

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Doubled features: 2-in-1 movie lines

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1394**, the Empress asked the Loser Community to sum up two different movies or TV shows with the same line (old or new), or offer a line of dialogue that would work in both. If you don't get the reference, check the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1398 for some explanatory links. And see this week's Style Conversational at wapo.st/conv1398 for some equally funny entries that were submitted by too many people.

4th place:

The West Wing and **The Beverly Hillsbillies**: Jed is living in the big, fancy house now, and a lot of folks up the hill aren't at all pleased. (Hildy Zampella, Alexandria)

3rd place

It's from **South Pacific** but it would also work in **There's Something About Mary**: "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair." (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

2nd place and the grimacing face mask:

A line from **Casablanca** could be from **1984**: "Here's lookin' at you, kid." (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon

It would fit both **Sex, Lies, and Videotape** and **Flowers for Algernon** (or **Charly**): "PERSON WOMAN MAN CAMERA TV" (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Two thumbs down: Honorable mentions

Das Boot and **Judy**: "She's finally hit bottom! Let's pump her out and see if she gets going again." (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Apollo 13 and **The Alamo**: "Houston, we have a problem." (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf; Bill Lieberman, Ellicott City)

The Irishman and **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**: Unexpected developments challenge an aging bagman. (Mark Raffman, Reston.)

On the Waterfront and **The Invisible Man**: "I could have been some body." (Larry Rifkin, Glastonbury, Conn., a First Offender)

Noah and **My Fair Lady**: A report on rainfall causes great excitement. (Pamela Love, Columbia)

This Old House and **Dexter**: "You'll want to put down plenty of plastic sheeting so it'll be easy to clean up later. Now take your power saw . . ." (Josh Feldblyum, Springfield, Pa.)

"Look at that beautiful powder — it's everywhere!" would work for both **White Christmas** and **The Wolf of Wall Street**. (Bruce Reynolds, Grand Rapids, Mich.)

"We've been digging up dirt all day, but tomorrow . . . we get to dig up more dirt!" **Holes** and **All the President's Men**. (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

A line from "Pinocchio" that could be in both **Roxanne** and **The American President**: "A lie keeps growing and growing until it's as clear as the nose on your face." (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

A **Harry Potter** movie or **When Harry Met Sally**: "Trust me, Harry, wands aren't magical all the time. Sometimes you just have to fake it." (Hildy Zampella)

Barbershop and **Gypsy**: "How about takin' a little more off the top?" (Lynne Larkin, Glenn Dale)

Dennis the Menace and **Cast Away**: "Hey, Mr. Wilson, where are you going? Come back and play with me!" (Susan Swanda, Crofton, a First Offender)

Babe and **Deliverance**: "That'll do, pig." (Kevin Dopart, Washington; Frank Osen)

"Yesterday was plain awful, but just you wait": **Hamilton** and **Annie**. (John O'Byrne, Dublin)

"Let's go to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe": **Mister Rogers' Neighborhood** and HGTV's **Beachfront Bargain Hunt**. (Jennifer Martin Broadway, Marquette, Mich.)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1398: This is the year that is

If your dog saw 2020 on the ground, he'd roll in it.

If 2020 were mail, it'd be for a low-low-teaser-rate credit card (36 percent rate thereafter in the 2-point type).

If 2020 were a form of leisure, it'd be an earwax clean-out session.

We just heard: There are now fire tornadoes. Just as "he could not possibly stoop any lower" could have been on a computer save-key of many a political columnist for the last four years, the year 2020 just keeps on outdoing itself with all sorts of novel reasons for despair, fear and universal hand-wringing.

But Lemonade-From-Lemons Loser Duncan Stevens suggests a way to at least get some silly swag off the *annus superextraultrahorribilis*: **This week: Describe the year 2020 in a novel, colorful metaphor or simile**, as in Duncan's examples above. **You may also offer an original graphic**, but the photo or artwork can't be lifted from someone else, and it can't be amateurish-looking; the Empress would have room for two at the most. There's already a fair amount of creative 2020-bashing out there, so check out your own idea to see if it's already spreading like you-know-what across the Internet.

Submit up to 25 entries total at wapo.st/enter-invite-1398 (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, Aug. 31**; results will appear Sept. 20 in print, Sept. 17 online.

