

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Wryday the 13th: Movie replots

BY PAT MYERS

To celebrate **Week 1300**, going with the debatable premise that "13" in a film title signifies that something will really mess up, we asked you to "13" a real movie and describe the plot.

4th place

Pinocchio 13: The first wooden president finds his arms are too short to pick his nose. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

3rd place

Snakes on a Plane 13: The would-be assassin is foiled when a gate agent questions his "emotional support viper." (David Peckarsky, Tucson)

2nd place and the Hebrew Ben & Jerry's T-shirt:

Bad News Bears 13, Washington Nationals 6 (Ken Gallant, Sequim, Wash.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Basic Instinct 13: Sharon Stone uncrosses her legs, flashing her Depends. (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

Gaffers: Honorable mentions

All Quiet on the Western Front 13: German soldiers in World War I look up and watch their ace pilot battle a flying doghouse. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Taxi Driver 13: Travis Bickle finds a welcoming work environment at Uber. (Mark Raffman)

13 Dalmatians: The remaining pooches will stop at nothing to avenge their 88 littermates who didn't escape Cruella de Vil's fur coat factory. (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

Animal House 13: New pledge Brett Blutarsky, a studious young man from Washington, just pumps iron and "works his tail off." (Rob Huffman, Frederickburg)

The Social Network 13: Instead of presenting the entire movie, the projectionist shows you, in random order, the parts of the movie that he thinks you will like best. (Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.)

Casablanca 13: Ilsa can't escape to the United States because of a hastily passed travel ban for travelers from Morocco. (Duncan Stevens)

Casablanca 13: Rick gently but firmly pushes Ilsa into the plane, insisting that "Really, Paris was enough," as his "special friend" Louis looks on. (Rob Huffman)

Casablanca 13: Ilsa thought she would always have it, but the 4.2-ounce bottle of Paris Eau de Parfum doesn't get past security and the plane leaves without her. She regrets it that day, the next, and for the rest of her life. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Being There 13: An aging simpleton with a child's understanding of the world is presented as a presidential candidate — and wins! (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring)

Seven Plus Six: After working his way through the Seven Deadly Sins, sociopath John Doe justifies more bizarre murders by tying them to the Six Hurtful Sins, including forgetting an anniversary and leaving the toilet seat up. (Peter Boice, Rockville)

Singin' in the Rain 13: A soaked-through Gene Kelly is left with a less than glorious feeling as he catches a nasty cold. (John McCooey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

Speed 13: Our hero must defuse a bomb on a moving Segway without letting it dip below 5 mph. (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

The Little Mermaid 13: As Ariel saves the Prince from the sinking boat and is taking him to shore, a large fin appears behind them . . . (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

13 Shades of Grey: His promiscuity having finally caught up to him, Christian Grey exhibits symptoms of multiple venereal diseases. His urologist has never seen anything quite so . . . colorful. (Bill Dorner)

Animal Crackers 13: Captain Spaulding is back from the dead, and he wants his pajamas back. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

Apollo 13 13: During Elon Musk's



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1304: All the muse that's fit to print

- **What if we evolved from reptiles? We would go to McDonald's and order a Big Rat and an order of flies.** (Jonathan Paul)
- **What if, instead of air bags, they put sharp metal spikes on the steering column? Seat belt use would go way up.** (Art Grinath)
- **What if men really did enjoy being "just held and cuddled"? What would they carry in their wallets — tiny packets of Snuggle fabric softener?** (Sue Lin Chong)
- **What if instead of an Easter Bunny, we had an Easter Fish? It sure would be tricky, decorating caviar.** (Jean Sorensen)

