Style Invitational Week 1232: Picture This — a caption contest

Plus the winning ‘secret inspirations’ for movie titles

(Cartoons by Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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This week’s results form a lengthy list, but at just a line or two apiece, they still don’t take up much room on the page. Which means: Cartoon caption time! And as always, it’s the Ever More Famous Bob Staake (rhymes with “wack”) providing the drawings. This week: Write a caption for one or more of the cartoons above.

Submit entries at this website: wapo.st/enter-invite-1232 (all lowercase). Note: Please begin each entry with “Picture A,” “Picture B,” etc., and follow that heading with the text of the caption on the same line. This will help the Empress sort the entries. C’mon. She did say “please.”

Winner gets the Inkin’ Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy — one of the last few before we come out with a new design. Second place receives a piece of history — or at least something dating back to an event that even Super Doofy Nerd Entertainment Trivia wouldn’t ask about: It’s a giant-size “Free Tommy Chong” T-shirt, never used but presumably dating to 2003-04, when the
stoner-shtick comedian was imprisoned (for his full nine-month sentence; clearly, someone failed to wear this T-shirt) for selling bongs on the Internet. True fact: Chong’s cellmate at Taft Correctional Institution was “Wolf of Wall Street” Jordan Belfort.

Other runners-up win our “You Gotta Play to Lose” Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, “I Got a B in Punmanship.” Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, “No Childishness Left Behind” or “Magnum Dopus.” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, June 26; results published July 16 (online July 13). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week’s results is by Tom Witte; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Jesse Frankovich. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. “Like” Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday.

The Style Conversational The Empress's weekly online column, published late Thursday, discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .

FAKE MUSE: THE WINNING MOVIE TITLE ‘INSPIRATIONS’ FROM WEEK 1228

The Empress knew she’d receive a slew of entries for Week 1228, a no-writing-required contest to cite the “secret inspiration” for a real movie title. Indeed, there were thousands; many entrants sent in the maximum of 25 entries. She also knew that there would be duplication; yup — see the several multiple credits below. Among those submitted too frequently for individual ink: for “Bride of Frankenstein”: Ivanka Trump; for “Some Like It Hot”: EPA chief Scott Pruitt; and about 20 for “Raging Bull”: Sean Spicer.

And there were literally hundreds of entries connecting one title or another — dozens of them — with the
president. The Empress’s favorites among them: “Sully” (by Edward Gordon) and “American Sniper” (Jesse Frankovich). See many more Trump-movies at the end of the column.

4th place:

“The Company of Wolves”: Roger Ailes (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

3rd place:

“The Lego Movie”: Melania Trump (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

2nd place:

and the 1970s “Losers” comic books:

“How U Like Me Now?”: George W. Bush (Seth Tucker, Washington)

And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial:

James and the Giant Peach: Former FBI director Comey and you-know-who (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Cutl: honorable mentions

“Stand and Deliver”: April the Giraffe (Mark Richardson, Takoma Park, Md.)

“The Zookeeper’s Wife”: Sally Priebus (Samantha Wareing, Berlin, a First Offender; Roy Ashley, Washington)

“The Silence of the Lambs”: Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan (Bill Lieberman, Ellicott City, Md.)

“Dunkirk”: William Shatner (Mike Ostapiej, Mount Pleasant, S.C.)

“10,000 B.C.”: Jeff Sessions (Francis Canavan, Reston, Va.)

“Girl, Interrupted”: Elizabeth Warren (Jerry Mindes, Rockville, Md., a First Offender; Seth Tucker)

“The Ten Commandments,” “The Passion of the Christ” and “Gandhi”: Donald Trump, of course — R. Giuliani, New York (Seth Tucker)

“Dodge City”: Sean Spicer (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

“How to Train Your Dragon”: Kellyanne Conway (James Kruger, Rockville, Md.)

“Tango & Cash”: Tom Bergeron (Lawrence McGuire)

“Frozen”: Bill Gates (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

“The Cable Guy”: Julian Assange (Mark Calandra, Sudbury, Mass.)

“While You Were Sleeping”: Bill Cosby (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento; Kathy K. MacDonald, Columbia, Md.)

“Into the Woods”: Sean Spicer (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

“From Here to Eternity”: Paul Wiedefeld (Duncan Stevens)
“Naked Lunch”: Mike Pence (Duncan Stevens)

“Slumdog Millionaire”: Jared Kushner (Joel Cockrell, Damascus, Md.; Duncan Stevens)

“X-Men 2”: Caitlyn Jenner and Chelsea Manning (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

“The 39 Steps”: Charlie Sheen (Duncan Stevens)

“A Few Good Men”: The Washington Redskins (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring, Md.)

“Monkey on My Back”: Johnny Weismuller (Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

“My Life as a Dog”: Bill O’Reilly (Lawrence McGuire)

“Toy Story 3”: Melania Trump (Samantha Wareing)

“Collateral Damage”: Billy Bush (Dave Matuskey)

“Drag Me to Hell”: Columbus, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce (John Hutchins)

“Eraserhead”: Kim Jong Un (Steve Langer, Chevy Chase, Md.)

“Extraordinary Measurers”: John Holmes (Dave Matuskey)

“Fargo”: Yoda (Hildy Zampella, Falls Church, Va.)

“I, Robot”: Marco Rubio (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

“Little Miss Sunshine”: Ann Coulter (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

“Pennies From Heaven”: Joel Osteen (Lawrence McGuire)


“The Secret Life of Walter Mitty”: Brian Williams (Lawrence McGuire)

“To Sir With Love”: Paula Broadwell (Michele Uhler, Fort Washington, Md.)

“Broken Arrow”: John Wayne Bobbitt (Steven Halter, Herndon, Va.)

“Remember Me”: John Wayne Bobbitt (Dave Matuskey)

“March of the Penguins”: Alex Ovechkin (Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.; Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

### Entertainment Alerts
Big stories in the entertainment world as they break.

“Sleepy Hollow”: Ben Carson (Jesse Frankovich)

“Almost Famous”: That one guy (David Friedman, Santa Clara, Calif.)

And SOME Trump-inspirations:

The Lion King
The Boss Baby
Foxcatcher
Pride and Prejudice
Don’t Think Twice
American Hustle
Charade
Gaslight
A Series of Unfortunate Events
About a Boy
On Golden Pond
Catch Me if You Can
Demolition Man
Pee-wee’s Big Adventure
The Man Who Would Be King
Trainwreck
Believe Me
Donnie Darko
Leaving Normal
Nuts
Pinocchio
This Is the End
The Wiz
Downhill Racer
Inherent Vice
Running With Scissors
Why Him?

Still running — deadline Monday night, June 19: our TankaWanka (haiku with two more lines) contest. See bit.ly/invite1231.
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