

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Smush hits: 1-word-movie mashups

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1509 we asked you to convince a giant rabbit that he's crazy when he insists that Jimmy Stewart is following him around. (Hildy Zampella, Vienna, Va.)

4th place:

Gaslight Harvey: People try to convince a giant rabbit that he's crazy when he insists that Jimmy Stewart is following him around. (Hildy Zampella, Vienna, Va.)

3rd place:

Madagascar Rent: In this documentary, D.C. area workers go farther and farther afield in search of affordable housing. (Hannah Seidel, Alexandria)

2nd place and the 1972 lissome-ladies license plate frame:

Philadelphia Alien: Dr. Oz goes to a Flyers game wearing a Devils jersey. (Karen Lambert, Chevy Chase)

And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

Parasite Boyhood: In Pixar's latest, Tommy Tapeworm and his buddies search for the perfect hosts — and end up finding themselves. (Terri Berg Smith, Rockville)

Rated star: Honorable mentions

1984 Bananas: Carmen Miranda wears her most outrageous hat ever. (Roy Ashley, Washington)

Booksmart Rocky: "Greetings and Salutations, Adrian!" (Karen Lambert)

8½ Goodfellas: As climate change causes water to recede in the New Jersey Meadowlands, police make some gruesome discoveries. (Mark Turco, McLean)

Manhattan Eraserhead: A New York real estate magnate rises to a top government post and wipes classified stamps from documents just by thinking about them. (Joy Rains, Bethesda)

Big, Titanic: A dazzling insight leads Peter Rogot to his life's work — and to immortality. (Elliott Shevin, Efrat, West Bank)

Cinderella Goodfellas: "Yo, princess, you want me to take care of those stepisters for you?" (Holly Rearode, Waldorf, Md., a First Offender)

Clueless in Manhattan: "How very kind of that young man to squeegee-clean my car window!" (Karen Lambert)

Philadelphia Surprise: One day in October, Eagles fans fail to boo even the opposing team. (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring)

Sounder Aliens: Finally, a rational political party arrives on the scene. Millions of Americans ask to be taken to their leader. (Les Finster, Washington, who got his only other blot of Invite ink in Week 408, 2001)

Spartacus? Nope!: One Thracian rebel missed the memo, and lived happily ever after. (Donald Norum, Charlottesville)

Speed Atonement: An auctioneer-turned-rabbi officiates at a Yom Kippur service, giving a new meaning to "fast day." (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Suddenly Clueless: A dad discovers what it's like when his child becomes a teenager. (Steve Shapiro, Alexandria)

Superbad Armageddon: Alexander's Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day gets worse. (Christy Tosatto, RV no-mad, filing from Asheville, N.C.)

Titanic Meatballs: Out to set the ground-beef record at all costs, a competitive eater finds that his heart won't go on. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

1408 Sneakers: Imelda Marcos takes up basketball. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Airport Gladiator: The weak are filtered out during the rush to fetch luggage from the LAX carousel on Thanksgiving eve. (Linda Wallers, Vancouver, Wash., a First Offender)

Alien Airplane!: Gov. Ron DeSantis comes up with a zany way to spend Floridians' money. (Ryan Martinez, Takoma Park)

Babe Armageddon: Apokalyse now! (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

Bean Picnic: The famous scene in "Blazing Saddles" is now a whole movie! (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

Caged Harvey: A Hollywood producer who enjoys showering in front of others gets to do it the rest of his life. (Jon Carter, Frederickburg)

Dunkirk Cars: Belgium



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New for Week 1513: You're such a card — send us non-greetings

So they're putting your house on TV On that show that so many will see! Though we're not sure congrats are in order, Since the neighbors will know you're a hoarder.

This week's contest comes at the suggestion of Loser Extraordinaire Duncan Stevens, who's lately been tidying up the 1,512-row Master Contest List at the Losers' website, NRARS.org, fine-tuning the descriptions of all Style Invitational contests since Week 1 in 1993 (complete with links to all their texts). Duncan thought it'd be fun to redo Week 509 (2003): Come up with a greeting card rhyme for an un-greeting-card occasion. The occasions getting ink 19 years ago included having plastic surgery, getting a subpoena, having a Hummer booted and being traded to the Wizards.

Duncan's idea was heartily endorsed by "lonnnnnngtime Hallmark freelancer" Bob Staake, who offers (to us, not to Hallmark) the sentiments and cartoon above.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1513 (no capitals in the web address). Deadline is Monday night, Nov. 14; results appear Dec. 4 in print, Dec. 1 online.



Which way to wear these? This week's second-prize earrings.

