

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Deletes we could do! Week 1331 ink.

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1331 the Empress asked you to find some article in any publication that week, then "accidentally" cut a small block of text from a sentence or headline and/or paste some text from elsewhere in the same article.

4th place:

Trump to unveil plan to move immigration toward 'merit-based' system. (David Peckarsky, Tucson)

3rd place:

Bigfoot sightings have been described in areas across Alabama. (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

2nd place and the basket crocheted from Post delivery bags:

Amazon's founder, Jeff Bezos, owns The Washington Post every American between ages 18 and 64. (Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Our devices steal our attention. We need to take it back DING. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Hordeplorable mentions:

Paint it black and add spikes, president advises engineers of his border wall White House (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Paint it black and add spikes, president advises engineers of his border wall head (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

"I with my Republican colleagues always want to be supportive of the most conservative candidate who can actually win a race." (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Celebrate every type of tart, tangy, salty mom this Mother's Day with these 7 special recipes (Michelle Christophorou, Guildford, England)

Filings reveal justices' bitter rift or death-penalty members (Duncan Stevens)

With fewer 'hard passes,' will it be harder to cover White House? (Gary Crockett, Jeff Contompassis, Ashburn)

A guide to 20 inquiries Trump and his allies are working to impede (Kevin Dopart)

Amazon Now Has Machines to Automatically BoLLix Up Orders (Jesse Frankovich)

As high court overturns 40-year-old ruling, some justices ask what's next the Constitution (Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

Drug addiction is broadly defined as a disease that needs cleansing of the mind, body, and soul. (Jesse Frankovich)

Decorating on a budget, bit by bit? Here's what these designers would do. Plug-in dimmers. (Marli Melton, Carmel Valley, Calif.)

Disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner's Weiner's scandalous saga started in 2011. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

House passes measure to block ACA waivers to states a faint glimmer of potential cooperation (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Farmers markets booming on Vancouver Island (Jesse Frankovich)

Fox unveils 'insanely simple' business model host for prime time slot (Dinah Rokach, Silver Spring)

He laughed when Martinez teased him for being a Yankees fan. (Gregory Koch, Falls Church)

House passes disaster relief bill despite Trump's opposition to funding for Puerto Rico American values (David Peckarsky)

Keanu Reeves' Impressive Skill Set Takes Centre Stage in John Wick 3 (Jesse Frankovich)

National service can bring us together as a nation (Michelle Christoforou)

She brought her business background to the task:



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1335: Put it in bee-verse! Or . . .

A stratospheric butte formed by orthographic perfection eight times over: This year's "octochamps" each picked up \$50,000 in the Scripps National Spelling Bee by clearing round after round flawlessly, as the words became progressively wha???

Every year the critics come out, complaining that the kids wasted sooo much time and effort and money to memorize words they'll never use. Oh yeah? The whizzes can come right over here.

This week: Write a humorous poem of eight lines or fewer that includes at least one of the words used in Round 9 or later of this year's bee, such as "murrain" (pronounced MUR-ren).

The complete set of spelling bee words is at wapo.st/spellingbee2019. But if you don't want to wade through all those words, then use one of these 20:

- auslaut; badderlocks; bougainvillea; calathos; cernuous; chocalho; Cytherean; jacqueminot; mondegreen; murrain; odylic; omphalopsychite; palama; passepiep; pendeloque; rhathymia; taurokathapsia; tettigoniid; therblig; urfirnis

OR: Write a joke in Q&A form that uses at least one of the words.

A list of pronunciations and meanings of the 20 words above appears in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1335; you can also find them by clicking on each word in the full list.

At least for the poems, you must use the word with its real meaning and pronunciation; you can't pretend that it's something else. You may use a slightly different form of the word, such as a plural, adding "-ing," etc. You may add a title, and the word might appear only in the title.

Submit entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1335 (all lowercase). Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a Bacon Odor Two-Pack: a bar of bacon-scented soap plus a bacon-smell car air "freshener." Both donated ages ago by Loser Pie Snelson.

Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "Too-Weak Notice" or "Certificate of (de)Merit." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, June 17; results published July 7 in print, July 3 (Wednesday) online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules.

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.



COURTESY JESSE FRANKOVICH

With EIGHT entries published this week, Jesse Frankovich — a sort of James Holzhauer of The Style Invitational — has sailed past the 500-ink mark, almost all of it in less than four years, thus rocketing himself into the Invite Hall of Fame.

research, resources, problem-solving, kicking and screaming. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

This 'swimsuit season' remember that values trump appearance (Jeff Contompassis)

Trump takes over Fourth of July celebration, changing its location and inserting himself

into the program portable toilets (Michelle Christophorou)

But two of the top House Republicans on Sunday criticized her use of the phrase "calming feeling," falsely accusing her of using the phrase to describe her views about the Holocaust itself top House Republicans. (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring)

Calif. to ban a pesticide, citing effects on infants: "Utter failure." (Duncan Stevens)

Buttigieg likens Trump's tweets to 'grotesque things' (Ben Aronin, Washington)

[P]lant-based Whopper could make orders impossible for small restaurants (Frank Mann, Washington)

U.S. tourism to Cuba doubles after Trump's 'full and complete embargo' threats (Jesse Frankovich)

We believe our country has a moral obligation to protect public health and our environment. (Jesse Frankovich)

We need gooder English teachers (Jesse Frankovich)

Still running — deadline Monday night, June 10: Our contest to make a new phrase from two words in the Mueller report. See wapo.st/invite1334.

