

## DIVERSIONS

### THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

# Maiming names: Week 1340 winners

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1340** the Empress asked you to slightly alter a famous name and describe this new person. There were so many funny names, not so many funny descriptions. I may, in a future contest, put a bunch of non-inking names out there and ask for the whole Greater Loser Community to improve on them.

#### 4th place:

**Mitch McCarnal:** He often "has knowledge of" the American people (*Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase*)

#### 3rd place:

**President Nicolás Manuro:** Creating ordure out of chaos. (*Stephen Gold, London*)

#### 2nd place and the socks that look as if you're wearing sandals with them:

**Edgar Allan Po'boy:** Once upon a midnight dreary, While he pondered, weak and weary, Suddenly a rapping eerie sounded at his chamber door. Unperplexed by all the hubbub, Said he: "It's the guy from Grubhub, Bringing me my favorite pub sub. Just a sandwich, nothing more." (*Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.*)

#### And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

**Marlon Blando:** "Stella, could you come here for a minute?" (*Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore*)

#### Name-dropping: Honorable mentions

**Genghis Khan't:** He couldn't take that first steppe. (*Ryan Martinez, Takoma Park, a First Offender*)

**Frank Snotra:** Ol' Green Nose is back! (*Stephen Gold*)

**Frank Sumatra:** Island crooner who hit the charts with "Fly Me to the Monsoon." (*Arnold Berke, Chevy Chase*)

**James Brownnose:** The hardest-working man in the Trump administration. (*Warren Tanabe, Annapolis*)

**Jean Valjeans:** Levi's 24601. (*Sarah Walsh, Rockville*)

**Martin Luther Queen:** "I have been 78 percent of the way to the mountaintop!" (*Jesse Rifkin, Arlington*)

**Abraham LinkedIn:** "Wait, why is he inviting me to join his team? I thought we were rivals." (*Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station; Richard Wexler, Alexandria, a First Offender*)

**Adipose Rex:** Greek king who quipped, "Your Mama's so fat, even I wouldn't do her." (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

**AEÖP Rocky:** "Hey Mabel, I'll tell you a fable. I need a donor to give me some kronor." (*Roy Ashley, Washington*)

**Alexander Gramps Bell:** "What's that, Watson? Speak up, I can't hear you!" (*Hildy Zampella, Alexandria*)

**Andherson Cooper:** How he was known before he became a celebrity. (*Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park*)

**Brad Pittstain:** Hardest-working actor in Hollywood — and just too hot. (*Stephen Dudzik, Olney*)

**Charlie Parka:** The coolest jazz. (*Warren Tanabe*)

**C.O.P.D. James:** Her mystery novels will leave you breathless. (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn*)

**Davy Crock-of-it:** C'mon, no 3-year-old ever killed a b'ar. (*David Stonner, Washington, a First Offender*)

**Felon Musk:** Holds record for number of battery charges. (*Stephen Dudzik*)

**George Lucuss:** "What the #S@&%\*! did Disney do to my Star Wars?" (*Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf*)

**George Cloney:** "O Twin Brother, Where Art Thou?" (*William Kennard, Arlington*)

**George Frideric Handeljiggler:** Finally figured out how to make the "water music" stop. (*Paul Burnham, Gainesville*)

**German Melville:** Author of "Der Mobie Schwanz." (*Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.*)

**Hermit the Frog:** "Leave me alone, you pig!" (*Dave Airozo, Silver Spring*)

**I.B. White:** Some pig who wrote "The Elements of Heil!" Now a GOP



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## Week 1344: Well, that's just great — It's Limerixicon XVI

If a peddler in Athens declares You'll receive, if you purchase his wares, A free panda that dances, Don't take any chances: Beware of a GREEK gifting bears. (*Tim Alborn, Week 624, 2005*)

As comes August, lo, so comes the Limerixicon, our annual check-in with OEDILF.com, where, inexorably since its founding in early 2004, Chris Strolin and a large band of contributors have been creating an Omnificent English Dictionary in Limerick Form, tiptoeing through the alphabet as they strive to complete a whole dictionary with descriptive and mechanically sound limericks, one letter (or less) at a time. The Style Invitational latched on in OEDILF's very first year, and we haven't let go, as the site has passed the 100,000-lim mark and predicts that it'll be all done by Nov. 3, 2063.

This week: Supply a humorous, previously unpublished limerick significantly featuring any English word, name or term beginning with "gr," as in the example above from Limerixicon 3.

Please see our guide "Get Your 'Rick Rolling" at wapo.st/limericks1344 for our fairly strict rules on limerick rhyme and meter (in a nutshell: "perfect" rhyme, and a strong "hickory-dickory-dock" rhythm in Lines 1, 2 and 5; a "dickory-dock" in Lines 3 and 4; additional unaccented syllables on either side are fine. See OEDILF.com about submitting limericks there after this contest is over.

