

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Ink-a-hoots: 'Collaboration' puns

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1422 was essentially an APB for book, movie and song puns; the contest asked for them to be "collaborations" resulting in the tweaked name. Among the 2,000 entries was much pairing of Judy Garland with Ted Cruz/Rudy Giuliani/The Blob to make **The Wizard of Ooze**; others had Mike Lindell singing with Little Anthony on **Tears on My Pillow**. Lots of First Offenders; they're marked with asterisks.

4th place:

Marie Kondo with co-author Lindsey Graham: **The Life-Changing Magic of Toadying Up** (*John Butman, Cabin John, Md.; Frank Mullen III, Aledo, Ill.)

3rd place:

Elton John and Kiki Dee featuring Hannibal Lecter: **Don't Go Baking My Heart**. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

2nd place and the drinking straw you wrap around your face:

If Vicki Lawrence handed her song to Stacey Abrams, she'd sing **The Night the Right Went Out in Georgia**. (Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring)

And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

With co-author Vladimir Putin, Barbara Kingsolver would write **The Poison-Good Bible**. (Harold Mantle, Sunnyvale, Calif.)

Co-ing under:

Honorable mentions

The Silence of the Lames, starring Anthony Hopkins and 43 senators. (*Megan Barnett, Crozet, Va.; Seth Tucker, Washington)

Disney's collaboration with Fidel and Raúl Castro: **Irates of the Caribbean**. (J. Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

If Rodgers & Hammerstein had done the score for "Groundhog Day," there'd be **Same Enchanted Evening**. (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

Martin Scorsese could do a documentary on the White House: **Malice Doesn't Live Here Anymore**. (Adie Peña, Makati, Philippines; Howard Walderman, Columbia)

Baby Yoda stars with Christopher Lloyd in **The Man DeLorean**. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Alex Winter and Keanu Reeves could sign Pope Francis for **Bill & Ted's Lent Adventure**. (Chris Damm, Charles Town, W.Va.)

Eric Carle and co-author Quentin Tarantino could make the picture book **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What the \$%^&* You Looking At?** (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

If Cecil B. DeMille had gotten script input from Bill Clinton, he would have made **The Nine Commandments**. (Jeff Contompassis, Ashburn)

Angelina Jolie could star with Lance Armstrong in **Lara Croft: Tomb Raider**. (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

If Charles Dickens wrote a novel with George Carlin, it'd be called **Bleep House**. (Jeff Rackow, Bethesda)

Tchaikovsky's ballet with Joe the Plumber: **The Buttercracker**. (Brett Dimaino, Cumberland, Md.)

Sean Connery could have starred with Rudy Giuliani in **The Hunt for Red November**. (John Klayman, Fairfax)

Norton Juster with co-author Rudy Giuliani: **The Phantom Pol-booths**. (Perry Beider, Silver Spring)

Mariah Carey with virally unwise hairstylist Jessica Brown: **All I Want for Christmas Is Glue**. (Megan Barnett)

If Quentin Tarantino had cast Paula Deen over Uma Thurman, the movie would have been **Keel Beel**. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

James M. Cain with co-author Louis DeJoy: **The Postman Rings Once in a While**. (David Shombert, Harrisonburg, Va.)

Kojak sucks Sam Spade into helping him find his stolen car in **The Baldy's Falcon**. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Bob Dylan with Donald Trump: **Bellowin' in the Wind**. (Steve Glomb, Alexandria)

Elton John could pair with John G. Roberts Jr. for **Docket Mack** and with Nikola Tesla for **Shock-It**



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1426: Mess with our (or others') heads

Chair dismisses fears of overdoing stimulus (*Washington Post, March 1*)
Bank head: 'Let those kids jump on me,' La-Z-Boy says; vows to 'boing 'em right back with my springs'

50% Off Labor (*ad for home renovations*)
Reconsidering no-meds approach, expectant mom opts for 'just half the pain' semi-epidural

Miller Leads Patriots Past the Colonials (*George Mason vs. George Washington basketball*)
Creepy White House ex-aide seen heading white militants' march through suburban subdivision

It's one of The Style Invitational's most beloved contests (beloved by the Empress, anyway): **Reinterpret an actual headline (or a major part of it) by adding a bank head, or subtitle**, as in the examples above. The headlines may be from any publication, print or online, dated March 4-15, 2021. Please give the source and date for the headline so the E can verify it; see details on the entry form.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1426 (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, March 15**; results appear April 4 in print, April 1 (whuh-oh) online.

