

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Wit on a shingle: The food puns of Week 1173

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1173 we asked you to slightly change the name of a food or brand of food and describe the result. Lots of entries this week, but so many were past their sell-by date ("I Scream: Desserts for scary movies") or just plain undercooked ("Beerios: Cheerios with beer in them"). Fortunately, the Empress is an intrepid shopper and came home with a nice basket of these.

4th place

S'moron: A chocolate graham cracker sandwiched between two toasted marshmallows. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

3rd place

Crap'n' Crunch: The Breakfast of Multitaskers. (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento, Calif.)

2nd place and the can of silkworms and the jar of sour grapes:

Lawnuts: Extract from shell at own risk. Must be 18 to use oven. We are not responsible for burns or allergies. By baking with this product, you waive your right to a jury trial. (Amanda Yanovitch, Midlothian, Va.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial

Phlegm in meringue pie: What you get when you're nasty to your waitress. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

It's just nacho day: honorable mentions

Chili con 'kay, so? Bland Mexican food. (Christopher Lamora, Arlington)

More neigh sauce: We can't tell you the secret ingredient . . . (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Oyster spew: Served in months without an R (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Trollhouse cookies: INEDIBLE GARBAGE made by COMPLETE IDIOTS for WORTHLESS LOSERS! (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Honey-glazed pasties: Favorite treat at the Secret Service party. (William Kennard, Arlington)

FriToes: Corns chips. (Mike Ostapiej, Mount Pleasant, S.C.)

Flay of sole: An old Gitmo favorite, made with enhanced preparation techniques. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

Pop Secret: It's self-buttering! (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

Collie flour: What hot dog buns are made from. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

Berned toast: Hillary's first choice for breakfast (Caroline Warfel, Exton, Pa., a First Offender)

Egg McNuthin': Scrambled egg whites, veggie sausage and soy cheese on a gluten-free bun. (Ed Sobansky, Bowie, Md., a First Offender)

Couch potato salad: A cookie crumb/ crushed-chip/ popcorn kernel blend vacuumed from under the sofa cushions. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

Colonel B. Sanders Chicken: Not only will there be a free chicken in every pot, you'll also get a free pot. (Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park, Md.)

WETAbix: Cracker that increases both sex drive and pledge drive. (Stephen Dudzik, Olney, Md.)

Crime of Wheat: Cereal you ate during Passover. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

Trumpkin Pie: With its vibrant orange color and assertiveness, it is very popular, though not quite as rich as it appears. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

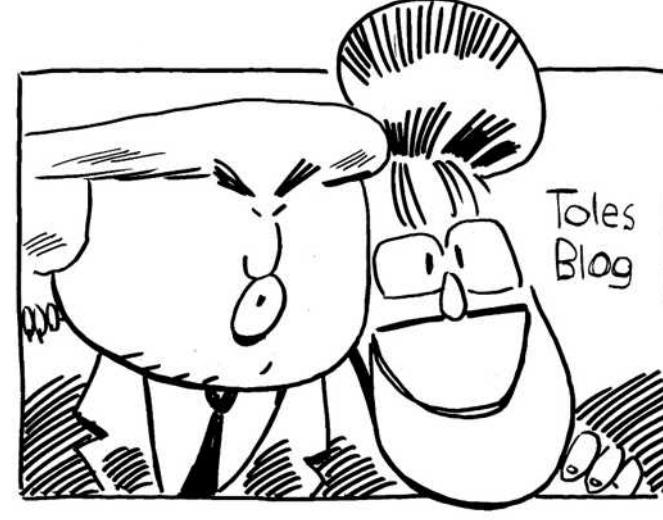
Pasta PrimaBerra: It's 90 percent pasta and the other half is vegetables. (Tom Witte)

"Sesame" Chicken: Who knew Big Bird would be so tender and juicy? (Todd DeLaP, Fairfax, Va.)

Peeking duck: It's not a good sign when your dinner casts a baleful eye at you. (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

Gop Tarts: Only one flavor is still available, and now it's subject to a manufacturer's recall. (Frank Mann, Washington)

Egg too yung: A fried chicken embryo. (Chris Doyle)



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New contest for Week 1177: The ballad box:

Meet Donald, likely nominee, failing up from bankruptcy, But Sarah just carries his torch, has only seen countries she can see from her porch, What a crazy pair! But they're cousins, identical cousins all the way. Self-regarding in matching mirrors, pro and protege. Where Donald adores a marble lobby, and firing people is his hobby, Our Sarah loves to fire a gun, or skin a bear just for fun, What a wild duet! Still they're cousins, identical cousins, and you'll find They think alike, they quote alike, they even self-promote alike — You can lose your mind When opportunists . . . are two of a kind!

That nifty parody of the "Patty Duke Show" theme was not by one of our regular Loserboards, but by Tom Toles, The Post's Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist. Tom posted it along with this cartoon on his blog, where 66-time Loser Dion Black saw it and showed the Empress, reminding her that we wouldn't want to miss out on the chance to sing about *this* election. This week: Write a song related to this year's elections, set to a familiar tune. In the online Invite I'll link to clips of the original songs (or to your own clips, if you submit them), but you're more likely to get ink in the print version if you use a very well known tune (and write short). You get an extra week for this: Deadline is Monday night, June 13. We did this contest for the 2008 election as well; see the fantabulous results at bit.ly/invite789.

