# DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

## Fake muse: Movie title 'inspirations'

BY PAT MYERS

The Empress knew she'd receive a slew of entries for **Week 1228,** a no-writing-required contest to cite the "secret inspiration" for a real movie title. Indeed, there were thousands; many entrants sent in the maximum of 25 entries. She also knew that there would be duplication; yup — see the several multiple credits below. Among those submitted too frequently for individual ink: For **"Bride of Frankenstein": Ivanka Trump;** for **"Some Like It Hot": EPA chief Scott Pruitt;** and about 20 for **"Raging Bull": Sean Spicer.** And there were literally hundreds of entries connecting one title or another — dozens of them — with the president. The Empress's favorites among them: **"Sully"** (by Edward Gordon) and **"American Sniper"** (Jesse Frankovich). See many more Trump-movies at the end of the column.

### 4th place

**"The Company of Wolves": Roger Ailes**
(Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

### 3rd place

**"The Lego Movie": Melania Trump**
(Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

### 2nd place and the 1970s "Losers" comic books:

**"How U Like Me Now?": George W. Bush**
(Seth Tucker, Washington)

### And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

**James and the Giant Peach:** Former FBI director Comey and you-know-who
(Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

### Cut!: Honorable mentions

**"Stand and Deliver": April the Giraffe**
(Mark Richardson, Takoma Park, Md.)

**"The Zookeeper's Wife": Sally Priebus**
(Samantha Wareing, Berlin, a First Offender; Roy Ashley, Washington)

**"The Silence of the Lambs": Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan**
(Bill Lieberman, Ellicott City, Md.)

**"Dunkirk": William Shatner**
(Mike Ostapiej, Mount Pleasant, S.C.)

**"10,000 B.C.": Jeff Sessions**
(Francis Canavan, Reston, Va.)

**"Girl, Interrupted": Elizabeth Warren**
(Jerry Mindes, Rockville, a First Offender; Seth Tucker)

**"The Ten Commandments," "The Passion of the Christ," and "Gandhi": Donald Trump, of course** — R. Giuliani, New York (Seth Tucker)

**"Dodge City": Sean Spicer**
(John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

**"How to Train Your Dragon": Kellyanne Conway**
(James Kruger, Rockville)

**"Tango & Cash": Tom Bergeron**
(Lawrence McGuire)

**"Frozen": Bill Gates** (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**"The Cable Guy": Julian Assange**
(Mark Calandra, Sudbury, Mass.)

**"While You Were Sleeping":** Bill Cosby (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento; Kathy K. MacDonald, Columbia, Md.)

**"Into the Woods": Sean Spicer**
(Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

**"From Here to Eternity": Paul Wiedefeld** (Duncan Stevens)

**"Naked Lunch": Mike Pence**
(Duncan Stevens)

**"Slumdog Millionaire": Jared Kushner** (Joel Cockrell, Damascus;, Md.; Duncan Stevens)

**"X-Men 2": Caitlyn Jenner and Chelsea Manning** (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

**"The 39 Steps": Charlie Sheen**
(Duncan Stevens)

**"A Few Good Men": The Washington Redskins** (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring)

**"Monkey on My Back": Johnny Weismuller** (Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

**"My Life as a Dog": Bill O'Reilly**
(Lawrence McGuire)

**"Toy Story 3": Melania Trump**
(Samantha Wareing)

**"Collateral Damage": Billy Bush**
(Dave Matuskey)

**"Drag Me to Hell": Columbus, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce**
(John Hutchins)

**"Eraserhead": Kim Jong Un**
(Steve Langer, Chevy Chase, Md.)

**"Extraordinary Measures": John Holmes** (Dave Matuskey)

**"Fargo": Yoda** (Hildy Zampella, Falls Church, Va.)

**"I, Robot": Marco Rubio** (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

**"Little Miss Sunshine": Ann Coulter** (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

**"Pennies From Heaven": Joel Osteen** (Lawrence McGuire)

**"The Nut Job": James Comey** — D. Trump, Washington
**"The Nut Job": Donald Trump** — J. Comey, McLean, Va. (Seth Tucker)