Here's a contest that's as wide open as they come, and I think the only time the Invite ran it was all the way back in 1995, in the pre-Empress days of the Czar. **This week: Present a "what if" scenario and explain its effect, as in the examples above from Week 160.** Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1304 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a **Bovine Recycling Two-Pack** consisting of a nice little blank-page journal of paper made from cattle dung (donated by Dave Prevar), plus a dainty, Chihuahua-size "candy cane" dog chew made from beef pizzle, which is the bull's, you know, pizzle. Donated by Donna Peremes. **Other runners-up** win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship" (or perhaps a new design). Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, Nov. 12;** results published Dec. 2 (online Thursday, Nov. 29). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The "Wryday the 13th" headline was submitted by both Mark Raffman and Beverley Sharp; Kevin Dopart and Jesse Frankovich each submitted this week's honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees 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 [bt.ly/inkofday](https://www.facebook.com/bt.ly/inkofday); follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

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Bestly recycling: A journal made of cow-dung paper, and a dog chew made of beef "pizzle."

maiden voyage, his ego becomes so big that it perforates the spaceship's hull, necessitating a dangerous rescue. (Steve Honley, Washington)

Bee Movie 13: Jerry Seinfeld riffs for 72 minutes about how the number 13 looks like the letter B. (J. Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

13 Pretty in Pink: Prom turns into a brawl when 13 girls turn up wearing the same pink dress. (Jane Auerbach, Los Angeles)

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid 13: The boys head down to Venezuela and rob banks, but nobody cares because the currency is worthless. (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

E.T. 13: A severe allergic reaction to peanuts ends young E.T.'s life as it eats some candy left for it by the well-meaning Elliott. The boy grows up racked with guilt, sending reams of hate mail to Reese's executives. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Hair 13: The shining gleaming streaming flaxen waxen goes bald. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

Iron Man 13: Tony Stark falls prey to a villainous plot when he orders a new suit and agrees to get the rustproofing. (Jesse Frankovich)

Manhattan 13: The film ends abruptly when an old creep is finally busted for soliciting a minor. (Jeff Contompasis)

Mary Poppins 13: When Mary's umbrella tears, she reaches terminal velocity in 5.6 seconds. (David Young, Falmouth, Mass.)

Pocahontas 13: She agrees to return to England with John Smith and becomes a member of Parliament, but her heritage is ridiculed by King James as just "high cheekbones." (Kevin Dopart)

Field of Dreams 13: A farmer gets hauled before the Dyerville, Iowa, zoning commission for building an unauthorized recreational facility. (Duncan Stevens)

James Bond 13: James meets a woman named "Octopussy" and . . . never mind. That's just TOO stupid. (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

Last Tango in Paris 13: At exactly the wrong time, Marlon Brando finds the refrigerator is empty. (Mark Raffman)

Lady and the Tramp 13: Tramp loses interest after Animal Control rounds him up in a trap-neuter-return program. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Psycho 13: Norman Bates's status as a Korean War veteran finally gets verified, and he begins the process of submitting paperwork to Veterans Affairs seeking treatment for mental illness. (Bill Spencer, Cockeysville, Md.)

Raiders of the Lost Ark 13: Indiana Jones finds the elusive ark, only to discover that all it contains is the remains of Millard Fillmore. (Steve Fahey, Kensington)

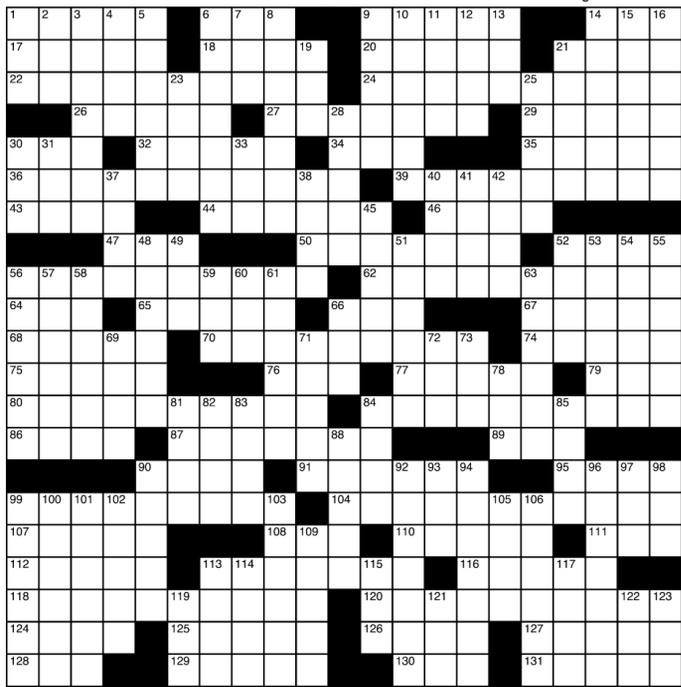
The Sound of Music 13: After fleeing the Nazis and settling in the United States, all is well with the von Trapps until Stephen Miller discovers they once sought public assistance in 1945 and deports them all back to Austria. (Frank Mann, Washington)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Nov. 5: Our neologism contest in which you replace two letters with two other letters. See wapo.st/invite1303.

