

## DIVERSIONS

### THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

# Motion mixtures: Movie anagrams

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1291** we asked you to rearrange the letters of a movie title, then describe the new movie. If you get a kick out of these anagrams, join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://www.facebook.com/on.fb.me/invdev), and the Losers and other Devs will anagram your name.

#### 4th place

**An American in Paris MANIACSI PAIN IN REAR!** An artist from Omaha finds that the City of Light isn't all it was cracked up to be. (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

#### 3rd place

**Forrest Gump TRUMPERS' FOG:** A mentally challenged man's bizarre actions and personality cast a spell over millions of previously sensible people. (Rick Haynes, Ocean City)

#### 2nd place and Who Gives a Crap toilet paper:

**Oedipus Rex DO I RUE SEX! :P** A man suffers the ultimate morning-after remorse. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

#### And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

**All the President's Men THE ILL-MANNERED PESTS:** Swarms of uncontrollable vermin invade the White House! (Chuck Helwig, Centreville)

#### Honorable mentions MORE BLAH ONES NOT IN

**Conan the Barbarian ON CAN: THE BARBARIAN:** The title character unleashes a barrage of late-night tweets from his favorite room. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

**Les Misérables LESS MISERABLE:** Only some of the cast die and nobody asks Russell Crowe to sing. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

**Les Misérables AIMLESS REBELS:** Disaffected Parisians can't seem to muster interest in a revolution, muttering out tunes like "Do You See the People Shrug?" (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**Hillary's America: The Secret History of the Democratic Party RACIST CADS YELL OF 'THE OTHER AMERICA,' TRY TO HYPE THEIR RACISM:** The not-so-secret history of the Republican Party. (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

**Cinderella NICER LADLE:** A girl forced to cook and clean for her stepfamily isn't quite thrilled by her fairy godmother's gift. (Duncan Stevens)

**Cinderella I'LL NEED CAR:** I appreciate the gown and slippers, Fairy G, but I don't see how I can get out of the ball before midnight. (Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring)

**Cinderella I'LL END CARE:** Paul Ryan's fairy godmother grants him one wish. (Duncan Stevens)

**10 01:** Age takes its toll on a former hottie. (Jeff Contompassis, from the cruise ship Norwegian Dawn, Atlantic Ocean)

**Gone With the Wind WHITE-OWNED THING:** Spike Lee's brutally honest remake. (Kevin Mettinger, Warrenton, Va.)

**Gone With the Wind DONE WITH THE WING:** Savoring the last piece of fried chicken at Tara, Scarlett vows never to go hungry again. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

**Gone With the Wind NOTHING WITH WEED:** A Southern plantation clings to tradition by planting tobacco instead of marijuana. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

**Gone With the Wind I WON THE DEW THING:** A day in the life of Kentucky's 2017 Grand Champion Soda Pop Chugger. (Diane Lucitt, Ellicott City, a First Offender)

**Gone With the Wind TONIGHT WE WHINED:** But tomorrow IS another day! The irrepressible Scarlett remains ever hopeful. . . (Beverly Sharp)

**Animal Crackers CRANIAL SMACKER:** Marx Brothers remake starring the Three Stooges. (Ray Gallucci, Frederick)

**Beauty and the Beast THE NAUSEATED TABBY:** Animated musical featuring that hit song:



## New contest for Week 1295: Really, now? A matter of degree.

**Sign you're dating a loser: He pulls up in a clunker car.**

**Sign you're REALLY dating a loser: He pulls up in a clunker car that is being towed. (Kenny Burrow)**

**Sign you are getting old: You forget to zip. Sign you are REALLY getting old: You forget to unzip. (Chris Doyle; Alan Rubin)**

**Sign you might be in trouble: Your mother uses your middle name when she calls for you. Sign you might REALLY be in trouble: The newspaper uses your middle name when it writes about you. (Russell Beland)**

Here's a contest we did one time, 17 years ago. There were lots of good entries back in Week 401, including the ones above, but heck, 17 years — even the Empress is optimistic that some more material has cropped up since Russell Beland suggested this contest to her predecessor, the Czar. **This week: Tell us an indication to some problem, followed by an even more dire sign.** Submit entries at the website [wapo.st/enter-invite-1295](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1295) (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our new Style Invitational trophy. Second place wins, from the cute Danish chain Flying Tiger, a notepad that looks like a chocolate bar with a corner nibbled away, and also a rubbery elephant trunk that you fit over your finger and wiggle around for whatever reason. Found in Spain by Inge Ashley.

