

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Refillies: The winning 'grandfoals' of Week 1122

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1122**, our 10th annual "grandfoals" contest, we asked the Losers to "breed" any two "foal" names produced in Week 1118 by breeding two names from a list of this year's Triple Crown nominees. Since most of the initial foal names already contained puns, this week's winners are poly-punsaturated. Here are just a few of the many worthy ponies drawn from more than 1,500 entries. Funny but sent by too many people: **:oscopy x 2B Continued**; **:oscopy; Buzzed Aldrin x Kinky Tut = Astronauty**.

4th place

To the Manna Born x Kinky Tut = To the Man o' Porn (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

3rd place

Bob Dylan's Mustache x Let My Pimple Go = How'd a Zit Feel? (Brendan Beary, Great Mills)

2nd place and the Marcin Gortat action figure:

Look Ma No Hanes x Absolut Zero = Me and My Kelvins (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

:oscopy x Not With Tongue = NOT WITH TONGUE!!! (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

Castoffspring: honorable mentions

Look Ma No Hanes x Car Per Diem = Ex-pants Account (Susan Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

Brooklyn Heights x Tough, Customer! = BridgeOfNoReturn (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

:oscopy x Chat With Dentist = .ontist (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Black-Eyed Sousa x Paternity Soot = Tuba Litigation (Nan Reiner, sent from Boca Raton, Fla.)

Chat With Dentist x Car Per Diem = Hertz! (Carol Ann Linder, Arlington; Francis Canavan, Reston)

Paternity Soot x Flew the Co-op = DNAWOL (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

GermanOfTheBored x Full Employment = Merkel Workers (Chris Doyle)

Hellene a Handbag x Full Employment = Grecian, Earn (Nan Reiner)

Hellene a Handbag x Look Ma No Hanes = GreeksBaringGifts (Ben Aronin, Washington)

Hellene a Handbag x Pipes Are Clogging = Loogie Vuitton (Dave Zarrow, Reston)

Spamalot x Hellene a Handbag = GeNuiNe GuCCi BaG\$ (Emily Davis, Bloomington, Ind.)

I Told You So x Paternity Soot = EZ Pa (Jeff Shirley)

I Told You So x Fe Fi Ho Hum = EZ Passé (Jeff Shirley)

No Movie x In Like Lint = GreatAmericanNavel (Ben Aronin)

Sphinxter x Jack and the Beans = Hole Enchilada (Pam Sweeney)

Jack and the Beans x Tuten C'mon = Common Tootin' (Jeff Hazle, Woodbridge)

Stairway to Heavin x Leave Delight On = LED Zeppelin (Chris Doyle) x

Stairway to Heavin x Pipes Are Clogging = Load Zeppelin (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

Let My Pimple Go x So Long, Succor = Zit Outta Luck (Larry Passar, Reston)

Stan Musical x Let My Pimple Go = AsGoodAsZitGetz (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

Ovi Ovi Ovi x Paternity Soot = OyVey OyVey OyVey (Ellen Raphaeli, Falls Church; Sam Laudenslager, Burke)

Ovi Ovi Ovi x I Told You So = HOVI HOVI HOVI (Jeff Shirley)

So Long, Succor x Prince Charmin = T.P. Barnum (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

To the Manna Born x Prince Charmin = Miracle Whipple (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Black-Eyed Sousa x Even Snider = Simper Fidelis (Emily Davis)

Absolut Zero x Teuton-khamun = The Kelvinator (Steve Honley, Washington)

Week 1126: Picture This

Style Invitational Cartoonist for All Time Bob Staake might be immersed in his latest project, the children's book "Beachy and Me" (it's about a whale). But fortunately for the Invitational, Bob is able to immerse himself into 27 things at once. And so once again: **Provide a humorous caption for any of the cartoons above**. Although the people in the cartoons don't seem to be talking, feel free to "quote" them anyway.

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the Flyshooter, a little pistol-shaped gadget with which you shoot a spinning swatter disk at a fly. The Empress, while she is famously callous to the misery of ink-deprived Losers, actually wouldn't hurt a fly, at least for fun. And so she recommends this only for aiming at trouser zippers. Donated by Dave Prevar.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet designed by Staake: either "The Wit Hit the Fan" or "Hardly Har-Har." First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, June 8; results published June 28 (online June 25). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1126" in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Kevin Dopart; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Tom Witte. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday.



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

:oscopy x Jack Bauer = Keister Sutherland (Stephen Gilberg, Silver Spring)

Look Ma No Hanes x :oscopy = Polyur Your Pants (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Absolut Zero x Full Employment = Kelvin and Jobs (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg; Harold Mantle, Lafayette, Calif.)

