

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Go Fun Me: Tweaked charity names

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1408 we asked you to tweak the name of a charity or other nonprofit, and describe the new cause.

4th place:

Big Bothers of America: Help support our much-maligned telemarketers and bots! (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

3rd place:

GUNICEF: Please donate now to provide firearms to underprivileged children around the world. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

2nd place and the Froot Loops socks:

Wounded Worrier Project: Funds physical therapy for those whose hands have been injured by too much wringing. (Terri Berg Smith, Rockville)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

The "Not Your" Conservancy: We protect the lands and waterfront properties of rich folks everywhere. (John McCooley, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

The March of Dims: Honorable mentions

American Association of Pretired Persons: For work-weary souls under 50. (Jeff Contompassis, Ashburn; Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

American Lunk Association: Our best-selling T-shirt, "Breathe in. Breathe out. Repeat," has saved countless lives with its simple reminder. (Jon Gearhart)

American KidMe Foundation: Remember us with your support every April Fools' Day. (Martha Powers, Lake Frederick, Va., a First Offender)

American Sybil Liberties Union: Defending all your individuals' rights. (John Bauer, Gaithersburg; Barry Herman, Laurel)

Auntie Defamation League: "That's not true! Her fruitcake is edible!" (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Bitter Business Bureau: Where companies can vent about their crummy customers since 1987. (Steve Smith, Potomac)

Brave the Children: Association of Day Care Center Employees. (Jack McBroom, Williamsburg, Va.)

Capitol Food Bank: Providing healthy meals to undeserved members of Congress. (John Klayman, Fairfax, a First Offender)

Cher, Our Strength: Devoted to promoting the philosophy and wisdom of the Goddess of Pop. (Jeff Contompassis)

Combined Federal Pain: Helps citizens deal with anxiety stemming from all three branches of government. (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria)

Easter's Eels: Group dedicated to replacing lamb with unagi for a holiday meal. (John McCooley)

Fake-a-Wish Foundation: Helping sick children meet their favorite celebrity — well, impersonator. (Hannah Seidel, Alexandria; Jon Gearhart)

Future Harmers of America: Help us continue the work of the past four years! (Andrew Rosenberg, New York)

Girl Scots of America: Try our newest cookie flavor, Haggis-tastic! (Hannah Seidel)

Hefner International: Provides bunnies to Third World farmers. (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

Heftier International: Bringing America's overeating habits to the hungry of the world. (Allan Zackowitz, Brookville)

International Red Croissant: Airlifting much-needed French pastries into disaster zones. (Francesca Kelly, Highland Park, Ill.)

Keister Seals: Providing resources to keep blowhards from talking out of their butts. (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

March of Mimes: "I!" (Jeffrey Schamis, Washington)

4-F Council: Providing solace to those with bone spurs. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge; Zachary Levine, Rockville)

March of Dames: Raising funds to defeat misogynists. Motto: Grab them by the pushke! (Beryl Benderly, Washington) *Yiddish for a charity collection box.

Parrots Without Partners: Supporting the Polly-amorous among us. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1412: Jumble bells — anagram a song line

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly" anagrams to **SHH! HOBOS HOG THE FULLY CLAWED KILT!**

This week's contest comes at the suggestion of Longtime Loser Matt Monitto, who'll be posting his usual "Advent calendar" of one-a-day holiday songs on Facebook — but instead of announcing the title each day, he'll be offering up an anagram of a line from the song. **This week: Rearrange all the letters in a song title, or a line (or more if you dare!) from a song, as in the example above, thought up by Our Bob Staake Himself. Optional: Offer a parody of the original tune (or a few lines of it) that refers to the new title; this will be especially useful if you anagram a short title — say "Shingle Tint" for "Silent Night" — and 25 other people send in the same one. Include the original title or text — spelled correctly, so that your anagram makes sense — or the Empress will be Scrooge-scowly. Make sure your anagram is valid by using the Anagram Checker at wordsmith.org/anagram (then click "Checker").** This contest is open to all songs, but we hope we'll have at least a few holiday tunes to run on Christmas weekend.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1412 (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, Dec. 7; results appear Dec. 27 in print, Dec. 24 online.**

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy, or more likely its replacement trophy (TBA). Second place receives this holiday essential: a headdress of inflatable reindeer antlers that serve as a ringtoss game. The Empress herself wore this fashion statement at the last Style Invitational Post-Holiday Party, back in January, which feels like some previous century where people stood next to one another and schmoozed.

Other runners-up win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "No 'Bility" or "Punderachiever." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Go Fun Me" is by Beverly Sharp; William Kennard and Jon Gearhart both suggested the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

The Style Conversational: The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week's at wapo.st/conv1412.

New "You're Invited" podcast episode: An interview with Chuck Smith of Woodbridge, who dominated the Invite in the early days. **See bit.ly/invite-podcast.**



MARK HOLT

Perfect for festive distancing: The Empress in this week's 2nd prize.

