DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

The joke's on hue: Color names from Week 1119

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1119 we asked for new color names — for crayons, house paint, clothes, whatever — that reflect the current age, along with a description. Some people didn't include the latter; the funniest of those was Sandy Moran, who offered **Aw Crap, Is This Miracle Whip? White.** Other direction-non-followers, instead of describing a color, used color names to coin new terms, such as "**H&R Black:** We guarantee you'll never see red or your money back" (Gordon Cobb). Sent by many: **Jerry Brown,** the color of unwatered grass.

4th place

Same Old Slate: Color scheme for the 2016 Bush-Clinton debates. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

3rd place

Christian Grey: Ironically, it's terribly inappropriate for a church. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

2nd place and the stuffed, noisemaking Happy Pill:

Kardashian Blush: Crayola was going to market that color, but it turns out that it doesn't exist. (Edward Gordon, Austin)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial

Lilac a Rug: A shade bolder than White Lie. (John McCooey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

28 shades of nay: honorable mentions

Indigo Montoya: Prepare to dye. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis; David Friedman, Arlington)

Unred: What today's newspapers are, all over. (Ann Martin, Falls Church)

Spinal Taupe: It's just a bit louder than other taupes. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Jet Black & Blue: Color of a tall person's knees after a coast-to-coast flight. (Jim Stiles, Rockville)

Nest Eggshell: A disappearing white. (Curtis Morrison, Chesapeake, Va.)

Andy Marooney: Back in my day, we just called it red. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Chain Smochre: A brownish-yellow tone used on everything from clothes to teeth. (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

Beat Red: The color of Roger Goodell's face while insisting he hadn't seen the Ray Rice video. (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

Trump Red: A rich maroon. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Gooooooold: The color of the World Cup trophy. (Emily Davis, Bloomington, Ind., a First Offender)

Kiddie Pool Blue: A cool cerulean with undertones of warm yellow. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

Not Vermilion: Once a favorite of naysayers, recently updated to Not Verbilion. (Frank Osen)

Fuchsiashima: Glow-in-the-dark purple. (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville)

Obamatone: Half black, half white, and red all over. — R. Limbaugh (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Bureaucratic Maize: The glossy golden color of a federal employee's eyeballs. (Scott Warner, Hagerstown, Md., who last got ink in Week 54, 21 years ago)

Azure Wish: The color of Cary Elwes's eyes. (Danielle Nowlin)

Climate Fuchsia: Rosy. — J. Inhofe, Everythings, OK (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Inhofe: Inuit word for the color of melting Arctic sea ice. (Megan Durham, Fairfax)

Perple: The color of bruises on a suspect who "falls" while being arrested. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Phone Umber: A less obtrusive paint color for cellular towers. (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Tall Teal: The color of Brian Williams's flak jacket. (Mark Raffman)

Pitch Blue: The color of skin when whacked with a fastball. (Philip Justus, Potomac)

Pain & Saffron: The color used to decorate personal-injury lawyers' offices. (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

Beiging: The color of the air in China. (Beverley Sharp; Chris Doyle)

BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1123: The Tile Invitational III

ADNORTU — DONRUT: The ditch off the New Jersey Turnpike where they buried those Mafiosi.

ADNORTU — OUTDARN: Definitively swear a baby-blue streak. "Grandma outdarned all the other ladies at the church social when the casserole pan fell off the table."

ADNORTU — ROADNUT: The guy who weaves frantically from lane to lane so he can end up second in line instead of third at the stoplight.

For the third straight May, it's our tribute to ScrabbleGrams, the word puzzle that appears daily on The Post's comics pages: **Below is a list of 40 seven-letter sets taken from "The Big Book of ScrabbleGrams." Give us a five-, six- or seven-letter word (or two words) by scrambling the letters of any of the sets and define it,** as in the examples above. The word may be a brand-new term, as in the examples, but you may also find an existing word and supply a clever definition for it. Funny sample sentences are good, too. Note that we are *not* playing for Scrabble points, as in the real game; the letter values don't matter. **Really important: The Empress will be sorting the entries by the original letter set, so you must include the set, in the original letter order, on the same line as your entry, as above; each entry should be one line long (with no line breaks).**

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives one of the most mystifyingly bad ideas ever for a toy: It is a game called Doggie Doo, which features a large plastic dachshund into whose mouth you cram some Play-Doh-type "food"; then you pump and pump a handle on its leash until Doggie poops it out. If that doesn't work for, uh, squat — which is what happened in the Empress's test; see it at bit.ly/doggiedootest — you're supposed to keep cramming and pumping, then blow into the poor dog's mouth. Found on clearance (big surprise there!) by Loser Nan Reiner.