Absolut Zero x Kabeerpong = Kelvin and Hops (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

Burst Your Bauble x Spamalot = Bling Out Your Dead (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

Brinks Rubbery x Who Needs Ink? = Br___s Rubbery (Bill Verkuilen, Brooklyn Park, Minn.)

Brinks Rubbery x Flew the Co-op = Bounced Chick (Don Kirkpatrick, Waynesboro, Pa.)

Car Per Diem x Neil Strongarm = Porsche Control (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

Stairway to Heavin x Car Per Diem = Sick Transit (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)

Chat With Dentist x Gone Tomorrow = BitewingConspiracy (Howard Walderman, Columbia)

Chat With Dentist x Not With Tongue = Wuhh Up Oc? (Larry Passar)

Chat With Dentist x Poise N the Hood = Pulled Out Aplomb (Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia)

Poise N the Hood x Etsy Wetsy = Wearing It Wrong (Marilyn Pifer, Falls Church)

The Cope Diamond x Fur and

Balanced = Cope of Good Ape (Dudley Thompson)

Jack Bauer x :oscopy = 24-Ow Service (Steve Honley)

Magnum, T.I. x Jack and the Beans = Magnum, T.P. (Brian Cohen, Norfolk; Danielle Nowlin)

Magnum, T.I. x Tough, Customer = Magnum T.S. (Susan Thompson)

Julius Seizure x TuskegeeExperiment = Grand MalPractice (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg)

Leave Delight On x KO Pectate = Motel Sicks (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)

KO Pectate x Paternity Soot = Puns in the Family (Jonathan Paul)

Look Ma No Hanes x Paypal Bull = DanglePartEpistle (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Neil Strongarm x Medieval Knievel = ResistancelsFeudal (Jan Brandstetter, Mechanicsville)

Medieval Knievel x Paypal Bull = Serf and Turf (Ellen Raphaeli)

Rush Lintball x Pipes Are Clogging = Joe the Plumber (Harold Mantle)

Look Ma No Hanes x Leave Delight On = Fruit of the Lumen (Pam Sweeney)

Who Needs Ink x Look Ma No Hanes = Losing Streak (Beverly Sharp; Brad Alexander)

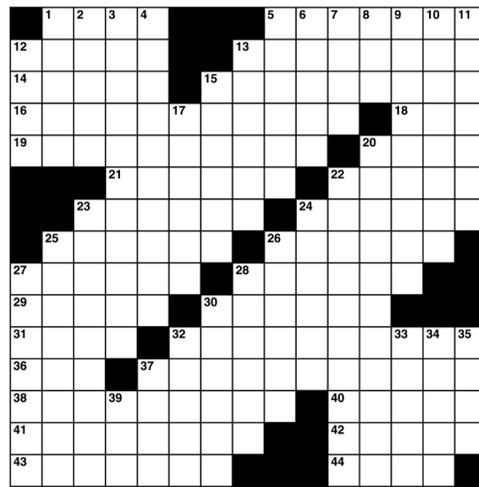
Still running — deadline Monday night, June 1: our contest to chop the end off a song title to humorous effect. See bit.ly/invite1125.

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ACROSS
1 Gridiron needs connectors
5 Dons duds
12 "The Great Dictator" co-star Jack
13 Offensively loud
14 Usurp
15 Hindu teacher of mysticism
16 Photocell
18 ___-Man
19 Makes a lot out of, as a building?
20 Go kaput, with "out"
21 Tub or tug
22 Conclusion opener
23 Save, in a way
24 Credit provider
25 Steamed states
26 Changed states?
27 Muscle
28 Area of expertise
29 "F Troop" corporal
30 Attached, as ribbon
31 Tampa Bay NFLers
32 Sticky bit of stationery
36 Need an eraser, say
37 Big name in airlines, once
38 Albuquerque's river
40 Grainy, in a way
41 Subjugated
42 Citadel trainee
43 Hudson contemporaries
44 Idaho motto opener

POST PUZZLER

DOWN
1 Speak, to Monique
2 Prince ___
3 Sleuths, at times
4 "Cool it!"
5 Close behind, as a dog
6 High chair parts
7 Inflation target?
8 Deposed despot Amin
9 First ___ (paramedic, often)
10 Touched up
11 Type of shock?
12 Still unpaid
13 Algonquian chief
15 Shoots wide
17 Staircase parts
20 Some anniversaries
22 Pink-purple shade named for a flower
23 Stumble upon
24 Not bring up again, as a topic
25 Small statue
26 Start of a lover's message
27 Injured with a cavalry sword
28 Mess up the math
30 Heavy metric weights
32 ___ Nurmi (Finnish track star)
33 Couple of quartets
34 1990s exercise fad
35 Kin-of-ette or -trix
37 Duff
39 Day-___ paints



