

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Jest of drawers: Top cartoon captions

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1499 provided yet another opportunity to attach ridiculous captions to even ridiculous Bob Staake cartoons.



CARTOONS BY BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

4th place: "What do you mean you 'overhibernated'? Now get to work!"



3rd place: "And how would you like us to arrange your flight: overbooked or canceled?"



2nd place and the Lactation Cookie Bites: "Mom, if I have to run down here every time your screen freezes, I'm going to flunk gym class."



And the winner of the Clowning Achievement: "Well, he did ask if he could take our order."

Still running — deadline Monday night, Aug. 29: Our contest for limericks featuring a word or name beginning with "hi-"

SKETCHY: Honorable mentions

PICTURE 2 (BEAR): "Even if you're smarter than the average bear, it's pretty dumb to forget your wallet."

PICTURE 1 (TRAVEL AGENT): "Perhaps you meant to say 'a ticket to Pittsburgh, Reverend Spooner.'"

PICTURE 3 (COMPUTER): "I sent the file labeled 'Fake Electors' to the 'Electors' folder, and the 'Fake Fake Electors' to the 'Really Fake Electors' file."

PICTURE 4 (RESTAURANT): "Will you make me the happiest man in the world and pick up the check?"

PICTURE 3 (COMPUTER): "I sent the file labeled 'Fake Electors' to the 'Electors' folder, and the 'Fake Fake Electors' to the 'Really Fake Electors' file, but then it all got a little confused..."

PICTURE 4 (RESTAURANT): "The owner is really named Chester, but he thought it sounded classier in French."

PICTURE 4 (RESTAURANT): "I thought you said you loved cats!"

PICTURE 4 (RESTAURANT): "I hear it's impolite to call a French waiter 'garçon.' The preferred term is 'skippy.'"

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1503.

New for Week 1503: Sing of your supper — food parodies

Along with the recurring song contests that focus on the news, the Empress likes to toss in a few that don't necessarily play off the headlines.

Jonathan Hardis during our Niagara Falls Loserfest trip, Ohio Cow Poop and Cincinnati Pig Poop

Other runners-up win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grocery Bag.

The Style Conversational: The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results.

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers. Clues include "GAME FOR ANYTHING" and "German-made camper".

Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday | Aug. 28: You're kind, generous and compassionate. You are also very alert and precise — you miss nothing. You are playful, young at heart and have excellent comedic timing.

Answers to last week's puzzle.

Grid of crossword puzzle answers including REFS, DRIER, BACH, SAMOA, AGRA, IAMSO, ALOE, EMITS, YOUNG, ANNOT, BESI, RIR, ROSES, STIRRED, IRK, ENCI, RICLE, TEAR, JENNER, TOA, FAULT, MAT, LORAX, TITUS, LEOS, ASAP, IVIES, VASES, CHRISTMAS, BONE, DELISH, SETTEE, TAPIRS, AIMEE, FANTASY, CAESAR, SPAL, SHEA, DOH, AUG, ASTI, CALLUSTECH, LAMPOIL, ATILT, MYOPIC, GOOGLE, TEASER, RICEER, RONEOUS, IMAM, NOONE, IDEAS, DUA, DARIUS, PRODUCTS, TWOS, CROSSOUT, ITO, TRAMPLE, ACUTE, PIECE, OFT, HEPIOUS, RISER, ACCT, LIMES, TRAP, DEEDS, DOGS, STINT, STUN.