

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Horse and jokey: Winning foal names

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1400 we gave a special running of our famed foal name contest, this time between the postponed Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes. As usual, we offered a list of 100 of the horses nominated for this year's Triple Crown races and asked you to "breed" any two names, then name the "foal" to reflect both names. So many First Offenders this week!

4th place:

Astaire x Weekend in Court = **Puttin' On The Writs** (Steve Price, New York)

3rd place:

As Seen on TV x Censored = **** *een on TV** (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.; Laurie Brink, Mineola, N.Y.)

2nd place and the Churchill Downs mint julep glass:

Semper Fi x Well Connected = **Jarhead Kushner** (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Life on the Road x Villainous = **RV Weinstein** (Steve Langer, Chevy Chase)

Louisville sloggers:

Honorable mentions

Hail to the Chief x Close Shave = **Stubble Genius** (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

Money Moves x Relentless Dancer = **Cardi O** (Luke Baker, Columbia)

Hail to the Chief x American Baby = **Mad Don and Child** (Elizabeth Kline, Frederick)

Mr. Kringle x No Salt = **St. NaCl-less** (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

South Bend x Something Natural = **Mayor Peat** (Greg Dobbins, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

Amen Corner x Atone = **Amend Corner** (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Amen Corner x Explosive = **Amen Coroner** (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

Amen Corner x Charlatan = **Two Corinthians** (Susan Zarrow, Emmaus, Pa., a First Offender)

Mr. Kringle x Close Shave = **Saint Nick** (Beryl Benderly, Washington; Claudia Raffman, Reston)

Amen Corner x Thousand Words = **Sermonotous** (Trudie Cushing, Bethesda)

American Baby x Informative = **Goo-Google** (Pamela Love, Columbia)

Charlatan x Ancient Land = **Fauxnesia** (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

Explosive x Ancient Land = **Bomb in Gilead** (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Gimme Some Mo x Ancient Land = **What's Yours is Mayan** (Harvey Smith, McLean)

Art Collector x Censored = **Art Corrector** (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

Art Collector x Cool Runnings = **Venus de Miler** (Cheryl Denney White, Hartsdale, N.Y.)

South Bend x Market Analysis = **Hoosier Data?** (Laura Clairmont, Venice, Fla.)

As Seen on TV x Believe Now = **Regret Later** (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)

As Seen on TV x NY Traffic = **Kvetch-O-Matic** (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

NY Traffic x As Seen on TV = **JamWow** (Fred Shuback, Silver Spring, a First Offender)

As Seen on TV x Verb = **Avoid** (Nancy Della Rovere, Silver Spring)

Atone x Candy Machine = **Yum Kippur** (Marleen May, Rockville; Steve Price)

Talkin Malice x Atone = **Cuss and Make Up** (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

Well Connected x South Bend = **Plugged IN** (Kirsten B. Mitchell, Washington, a First Offender)

Authentic x Spice Is Nice = **The Real Dill** (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

Authentic x Wrecking Crew = **The Credible Hulk** (Duncan Stevens)

Villainous x Beachcombing = **Darth Wader** (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg)

Explosive x By Your Side = **Blame the Dog** (Paul Madigan, Ellicott City, a First Offender; Sam Mertens, Silver



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1404: Ask Backwards XXXIX

- \$750.02
- Shake, Rattle and Plop
- A Mazel Tov Cocktail
- Alex Tribeca
- Ken Jennings and Kylie Jenner
- Shut Up Man
- Downton Outhouse
- A Spelling Hornet
- May 30, 2022
- The Republic Forwhichistan
- Keep On Smizing
- @UnrealAbrahamLincoln
- Chris Wallace's Glasses
- Getting Bonked by a Tennis Ball
- A Room Without a Roof
- LAP, CLAP and WAP
- The Washington Football Team's Mascot
- The New Cabinet Department We Need

As "Jeopardy!" returns for its 37th season (not counting the Art Fleming years), still hosted by the indefatigable Alex Trebek and now featuring 74-time winner Ken Jennings as "Official Jeopardy! Guy," The Style Invitational once again presents its contest that bears virtually no resemblance to the quiz show except that . . . **Above are the answers. You supply the questions.** Everything's capitalized in case you want to think of them as proper nouns somehow, but you may also ignore the caps.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1404 (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, Oct. 12;** results will appear Nov. 1 in print, Oct. 29 online.

