

# DIVERSIONS

## THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

# Punning mates: Winning foal names

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1326** — for the 25th year running — we presented a list of horses that were nominated for this year's Triple Crown races and asked readers to "breed" any two and name the "foal." The Empress found hundreds of names to like among the 3,200 submitted, including such too frequent breedings as **Don Vito Corleone x He's Smokin' Hot = The Bodfather**. (See this week's Style Conversational for a hilarious list of "Godfather"-themed names.) \*Asterisks denote First Offenders.

### 4th place:

**Easy Shot x Code of Honor = Can't, Miss**  
(Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

### 3rd place:

**Castle Casanova x Maximum Security = Romeo in Joliet**  
(\*Steve Smith, Potomac; Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

### 2nd place and the Handerpants and dish gloves with faces:

**Kingly x Plug and Play = The Royal WII**  
(John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

### And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

**Improbable x Skywriting = WillYouDivorceMe?**  
(Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

### The stretch: Honorable mentions

**Omaha Beach x Improbable = A Beach in Omaha**  
(Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

**Omaha Beach x Bodexpress = DD-Day**  
(Pete Morelewicz, Fredericksburg; Mark Raffman, Reston)

**Seclusive x Roadster = A Vroom of Her Own** (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)

**Roadster x He's Smokin Hot = Turbocharred**  
(Diana Oertel, San Francisco)

**Improbable x Spinoff = CSI: Sheboygan**  
(\*Mike Phillips, Washington)

**Sir Winston x Roadster = BloodSweat&Tires**  
(William Kennard, Arlington)

**Game Winner x Cairo Cutie = AnferneeNCleopatra** (Marni Penning Coleman, Falls Church)

**Polar x Tacitus = Frosty the Roman**  
(Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**He's Smokin Hot x By My Standards = <70, Has a Pulse**  
(\*Michelle Christophorou, Guildford, Surrey, England)

**By My Standards x Mr. Money = Buy My Standards** (John Winant, Annandale; Mark Raffman)

**War of Will x Plus Que Parfait = Pretentious Op-Ed**  
(Ira Allen, Bethesda)

**Code of Honor x Dull Knife = Shivalry**  
(Stephen Gilberg, Silver Spring; Dave Wyman, Ann Arbor, Mich.)

**Code of Honor x Identifier = Barcode of Honor**  
(Craig Dykstra, Centreville)

**Code of Honor x More Ice = Hamilton-Brrr**  
(Steve Fahey, Olney)

**Spinoff x Go Away = Laverne & Surly** (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.; John Hutchins)

**Win Win Win x Shootin the Breeze = Wind Wind Wind**  
(Bernard Brink, Cleveland, Mo.; Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

**Win Win Win x Sly = Wink Wink Wink**  
(Kathy Hardis Fraeman, Olney)

**Win Win Win x Tax = Win Wi**  
(Josh Feldblyum, Philadelphia)

**Haikal x Bodexpress = Lokal**  
(Mark Raffman)

**Long Range Toddy x Admire = Long Range Toddy**  
(Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg)

**Cutting Humor x Dull Knife = Old Saw** (Andrew Hatziyannis, Rockville)

**Cutting Humor x Go Away = Roseanne Barred**  
(John O'Byrne, Dublin)

**Nitrous x Cutting Humor = Laughing Gash** (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

**Hidden Scroll x More Ice = Torah Ligament** (Pam Sweeney,



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## Spinoff x Time Is Now = Grandfoals Week! Week 1330

The "breeding" in the headline above was an entry for Week 1326 by 25-time Loser Pete Morelewicz, who's a veteran of the second-round "grandfoal" contests that we've been running since 2006: **This week: "Breed" any two of the 65 foal names that got ink this week, and name the offspring to reflect both parents' names, in the style of today's inking entries.** As always, the names may not exceed 18 characters including spaces, but one or more characters may be numerals, punctuation marks or other symbols. You may run words together, as in some of this week's results, but the name still should be easy to read. Use the format "Name A x Name B = Grandfoal Name" (on one line per entry), and make sure you spell the "parents'" names as they're spelled on this page. (Aw, sure, you can also use the name "Grandfoals Week.")

Submit entries at [wapo.st/enter-invite-1330](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1330) (all lowercase). Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy.

Second place receives an inexplicably extant Hasbro game called **Toilet Trouble**: The child puts some water (as in water-water, not "water") in the plastic mini-toilet, spins the spinner (in the shape of a roll of toilet paper) and flushes to sound effects, "but watch out . . . you might get sprayed!" I don't think Monopoly has to worry about losing market share. Donated by Loser Jeff Contompasis, who's never even tried it out.

