

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

United artists: Movie mash-ups

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1239** we asked you to combine the titles of two movies and describe the resulting mash-up:

4th place

Eight Men Out of Africa. U.S. immigration officials set new entry quotas for 2018. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

3rd place

10 Things I Hate About What You Did Last Summer: Hillary tells it all (Part 1). (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

2nd place and the ball cap with pig snout:

Dirty Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets: So that's why they call her Moaning Myrtle. (James Kruger, Rockville, Md.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

A Few Good X-Men: Despite the president's wishes, the military pushes to recruit more transgender troops. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

So So Land: Honorable mentions

Dr. Strangelove Story: Nuclear war means never having to say you're sorry. (Arthur Adams, Laurel, Md.)

Bob & Carol & Ted & Harold and Maude: An eccentric old woman is determined to go out with a bang—or several. (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)

Fried Soylent Green Tomatoes: "So they're pee-pull! Heck, they're some good eatin'." (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire Down Below: Hogwarts students seek treatment after using their wands without protection. (Ben Aronin, Washington)

How Green Was My Valley of the Dolls: Three aspiring actresses start a business selling organic, locally sourced, all-natural, Energy Star-certified amphetamines. (Elliott Shevin, Oak Park, Mich.)

In the Heat of 101 Dalmatians: "Ruh-roh!" thinks Scooby. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

Sex, Lies and Videotape: Roger and Me: Vignettes from the women of Fox. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Stand and Deliverance: No student at this all-boys school in Georgia dares to come to class unprepared. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

Table for Five Easy Pieces: Tempers flare as newlyweds struggle to assemble their Ikea dinette set. (Elliott Shevin)

The Great Escape From New York: Lured by affordable housing and better schools, a British unit of POWs moves to New Jersey. (Danny Wyson, Crozet, Va.)

The President's Plane is Missing All the President's Men: Despite Gen. Kelly's best efforts, his boss keeps flying solo. (Gary Crockett)

Twelve Angry White Men Can't Jump: The "Hoosiers" kids celebrate their 50-year high school reunion. (Brendan Beary)

Twelve Angry Men and a Baby: The passengers in Rows 1-3 wish the family in Row 4 had chosen a different flight. (Gary Crockett)

2012 Angry Men: If you thought it took a long time for Juror 3 to come around, wait until you meet Jurors 984 and 1762. (James Kruger)

A River Runs Through Larry the Cable Guy: Ninety minutes of poop jokes, much like every other video with Larry. (Jon Gearhart)

All the President's Men in Black: A White House strike force hunts down aliens. (Documentary.) (Frank Mann, Washington)

Adventures in Babysitting the American President: There's never a dull moment as White House aides desperately try to get POTUS to put down his phone and go to bed at a reasonable hour. (Jesse Frankovich)

Batman of La Mancha: Bruce Wayne goes mad after seeing his parents killed by a windmill. (Arthur Adams)

Black Swan Down: Special forces in camouflage leotards battle to save a ballerina trapped by her



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1243: We bid you: No T-R-U-M-P

- Bananab:** A fruit that can be peeled from either end. (Brendan Beary, Week 602)
- Vaseball:** a game of catch played by children in the living room. (Russell Beland, Week 278)
- Ikebanal:** A flower arrangement in a smiley-face motif. (Howard Walderman, Week 781)
- Willy-nilly:** Impotent. (Beth Benson, Week 266)

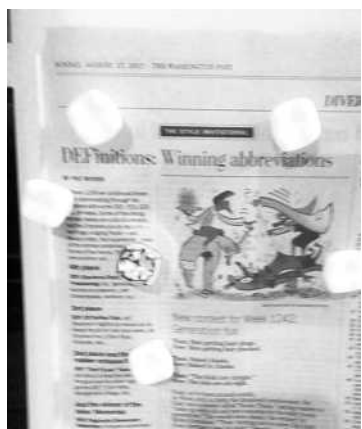
The Style Invitational has been Your Reliable Source for Zinging the Commander in Chief since it was a lil' baby contest in 1993 (e.g., Week 21 first runner-up, by Paul Sabourin: "Bill Clinton has gained so much weight that I-495 has been renamed the Sansabeltway"). But in the past couple of years, the pool of Invite entries has been overrun with jokes — often bitterly screechy ones — about candidate, president-elect and finally President Ahem. Inveterate Loser Mark Raffman suggests this momentary relief for this week's contest: **Coin a new term, or choose an existing one, whose letters do not include a T, R, U, M or P, and write a humorous definition, as in the examples above that got ink in various old Invite contests. Also, you cannot use "Trump" or "president" in your definition.** (Does that mean you can't *hint* at the subject? It does not.) Mark wins the contest-suggestion prize for local Losers: The Empress will take him out for an ice cream cone.