**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, "We've Seen Better" or "Idiot Card." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, Sept. 10;** results published Sept. 30 (online Sept. 27). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline for this week's results is by Tom Witte; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://www.facebook.com/on.fb.me/invdev). "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](https://www.facebook.com/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](http://wapo.st/styleconv).



**A notepad that's not really a candy bar, plus an elephant trunk for your finger: We're all about practicality in our prizes.**

"Rug gets messed! Rug gets messed! Some things cats cannot digest! . . ." (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Lodge, Mich.)

**Bridesmaids BRIDE SADISM:** A woman chooses hideous and expensive dresses for her wedding attendants and expects a destination bachelorette party. (Amy Harris, Charlottesville)

**Honey, I Shrunk the Kids HIDE THE HORNY SKUNKS I:** Fox News covers up sexual harassment. First in a series. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

**Hook OH, OK.** Turns out the renowned pirate is just a regular guy. (Ann Martin, Brentwood, Md.)

**It's a Wonderful Life IT'S AWFUL, OLE FRIEND:** Clarence the angel offers George Bailey "thoughts and prayers," then lets George continue on his suicidal path. (Sarah Jay, Churchville, Md.)

**Debbie Does Dallas DEBBIE DOLES SALAD:** Debbie sells vegetables by day, but shares freely from her secret garden by night. (Jon Gearhart)

**Deliverance LEARNED VICE:** A backwoods Appalachian teaches his sons the ways of life on the river — and how to treat them city folks. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

**Forrest Gump FOREST**

**GRUMP:** In this dystopian fantasy, the man put in charge of America's forests and parks tries to shrink and despoil them. (Kyle Hendrickson, Urbana, Md.)

**Field of Dreams MERE DAFFODILS:** A celebrated Iowa farm disappoints a busload of out-of-state tourists. (Chris Doyle)

**Saw AWS:** Sadistic assailants force their victims to watch cat videos until they go insane. (Steve Honley, Washington)

**The Fault in Our Stars THE RUINOUS LAST FART:** While plotting with Cassius, Brutus abruptly excuses himself to change his undertoga. (Chris Doyle)

**The Godfather THE FROG DEATH:** "Nice lily pad you got here. It would be a shame if something happened to it." (Eric Nelkin)

**The Godfather THE DOG FATHER:** "I knew it was you, Fido." (Larry Neal, McLean)

**The Godfather THE HOG FARTED:** A Mafioso wakes up with a live animal in his bed. (Ann Martin)

**Snow White WOW, THE SIN!** Nubile lass cohabits with seven weird men. (Ann Martin)

**All the President's Men ALL THE DERN INEPT MESS:** They thought no staff could outdo Nixon's . . . (Chris Doyle)

**The Bridges of Madison County THE STUDY OF BORING COMEDIANS:** The Empress slogs through yet another dull batch of entries. (Jesse Frankovich)

**Clueless CLUELESS:** What was the contest again? (Luke Baker, Columbia, Md.)

More honorable mentions in the online *Invite* at [wapo.st/invite1295](http://wapo.st/invite1295).

**Still running — deadline Tuesday night, Sept. 4: "Discover" new words in a word search grid. See [wapo.st/invite1294](http://wapo.st/invite1294).**

### L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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**"DIVISION OF LABOR" By C.C. BURNIKEL**

**ACROSS**  
1 Numbers on letters  
8 Pester constantly  
14 Range  
19 Facetious local subject in many articles in "The Onion"  
20 Classified stat  
21 Got misty-eyed, with "up"  
22 Picnic side with Parmesan dressing  
24 Seuss' turtle king  
25 Place to check for prints  
26 Heart charts, for short  
111 "Swell!"  
28 Chick magnet?  
29 Monopoly maker  
32 "Bein' Green" singer  
37 Jewish Community Center component gp.,

