

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Film quips: Reimagined plots

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1247** we asked you to reinterpret a movie title with a line from your "script." Number of fart jokes submitted about a reimagined "Gone With the Wind": 30.

4th place

12 Years a Slave: "No, Olivia, I don't think it's unfair that I expect you to help with the dishes and keep your room clean." (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

3rd place

The Pelican Brief: "And the pouch on our design will be so much roomier than Fruit of the Looms. We'll make a fortune!" (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

2nd place and the book "Who Farted":

Notting Hill: "We will not fix health care. We will not fix immigration. We will not fix infrastructure. We will not fix taxes . . ." (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

A Man Called Horse: "No, Mr. President, that is only half of what they call you." (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

Snubplots: Honorable mentions

Three Days of the Condor: "More leftovers of this stuff? Why can't Mom cook turkey for Thanksgiving like everyone else?" (Elden Carnahan, Laurel, Md.; Mark Richardson, Takoma Park, Md.)

Boyz n the Hood: "Grand Wizard Duke, sir? I think we could broaden our appeal to, uh, less rural guys by calling ourselves something a little more hip. I have a suggestion . . ." (Danielle Nowlin)

The Thin Red Line: "Confirming the suspicions of many riders, we have discovered that portions of the Metro were built out of tinfoil." (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Full Metal Jacket: "Now that one really suits you, Mr. 3PO." (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

In the Heat of the Night: "When your air conditioning goes out, call me: Mr. Tibbs." (Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

For Your Eyes Only: "You know, you really shouldn't drink Visine." (Jesse Frankovich)

The Shawshank Redemption: "I'm going to the pawnshop to get my shawshank back." (Gary Crockett)

Stand and Deliver: "She's in labor! How can this hospital have no empty beds?" (Mark Prysant, Silver Spring, Md.)

The Cider House Rules: "Man oh man, this is one awesome cider house." (Duncan Stevens)

The 39 Steps: "Where's that stupid hex wrench? Sheez, I don't think we'll ever get this bookshelf together . . ." (Larry Gray)

The 400 Blows: "Sure, the Model 300 is underwhelming, but if you think the 300 sucks, believe me . . ." (Frank Mullen III, Aledo, Ill.)

Apocalypse Now: "But Mr. President, don't you think we should confer with the Joint Chiefs of Staff first?" (Danielle Nowlin)

Around the World in 80 Days: "Mr. Fogg, United has the best baggage system in the industry. I guarantee your bag will be returned very soon." (Jonathan Hards, Gaithersburg, Md.)

Bridge of Spies: "You see, the microphone device fits right here inside the dental material . . ." (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

Captain Phillips: "Lieutenant Flathead, it looks like we're really screwed — unless the Captain turns up in time." (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Chain Reaction: "He told me it was 14-karat, but look! It turned my neck green!" (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Clueless: "Well, I don't know, was it Professor Plum in the ballroom with the candlestick? You tell me — I'm just the caterer." (Colin Schatz, Oakland, Calif.)

Free Willy: "In sports news, we have to pixellate the results of the men's marathon in Slovakia . . ." (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1251: Thanking outside the box

I'm thankful that dogs don't know everyone else hates you. (Dave Prevar)

. . . that they don't allow remote controls at the movie theater. (Art Grinath)

. . . that Uncle Billy finally croaked and I get a chance to sit at the big table. (Rich Carlson)

Four weeks from now, it's going to be Thanksgiving weekend, and — whuh-oh, suppose they start going around the holiday table asking what everyone's thankful for: Yikes, suppose you didn't have some snarkily inappropriate answer to pipe up? No worries — we're here to help, as we did back in 2006.

This week: Tell us something to be thankful for, as in the examples above from Week 685. You may attribute your thanks humorously to someone else.

Submit entries at this website: wapo.st/enter-invite-1251 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our new Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives, just in time to be a few days too late for Thanksgiving, a very fine plush roast-turkey hat complete with little toque-thingies atop the drumsticks. It's modeled here by Matt Zampella, son of Loser Hildy, who volunteered to pose wearing this thing in the middle of a restaurant during a recent Loser brunch. Donated by Nan Reiner.

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, Nov. 6; results published Nov. 26 (online on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. "Film quips" in the headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; Chris also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. 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 on Twitter.

THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL The Empress's weekly online column, published late Thursday afternoon, discusses each new contest and set of results. Check it out at wapo.st/conv1251.



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Loser scion Matt Zampella stuffs this week's second prize with panache.

Hidden Figures: "Do you really think you'll have any success selling burqas in Beverly Hills?" (Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.)

Hidden Figures: "I want to know why all the people in that yuge inauguration crowd didn't show up in the photos!" (Nancy Della Rovere, Silver Spring)

How to Train Your Dragon: "Well, it'll depend on what works for you. For me, thinking of baseball does the trick, though in an emergency you could think of Grandma in her swimsuit." (Danielle Nowlin)

Invasion of the Body Snatchers: "I'm sorry, sir, but the dressing room is for pageant contestants only." (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

Love Actually: "Is it '15-zero' or '15-oh'?" (Jesse Frankovich)

Mrs. Doubtfire: "Get real, Oog. You no expect me believe you make flames with two sticks." (Jesse Frankovich)

No Strings Attached: "If you walk out that door, Pinocchio, you are on your own!" (John McCooey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

Strangers on a Train: "Watch it, you guys, you're standing on my bridal gown!" (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

The NeverEnding Story: "Sure, why not take another crack at Repeal and Replace?" (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

The Thing: "Grandson, could you bring me over that . . . whatchamacallit . . ." (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

There Will Be Blood: "It's just a garbage disposal, Sharon, how hard could it be to fix?" (Danny Wysong, Crozet, Va.)

