

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Putting on heirs: Winning 'children'

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1221** we asked you to muse upon what the offspring of any two people through history (or fiction) — this time including same-sex couples — would be like.

4th place

The child of **Michelangelo and Banksy** would paint the outside of the Sistine Chapel. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

3rd place

The child of **Donald Trump and Steve Jobs** would be happy to grab your PC. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

2nd place and the animatronic chipmunk:

Fifty percent of people would love the child of **Ray Romano and Ted Cruz**. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

The child of **Paul Simon and Henry VIII** could recommend 51 ways to leave your lover. (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

Bland parenthood: honorable mentions

The child of **William the Conqueror and John James Audubon** would publish the Victorious Egret catalogue. (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

The child of **Benito Mussolini and Britney Spears** would be a train wreck that runs on time. (Jim Derby, Rockville)

The child of **Paul Ryan and Bob Vila** would tear out all your plumbing fixtures, put an outhouse in your back yard, and call it a huge improvement. (Duncan Stevens)

The child of **Jared Kushner and Caitlyn Jenner** would reinvent the federal government, bring peace to the Middle East, defeat ISIS, oversee construction of a border wall with Mexico, replace the Affordable Care Act, and win the Olympic decathlon as both a man and as a woman. (Roy Ashley, Washington)

The child of **Manute Bol and Patty Hearst** would be tall, dark and ransomed. (Dave Matuskey)

The child of **Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway** would definitely not be named Oscar. (Amy Harris, Charlottesville)

A son of **The Donald and Elizabeth Barrett Browning** would spend all his time counting the ways he loved himself. (John McCooy, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

The child of **Paul McCartney and Annie** would sing "Today." (Duncan Stevens)

The child of **Mr. T and Gordon Ramsay** will pity the food. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

The child of **Mick Jagger and Roberto Durán** would gather no más. (Dave Matuskey)

The child of **Roberta Flack and Vladimir Putin** will kill you softly with his polonium. (Michele Uhler, Fort Washington, Md.)

The child of **Mike Tyson and Vladimir Putin** would take a bite out of Crimea. (Dave Matuskey)

The child of **Michael Flynn and Jenny McCarthy** will never expect immunity. (Kevin Dopart)

The child of **Scott Joplin and Levi Strauss** would go from rags to riches. (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

The toddler child of **Sean Spicer and Kellyanne Conway** would have to wear fireproof Pull-Ups. (Ira Allen, Bethesda)

For the child of **Lazarus and Donald Trump**, death and taxes wouldn't be certain. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

If a child had been born to **William Strunk and E.B. White**, they would be he or she. (Dave Matuskey)

The child of **George Gallup and Frank Luntz** will be bipolar. (Dave Silberstein, College Park)

The child of **Marcel Marceau and Norman Bates** would keep mum. (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

The child of **Prince and Jeffrey Dahmer** would be a purple people eater. (Leigh Giza, Bristow, Va.)



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New contest for Week 1225: The Ideas of March

It's not clear how much effect last weekend's March for Science will have on the current administration — budget director Mick Mulvaney said of federal climate science programs, "We consider that to be a waste of your money to go out and do that" — but one thing is certain: There were a lot of great protest signs.

"Think While It's Still Legal." "What do we want? Evidence-based science! When do we want it? After peer review!" "Got Polio? Me Neither. Thanks, Science!" And a picture of Planet Earth with the slogan "I'm With Her."

But surely scientists aren't the only community that can step up wittily for its cause. **This week: Suggest a march for some group or field, along with one or more slogans. (You might also, or instead, comment on the march with some pertinent wordplay.)** Be sure to Google your slogan to make sure it's not all over a bunch of T-shirts already.

Submit entries at this website: bit.ly/enter-invite-1225 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Inkin' Memorial**, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a perhaps unique figurine of an elephant made mostly from varnished peach pits. Donated by Ur-Loser Elden Carnahan.

Other runners-up win our new "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship." Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, "No Childishness Left Behind" or "Magnum Dopus." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, May 8; results published May 28 (online May 25). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. "The Ideas of March" was a comment by Loser Diane Wah in a Style Invitational Devotees thread about a pondered March for Math. "Putting on heirs" in the headline for this week's results was submitted by both Jon Gearhart and Jeff Contompassis; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Jesse Frankovich. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" 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.



