

## DIVERSIONS

### THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

## Lexiconcealment: ‘Discoveries’ in a word search grid

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1147**, we posted the word-search grid pictured below and asked you to “discover” new words by snaking a path through the grid. (The squiggles on the grid show that week’s examples, “whirk” and “borments.”) We swear we didn’t know that “Trump,” “Jeb” and “Snyder” were in there, but most everyone found them. The coordinates below refer to the position of the first letter.

### 4th place

**L-3: BEQUAT:** In Alabama, a demand for silence (Nancy Della Rovere, Silver Spring, Md.)

### 3rd place

**D-5: BTFXPBLKJQ:** Joe Btfsplk’s family name before his grandfather got lucky at Ellis Island. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

### 2nd place and the set of “Household Engineering” booklets from 1915:

**H-13: POREBOOK:** A spinoff social network that examines its members way too closely. (Ann Martin, Falls Church, Va.)

### And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial

**A-4: BARBIEST KEN:** Mattel’s new transgender doll. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

### B-10 out:

#### Honorable mentions

**A-1: VEXMOJI:** The one that looks like ò\_ó. (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)

**A-13: TRUMPASO:** Future name for the closed city across from Juarez. (Mike Creveling, La Plata, Md.)

**A-13: TRUMP RIVER:** The future name of the Rio Grande, in honor of the president who successfully executed the **MEXPURGE** (E-16). (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

**A-13: TRUMPATRIBE:** An angry rant about what a huge loser you are. (Jesse Frankovich)

**A-13: TRUMPT:** Screwed. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

**A-18: BRRM:** Where you fill the hot chocolate to. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

**C-1: LABBONG:** An instrument used in, um, research on the effects of cannabis. (John Shea, Philadelphia)

**C-14: STAND PRIZ:** The most boring race on the Formula 1 circuit. (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

**D-13: PLUMPATIVE:** “She’s not fat, she’s . . .” (Ray Gallucci, Frederick)

**D-17: MIDASS:** A 24-karat-gold buffoon. (Jeff Hazle, Woodbridge, Va.)

**E-2: BROPART:** In an ‘80s action flick, it’s the white hero’s best (and only) black friend. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

**E-10: SOYLOX:** The quickest way to ruin a bagel. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

**F-6: ALLONS-YO:** “Let’s go, dawg!” (Larry Gray)

**G-2: GOP AND JEB:** Third time wasn’t the charm. (Barry Koch, Cattlet, Va.)

**G-7: LOVITIF:** A request made without directly asking anyone. “I would lovifit someone could get me some coffee.” (David Smith, Alexandria, Va.)

**G-12: STINKBOWL:** Where the Terps have clinched a spot this season. (Ray Gallucci)

**G-14: ZIP-STING:** Malady that spurred the comeback of button-fly jeans. (Dion Black, Washington)

**H-13: PURGELL:** really strong hand sanitizer. (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

**H-17: HOLYYES:** The antonym of “hellNo.” (Jeff Contompass, Ashburn, Va.)

**I-9: SNYDERGUISH:** The misery felt by Washington football fans since 1999. (Jesse Frankovich)

**I-15: BEEREE:** My favorite breakfast smoothie. (Roy Ashley, Washington)

**I-9: SNYDER IN LOVE W/RG:** That explains it. (Mike Creveling)

**I-12: GROUP LIP:** A variation on the group hug — but much more ewwww. (Frank Mann, Washington)

**J-12 BOOGERGOURMET:** A picky eater. (Kevin Dopart)

**J-13 RE-RE-MEET:** Get introduced



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

## New contest for Week 1151: To [a glass], snarkly

“Dear [Glassbowl] Foodie: Shut up and eat your dinner. You’re not Julia Child, and no one is interested in enduring a detailed analysis about what hints of exotic spice your delicate palate was able to detect in the chutney mayo. The only thing you are an aficionado of is how to be annoying.” — From “Dear [A-----]: 101 Tear-Out Letters to the Morons Who Muck Up Your Life,” by Jillian and Michelle Madison

This week’s contest comes to us via Loser Dave Prevar, who gave the Empress the book quoted above as a potential second prize. The E nixed the prize idea because of the unprintable title of the 2011 book, but she did think the Loser Community could snark up the joint with much more flair. We’ll use the handy rhyme “glassbowl,” a la the fairful online chats with The Post’s Carolyn Hax and Gene Weingarten.

This week: Write a short, snarky (but witty) note to one of the glassbowls below, all from the 101 types listed in the book. Obviously, we’re looking for well-crafted funny writing here, not a couple of misspelled sentence fragments sent in with the disclaimer “sent from my phone, excuse typos.”