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a Chinese army-style red-starred olive drab cap, picked up in China a while back by "a former U.S. government 'researcher,' if you know what I mean," says its donor, Loser Steve Smith.

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 "Horse and Jokey" is by Chris Doyle; Jon Gearhart wrote 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 weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week's at wapo.st/conv1404.



Little Red Book not included: Brought back from China, this week's second prize.

Spring)

Modernist x Atone = **Finnegans Woke** (Rob Huffman)

Superfecto x Caracaro = **Expialidocious** (Sam Mertens)

South Bend x Censored = **Notre Tame** (Paul Burnham, Gainesville, Va.)

Explosive x Charlatan = **BAMboozle** (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)

Hail to the Chief x Charlatan = **Bone Spurious** (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)

Charlatan x Relentless Dancer = **Fraud Astaire** (Daniel Galef, Tallahassee)

Close Shave x Poe = **Pits and Pendulum** (Ed Flynn, Alexandria; Brian Lewandowski, Keswick, Va., a First Offender)

Close Shave x Positively Awesome = **Belle of the Bald** (Howard Waldner, Columbia)

Close Shave x Tons of Gold = **Brazilianaire** (Duncan Stevens)

Spice Is Nice x Dr Post = **Anisethesia** (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria)

Energized x Talkin Malice = **Little Bunny FU FU** (David Peckarsky, Tucson)

Eight Rings x Money Moves = **Octopi Wall Street** (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

Informative x Mr. Kringle = **KnowWellKnowWell** (Mary McNamara, Washington)

Explosive x South Bend = **Nitro Dame** (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn; Rob Huffman)

Convict x Tons of Gold = **Manafort Knox** (Bill Dornier, Indianapolis)

Cool Runnings x Fancy Liquor = **Drool Runnings** (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

Special Day x Villainous = **Doris and Natasha** (Perry Beider, Silver Spring)

Telephone Talker x Thousand Words = **Hello, Mother** (John Fouse, Bryans Road, Md.)

Semper Fi x Digital = **Halls of Montezoom** (Mark Raffman)

Semper Fi x Relentless Dancer = **HallsOfMontezumba** (Katherine Carwile, Kitty Hawk, N.C.)

Semper Fi x Screech = **Howls of Montezuma** (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

No Shirt, No Shoes x Relentless Dancer = **Flatley Denied** (Doug Hembrey, Manassas, a First Offender)

More foals in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1404.

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

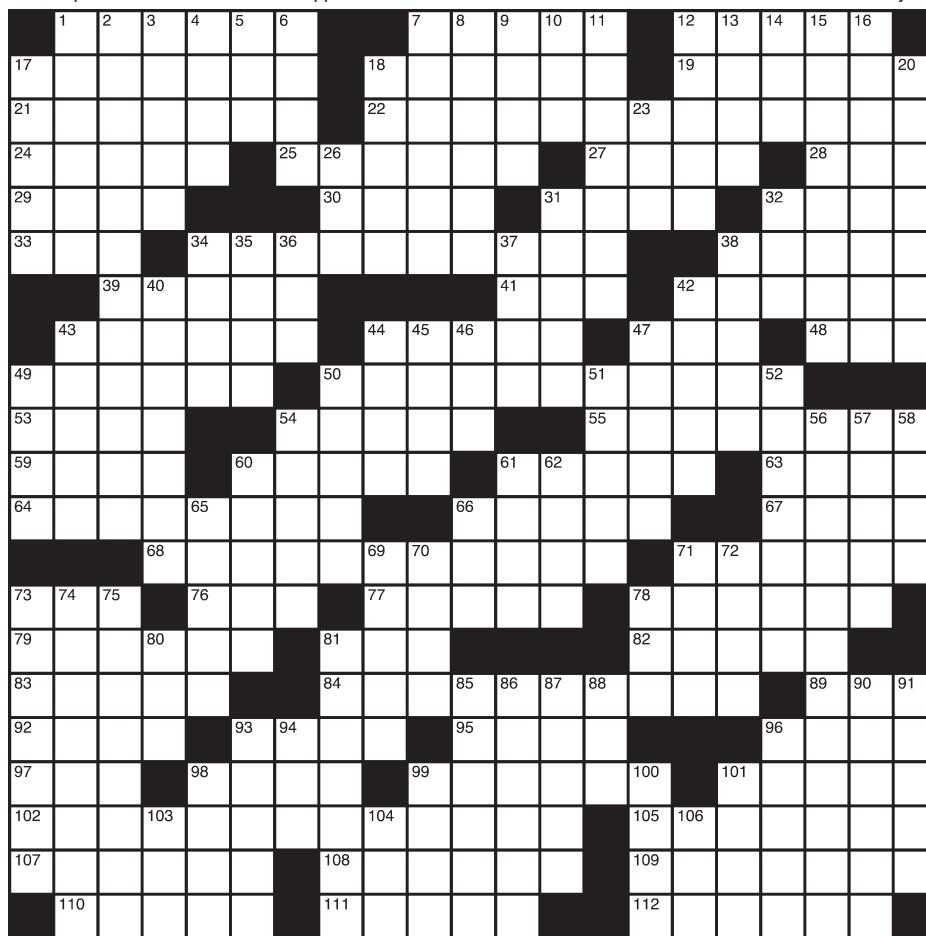
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"MISTAKEN IDENTITY" By MIKE PELUSSO

