DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Head-lyin' news: The winning 'typos' of Week 1115

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1115 we asked readers to choose a headline appearing in The Post, and then create a "typo" by adding, deleting or substituting a letter; transposing two letters; or changing the spacing or punctuation. All of you who changed "public" to "pubic," you get no points for originality.

4th place

~~Top~~ **Pot-seeded Terps are all smiles**
U-Md. drops ban on grow-boxes in dorms (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

3rd place

~~Metro~~ **Retro leader search on hold**
Nation decides Clinton vs. Bush will be retro enough (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

2nd place and the pink velveteen squid hat:

Netanyahu: ~~No~~ Go Palestinian State
Surprising upset pick in Bibi's NCAA bracket (Brian Collins, Olney)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial

Royal Couple Checks Out the ~~Mall~~ Malt
Charles chugs Colt 45s while Camilla crushes cans against royal forehead (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Typo negative: honorable mentions

I found my ~~soul~~ foul mate, my best friend
BO leads wife to husband's hiding place (Richard Lempert, Arlington)

If I can do just a few more reps, a few more ~~miles~~ males . . .
Congressional groupie testifies (Chris Doyle)

When Spock dies, Obama takes ~~note~~ nose
Desk ornament 'reminds me to be logical'; both ears already taken (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

U.S. Loses Track of Arms Sent to ~~Yemen~~ Yesmen
But allies 'seemed so agreeable,' State Dept. official laments (Mark Raffman, Reston; Richard Gasparotti, Cockeysville, Md., a First Offender)

Putin Says Ease of Action in ~~Crimea~~ Crime Was Surprising
'But I'll stop robbing liquor stores anyway,' leader pledges (Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

A renewed push for ~~unions~~ bunions
Tiny shoes with four-inch heels back in fashion (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Cruz set to ~~make~~ mate campaign official
Candidate says he wants to 'know' his staff (Elden Carnahan)

Wine and ~~dine~~ din
The baby-friendly bars of D.C. (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

Document ~~details~~ retails ex-Va. first lady's would-be testimony
The McDonnells: What won't they sell? (Ben Aronin, Washington)

What else could we try to ease ~~highway~~ thighway congestion?
How 'bout keepin' Your Mama locked up? (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Teasing out the drama of ordinary ~~lives~~ olives
Martini veterans' tales will leave you shaken, stirred (Howard Walderman, Columbia)

Are your ~~tenants~~ ten ants moving out?
Entomologist gives comforting tips for empty-nesters (Chris Doyle)

~~Open~~ Oxen government's promise falls short
BS production can't match human legislators' (Gary Crockett)

The unkindest cut ~~of~~ off all
Vengeful mohels go overboard (Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park)

Police arrest 5 in suspected ~~bomb~~ OMB plot
Rogue budget analysts accused of moving decimal point in FY '17 baseline (Howard Walderman)

How an Easy Bill Got ~~Stalled~~ Stalked
Clinton's still blaming it on Monica (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

Charles and Camilla spend a packed day in ~~D.C.~~ W.C.
Irregularity causes change in sightseeing plans (Frank Osen)

Netanyahu's win points to 2 more years of ~~strained~~ stained U.S.-Israel ties
Difficult to get the spit, vomit out (Mark Raffman)

BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1119: We want hue so bad!

You'll Never Take Me Alive Copper: The color of a dirty rat. (Tom Criss; Dave Ferry)

Oxymaroon: A perky brown. (Gina Morgan; Mike Thring)

Govern Mint: Please refer to specification Mil-Q- 17983245, Rev. G, w/Appendix J, which details the hue, tone, shade, tolerance, refraction, reflection, intensity and brilliance of this color. (Paul Styrene, aka Ted Weitzman)

The colors above were among the winning entries in a contest from Year 1 of The Style Invitational, back in 1993. It was a contest to "name a new crayon color for the 1990s," pegged to Crayola's own innovations of "Tickle Me Pink" and "Macaroni and Cheese." Given that many of Week 39's entries were as 1990s-colored as a Dodge Caravan in Island Teal, there were references to Joey Buttafuoco, William Kennedy Smith and the Rainbow Coalition — the Empress figures we can give this contest another go: **This week: Invent a name for a color and describe it,** as in the examples above. They can be crayon colors, car colors, wall paint colors, lipstick colors, whatever.