**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, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card," or quite possibly one of the new models, "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, May 13;** results published June 2 in print, May 30 online. See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline "Punning Mates" is by Chris Doyle; Dave Prevar wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](http://on.fb.me/invdev). "Like" the Ink of the Day at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday); follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

**THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL** The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter this week's contest, check it out at [wapo.st/styleconv](http://wapo.st/styleconv).

Burlington, Mass.)

**Current x Country House = Ohm on the Range**  
(Lisa Henderson, Chevy Chase)

**Country House x Plug and Play = Mar-A-Lego**  
(J.Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

**Country House x Shootin the Breeze = Downton Blabby** (John Hutchins)

**Wicked Indeed x Country House = Cruella de Villa** (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.; Jesse Frankovich)

**Gray Magician x Identifier = Wizard of ID** (Bernard Brink)

**One Bad Boy x Well Defined = Leroy Brawn**  
(Kathy Hardis Fraeman)

**Gray Magician x Trophy Chaser = Old Plaque Magic** (Hildy Zampella, Alexandria)

**Master Fencer x Shootin the Breeze = F'Artagnan**  
(Deb Stewart, Damascus)

**Blue Steel x Master Fencer = Indigo Montoya** (Beth Morgan, Palo Alto, Calif.; Jesse Frankovich)

**Plus Que Parfait x Final Jeopardy = Tense** (\*Katherine Carwile, College Station, Tex.)

**Admire x Cairo Cutie = Arab Schwing** (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

**Admire x Mr. Money = Cult 45**  
(Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

**Admire x Skywriting = Walk Into Traffic** (Jeff Loren, Seattle)

**Comical Ghost x Incurrable = Boeey CK** (Lee Graham, Derwood)

**Anotherwistafate x Bankit = ATM! ATM!** (Tim Watts, Great Falls)

**Bourbon War x Curlaway = Hurlaway** (Gordon Cobb, Marietta, Ga.)

**Higgins x Cairo Cutie = My Pharaoh Lady** (Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.; Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.; David Peckarsky, Tucson)

**Castle Casanova x Van Beethoven = Brazen Overtures**  
(Jonathan Paul)

**Sly x Coliseum = Yo, Hadrian!** (Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.)

**Exchequer x Comical Ghost = Taxin' Specter**  
(Steve Price, New York)

**Polar x Comical Ghost = Icy Dead People** (Larry Passar, Reston)

**Go Away x Current = Buzz Off** (Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring)

**Wicked Indeed x Dull Knife = Mack the Spatula** (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

**Easy Shot x Jeans n' Boots = Fish in Apparel**  
(Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

**Escaped x Dull Knife = El Choppo** (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

**Federal Case x Rotation = A Turny General** (Hildy Zampella)

**Van Beethoven x Last Judgment = Dum-dum-dum-DOOM!** (Chris Doyle)

**Outshine x Picasso = My Toddler's Art** (Robyn Carlson, Keyser, W. Va.)

**Go Away x Olympic Runner = You Sayin' Bolt?** (Mary McNamara, Washington)

**Polar x Go Away = Brrrrrrrrex** (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

**Mr Mike x He's Smokin Hot = Pence on Fire** (Craig Dykstra; Mark Raffman)

**Higgins x My Legacy = Diddliffle** (Laurie Brink)

**Jeans n' Boots x Time Is Now = Carpe Denim** (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

**Kingly x More Ice = Blingly** (Terry Reimer, Frederick)

**Sir Winston x Family Biz = Churchill Dons** (Bernard Brink, Mia Wyatt, Ellicott City)

**Cutting Humor x Family Biz = I Got Inc.** (John O'Byrne)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, May 6: our contest for Shakespeare "tailgater" couplets.** See [wapo.st/invite1329](http://wapo.st/invite1329).

## L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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**"WHY NOT?" BY DAVID ALFRED BYWATERS**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Writers
  - 5 Bearlike marsupial
  - 10 Super-impressed
  - 14 Numerical suffix for "about"
  - 17 Fast Northeast train
  - 19 Severe distress
  - 20 Greater
  - 21 Usually well-compensated leader
  - 22 Animated image of Santa repeatedly going down the chimney?
  - 24 Adorn
  - 26 Owie spot, maybe
  - 27 Burdens
  - 29 Windshield sticker
  - 30 Cashew family shrubs
  - 33 Garage service
  - 34 Extract with a solvent
  - 35 Crew member
  - 38 Robert who sang the role of Figaro 46 times at the Met
  - 41 Fruity neckwear?
  - 43 Votes at a beer convention?
  - 45 Smaller
  - 46 Socially challenged one, often
  - 47 Rural skyline standouts
  - 48 Hereditary
  - 50 Japanese pond fish
  - 52 Beach volleyball team
  - 53 Woman's name that means "pleasure" in Hebrew
  - 55 Country sound
  - 58 Sam or Wiggly
  - 62 Cruller coating
  - 64 Words before a view
  - 66 Muffin grain
  - 67 First catch the fly, then eat the fly?
  - 71 Indication of growing impatience?
  - 73 Valentine card hugs
  - 74 Popular school cafeteria item
  - 76 Immerse (in), as maple syrup
  - 77 Togo neighbor
  - 79 Sharpening tool
  - 80 Fare-well link