ACROSS

- It often involves a password
- Really wet spot
- Narrow, roadwise
- Town square art
- Aced
- Abrasions
- Banking convenience with the wrong comic magician?
- Prince Valiant's love
- Appear suddenly
- Prepare for cooking, as beans
- Org. once led by Bush 41
- Hereditary unit
- Les Etals—
- DEA agent
- Editor's "On second thought" decision
- That, in Santiago
- Builder with the wrong surveyor?
- "The Age of Reason" writer
- Gives sparingly
- CPR pro
- Hosp. triage specialists
- Refuses to concede
- Small file folders, e.g.
- San Antonio-to-Dallas dir.
- Big Apple paper, for short
- Wanderers
- Feeling blue with the wrong publisher?
- Seed cover
- Sean of "Stranger Things"
- Miami suburb with a Seminole-derived name
- Timbuktu's land
- Type of card or watch
- "My Cousin Vinny" Oscar winner
- Dom Pérignon maker, familiarly
- Narcissism
- Underworld
- Part of 41-Acr.
- Metalworker with the wrong gun manufacturer?
- Like rough seas
- Sty wallower

- "You didn't start yet, did you?"
- Watergate judge
- Amend
- Saturn, to Greeks
- Serious searches
- "Smell Ready" deodorant brand
- In . . . : unborn
- Cheap knockout with the wrong puppet?
- Corner key that may get you out of a corner
- Pallid
- First baseman
- Wally most famous for being replaced by Lou Gehrig
- "Was ___ harsh?"
- Mex. miss
- Intl. commerce group
- ¿Quién ___?"
- Liable to sing?
- Tracking device
- DEA agent
- African currency with the wrong mapmaker?
- Reunion arrivals
- Louvre
- sculpture of the wrong sister?
- Really tickle
- Nui: Easter Island
- Having four sharps
- TV warrior princess
- Green shampoo
- Where it's risky to be out
- China's Zhou ___
- Biker's headgear, perhaps
- Kind of vb.
- "I Am ___": Jenner reality show
- Stable supplies
- Cool
- Formal choice
- Judge's choice
- Missouri tributary
- River to Lyon
- Modern crime-solving aid
- Blue Jays, in crawls
- Vie for office
- Chinese menu assurance
- Blue
- Arrived in a cloud of dust, maybe
- Golfer's pocketful
- CIA predecessor
- TV warrior princess
- Green shampoo
- Where it's risky to be out
- China's Zhou ___
- Biker's headgear, perhaps
- Kind of vb.
- "I Am ___": Jenner reality show
- Dominate
- Barbers trim them
- Identify
- Crooner Chris
- Certain club restriction
- "Can ___ help me?"
- Genoa gal pal
- Intel product with the wrong toon rodent?
- Hangs on to
- "Give it ___!"
- Hosiery
- headaches
- Subdue with a shock
- Telltale warning, maybe
- Gorsuch colleague
- Marshall Plan pres.
- Dental office simulation
- Power co. output
- Street ___
- Like some orders
- Gripes
- Exceed
- Time for night owls
- Wine label word
- Texter's "My bad"
- Ways of looking at an issue
- Impressive, as a deal
- Latin catchall
- One-named Swedish singer with the 1997 hit "Show Me Love"
- ___ fair
- Specified
- Shows concern
- Law office helpers
- "Big Blue"
- Language description derived from sailors' chatter
- Breakaway group
- John was one: Abbr.
- Himalayan denizens
- "Lovely" citation issuer of song
- Acress Scala
- Manhattan sch.
- Contribution from the kitty