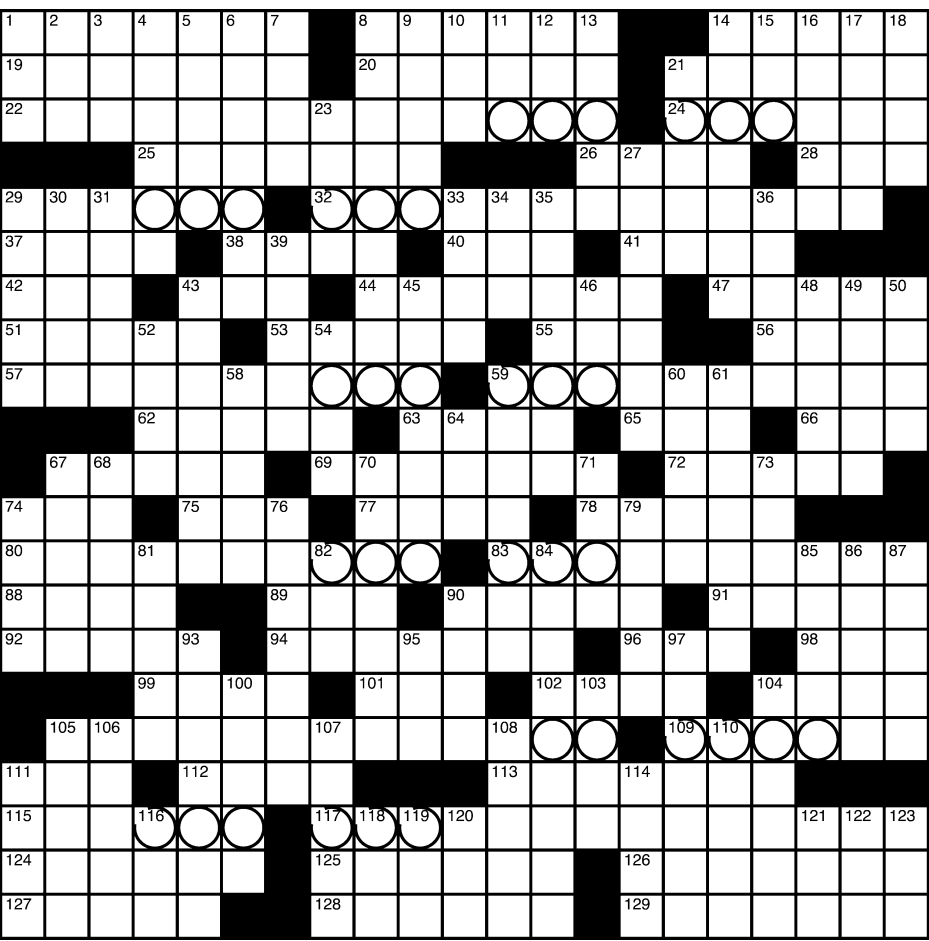
90 Sch. health course  
91 Schoolyard comeback  
92 Place to make waves  
94 Like many family-owned companies  
96 RNs' workplaces  
98 Med. care provider  
99 Mazar of "Entourage"  
101 MLB's steroid \_\_\_  
102 \_\_\_da:  
104 Deck furniture wood  
105 Successor to Canada's Stephen Harper  
109 Bike trail hazards  
112 Full of energy  
113 CVS rival  
115 Weather map line  
117 Tea-flavoring citrus fruit  
124 Lassie, for one

125 Pass, as time  
126 Formal address  
127 Composer  
128 Fluctuated wildly  
129 Handle holder  
**DOWN**  
1 Efron of "Baywatch" (2017)  
2 Tax-deferred acct.  
3 Wee Reese  
4 Winter melon  
5 Sydney of astrology  
6 Dash from hiding  
7 Env. add-ins  
8 One really on her toes  
9 "Doe, \_\_\_" language  
10 "House" figs.  
11 Hoodlum honey  
12 Uber approx.  
13 Drop more  
14 Deems appropriate  
15 Jaguar, e.g.  
16 Bug B Gon maker

17 Pequod co-owner  
18 Home of the first family  
21 "Burning bright" poem critter  
23 State trees of six U.S. states  
27 Rosy-cheeked angels  
29 Overly energetic  
30 Felipe's female friend  
31 Sci-fi author \_\_\_ S. Tepper  
33 Vicious  
34 Actor McKellen  
35 Exchange (a player) with  
36 P.T. program  
39 \_\_\_Croatian language  
43 Paint with dots  
45 Curly lock  
46 Discount tag  
48 Sidestep  
49 Like trial judges  
50 Singer from County Donegal  
52 She, in Sicily  
54 Air France hub

58 Word with hard or red  
59 Name on Pisa's airport  
60 Hall of Fame Bronco  
61 Floor-cleaning robots  
64 Shook hands with, perhaps  
67 Regional plant life  
68 Be straight  
70 Power grabber  
71 Horror film  
74 Concert array  
76 Gradually withdrawing (from)  
79 Portended  
81 Devices with barbuds  
82 Main squeeze, slangily  
84 Cried out  
85 Significant person?  
86 Many a NOW co-founder  
87 Secluded places