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives this dignified face mask, just the thing for your next court hearing or funeral; it's modeled (with barriers) by the Empress, in an echo of her own gaptoothed smile.

Other runners-up win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grocery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, "No 'Bility" or "Punderachiever." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Doubled Features" is by Kevin Dopart; Kevin also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the 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 each new contest and set of results. See this week's at wapo.st/conv1398.



How the Empress manages to smile after 1,400 entries. The mask is this week's 2nd prize.

Treasure of the Sierra Madre and an upcoming **Portlandia**: "We don't need no stinking badges!" (Howard Walderman, Columbia; Frank Osen; Mark Raffman)

Frozen and **Blazing Saddles**: "Did someone say, 'Let it go'?" (Michelle Christopherou, Guildford, England)

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days and **Last Tango in Paris**: "If all he does is butter you up, get rid of him." (Chris Doyle)

Babette's Feast and **Basic Instinct**: "My, that is indeed a lovely spread." (Mark Raffman)

Pee-wee's Big Adventure and **E.T.**: "Shh! I'm trying to use the phone!" (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

"I'll think about it tomorrow": **Gene With the Wind** and **An Inconvenient Truth**. (Lori Smith, McLean, a First Offender)

The Blob and **There's Something About Mary**: A little gel goes a long way. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

This Old House and **Saw**: "Y'know, this one has really good bones." (Sarah Walsh, Rockville)

The Longest Day and **Marathon Man**: Yanks are coming. (Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.)

"You never really understand a person until you . . . climb inside of his skin and walk around in it": **To Kill a Mockingbird** and **Invasion of the Body Snatchers** (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

The Guns of Navarone and **Boogie Nights**: "How many of us will we need to take it out?" (Wayne Debban, Woodbridge, a First Offender)

The Princess Bride and **RBG**: "Oh, no! Here comes the Dread Pirate Roberts!" (Duncan Stevens)

Forrest Gump and **The Help**: "Sometimes life is like a chocolate pie. You better know what you're gonna get." (Kevin Dopart)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Aug. 24: Our contest for ideas for man-in-desert cartoons and other tropes. See wapo.st/invite1397.

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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"TUTTI FRUTTI" By ED SESSA

ACROSS

1 More than a little unkind

5 Tolkien monsters

9 One hanging in a 2000 election

13 Tiny tweet

17 Leaking slowly, as a faucet

19 Pacific salmon

20 Juno's Greek counterpart

21 Sassy "Cheers" waitress

22 Prime growing month for a citrus fruit?

24 Culturally affected

25 Broadcast booth sign

26 Sources of current information

27 Recon pro

28 Take a dip

29 Belgrade resident

30 Song sung by a French fruit lover?

33 First fruit site

35 Fields for fillies

36 New Balance rival

37 Fast-food chain with a cowboy hat logo

41 Starts the show

43 Gulf of . . . Arabian Sea arm

44 Comics impact

47 "No juice in my mojito, please?"

50 Duck Hunt console, briefly

51 Trail carrier

52 Chef lead-in

53 Midwest native

54 Mideast potentate

56 Masters of allusion

57 Verse sometimes sung

58 Kid's punishment

59 Mosquito mating maneuver

61 Not too sharp, as an image

62 Vintner's prospects?

66 Lack on some gowns

68 Toy line?

69 Temporary pause

70 Styron protagonist

73 Visually rapt

74 1987 Best New Artist Grammy winner

75 Watley Tortilla dough

76 "Carpe diem," in textspeak

77 Wood shop tool

78 Paul on guitar

79 One removing fuzz from fuzzy fruit?

82 Leadoff double?

83 Bit of power

84 How some items are auctioned

85 Explorer da Gama

86 Sorority letters

87 Intangible quality

88 Drink brand with a lizard logo

91 Fruit farm's cash flow?

96 "Little Shop of . . ."