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY MADALYN ASLAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Oct. 4: Observant, humorous and tough, you charmingly turn this year around in your favor. You score a home run in your career and are incorrigible in making a relationship work. If single, you don't have motivation this year to find a commitment, but you do enjoy yourself. If attached, you and your partner do more apart, but when you come together it is all the more passionate. Cancer sticks on you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Today gives you added energy to direct into financial matters. Your enthusiasm and effort bring you profits. A long-lost friend contacts you out of the blue. This is the time when almost anything can happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your warmth and confidence lead to a new opportunity coming up. Push yourself forward; believe in yourself. Future travel, a career offer, a new love, a new interest and heightened awareness are all highly probable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You will enjoy peace and privacy. Discretion comes, and you will not reveal secret information to prying eyes. You will feel concern for those who have had a difficult time and can get involved in charity work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You have new insights into friendships and see how the people you're attached to are growing and changing. You get in touch with personal goals and wishes, deciding on which priorities are really important.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Accept constructive criticism gracefully today. You can turn a tense situation into a chance to shine and strengthen your position if you study it carefully. Everyone notices you. A time for tremendous growth and promise commences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today you will be exposed to those who have a different philosophy of life. An open mind and tolerant attitude carry you a long way. A gathering is a time to listen carefully when in conversation with loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
If there are addictive tendencies, keep them under control. Sweet,

rich desserts and other extravaganzas beckon. Analyze drives, appetites and desires. Understand the moods and feelings of others, as you could be a bit intense just now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You have to choose between friends. A compromise is possible. Others are very responsive to any love and kindness you show. Be liberal with everyone. Let them be themselves, and they will support you.

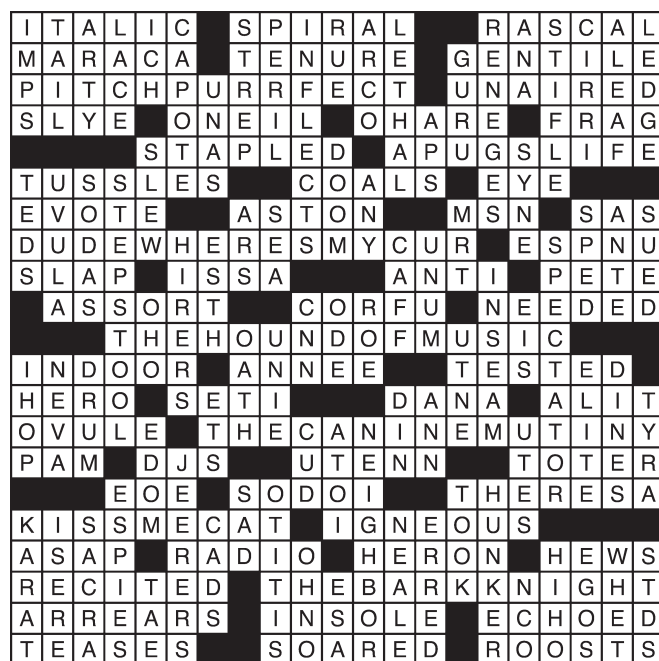
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
A co-worker is suddenly a better friend — whom you would see on the weekend. You putz around clearing clutter and getting rid of debris. Health improves because the daily environment becomes more nurturing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You have a change of heart about old interests and attachments. Dreams and intuition provide insights to help you make choices. Your vivid imagination is an asset if you direct creativity constructively.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You want to break from routine patterns at home and also have a more modern residence. There may be new family or extended family members coming in, and others voice the need to move on and live their own lives.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
It's important to return all phone calls and emails promptly. Take today to catch up with this, and with neighborhood friends and siblings. Let yourself meet — properly socially distanced — a new person who might become a good friend.

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