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the appropriately colorful Happy Pill, a pink and white hand-size plush toy capsule you can squeeze to its evident delight, since it commences to giggle raucously for 13 interminable seconds. Donated by the inexplicably beaming Dave Prevar.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet designed by Bob Staake: either "The Wit Hit the Fan" or "Hardly Har-Har." First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, April 20; results published May 10 (online May 7). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1119" 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/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Roy Ashley. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday.

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.

Chicago ~~River~~ Liver Goes Green for St. Patrick's Day
Unlikely to catch on as corned beef alternative, chefs say (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)

Wizards stave off ~~Blazers'~~ blazers' comeback
Hogwarts faculty may continue to wear robes, Dumbledore says (Catherine Hagman, Silver Spring)

Fairfax may revise its ~~grading~~ goading standards
Double dog dare could be upgraded to triple (Gary Crockett)

Offshore drilling is too ~~risky~~ frisky for Virginia
But Marylanders eager for shipboard liaisons (Ann Martin, Falls Church)

Obama visits troubled ~~VA~~ VP facility
President calls on Biden at home, reassures him that people are laughing *with* him (Ira Allen, Bethesda)

Secret Service picks ~~insider~~ inside for No. 2 spot
Agents thrilled to finally get indoor plumbing (William Lieberman, Ellicott City)

His rise stalled, can Jindal regain ~~flight~~ fright path?
Route to GOP nod linked to effective fearmongering (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

An incomplete Student ~~Aid~~ Acid Bill of Rights
'I was gonna finish it but, dude, the colors! And it was kinda squirming.'
(Gary Crockett)

If you're not my baby, I don't want to hear your opinions on ~~breastfeeding~~ beastfeeding
Woman insists she enjoys making dinner for man everyone else calls '@##$-head' (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

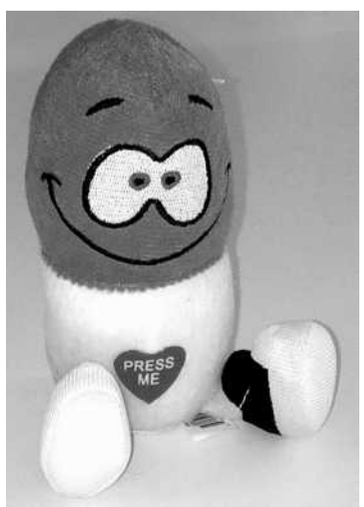
Off-duty cop hurt in one-way ~~crash~~ crush
Patrolman still moons over dispatcher who won't give him time of day (Elden Carnahan)

Secret Service agents disrupted ~~bomb~~ boob probe
Crashed car into mammogram exam room (Patrick Olsen, Norfolk, Va., a First Offender)

D.C.'s best ~~dishes~~ disses of 2015
'Get out of here, you lowlife scum!' gushes tearful winner (Frank Osen)

'I'm the best nose ~~tackle~~ tackler in the league'
Knighton vows to master ear tackling next (Robert Gallagher, Charleston, S.C.)

So long, ~~SAT~~ FAT: Admissions are about to change
Your diet regimen after gastric bypass surgery (Michael Greene, Richmond)



Not to be taken internally: The insufferably laughing pink and white Happy Pill squeeze toy, this week's second prize.

Still running — deadline Monday night, April 13: Our annual horse name "breeding" contest. See bit.ly/invite1118.

