Report from Week 1020

our annual "grandfoals" contest, in which the names of the winning "foals" in Week 1016 were bared to one another — a pun contest in which most of the names were puns themselves: In a contest featuring horses named Urine the Money and I See France, you can imagine how many times we got "Ur a Peelin."

2 Winner of the "Kiss a winner, hug a loser" mug: Roe Roe Roe U-Boat x Run for Neuroses = Slad 'n' Freud (Nan Reiner, Alexandria)

3 Round Yon Virgin x Diamond Ringworm = Anti-Fun Gal (Mark Eckenwiler, Washington)

4 B-Day? C-Day? x Intermittent Viper = ED Day (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

Deceit o’ the Pence x I See France = London Britches (Nancy Israel, Bethesda)
MaryQueenOfScotch x Weight and See = Dewar Diet (Nan Reiner)
Che P. Morgan x Missing Linc = Viva la Evolucion! (Chris Doyle, Kihei, Hawaii)
Summa Cum Latte x Mrs. Mewer = FrothingAtTheMouse (Harold Mandel, Lafayette, Calif.)
Plucked Clean x Burning Sensation = Ravi Chandre (Mark Eckenwiler)
Rand Finale x Cleavage = Flibustier (Mark Raffman, Reston)
Plucked Clean x Burning Sensation = Barenaked Hades (Gray Larry, Union Bridge, Md.)
Weiner Returns x Smooth Operetta = PrivatesOfPenance (Lisa Henderson)
Round Yon Virgin x Secret Asian Man = Pee Ping Tom (Gina Smith)
Bladder Losin x Secret Asian Man = Pee Ping Tom (Gina Smith)
Bladder Losin x Missing Link = Leakey (Kathy E-Assal, Middleton, Wis.; Kevin Dapat, Washington)
Bladder Losin x Am Fibbous = Wel Lies Beneath (Beverley Sharp)
Muck the Knife x Ante Em = Chops and Stakes (Jeff Contompasis)
Run for Neuroses x Smooth Operetta = Dillibert & Sullivan (Lisa Henderson)
I’m Turning 50 x Bladder Losin = Second Thing to Go (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)
Chris Christie x Burning Sensation = Chris Crispy (Becky Fisher, Madison, Wis.)
Chris Christie x Smooth Operetta = The Dessert Song (Harvey Smith, McLean)
Ex’s Bling x RememberTheAlimony = Shop Till He Drops (Gina Smith, Germantown)
Run for Neuroses x Burning Sensation = Jung at Hearth (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)
Che P. Morgan x Burning Sensation = Argentbling (Danielle Nowlin, Woodbridge)
Plucked Clean x Free Brr = Skynd (Rob Huffman)
(Elevating Dumbells x Weiner Returns = Peter Principle (Nan Reiner)
Hors D’ervish x I See France = Crudite (Mark Eckenwiler)

B-getting: honorable mentions

I’ve Got News FOIA x Urine the Money = Leaking Out for #1 (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg)
Needle Mars x Rand, Ron or Ru? = Pain in the Fs (Mac Scanlan, Washington)
Secret Asian Man x I Askew Again = Let It Go, Donald! (Michael Greene, Alexandria)
Afford Explorer x Remember the Alimony = Buy a Yugo (Lisa Henderson, Chevy Chase)
Abie Sees x West Pint = Abie Negative (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)
Calvary Coolidge x Abridged = A Few Cross Words (Steve Glomb, Alexandria)
Burningsensation x Pane in the Ash = Hot, Cross Buns (Ron Moretti)
I’m Turning 50 x Am Fibbous = Toaddy 40 (Kyle Hendrickson, Urbana)
Collared Green x Am Fibbous = Kermit the Fraud (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn; Kathy Hardis Freman, Olney)
Sheerly You Jest x Those Dare Days = Bad Retort Card (Jonathan Hardis)
Pane in the Ash x Ante Em! = Procto & Gamble (Mark Eckenwiler)
Artful Dodger x Ante Em! = Oliver Twister (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)
Artful Dodger x Afford Explorer = Sandy Carfax (Jonathan Hardis)
Artful Dodger x Deceit o’ the Pence = Fagin It (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)
Big Bong Theory x Political Seance = Hi, Spirits! (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

20 Style Invitational

by Pat Myers

THIS WEEK’S CONTEST

Week 1024: Gorey thoughts

Here’s an encore of our 2008 homage to the delightfully diabolical “Gashlycrumb Tinies,” Edward Gorey’s famed spoof on Victorian alphabet primers. Gorey’s collection of couplets, which he wrote and illustrated in 1963, evoke a series of children suffered an A-to-Z variety of awful demises; for the Invite’s, we’re open to a variety of irreverent pairings, like Mae Scanlan’s couplet from Week 757 in the example above. Many of that week’s inking entries were pulled from the news of 2008; that’s one reason we’d like to try it again five years later. Gorey, by the way, spent the last decades of his life on Cape Cod, also home to our own deliciously warped artist, Bob Staake.

This week: Send us some edgy rhyming alphabet-primer couplets. The pairs are AB, CD, EF, GH, IJ, KL, MN, OP, QR, ST, UV, WX and YZ. Feel free to send couplets for all 13 — as usual, you can send 25 entries in all — but there’s no way your entries will run as a complete set, so make sure the couplets work on their own.

Ta-da! We announce an Invite milestone that we didn’t mark since 2009: With his honorable mention last week, Stephen Dudzik of Olney has finally entered the Style Invitational Hall of Fame with his 500th ink, as only the eighth Loser to join the exclusive club (excluded at many fine establishments!). Of this group, the genial aerospace engineer took the longest to get there; his first ink was in Week 7, almost exactly 20 years ago. Through the contest’s history, Steve has been a mainstay of Loserdom; not only has he hosted a number of holiday parties over the years, but he actually let several Losers attend his wedding to wife Lequan in 2000. (We presume the champagne was issued to them in sippy cups.) Here Steve poses at this year’s Flushing awards with this week’s prize: Doody Darts, in which one tosses Velcroed doody-balls at the fabric board. Donated by Loser Nan Reiner, who’s currently 385 entries away from the Hall of Fame, but gaining ground awfully quickly. (Right on Steve’s heels, however, is Elden Carnahan, another Year 1 veteran, with 495 inks.)

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OBJET D’ARTBOARD: New Hall of Famer Stephen Dudzik with this week’s second prize.

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S is for Scotch, and sipping till dawn. T is for Throwing it up later on.
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THE Winner of the "linen" Memorial

Round Yon Virgin x Free Brorr = Madonna & Chilled (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Md.)

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