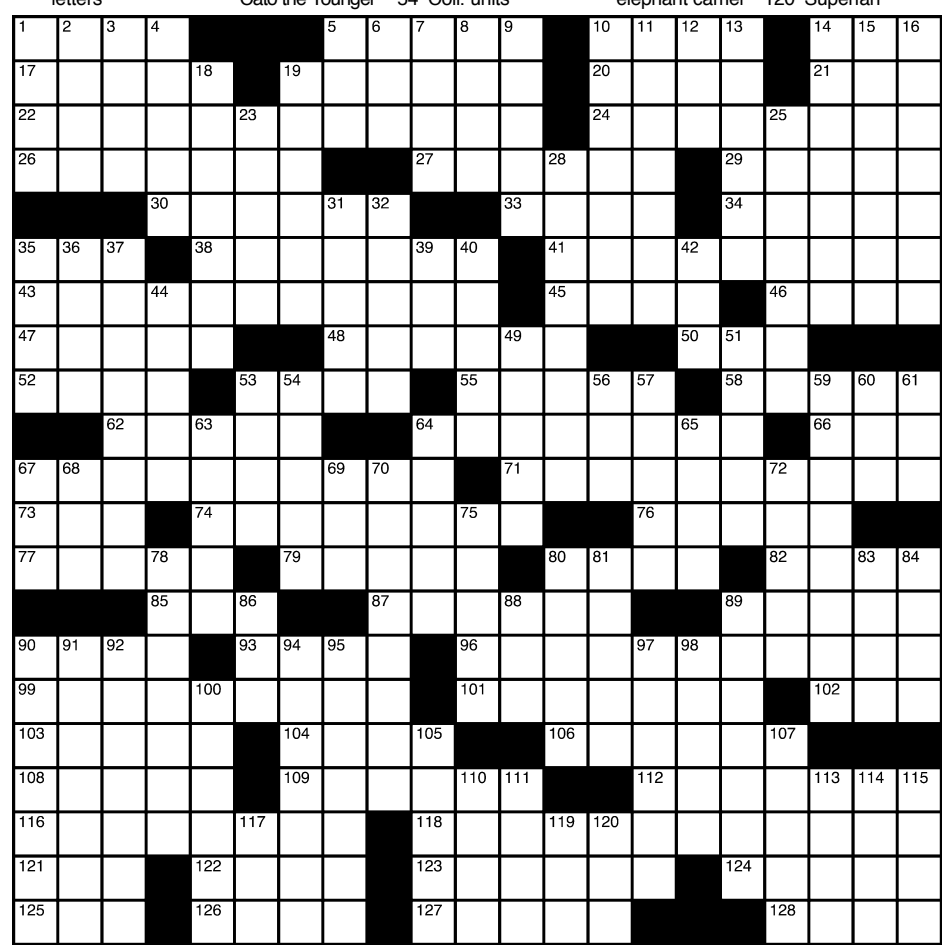
- 82 Maker of Aspire laptops
- 85 "Sorry, lad"
- 87 How Sitka, Alaska, ranks as the largest U.S. city
- 89 Wedding party
- 90 Trojan War god
- 93 Small-time British crook
- 96 Social newcomer who won't go away?
- 99 Basic banking rule?
- 101 Plague
- 102 USCG officer
- 103 Courage
- 104 \_\_\_ even footing
- 106 \_\_\_ network
- 108 Meaningless
- 109 BP, pulse, etc.
- 112 Causes of traffic jams ... or ways to avoid them
- 116 The "there" in "Don't go there"
- 118 Subjecting to a basic haunting strategy?
- 121 Heart test letters

