

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Har drugs: Week 1252 winners

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1252** we asked you to name a new medication or treatment and describe its use. The vast majority of the entries were wordplays on brand names of existing drugs; many of you touted that new bladder treatment, Niagra.

4th place

Prozacne: The good news is, you'll be happier . . . (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

3rd place

Middle digitalis: Generic stress reliever; branded version marketed as Epineph-u. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

2nd place and the Shells Playing Poker sculpture:

Melodramamine: Relieves over-emotion sickness. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Mar-a-Lax: A tool softener. (William Verkuilen, Brooklyn Park, Minn.)

Pharma C's: Honorable mentions

Head and Armpits and Crotches shampoo: Because who has hair on their shoulders? (Larry Flynn, Greenbelt)

OKpectate: For just regular people. (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria)

Kaopuketate: For when it's coming out of both ends. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Meta-metamucil: Alleviates constipation brought on by the fear of constipation. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Nogaine: Placebo for sports injuries. (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

Thotzenprez: A generic drug used to treat gunshot wounds. (Jeff Siperly, Hyattsville, Md., a First Offender)

Chillaxin: Be cool. Be regular. (Frank Mann, Washington)

Been-a-Drill: Brings your heart rate down after a false alarm. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

Pepto-Dismal: It's brown. (Danielle Nowlin)

Celebrexit: Say "cheerio!" to pain (note: side effects include withdrawal). (Rivka Liss-Levinson, Washington)

Diagra: For when you want to go out with a bang. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Dramaquine: Provides deep sleep for even your most theatrical carpool companion, so you'll never again have to hear, "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night!" (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Escortisone: Relieves certain forms of swelling. (Kevin Dopart)

Flipitor: How to relieve your congressional headache in 2018. (Danielle Nowlin)

Foxycodone: It makes you more attractive, but only if your partner takes it. (Contains alcohol.) (Frank Mann)

New contest for Week 1256: Picture this — a caption contest

Regular members of the Loser Community, you know the drill. New readers, meet the drill. Drill, meet the new readers. **This week: Provide a funny caption for any of the cartoons above,** created as always by Our Own (once a week, anyway) Bob Staake. It can be either a description or a quote of the character(s) in the picture. You may submit up to a total of 25 entries among the four pictures; begin *each* entry "Picture A:" (or whichever letter), followed by the entry on the same line as that heading. (This will let the Empress sort the captions by picture, making her much more likely to be in a good mood when judging. You don't want her to be sulky when she's reading your hilarious humor, do you?)

Submit entries at this website: wapo.st/enter-invite-1256 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a brand-new ball cap and koozie, or drink can holder, promoting an industrial ceiling fan company called Big Ass Fans. So you'll have your New Year's Eve party wear all ready to go. Donated by Big Loser Dave Prevar.

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, Dec. 11; results published Dec. 31 (online Dec. 28). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Har Drugs" was submitted by both Chris Doyle and Jesse Frankovich; Jesse also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. 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. Check it out at wapo.st/conv1256.



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A cap for a caption: The fan company's logo swag.

Halls of Montezuma: Cough drops that also treat traveler's diarrhea. (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

Lambien: Sleep aid for those too young to count sheep. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

N.Y. quill: Blocks out city noise, because "hey, I'm sleepin' here!" (Steve McClemons, Arlington)

Tiagra: What Dilbert takes to make his necktie do that. (Bill Dornier, Indianapolis)

Vitamin B4: Treats the aftereffects of time travel. (Dudley Thompson)

Blind Truss: Puts control of the family jewels outside of one's hands. (Kevin Dopart)

Cannabris: Smoke this before you have to go to watch a circumcision and then eat from a platter of cold cuts. (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

Deep Ends: Extra-large, extra-absorbent. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

Disrobotussin: "Mr. Cosby, what did you say this medicine is

called?" (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

All-Leave: Post-holiday pill to restore sanity. (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.; Roy Ashley, Washington)

Allbutterroll: For instant weight gain. (Rob Cohen, Potomac)

Auntacid: Helps neutralize effects of unsolicited family advice. (Beverly Sharp)

Etceterin: For all the things your other meds don't cure. (Rob Cohen; Steve McClemons)

Klepto-Bismol: Something you just have to take. (David Friedman, Los Angeles)

Probonics: Gives you abs of steel — really! (Beverly Sharp)

Regina salve: Don't pass on this Hail Mary solution for hopeless rashes. (Kevin Dopart)

Zipperex: Ointment in the fly. (Dudley Thompson)

Amigo Acid: Taking a trip's so much nicer with a friend. (Harold Mantle, Walnut Creek, Calif.)

Warfarin: For use if polling numbers do not recover by the final weeks of reelection bid. (Bret Koplow, Bethesda, a First Offender)

Stylenol PM: Extra-strength formula for slogging through thousands of lame contest entries. — The Empress (Jesse Frankovich)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Dec. 4: our contest for new terms that include the letter block S-A-N-T, in any order. See wapo.st/invite1255.

