Alphabet noir: Winning couplets

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1229 we once again paid homage to Edward Gorey’s macabre satire “Gashlycrumb Tinies,” a faux-Eduardian alphabet book that mournfully described the, well, gory deaths of kids from A to Z. For the inves, we dispense with the giddiness and instead use the alphabet-couplet form on the inves’ unless tastes.

4th place
G's the Grinch, whose fit birth was no rale;
In the mail order — she’s just finding a suit. (Frank C. Senn, Reedsburg, Calif)

3rd place
K is for Kingfish, What’s that? You have one? Yes, I suppose you do. (Robert Schenker, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

2nd place and the Bob Salko memorial for ‘Gorey: A Documentary’
G is for God-given, right, like big rifles, H is for health care, and other such trikes. (Melissa Balman, Rochester, N.Y.)

And the winner of the Bob Salko memorial:
K is for Keen, I hope you like our new tunnel to the new base. (John White, Beverly Hills, Calif, a first offender)

Alpha-bettered: honorable mentions
A is for Asclepias, drink off the water;
B is for the donut the toilet gave us in (Tom White, Montgomery Village, Md)
C is for Cool, a baffling side-splitter;
D is for Decluttering the masses on Twitter. (Jesse Frankhund, Lansing, Mich)
E is for Elie, the one we change on we please:
F is for the damage we do by degrees. (Kevin Doo, Washington)
G is for Gentry, who fell off a cliff;
H is for the shag — good ridance. You ignore (Grettyly Norin, Farmer Station, Va)
I is for In my ear;
J is for Jump, which your jaw will, when you just click here. (Frank C. Senn)
K is for your Essay, though someone else prepared it;
L is for your grade, and you’re all suspended. (Paul Winnie, Minn)
M is for Mormon, who cleaned the last hurric;
N is for the Heidi pulled by Senator Turt (Jesse Frankhund)
O is for Ophelia, whose Trump pi sparked chatter;
P is for the Plaid, it’s now here on the platter. (Mike Dicaprio, Mount Pleasant, S.C)
Q is for Queer, whose pleasant treason;
R is for Rad, who lives in the bushes.
S is for the one who grabbed more than just chest. (Chris Doyle)
T is for Trump, whose eyesight is not just plain. (Tim Wett)
U is for the one, shown off white phleg.
V is for Vax, please do your paliing. (David Frankin, Greenbank, Wash)
W is for the one, whose health I am thinking.
X is for the one, who is no longer.
Y is for the one, who is no longer.
Z is for the one, who is no longer.

New contest for Week 1333: Not
Poor week from now, the Empires will not be surveying her far-off dominions, engaging various pretensions in weirdly, desperately gripping hand-holds. So now — but not now — the Emperor Community gets a week off (actually two) from writing contest entries and the like. However, there will be a contest this week that is not related to the previous contests. Of course the stile Situational Devotions group on Meetup — now with more than 3,000 members will be open for business. (Op. Ed. on tue 6:30)

Horoscope

By Jacqueline Siga

Happy Birthday: (June 23): This year, you often want to relate to others more openly and with greater sensuality. Your inclination to fit situations and help people emerge. Be careful, as your “fit” might not be what the person in question wants. If you are single, you could meet someone who fulfills many of your fantasies. You are attached, the two of you often spend hours laughing together. Leo gets uncomfortable around you, as you seem to see right through him or her.

Aries: (March 21-April 19) You might be going on behind the scenes than you realize. A family member could become as pleasurable or more so than it was before. You visit more often.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your imagination is a tremendous resource, use it to jolt up your ideas to take off plans. Allow the person to have the same experience as you. The two of you need to relate more often on an equal level.
A's for America, she'll be great once more!
B's for Big Business she'll be so great for.
(Hildy Zampella, Falls Church, Va.)

C's Contraception, in health plans no more,
D's for the soon-to-be Daddies galore.
(Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

E is for Evidence, banishing doubt,
F's for what Donald may be when it's out.
(Stephen Gold, London, winner of the Inkin' Memorial)

G is for God-given rights, like big rifles;
H is for Health care and other such trifles.
(Melissa Bajmain, Rochester, N.Y., second place and
winner of the Edward Gorey poster by Bob Staake)

I is an Insult to legal professions;
J is for Jefferson Beauregard Sessions.
(Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md)

K is for Kellyanne, loyal and true;
L's for the Lying she's hired to do.
(Frank Mann, Washington)

M is a Man-child who doesn't know squat;
N is the Nuclear football he's got
(Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

O for our Orange-hued Oligarch, he;
P for the People, What happened to We?
(Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla., third place)

Q is for Questions that greatly unsettle;
R is for Russians—they won the gold meddle.
(Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich. fourth place)

S is for Sociopath on the Stump;
T is for Treason And Turmoil. And "Thank God we escaped
the clutches of that nasty woman and her emails –
ho-boy, we really dodged a bullet there!" (Nan Reiner)

U is for "Ur in way over your head."
V is for Vladimir. Putin. 'Nuff said?
(Nan Reiner)

W: the Wall, so imposing and large;
X is the Xenophobe lately in charge.
(David Franks, Greenland, Ark)

Y for my Yuks – every week, I've a mint!
Z is for Zero, which end up in print.
(Well, not this week. Nan Reiner)