Submit entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1344 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives what is described on ultra-cheapo Wish.com as "Mens Contoured Pouch Tanning Sleeve Swim Cover Up Swimwear" and is the **smallest men's garment imaginable**; it is essentially a screaming yellow, very narrow stretch nylon sock with elastic at the top. We suggest you not swim in it. Or move.

**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, Aug. 19;** results published Sept. 8 in print, Sept. 5 online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Maiming Names" was submitted by both Jesse Frankovich and Tom Witte; Jesse also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" the 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 discusses the week's new contest and results. Check out this week's at wapo.st/conv1344.

speechwriter. (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

**Jair Bowsandarrows:** President who plans to take Brazil back to the Stone Age. (*Chris Doyle*)

**Jeanine Pyro:** Pro-Trump pundit given to inflammatory statements. (*John Kupiec, Fairfax*)

**Julius Geezer:** I came, I saw, I conked out. (*Jeff Hazle, San Antonio*)

**Julius Seizure:** He constructed Rome's Grand Mall. (*Gary Crockett*)

**Julius Sneezer:** "Ah choo, Bruté?" (*Mike Phillips, Washington*)

**Justin Timberrake:** The White House appointed him to put an end to wildfires. (*Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.*)

**Mae Westminster Abbey:** A stunning feat of engineering with two eye-catching spires and a nice apse. (*Pete Morelewicz, Fredericksburg*)

**Mark Struckaberg:** CEO who thought his company was unsinkable. (*Warren Tanabe*)

**Pillory Clinton:** "STOCK HER UP!" (*Gregory Koch, Falls Church*)

**Rip Van Tinkle:** Slept for two whole decades, but had to get up every couple years to pee. (*Mike Phillips, Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

**Santayana Claus:** Those who don't remember their present are bound to regift it. (*David Stonner*)

**Shaquille O'Kneel:** Appears to be only 6-8. (*Jesse Rifkin*)

**Shimmy Hoffa:** Union boss who invented the shakedown. (*Jeff Hazle*)

**Sir Lunchalot:** A Round Knight of the Table. (*Jonathan Jensen*)

**Squadzilla:** Giant lizard whose

attempts to stomp on four congresswomen leveled his party. (*Frank Osen*)

**Stevie Wonderbread:** Played piano with the Osmond Brothers. (*Dave Ferry, Purvis, Miss.*)

**Trumpelstiltskin:** An evil gnome who spins golden opportunities into straw. (*Lawrence McGuire*)

**The Writhe brothers:** They downsized airline seats. (*Mari Melton, Carmel Valley, Calif.*)

**Bris Harper:** The best cutoff man in baseball. (*Jeff Hazle, San Antonio*)

**Coward Beale:** A network anchor who announced, "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this any, um, further." Played by Peter Finch. (*Chris Doyle*)

**Davy Crockpot:** Bear stew in 6-8 hours (4-6 on high). (*Tracy Schultz, Chicago, a First Offender*)

**Ernest Lemmingway:** The author gives up his rugged individualism and just goes with the flow. (*David Kleinbard, Mamaroneck, N.Y.*)

**Ichabod Cranium:** He had something the Headless Horseman really wanted. (*Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.*)

**Jay-Zzzz:** He topped the charts with the hip-hop lullaby "REMPire State of Mind." (*Mark Raffman, Reston*)

**Rainy Descartes:** "Thinking about Mondays always gets me down!" (*John McCooey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.*)