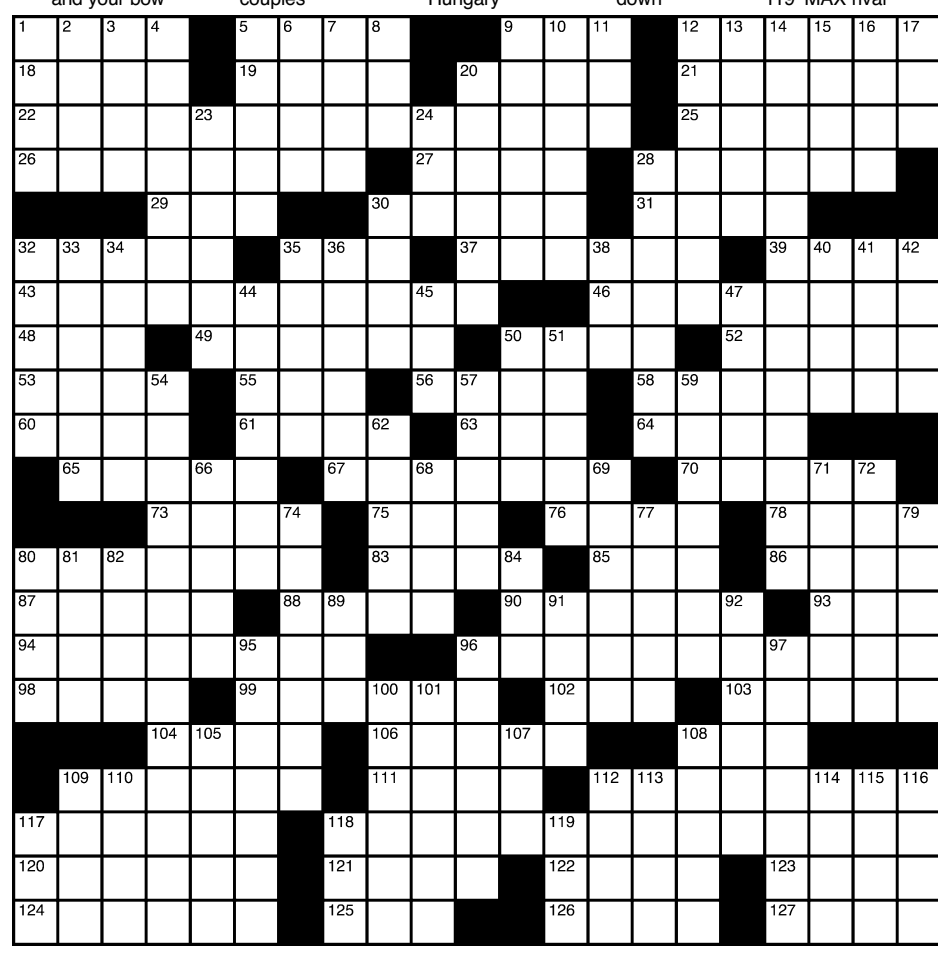
L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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"WATER MUSIC" By PAM AMICK KLAWITTER

