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THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Fit to be tiled: ScrabbleGrams words

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1319,** the Empress once again presented several dozen seven-letter "racks" used in the ScrabbleGrams word game, which appears daily in The Post, and asked you to find new terms of five, six or seven letters.

4th place

ACILRTU > **ARTICUL:** A story that shouldn't have made the cut. "Let's jussie how this articul plays out." (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

3rd place

ADEEHST > **HEADEST:** What the president is. "I'm the head of the country, the most headest of any country, believe me." (Sean Bender-Prouty, Arlington)

2nd place

and the Mason jar of Ghanaian shito sauce*:*
ADFHLNU > **ANDUH:** Filler used to stretch your essay when you run out of things to say. "Try to avoid such anduh as 'In conclusion, it has become clear that all people of reason can surely agree that . . . ' " (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

DDEELMR > **MEDDLR:** App designed for yentas to make dating profiles for other people. (Danielle Nowlin)

E for EEFHORT: Honorable mentions

ACIPRVY > **CA PRIVY:** Many a side street in San Francisco. (Lynne Larkin, Glenn Dale, Md.)

ACIPRVY > **RACY VIP:** Jeff Bezos's new Twitter handle. (George Thompson, Springfield, a First Offender)

ACKLORW > **OWLRACK:** A bosom that makes men's heads spin around. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

ACKLORW > **ROCK LAW:** "Everybody must get stoned!" (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

ACKLORW > **ACK ROW:** The seats way up front in a theater with a three-story-high screen. (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

ADEEHST> **SHADEE:** Upscale Slurpee with a cocktail parasol. (George Thompson)

ADEELMR > **ELDERAM:** An old butthead. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

ADEELMR > **MR. DEAL:** Does not necessarily translate into Mr. President. (Roger Dalrymple)

ADLMORU > **MR. DOULA:** He offers emotional support to fathers during childbirth. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

ADLMORU > **UM, ORAL?:** What they didn't mean for you to enter when they put a box for "Sex" on the questionnaire. (Danielle Nowlin)

AEEELRS > **EEL-ARSE:** One of the less popular sushi delicacies. (Jeff Shirley)

AEEELRS > **EELERS:** Pro fishing team from Pittsburgh. (David Peckarsky, Tucson)

AEFGLOW > **WEGOLF:** Presidential plan of action for an international crisis. (Rob Cohen, Potomac)

AEFGLOW > **WOLFAGE:** Food, as seen by teenage boys. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

AEHPRTY > **'HEY' TRAP:** Why your mom told you not to turn your head when a guy calls at you. (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

AEILNVY > **AIL-ENVY:** Wishing you'd caught the flu at the office rather than sit through another staff meeting. (David Peckarsky)

AELMNRU > **LEARNUM:** The teaching of Latin in West Virginia. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

AELMNRU > **MENULAR:** Adept at waiting tables. "The server was so menular that she could recite 15 specials without looking at her notes." (Zachary Levine, Rockville)

AELMNRU > **MARELUN:** Its largest city is Ballmer. (Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring)

AENOUUV > **EAU NO:** Gah! You have to have a closed-door meeting with the guy with the too-strong cologne! (Danielle Nowlin)

AEOPSTZ > **EZ TOP:** A cover band with fake long beards. (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

AEOPSTZ > **OZ TAPES:** Just-discovered scandalous video of Miss Piggy and a Munchkin. (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring)

BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1323: Selected shortened subjects

[S]**NOW WHITE:** Donald Trump, following an extensive crackdown on brown-skinned immigrants, declares the United States the fairest of them all.

LA LA LA[nd]: In the first round of singing auditions, a musical's casting director tries blocking out the sound.

CINDER[ella]: At midnight, the coach doesn't turn into a pumpkin — it blows up. Whoops!

Style Invitational First-Ballot-Lock Future Hall of Famer Duncan Stevens suggested this week's contest, a variation of one we did in 2015 with song titles.