90 Dutch burg  
93 Margin at the bottom  
95 Tulsa sch. with a Prayer Tower  
97 "R.I.P." singer  
100 Deep Pore Charcoal  
104 Until now  
105 Alexander of "Seinfeld"  
106 Letter-shaped fastener  
107 Actor Maguire  
108 Remove all traces of  
110 Walker on a bottle  
111 Pay stub abbr.  
114 Eddie  
116 Rain \_\_\_ bubble gum  
118 "Strange Magic" band  
119 Beam of light  
120 Mailing ctr.  
121 Minor gripe  
122 \_\_\_ long way  
123 Coll. major



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

### HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Sept. 2:** This year, you have the ability to make risks work and to transform personal interactions. You will start to see your power grow. Your intellect, helped by your charisma, draws admirers. If you are single, you could be doing much more dating. You could meet someone special as a result. If you are attached, the two of you relate with intensity. You might feel that you want different situations in your lives and are out of sync. This issue might change with time if both of you stay open. Gemini tends to confuse you and others with his or her words.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
Whatever you want to do, make sure you do it in the first part of the day. You might find that you want to catch up on others' news later on. Listen to what is being shared. You'll discover how talkative everyone is right now.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
An older friend or relative wants to see you. Stay upbeat and open, even if you have to change your plans to please this person. You might not have expected the cost of treating this person to a late brunch or dinner.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Make your day as positive as possible. Those who join you are lucky. Your exuberance seems to flow directly to them. A call to or from someone at a distance puts a smile on your face. Share good news.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
A loved one is full of good news. You might not see the situation the same way, but avoid raining on this person's parade. Given time, you will see through someone's guise. Make the most of the free time you have.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
You are part of a crowd. Sometimes watching others and seeing how they handle their lives helps you relax. A close loved one has a lot on their mind that they are likely to share. Be supportive and try not to be too critical.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Your tension builds to a high level, not so much because of what is happening but rather because of your judgment. Center yourself and pull away from the excitement around you. A partner might aggravate you. Try to distract yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Brainstorm with another idea

person when making plans. What you come up with might make your day much more exciting. Be spontaneous when dealing with loved ones. With tension building, you will need to take a walk or try another stress-buster.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
In the morning, there could be an awkward moment or two with a friend, but you'll still be able to complete whatever you are doing. In the evening, you might be doing a lot of thinking. Do yourself a favor and don't jump to any conclusions yet.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Others want to spend some time with you. A conversation could open a door to more opportunities. The person with whom you are speaking seems to have the ability to think outside the box. Use their natural abilities to help you structure a new path.

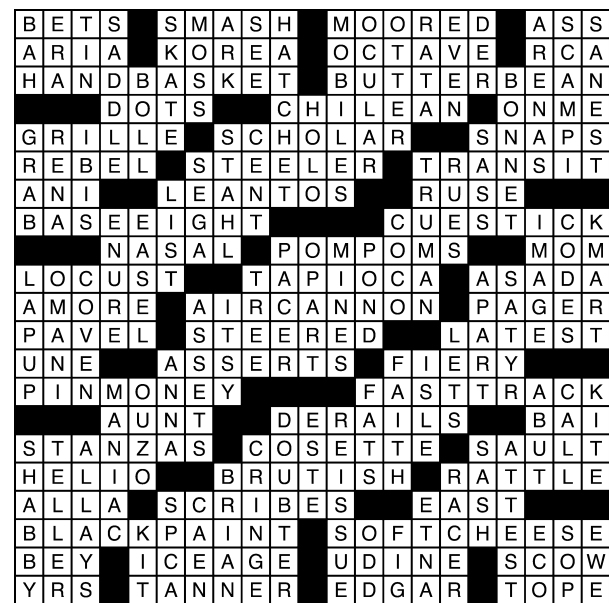
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
You have limited time to finish a project, so don't allow others to distract you. Be open to new ideas. You'll feel up for whatever life offers. Your willingness to pitch in might be accepted.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Assess the cost of a plan you are in the process of hatching. You could be taken aback by the financial implications, and you might want to back off. Be aware that you are sensitive to someone's mood, but they might not be tuned in to yours.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Be imaginative when dealing with a loved one. You will draw this person in quickly and discover that the two of you naturally have a good time. You suddenly might feel frustrated. Take your time looking at these issues before sharing them.

Answers to last week's puzzle.

### ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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