

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Nom foolery: Words based on names

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In Week 1461 the Empress asked the Loser Community to coin words based on people's names. (She had called those words eponyms, but some dictionaries — including the one used by The Post — reserve that term to mean the person who inspired the word, not the word itself.)

Naturally, the E got lots of tiresome entries like "Trump, n.: A big pile of smelly doo-doo." In fact, TFG gets no eponym ink this week. Not getting the reference? See the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1465, where you can click on links to the various eponyms.

4th place:

Trebekois, n. pl.: Snobby gam-show viewers who will never be satisfied, no matter who the new host is. (*Chuck Helwig, Centreville*)

3rd place:

Toobin': I'm not sure exactly what, but apparently it's doin' something with your tube. (*Roy Ashley, Washington*)

2nd place and the pizza hat:

Ovechkinetic: Moving with speed and strength that belies one's age. Synonym: **Radioactive.** (*Steve Fahey, Olney*)

And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

KevinMcCarthyism: Blacklisting people who agree to appear before a House committee investigating un-American activities. (*Donald Norum, Charlottesville*)

Terrible with names: Honorable mentions

Aaron, v.: To mislead your co-workers into thinking you've been vaccinated. "It's one thing to be aaron in a Zoom meeting, but another when you're aaron in a tight huddle." (*Wendy Shang, Falls Church*)

(Such people could also be called **Nimrodgers** [*Dave Silberstein, College Park*] and **Rodgerks** [*Jon Gearhart, Des Moines*])

Manchin: A luxurious "property" owned by coal industry executives. (*Frank Mann, Washington*)

Ahemworthy: So attractive that you have to alert your friend. "Ahem! Look behind you! OMG . . ." (*Amanda Yanovitch, Midlothian, Va.*)

Gosarcasm: Lighthearted humor about murdering your co-worker. (*Marty Gold, Arlington; Lee Graham, Rockville*)

Heehawley: A Stanford and Yale graduate who poses as a bumpkin for political gain. (*Greg Dobbins, Boynton Beach, Fla.*)

All-day zucker: Someone who is on Facebook 24/7. "All-day zuckers keep the ad money flowing to Meta." (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

Andrewwww: The latest unsavory royal. (*Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

A-OC: Acceptable to the extreme left of the Democratic Party. "As long as the platform contains the Green New Deal, I'm A-OC with it." (*Mike Gips, Bethesda*)

Beelzeburb: A hellish area near a large city. "Thirteen thousand car crashes in one year? I tell you, Fairfax County is one big beelzeburb." (*Jeff Shirley, Richmond*)

Interrigation: An interview on NPR's "Fresh Air." (*Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore*)

Zen-Psaki: Extraordinary calm and competence under interrogation. (*Terri Berg Smith, Rockville*)

Comeuppence: A lesson learned by being thrown under the bus by someone you stuck your neck out for. (*Amanda Yanovitch*)

Gohmert pile: A load of Qanonsense. (*Chris Doyle*)

Giulianesty: Sincere prevarication. "The lawyer spoke with utmost giulianesty about rigged voting machines and shirt tucking." (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

Connery: Being the height of cool. "Man, I wish I were as connery as James Bond." (*Richard Franklin, Alexandria*)

Cruz: An indulgent vacation timed to get out of responsibilities. "Oh, I'll be on a cruz next week, so I'll be out of town during Mom's operation." (*Daniel Galef, Tallahassee*)

Cuomotose: Describing a political career knocked out by scandal. "Not even Stormy Daniels could render Trump cuomotose." (*Craig Contompasis, Ashburn*)



BOB STAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New for Week 1465: Put your '22 cents in for our annual pre-timeline

April 1, 2022: Mandates now change so often that electric "MASK" / "NO MASK" signs have been installed on D.C. street corners next to the traffic lights and "No Turn on Red."

Jan. 6: Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene claims her personal liberty has been violated when a guard won't let her enter the Capitol with a surface-to-air missile launcher.

May 2: Tesla stockholders are dismayed when CEO Elon Musk announces he is changing his name to Spacely and that his company will stop manufacturing electric cars in favor of sprockets.

