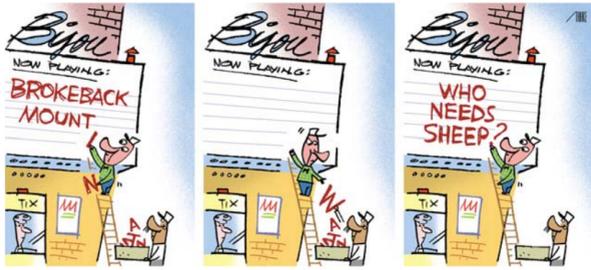


The Style Invitational

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

Week 661: Name Any Good Movies Lately?



BY BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

It was going to be called, perhaps, "Pacific Air Flight 121." But for once, the studio didn't bother hiding the campy inanity of its upcoming summer movie thriller, and decided to sum up the entire concept into an irresistible title: "Snakes on a Plane." It is about, well, duh.

This week, give us a funny new title for an existing movie. You can go two ways here: You can either make it hilariously terse and elegant or make it hilariously long and spoiling. Wonderful examples of the latter tack were cited by the New York Times in a 1998 story about Chinese translations of movie titles, such as "Field of Dreams" becoming "Imaginary Dead Baseball Players Live in My Cornfield"; the story was followed two days later by a correction explaining that these "Chinese" translations were actually winners of the online contest TopFive.

Winner receives the Inker, the official Style Invitational trophy. First runner-up gets an aerosol can of Poop Freeze, a product that freezes poop.

Other runners-up win a coveted Style Invitational Loser T-shirt. Honorable mentions (or whatever they're called this week) get one of the lusted-after Style Invitational Magnets. One prize per entrant per week. Send your entries by e-mail to losers@washpost.com or by fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, May 15. Put "Week 661" in the subject line of your e-mail, or it risks being ignored as spam. Include your name, postal address and phone number with your entry. Contests are judged on the basis of humor and originality. All entries become the property of The Washington Post. Entries may be edited for taste or content. Results will be published June 4. No purchase required for entry. Employees of The Washington Post, and their immediate relatives, are not eligible for prizes. Pseudonymous entries will be disqualified. The revised title for next week's contest is by Roy Ashley of Washington. The TopFive title is by Hank Weilevy of Fairless Hills, Pa. See if you can outdo yourself, Hank.

REPORT FROM WEEK 657

The first (and definitely not the last) Style Invitational photo contest, in which we asked for funny, creative and original pictures featuring real fruit. Losers being Losers, the Empress had a hunch that the Tomato Question would immediately come up. It did. She ruled that a tomato could be a fruit if it were funny enough. On the other hand — and it's something to consider this summer — it can also be a vegetable. As can a pumpkin.



THE WINNER OF THE INKER

1 "The Picture of Dorian Grape." (Jeff Brechlin, Eagan, Minn.)



2 The winner of the artificial-turf swatch sampler: "Well, the lipo helped, too." (Jane Auerbach, Los Angeles)



3 "West Side Story: Finale." (Jeff Brechlin, Eagan, Minn.)

Next Week: **Not in the Cards, or Nixed Messages**

HONORABLE MENTIONS

These lucky few will receive one of the lusted-after Style Invitational magnets, lovingly rendered in strawberry, below left, by Drew Bennett of Alexandria.



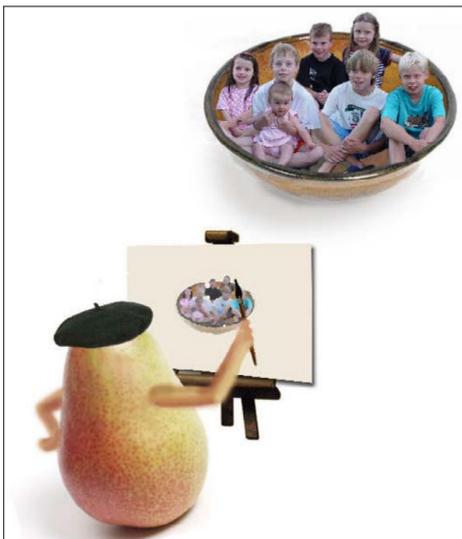
"Honorable Mentions." (Drew Bennett, Alexandria)



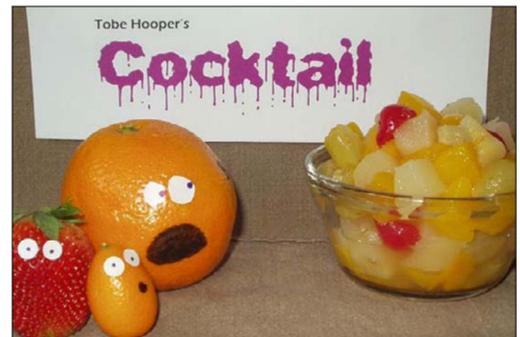
"Baby." (Cecil J. Clark, Asheville, N.C.)



"Marion Berry." (Jeff Brechlin, Eagan, Minn.)



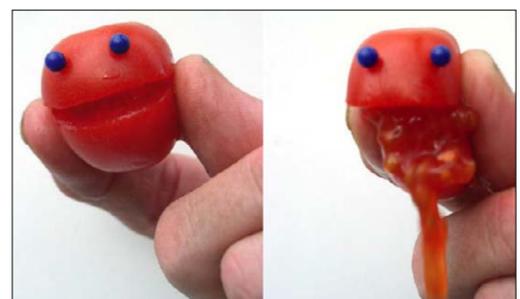
"Still Life." (Jeff Brechlin, Eagan, Minn.)



"Tobe Hooper's Cocktail." (Jay Shuck, Minneapolis)



"Lemonings." (Kevin Dopart and Deborah Hensley, Washington)



"Hi, I'm Tommy Tomato . . . but I don't feel so well." (April Albertine, Erin Carnahan, Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

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A photo gallery of these pictures and other Losing entries can be seen at www.washingtonpost.com/styleinvitational.