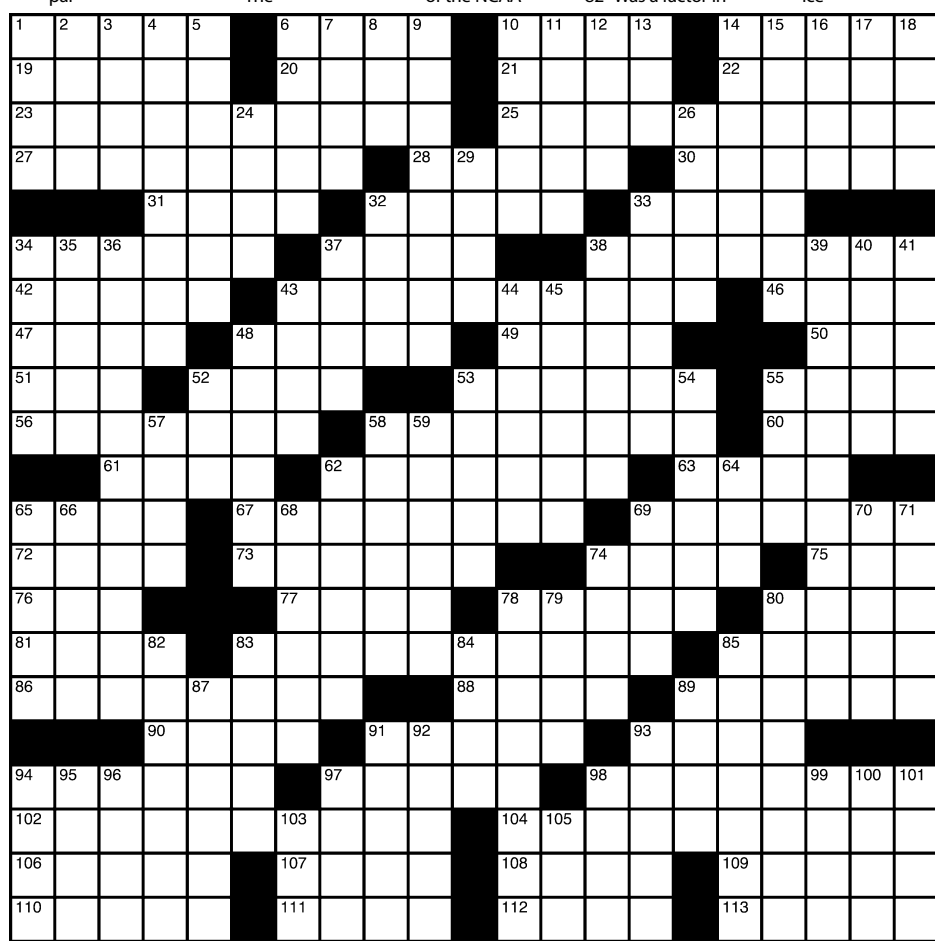
L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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"MOVERS" By NORA PEARLSTONE

- 1 ... act
- 6 Graceful bird
- 10 Manhattan sch.
- 14 Baggage check requirement
- 19 Primer sequence
- 20 Trillionth: Pref.
- 21 Surprised greeting
- 22 Actress Thomas
- 23 Screwballs in the hayloft?
- 25 Where crooks learn their trade?
- 27 Enjoying a wilderness vacation, maybe
- 28 Two-mile-high city
- 30 Caged, with "up"
- 31 Very long tooth
- 32 Pouch occupants
- 33 Fronded tree
- 34 Picasso, for one
- 37 Med. prefix
- 38 Income statement write-offs
- 42 Live-income filler
- 43 Cookie cooks?
- 46 Cosmonaut
- 47 Film-rating org.
- 48 Elec. instrument
- 49 "Later"
- 50 "The Simpsons" character
- 51 Faller of 2001
- 52 "Hmm ... don't think so"
- 53 Northumbrian monk, briefly
- 55 ...facto
- 56 Slowish movement
- 58 Leafstalks
- 60 Interfere (with)
- 61 Mickey and Jerry
- 62 Strict diet restriction
- 63 Blacken
- 65 ...dark, ...the blaze of noon": Milton
- 67 Prizes in a case
- 69 Feline named for an island
- 72 Sensible
- 73 Tardy with
- 74 Team across the state from the Marlins
- 75 Artist Yoko
- 76 Decked
- 77 Zany Martha
- 78 They're heavier than foils