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 night, May 18; results published June 7 (online June 4). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1123" 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 Tom Witte; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Kevin Dopart. 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.

Rack 'em up: The ScrabbleGrams sets

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AADEITW	ADNORTU	BCIOORT	HILSTXY
AAIMRSU	AEELLWY	BEEKNOT	EFFILRY
ABCFILO	AEMPRSV	CCELLOT	EHIMNPS
ABDGLUY	AEGLMPU	CDIRTUY	EGLOPSS
ABEITUX	AEFLLNN	CEHMOPR	GIINPTY
ABEELNU	AFILSTY	CELLOSY	HINORSU
ABILORT	AHLOOPW	CORRSUY	MOOPSTT

Wouldn't this be lovely for your child to take to a classmate's birthday party? See a video of it not working at bit.ly/doggiedootest

Minnesota Choral: The pinkish-white of the St. Olaf's College choir. (Phil Frankenfeld, Washington)

Board of Directors Rainbow: The full spectrum from white to beige. (Mark Richardson, Takoma Park)

Harvard Crimson: Just a shade less bright than Stanford Cardinal. (Mark Raffman, Harvard Law, '86)

Invisible Ink: The color the Empress uses when printing my entries. (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria, who's had regular-color ink 20 times)

Still running — deadline Monday night: Our annual "grandfoals" contest to "breed" two horse names. See bit.ly/invite1122.

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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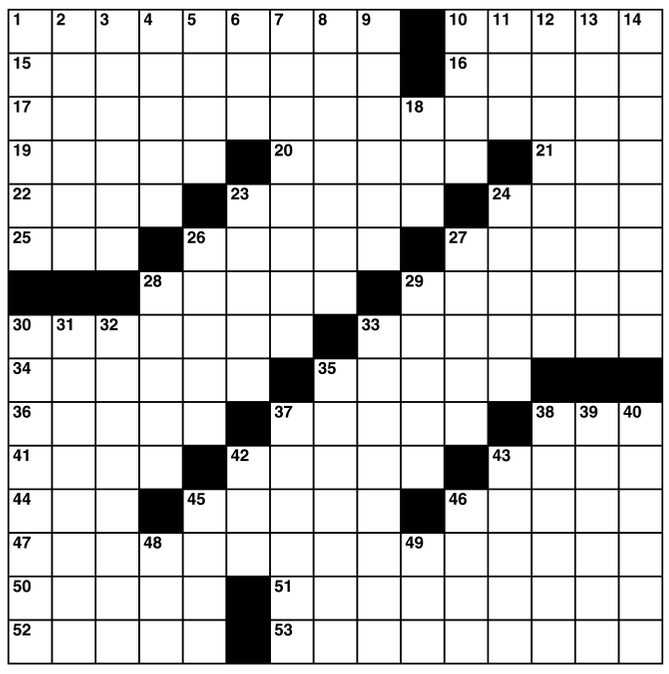
ACROSS

1 Intrinsically
10 Son of Jacob and Zilpah
15 Pinkish Crayola color introduced in 1993
16 Penny, for many
17 Greeting card genre
19 Violet starter
20 Smokes, say
21 Start of a film dog's name
22 Off
23 Sasha's big sister
24 Tie with a cord
25 Chinese-born TV chef Martin
26 D. Wayne ____, trainer of four Kentucky Derby winners
27 Period of watchfulness
28 Earth flattener, briefly
29 King Arthur, e.g.
30 Birthplace of Simón Bolívar
33 Warm weather wraps
34 Cold weather cover-up
35 Work period
36 Sri Lankan language
37 Pit
38 Police dispatcher's letters
41 Capture, in a way
42 Name on a combine
43 To be, abroad
44 Calendar watch abbr.
45 Pump unit, in Plymouth
46 More definite
47 Setting for a fantastic story, perhaps
50 Theatrical hall
51 Ear-splitting yakker
52 Nuclear ____
53 Powerful brews

DOWN

1 "Not now!"
2 Single-pan Spanish dish
3 "The ____ of Swat" (Ruth's nickname)
4 Egg producer
5 Crumbly salad topper
6 It may be blonde or pale
7 Munchies often served with tartar sauce
8 "Totally rad!"
9 God wed to his sister
10 Liberal group?
11 "I'm trying to concentrate here!"
12 Light element
13 Sending on an impulse?
14 Wrap star?
18 "Underworld: Awakening" actor Stephen
23 Piped-in tracks
24 Intolerant type
26 Train designation
27 "Five Weeks in a Balloon" author
28 "Mack the Knife" hitmaker Bobby
29 Singer Cleo or Frankie
30 Bee's knees
31 1997 horror film set in the Amazon
32 Tries to win over
33 In a cache
35 Family room setups
37 Iron out
38 Father of Agamemnon
39 Conjurer's word
40 Beds on the ocean
42 Nap disturber
43 Two-tone coins
45 Uninspired, as an effort
46 To a degree
48 Rough house
49 Pres. who said "Repetition does not transform a lie into a truth"



