do some electrical updating

- 18 Gallo family brother
- 24 Lose, as a tail
- 26 Be contingent (on)
- 28 "Doubt it"
- 32 Cash holders
- 33 Some HDTVs
- 34 Place for a rototiller
- 35 Fiber source
- 36 Boxing ring boundary
- 37 Kick out
- 38 Nut with a hat
- 39 Time long past
- 40 Stick it out
- 45 Protest principle
- 46 "Brith Smelly"
- 47 Smelly
- 48 Nouveau-Mexique, par example
- 49 Vast expanse
- 50 "Topaz" novelist
- 51 Code carrier
- 52 Company with toy trucks
- 54 Sunbeam floater
- 56 Watts at a keyboard
- 58 1990s trade acronym

- 60 Annual parade VIP
- 61 Sign of remorse
- 62 Subtle summons
- 63 Look the wrong way?
- 64 Raison d'...
- 65 Wig out
- 66 "It ... Necessarily So": Gershwin song
- 67 Smidgen
- 71 More or less, informally
- 73 Interval of inactivity
- 74 "Don't You Know?" singer
- 75 City near the California-Nevada border
- 76 Pitch in
- 77 Cookie with a Thins Bites variety
- 78 Bug or brat
- 80 Increased in intensity, with "up"
- 81 Kid-vid explorer
- 83 Lines at the grocery

- 84 Beverage with antioxidants
- 86 Sizable hole
- 87 Really fancy
- 88 Catchers on the range
- 89 North American capital, or its river
- 90 Some wraps
- 91 Vehement speech
- 92 Sizzling
- 93 Battery choice
- 94 Jackie Paper's imaginary friend is one
- 96 Recent White House daughter
- 99 Smartphone display
- 101 Newsroom cancellation
- 102 Roll with the punches
- 103 Electrical units
- 104 Patrick's "Ghost" co-star
- 105 Ladies of Sp.
- 107 Barely lit
- 108 Knee injury
- 109 Nike's ..._FIT fabric



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Sept. 23: This year, you often feel as if you are in the middle of some crosswinds. You can see reasons to go in whatever direction you would like. Perhaps you need to base your decisions on different criteria than you have in the past. If you are single, you could meet someone quite endearing. You frequently experience a push-and-pull effect with this person. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy change and are willing to take risks. You both also are likely to make some changes to your day-to-day life. Pisces encourages you to dream.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might have planned today as a day for some solitude. You could get lonely by midday, though suddenly you are off in dreamland experiencing nirvana. Whether this state is real or in your imagination makes little difference. Keep the pace relaxed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will zero in on a friend. You also will be eyeing a long-term goal. Someone might not agree with you, but that hassle doesn't seem to bother you. You have the strength of personality to be independent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Tension revolves around you and your long-term desires. Touch base with an elderly family member or a wise older friend. This person's feedback helps you clarify and put words to your ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Reach out to someone you care a lot about. This person may be at a distance, but when you speak, you feel as if you live next door to each other. Discuss getting together in the near future — the sooner, the better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) One-on-one relating takes you down a new path. At first, you might be cautious or resistant, but the grass is green on this path, and you'll soon begin to move quickly. Others will appreciate it if you keep conversations on an individual level.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Defer to others for now. You might have some strong feelings as to how you need to proceed. Still, get feedback from a close friend. If something is as good as it seems, go with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You cannot put off a project any longer, even if you want to. If you don't want someone's flak, you

need to handle a situation or project around your home. Be smart and clear it out, adjusting your plans if need be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You could be tied up in a personal situation that you find depleting and perhaps debilitating. You normally handle such matters with ease, but a recent bout of depression or feeling less than great could be coloring your perspective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't push someone too hard and think that you can get away with it. Stay focused on the big picture, which could involve work as well as friends. The people in your life might be difficult. Remember the importance of staying on track.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your perspective could change

after you move away from the rain cloud that's above you. Whatever turned your thinking toward the negative can be identified and eliminated. Avoid someone who creates hassles for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Keep to your budget at all costs. You have gone through a lot of changes, and it appears that you have several adjustments to make. You know what feels right, and you realize when you go overboard, even if you refuse to admit it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) No one questions that you feel on top of the world; you make it quite apparent. Your magnetism, smile and energy draw people toward you. You might wonder what it would be best to do under the present circumstances. Don't overthink this issue.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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