Submit entries at this website: wapo.st/enter-invite-1243 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Inkin' Memorial**, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy — one of the last few before we officially announce the new design that we've been giving to recidivist winners. Second place receives a **set of six magnets in the shape of human teeth**. If you're so hungry you feel like eating the whole refrigerator, then put these on the door — although that would be dumber than dumb, because the teeth face the wrong direction. Donated by Not a Loser Maureen Yacobucci.

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 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, Sept. 11; results published Oct. 1 (online Sept. 28). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results and the honorable-mentions subhead are both by Dave Prevar. 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; 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.



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For the meatiest news bites, a set of molar-shaped magnets.

tutu in a piece of scenery. (Mary Kappus, Washington)

Crouching Tiger, Hidden

Figures: Three mathematicians defeat Qing Dynasty warriors by flying perfectly calculated trajectories. (Kevin Dopart)

Groundhog Day of the Dead:

Stuck in a time loop, weatherman Bill Murray must help the town of Punxsutawney fend off an invasion of killer zombie marmots while simultaneously discovering humility and finding true love. (David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.)

I Am Curious Yeller:

An ill-fated dog seeks a night of excitement before the inevitable end. (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

Idiocracy Coming to America:

This movie was withdrawn after becoming outdated before its release date. (Dottie Gray, Alexandria)

Kill Bill: Blue Velvet:

The story behind Hillary's discovery of the infamous dress. (Bill Dornier, Indianapolis)

King Arthur 2: On the Rocks: A disheveled British monarch drunkenly puts his sword back into the stone. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

Kong of the South: Uncle Remus is back, with a cautionary tale about Br'er Ape. (Randy Lee, Burke, Va.)

The French Connection: Some Like It Hot: A failed Paris summit results in the world rapidly overheating. (Mike Burch, Nashville)

The Godfather of the Bride: He got them a gift that wasn't on the registry, yet they couldn't refuse. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

The Hurt Locker Room With a View: Three teenage boys peep on the women's rugby team, but all they can see are bandages. (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

The Incredible Shrinking Manhattan: Woody Allen exposes deceptive bar practices in the Big Apple. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

The Kids Are All Right, Good, Bad and Ugly: Parents of four get serious shade when they send out a concise (if honest) holiday letter. (Hildy Zampella, Falls Church, Va.)

The Lion King and I: Featuring that showstopping opening number, "Gristle I'm Happy Chewin'." (Harold Mantle, Walnut Creek, Calif.)