NEW: No more emailing entries! Instead, submit them at this website: subpl.at/INVITE1177. It's super-easy.

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets a Political Twin Pack: a Time-Life DVD of "Presidential Bloopers," including footage of Ford stumbling off Air Force One, Reagan dozing off in a news conference, and George H.W. Bush falling to his knees on a bowling lane; plus the Mixed-Up Politician "magnetic poetry" set — 200 little magnetic words and phrases like "a thousand points of light," "sexual relations" and "stops here." Donated by Nan Reiner.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug, the older-model "This Is Your Brain on Mugs" mug or a vintage Loser T-shirt. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "Magnet Dum Laude" or "Falling Jest Short." First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, June 6; results published June 26 (online June 23). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Roy Ashley; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Jon Gearhart. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at fb.me/invdev. "Like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

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French flies:

"First we swat 'em, then we pot 'em."

Salt their bodies, top to bottom.

Crispy, tasty, nice and lean:

French flies are your haute cuisine." (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

Spandexopita: Rich tarts served at big, big, fat, fat Greek weddings. (Phil Frankenfeld, Washington)

Feeble: A giant platter of fried chickpeas with chickpea sauce on chickpea bread. (Edward Gordon, Austin)

McTheDonald's: New home of the whopper. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Oysters Blockafella: Not reputed to be so much of an aphrodisiac. (Danielle Nowlin)

Mr./Ms. Peanut: May or may not include nuts. (Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.)

Pork flakes: And you thought alphabet soup was fun! (Jack McCombs, Fairfax, Va.)

Kvetch of the day: The menu item that boasts zero satisfied customers. (Mark Briscoe, Alexandria)

Wander Bread: Manna. (Gary Crockett)

Rantatouille: Made with really steamed vegetables! (Frank Osen)

Srimp cocktail: Imitation shellfish and ketchup. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Chilean Seabiscuit: On a French menu, it's listed under "Fruits de Mare." (Christopher Lamora)

Buffalo wins: The recipe for this tailgating snack is so tricky, it is now enjoyed only on very rare occasions. (John Hutchins)

Pupu Splatter: An even less appetizing appetizer than the original. (Dave Matuskey)

WaPo' Boy: A dish of crow eaten by many a Style Invitational entrant. (Jeff Shirley)

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it's wonderful to be

a kinder gentler

axis of evil

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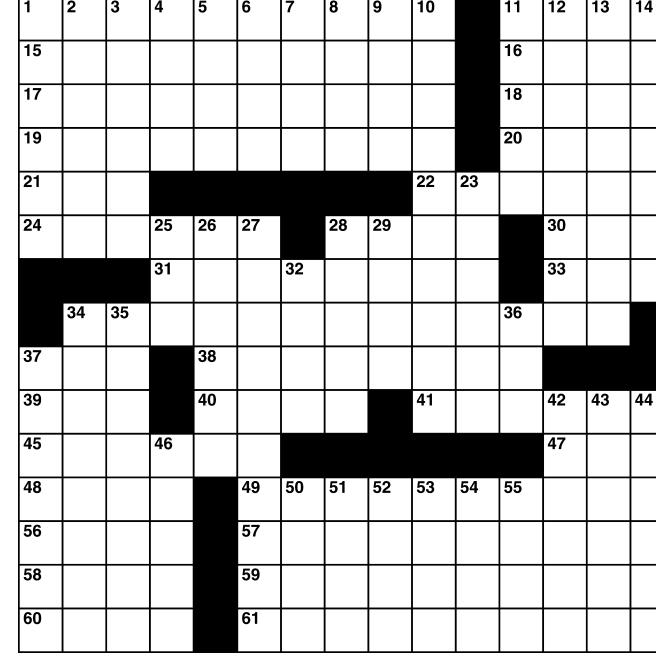
Accent your refrigerator's Loser Magnets with some mixed-up political platitudes.

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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ACROSS	37	Blanched	2	Cackling cauldron	13	Woman with	42	Imelda or
1 "Dilbert"	38	Wayne's Oscar	3 Actor Peter of	"Lawrence of Arabia"	14 Blows a gasket	a mentor	43 Range	Ferdinand
11 Little devils	39	Consumer	4 Unable to decide	23 Baby bodysuit	44 Promontories	43	Fringes	
15 Disneyland Star Tours	40	character	5 Bag or board	25 What passes may	46 Cubes	46	Cubes	
16 Looking grim	41	Fleet fellows?	6 Beginner	26 Six-line sonnet	47 Type of pronoun	50	Type of pronoun	(abbr.)
17 Pitching technique?	45	"Fiddler on the Roof"	7 Brounahas	27 Egg choice	51 Fork-shaped	50	50	
18 Emollient plant	47	village	8 "Dinah"	28 Aquatic eagles	frat letters	52 Director	Range	
19 By some measure	48	Good feller?	9 Bovine calls	29 Like epics	53 Current	Wermüller	53	Promontories
20 Google returns	49	Horned hopper	10 Gloaters' counterparts	30 Scene of	54 "Magnifique"		54	event?
21 French shaker	49	They can be	11 Home of Hells Gate	31 Twinklings	(Cole Porter tune)		55	It often precedes
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Answer to last week

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