ACROSS

- 1 Reading aid
5 Office party?
9 Resort amenity
12 Allergic reactions
18 DQ Blizzard
19 Bridal gown decoration
20 First one cast, usually
21 Speaks in a boring way
22 It happens without warning
25 Buzzard's snack, perhaps
26 Avoid, as a puddle
27 Big piece
28 Truck propeller
29 Finish off, as a cake
30 Bridge, which connects Buffalo, NY, to Fort Erie, Ontario
31 Carnival destination
32 Old car starter
35 "Tarzan" critter
37 Took off again
39 Skeptical reply
43 Reason for an ankle monitor
46 Fishing target
48 Payroll service co.
49 Exam given intradermally, for short
50 "Chicago" actor
52 "Do \_\_\_ to eat a peach?": Eliot
53 Cut the crop
55 Salt on the Seine
56 Word with bed or board
58 Bellyached
60 "ABC World News Tonight" anchor David
61 Rate of speed
63 Fond du \_\_\_ Wisconsin
64 90-Across garb
65 Hollywood tease
67 Keyboard centerpiece, and a phonetic hint to six long puzzle answers
70 Loose, pants-wise
73 Blood donation unit
75 Before, before
76 "Piece of cake!"
78 Shapely school subj.?
80 Milk sources nowadays
83 One-in-a-million
85 Young fellow
86 Quotable "Star Wars" character
87 "North Woods Law" critter
88 Head of the party?
90 See 64-Across
93 Short bylaw?
94 "Wheel" coup
96 It's more than right
98 Western skyline sight
99 Skilled speaker
102 Craft beer letters
103 Witherspoon of "Wild"
104 Pup \_\_\_
106 Directly
108 Big name in luxury cars
109 Nightly news segment
111 First name in '70s tennis
112 Gets some air
117 \_\_\_ Love \_\_\_, Irving Berlin song with the line "So you can keep your fiddle and your bow"
118 Fringe benefit for some reps
120 "Othello" role
121 Korean exports
122 Online break-in
123 Actress
124 New York's \_\_\_ Island
125 Military VIP
126 Products of 66-Down
127 Part of GPS: Abbr.
1 Client
13 Fishing basket
14 Frontier transport
15 Generous words
16 Trompe l'\_\_\_
17 Identify theft target, briefly
20 Little created by E.B. White
23 Zoom
24 With 112-Down, classic Faulkner story
28 Examine in detail
30 Preppy trio?
32 Bracelet ornament
33 Arrived on wheels
34 Childcare aide
35 Russian workers' cooperative
36 Opening bout, for short
38 Ward for us
40 Swedish wheels
41 Nagy of Hungary
42 Put coins into
44 Sneak off and hide
45 Bering, e.g.: Abbr.
47 Calf catcher
50 World Cup cry
51 Event host
54 Item on the best man's checklist
57 More mature
59 Actress/activist married to Ossie Davis
62 Waterside sights
66 See 126-Across
68 "Curses!" cousin
69 Bring to the majors, in baseball
71 Presidential name in three centuries
72 Alpine songs
74 Wearable ads, maybe
77 Spicy dip
79 Kid-lit "Maniac"
80 Car radio letters
81 It's handed down
82 Chili's competitor
84 Flow counterpart
89 Off-tangent link
91 Arguing
92 Airport surface
95 Floatplane feature
96 Wild revelries
97 Units of force
100 "Call the Midwife" nurse
101 Crankcase reservoir
105 Bert's pal
107 Barnyard mama alternative
108 Stella Artois
109 Minor fight
110 Italian tower town
112 See 24-Down
113 Human \_\_\_
114 Toon nephew
115 USPS stack
116 Editorial "let it stand"
117 They run often in summer, initially
118 ER graph
119 MAX rival



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | June 9: This year, you expand your circle of friends. After the fall, you experience unprecedented possibilities. You seem to be more authentic in dealing with those around you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have a tendency to tell it like it is. You could sense another person's confusion in dealing with you and you with them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your creativity comes forward in dealing with a child, a new love interest or a dear friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might feel anchored at home. An unexpected responsibility tumbles on you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Reach out to a loved one you care about but do not see often. Make plans to get together.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might need to balance your checkbook before you make plans or meet someone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not underestimate your appeal. The timing might be right to make a special request.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Stop and slow down. You could feel as if you need to get away from all that is happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) One-on-one relating cannot do anything but put a smile on your face.

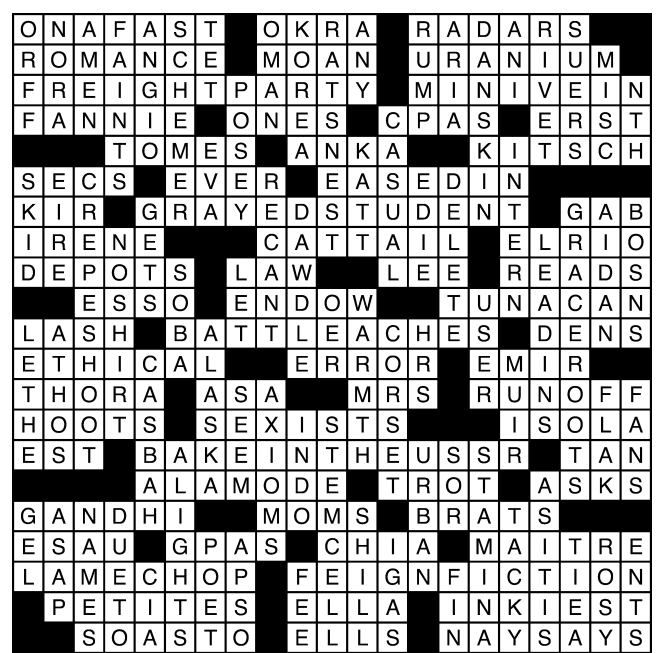
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your take-charge attitude goes far and allows you to take some time off at a later point.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If considering a trip in the near future, do not hesitate to explore different ideas before committing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your friendship means more to a loved one than you realize.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Defer to a loved one. Let this person be in charge for a while.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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