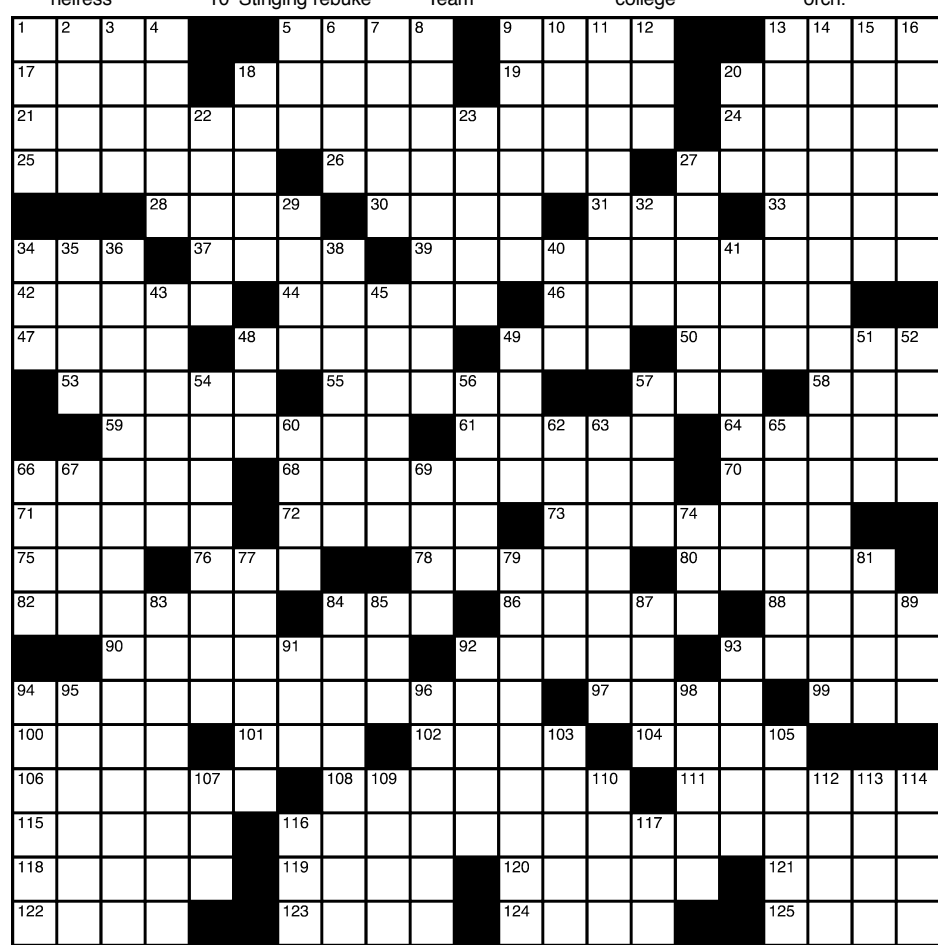
The Onion Field of Dreams: Hey, there IS crying in baseball! (Chris Doyle)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Sept. 4: Our then-and-now contest. See wapo.st/invite1242.

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- FIRST THINGS FIRST** By DON GAGLIARDO and C.C. BURNIKEL
- ACROSS**
- 1 Pocket for falafel
- 5 Crossing sign?
- 9 Some old notebooks
- 13 Came up short
- 17 USNA part: Abbr.
- 18 Snuck
- 19 Eponymous store founder
- 20 Gulf State native
- 21 Willie Mays won 12 in 12 consecutive years
- 24 Brake components
- 25 "More!"
- 26 Left hanging
- 27 John Wayne types
- 28 In the offing
- 30 '99 Luftballons' singer
- 31 Org. created in a 1949 sports merger
- 33 Lyft offer
- 34 German exclamation
- 37 Pitt of "The Big Short"
- 39 "Mad Men" actress
- 42 Glasgow's river
- 44 Vineyard grape
- 46 Decorative metalwork
- 47 "And there you have it!"
- 48 "No worries"
- 49 Kept out of sight
- 50 Brewery named for a Dutch river
- 53 Stonehenge worshiper
- 55 Brahms' "Variations on a Paganini"
- 57 Putin's former org.
- 58 Wish Tree artist
- 59 Canada's most populous province
- 61 Pot growth from overwatering
- 64 Sonata finale, perhaps
- 66 "I differ"
- 68 Certain group leader
- 70 Hunter with a belt
- 71 Von Trapp girl who sings "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" with Rolf
- 72 Eye twinkle
- 73 Enable
- 75 Subject for Keats
- 76 "Kapital"
- 78 Capri or Elba, locally
- 80 Jack in the deck
- 82 Settles, as a debt
- 84 GI bill?
- 86 Stout quantities
- 88 Enter the pool, in a way
- 90 Exotic vacation, maybe
- 92 Praline nut
- 93 Ed with Emmys
- 94 Early '60s group that included John Glenn
- 97 Cherry-pick
- 99 Sound near a "Beware of Dog" sign
- 100 Dog attractor
- 101 East, to Goethe
- 102 Shelter chorus
- 104 Kite trailer
- 106 Philly cagers
- 108 Hotel convenience
- 111 Heir and heiress
- 115 Way to step
- 116 1990 movie with a muscular teacher
- 118 Like acid in some disinfectants
- 119 Fascinated by
- 120 Citrus hybrids
- 121 James of jazz
- 122 Tech gadget review site
- 123 Trade org.
- 124 Island in a computer game
- 125 Roulette bet
- 11 Pioneer fast food name
- 12 Part of TBS: Abbr.
- 13 Fraternity O's
- 14 "Rip Van Winkle" author
- 15 Protect from hackers, hopefully
- 16 Insults
- 18 Golf-friendly forecast
- 20 ___ Mae: Whoopi's "Ghost" role
- 22 Diving bird
- 23 Succeed in
- 27 Whirlpool brand
- 29 Totally absorbed
- 32 Push-up top
- 34 Take the stage
- 35 Garbed
- 36 Component of hair bleach
- 38 Purify, as whiskey
- 40 Reuters rival
- 41 Fullback on the NFL's 1960s All-Decade Team
- 43 Unnerves
- 45 Pessimist's words
- 48 Wyo. neighbor
- 49 Captain's post
- 51 Inner: Pref.
- 52 Minnesota's state bird
- 54 "See?!"
- 56 Polite addresses
- 57 Stay fresh
- 60 Cleaning cloths
- 62 Language that gave us "galore"
- 63 Annual fact book
- 65 Daphnis and Echo, e.g.
- 66 Fuzzy image
- 67 Its legislature is the Oireachtas
- 69 Hard rain?
- 74 Signs off on
- 77 Colt. 45s, since 1965
- 79 Venue for free discussion
- 81 Constantly
- 83 Sanction, as a college
- 84 London trash cans
- 85 Prospect's target
- 87 Letter-shaped bolt holder
- 89 ___ on the side of caution
- 91 Cries of dismay
- 92 As such
- 93 Tea party attendee
- 94 Inlaid design
- 95 Rival of Tesla
- 96 ___ Trophy: annual PGA honor for lowest scoring average
- 98 Doesn't fade
- 103 Yielding to gravity
- 105 Tablecloth material
- 107 DVR button
- 109 Farm swarm
- 110 Besties
- 112 Numerical prefix
- 113 "Moi?"
- 114 Go toe-to-toe
- 116 Korean carmaker
- 117 Slowing, to an orch.



