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THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Pun-chained melodies: A song to match a TV show

BY PAT MYERS

For Week 1103, we asked you to pair a TV show with a humorously "appropriate" song. Many entries fell (with a thud) into the Duh category: "We Are the Champions" with the Olympics, for instance. But others found the zing.

4th place

"Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" for "Dexter" (Christopher Lamora, Los Angeles)

3rd place

"I'm Gonna Make You Love Me" for "The Cosby Show" (Nancy Schwalb, Washington; Mark Raffman, Reston)

2nd place and the Pee-Pee Poo-Poo hand sanitizer

"Tears of a Clown" for "The Glenn Beck Program" (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial

"Three Times a Lady" for "The Biggest Loser" (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

Unthemely: honorable mentions

For "19 Kids and Counting": "Oops! ... I Did It Again" (Brian Cohen, Norfolk)

"Stop! In the Name of Love" (Carole Franks, Lewes, Del., a First Offender; Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.) "Baby One More Time" (Frank Osen)

"Dancing on the Ceiling" for "Flip This House" (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

"One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer" for "How I Met Your Mother" (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

For "Sex Sent Me to the ER": "Don't Do Me Like That" (William Kennard, Arlington) "Bang a Gong (Get It On)" (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

For "WWE Smackdown": "Try a Little Tenderness" (Thomas Salander, Arlington, Va., a First Offender)

"Amazing Grace" for "The Amazing Race" (Lee Mayer and Paul Laporte, Washington)

For "The Bachelor": "What's Love Got to Do With It" (Christopher Lamora; Gordon Cobb, Atlanta)

"Turn! Turn! Turn!" for NASCAR sprint racing (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

"When Doves Cry" for "The Rachel Maddow Show" (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville)

"Sunday Bloody Sunday" for "Game of Thrones" (Ward Kay, Vienna)

For "CSI": "It Had to Be You" (Christopher Lamora)

"The Long and Winding Road" for Katie Couric's televised colonoscopy (Jeff Shirley)

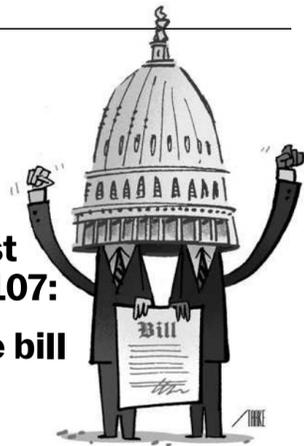
"Pick Up the Pieces" for "Miami Vice" (Larry Gray)

"Put on a Happy Face" for "Nip/Tuck" (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring)

"Great Balls of Fire" for "The Apprentice" (Kathy Hardis Fraeman, Olney)

More honorable mentions in the

New contest for Week 1107: Send us the bill



BOB STAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

The Beyer-Tillis-Love Act to encourage Valentine's Day jewelry purchases

The Kirk-Takai Resolution to Boldly Go

The Manchin-Newhouse bill to keep 500 people from sending this combination unless there's an amazingly clever description

Every two years, even when the electorate doesn't much agree with her own political preferences, the Empress gets excited whenever there's a large turnover in Congress. (And not just at the Apple Pastry Appreciation Day press conference.) It's because there will be more freshmen's names to cobble together for the Invite's "joint legislation" contest, a game we've been playing since 1993. Actually, despite the big GOP gains in November, there are only 64 new people in the House and Senate for this 114th Congress (if you count people who've moved from one to the other) — which is a dozen or so fewer than in the 113th. So we're padding out the list by adding veteran senators whose names haven't been used in any previous Invite results. After all, the new legislators had better learn to work with their seniors.

So: **Combine two or more names from the list of members of Congress on this page to "cosponsor" a bill based on their combined last names, and state its purpose** as in the examples above. Sometimes people will string together six or eight names to create something that sounds like real words only in the deluded mind of the writer; one year, someone sent in "Yoho-Vela-Williams" to mean "Jehovah's Witnesses," which prompted a whole lot of imperial tiara-scratching. You may translate your effort for the Empress, but do it on a separate line so she can try it without a hint first.

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives this fine sculpture pictured below; donated by Cheryl Davis, who brought it up from Myrtle Beach just for us.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet designed by Bob Staake: either "The Wit Hit the Fan" or "Hardly Har-Har." First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Jan. 26; results published Feb. 15 (online Feb. 12). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1107" in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead was submitted by both Howard Walderman and Mark Raffman. 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).

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.



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This week's second prize: The Joint Subcommittee on Shell Corporations. (Two members were off doing research on a Caribbean beach.)

online Invite at [bit.ly/invite1107](https://www.bit.ly/invite1107).

