

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

More fall foliage: The 'grandfoals'

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1405 was Part 2 of our special fall horse name "breeding" contest. First, in Week 1400, we asked you to "breed" any two names on a list of the year's Triple Crown nominees and name the foal; for example, the horse As Seen on TV was "bred" to Censored to produce the "foal" ** *een on TV. Then in Week 1405 we asked you to breed any two of the foals to make "grandfoals."

4th place:

Cardi O x Hello, Mother = Heartburn (Vinnie Perrone, Burtonsville, a First Offender)

3rd place:

Cuss and Make Up x St. Knickerless = Estee Lewder (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

2nd place and the socks that look like fox paws:

Two Corinthians x First Draft = Hi It's Paul Again (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Hello, Mother x House of Flusher = You Never Kohler (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)

Ixneigh: Honorable mentions

** *een on TV x Mad Don and Child = ***es Seen on TV (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Halls of Montezoom x ** *een on TV = Zooms of MontyHall (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

Mayor Peat x ** *een on TV = ***igieg (Laurie Brink, Mineola, N.Y.)

Amen Coroner x Arraign in Spain = IThinkSheShottt! (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

Amen Coroner x Art Corrector = More Titian (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

Amen Coroner x Bone Spurious = Dead Over Heels (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Arraign in Spain x Cardi O = Twerquemada (Steve Smith, Potomac)

Avoid x Cardi O = Bypass (Mike Hammer, Arlington)

First Draft x Avoid = A-Version (Vinnie Perrone)

Avoid x Lenoooooorrrrr! = Swipe Lefffttttt! (Lee Graham, Rockville)

Avoid x Saint Nick = Escape Claus (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

BAMboozle x Blame the Dog = Emeril LaGassy (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

Halls of Montezoom x Sermonotonous = Bores of Tripoli (Pamela Love, Columbia)

Belle of the Bald x KnowWellKnowWell = Yule Brainer (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria)

BigMisunderstandin x Fire at Will = Barred From Avon (Sarah Walsh, Rockville)

BigMisunderstandin x Mad Don and Child = Tiff (Judith Wright, Indian Hills, Colo.)

Blame the Dog x Avoid = Fartful Dodger (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf; Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Blame the Dog x Jarhead Kushner = Distemper Fi (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Blame the Dog x KnowWellKnowWell = Toto Recall (Mary Kappus, Washington)

Bomb in Gilead x Amen Coroner = Embalm in Gilead (Chris Doyle)

Bone Spurious x Flatley Denied = Tibia Not to Be (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Brazilianaire x Fraud Astaire = Wax On, Rip Off (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Cuss and Make Up x Fertile Crescent = Cuss and Make Kinds (Diana Oertel, San Francisco)

Darth Wader x Arraign in Spain = Rogue Juan (Chuck Helwig, Centerville)

Darth Wader x The Credible Hulk = Now on DisneyMinus (Andrew Hatzilyannis, Rockville)

Darth Wader x Fire at Will = I Am Your Fodder (Rob Wolf)

Drool Runnings x Expialidocious = Droolie Andrews (Greg Dobbins, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

Drool Runnings x First Draft = JamaicanMeThirsty (Richard Franklin, Alexandria)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New for Week 1409: Skip a groove: Drop a letter or more from a song title

How Do You Solve a Problem Like M[ari]a?: Theme song to "Throw Momma From the Train 2."

[W[A]P]: Cardi and Megan recut their song so that all the lyrics are printable in The Washington Post. It's now five seconds long.

Old Town Ro[a]d: Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein, berated by Trump, takes off and rides until he can't no more.

Hello! You okay? The Empress wrote up this contest before Election Day so that she could go hide in a dark room and breathe slow, slow breaths. So here's something totally unrelated to The Matters at Hand (unless, of course, you choose to make it so . . .)

Here's a variation on some earlier Style Invitational contests: We've had ones to delete letters from the beginnings and ends of song titles, and one for dropping some middle letters from movie names. So: This week: Drop one or more letters from somewhere in the middle of a song title and describe the new song, and/or quote some lyrics from it, as in the examples above from Overwhelmingly Successful Loser Duncan Stevens, who suggested this contest. By "middle" we mean anywhere between the first letter and the last letter; i.e., don't chop off an end. If you drop more than one letter, they must be next to each other, or divided only by a space or punctuation.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1409 (no capitals in the Web address). Deadline is Monday, Nov. 16; results will appear Dec. 6 in print, Dec. 3 online.

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy, or its replacement trophy (TBA). Second place receives — in anticipation of When We Can Get Together Again — What's That Smell? "The party game that stinks." It includes 48 "mystery whiff cards" plus four "stank cards" such as "hot chunky vomit" and "smothered in B.O." Incredibly, Loser Dave Prevar was able to find this item on the clearance rack.

Other runners-up win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "No 'Bility" or "Punder-achiever." 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 "More Fall Foliage" is by Kevin Dopart; Chris Doyle and Jesse Frankovich both submitted the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the 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; and follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

The Style Conversational: The Empress's online column will return next week.