Winner gets the Clowning Achievement, our new Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a **desktop globe in the shape of a cube**, which will surely prove popular in all eight corners of the world. Donated by Dave Prevar, who sent the E a big Santa-package of ridiculous prizes.

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 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 "Ink-a-Hoots" is by Barbara Turner; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://www.facebook.com/invdev); "like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](https://www.facebook.com/bit.ly/inkofday); and follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

The Style Conversation: The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week's at wapo.st/cont1426.

The "You're Invited" podcast: Eleven half-hour episodes, including dish from the Empress and the Czar, and tips from top Losers. See [bit.ly/invite-podcast](https://www.bit.ly/invite-podcast).



See Greenland around the corner from Canada? This week's second prize.

Man. (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

Chinua Achebe and Kim Kardashian: **Thongs Fall Apart** (Duncan Stevens)

Neil Diamond and Richard Simmons: **Sweat, Caroline!** (Bob Kruger, Rockville)

Khaled Hosseini and Charlie Brown: **The Kite Ruiner**. (Lee Graham, Rockville)

Charlotte Brontë and A.A. Milne: **Jane Eeyore**. (Lee Graham)

If P.D. Eastman had gone to work for the Biden transition team, he could have written **Go, Don. Go**. (*Chris Wieman, Laurel)

William Friedkin could have cast the Peloton Wife in **The Excercist**. (Art Grinath, Takoma Park)

Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeffrey Toobin duet in **The Zoom Where It Happened**. (Megan Barnett)

Ernest Hemingway might have drafted losing GOP Sens. Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue for **A Farewell to R's**. (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

Louisa May Alcott with Donald Trump: **Belittle Women**. (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring; Scott Straub, Winchester, Va.)

Jane Austen with Enrique Tarrio would write **Proud and**

Prejudiced. (*Mike Tringale, Washington)

Sidney Poitier and Marjorie Taylor Greene: **Guess Q's Coming for Dinner**. (Bill Dorner)

Ray Bradbury with co-authors Ben & Jerry: **Something Licked This Way Comes** (Daniel Fleisher, Baltimore)

Freddie Mercury sings Franz Kafka in **Weevil Rock You**. (Harold Mantle)

Billy Joel wrote a song with the California utility PG&E: **We Didn't Start The Fire, and We Understand And Agree That This Settlement Shall Not Be Construed as an Admission of Liability on the Part of Any Person, Firm, Corporation . . .** (*Hil Barnett, Crozet, Va.)

Glenn Yarbrough channeling Oliver Cromwell: **Baby, the Reign Must Fall**. (Fran Ludman, Baltimore, who last got Invite ink in Week 29 – 1993)

Louisa May Alcott, Jeffrey Dahmer and Armie Hammer: **Vittle Women** (Jim Derby, Gettysburg, Pa.; David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.)

Donald Trump channels Sam Cooke: **"Qupid, go stop the steal/ Show Pence my landside was real/ Get him to change the count for me . . ."** (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

J.D. Salinger and Washington Post Fact Checker Glenn Kessler: **The Catcher in the Lie**. (Steve Leifer, Potomac)

If Fixodent's next ad were written by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the new tagline would be **100 Years of Solid Food**. (Danielle Nowlin)

ABBA with the Empress: **Dunce-Ink Queen**. (Jesse Frankovich)

More honorable mentions in the online [Invite](http://wapo.st/invite1426) at wapo.st/invite1426.

Still running – deadline Monday night, March 8: Our Bob Staake cartoon caption contest. See wapo.st/invite1425