- 80 Villain named Julius
- 81 Russian city
- 83 Dealt with unproductive mollusks?
- 85 Easy putt
- 86 Faithfulness
- 88 Showing skill
- 89 Order givers
- 90 Ending with ortho-
- 91 Bar, at the bar
- 93 Algebra, e.g.
- 94 Rabbitlike rodent
- 97 Arctic temperature word
- 98 Inherited
- 102 Restaurant reservation for fish?
- 104 Result of Uncle Sam frequenting Papa John's?
- 106 Link with
- 107 Banned for a rules infraction, informally
- 108 Marginally
- 109 Kate's sitcom pal
- 110 Above it all
- 111 Old pol. divisions
- 112 Toon explorer
- 113 Window insert
- DOWN
- 1 Mexican resort, familiarly
- 2 Not fatty
- 3 Above-it-all attitude
- 4 Clementi composition
- 5 Fill, as with light
- 6 Lively quality
- 7 User-edited site
- 8 Top performer
- 9 Pretty darn good
- 10 Patient share
- 11 Game with capturing
- 12 Dragsters' org.
- 13 Shelter sound
- 14 "Brr!"
- 15 Former name of Benin
- 16 74-Across' stadium, casually, with "The"
- 17 Burn soother
- 18 Top prize
- 24 Bottom position
- 26 Mary
- 29 Rosemary, e.g.
- 32 Fun
- 33 Celebratory procession
- 34 Run-on sentence's lack, probably
- 35 Remove, as a brooch
- 36 Like surfers?
- 37 El ...
- 38 Stimulating leaves
- 39 Group of body shop specialists?
- 40 Long lock
- 41 Storage cylinders
- 43 10 micronewtons
- 44 Wear
- 45 Cookout fare on sticks
- 48 "Fiddler on the Roof" village
- 52 The Tar Heels of the NCAA
- 53 Spray 'n Wash target
- 54 Much of Lamb's legacy
- 55 High-resolution film format
- 57 Help on the Hill
- 58 Character who uses "yam" as a verb
- 59 Repeated
- 62 ...public
- 64 USN rank
- 65 Require from
- 66 Like about 15% of New Zealanders
- 68 It's unlikely
- 69 Fannie ... securities
- 70 Musical in which FDR is a character
- 71 58-Down et al.
- 74 ...Martin
- 78 Skateboarder's protection
- 79 Crab's sensor
- 80 Hammett who created Nick and Nora
- 82 Was a factor in
- 83 Handy "Mr." Roman statesman
- 84 Roman
- 85 Reward for a donation, maybe
- 87 Beaucoup
- 89 Perennial
- 90 NCAA football powerhouse
- 91 Conger catcher
- 92 Snow-covered hill sights
- 93 "Zoom-Zoom" sloganeer
- 94 Official records
- 95 Windy-sounding woman's name
- 96 Sandwich cookie
- 97 Some fam. meals
- 98 Mogul
- 99 Simba's mate
- 100 Speaker of Cooperstown
- 101 Poems of honor
- 103 Spots on the tube
- 105 Midori on the ice



Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Dec. 3: This year you have a stronger sense of self than you have had in years. You will be more confident, which will delight many people around you. If you are single, you could have issues deciding how close you want to get to someone. If you are attached, the two of you have an intense bond. You share many ideas together, yet both of you need space at times; learn to honor that need. Gemini can challenge you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your strong communication skills emerge. It seems as if everyone you know has a story to share with you. Your instincts tell you how to handle key people in your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are a sign that can become quite possessive. Ask yourself how you would feel if someone were to try to control you. Would you feel cared for, or would you feel suffocated? In any case, you will have the opportunity to choose what you want to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The world is your oyster. Others seem only too happy to be around you — in fact, they will want to share more of their lives with you. Your feedback carries a lot of weight. An older friend or relative gives you a spiritual lecture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your emotions always soar when there is a full moon. Sometimes you get down on yourself; other times, your spirit mounts. This particular full moon will emphasize secrets and matters you keep under wraps.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A friend plays a big role in your plans. A loved one might become jealous if you don't give them enough attention. Listen to what this person has to say about an important financial matter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Defer to someone who seems more actively involved in a matter that is affecting others. The issue might be deciding who wants to take the lead with a social issue. You are likely to enjoy taking some time off from being of service to others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Keep reaching out to a loved one at a distance. Consider making calls

to this person more of a habit. The full moon adds unusual pressure to be available to others, even if they are not in the same city as you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might feel pushed financially, or a partner could make demands of your time. Consider what you need to do, and figure out how to proceed accordingly. Your sixth sense comes through for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today's full moon points to relationships and boundaries that you need to establish. You have a strong need for space, whereas someone close to you might exhibit the need to have you closer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you can lie low right now, do. You might be exhausted by what is

happening around you. Someone close to you makes a strong demand. Listen to your inner voice before responding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have a playfulness about you that attracts others, especially if they are in touch with their inner child. You have the ability to let go and not worry about judgments. Use caution with your funds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your sixth sense helps you glide right through the day. Pressure might be coming from a family member. You also could be concerned about a work-related matter. Share your concerns more openly, and you'll get strong feedback.

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