This week: Delete one or more letters from the beginning or end (or both) of a movie title and describe the resulting movie, as in Duncan's own examples above. As in all those examples, it helps if the description somehow relates to the original movie. A clever, funny description is key this week; it's highly likely that some other Losers will chop a title the same way you did.

Submit entries at **wapo.st/enter-invite-1323** (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon,** our Style Invitational trophy.

Second prize is quite the artifact: It dates from the earliest days of the Empress's reign; finally, almost 800 columns later, she figures it's time to give it away. It's a custom-designed **roll of toilet paper promoting the release of the novel "Walter the Farting Dog: Trouble at the Yard Sale,"** "on sale March 29, 2004." So why this week? It turns out that, after a fizzled effort in 2011, there's another plan to bring the best-selling Walter series to cinematic glory — and so at least right this second there's some tenuous link between this ancient (but wrapped) roll of TP and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences. The E will also toss in a roll of Trump toilet paper, donated recently by Howard Walderman.

Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. 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, March 25;** results published April 14 (online April 11). See general contest rules and guidelines at *wapo.st/InvRules*. The headline for this week's results is by Danielle Nowlin (great week, Danielle!); Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees 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*.

15-year-old TP of what miiiight be the subject of a new movie.

AGMNSTU > **MAGNUTS:** His base. (Jeff Lubbers, Takoma Park)

AGMNSTU > **SUMTANG:** John Fogerty's rendition of a song written by George Harrison. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

AGMNSTU> **MANGST:** Boyfriend worries. (Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.)

AHHIKSW > **HIKSHAW:** Trailer made from an old pickup bed. (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

DDEHIRS > **SHERDID:** The proper response when someone asks if something blowed up real good. (Frank Osen)

DDENOSS > **DE-DON:** What 6 in 10 Americans would like to do in 2020. (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

DDGHOOO >**DOG DOH:** You stepped in it. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

DDGHOOO >**DOH-GOOD:** *He has the best of intentions, but he always screws it up somehow. (Gary Crockett)*

DEEKNW: **KNEWED:** Was aware. "Cletus knewed those overalls was ready to fall off." (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

DEFILPU > **PLED FU:** How Roger Stone responded to criminal charges. (Ed Neveleff, Rockville, a First Offender)

DEMORST > **MR. T.'S ODE:** "Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, and I pity the foo." (Jesse Frankovich)

EEFHORT > **TROFEE:** Top prize at the misspelling bee. (Jesse Frankovich)

EEFMNOR > **NOREF:** Super Bowl officiating team. (Drew Bennett)

EEFMNOR > **ROMEN:** Spaghetti made with a pack of Japanese noodles. (Chris Doyle)

AGMNSTU > **MAGNUTS:** Style Invitational Losers. "Many magnuts work 10 days straight trying to win something to stick on the fridge." (Chris Doyle, who works 10 days straight and doesn't even want any more magnets)

More neologisms in the online Invite at **wapo.st/invite1323.**

Still running — deadline Monday night, March 18: Our contest for ideas for inventions that still need a bug or two worked out. See wapo.st/invite1322.