**"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty": Brian Williams** (Lawrence McGuire)

**"To Sir With Love": Paula Broadwell** (Michele Uhler, Fort Washington)

**"Broken Arrow": John Wayne Bobbitt** (Steven Halter, Herndon)

**"Remember Me": John Wayne Bobbitt** (Dave Matuskey)

**"March of the Penguins": Alex Ovechkin** (Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.; Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

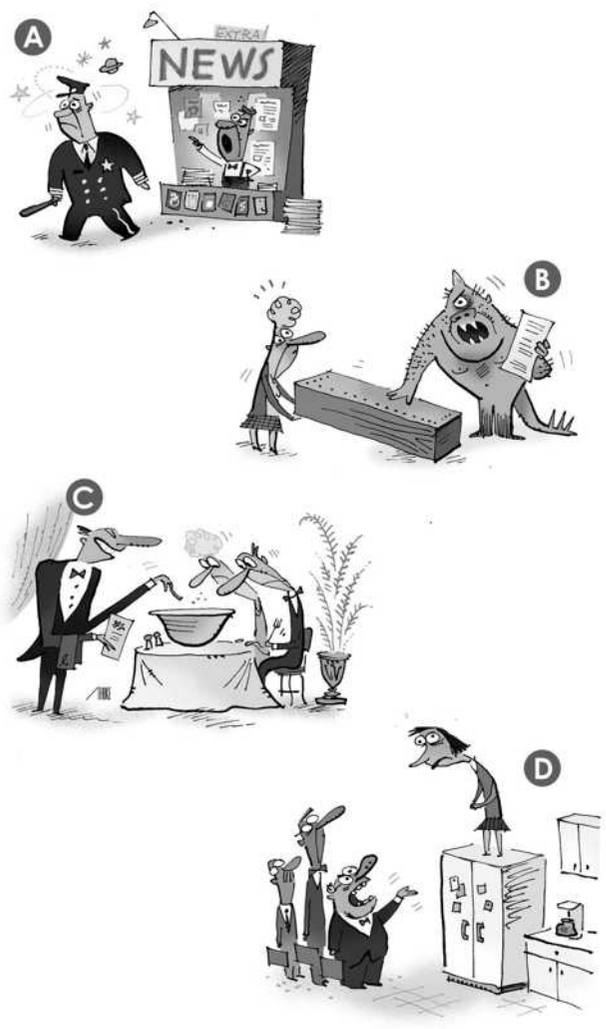
**"Sleepy Hollow": Ben Carson**
(Jesse Frankovich)

**"Almost Famous": That one guy**
(David Friedman, Santa Clara, Calif.)

**And SOME of the Trump-inspirations:**

**The Lion King**
**The Boss Baby**
**Foxcatcher**
**Pride and Prejudice**
**Don't Think Twice**
**American Hustle**
**Charade**
**Gaslight**
**A Series of Unfortunate Events**
**About a Boy**
**On Golden Pond**
**Catch Me if You Can**
**Demolition Man**
**Pee-wee's Big Adventure**
**The Man Who Would Be King**
**Trainwreck**
**Believe Me**
**Donnie Darko**
**Leaving Normal**
**Nuts**
**Pinocchio**
**This Is the End**
**The Wiz**
**Downhill Racer**
**Inherent Vice**
**Running With Scissors**
**Why Him?**

Still running — deadline Monday night, June 19: our **TankaWanka** (haiku with two more lines) contest. See **bit.ly/invite1231.**




BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

### New contest for Week 1232: Picture this — a caption contest

This week's results form a lengthy list, but at just a line or two apiece, they still don't take up much room on the page. Which means: Cartoon caption time! And as always, it's the Ever More Famous Bob Staake (rhymes with "wack") providing the drawings. **This week: Write a caption for one or more of the cartoons above. Submit entries at this website: wapo.st/enter-invite-1232** (all lowercase). **Note: Please begin each entry with "Picture A," "Picture B," etc., and follow that heading with the text of the caption on the same line. This will help the Empress sort the entries.** C'mon. She did say "please."