Winner gets the Clowning Achievement, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a pair of adorable tiny earrings with little toilet paper rolls hanging down. It's up to you whether to wear them with the "paper" hanging in front or behind. Donated by Loser Cheryl Denney White.

Other runners-up win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "A Small Jester of Appreciation" or "Close, but Ceci N'est Pas un Cigare." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/inviteFAQ. The headline "Smush Hits" is by Kevin Dopart; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev; follow 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, published late Thursday, Nov. 3, at wapo.st/conv1513.

rounds up all the taxis in the country to evacuate the trapped Allied troops and drive them to Britain — until they realize there's one problem with their plan ... (George Smith, Frederick)

Flipper Babe: The Little Mermaid has a punky new persona in this Disney remake. (Robert Weiner, Washington, a First Offender)

Frozen Avatar: Documentary on the glitch-fraught creation of Mark Zuckerberg's first meta-verse movie. (Jon Grantham, Fairfax)

Frozen Smile: Elsa and Anna stand to inherit a vast kingdom as long as they pretend to laugh at their father's lame puns. (Frank Mann, Washington)

Joe Flubber: Biden's greatest gaffes, Part 1 (3 hrs. 10 mins.) (Mark Raffman)

Maleficent Us: "Despicable Me" goes bigger and nastier. (Arthur O'Dwyer, Irvington, N.Y.)

Goldfinger Up: Documentary detailing the world's most expensive prostate exam. (Mike Phillips, Chevy Chase)

Milk It: A Hollywood studio must decide whether to wring out yet another sequel out of its franchise, and agonizes over the question for several milliseconds. (Duncan Stevens)

Monster Bridesmaids: Why should the bride be the only Zilla — especially after she made her friends buy these horrible dresses? Revenge awaits. (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

Monster M\*A\*S\*H: A Korean War surgeon employs unconventional procedures — notably the neck stitch-and-bolt — to keep soldiers battle-ready. (Dave Letizia, Pinehurst, N.C.)

Offspring Eraser: The Herschel Walker story. (Ryan Martinez)

Pi Cheerleader: "3 point 1-4-1-5-9! Look at the scoreboard — who's behind?" The story of the MIT pep squad. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Saw Cars: A family of four recounts their exciting vacation up I-95 on Thanksgiving weekend. (Brian Cohen, Winston-Salem, N.C.)

Saw Hair: A barber's assistant asks for help with a customer whose locks haven't been washed in recent memory. (Duncan Stevens)

Shampoo Cats: Adventure film about the little-known Thirteenth labor of Hercules. (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

Smile Battleground: He's about to find out that advising a woman on how she could look so much prettier is a very bad idea. (Pamela Love, Columbia)

Solo l'Amore: An ex-president finds his only true love. (Sudhir Vasudeva, McLean)

Suddenly Heidi!: It's 1968 and the Jets defeat the Raiders ... we think. (George Thompson, Springfield)

Superbad Reds: Wines of the World, Part 23: Chernobyl. (Mark Raffman)

Superbad Witness: "It was a tall blond guy! Or maybe an Asian lady?" (Ryan Martinez)

Thor Loser: A playground bully's taunts become less threatening when his baby teeth start to fall out. (Sarah Walsh, Rockville)

And Last: Superbad Memento: An Invite Loser laments receiving second prize. (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich., who's done that 19 times)