Last December, when we last made our squint into a Purrell-wiped Style Invitational Crystal Ball, the Losers predicted these occurrences, among others, for 2021:

Jan. 20: Trump tees off precisely at noon and is expected to remain tee off for the next four years. (*Kevin Dopart*)
Jan. 31: Louis DeJoy refuses to leave office, claiming that President Biden's letter relieving him of his duties was lost in the mail. (*Duncan Stevens*)
August: Three thousand passengers set sail on an anti-vaxxers-only cruise. Ten days later the ship plunges over the edge of the earth. (*Lee Graham*)

Okay, that last one didn't happen, thank goodness.

This week: Name some humorous news event to happen in 2022, as in the examples above; the last two are by Loser Malcolm Fleschner, from whose humor column we brazenly stole this timeline idea years ago. (The column is now at MalcolmFleschner.substack.com; his own Year in Preview will be out late this month.) Include a date for the event only if it's relevant; if not, the Empress will add one at random to fill up the timeline.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1465 (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, Dec. 13;** results appear Jan. 2 in print, Dec. 30 online.

Winner gets the Clowning Achievement, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a pretty pair of socks with a dandelion motif and, near the top, the inscription "I never fart." Donated by Loser Dave Prevar, who, well, we don't know.

Other runners-up win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, "A Small Jester of Appreciation" or "Close, but Ceci N'est Pas un Cigare."

First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/inviteFAQ. The headline "Nom Foolery" is by Jon Gearhart; Jesse Frankovich and Tom Witte both thought of the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://www.facebook.com/on.fb.me/invdev); "like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkoftheday](https://www.facebook.com/bit.ly/inkoftheday); and follow @StyleInvite on Twitter. **The Style Conversational:** The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week's at wapo.st/conv1465.

Schopmeyer, Kensington; Chris Doyle

Fauci pas: The grave political sin of changing your position after learning something new. (*Donald Norum*)

DeJoyride: Driving an institution into the ground. (*Chris Doyle*)

Chering: Methodically reworking aging body parts. "She'd already had a facelift, tummy tuck and Brazilian butt lift, but she wasn't quite finished chering her bod." (*Dave Airozo, Silver Spring*)

Meghanomics: The effect of bad PR on the British royal family's state allowance. (*Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.*)

Eastmanure: Delusional legal strategy. "The memo urging Vice President Pence to overturn the election results was pure Eastmanure." (*Mark Raffman, Reston*)

Elizabeth Homes: They're advertised as mansions but are actually studio apartments. (*Jesse Rifkin, Arlington*)

Muskate: A wine made from sour grapes that isn't subject to any taxation for some reason. (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn*)

Shaqqess: The ability to reach items on high shelves. (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.*)

Shatnerve: What you need to go into space in your nineties. (*Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.*)

Winfree: Surprise swag found under your chair. (*Terri Berg Smith*)

Young-kin: Politically embarrassing offspring. "The candidate's rhetoric on election integrity was undermined — or confirmed? — when his 17-year-old young-kin tried twice to vote." (*Jeff Rackow, Bethesda*)

YoungKindle: An E-reader with a built-in Toni Morrison blocker. (*Dave Silberstein*)

And Last: Oh-myers: Style Invitational entries that the Empress realizes she had better not run if she wants to keep her job. (*Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring*)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1464.

Still running — deadline Monday night, Dec. 6: our cartoon caption contest. See wapo.st/invite1464.

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"SOUNDS OF THE SEA" BY JILL SINGER