Winner gets the **Inkin' Memorial,** the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy — one of the last few before we come out with a new design. Second place receives a piece of history — or at least something dating back to an event that even Super Doofy Nerd Entertainment Trivia wouldn't ask about: It's a giant-size **"Free Tommy Chong" T-shirt,** never used but presumably dating to 2003-04, when the stoner-shtick comedian was imprisoned (for his full nine-month sentence; clearly, someone failed to wear this T-shirt) for selling bongs on the Internet. True fact: Chong's cellmate at Taft Correctional Institution was "Wolf of Wall Street" Jordan Belfort.

**Other runners-up** win our "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, June 26; results published July 16 (online July 13). See general 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 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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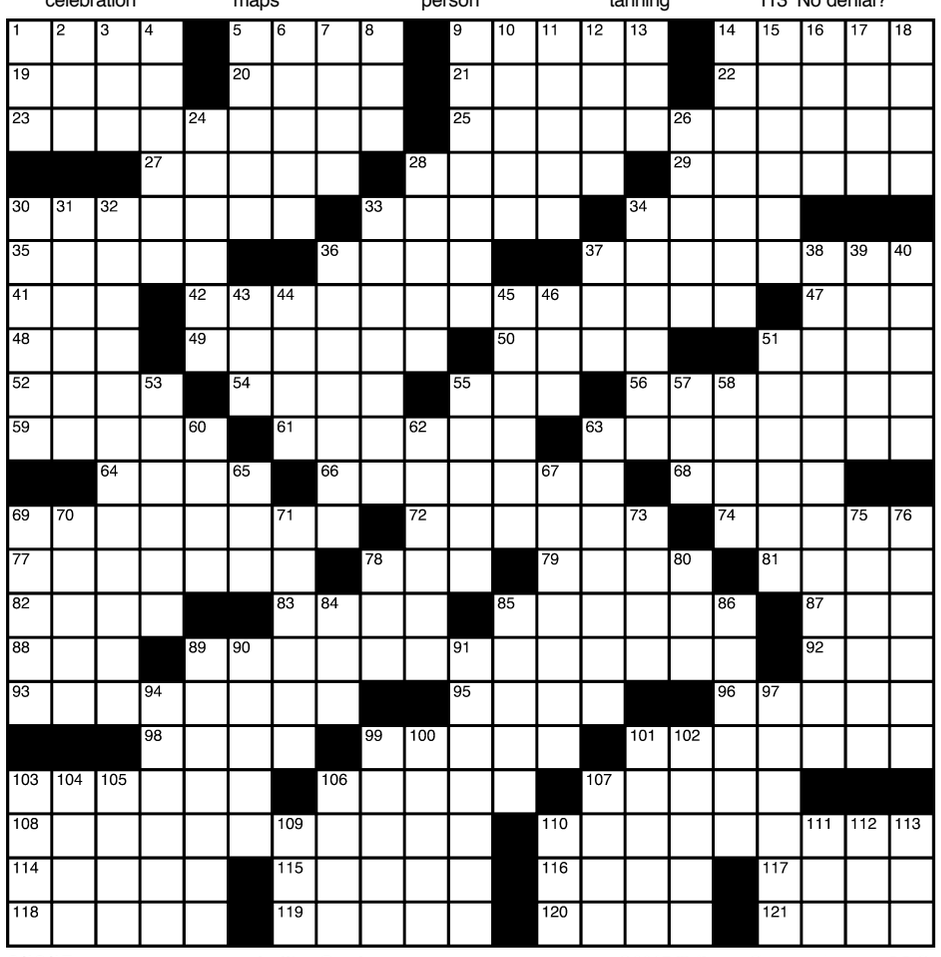
**"POP CULTURE" By GAIL GRABOWSKI**