Wall-E: "And in the event that the Mexicans make it past my first four great, great walls . . ." (James Kruger, New York)

Must Love Dogs: "No way! I'll do nudity, but I am *not* doing a scene like that!" (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

The Quiet Man: ". ." (Larry Gray)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Oct. 30: our contest for poems using words that were new in a certain year. See wapo.st/invite1250.

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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"URBANAGRAMS" By BRUCE HAIGHT

ACROSS

- Choir voice
- Van Gogh setting
- They might be hatched
- Jazz trumpeter Jones
- Collectible fossil
- Sound
- Hamburger man
- A few bars in the West?
- First name in household humor
- "Don't ___"
- Twinkle ___
- Skechers brand
- The palm and olive of Palmolive
- Reason to use litmus paper
- Rubber?
- iPad model
- Lumber mill fixtures
- Gallery works
- Ticketholder's entitlement in the Southwest?
- Helps plan a job, maybe
- Cry of exasperation
- Crushed, as a test
- Priestly garment
- Hot
- Puma competitor
- Place to get off: Abbr.
- Horse fathers
- Stage handles in the West?
- Wearer of a "Y" sweatshirt
- Feathered indoor flier
- Less contaminated
- Nabokov novel
- Pot cover
- Saturn's largest moon
- Media holder
- "I'm close to winning!" game cry
- "___ what?": "What next?"
- Capsize/deterrent
- Frat house "H"
- Complex papers for a pad in the West?
- First of 12 popes
- Ref. updated quarterly

DOWN

- Indian state bordering Bangladesh
- Two-mile-high capital
- Loses on purpose
- Chicago airport code
- Dined at a restaurant, say
- "Copy that"
- Heads of Parliament?
- Sci-fi staples
- Driving away
- "Without a Trace" actor Anthony La
- Wilder's "The Bridge of San Rey"
- Unmatched
- Make, as a knot
- S.O.S. for one
- Sorority letters
- "This is our stop"
- Weaponry
- "Darn it!"
- Writers of bad checks
- Inning often not finished
- QVC competitor
- Mythical forest flutist
- Corday victim
- Parish head
- Lead-in to bad news
- Eptome of virtue
- Buckle or button
- NCAA
- Final Four broadcaster
- Selling point
- Bluesy Memphis street
- No longer working for The Company
- Animator Tex
- Online retail giant
- Seat at the racetrack
- Apple since 1998
- God, in Hebrew
- Sound off
- Rush hour glut
- Fleshy "buttons"
- Talk a blue streak?
- "Hal I was right!"
- Painter of ballerinas
- Norse pantheon
- Jobs in the tech industry
- Soothes
- Boil
- Round mound
- 1928 Gary Cooper romance in which a bouquet plays a vital role
- Went longer than
- Invaders of ancient Rome
- More than checks out
- In progress
- What one never is on a golf course
- Frankster's cry
- Only speck of food the Grinch left in each
- Who's house
- Beached
- Shower component
- Flammable gas
- NYSE news
- "Let me just interject . . ."
- Blow a gasket
- Hooch
- Old NBC legal drama
- Draw forth
- Covered in court
- ___Z: classic Canaro
- Moon goddess
- Vocal nudge
- Yiddish laments
- French article
- ___ Paulo
- HUN neighbor, to the IOC

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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Oct. 29: This year you open up to many new adventures. An investment in real estate might be a possibility. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance. Do not settle until you are sure that you want to be with the person in question. If you are attached, the two of you might be a very passionate couple — not only about each other, but also about life in general. Pisces likes your intensity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Encouraged by a discussion that seems quite intellectual, you might be ready to take a risk that you have been considering. Sometimes understanding the implications of a risk and its true meaning to your life helps you make a decision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others view you as a leader. You recognize that changes are coming in quickly, without warning. Act with confidence, and know that you can — and will — handle what comes down the path toward you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be gaining more control of a problem by detaching and deciding what would work best for you. Recognize your limits. A friend might surprise you. A suggestion this person makes will sound irresistible, and you are likely to say yes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Spend time dealing with a close associate. This person would like to discuss something with you. It will be a pleasure to connect on that level and get to know them better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You gain as a result of your willingness to listen to what others share. You most often are the personality kid. Right now, you are allowing another person to take over that role. Relax and worry less about certain situations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might be concerned about a domestic situation. Take time to listen to what is being suggested. Know that you don't need to make a decision immediately. Enjoy yourself, and make the most of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A new friend in your life could provide a new beginning. You might feel more enthusiastic when you

have this person's dynamic and creative energy around you. You'll express a great deal of enthusiasm when interacting with a child.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make the morning one of relaxation and sleep. Read the Sunday paper, and don't worry about time. You do not need to go too far to enjoy yourself, especially if you have a roommate or partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A phone call might wake you. In any case, you are likely to decide to make your own round of Sunday calls. You might think through some of the conversations and news later. You could decide to make Sunday calls part of your routine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might want to go over your budget before making any decisions. If you can clear out some bills or get ahead on some holiday spending, do so. The unexpected occurs. Use this event to loosen up and get into a relaxing Sunday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) If you have not made plans, call a friend or loved one. You could be delighted by what the two of you cook up for the day. You will catch up on news, swap some gossip and unwind together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take your time getting going. Remember, it is your Sunday, too; you could be quite content taking a lazy day. An older relative might call and extend an invitation. Make choices that best suit your mood, especially later in the day.

Answers to last week's puzzle.

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