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Rehorsefulness: The top 'grandfoals'

BY PAT MYERS

Four weeks ago, in Week 1278, we announced the winners of our horse name "breeding" contest, playing on any two names among 100 Triple Crown nominees. Now here are "grandfoals" produced by breeding those foal names.

BUT FIRST: With his five (!!) blots of ink this week, Mark Raffman gallops past the 500-ink line and into the Style Invitational Hall of Fame as its 12th member. For a tribute to Mark, including some of his funniest Invite ink, see this week's Style Conversational at wapo.st/conv1282.

4th place

Donnie's Inferno x Worst.Musical.Ever = My Spare Lady (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.

3rd place

Cashless Clay x PhantomOfTheOpry = **Ali Bubba** (Hildy Zampella, Alexandria)

2nd place and the CD "Lullaby Renditions of Johnny Cash":

Absorba the Greek x How I Met Yo Mama = QuickerPickerUpper (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

And the winner of the **Lose Cannon:**

Ruckus in the Sack x Nope, Bone Spurs = **Not Funny, Melania** (David Young, Falmouth, Mass.)

Stable scraps: **Honorable mentions**

GhoulsOutForSummer x Invisible Ink = The Ghost Is Clear (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Twain x Rex = Amtwack (Marilyn Pifer, Morgan Hill, Calif.)

Absorba the Greek x David Cop a Feel = Pervious (Hildy Zampella)

LambdaTheSlaughter x Absorba the Greek = MuttonyOnThe **Bounty** (J.D. Berry, Springfield)

Absorba the Greek x The Ego Has Landed = **Ouzo Vain** (Harvey Smith, McLean)

Cashless Clay x Gaseous Clay = **Destitoot** (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Cashless Clay x How I Met Yo Mama = She Took PayPal (Steve Honley, Washington)

Cashless Clay x I Speak Foreign = Ali Blah Blah (Pete Morelewicz, Fredericksburg)

Cassius Claymore x LambdaTheSlaughter = Ali Baa Baa (Brian Cohen, Winston-Salem,

David Cop a Feel x Penn and Yeller = Lecherdemain (Mark Raffman)

Worst.Musical.Ever x David Cop a Feel = **Breast Side Story** (Steve Price, New York)

Absorba the Greek x Worst.Musical.Ever = A Porous

Line (Hildy Zampella) Donnie's Inferno x

Worst.Musical.Ever = The Book of Moron (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Rex x Worst.Musical.Ever = **He** Plays Eliza (Pamela Love, Columbia)

Miracle Whip x Donnie's Inferno = Merkel Whip (Chris Doyle, Denton,

Rex x Fiddle DD = Rax (Mark Raffman)

Gaseous Clay x Rex = Reex (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

New for Week 1282: Picture This

What's going on in these pictures? Don't ask me! No, tell me — since Bob Staake doesn't deign to talk to the Loserly Rabble. This week: Write a caption for one or **more of the pictures above.** Begin each entry with "Picture A," "Picture B," etc., on the same line as your caption, so that the Empress can sort the entries.

Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1282 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a Special Invite Red & Green Double Pak o' Yummies: first, an eight-ounce container of blood-red gooey-mess Texas Blood Crawlers, just like the worms that make nice fishing bait except that these are really gummy worms "crawling in chamoy and chili." Donated by Alex Blackwood of Houston; and a bag of genuine KitKat bars from Japan — in green tea flavor. They are bright green. Donated by Bruce Alter.

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 lusted-after Loser magnets, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, June 11; results published July 1 (online June 28). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Jesse Frankovich; both Chris Doyle and Kevin Dopart submitted the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow @StyleInvite on

▶ THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

HeFollowedMeHome x Gaseous Clay = **Restraining Odor** (Rick Havnes, Ocean City, Md.)