- Dear Glassbowl Who Parked Like a Moron . . . Who Had This Library Book Before Me . . . Trying to Fix Me Up . . . Houseguest Who Overstayed Your Welcome . . . Joined-at-the-Hip Couple . . . Goody-Two-Shoes . . . Clipping Your Nails at Work . . . At the Concert . . . Restaurant Server . . . Clean Freak . . . Who Didn’t Clean Up After the Dog . . . Constantly Cheery Glassbowl . . . Contagious Glassbowl**

Winner gets the Inkin’ Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets — oh, okay, the book, *plus* “1001 Horrible Facts: A Yuckopedia of Gross Truths About Everything” (“Sun-dried maggots have been eaten from China to North America”; “In Ghana, half of the locally produced meat comes from rats”). Donated by Nan Reiner.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug, the older-model “This Is Your Brain on Mugs” mug or the ardently desired “Whole Pools” Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our brand-new Loser magnets, “Magnet Dum Laude” or “Jest Falling Short.” 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, Dec. 7; results published Dec. 27 (online Dec. 24). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include “Week 1151” 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. “Lexiconcealment” in today’s headline is by Kevin Dopart; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Danielle Nowlin. 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; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

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to your friend’s friend again after you really ought to know her name by now. [COLLEEN!!! OF COURSE!!! ColleenColleenColleenColleen Colleen...] (Danielle Nowlin)

**K-2: QUADAB:** A couple of muscles short of a six-pack. (Robert Schechter)

**K-6: NURDLE:** A small gathering of geeks. “A nurdle of mathletes clustered around the whiteboard.” (Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.)

**K-10: LOOK INN:** A motel for voyeurs. (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

**K-13: ERRIGATE:** To water the side of the bathroom toilet. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

**L-7: UNWOW:** Deliver a Jeb-like debate performance. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

**M-13: SCOLDILOCKS:** The pickiest reviewer on Yelp. “Neither the food nor the accommodations ever approached the level of ‘just right’; in fact, the entire experience was unbearable.” (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

**N-6: WOEL:** Season’s grievings. (Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.)

*More honorable mentions in the online Invite at bit.ly/invite1151.*

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Nov. 30: Our contest to change someone’s name by one letter. See bit.ly/invite1150.**

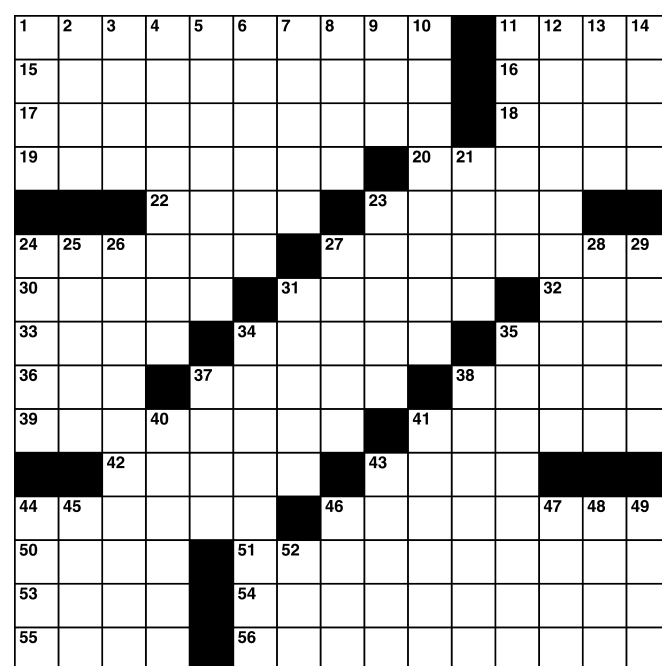


### SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 “Wooly Bully” singer
  - 11 Short programs?
  - 15 Nickname established in 1959
  - 16 280 feet were added to it in 1593
  - 17 Steamboat of song
  - 18 This can get you moving
  - 19 What you might say when you’re shaking
  - 20 Where you can get “Younger”
  - 22 Bombarded with soft rolls
  - 23 Brief communication
  - 24 Place for public hangings
  - 27 Maid to order
  - 30 Pictures named by Time in 1964
  - 31 Coin words, perhaps
  - 32 Calico cat, probably
  - 33 Once-worshipped white wader
  - 34 “Sic semper tyrannis” shouter
  - 35 Long nap
  - 36 Step on the scale
  - 37 Meretricious
  - 38 Potshot
  - 39 Unwelcome opinion
  - 41 “Pride of the Yankees” star
  - 42 Stock holder
  - 43 Dog that’s half a dog?
  - 44 Royal old fool
  - 46 Vaudeville move
  - 50 Keep in touch?
  - 51 Fourth-largest lake completely within U.S. borders
  - 53 First-class stuff

- 54 It’s a wrap
- 55 Small storage unit
- 56 Choose sides
- DOWN**
- 1 Sad-sounding attire
- 2 Gobs
- 3 Rulers of ochlocracies
- 4 Staging areas?
- 5 At a loss
- 6 Treasure
- 7 Fast start?
- 8 Long way for a runner?
- 9 Didn’t go fast
- 10 Encounter
- 11 Pedestrian at leisure
- 12 Queen Anne’s Revenge, for one
- 13 Mastermind
- 14 Enrapture
- 21 Just say no
- 23 Shabby
- 24 Clammy
- 25 V, to concertmasters
- 26 Vienna Boys’ Choir outfit
- 27 Out of the \_\_\_\_ (safe)
- 28 Outline
- 29 “Like a Rock” rocker
- 31 It’s right under your nose
- 34 “The Miracle Worker” Oscar and Tony winner
- 35 Cold War outpost?
- 37 Good name for a bioengineer
- 38 Rubs the right way
- 40 42-Across head
- 41 Latin steps
- 43 Where Rhea gave birth to Zeus
- 44 Arch support
- 45 You can bid on it
- 46 Hit a high
- 47 Quartet whose name is made up of its members’ initials
- 48 Capital of Nicaragua until 1858
- 49 Star part
- 52 It’s “white” in Hawaiian