- 122 Hunger remedy wrongly attributed to Marie Antoinette
  - 123 Means
  - 124 Hard work
  - 125 Poor grade
  - 126 Is indebted to
  - 127 Principle
  - 128 Goes off
- DOWN**
- 1 Treaty
  - 2 Repetitive sound
  - 3 Emperor adopted by Claudius
  - 4 Buttonholes, e.g.
  - 5 Ukulele wood
  - 6 MD workplaces
  - 7 Ship protected by Hera
  - 8 Cut of meat
  - 9 Really bad
  - 10 Tiny shape-shifters
  - 11 Goes downhill
  - 12 North end?
  - 13 Numb
  - 14 Rock at the bar?
  - 15 Cato the Elder or Cato the Younger

- 16 Cop's case-breaking tip, perhaps
- 18 Supposes
- 19 Campaign nastiness
- 23 Kitchen convenience
- 25 Skin pigment
- 28 Renter's rental
- 31 1993 Aerosmith hit that begins "There was a time / When I was so broken-hearted"
- 32 Tuscany city
- 35 Recipe meas.
- 36 Tenor's moment
- 37 Faith
- 39 PC-to-PC system
- 40 Future attys.' exams
- 42 Set as a price
- 44 \_\_\_ Cup
- 49 Unexpected story ending
- 51 Improve upon
- 53 --Nehemiah: Hebrew Bible book
- 54 Coll. units

- 56 Japanese tech company
- 57 Sparkling rock
- 59 Happen at the same time
- 60 Fall behind
- 61 Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.
- 63 Company named for a volcano
- 64 Playwright Chekhov
- 65 About, on memos
- 67 Weep
- 68 "The Purloined Letter" writer
- 69 Allow
- 70 Reach
- 72 Bee team
- 75 Iridescent gems
- 78 How some things are set
- 80 Mortise joiner
- 81 Dutch city, with "The"
- 83 Eve's first home
- 84 Civil War fighters
- 86 Paul Anka's "\_\_\_ Beso"
- 88 Mythical elephant carrier

- 89 Inspiring acts?
- 90 Counseled
- 91 Lost Colony's island
- 92 Blow up
- 94 Incite
- 95 Sets a match to
- 97 Plod
- 98 White-plumed wader
- 100 Painting on wet plaster
- 105 Annoy constantly
- 107 "Almost Like Being in Love" composer
- 110 Happening right now
- 111 Pet reindeer in "Frozen"
- 113 Lyft competitor
- 114 Lion's warning
- 115 They're often smashed
- 117 Friendly dog's offering
- 119 Like Bach's "Beso"
- 120 Superfan



Answers to last week's puzzle below.

## HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | May 5:** This year, you open up to new ideas, as the unusual punctuates your days. Logic might not always work. If single, you could be prone to an intense attraction. Give yourself time to determine whether you have a green light. If attached, the two of you develop a great sense of connection that makes you happy. You will be entering a new life cycle this year. Gemini plays games.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
Continue maintaining a reasonable stance when it comes to extravagant spending. Of course, you decide what is reasonable. You might actually be more in tune with reality than a partner, who wants what they want. Do not be surprised if a battle of wills emerges.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
A friend from a distance reaches out to you. Recognize that they are not as upbeat as you are right now. This person needs to share with you. Others create restrictions that do not exist in their mind. Help them get past their filters.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Get as much done as you can, including at least a lengthy nap. You are in first gear compared with tomorrow, when you must be on top of your game. Honor today as the last period for several days where you can dream and float.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
Say hello to some friends you rarely connect with but want to. As you start dialing, imagine each person and what you might hear. You discover that assumptions can be wrong. Before you know it, you have manifested some unusually fun plans.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
You might prefer to be less of a focal point. You have a lot to do and must make some special time for a relative or work-related matter. Tension builds as you try to do it all. Remember, this is your day off. Do what you must, and only that.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
You are onstage, and others eye your performance. Try to let go of a problem and be present in the moment. Other ideas and people come in from left field, adding to an unusual perspective on your plans.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
One-on-one relating breaks past a restriction, which might have been of your own making. You will see once you clear it. Allow greater closeness and caring by being more open.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Defer to another person. This person feels happy to be trusted by you. If you do not like their choices, say little and defer less. Keep a strong sense of connection between the two of you, resisting criticism if possible.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Make this a lazy day where you can read the Sunday paper, watch your favorite shows and snooze some. You are heading into a very busy few days where you will need all the energy you can muster.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Allow your innate personality to interact with a child or loved one. Clear your mind of details, problems and hassles. You need not worry; they will still be there tomorrow. Your perspective could radically change through distancing yourself from these issues.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Keep your emphasis on your domestic and personal life. A project you might've started needs completion. Make it okay to throw a spontaneous party if you find that your day is open.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Speak your mind and get to the bottom of a problem that you keep revisiting. Understand what is really driving you here. You might need to have a conversation with an insightful friend to help you anchor the issue.

### Answers to last week's puzzle.