Still running — deadline Jan. 20: Our contest for New Year's resolutions for 2115: See [bit.ly/invite1106](https://www.bit.ly/invite1106).

The congressional freshmen (plus some extra senators)

Abraham	DeSaulnier	Lankford	Radewagen
Aguilar (pronounced AG-u-lar)	(de-saul-NYEE)	Lawrence	(RAD-e-wa-jen)
Allen	Dingell ("dingle")	Lieu ("lyoo" but "loo" is close enough)	Ratcliffe
Ashford	Dold	Loudermilk (as opposed to quieter milk)	Rice
Babin ("babbin")	Emmer	Love	Rounds
Baldwin	Ernst	MacArthur	Rouzer (rhymes with "trouser")
Barrasso (rhymes with "lasso")	Feinstein	Manchin	Rubio
Bennet	Fischer	McCain	Russell
Beyer ("buyer")	Gallego (guy-AY-go)	McConnell	Sasse ("sass")
Bishop	Gardner	McSally	Schatz
Blum	Graham	Menendez	Schumer
Blumenthal	Graves	Merkley	Sessions
Booker	Grothman	Mikulski	Shaheen
Bost (rhymes with "cost")	Guinta ("ginta" with a hard G)	Moolenaar	Stefanik
Boyle	Hardy	Mooney	Sullivan
Buck	Heinrich (HYNE-rick)	Moulton	Takai (ta-KYE)
Capito (CAP-i-toe)	Heitkamp	Murkowski	Tillis
Carter	Hice	Nelson	Torres
Cassidy	Hill	Newhouse	Trott
Comstock	Hoeven ("hoven")	Palmer	Walker
Coons	Hurd	Perdue	Walters
Costello	Jenkins	Peters	Watson Coleman (she uses both names)
Cotton	Kaine	Plaskett (rhymes with "basket")	Westerman
Cruz	Katko	Poliquin (polla-kwin)	Wicker
Curbelo (cur-BEL-lo)	Kirk		Young
Daines	Klobuchar		Zeldin
	(KLO-ba-shar)		Zinke ("zinky")
	Knight		

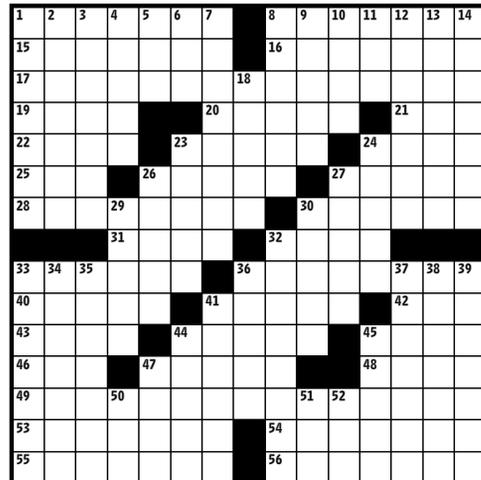
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ACROSS	30 Cried to be let in, maybe	DOWN	12 "Get a move on!"	35 Tired child's plea
1 Grayish Crayola color	31 Bank (on)	1 Batch of fundraising letters, say	13 "Way to go!"	36 Author of "Dirty Daddy: The Chronicles of a Family Man Turned Filthy Comedian"
8 Mythological figure associated with a labyrinth	32 Negroni garnish, for one	2 Home to many talk shows	14 Lofty	37 Material in a thurible
15 Hotels.com information	33 Concert	3 Some party hoppers?	18 Word with paper or money	38 Participant in a key party
16 Fashion designer Christian long	36 Lava might be put on it	4 One-third of Henry VIII's wives	23 Creator of Matilda and Charlie	39 Can offer input
17 Food Network show featuring the Chairman	40 Experienced feedback?	5 Start of a successful line	24 Dress down	41 Competitors for the Jules Verne Trophy
19 Pump's lack	41 Signs a speech is too	6 Home country of the 2012 Olympic women's marathon winner: Abbr.	26 Inventor of the "plow that broke the Plains"	44 Taking a hard line
20 Sign boundaries	42 Eazy-E's onetime group	7 People's Sexiest Man Alive, e.g.	27 Gets into a tight squeeze, perhaps?	45 Tumbled out of a tumbler?
21 No. with an ext.	43 Santa Ana Stakes entrant, perhaps	8 Home to the Gravina Island Bridge	29 Collector's dream	47 Meter maid of song
22 Union agreements?	44 Frenzies	9 Skateboard park fixtures	30 Stats 101 topic	50 Edge
23 Chessboard rows	45 They often have labs: Abbr.	10 Granitas, essentially	32 It makes quick cuts	51 NPR journalist Shapiro
24 Insolent kid	46 Goof	11 Flight board abbr.	33 Sighted	52 Delivery vehicle
25 Writer who referred to her simultaneous marriages as a "bicoastal trapeze"	47 Tool used to prepare potatoes		34 1963 film starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant	
26 Title tattooed teen in a "Hair" song	48 2002-05 Royals manager Tony			
27 Item served with clotted cream	49 Something to fall back on?			
28 Be part of an exclusive deal?	53 Confessional order			
	54 Syr Darya terminus			
	55 Surfaces on disc golf courses			
	56 Cold and raw			