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- "ALPHABETICAL ORDER" By MARK McCLAIN**
- ACROSS**
- 1 College Football Live channel
 - 6 Apple-order link
 - 9 Turner's device
 - 14 Start-the-day ABC talk show, familiarly
 - 17 Govt. red tape reduction
 - 18 Parched
 - 20 Burger add-on
 - 21 Smooth, in a way
 - 22 First-aid kit brand
 - 24 Reprimanded
 - 26 More achy
 - 27 Harassed, impertinently
 - 29 "Bolero" composer
 - 30 Palais resident
 - 32 Piece of land
 - 34 Antipoverty agcy.
 - 35 "was I?"
 - 36 Liz Taylor's husband before Richard Burton
 - 39 One whose mouth shouldn't be examined? " — there, done that!"
 - 44 Blowhard
 - 46 NYC area above Houston Street
 - 47 Nickname usually related to hair color
 - 50 Drew ____ Patriots' quarterback before Brady
 - 52 Upscale retailer
 - 56 Disloyal crimes
 - 62 One of three planetary motion principles
 - 64 Menlo Park initials
 - 65 Opera outburst
 - 66 Green-lights
 - 67 ____ Sketch
 - 68 Ward (off)
 - 70 Raised a ruckus, say
 - 74 Song of worship
 - 75 Indulge
 - 76 U.N. workers' agcy.
 - 77 Slow, on scores
 - 79 Humdinger
 - 80 Source of zest
 - 84 What a texter usually expects
 - 86 N.C. neighbor
 - 87 "Sacré bleu!" kin
 - 89 Extra NHL periods
 - 90 To the ____ maximally
 - 91 Himalayan native
 - 95 Small cells
 - 99 Donut ... or the consequence of eating too many of them?
 - 104 Car on craigslist
 - 107 Jazz pianist
 - 108 Can cover
 - 110 Shop
 - 111 La. neighbor
 - 112 One on a trail
 - 113 Song title words before "for Miles"
 - 116 Connection points
 - 118 Ways to detect fractured trapezius
 - 120 Restricted parking area, perhaps
 - 124 Top-drawer
 - 125 Nemo's creator
 - 126 Falco of "The Sopranos"
 - 127 Words of domination
 - 128 Waze ways: Abbr.
 - 129 Dot in the ocean
 - 130 Pampering place
 - 131 Components of fences
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Author LeShan
 - 2 Bama's conf.
 - 3 Act the chair traveler
 - 4 Mount from which Moses saw the Promised Land
 - 5 Lorre's "Casablanca" role
 - 6 Two-time British Open champ
 - 7 Keogh plan rel.
 - 8 Pizzas slices, commonly
 - 9 Age of Reason philosopher
 - 10 Not digital
 - 11 Shower wall item
 - 12 Hang onto
 - 13 OKC-to-Tulsa dir.
 - 14 Muppet prone to eschewing contractions
 - 15 Lawn machines
 - 16 Shakers founder
 - 19 Not a good mark
 - 21 Sun Valley state
 - 23 Soft toy brand
 - 25 BBC time traveler
 - 28 Reef material
 - 30 Hoops stat.
 - 31 Tribute in verse
 - 33 Breakaway nation: Abbr.
 - 37 Crucifix letters
 - 38 Pulls back
 - 40 Brit. police rank
 - 41 Trick
 - 42 "... I wed"
 - 45 "Wall Street" antagonist
 - 48 Stefan of tennis
 - 49 Spiegel: German magazine
 - 51 Amaz-Ball studio
 - 52 Bygone boomers
 - 53 Lil Abner drawer
 - 54 Poet Abbr.
 - 55 Like England's "the Fens"
 - 56 "Turn on the AC!"
 - 57 Mother ____
 - 58 Low naval rank
 - 59 Fruity spread
 - 60 Egg cells
 - 61 Able or full follower
 - 63 Think tank output
 - 66 Tokyo-born Yoko
 - 69 World Cup skiing champ
 - 71 Perry of fashion
 - 72 Due times tre
 - 73 Bus. letter insert
 - 78 Ref's call
 - 81 Send forth
 - 82 ____ sci
 - 83 ____acte
 - 84 Q&A part, briefly
 - 85 Morales of "Jericho"
 - 88 Israeli prime ministers Barak and Olmert
 - 90 Ticker
 - 92 Works on a lawn
 - 93 Calif. summer hrs.
 - 94 "Anne of Green Gables" setting
 - 96 Pantomimes
 - 97 Pub pint, perhaps
 - 98 ____ symbol
 - 99 Pair in "awaken"
 - 100 "Little grey cells" detective
 - 101 Acting father and son
 - 102 Piece maker?
 - 103 Funny Booster
 - 105 Buck back?
 - 106 Harry Potter's owl
 - 109 Map within a map
 - 113 More than annoy
 - 114 Poet Sandburg
 - 115 Hurricane feature
 - 117 Cornell founder
 - 119 Driving age in old Rome?
 - 121 Gloss target
 - 122 Div. with Braves
 - 123 Some RPI grads