Answer to last week

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### HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | NOV. 29:** This year, many doors could open. Be careful not to discard someone instrumental to your well-being. In many ways, you continue to grow. Tap into your intuition more often. If you are single, you could meet someone through another key person in your life. You don’t need to get involved with a dating service. The right person will appear if you give yourself time. If you are attached, the two of you love your one-on-one time together. Leo often forces you to rethink your reactions.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Continue to respond to those in your daily life. Someone who you consider to be an acquaintance might appear with an important message. You could be touched by his or her thoughtfulness. Your smile will show your appreciation.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You find the right words to share with someone who might be fragile. A friend could become difficult if you don’t follow his or her suggestions. Make it okay to ignore this person’s reaction and stay on your present course.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Be aware of the implications involved with not being sensitive to an older person. This person could aggravate you to no end, but you’ll maintain a serious attitude to create some distance. Squeeze in some holiday shopping.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Know that your words will be

heard. However, someone might choose to distort something you say. Don’t push this person away; understand that he or she simply enjoys getting a rise out of you. Get into a project involving the holidays.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Use today for you. You might want to relax a bit before joining a friend later. You have a lot on your mind. Know that your thoughts are relevant. Be aware of your funds and where you are heading in that realm.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Zero in on what you want, but don’t forget about plans with a friend. You might want to treat this person to brunch. This type of gesture can make a big difference in what occurs.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a stand within your immediate circle. You know what to say and what is needed. Your gentleness emerges when dealing with others, and as a result, draws

them in closer to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reach out to someone at a distance whom you might not have called on Thanksgiving. You will enjoy a lengthy conversation. You have been looking for a window of time to chat.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You continue to relate on a one-on-one level. Be aware that someone you care about is observing your behavior more closely. Don’t worry; this person is pleased with what he or she is seeing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Defer to others, as you are likely to have little choice anyway. You won’t want to deal with a lot of flak. A parent or higher-up might be a bigger fan of you than you realize.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Pace yourself. Become more in touch with your responsibilities and what you must get done. You easily could be overwhelmed by everything you have on your plate.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Stay close to a loved one. You might find that being with this person to be a lot of fun. Your presence makes him or her feel cared about. Good feelings seem to be the theme of the day.

## Curious about whether spark remains

### Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

**Dear Amy:** Through high school and on and off through my first two years of college, I dated the only person I’ve ever been in love with. Our relationship was always very complicated. We were almost never in the same city except during vacations, when we would hook up and then he would act like it never happened (until the next time we saw each other, when we’d hook up again).

He was a terrible communicator, and I never knew where we stood. I was always the one wanting more, and he was definitely the one in control. Whenever I asked for clarification about our situation he would ignore me. Four years ago I had a medical emergency, and he acted like a jerk. I finally realized I had to cut off contact.

I have enjoyed a lot of professional and academic successes. I have dated, but I have yet to feel a connection like I had with him.

Recently he reestablished contact. He is also in a prestigious graduate program and is successful in his own right. He seems to have grown up a lot,

and he has been interested in me in a way he previously never was. He has invited me to come see him when I’m home. I know that we are both curious to see if our connection is still there, and I feel like I can’t fully move on romantically until I know definitively.

Lately, I’ve thought about inviting him for a short visit. He has always wanted to travel and will be on break from his program, but I am not sure he would accept my invitation. Is this a terrible, insane idea? Or is this a way to find the answers or closure I am looking for?

*Wondering Woman*

**Wondering Woman:** I think it’s a good idea to invite this man to visit you. You are hoping he has changed. The way to find out is to spend time with him.

Issue this invitation and hope for the best but keep your expectations very realistic. Invite him, and let him make the effort to plan and pay for the trip. You two met as teenagers and are now adults. People do mature, change, grow and grow up.

Understand that he might not want to take this trip. If so, you will see whether he has become a better communicator or whether

he will revert to his pattern of ignoring you when things get challenging.

**Dear Amy:** When we visit our son and daughter-in-law’s home, they don’t have hand towels in their bathroom. A couple of times I have asked my daughter-in-law if she had a towel to use in the bathroom and she said, “That’s what pants are for.”

Should I ignore this or should I send her some towels? Maybe she just doesn’t want us to visit?

*MIL Who Doesn’t Want Trouble*

**MIL Who Doesn’t Want Trouble:** Your daughter-in-law is responding to a very sensible question with a snarky little joke. The next time she says this, you could (of course) walk over to her and use her pants to wipe off your hands. But wait — you don’t want trouble (good for you). The next time you visit you should bring some nice (but not fancy) hand towels for the household and treat this whole episode as a lighthearted quirk.

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