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

BY BOB KLAHN

ACROSS
1 Having a flush
9 Aces
15 Way off
16 Poet Rupert
17 They're obtained from branches
18 "Amen!"
19 Glass on NPR
20 Org. with many guards
21 Allergy season runners
22 Tabla player's music
24 Seagoing letters
26 Extreme sport, for short
27 Humans last lived there in 2000
29 Seat of Allen County, Kansas
31 Lay the lawn down
34 It's served at some bars
39 Masthead credit
40 Committed people pass it
41 A lot of fluff?
42 Forte
43 ____ pickle
44 Hosp. professionals
45 Cry and cry
47 Rub roughly
51 Frilly neckpiece
54 "Great Society" inits.
56 She played Dorothy on "The Golden Girls"
57 Consider analogous
59 Is in a slump?
61 "Body Heat" star
62 Parts of Middle-earth
63 Tex-Mex sauces
64 "You bet!"

DOWN
1 Put into TV syndication
2 One of the crowd?
3 Joltin' Joe
4 Consumer protection org.
5 British playwright Bennett
6 Fuel injection forerunners
7 "____ a Man" (Calder Willingham novel)
8 Jardin ____ Plantes (Parisian botanical garden)
9 Conan O'Brien's network
10 Stereotypical dungeon prop
11 Disallowed FedEx destination
12 Low digits?
13 Tom Joad was one
14 Ferrets, for some
23 At full speed, on the briny
25 Some Toyota models
26 Winners may wear them
28 Lipton product
30 Eight, for a start
31 Place, in Latin
32 ____ before (at the latest)
33 Laura of "Rambling Rose"
34 Mocking remark
35 Starting with
36 Fraternity characters
37 Yegg's target
38 Instrument with a very long neck
44 Sorrel horses
46 Aerial skateboarding maneuver
48 Not be able to take
49 Curt summons
50 So last year
51 They leave trails
52 Cyan alternative
53 Tree protuberance
55 Demijohns' cousins
58 Hems' relatives
59 Dogfight venue
60 Start of the 5th century

Answer to last week

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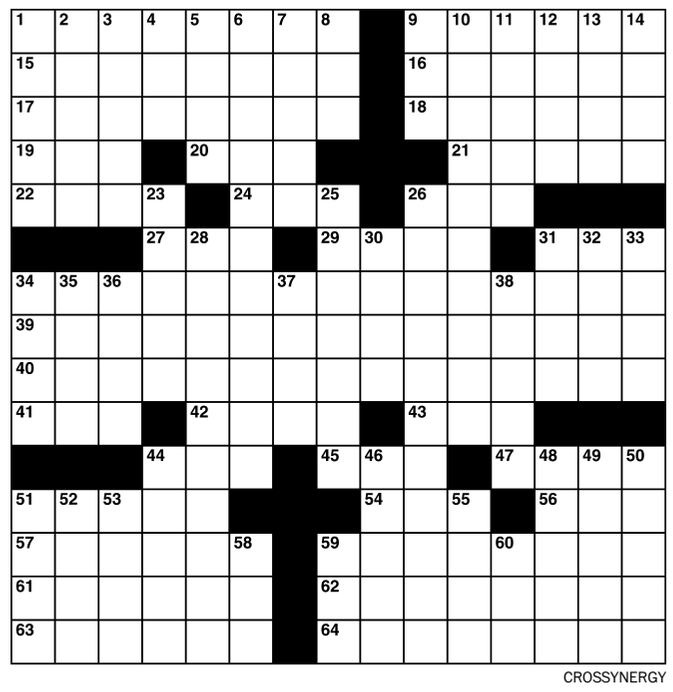

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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | APRIL 12: This year you become much more in touch with the role friends play in your life. You have quite an assortment of pals as a result of having so many interests. Remain practical and persistent in your professional life. Others will notice the quality of your work. You are likely to see a promotion or pay raise. If you are single, you will meet someone in the next few months who will be of great significance to you. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a very close period through summer.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
You can forget having a lazy Sunday. Friends call and neighbors pop in. Whatever may have been ailing you no longer seems significant, as you'll be too busy to notice.