Answer to last week

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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | MAY 10: This year you seem to be pushed by a need to achieve a lot in the outside world. For some of you, this goes beyond your professional life and will involve a community commitment. Your image transforms as a result. If you are single, a special person appears on the horizon. Be discreet, and don't reveal yourself too quickly. Part of the fun of this bond is the pleasure of getting to know each other better. If you are attached, be careful, as you might upset your family life if you don't give your sweetie enough attention. Schedule plenty of one-on-one time.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
Get into the pleasant mood of the day. You might be dragging by the end of the day, as the upbeat pace may be be overwhelming. Celebrate a mother.

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
You will add a special touch to this Mother's Day, which will be memorable and quite special. People flock toward you.

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Deal with a personal matter directly. You will share some news and strong feelings, and others will respond accordingly. A loved one may challenge your friendship with another person.

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
Be aware of what is happening in your inner circle. If you are not in the middle of the celebrations, it is only because you have something even more important on your mind or calendar.

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
Ask for more from a loved one, if need be. You might want to celebrate the day in an unusual way, and it might surprise those around you.

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
You'll shoulder much of the responsibility that makes this a special Mother's Day for others. Pace yourself, as you will have much more to do than you realize. Tonight, find a quiet spot.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
You'll have a lot of fun with this holiday, especially if you aren't a mother. Indulge others, and let them know how valued they are. Good news surrounds a special friendship.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
Curb a tendency to cocoon. It is quite possible that you won't succeed but will have a great time at home. Don't forget to reach out to the mothers you know.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
Use this Mother's Day as an excuse to touch base with many of the moms you know. A loved one or partner will share feelings that may surprise you. Discuss a potential vacation.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
A partner might go out of his or her way to indulge you. Make plans for the two of you, but be aware of the mothers in your life as well. You will want to express your feelings through a material gift.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
People gravitate toward you, as they like being around your upbeat attitude. Recognize what is happening between you and someone else.

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
You may be in quite a tizzy and not exactly sure about where you should turn. Know that the answer lies within you. Calm down, and ask yourself what is most important to you.

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The struggle to help a hoarding friend

Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: My friend is *a hoarder. She completely ruined one house, let another house get in terrible shape, and she is now hoarding in the third house. She refuses to admit s that she has a problem.*

She lies about the condition of her living space and continues to drag more useless stuff into it. The house she ruined had several feet of trash, clothing, papers, animal waste and garbage in every room. She abandoned that house when the furnace quit. Water pipes ended up bursting, and code enforcement forced their way in and tagged the house as hazardous.

She dragged tons of stuff into her current house, which was filthy and hazardous and now is completely out of control.

She has pushed most of her friends away and has a horrible relationship with her family because of this. It's like she doesn't understand that most people do not live like that. She will not discuss it with anyone, and I worry that some day she's going to be found dead among her things, trash and filth. What can we do to get through to her?

Terrified for My Friend

Hoarding can be extremely serious and is believed to be caused by underlying mental illness. Unfortunately, hoarders are resistant to change or help, and even if conditions are cleaned up and improved, many continue to hoard, unless their underlying illness is successfully treated. There are professional services and coaches to help hoarders, but first your friend would have to acknowledge her problem and accept help.

Don't focus on throwing things out, but instead on ways to help make her home safer for her. Tell her you are worried about her and urge her to get mental health treatment. Please understand that hoarding is not a character flaw but the most obvious symptom of serious illness.

Dear Amy: I have been *divorced and have married again. My three children have my first husband's last name. It has been more than 40 years since I was married to my first husband.*

I am contemplating the name that should be on my tombstone. I would like to include my first name, my maiden name, my first husband's last name, and my present husband's last name. Is it appropriate to use the names of both husbands?

Rest Easy

Using both of your married names on a tombstone is acceptable and is fairly common — if this is what you want to do. Make sure you make your wishes known to all of your children (and stepchildren, if you have any) and also to the cemetery director where you will be buried.

Dear Amy: Your advice *to "Sad," the young woman whose boyfriend's family constantly made rude and racist remarks to her, was right on. I wish I had received it several years ago, but instead of running from the relationship, I stayed and listened to my now-husband defend and make excuses for his mother's mean and rude remarks to and about me. It was a mistake. Sad should know this: The mother WILL NOT CHANGE.*

Sad Too

I'm so sorry that your experience confirms my advice to flee.

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