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The mascot of the Georgia GOP? A peach-pit elephant.

Any children **Mike Pence** had with **Greta Garbo** would want to be left alone, but with a chaperon. (Stephen Litterst, Newark, Del.)

In the delivery room, after the birth of their seventh child, **Ron Popeil** would encourage **Nadya Suleman** by shouting, "But wait, there's more!" (Seth Tucker, Washington)

The child of **Archimedes and Paul Simon** would find 50 ways to love his lever. (Chris Doyle)

I'm afraid that the child of **Cleopatra and Ronald McDonald** would have asp-burger syndrome. (Mark Raffman, Reston; Neal Starkman, Seattle)

If **Donald Duck** married **Annie Oakley**, their kid would be a quack shot. (Steve Fahey, Kensington, Md.)

The child of **Harpo Marx and Marcel Marceau** would commit unspeakable acts. (Jeff Shirley)

The child of **Helen Hunt and Gregory Peck** would be a great actor but a slow typist. (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

The child of **Ivanka Trump and Mahatma Gandhi** would make millions of dollars selling designer loincloths. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

The child of **John Nance Garner and Gaylord Perry** would grow up

to be a pitcher of warm spitballs. (Dudley Thompson)

The child of **Johnny Cash and Paul Ryan** would take away your health care just to watch you die. (Robert Schechter)

The child of **Lucrezia Borgia and John Chapman** would go about spreading poison ivy seeds. (Jeff Contompassis, Ashburn, Va.)

The child of **Mata Hari and Hannibal** would double-cross the Alps. (Warren Clements, Toronto)

The child of **Mother Teresa and Don Rickles** would feed starving children and then make fun of the way they chew. (Robert Schechter)

The child of **Sisyphus and Mr. Whipple** will be a fan of rock-and-roll. (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

The child of **Timothy Leary and Dick Van Dyke** would always be tripping on the ottoman. (Dave Matuskey)

The child of **Balaam and King David** would have his ass in a sling. (Dudley Thompson)

The child of **Deepak Chopra and Betsy DeVos** would be on-schooled. (Chris Doyle)

Sadly, the child of **Julian Assange and Chelsea Manning** will turn out to be a chronic bed wetter. (David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.)

The child of **George Clooney and Joanne Free** would have a very happy mom. (Joanne Free, Clifton, Va.)

The child of **Carrot Top** and ... nah. (Michael Rolfe, Cape Town, South Africa)

Still running — deadline Monday night, May 1: Our contest to compare any two random items on a list we supplied. See bit.ly/invite1224.

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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"HAIKU" By PAM AMICK KLAWITTER

ACROSS
1 Word heard in Bedrock
6 West Point letters
10 Dark horses
14 Sam seen in bars
19 Scott who wrote "Island of the Blue Dolphins"
20 A golf green may be shaped like one
21 Face cream additive
22 Paganini's birthplace
23 "What it often is on a summer day
25 Rodeo goad
26 Bother a lot
27 WWII spy gp.
28 Big mouths
29 Tampico trio
31 Mask wearers
33 Salem-to-Portland dir.
34 Chihuahua or Maltese, in dog shows
35 Slangy sib
36 "One-to-one conversation
43 Texter's "Just a thought ...
47 Candy aisle choice
48 Kid in a '60s sitcom
49 K-12, in brief
50 Its flag features a six-pointed star
52 Scale starting words
54 911 responder
56 Barbecue supply
58 Functional
59 "Scuba divers' bash
63 "Wayward ...," Shyamalan TV series
64 Salon supply
65 Ancient region of Asia Minor
66 Longship crew
68 Half a track?
69 London's "Ye Olde Milre," e.g.
71 "The Way" 2007 Timbaland hit
72 Loud speakers
76 Travelocity enticement
79 Pooh, to Roo
82 Broadway restaurant founder
83 "Highly sought-after charter captain