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Sept. 3: This year you seem quite cerebral and not too emotional. If you are single, meeting people could happen with ease. You become far more social and touch base with others. If you are attached, the two of you have a highly volatile bond, even if you decide to be more easygoing. You have a way with words that draws many toward you, especially an Aquarian who enjoys how you express yourself. Feelings remain a high priority between you and your sweetie. Learn to patch up an argument quickly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might wake up growling and angry about a certain conversation or some other issue. You have a tendency to be argumentative and demanding when expressing irritation, much more so than others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others look to you for advice and guidance, even if you don't wish to be in that role. You could be quite incisive if expressing your desire not to be involved with the matter at hand. Feelings keep flowing, though you could experience an unusual intensity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be eyeing the big picture. You have a much different perspective on an important situation from many of those around you. If pushed, you could easily get angry and express that emotion through sarcasm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) One-on-one relating proves to be a strong suit for you right now. You might decide to buy an item or token of affection. You could get so into the mood of sharing that you purchase quite a few tokens of affection for others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might want to allow someone else to make a major decision or bring others together, even for a social occasion. You could be close to unstoppable as you proceed with a personal decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Pace yourself and get as much done as possible. You might have a lot to do and accomplish. Sarcasm seems to come forward. Extremes occur that will take kindness to overlook. Everyone tends to go overboard once in a while.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your creativity and childlike spirit

often merge, which occurs once more today. A child or loved one cannot resist your childlike spirit. You often have more influence on this person when you are on a similar, open and spontaneous level.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take a stand and be willing to support a loved one in what they want to accomplish. This person has an otherworldly outlook on life. Extremes mark what happens, and you achieve a new plateau in your thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are likely to express your feelings with ease, no matter who goes by or what happens. The question remains, will your ideas be well-received and understood? News from a distance could hold the possibility of travel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Watch what happens with spending and your finances. You might note a tendency to go to extremes with not just spending but also with living. You might be hard-pressed to hold back and not say what you are thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your personality flows into whatever you do in general. Others seem to be more responsive to your ideas and inclinations than they have been in a while. Your caring comes through no matter what you say or do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You could feel as if you need more personal time than you have had. If you want, consider canceling plans and taking some much-needed personal time. Expect to hear complaints, but also trust yourself.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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