Expialidocious x House of Flusher = Mary Ploppins (Chuck Helwig)

Finnegans Woke x Fire at Will = Trigger Warning (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore; Jesse Rifkin, Arlington)

Finnegans Woke x JamWow = PC & J (Laurie Brink)

Fire at Will x Regret Later = Oops, It Wasn't Will (G.T. Bowman, Falls Church)

First Draft x Amen Coroner = Last Writes (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)

First Draft x Hello, Mother = Wear Your Sweater! (Joanne Free, Clifton)

Fraud Astaire x Belle of the Bald = Ziegfeld Follicles (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

Fraud Astaire x Octopi Wall Street = Eight Left Feet (Richard Franklin)

Goo-Google x Bomb in Gilead = Barney Rubble (Bernard Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

Goo-Google x Regret Later = What's 2Girls1Cup? (Laurie Brink)

Hello, Mother x Fraud Astaire = Freud Astaire (Kim Martin, Greencastle, Pa.)

Hello, Mother x Regret Later = Oedipus' Ex (Ellen Raphaeli, Falls Church)

Hello, Mother x Venus de Miller = Look Ma, No Hands! (Rob Wolf, Greg Dobbins)

House of Flusher x Flatley Denied = Not a Clogger (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

JamWow x ** *een on TV = HomeBoppingNetwork (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

JamWow x St. NaCHess = Jammy

Buffett (Laurie Brink)

Jarhead Kushner x Howls of Montezuma = Lanced Corporal (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

KnowWellKnowWell x Bone Spurious = KnowWell Coward (John Winant, Annandale; Scott Straub, Winchester)

KnowWellKnowWell x Regret Later = Nah, Just Deny It (Jeff Loren, Seattle)

Kvetch-O-Matic x Cuss and Make Up = Marital Bliss (Carol Blauvelt, Manassas, a First Offender)

Kvetch-O-Matic x Stubble Genius = Bitchy & Scratchy (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

Lenooooorrrrr! x Sermonotonous = Snoooooorrrr! (Duncan Stevens)

Little Bunny FU FU x Belle of the Bald = Hare Today . . . (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Little Bunny FU FU x Fraud Astaire = PeterCaughtInTale (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

Mad Don and Child x Art Corrector = Mad Don Is Child (Harold Mantle, Walnut Creek, Calif.; Jonathan Paul)

Manafort Knox x Little Bunny FU FU = Gold Finger (Matt Monitto)

Octopi Wall Street x BAMboozle = Suckers (Janet Griffin, Madison, Wis.)

Puttin'OnTheWrits x Little Bunny FU FU = The Torts & Hare (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

More grandfoals in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1409.

Still running — deadline Monday night, Nov. 9: our contest for tweaked names of charities. See wapo.st/invite1408.

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- "DID YOU GET THE PART?" By DANIEL A. FINAN and BRIAN HERRICK
ACROSS
1 Ones found on saucers, briefly?
4 Max
10 Undercover agent's device
14 Many downloads
18 Oz creator
19 Corrupting atmosphere
20 Organized to a fault
21 Having no meetings, say
22 Florentine flower?
23 PROP
26 2000s Cal.-based teen drama
28 Equate
29 Longtime late-night host
30 Iran has multiple ones: Abbr.
31 OUT
34 You, once
36 Big, strong swimmer
38 Ricola ad instrument
39 Database systems giant
41 Pac-12 squad
42 Nintendo's Super ____
43 Winter fuel units
46 Dawdle
48 VIE
50 Lewd material
51 "How you doin'?"
54 Basic digital exercise
56 Chile relleno stuffing
58 Many readers of "Dreyer's English," for short
59 Brian of electronica
60 Home of the Milad Tower
61 Cone counterparts
62 Corn bread
64 Icy Hot target
65 Short notice?
66 Ward in Hollywood
67 Big break
68 Gyro holders
69 Desert formation
70 Lab coat discovery?
71 Subject of many Instagram posts
72 Snicket of kids' books
73 Shocked cry
74 Culinary lead-in to king
75 Odds, etc.
77 Hallmark of a procrastinator?
78 ____mo
79 Adds a soundtrack to
81 GET
83 Decorated
86 Longtime "60 Minutes" reporter
87 Hoppy brew, for short
90 Disagreement ender
92 Notes in C minor scales
93 Like activity that can move mountains
95 Allergic reaction
97 Outdo
98 ORE
101 Early TV maker
102 Builder concerned with
104 Midway alternative
106 Bugs
107 TEN
112 Creedence song named for a California city
113 Beat by a run, say
114 Slinky shape
115 Metaphor for extreme pleasure
116 Make read better
117 No good one goes unpunished, it's said
118 Professor 'iggins
119 Will of "BoJack Horseman"
120 Craving
DOWN
1 Batting helmet feature
2 Jobs in which plugs are replaced
3 Slick
4 Pal in Provence
5 "The Things They Carried" author O'Brien
6 Syrup source
7 "Hamlet" courier
8 Cook, in a way
9 Compelling evidence
10 ____ on Drugs
11 Changes tonally
12 ARE
13 Flair
14 To the rear, at sea
15 VAT
16 Kind of person?
17 Taste and touch
18 Member of the Justice League
24 Snare
25 Female
36-Across
27 2000 film set in a French confectionery
32 Verified
33 Cross inscription
35 Possesses
37 Fire on all cylinders
39 Boo-boos
40 Usually challenging piece
44 Official order
45 Authority
47 "___ alive!"
48 Tussaud of wax museum fame
49 Spartan queen of Greek myth
52 "___ me, you cad!"
53 Neruda's oeuvre
54 "Breakin' 2: Electric Boogaloo," for example
55 HANG
57 Concluding sections
60 Oceans' motions
63 Compensate for
64 Get in the crosshairs
66 CON
67 Chiefs coach
68 Odd
70 One may be raised at a wedding
71 Ear ornaments
72 Tres ____ cake: dessert soaked in dairy liquids
74 Billboard displays
76 Driver in a heist, say
80 Lisa Marie as of 1980, vis-à-vis Elvis
82 Shock, as a perp
84 Ike's WWII command
85 "Ilmatic" rapper
87 "Self-destruct
88 Boarded, like clowns entering a clown car
89 Nails that test
90 Analyzed in English class
91 Say yes (to)
94 -)
96 Air Force ____
98 Heat player, say
99 Finance guru
100 "The Canterbury Tales" pilgrim
103 In the old days
105 "That's hilarious ... not!"
108 "Chopped" host
109 Sac ____
110 Take home
111 Where to see a Heat player