**ACROSS**
1 Physics calculation
5 They may be broken on purpose
9 "You gotta be kidding me!"
14 Aussie bedrolls
19 Comics pooch
20 Put in other words, say
21 British county
22 Garlicky mayo
23 Brand created in Toronto in 1904
25 23-Across buyer
27 Bank protection
28 Country
29 Web search tool
30 Cleared out
33 British peers
34 Some basilica singers
35 "How about that!"
36 Kin of -trix
37 "The Dark Mirror" antagonist, e.g.
41 Infamous 1974 bank robbers: Abbr.
42 School social worker's concern
47 Plastic __ Band
48 Hypotheticals
49 Noisy disturbance
50 Fence material?
51 "I'm getting to it"
52 Curious to a fault
54 Galileo's birthplace
55 Partner of 46-Down
56 Talk show medium
59 Cat Nation people
61 Industry heavyweights
63 Airport sign
64 Flutter
66 Colorful appetizer platter items
68 "The Call of the Wild" ride
69 Outdoor party focal point
72 Run off
74 "Swing Shift" Oscar nominee
77 Free sample constraint
78 Farm denizen
79 Exiled Shah Mohammad __ Pahlavi
81 Press Secretary Spicer
82 Taylor's husband between Wilding and Fisher
83 City near Tulsa
85 Still developing
87 Return ID
88 Former "How Do Your Children Grow?" PBS host LeShan
89 Alert precipitated by heavy rain
92 Follower's suffix
93 Getting into the wrong business?
95 Duncan of the Obama Cabinet
96 They're on the house
98 Sandberg in Cooperstown
99 Biker's headgear, perhaps
101 Weeds out
103 Confirm, as a password
106 Descriptor in lotion commercials
107 Wrangler material
108 Audio system connector
110 Annual Silver State celebration
114 Goes for the lure
115 Espresso order
116 "Agreed!"
117 Whittle
118 Aromatherapy choice
119 Far-reaching
120 Put to sleep, perhaps
121 Some emailed files

**DOWN**
1 Comfy footwear
2 Crown-installing org.
3 Sloth, e.g.
4 Aquanaut's habitat
5 Time off
6 Tacked on
7 Power conduit
8 Squalid quarters
9 Gave one's word
10 Fingerprint pattern
11 Big name in auto maintenance
12 Word near Kazakhstan, on maps
13 Composer Rorem
14 Holy
15 Improvise
16 Golfer Isao
17 Secluded spot
18 Many a retired racehorse
24 Get a hint of
26 Piece of the past
28 Charged
30 Brand measured in drops
31 Completely behind
32 Newspaper revenue source
33 Run over
34 Online icon
36 Difficult to find
37 Start to tour?
38 Gorilla Glue, for one
39 How sun-dried tomatoes are packed
40 "Tut-tut" evokers
43 Military drill syllable
44 "You've found the right person"
45 Brand with a spokesstork who sounds like Groucho
46 Partner of 55-Across
51 File command option
53 Cried out
55 Inner turmoil
57 __ Butterworth
58 Streamlet
60 Trilogy, often
62 Meeting staple
63 Bad-mouth
65 Campaign funding org.
67 Bringing home
69 Clan symbol
70 Battery pole
71 Mr. Right
73 Opera star Pinza
75 Culinary guard in ancient Rome
76 Landscape artist George
78 Samaritan's offering
80 National Humor Mo.
84 Creamy quaff
85 Factor in tanning
86 It's usually down for the night
89 Go by quickly
90 Like some index cards
91 Claret or burgundy
94 England's first poet laureate
97 Bank offering for smartphones
99 Word of agreement
100 "All the Love" singer Adams
101 Flu symptom
102 Fatuous
103 Messy meal
104 Many a Charlton Heston movie
105 Haul
106 Yard or boom
107 How-to presentation
109 NATO member since 2009
110 Collar
111 Today's honoree, found in this puzzle's eight longest answers
112 Boxer's comment
113 No denial?