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY/Nov. 4: This year you are determined to be noticed and have others appreciate you. That determination might lessen as the year goes on and you enjoy your downtime and private time even more. If you are single, it could be important to choose someone who isn't too needy and can adjust to your different desires. If you are attached, your sweetie will flow with your various needs. Be sure that you are just as flexible in return. Libra cares about being fair when dealing with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Defer to someone else. You like being in charge, but sometimes this person needs to take the reins. You also might appreciate this person's choices more than you did in the past. Great planning often leads to a great time for everyone involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You cannot help but enjoy being part of the group. Reach out to an older person at a distance. This person might seem closed down. However, a little news and a good joke could cheer this person up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are personality plus, and others see a change in how you feel and how you carry yourself. Your focus might be on keeping plans lively but undemanding. You'll want to spend time with a loved one or a romantic interest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can be emotionally complex and demanding at times. One of the places you are happiest is at home. Allow more socializing to take place, even if you are housekeeping.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to make a round of calls to those you rarely have time to speak with. You might consider reaching out to a loved one at a distance. If you don't already have plans for today and in the near future, be sure that you will.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Look at your budget and be aware of your finances before going out to join a friend or loved one at a favorite but expensive haunt for brunch. You could chat for hours with this person. Do not push yourself any harder than you need to right now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You feel better and better as the day goes on. The moon in your sign makes you the lead player in whatever you plan. Others seem to favor you more than usual. Someone shares a problem that is very heavy. Your help and sensitivity touch this person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You could feel drained by what is going on. Do not hesitate to take time for yourself. Do whatever you need to do in order to recharge your energy. A loved one might try to coax you to join them. Do what you need to do for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Even if you want to cocoon, others seem to appear on your doorstep. Your friends and loved ones have missed your company and want to see you. Be flattered and join them. What starts out as one activity quickly melds into another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Putting the cap on your self-expression might be nearly impossible today. You are likely to share your opinions with anyone who will listen. You like being valued for your mental acumen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your mind drifts to someone at a distance about whom you care deeply. Open up to new possibilities that exist between the two of you. You might have thought that rekindling a relationship here was impossible, but clearly you were wrong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Set aside some good-quality time to be with a loved one. One-on-one relating reminds you of when you were just getting to know each other. A friendship plays a role in making plans. Be aware of the interactions you have with different friends.

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