Save the Chilled Wren: Knitting sweaters for our feathered friends since 1997. (Ellen Oakes, Severna Park, a First Offender)

Shave the Children: Depilatories for needy were-tots. (J. Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

Spleen Actors Guild: Emoting our guts out since 1933. (Richard Franklin, Alexandria)

The College Bored: Creator of the Scholastic Indifference Test (SIT), which tests a student's college readiness for an 8 a.m. 90-minute lecture class taught by an inexperienced grad student who is just reading the professor's notes. (Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.)

The Pew-Pew-Pew! Charitable Trusts: Protecting every child's right to use a stick as a laser gun. (Ben Shouse, Silver Spring; Barry Herman)

The Salvation Army: When they ring those bells on the street corner, you'll find yourself

compelled to give! (Ken Kaufman, Derwood; Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

The See Error Club: International Society for Grammar Pedants. Well, actually it's just the North American division, and it also includes punctuation pedantry. (Frank Mann, Washington)

World Midlife Fund: Committed to protecting pet guinea pigs and hamsters. (Mark Calandra, Wenham, Mass.)

The Untied Way: Helping hard-working Americans untangle their ear buds, garden hoses, and Christmas lights. (Frank Mann)

And Last: Make-a-Wit Foundation: If you send me some cash, I'll put your name on my next inking entry! (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1412.

Still running — deadline Monday night, Nov. 30: our contest for bad endings to a novel. See wapo.st/invite1411.

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"HISTORY LESSON" By C.C. BURNIKEL

ACROSS

1 Readily available
6 Arabian Peninsula natives
12 Declines
18 apart
20 1998 Winter Games city
21 Place for retiring?
22 "Cuddly toy"
24 Was behind
25 April 4, in 2021
26 '99 Luftballons singer whose name is an anagram of two of Henry VIII's wives
27 Texter's "if you ask me"
28 Q's value in Scrabble
29 "Solve for x" subj.
31 Harbor bobber
33 Feudal workers
35 Pieces with views
37 "Layered lunch"
41 Popular fact source
43 Hunter seen at night
44 Rami's role on "Mr. Robot"
47 Sch. with a Lima campus
48 Swingers' tools
51 Attend to a boxer, maybe
53 Ill will
55 Irrefutable truth
57 Litter box emanations
60 "Braves" outfielder who was the 1990 N.L. Rookie of the Year
62 "Ex on the Beach" channel
64 Actress Hatcher
66 Half a film genre portmanteau
67 Workplaces for RNs
68 Tiny bit
69 Cheery greeting
70 ___-free: cleaning cloth term
72 Market
74 Bowlers, e.g.
75 Menu preposition
76 Palais pal
78 Aides for pros
80 Check, with "in"
82 Miss
83 "Webmaster's concern"
87 Financial liabilities
89 Ailing

90 Performed a concerto's cadenza
92 Where kitties get pampered
96 Substandard
97 ___ de parfum
99 Beaux of old
102 Civil rights icon John
103 "Close, but no cigar"
106 "Cuts a school period"
108 Prefix with league
110 Some video files
113 Israeli statesman Abba
114 Washington MLBer
115 "Right this instant!"
116 Global fiscal org.
118 Piece of cake
120 Paid off
123 Sweetums
125 Field including history, and a hint to the ends of the answers to starred clues
129 Poland neighbor

130 Entering words
131 Thin piece
132 "Shame on you!"
133 Raised
134 Topples (over)

DOWN

1 Cries of pain
2 "Just kidding!"
3 2010 Coen brothers remake
4 ___ Romeo
5 Some downloaded docs
6 Hot
7 Superhero suffix
8 Opposin'
9 Identifies
10 Cockamamie
11 Discontinued Camry model
12 "The King and I" kingdom
13 When two hands come together?
14 Luxury bag monogram
15 "Jackson or Lincoln"
16 Prominent
17 Warms up the crowd

19 Hold in reserve
21 Beam benders
23 Court tie
29 Straddling
30 Tempt
32 Festive time
34 Name on the 1979 album "The Wall"
36 MillerCoors rival
38 Part of the former Yugoslavia
39 City west of Tulsa

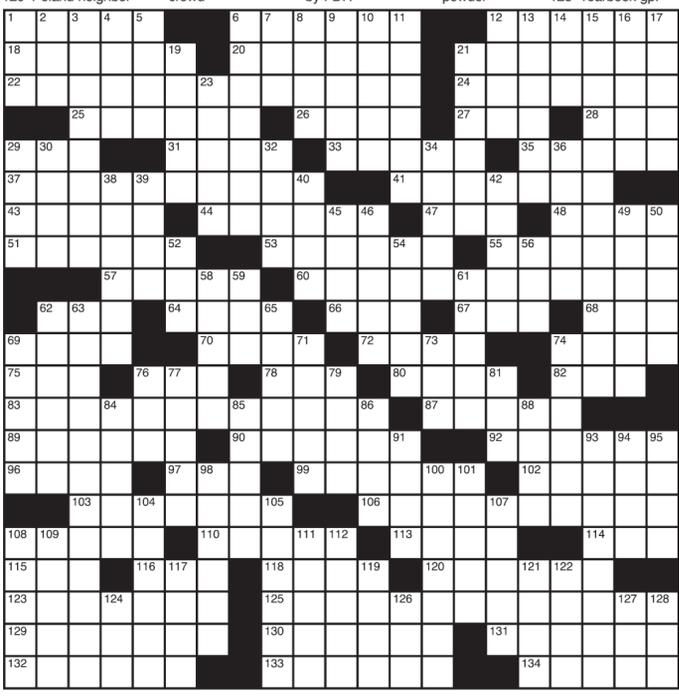
40 Tough situation
42 Portland
45 "The Wire" antihero
46 Saves for later viewing
49 Mexican town known for its beer, which is now a Heineken brand
50 Winter hillside sights
52 Kid
54 Track official
56 Spy org. created by FDR