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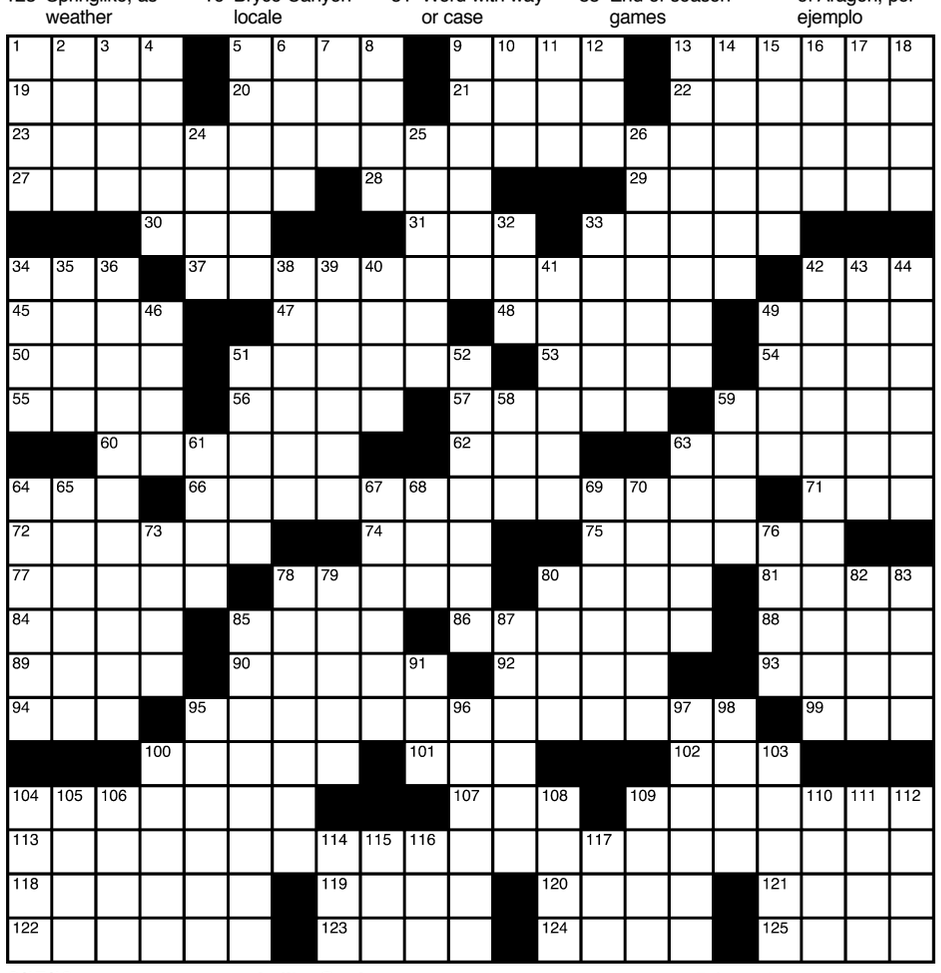
"GOING GREEN"
By MATT McKINLEY

ACROSS
1 Boxer who defeated Holyfield twice
5 Contentious shoulder piece?
9 Equal-split offer
13 Rugby tussles
19 Lang. of Livorno
20 Border Patrol city of the Southwest
21 Three Rivers river
22 "That's enough!"
23 Green
27 Samson's betrayer
28 Pub bud
29 Apostle also called Levi
30 Habit wearer
31 Happy eating word
33 Kewpie and kachina
34 Kings, e.g.
37 Green
42 Not a Crimson fan
45 Break-in sound?
47 Hawaiian goose
48 Prepare to take off, perhaps
49 Printer function
50 Premier League soccer anchor Rebecca
51 Nissan model
53 Ownership proof
54 Suffragist Julia Ward __
55 Terrible year?
56 Metal containers
57 Heart and soul, e.g.
59 Slapped-on restraints
60 Cremona Christmas
62 AEC successor
63 Beast in a Beatles' title
64 Iowa summer hrs.
66 Green
71 Land in the Seine
72 Try again
74 Really irritate
75 Bully's words
77 Come to __
78 Tenth of a grand
80 Part of a cook's job
81 Recognized
84 Pacific island nation
85 Winter truck attachment
86 Zoomed past
88 Unproductive
89 Walked
90 "Mean Girls" actress
92 Jim Davis canine
93 "The Nutcracker" dip
94 Sad sound
95 Green
99 Himalayan beast
100 Until now
101 One of the 91-Down
102 Moving wheels
104 Needing bailing out, maybe
107 60 secs.
109 Museum works
113 Green
118 Allowing for the possibility that
119 With 109-Down, obsession
120 Hot message
121 Against-the-wind sailing maneuver
122 Handy reference
123 Springlike, as weather
124 Skip-a-round privileges
125 Barrie's bosun