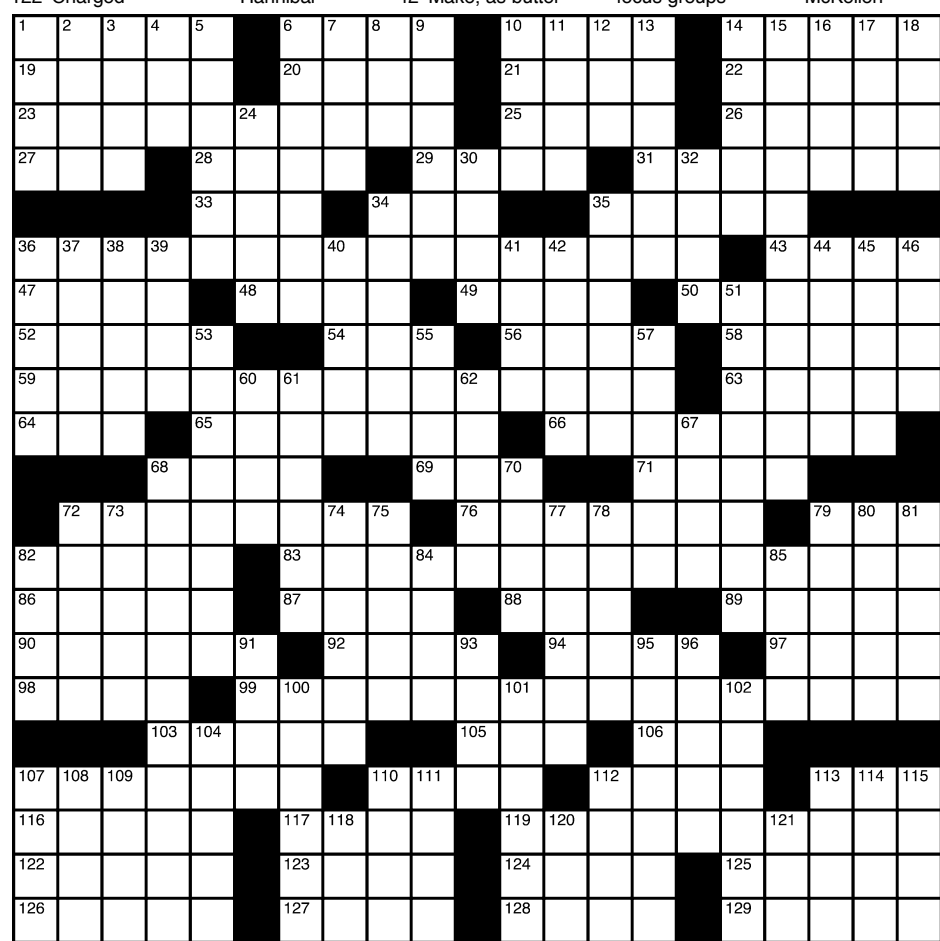
DOWN
1 Pirate's syllables
2 They're often about nothing
3 Adds to the pool
4 Rain- bubble gum
5 Smith grad
6 High hairdo
7 José's half-dozen
8 Satiric magazine founded in 1952
9 Kid-to-kid retort
10 Military setting
11 Hurdle for Hannibal
12 Make, as butter

86 Office holders?
87 Gilbert who created TV's "The Talk"
88 The Silver St.
89 Graphic start
90 Warns
92 Frees
94 They catch a lot of shrimp
97 Continue
98 Sitcom pioneer, familiarly
99 "Iconic suburban symbol
103 Word with link or letter
105 French article
106 Damage
107 Haunted house sounds
110 Lacking
112 Eye opener?
113 Improve, in some cases
116 Cutie
117 Chop
119 Feature of haiku, and of the answers to started clues
122 Charged

123 Sport with double touches
124 Slices of history
125 Minnesota's "10,000"
126 Play area
127 Cold War initials
128 Hide from an animal
129 Treacherous type
13 Mirror image?
13 Homeland of tennis star Novak Djokovic
14 "The X-Files" extra
15 "Awkward TV silence
16 Protester
17 Defensive ditch
18 H.S. hurdles
24 Ma non ____: not too much, in music
30 Cub great
32 Bubby source
34 Lincoln Center attraction, familiarly
35 Eastern faith
36 Word in a Marines slogan
37 48-Across player
38 ____France
39 Register a preference
40 St. Peter's Basilica sight
41 Exile isle
42 Make, as butter

44 Katahdin is its highest peak
45 Beatrix Potter's real first name
46 Cries after football goals
51 Freudian conscience
53 Player in a loft
55 Vacation choice
57 Aleppo native
60 Reservations can help avoid one
61 Apportions
62 Eighth-century pope
67 Puppeteer
68 *Sale indicator
70 Cap'n's aide
72 Room at the Louvre
73 Doesn't give up
74 Enter noisily
75 Nautical pole
77 Word of origin
78 Marathon practice run
79 Spike for Hillary
80 Like some focus groups