ACROSS
 1 The Phillie Phanatic and Bernie Brewer
 8 Like some goods
 15 Minimal
 20 How big dogs may travel
 21 Berry, for one
 22 Not warranted
 23 Commander of primitive fish?
 25 Goes (through) carefully
 26 Ginseng and rooibos
 27 Early hrs.
 28 Muslim judge
 29 NFL commentator Michael
 30 Leave out
 32 Longings
 34 Open___ shoes
 35 Festival for dugong relatives?
 40 Rage
 41 Disney's ___ and the Detectives"
 43 Tons
 44 Burn lightly
 46 Went for the worm
 49 Tiny crustacean herald?
 54 Lose it
 56 Blood system letters
 57 Informal clothes
 58 Former Yugoslav leader
 59 Key next to D
 62 Unsurpassed
 66 Italian wine region
 67 Help for little fish?
 71 Words with a hand up, maybe
 72 Magician who is a two-time "America's Got Talent" winner
 74 Natural light refractor
 75 Eco-friendly certification letters
 76 Most stylish
 80 Pirate's cry
 81 Jumping, as a joint
 82 Reason to go to a seafood restaurant?
 88 Danson of TV
 89 Disney's vision of tomorrow
 90 Make up (for)
 91 Pre-storm state
 93 Warrior prefix
 94 Crustacean seller?
 98 "Terrible" czar
 102 Status car

DOWN
 1 Tennis error
 2 Opposite of retro-
 3 Reduced-speed road sign symbol

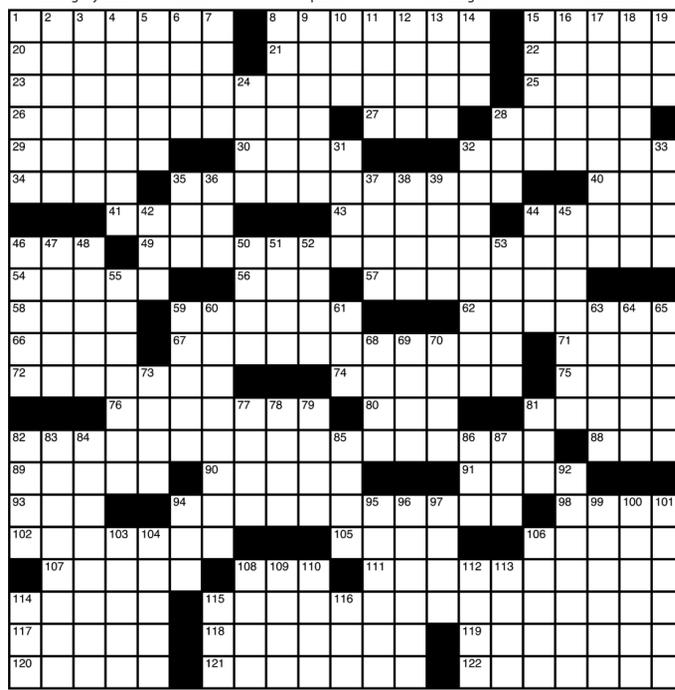
105 Contrary to popular belief, throwing it won't endanger birds
 106 Architect Jones "out"
 107 Dispensed, with
 108 Bout decision
 111 Amazing
 114 Actor Quinn
 115 Marine mammal in the air?
 117 Silly joke response, perhaps
 118 Symbol of love
 119 Without value
 120 Baden-Powell who co-founded the Girl Guide movement
 121 Marginal moves
 122 2002 Soderbergh sci-fi film

4 Union ___ Dow Chemical subdivision
 5 Skin, e.g.
 6 Shampoo brand
 7 What sweeps sweep
 8 Discoverer of the first ocean route to India
 9 Nails the final
 10 High pt.
 11 Neighborhood
 12 Origin
 13 Those, to José
 14 Connection letters
 15 Vader creator
 16 Sukiyaki ingredient
 17 Looking up to
 18 Sink
 19 QBs' targets
 24 'And the people bowed and prayed / To the ___ god they made': Paul Simon, "The Sound of Silence"

28 Nautical pronoun
 31 New Age musician John
 32 Talk out of, with "from"
 33 One reading signs
 35 Peace, in Russian
 36 Boxer Laila
 37 Power source: Abbr.
 38 Disaster response gp.
 39 Stupefies
 42 NYSE, e.g.
 44 React to falling prices, perhaps
 45 Gradually impart
 46 Almost-ready products
 47 Word with whiskey or wolffound, in music
 48 Solo's opposite, in music
 50 Comic actor Bert
 51 Angle iron
 52 Amos at the piano

