

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 superextralutrahorrabilis*: **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 . . .
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 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
113 Fail to make contact with
114 VA concern
115 Chile money

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1 Mighty sharks
2 Draw out
3 Emmy-winning producer of "The Fugitive"
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 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
34 Saint Laurent
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
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

BY MADALYN ASLAN

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