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Style Invitational Week 1334: Mull 'er over — a search for collision

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Coin a phrase combining 2 words from the Mueller report. Plus this year's 'grandfoals.'



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By **Pat Myers**
May 30

(Click [here to skip down](#) to the winning "grandfoals")

Umbrella-challenged: Not only not knowing when to fold 'em, but HOW to fold 'em.

Dirt-dinner: When the gossip is the meatiest, spiciest stuff at the table. Also known as 'sup-per.

Santa-Bannon: A right scuzzy old elf who says, "And to all a far right."

The Empress, and the Czar before her, have called upon the Greater Loser Community to peruse various writings — from the works of Shakespeare to the local phone book — in the service of various silly word-stunts (and silly-word stunts). Now, at the suggestion of Loser Jon Gearhart, we invite you to curl up with the season's most-talked-about release (or mostly-release): "Report on the Investigation Into Russian



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Interference in the 2016 Election,” by Marie Kondo. Oops, we mean Robert S. Mueller III. And except for a passel of redacted pages, it’s all available online.

This week: Combine any two words, names, abbreviations, etc., from anywhere in the redacted Mueller report, into a two-word or hyphenated phrase and define it, as in the examples above.

The Justice Department has posted the Mueller report online as a PDF at justice.gov/storage/report.pdf. The Post’s faster-loading version is at wapo.st/mueller-report-twp ; don’t use words that appear only in The Post’s annotations. And by the way: There are promising words on practically every page of this thing; really, you don’t *have* to sift through all 400-some pages.

Submit entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1334 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives what we now deem the collective noun of a **CLAUQUE of windup googly-eyed chattering teeth**; when you start up all three at once, they rival the tone of a political debate except for mercifully stopping a few seconds later. Sent from Missouri by Loser J. Larry Schott.

Other runners-up win our “[You Gotta Play to Lose](#)” Loser Mug or our “[Whole Fools](#)” Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, “[Too-Weak Notice](#)” or “[Certificate of \(de\)Merit](#).” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, June 10**; results published June 30 in print, June 27 online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week’s results is by Jon Gearhart; Jon also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. 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; follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

The Style Conversational: The Empress’s weekly online column, published late Thursday afternoon, 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 . . .](#)

JOCKEYLARITY: WINNING GRANDFOALS FROM WEEK 1330

Week 1330 featured the “foals” in our “breeding” contest to play on any two names among 100 Triple Crown nominees. Now here are the “grandfoals” produced by breeding those 65 foal names, the cream of 1,996 entries. Puns on puns!






4th place:

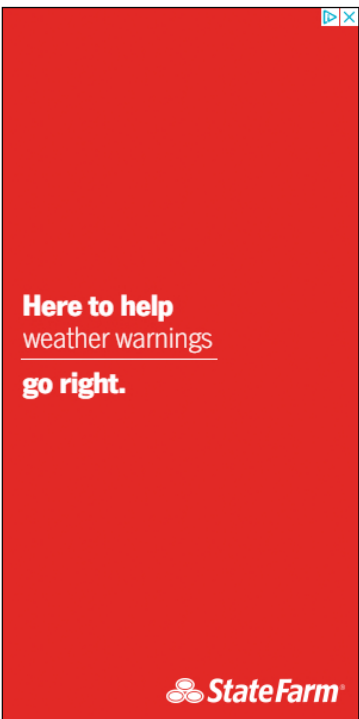
WillYouDivorceMe? x Mack the Spatula = Ex Over Easy
(Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park, Md.)



3rd place:


most read Entertainment

- 1 Tony Awards 2019: Seven things to know, from bathroom humor to Elaine May’s first win at 87 
- 2 13 things to do in the D.C. area this week 
- 3 ‘Big Little Lies’ isn’t as mysterious as it used to be. But we still have seven unanswered questions. 
- 4 **Review** Migraines have plagued me for years. A new book puts my pain in perspective. 
- 5 Tony Awards 2019: ‘Hadestown’ wins best musical, and ‘The Ferryman’ snags best play 



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The chattering class: This week's second prize. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

Pence on Fire x Brazen Overtures = Let's Have Lunch (Diane Lucitt, Ellicott City, Md.)

2nd place and the game Toilet

Trouble:

Cruella de Villa x Pretentious Op-Ed = 101 Dull Mentions (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

El Choppo x Can't, Miss = El Floppo (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

The pit of dissed pair: Honorable mentions

A Turny General x Old Saw = Snit Happens (John Winant, Annandale, Va.)

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ATM! ATM! x Torah Ligament = Funds N' Moses (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

ATM! ATM! x The Royal Wii = PINtendo (Frank Mann, Washington)

Barcode of Honor x Brazen Overtures = ReSKU Me! (Elizabeth Kline, Frederick, Md.)

Blingly x Can't, Miss = Jewel of Denial (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

Blingly x Leroy Brawn = Gem Croce (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg, Md.; Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

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BloodSweat&Tires x Boeey CK = Spinning Heel (Rob Huffman)

BloodSweat&Tires x Hurlaway = And When I Diet (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg, Md.)

BloodSweat&Tires x Laverne & Surly = 5 Bad Dwarf Names (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

Boeey CK x Frosty the Roman = Ghost Hoary (David Peckarsky, Tucson)

Brazen Overtures x A Vroom of Her Own = Woolf Whistles (Chris Doyle)

Brrrrrrexit x You Sayin' Bolt? = I'm Sayin' Screwed (Jonathan Paul)

Buy My Standards x Wink Wink Wink = Mink Mink Mink (Mike Phillips, Washington)

Buzz Off x Lokal = Liteyear (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

Buzz Off x Torah Ligament = I'll Be Sinew (Duncan Stevens)

Churchill Dons x Cruella de Villa = Churchill Dommies (Perry Beider, Silver Spring, Md.)

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DD-Day x Romeo in Joliet = Bustin' Out (Laurel Gainor, Manassas, Va.)

Didlittle x Brazen Overtures = Placebo Domingo (Pam Sweeney)

Didlittle x Laverne & Surly = Talk to the Animus (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Downton Blabby x Walk Into Traffic = Blabbey Road (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

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(Mark Raffman)

Pence on Fire x Cult 45 = AMENDacity (Frank Mann)

Pretentious Op-Ed x The Royal Wii = Super Silly? Us? (Harold

Mantle, Walnut Creek, Calif.)

Romeo in Joliet x DD-Day = Jailhouse Rack (Harold Mantle)

Romeo in Joliet x Dum-dum-dum-DOOM! = Cell Dum Is

Heard (Frank Osen)

Romeo in Joliet x The Royal Wii = Jailhouse Roku (Harold

Mantle)

Romeo in Joliet x The Royal Wii = Romeo in Toliet (Gregory

Koch, Falls Church)

Torah Ligament x F'Artagnan = Tooteronomy (Steve Honley,

Washington)

WillYouDivorceMe? x Can't, Miss = We're Not Married (Sarah