53 Chips partner
 55 Indicate
 59 Twill fabric
 60 Degree of uncommonness, in some games
 61 Pittsburgh's ___ Park
 63 Suggestion for a sprain
 64 Author Binchy
 65 Stopped
 68 Many a Prado painting
 69 Name near Uzbekistan, on maps
 70 Crucifix letters
 73 It's often an attic
 77 Jazzy James
 78 Demonstrate
 79 Besides Mo., the only state that borders eight others
 81 NHL Flames' home
 82 Off-road vehicle
 83 Yet to happen
 84 Got a goal against
 85 Lang, of

about 200,000 Americans
 86 Letters in old dates
 87 Old Mideast org.
 92 Seat of New York's Nassau County
 94 Prof's degree
 95 Most developed
 96 Earth tones
 97 Hang on to
 99 More jingly
 100 1999 ATP Player of the Year
 101 To boot
 103 Look parents caution children about
 104 ___ on the dollar
 106 Urge forward
 108 "If so..."
 109 17th-century privateer
 110 Folklore fiend
 112 Toi et moi
 113 Roughly
 114 Simile words
 115 NFC West team
 116 Term of endearment



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

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Happy Birthday | Dec. 5: You are clever, witty, upbeat and optimistic. Loyalty is something you value. You are strongly committed and enthusiastic to what you endorse. You value your independence. This year has been a time of building important structures for you. The structures might be physical or they could be figurative structures that give shape to your approach to what you do.

Moon Alert: After 6:40 a.m., there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. After that, the Moon moves from Sagittarius into Capricorn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 It's a powerful day. You make a great impression on bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. They will admire you, and they will notice you. Whatever you do will be obvious to others who might know details about your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 You want to make a break for freedom today. You want adventure, stimulation and a chance to do something different. You want to learn something new and exciting, and you want to meet interesting people. Is this too much to ask? Surely not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 You'll be direct about how you want things with financial arrangements, dividing something or dealing with shared property. You will establish boundaries, and you will make sure everyone is on the same page.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Conversations will be dynamic and alive today. This might be because you will attract someone to you who is energetic. Nevertheless, you also are in the mood to dive into any topic and discuss it with enthusiasm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Today you're keen to start a project or something related to your job, possibly a new health regimen. You have something in mind, and you intend to pursue it with enthusiasm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 You might receive a surprise invitation today. Something will happen that you did not expect. (A saucy flirtation? Surprises in sports?) Meanwhile, parents should be mindful of their kids,

because this is a mildly accident-prone day for them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 Today you might entertain at home. You also might be excited about redecorating ideas or doing something to make where you live more attractive or comfy. This is important, because more than any other sign, you are strongly affected by your immediate environment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 You're eager to enjoy seeing new places, meeting new faces and sharing new ideas. You also might tackle an ambitious to-do list and get things done. Expect to spend time with siblings, neighbors and relatives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 You might have some excellent moneymaking ideas today. You might be enthusiastic about financial transactions or shopping. (Veni, vidi Visa. We came, we saw,

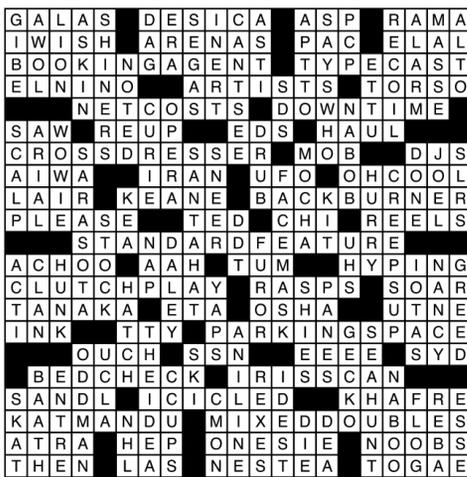
we went shopping.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 This is a restless but upbeat day. Your emotions are heightened because you're excited about something. Fortunately, with the Moon in your sign, things will tend to go your way. Ask the universe for a favor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Enjoy warm friendships today. You also might enjoy a low-key time with someone because you will welcome a chance to have some down time. This has been a busy week, in part because your ambition is aroused.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 Any involvement with others will be a fun choice for you today, because people are enthusiastic and keen about whatever they're doing. Hey, enthusiasm is contagious. Get ready to jump on someone's bandwagon.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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