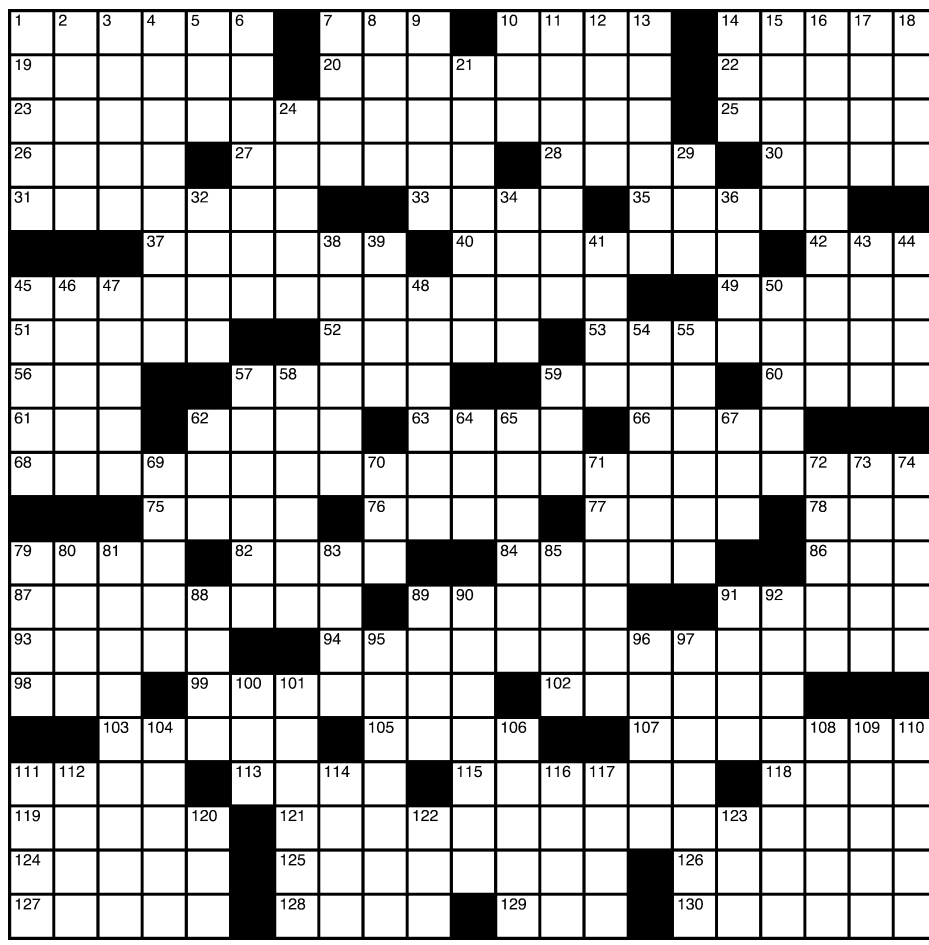
**Unclear Sam:** "I want you for the U.S. Army. Or the Agriculture Department Or the Kiwanis. Whatever." (*Frank Mullen III, Aledo, Ill.*)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1344.

### L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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- "POETRY SLAM" By JOHN LAMPKIN**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Wacky
  - 7 Subterranean queen
  - 10 Reaction to a trip
  - 14 Throw out
  - 19 Eight-time Best Actor Oscar nominee
  - 20 Cloud content
  - 22 Queen topper
  - 23 Shakespeare's ghostwriters?
  - 25 Let in
  - 26 Neither surfeit nor dearth, informally
  - 27 Lie about one's age?
  - 28 Heavenly harp
  - 30 Decreases
  - 31 Go after
  - 33 Aspiring singer's aid
  - 35 Flexible joint
  - 37 What a ritardando gradually gets
  - 40 Very likely will, after "is"
  - 42 Be beholden (to)
  - 45 "Another day, another \$%&! Grecian um?"
  - 49 Short notes
  - 51 Pate's wife on "Mad Men"
  - 52 Fits
  - 53 Places for drinks on tracks
  - 56 Pacino and Roker
  - 57 Florida horse country city
  - 59 Streaker's covering
  - 60 \_\_\_ account
  - 61 Faced
  - 62 Cloudy
  - 63 Assist in the gym
  - 66 Landscaper's truckload
  - 68 "Religious Poetry Writing for Dummies" reminder?
  - 75 All of Sartre's "No Exit"?
  - 76 Cut with light
  - 77 "... bug in \_\_\_"
  - 78 Giant Manning
  - 79 Orbit
  - 82 Env. fattener
  - 84 Smarts measured by the ounce?
  - 86 Muscle that sounds like a kiss
  - 87 "Me too"
- DOWN**
- 1 Legendary mountain climber
  - 2 Even things
  - 3 Toroid treat
  - 4 Addepleted
  - 5 Pub patron's pint
  - 6 Bowser's bagful
  - 7 One way to run
  - 8 Destination of the 1925 diphtheria serum run
  - 9 Bashful
  - 10 Baseball's "Little Giant"
  - 11 Audibly
  - 12 7-Across, to an aardvark
  - 13 Get sore
  - 14 Sorority vowel
  - 15 YouTube upload
  - 16 Poet known for her footwork?
  - 17 Wah-wah source?
  - 18 Pix from needles
  - 21 Subsidiary wager
  - 24 Enthusiastic kids' plea
  - 29 Music genre
  - 32 Bit of subterfuge
  - 34 Bucolic outbursts
  - 36 Tank
  - 38 Lamb literature
  - 39 Castro of Cuba
  - 41 Smooch and stuff
  - 43 Frayed
  - 44 Canadian gas
  - 45 Item sold in sheets
  - 46 Van Gogh milieu
  - 47 "How many roads \_\_\_ man walk down ...": Dylan
  - 48 Swamp gas
  - 50 Intestinal bacterium
  - 54 Career military members
  - 55 Matchless
  - 57 Elocuted
  - 58 Vegas attraction
  - 59 Oinker's digs
  - 62 Yukon or Denali
  - 64 "NewsHour" aier
  - 65 "Little House" family name
  - 67 Schlep
  - 69 Interruption
  - 70 Plumber's piece
  - 71 Forest
  - 72 Drive away
  - 73 Colleague of Ruth and Sonia
  - 74 Chopped into cubes
  - 79 Asian libation
  - 80 \_\_\_ pants
  - 81 Tennyson lecture?
  - 83 "Bye!"
  - 85 Prefix with dermal
  - 88 One-eyed Norse deity
  - 89 No. 2
  - 90 The Beatles' "words of wisdom"
  - 91 Asian appetizer
  - 92 Soaps and vacuums
  - 95 Oboe kin
  - 96 Stop seeing someone
  - 97 Unintentional rat poison victim
  - 100 Trailhead handout
  - 101 Minor matter
  - 104 Handy
  - 106 "\_\_\_ Hope":
  - 108 Nerds
  - 109 Follow
  - 110 Oceanic abysses
  - 111 Concord
  - 112 2017 Poker Hall of Fame inductee Phil \_\_\_
  - 114 Suffix with buck
  - 116 Job in a kitchen
  - 117 Whitewater challenge
  - 120 Alhambra article
  - 122 Ed.'s stack
  - 123 U.S. govt. broadcaster