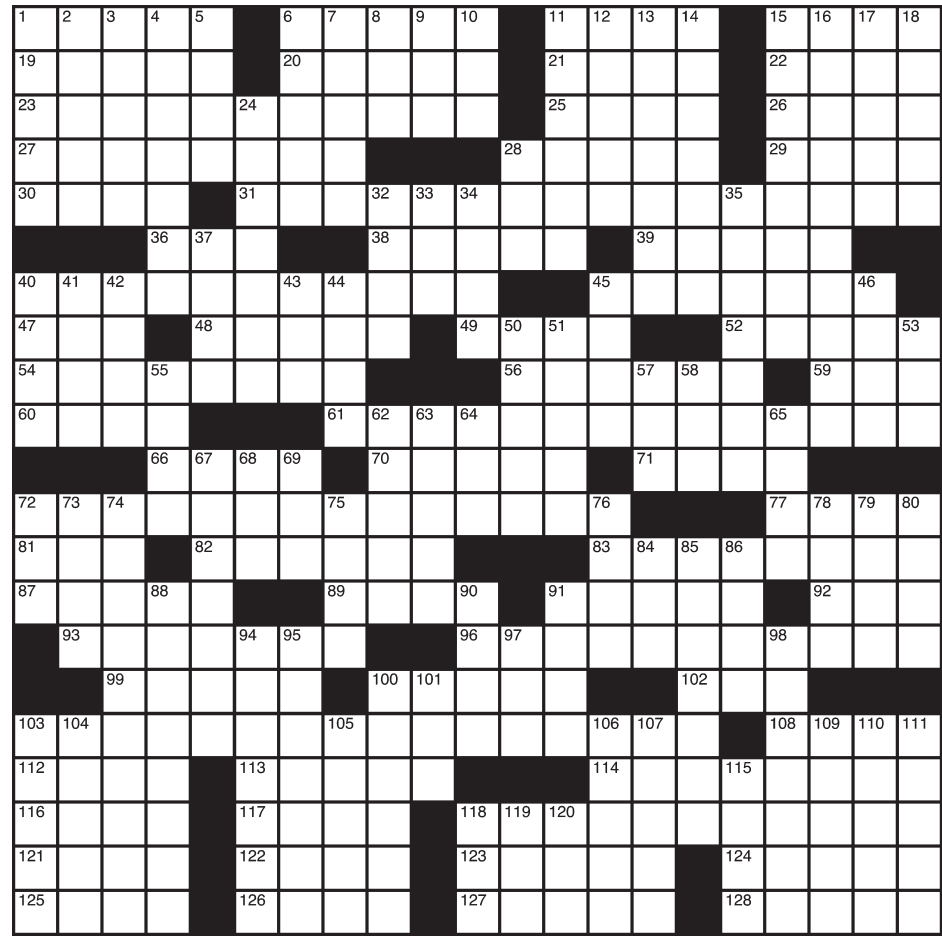
And Even Laster: Clown Obsession: A Loser leaves his job, family and friends behind as he seeks the top prize in a humor contest. (Neil Kurland, Elkridge)

More honorable mentions at wapo.st/invite1513. Still running — deadline Monday night, Nov. 7: Our contest to write something of 26 words, all of which start with different letters. See wapo.st/invite1512.

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- "SCALE IT BACK" BY SCOTT HOGAN & KATIE HALE ACROSS 1 Improvises with nonsense syllables while singing 6 Hosp. area 11 "Frozen" snowman 15 Go the distance 19 Old Turkish title 20 Body art medium 21 Room 22 Glom \_\_: take hold of 23 Chant that could start any minute in a yoga class? 25 Bibliography abbr. 26 Playing a fifth qtr., say 27 Vegan pizza order, perhaps 28 Speak without thinking 29 Thick book 30 Biblical twin 31 Beaver structure that defies all laws of physics? 36 Soap chemical 38 Singer Lena 39 African capital 40 Result of a cracked Kindle? 45 Uses, as a coupon 47 Paddle kin 48 Brownstone porch 49 Family man 52 Telly watchers 54 Sitcom fixture 56 11th Greek letter 59 Casual refusal 60 Messy pile 61 Lingered resentment between rival 16th century Italian painters? 66 Con 70 Gimlet garnishes 71 Like some Chardonnay 72 Obstacles in a Grand Theft Auto construction zone? 77 AnnaSophia of "Bridgete to Terabithia" 81 NAACP co-founder \_\_ B. Wells 82 E-signature alternative 83 Celebrity mag since 1977 87 Transform (into) 89 Drops from above 91 Problem with 82-Across 92 Biodegrade 93 Resort with moguls 96 Rate at which romaine salads come out of the kitchen? 99 Impressionist Claude 100 Beekeeping hazard 102 Irish actor Stephen 103 Put up with my shenanigans? 108 Sleeveless garment 112 Twee 113 Competitor 114 Goes long? 116 Poker stake 117 Scored 100 on 118 Creating study aids during a classroom lecture, and how seven long answers in this puzzle were created? 121 Look intently (at) 122 "How \_\_\_ refuse?" 123 Garlicy sauce 124 Cornell, Penn, etc. 125 Flubs 126 Jewelry designer Peretti 127 Eurasian border mountains 128 Black-and-white vegetarian 9 Singer Yoko 10 Hulu's \_\_\_ & Tommy" 11 Vague warning 12 Seated yoga pose 13 Greed 14 Had regrets 15 One who lingers 16 Latin phrase in some dates 17 Leaf pore 18 \_\_\_ pole 24 Political thaw 28 "\_\_\_ appetit!" 32 Breakfast chain 33 Calendar pgs. 34 Get set 35 Recline 37 Polite creature contraction 40 All of two 41 Talk wildly 42 Killer whale 43 \_\_\_ favor 44 Crowd sound 45 Crashes (into) 46 Constellation part 50 Strange 51 Behind the 53 \_\_\_/her pronouns 55 Abbey area 57 Bun cooked in a bamboo steamer 58 Genetic letters 62 Justice Kagan 63 "The Pinkprint" rapper Minaj 64 Latin I verb 65 Brontë governess 67 Buckaroo 68 Mature 69 Pilates surface 72 Pep 73 Rite words 74 Hypothetical stuff in space venues 75 Oscar winner Sorvino 76 Totals 78 Sticky pod 79 Political coalition 80 Computer memory unit 84 \_\_\_ salt 85 Nate Dogg's "Regulate" collaborator 86 Scots Gaelic 88 Leads the way 90 CBS military drama 91 Lily: Utah state flower 94 Go over again 95 Virtuous 97 Social insect 98 Meringue dessert named for a ballerina 100 Bowl game 101 \_\_\_ Aviv 103 Land's end? 104 Pitching aid? 105 Levels (out) 106 Flounce 107 Some tax-free bonds 109 Stay home for supper 110 Knight's mount 111 Thompson of "Creed" 115 Scissors sound 118 19th Greek letter 119 Beach ball inflater 120 RV park chain