81 Freetown currency
82 Slow
84 Grow pale
85 Push
91 Did a few laps
93 Made on a wheel
95 Play set on an island, with "The"
96 Cabinet department can help avoid one
100 Greets the villain
101 Conforming
102 Elegant trimmings
104 Speed
107 Orch. section
108 Primer layer
109 Novelist Jaffe
110 Psychic
111 Motion carriers
112 Tough test
113 Self-titled 1974 pop album
114 Many a techie
115 Latin being
118 FedEx rival
120 Otto I's realm: Abbr.
121 Knighted McKellen



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY | April 30: This year you seem to be right in the middle of what is going on. People frequently call you to give you a heads up. Others discuss their plans and decisions with you in an effort to get you to play devil's advocate. If you are single, you meet people with ease. If you are attached, the two of you tend to enjoy the hectic pace around you. To get any privacy, you and your sweetie will need to screen your calls.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You have a strong sense that something is not as it seems on the home front. Know that you aren't being overly sensitive. Trust your intuition. A loved one or dear friend will play a significant role in your plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Communication flourishes, and you'll hear a lot of news that you will want to broadcast to other people. You know how to help those around you relax. Follow through on a last-minute invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You could be more possessive than you realize. An older person might try to let you know how jealous you have become. You might feel as if you can do whatever you want, but you can't — not if you want a happy relationship. Be creative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You wake up knowing that everything will be all right. Make calls to those at a distance or to someone you have not spoken to in a while. Trust your feelings more often.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll need some extra R and R to build up your strength. Many people reach out to you. Understand that you need some personal time. You can't help others if you don't take good care of yourself first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Emphasize what is good around you as opposed to what isn't. You will be reminded of the power of positive thinking once more. A partner or loved one seems very receptive to what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Others are very aware of what you are doing. Those closest to you might question your choices more than they have in the recent past;

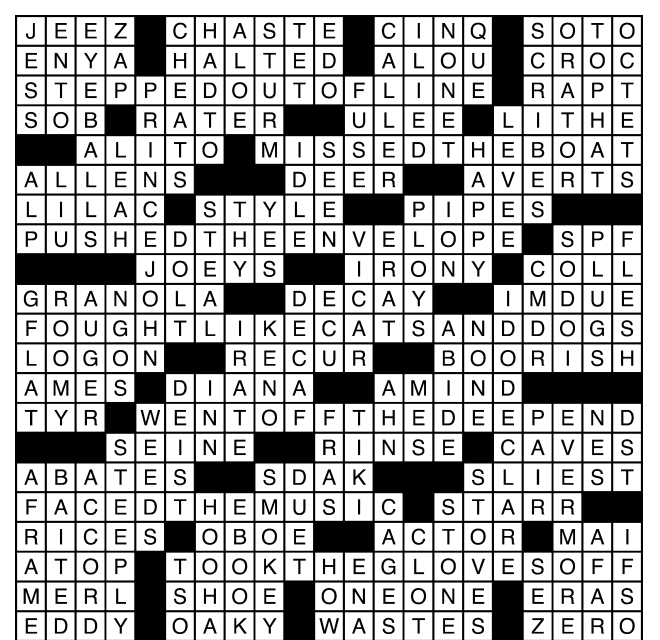
perhaps they don't quite understand your perspective. Be positive, and thank them for sharing.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You might want to reach out to someone you care a lot about. Your way of dealing with someone else could be more provocative than you realize. Use your imagination when in the company of a child or loved one.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Jump on an opportunity to relate closely to a loved one. Speaking and sharing openly renews your perspective and helps you draw closer to this special person. Friends are likely to seek you out with determination to get you to join them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You have a way of drawing others in, especially loved ones. When speaking about a long-term desire, people will want to hear more. Share your thoughts at this opportune moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
While many of your friends and loved ones seem to have plans, you might decide to throw yourself into the trenches to get some work or a personal project done. You could feel tense when dealing with a money issue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your sixth sense is stronger than your logic today. Follow your intuition, especially when dealing with a child or loved one. You will know that you did the right thing when you see this person's face light up.

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