

# **Ann Getman: At a Loss for Word**

Who made Microsoft geeks the emperors of syntax and spelling and slang (Oh my!)? Who taught them to spell and keep up with language? Why are they the Wizards of Word?

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## **The Oscars, James Franco (did I tell you he's my cousin?) and me.**

I am a total fan of James Franco. Even thought his appearance at the Oscars in red dress and blond wig was funny. He's a distant cousin...which I tell everyone I can, every chance I get.

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## **Neighborliness Revisited**

Over the weekend, someone bashed into the driver's side of my parked car...I'm guessing \$700 damage. And—it's snowing again. Evidently neighborliness, like winter, only lasts so long.

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# Guest Post: Ann Getman on Winter...Fun????

This week I went outside in tights, leggings and sweatpants; a turtleneck, fleece jacket and parka, with two hats, gloves and mittens. One wet foot sent me right back inside. That's when I heard myself say out loud, "Didn't winter used to be fun?"

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## Mr. Snowman: Neighborliness in Tough Times

Rather than engage in namecalling and derision, I'll quit now –and simply thank whomever built Mr. Snowman for your neighborliness and sense of fun. You really brightened my day!