Answer to last week

S E L L S C H E A P S T O W
 O R E O C O O K I E L A L A
 O N E P E R C E N T S K I T
 T O R I N O T U E E V E
 N E N E S L O O S E R
 E M A G A N I M A L F A R M
 X O X S E R G E I N F R A
 T R I P E I N D T O T E R
 R E S E E C O U G H E E K
 I T O L D Y O U S O R D S
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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | MAY 31: You communicate well, though at times you can be biting. Curb the sarcasm, unless you really want to dent someone's ego. You will develop an odd entourage of friends who can be somewhat unpredictable. If you are single, you might be tempted to date a very unusual person, but you'll be pleasantly surprised by how well the two of you connect. If you are attached, your significant other will enjoy the ups and downs of your expanding social network. Let him or her know how much you care.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Your intuition might tell you something different from what you are hearing. You understand that someone's anger is not directed at you. Be careful to respond in a kind and nurturing way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Others may have difficulty understanding each other. Hang out close to home to avoid the chaos. Excitement comes when you venture out to join a friend or two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 You not only say what you think and feel, but you also express a drive that might be overwhelming to others. Reach out to an older friend or relative, and offer to pitch in on a project.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 You see the big picture, but you still tend to worry about the

future. Enjoy the moment by relishing those around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 You might discover that you have pushed too hard and need to slow down. Some news heads your way that may surprise you at first, but ultimately will put a smile on your face.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 A loved one's impulsiveness might shake you up, even if you are used to his or her unpredictability. Your life is more exciting because of this person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 You might not want to get into a situation that involves your finances. Opt to take a break from your friends and obligations. Curb a need to overspend at the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might not like the flak you seem to be getting from a loved one or dear friend. Avoid becoming controlling. Get some exercise instead of letting stress build.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might want to stay away from the crowds for now. Make plans to meet up with a friend or loved one later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You will want to be where your friends are. You may feel a need to control someone close to you. This person will not respond well. Understand that everyone is on his or her own path.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Take charge of a situation, but know your limits. You may decide to take an odd risk where you might try a new activity for the first time. You'll succeed more than you thought possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Reach out to someone at a distance. A friend or loved one may feel insecure and might express these feelings through copping an attitude or by trying to control you. Smile and know where you are heading.

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Office e-mail list still a boys' club

Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: I recently started working for a company in a pretty heavily male-dominated field. On certain e-mails sent to large groups of co-workers, I've noticed that my colleagues address them to "Gentlemen."

There are clearly at least two females cc'd on most of these e-mails. I feel as though the e-mails are not addressed to me with this greeting; I believe that it is old-fashioned and offensive. Do you have thoughts on how to address this without ruffling feathers or coming off the wrong way?

No Gentleman

When composing a professional group e-mail, the writer needs to imagine the intended recipients gathered together in a conference room. It is not professional (or polite) to address a group of colleagues where at least one is a woman as "Gentlemen."

One option for you is to compose a group e-mail addressed to your colleagues with the salutation: "Ladies." Ah, but you and I know that you probably cannot do this. Alternatively, perhaps you

could send out a group e-mail to your colleagues with the subject line, "A Quick Suggestion."

In the body of the e-mail you could write: "It would be helpful (certainly to me) if we could address e-mails to our working group as 'Colleagues' or a similar gender-neutral term. I don't speak for the other women in our group, but when I am included on e-mails addressed to 'Gentlemen,' I'm sometimes unsure if they are intended for me."

If you are not willing to do this — or are unable to because of your position — you could ask your supervisor or HR representative for suggestions on how to handle this salutation situation.

Dear Amy: A neighbor woman recently lost her father to cancer. She sent an e-mail informing the neighbors of his passing. I replied with a message of condolence. About a week later she posted a message on Facebook letting her wider circle of friends know about her father's passing.

I wanted to acknowledge the posting, so I wrote a message of condolence again. A few of the neighbors decided to go together to get the family a fruit basket.

My family was included and our name was on the sympathy card that accompanied the basket.

I'm old school enough to want to send a card from just my family, but I don't want to risk overdoing it. With today's social media, is there a new protocol for sending condolences? Is it still appropriate to send a note independent from a group gift? When is enough enough?

Old School

I think it's entirely appropriate to respond with sympathy in each medium the grieving family uses to announce the death. Granted, it can be challenging to come up with fresh ways to express this, but a simple, "Thinking of you" can boost a heavy heart.

I also suggest a phone call (or a neighborly knock on the door) in a week or so to offer your support in person.

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