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**Answers to last week's puzzle below.**

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | June 18:** This year you often take off suddenly with a friend or loved one. Impulsiveness will lead to interesting and fun happenings. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone you really enjoy being around. The type of relationship you develop depends on both of you. If you are attached, the two of you might opt to be more playful together. You often will make a last-minute change of plans just to have more quality time together. Aries makes a great friend and anchor for you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)
You might want to deflect some of the attention you are receiving. In fact, no one would be surprised if you suddenly vanished and turned up at one of your favorite spots.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
Listen to your inner voice, as you'll need to deal with some latent anger that could pop up in a noncontroversial conversation. You'll see that what occurred today will allow you to root out the real cause of your reaction.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
You could be up for any type of fun activity. Interacting with friends in a casual yet structured way allows people to reveal what they feel is important. A loved one could be pushing you to spend more time with them.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
You might be especially emotional right now. Try to root out the problem and handle your unhappiness and dissatisfaction before it builds up too much steam. Do not push yourself too hard at the moment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
Be direct in how you are dealing with an overwhelming amount of calls, a difficult loved one and a demanding schedule. Detach and prioritize what you feel is most important.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
People are used to having you around, and they will continue to seek you out. Try to join your pals at a barbecue, or invite them over for one. Listen to what a loved one has to share.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Try to be more open when dealing with others. Just because someone doesn't make the same choices as you doesn't mean that you need to distance yourself from them.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Your ability to root out problems and get to the real issue might result in a flutter of activity, some denial, and perhaps even a sarcastic or sharp comment. Why not go work out or throw yourself into a favorite hobby?

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You might not be aware of how others perceive you. If you notice people backing off, try to air out any issues once you have assumed a friendlier attitude. You probably feel the need to defend yourself. Smile, and you are likely to notice a difference.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Stay close to home, as others continue to seek you out. A loved one might be on the warpath. Spend more time with this person, and try to discuss their conflict or hurt feelings.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You could come up with unique solutions, as long as you listen to your inner voice. Allow yourself to visit with people you rarely see. An old friend might be difficult right now.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
You will feel lucky and want to buy a lottery ticket or head to the casino. Stay within your budget when taking risks. A family member might be watching you carefully. Know that this person is likely to voice their disapproval.

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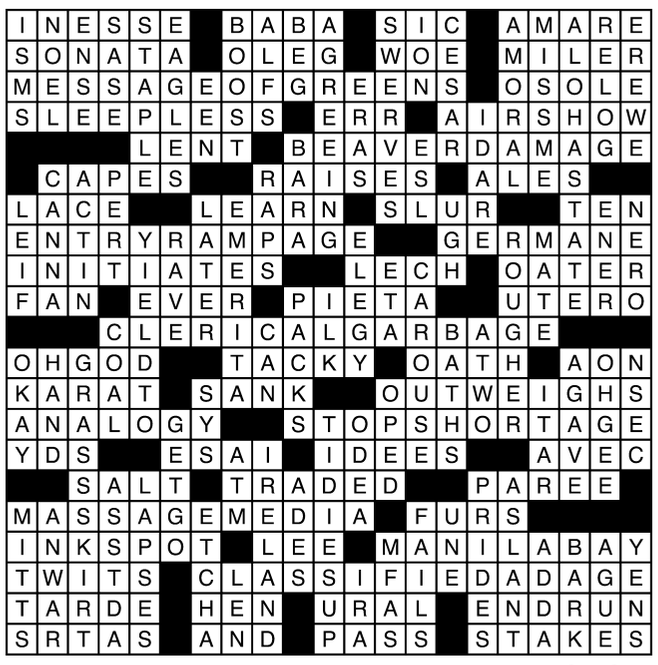

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