58 Dig find
59 Asian honorific
61 "Maleficent" actress
62 City west of Venezia
63 "We'll need a better solution"

65 Opening remarks
69 Invited to the skybox
71 Flip sides?
73 Was in charge of
74 Low-cost stopover
76 ___ interpreter: press conference figure
77 Fighting word from the French for "mixture"
79 Store
81 "The Good Place" network
84 EagleCam spot
85 Seize illegally
86 Passing words?
88 Poolroom powder

91 What Brinker's boy plugged with a finger

93 Graceful vertical entrance
94 Birthplace of Galileo
95 Mgr.'s helper
98 Cost of withdrawal
100 Ate in small bits
101 Exchanges verbal jabs
104 Tense situation
105 Private agreement?
107 Agitated states
108 Two cents
109 Partners of crannies
111 Grimm creature
112 Actor ___ Baron Cohen
117 Stole stuff
119 Docking place
121 Cheapest way to buy, with "in"
122 "Nurse Jackie" star Falco
124 Gentle touch
126 Exist
127 Fish in unadon
128 Yearbook gp.



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY MADALYN ASLAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Nov. 29: Dynamic, influential and provocative, you survive attacks by colleagues by producing a great success in 2021. By letting things run their own course, you learn to be very happy as well. If single, you attract many and make your pick of mate next year. If attached, 2021 will be one of the most exciting and interesting years in regard to romance. Virgo is patient enough for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A startling awakening will indicate where true love really is available to you. Explore the healing qualities of art, music and companionship. Subtle energy fields will be evident in your health picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You are cautious about acting upon risky advice from others, which is good. Today could bring impractical business associates or partners your way. Be progressive; realize that growth can come about if the old patterns are disrupted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Life will be especially bright and beautiful today. You will receive invitations and can enjoy love opportunities. Be receptive to sudden chances. Flexibility and a progressive outlook will guide you toward success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Today brings heightened intuition. If you have always wanted to learn to read the tarot, meditate or interpret dreams, now is the time to do so. You will progress quickly with such studies. Good manners are a must when practicing reading others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today affects your partnership sector in a powerful fashion, signaling that a relationship could either begin or end. Do not resist change. News from longtime friends and family members will recall happy memories.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
New insight into who you really are comes into focus today. A friend could be jealous or troubled. You could be called to mediate a disagreement between companions. Annoying as this may be, your help will do much good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A delayed goal or dream is finally realized. Compose an affirmation

relating to a second chance or starting over. Awakenings and vivid daydreams occur. If asked to mediate a dispute, be sure to keep any personal bias concealed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Loyalty is very important to you. It's important to recognize when a situation isn't working and let go to make way for something better. Today can bring a close link to someone considerably older or younger.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today provides insight and perspective. Others are more sensitive to your needs. It will be easier to access the roles others play and to work out obligations or projects involving them. You'll feel accepted and included.

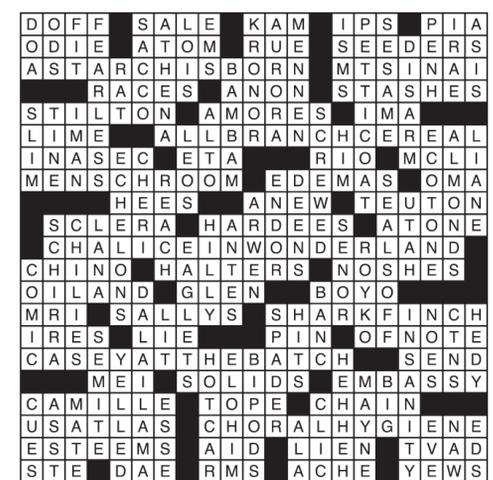
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Intellectual Mercury and Gemini

rule your health house. Learning all you can about health situations is especially important. The duality hinted at by the twins shows that there might be multiple factors affecting your well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today promises an interesting liaison or two. Mysterious, unpredictable and talented individuals are about to enter your circle. There is some deep attraction and some potentially meaningful romantic interludes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The day begins on a bright note, surrounding you with light and promise. Situations with children are about to improve. Discussions about travel will provide a new outlook. Be patient if there is a sudden lack of cooperation on the home front.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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