Worst.Musical.Ever x How I Met Yo Mama = Lay Ms. (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

Village Person x Jacob's Bladder = **Peon** (Mark Raffman)

The Ego Has Landed x Jirque du Soleil = I Am My Sunshine (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Donnie's Inferno x Miracle Whip = Hell-Man's Mayo (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Ol' Man Ripper x Splitting Heirs = Chopped Livers (Ellen Raphaeli, Falls Church)

Sneezy Listening x PhantomOf TheOpry = Mucus of the Night (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

Sneezy Listening x

Worst.Musical.Ever = A Little Night Mucus (Chris Doyle) Questosterone x So Much Twinning

= Hormone Killebrew (Dave Zarrow, Reston)

Roamin' Emperor x David Cop a Feel = **Seizer** (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.; Duncan Stevens)

Twain x Sneezy Listening = Connecticut Hankie (Duncan

401 Que? x Kodiak Moment = Dunno. Alaska (Mary Kappus, Washington; Mark Raffman)

Big Brown Bare x Smart Ash =

Birthday Soot (Jesse Frankovich) Twain x Genital Ben = **Tom Saw Ya** (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

HeFollowedMeHome x Big Brown Bare = Stalk Naked (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

David Cop a Feel x Hurt Dateeth = I Punch Damouth (Joanne Free, Clifton, Va.)

Worst.Musical.Ever x Jacob's Bladder = No Intermission (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

Felix and Oscar x GhoulsOutForSummer = BestFiendsForever (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

Cassius Claymore x Fighter Pilate = **Pull Your Pontius** (Matt Monitto)

Sack x Cassius Claymore = **Paper** or Plastique (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

Felix and Oscar x Gaseous Clay = The Odor Couple (Jenn Phillips. International Falls, Minn., a First Offender)

Genital Ben x Felix and Oscar = The Id Couple (Rob Wolf)

David Cop a Feel x Felix and Oscar = The Pawed Couple (Mary McNamara, Washington)

David Cop a Feel x Fiddle DD = Pinchass Zukerman (Chris Doyle)

Mind Over Martyr x Miracle Whip = Thinko de Mayo (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Gaseous Clay x Miracle Whip = Stinko da Mayo (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg; Jon Gearhart)

Rex x Gaseous Clay = **House of** Tooter (Judith Wright, Indian Hills,

Colo., a First Offender) The Ego Has Landed x Punked You

Asians = Kanye East (Lee Graham, Germantown, Md.)

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I Got Ink! x Laugh Savings = Little **Interest** (Margaret Welsh, Oakton) I Got Ink! x Invisible Ink = Fake

Lose (Tom Witte)

Still running - deadline Monday, June 11: our first googly-eyes photo contest. See wapo.st/invite1281.

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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | June 3: This year, you will be exposed to a different culture and unique ideas. Some will travel, while others will find themselves back in school. If you are single, you will attract someone quite spontaneous to your life. You can only grow from this relationship. If you are attached, the more open you become to new ideas

and different styles, the closer you and your sweetie will be. Aquarius nearly always leads you into an adventure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A friend lets you know in no uncertain terms where they are coming from. Do not push this person, as they might be more volatile than usual. Encourage a conversation to air out what could he a sensitive matter

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take news with a grain of salt. You could be confused by an older person who seems secure and confident but who could be defiant. You have a lot of chatter happening around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Before you act, use today to take off for an afternoon out of your environment. You will recharge quickly. You also might want to stay away a bit longer as you relax. Test out an idea on a companion and greet that person's response with seriousness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) One-on-one relating allows a great deal of flexibility and relaxation between you and a friend. You might not understand what ails this person, even after they explain it. Still, remain empathetic and recognize how different you both

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You need to tame your powerful, sunny personality to let someone else shine. You might not need to take this action all the time, just right now. You have the ability to listen and suggest different thoughts to this person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might have more energy than you have had in a while. Be more forthright about your plans. You could opt to go to the gym, jog through a favorite area or have a picnic. Respond to your change of energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You respond naturally to a loved one who cares about you. Investigate what is ailing this person. Understand that how you see a personal situation could radically change because of this conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can't help but want to deal with a problem before it gets bigger. Your ability to come to terms with this issue might be easier than you think. Know that you can help a friend over the hump.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your fun, imaginative personality emerges when dealing with a child. Reach out to a neighbor or relative to catch up on their news. Maintain a sense of humor and you'll flow right through the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might want to check the costs of proceeding as you have been. Laughter marks your interactions. Willingly try a new approach or idea. You won't know how you feel about the issue in question until you experience it.

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AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might be unusually energetic right now. You seem to rally others around you. Participate in a physical type of activity, as you need to burn off some of this high energy. Note that you are prone to losing your temper.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Everyone wants a lazy day, so why wouldn't you want one, too? Make it okay to indulge yourself, and do only what you must. If you want to stay in your pajamas all day, do just that. If you find yourself angry or irritated, dig deeper to see what is going on.

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