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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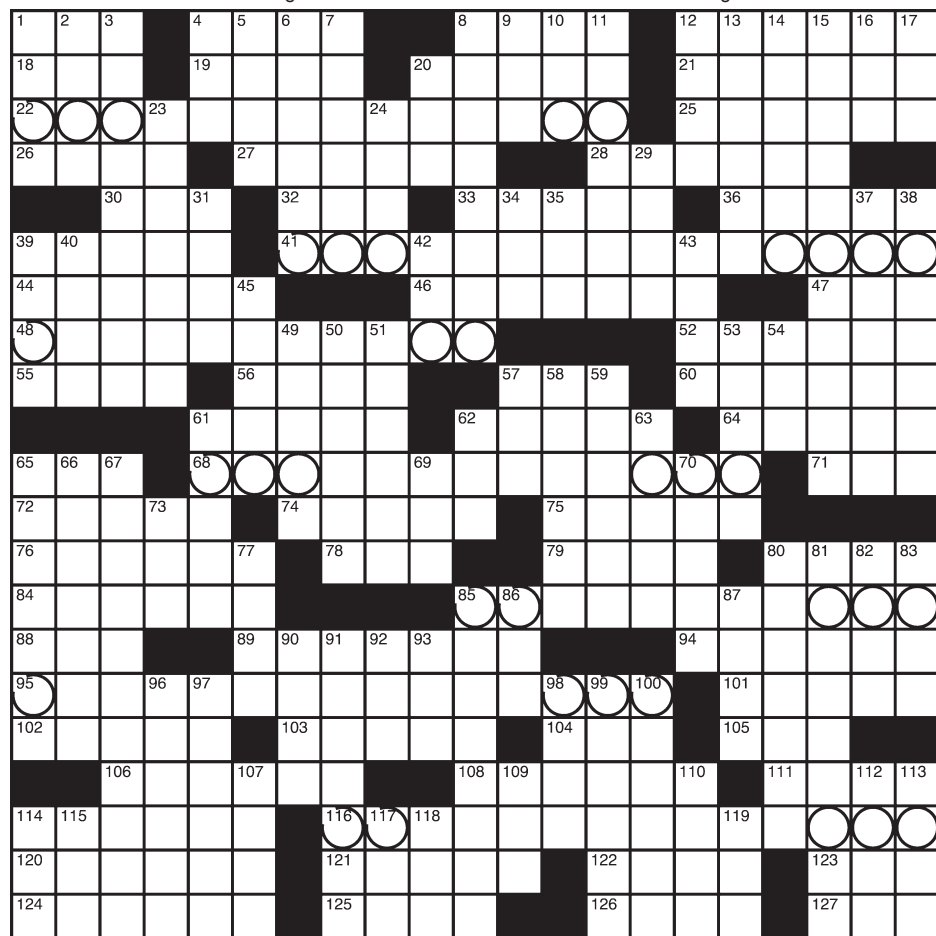
"OUTER LIMITS" By PAUL COULTER

ACROSS

- 1 Include so other recipients don't know, briefly
4 California neighbor, familiarly
8 Bulk
12 Gloomy
18 Pleased sigh
19 Genesis victim
20 Train
21 Painful
22 It's "gravy" to some Italian Americans
25 Tropical vines
26 Frau's partner
27 Hit one in the trees, maybe
28 Off course
30 Bunch of bills
32 Somme soul
33 Gothic architecture feature
36 Tender spots
39 Preserved, in a way
41 "Melrose Place" complex
44 Derelict
46 Fine, lightweight cloth
47 Obamacare, for short
48 Venus, at times
52 With passion
55 Mao's successor
56 Cartoonist Peter
57 AOL alternative
60 Events with bulls and barrels
61 Like desert climates, comparatively
62 Stem with a bow
64 Bit of statuary
65 Like some pkgs.
68 Real estate listing datum
71 D.C. bigwig
72 Classical name of Troy
74 Fool
75 Fervently wishes
76 "For honest men and bonnie"; Burns
78 Star Wars initials
79 Bar mitzvah staple
80 Wells race
84 Tropical Chinese tree
85 Grade school presentation
88 "I'll take what I can get," in classifieds

DOWN

- 1 Big blowout
2 Superhero garb
3 Dickens' Mrs. Dilber and Andy Capp's wife Flo
4 "Phooey!"
5 Fins in registers
6 Long-distance traveler's concern
7 Nissan sedan
8 Caps, e.g.
9 Evian water
10 TV monitor
11 Mont Blanc's range
12 Artist who created fashion designs for Schiaparelli
13 Most frigid
14 Hebrew hello ... and goodbye
15 Some Vulcans, via meids
16 Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
17 NFLers near centers
20 "The Waste Land" monogram
23 Sampling the smorgasbord
24 "Happy birthday" writer, perhaps
29 Accomplishment
31 First name in early TV
34 Tiny queen
35 Ling of "The Crow"
37 Put inside
38 Remains awhile
39 One of the Weasley twins
40 Dream, in Dijon
42 Corporate alias abbr.
43 Back
45 Gobble (up)
49 Dirty money
50 Bad looks
51 Like the zone between two tropics
53 Many are mailed in
54 Altar avowal
57 No . . . menu notice
58 Plato's "tenth Muse"
59 Thin
61 Beneficiary
62 Publicity, slangily
63 "Goodies" singer
65 Resting places in cases
66 Magazine with a lagomorph logo
67 Fludeness
69 Here, to Henri
70 Printers' primary colors
73 Kosh B'gosh
77 Cabinet mem.
80 Ancient region of central Italy
81 When tripled, song that begins, "Oh, the weather outside is frightful"
82 Lena of "Choccolat"
83 Martinique et Guadeloupe
85 Mariner's measures
86 Experienced, as fun
87 Quad building
90 Word after a drop
91 Responsive to treatment
92 "Westworld" ailer
93 "Malcolm X" (1992) director
96 Feudal lords
97 Lacks the courage to
98 She, in Italy
99 Old-fashioned warning
100 Stick in one's craw
107 Contractors' figs.
109 Network with regular pledge drives
110 Little newts
112 "Laugh-In" segment
113 Munch Museum city
114 Convened
115 Lab. neighbor
117 Put on TV
118 NY airport named for a mayor
119 "Go team!"



Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY MADALYN ASLAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | March 7: Complex, sensitive and conceptual, you're a very giving person in public, but privately you're your own master. This year, you give more to yourself and thus are happier than you've been in years. If single, you can feel lonely and withdrawn, so it's good for you to be with a soul mate. You meet yours this May. If attached, it's been a long search. Cancer won't ever let go.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Today puts you in touch with old companions. Good or bad, they haven't changed. Think on how treasured friendships enrich your life. One of your new acquaintances may join your inner circle. Accept an invitation or two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

It is a wonderful time to study another language or learn how to cook a foreign cuisine. There will be avenues for expressing your highest potential. Grandparent and grandchild relationships provide special joy and build happy memories.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Dreams and fantasy abound. Those closest to you are preparing for some significant lifestyle changes. Be supportive. Allow loved ones to explore. Whatever shifts are due will be for the better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Others seem more assertive. Offer affirmations for harmony and justice. A lighthearted attitude in competitive situations is essential. A delightful new animal companion can stray into your home and heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

A new environment or routine is possible. Be receptive to new changes, but wait to see which way the wind blows before moving forward. Past patterns in regard to your health hold the key to understanding changes in your vitality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Love and romance are highlighted favorably today. Attend social functions on Zoom and develop promising relationships by taking the initiative. A loved one may share news of a new relationship or creative project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A residence might require repair work. Be tolerant and diplomatic if a family member shows some frustration. A sage smudge of your home will usher out stale energies and clear the air.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your judgment is good and your mind is alert. It's a good time to attend to transportation needs. Conversations provide new perspectives. A wedding invitation may be discussed – to go or not to go?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your thoughts revolve around adding to your earning power and perhaps perfecting a new job skill. An item long desired is purchased. A problem is solved through reflection and research. Revel in all that you have rather than lamenting lack.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

All that is mysterious attracts you. Today heralds growth, new perspectives and opportunity. Prepare for events to unfold suddenly. Be adventurous in spirit. Rise to the occasion before chances are lost.

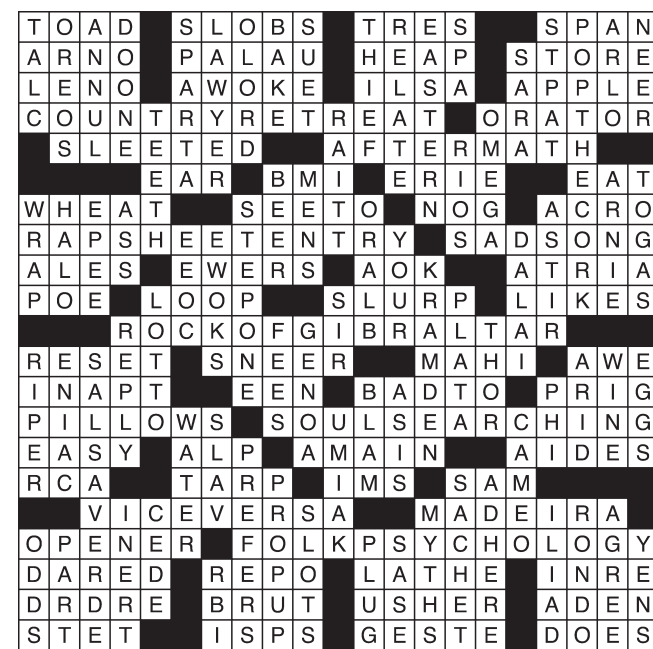
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

The need for peace and privacy is strong today. There is much you would prefer to keep to yourself. Acts of charity and personal sacrifice bring unexpected rewards. Moderate exercise works wonders for your overall well-being.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Friends are a special blessing today. Membership in a group or organization can be a catalyst for happiness and accomplishment. Making contacts with helpful and powerful individuals and displaying your talents may also absorb you.

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