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

### HOROSCOPE

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Aug. 11:** This year, you might seem more sensible and conservative than you are or have been. From this point of view, life looks quite different. If single, you could choose to be with someone who suits you well this year but probably won't for the long term. If attached, the two of you might find that you need to readapt to each other in certain ways. Both of you have changed. This process could charge your relationship with excitement. Capricorn always gives sound advice. Do not feel as if you must listen to it.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You are eliminating some preordained concepts and at the same time accepting more responsibility. Keep a firm hold on your finances. You could have unexpected expenses. A child or loved one plays a significant role in your day.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You might want to go out of town for the day. A partner might change his or her tune about a money matter or you might buy a lottery ticket that could cause a change in plans.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Be willing to let go of your need for control. You could be delighted by what comes down the path. Associates, loved ones and friends might surprise you but are accommodating.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Your emotional frequency could be high and draws in a special person if you are single and a loved one if you are attached. A friend could do what you least expected. Go along with the moment.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Adapt your plans to have more free time at home. You could be tired from the weekend, or you just want or crave a lazy day. You do not need to overthink this decision — just do it. Your smile late in the day says it all.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) News from a distance may charge your day with excitement. Many of you will choose to spend some extra time with a child or loved one. They might be full of flack, but enjoy it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Tension might be a little too high for your taste, but know you can deal

with it. A family member really wants you to spend some time at home with them. Do not say no.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might want to say what is on your mind. If you address this directly, you could see the other party flip. Opt to initiate this chat at another time or choose to be more diplomatic.

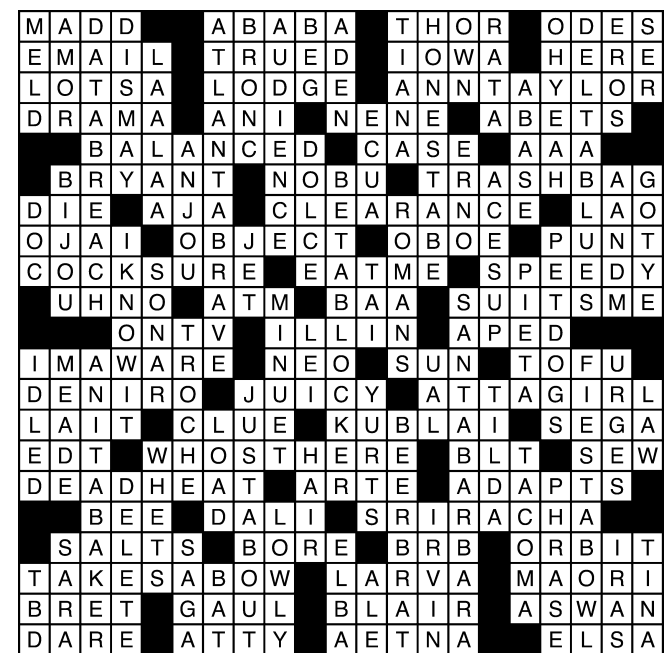
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could want to change directions, though you feel somehow committed. Ask yourself whether you can break this scenario. It might be better to tolerate the matter for a while. Finances are likely to change in the near future.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You gain no matter what direction you decide to go. You certainly have a lot on your plate, but you also offer a lot. A child or new friend might become unpredictable.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might need to pull back to get a complete idea of what might be going on with a particular person. Make this a lazy day and read the paper or take a nap or two.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Do not lose sight of a major objective. You could be distracted by the unexpected, pondering what someone really meant to say. You will never know unless you ask.

### Answers to last week's puzzle.



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