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
Reach out to someone at a distance. Caring becomes much simpler when you aren't so invested in a certain outcome. A friend may light up your day with a great idea.

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Before you know it, you might agree to meet a friend or a loved one halfway. Caring just seems to flow from one person to the other.

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
You might feel as if someone you care about needs your attention. The two of you often have intense and meaningful talks. Today is no different.

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
You may be overwhelmed by the invitations that head your way. Clearly, you are wanted. A friend of the opposite sex may make a loved one quite jealous. Don't allow this to happen!

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
You have a project on the back burner that you can't ignore any longer. Say your goodbyes to loved ones for the time being; they will understand. You will be available much sooner than you think.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
Your spirited and flirtatious manner stirs up a lot of activity around you. Be careful, as you might find yourself with too many potential sweeties and not enough time for them.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
Keep reaching out to someone whom you haven't seen in a while. This person will be touched by your caring and happy to share his or her news. Romance naturally blooms, whether you're single or attached.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
You won't need to make much effort to find company, as several people have already decided that they would like to spend some time with you. You may be somewhat accident-prone. Stay focused!

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
Use the early morning for any important matters. Afterward, you might consider a visit to the casino, or perhaps you'll want to buy a lottery ticket. You feel lucky, but know that you might not be rewarded with the winnings you desire.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
Your mind might take a detour, especially if you're thinking about a loved one. Do not stand on ceremony. You'll be up and running once you connect with this person.

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
Consider your options carefully before you leap into action. You would be well-served by staying close to home. A roommate or loved one will appreciate the company.

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Rethinking life with irresponsible man

Dear Readers: While I'm on a short break, I hope you'll enjoy this "Best Of" column.

Ask Amy
AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: I moved in *with my boyfriend four months ago. Since then it has come to my attention that he stays up all night most nights playing video games. He then proceeds to fall asleep around 6 or 7 a.m. and is late for work, because he will not get up when I try and wake him.*

He then goes to bed the minute he gets home, at 6 p.m. I am then forced to tiptoe around our small apartment. We have talked about this a lot, and I keep telling him he needs to grow up and start being more responsible. However, he keeps doing it almost every night, and it makes me really angry since I have told him how I feel.

I really love him, but I am beginning to worry about the future. I want to marry him, but I am concerned that this will never change. Please help me figure out a way to make this better.

Maddened

You're beginning to worry about the future? I hate to be the one to tell you, but your future is here and it's called "Grand Theft Auto."

Think about it this way: These are the good days. You're young, in love and have just started cohabiting. This could be as good as it gets with this guy.

You shouldn't have to make this better. He should make this better.

I would think that packing your boxes, putting them in a moving van and unloading them in a different home might get his attention; but please don't move out for that reason. Move out because your guy has a very unhealthy lifestyle, and he's clearly more attached to it than to you. (October 2003)

Dear Amy: I know this *may sound bizarre, but can you please pass this on to readers? I own a pug dog. She's almost 2 years old, is very active at the dog park and loves long walks. She is the average weight of a pug and has a clean bill of health.*

It really burns me, though, that for every person who stops and comments on what a nice-looking dog I have, there are two people who feel the need to tell me that she is overweight.

When you see a dog, or any pet for that matter, and you want to make a comment about its weight, think about how you would feel if someone said that about your child, spouse or even yourself. It hurts.

Upset

I have an enormous and overweight cat and it used to bother me when people pointed out the obvious until I realized that they were right. Now I just laugh and say, "Hey, he's just big-boned!"

Tell people that your pug's body shape is pretty normal for the breed. Pugs are hilarious and lovable. This is a very small issue in the overall scheme of things — you are giving it too much weight. (April 2005)

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