Answer to last week, No. 249

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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | JAN. 18: This year, you exhibit unusual creativity and vitality. Your magnetism draws others and often brings results that you might not expect. You might become very cautious about what you focus on because of your ability to manifest what you want to happen. If you are single, you may meet someone significant to your life's history after July, and you'll have a great time getting there. If you are attached, you might need to become more aware of your sweetie and his or her needs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You may feel pressured by a responsibility to the point that you're grumbling under your breath. Tap into your creativity, and you will discover an unusual but effective solution.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll see a situation from an outsider's perspective. Your position will become more compassionate as you gain a better understanding of what motivates others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You suddenly might catch yourself snapping at a friend, or vice versa. One of you seems to have been carrying a grievance. Express your feelings earlier, and they won't carry such negative power.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Your willingness to give so much can lead others to sense that you care more than they do. Let go of

a need to be in control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Deciding to vanish might be a good change of pace for the social Lion. You'll recharge and have some thinking time when your social schedule is not so active. Revisit your priorities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A creative endeavor or love interest may demand your time. Be less judgmental and more lighthearted, and you'll be happier as a result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You may feel pressured by a situation or a commitment involving your family. Honor your word, and do what is necessary here. You can evaluate the commitment at a later point, when everything calms down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Who initiates a conversation

won't be relevant, as long as you keep your eye on your objective. Someone will be delighted to hear from you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You might want to push a key project to the finish line. Your budget will require some time and thought. An issue with your home also is likely to demand your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You seem to be feeling much better than you have in a while. You know what you want, and you know how to get there. Bring a loved one into your plans; this person loves being with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Make it okay to vanish and be unavailable. You generally make a big effort to accommodate others. Why not do the same for yourself? You might need some time to review a situation that has cost you a lot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Zero in on what you want to do, which might involve bringing friends together. You seem to have a lot of energy right now. If you don't use it properly, you will find that you'll become short-tempered quickly. Be careful!

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Big tipper at odds with her husband

Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: My husband feels that I am overly generous when I leave a 20 percent tip for

satisfactory service and up to 25 percent for extraordinary service. He insists that 15 percent is always a respectable amount to tip servers.

We are even further apart when it comes to tipping valets, housekeeping and drivers.

I have tried to convince him with travel guides that contain tipping practices, discussion about the income levels of those in service fields and noting the merits of the individual's performance.

I often resort to picking up the check myself or leaving extra money behind to make up for the difference but feel bad about going behind my husband's back on this issue. Advice?

Former Server

I'm in your camp — but your view, my view or the recommendation of a travel guide is not likely to alter your husband's practice of tipping at the low edge of the spectrum. He has dug in, so you should

carry a wad of singles and \$5 bills and continue to pick up the check if you want to be generous.

This might have been his plan all along. Crafty.

Dear Amy: I finish my college program at the end of this month. I plan to move out of my parents' house in June. I've looked up a few places nearby and have done some research. It's exciting! The only thing I fret about is that my parents will try to hold me home another year or more, and I really don't want to live at home anymore.

My plan is to be out before my 23rd birthday. I'll start saving up money so by June I'll have at least \$1,000. How can I do what I want to do — not what they want me to do?

Almost Graduate

Your parents will want to talk your plans through with you — and they may try to persuade you to stay home until you have more money saved.

While you are doing your research, ask potential landlords what money they require "upfront." This is typically first and last months' rent, plus a security deposit.

This would probably add up to more than \$1,000 — and that's before you even move in. Add to that the cost of utilities, food and transportation, and you can see why it is so difficult for young adults to attain true financial independence.

I love your spunk, and I hope your parents do, too. Your enthusiasm is priceless.

Dear Amy: "Downtrodden Daughter" described a situation very close to my own. As with Downtrodden, my mother also seemed irrationally jealous of me. It defies logic. Your mother is supposed to be supportive and proud. I hid my accomplishments for fear of her reaction. I'm supportive of my own kids.

Been There

Jealousy toward one's own children reveals a deep unhappiness on the part of the parent.

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