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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY MADALYN ASLAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Nov. 8: Deep, dedicated and success-oriented, you explore the limits of human experience and continually push them back. This year, you create yet another masterpiece, which is very profitable. Your finances will be better than expected. If single, a new love is promised and might surprise you. If attached, you have a blissful bond but might drive your partner crazy unless you can relax more. Sagittarius gives you a run for your money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are popular and appreciated today, wherever you are. You might even have to choose between several prospects. Take a risk and go with the one most challenging. Spin the wheel of fate and see where it lands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Family members need a great deal of attention today. A healing circle is beneficial to a loved one. You will feel a sense of culmination. You'll feel confident when selecting priorities and releasing old ways and projects.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today brings an interesting situation with a neighbor or sibling into a new light. There is so much going on that you feel overwhelmed. But your mind is sharp and your words especially eloquent, and you save the day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today blesses your sector of income. A less intense attitude toward finances surfaces. Your financial goals can all be attained. It's a good time to seek financial advice and apply for loans and grants. Your writing will be especially strong.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) With the clarity of bright sunlight, your Sun-ruled sign radiates poise and magnetism. Today promises enthusiasm and motivation as well. Social prospects are bright, and you accomplish much with ease.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Quietly performing anonymous acts of kindness brings you a deep happiness, and you might unknowingly befriend an angel in disguise. Select priorities and prepare for the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Associates are about to become more serious and enlist your help

in community projects or charities. Be thoughtful about communication of all kinds. Your words are powerful and will shape your future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Catch up on work-related responsibilities, but don't accept new tasks until your home life is balanced — it is Sunday, after all. A loved one needs more of your time. A meditation could bring you guidance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Travel, even talk of travel, can facilitate love. A talkative, intelligent companion brings happiness. Expect opposing views about a relationship. Allow others to do as they wish. New friendships with foreign-born people are likely to develop.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others impact your finances. Be

alert concerning the ways partners manage joint resources. Don't be tempted by any kind of financial risk now. Insurance coverage can be a source of concern. If so, explore new options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The phrase "meeting of the minds" could have been coined to describe your ideal relationship. Today, you have such an encounter. Circulate in pleasing ways and see what happens. The local library is a wonderful place to start.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your mind-body connection will be especially apparent today. Study your health history. Moderate exercise is favored, but do pamper and be gentle with your body. Invest in a foot reflexology session. (Pisces rule the feet.) The benefits will be astounding.

Answers to last week's puzzle.

Grid of puzzle answers: LEFT, GRIPLE, MOREL, G D P, AXLE, ROLEX, OHARA, GURU, SCAMARTIST, NOTAPRAYER, TEMPS, SAC ASHE, SELFIE, SLEUTH, DIEGO, TESLA, REEL, YOOHOO, COWLS, OSCAR, MAYER, NEWS, JUNKIE, RCA, SNORER, RETEE, EVE, CABAL, EUR, OLDSAW, MSED, AMELIA, DOGMA, DECO, SPRINGFORWARD, FALLBACK, SEGA, ENDER, SAILOR, SKIT, INSYNC, FAM, PLANO, IAM, LEVEE, ETONIC, MEN, GRAPES, ODAS, SECRETCODE, HOTEL, TAHOMA, ALOE, ADAGE, AURAS, LILACS, TULANE, BANG, DAN, LANAI, TVONDEMAND, POLICE, DOGS, FEST, KOLAS, ARENA, ONES, NAS, SEETO, DEMON, NOSY