

Entertainment

Style Invitational Week 1243: We bid you, No T-R-U-M-P

Coin a new word (or redefine an old one) that has none of those letters; plus top movie mash-ups



Vaseball: A neologism that got ink back in Week 278 and conveniently lacks a T, R, U, M and P. (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers August 31, 2017 Email the author

(Click [here to skip down](#) to the winning movie mash-ups)

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 li'l 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

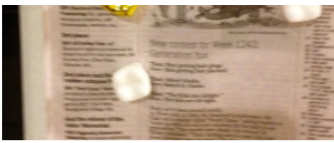


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For the meatiest news bites, a set of molar-shaped magnets — this week's second prize. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

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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](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

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UNITED ARTISTS: THE MOVIE MASH-UPS OF WEEK 1239

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.)



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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, 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 Wysong, 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

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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 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)

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)

The Shaggy Dogma: A documentary on the Rastafarian movement. (Tom Witte)

The Toy Story of O: A very animated feature, with special appearances by Woody and Buzz Right-Here. (Arthur Adams; Tom Witte)

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Up Her: Katie Couric's colonoscopy becomes a full-length movie! (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

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

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