DOWN
1 Texas city nickname
2 Siouan tribe
3 Interactive Facebook feature
4 Diminutive
5 Roxane's lover
6 One may come over a crowd
7 Prankster
8 Name of six popes
9 Ballpark staple
10 Yellowfin tuna
11 Three-time Tony winner __-Manuel Miranda
12 Daze
13 Blew big-time
14 In a snippy manner
15 Falling-outs
16 Bryce Canyon locale
17 Clock-climbing trio
18 Slow cooker dish
24 Jewish month after Av
25 Hide seeker
26 Appalachian range
32 The NCAA's Spartans
33 1971 American Airlines debut
34 Ice cream treat
35 Self-help website
36 Green
38 1936 Literature Nobelist
39 Vacation home for dogs?
40 QBs' concerns
41 Bring about
42 Green
43 Allowed
44 Actually existing
46 Southwest formation
49 Synagogue
51 Word with way or case
52 Wings
58 Frodo pursuer
59 Psychiatrist Jung
61 Spot during a program
63 Reacting to a tearjerker
64 Skillfully makes
65 2003 AFI Life Achievement Award recipient
67 Promise
68 Acquire
69 Kind of skiing
70 He has the answers
73 Geraint's beloved
76 Decide not to attend
78 Intimate with
79 Like seven Nolan Ryan games
80 Mani mate
82 Lamb pen name
83 Common pay period
85 End-of-season games
87 Shylock's adversary
91 Citi Field team, on scoreboards
95 __ de corps
96 Filled in
97 Throws out
98 Like many basements
100 Together
103 Homes in the woods
104 Bakery specialist
105 Porto-__: Benin's capital
106 Shake __: hurry
108 Accident investigation agcy.
109 See 119-Across
110 Eliot's "__ Bede"
111 Track event
112 Youngster
114 Edge of a canyon
115 Star Wars initials
116 Smartphone no.
117 Ferdinand II of Aragón, por ejemplo



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | March 17: This year, you seem destined to squeeze value from every moment. You could become quite flamboyant. If single, your attractiveness cannot be questioned. There's always someone wanting to get to know you. Do not commit unless you are sure. If attached, the two of you have a great time — as long as you willingly share the space with your sweetie and don't steal the stage. Leo knows how to reel you in, even if you resist.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Whether you come from the land of shamrocks or not, you decide to join friends celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Your high energy combined with your natural enjoyment of life comes through.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Good sense or prior experiences encourage you to stay close to home. You also might be likely to get into an animated discussion that could verge on becoming an argument. You will appreciate the fact that only your inner circle hears it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You cannot be held back. Even if a sign says "Irish only," you will swear up and down that you are Irish. You enjoy getting together with certain friends today. Choose your words with care, as an argument could break out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You could be more out of whack than you know. If you notice you are going to extremes, pull back. You might not realize how wild you could become. Use caution around money as well. You easily could make a mistake counting your change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Not only do you have the good fortune of being a Leo (no sign loves a party like you), you also have a day of celebration ahead if you choose to go out. Only you can stop yourself. A conversation piques your interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Kick back and accept the fact that you don't need to go out and paint the town green every St. Patty's Day. In fact, taking a lazy day at home might fit your needs better. You can always change your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You have some choices to make. Most likely, you have been invited to several parties and get-togethers. Decide what works best for you, and honor those needs. Know that you will have a good time wherever you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You like to be noticed, but you pretend it's no big deal. You will be observed wherever you are. Someone might demonstrate a keen interest in you. Eventually, this person will come forward and share what is on their mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You get into the flavor of St. Patrick's Day. You might decide it is time for you to visit Ireland soon, especially after today. Know that you are unusually fortunate right now. Keep the phone number of an intriguing person you meet, and call them soon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
One-on-one relating brings forth strong feelings and a reason to smile. Don't get too detail-oriented right now; simply enjoy yourself and the people around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You will have little choice but to come out and be Irish today. If you accept an invitation and do not show up, don't be surprised if someone knocks on your door to take you to the celebration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You could easily get into today's celebrations. However, you might be the host or hostess of a gathering. Enjoy those around you, but stay present with the moment.

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