101 First African-American major-league coach

102 General and private

103 Hip-hop label co-founded by Jay-Z

105 Barrel component

106 Painter Nolde

107 Write-up on a fruit?

108 Solution strength

109 Busy as . . .

110 Cream color

111 Kirsten of "Spider-Man"

112 Reserved fame

113 Fail to make contact with

114 VA concern

115 Chile money

DOWN

1 Mighty sharks

2 Draw out

3 Emmy-winning producer of "The Fugitive"

4 Alan . . .

4 Muslim face covering

5 Pump figure

6 Runaway victory

7 Deep fissure

8 Vegan protein source

9 Dances with shuffle steps

10 Self-appointed pub experts

11 Medal awardees

11 Keyboard contemporary of Vladimir

12 Market speculator

13 Hat that originated in Ecuador, strangely

14 Keats' Muse

15 Yale of Yale

16 Fruit lover's gadget

18 Most weak

21 Kurt of Nirvana

23 Make . . . dash

27 Play setting

31 Primordial substance, in physics

32 Designer . . . Saint Laurent

34 Bad blood

37 "I get it"

38 Crucifix

39 Lawn choice

40 Abbr. on a teeing ground sign

42 Fruit-filled dessert, often

43 Circus highlights

44 Self-appointed pub experts

45 Pay to play

46 It calls for sweeping action

48 Court game

49 Kitchen add-on?

51 One may come with a train

54 Apiece

55 "I pity the fool" speaker

56 Billiards type

58 It's at one end of the back

59 Do a vet's job

60 Jazz guitarist

61 Purple hue

63 Wreck with a ball

64 Marked on a ballot

65 Behind

66 File menu option

67 Letters for one with weekend plans

71 Knighted Guinness

72 Snowblower maker

74 So-called "river of wind"

75 "Little Red Book" writer

76 Vocalist Sumac

78 Placed

79 Compulsive fire starters, informally

80 Jack of old oaters

81 Like plump pets, perhaps

83 Pequod, for one

84 Belt parts

86 Ornamental hedge shrub

87 " . . . Song": John Denver hit

89 "Dang it!"

90 Dull-sounding critter

91 Runs, moneywise

92 Let loose

93 Spanish lasso

94 Poetic pairs

95 Build

97 Gun, as an engine

98 NFL pass blockers as a unit, in football lingo

99 Like "Harvard Yard," as spoken by some locals

100 Took care of

104 Scull crew

107 Get-up-and-go

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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Aug. 23: Intense, poised and energetic, you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. This year, you accomplish most after midyear. You initiate your own project, which is very successful and you enjoy enormously. If single, you appear cool (although you are not) and generally discourage suitors without realizing it. If attached, you are in a kind of heaven and can finally, purely, relax. Virgo is with you completely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today accents the value of cooperation. Long-range financial planning, perhaps involving an inheritance, taxes or a settlement, will be a focus. The beautiful orchid, representative of beauty and refinement, is your flower.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A new artistic venture brightens this Sunday. Happiness is shared with one you love very much. Offer an exchange of small, meaningful gifts. Charm a loved one with a poem or greeting card. You discuss your interesting experiences.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today emphasizes the consequences of longtime health habits and the impact your work environment has on your health. Begin to make changes for the better regarding diet and other lifestyle choices.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Relationship prospects improve today. A cherished bond grows and matures through much, much honest talking. Partnerships of all kinds emphasize responsibility. Reflect upon what others bring to your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A family member would appreciate support and encouragement. Focus on creating a beautiful, peaceful home environment for the rest of summer. You will be aware of how family life has evolved over the past year.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Double-check facts. Plans are in flux; it's important to communicate and verify plans with others. Allow extra time if traveling. There's a rushed quality prevailing. Much is happening simultaneously, yet you thrive on the fast pace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today accents past financial patterns. Avoid repeating what hasn't worked before. You will feel especially motivated and energetic, but keep a handle on irritation with a partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You seek ever deeper insight into meaningful matters. You are able to appreciate life's ironies and coincidences with subtle humor. Today your charisma level is at a peak, and both business and personal situations are promising.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today emphasizes reverie and privacy. As the day begins, you will be in the mood for quiet contemplation. You can feel connected with the natural world and wild creatures. There is a surprise announcement involving a partner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19) Your circle of friends widens. It's a good time to become more active within a worthwhile organization. The day furthers the scope of your goals. This can encourage you to discard a situation you've outgrown.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Diplomacy is a must in coping with complex social situations. This softens tensions and dissolves a problem. Today also favors creative writing and photography.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your sector of travel and communication is accented. The pace is rapid. Heed conversations and newscasts. It's worthwhile to keep up with current events, both in your own social circle and the world at large.

Answers to last week's puzzle.

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The Movie Directory has gone dark. We will raise the curtain again as soon as events warrant. The Washington Post