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

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Happy Birthday | Nov. 6: You are energetic, confident and full of enthusiasm. You are focused and dedicated to whatever you do because you want to succeed. This is a year of exciting change that might bring you increased personal freedom. It's important to act fast and trust your intuition. Travel if possible.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping after 5:15 p.m. After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Expect a lively discussion with someone older. They might impress you with their views or, vice versa, you might impress them. Don't let things get out of hand. You don't have to prove anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have the energy to dig for answers to your questions. Possibly, you will be excited by what you learn. This might even lead to an argument with someone about politics, religion or racial issues. Stay cool.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Expect a vibrant discussion about future goals or when dealing with other cultures. Someone older or more experienced might have input for you. Avoid squabbles about shared property and differing values.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be aware that people notice you. If you encounter authority figures, be polite, even though you will be tempted to aggressively clarify your position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You want to study and explore new ideas, as well as travel and explore new places. However, steer clear of controversial subjects, which can lead to arguments about politics, religion or racial issues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have definite ideas about shared property, inheritances, insurance matters or something to do with the wealth and resources of a partner or someone else. You're prepared to defend what you want. Tread carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The Moon is opposite your sign, which happens for 2½ days every month. When this occurs, you have to give way to others. You have to cooperate and compromise. Fear not — in two weeks, when the Moon is in your sign, people will have to cooperate with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can accomplish a lot because you're willing to work. Therefore, don't waste time arguing with daily contacts. Be smart.

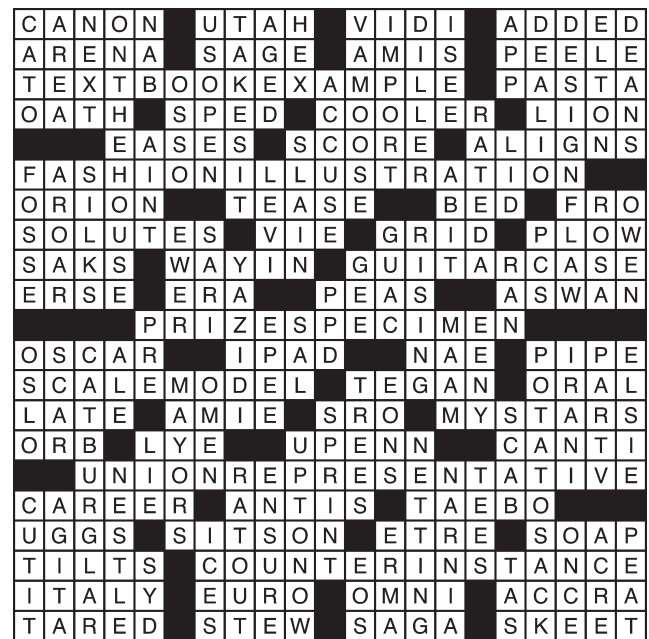
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're in a playful mood today. You want to explore sports and outdoor events and fun activities with children. Nevertheless, romantic arguments and power plays might ruin your chance for fun. It's your choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A discussion with a family member could relate to duties, financial contributions or how something will get done. Nevertheless, avoid ego battles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Discussions with others will be lively, especially if your kids are involved or you're discussing sports, the entertainment world, vacations or fun diversions. You want a practical solution.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Financial matters are your primary concern. This might relate to stress taking place at home. Money isn't always the solution, even though at first it looks that way.

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