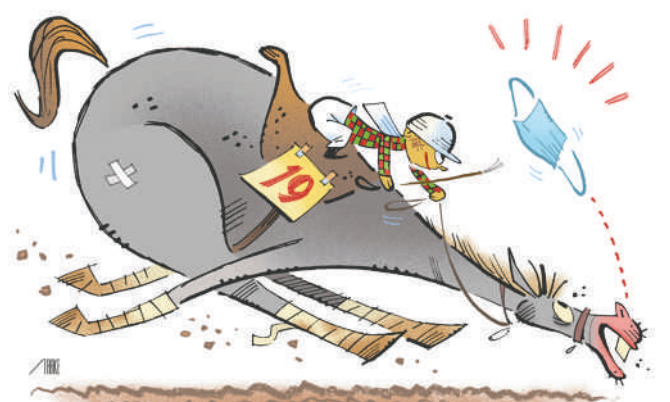


DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1430: Back to racing speed with the 'foals'

"Breed" DEFEATER with UNO and name the foal WE ONE!

Santa Cruiser x Tarantino = Slay

Warrant x Count Tolstoy = Warrant Peace

As we warily squint toward some light that we think we might see at the end of the tunnel, The Style Invitational returns to its regular schedule of annual horse name "breeding" contests, after the Kentucky Derby was postponed last year to September from its usual first Saturday in May. Year after year, this contest proves to be our most popular, drawing some 4,000 pun-soaked entries to a delightfully overwhelmed Empress.

**This week:** Below is a list of 100 of the horses nominated for the 2021 Triple Crown races: the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes. "Breed" any two names and name the "foal" to humorously play off both parents' names, as in the examples above. (Yes, we know they're almost all male. We do not care.)

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| Affable           | Founder           | Outasite          |
| American Drama    | Freedom Fighter   | Overtook          |
| Arabian Prince    | Gershwin          | Petruchio         |
| Avenue            | Get Her Number    | Pickin' Time      |
| Beep Beep         | Greatest Honour   | Prate             |
| Best Bet          | Gretzky the Great | Prevalence        |
| Big Fish          | Harvard           | Prime Factor      |
| Big Lake          | Helium            | Proxy             |
| Big Thorn         | Hidden Stash      | Ram               |
| Breadman          | Highly Motivated  | Rebel's Romance   |
| Brooklyn Strong   | Hold the Salsa    | Red Flag          |
| By George         | Hot Rod Charlie   | Risk Taking       |
| Candy Man Rocket  | Hush of a Storm   | Royal Tryst       |
| Cantata           | Hyperfocus        | Sainthood         |
| Captain Fantastic | I Am the Law      | Santa Cruiser     |
| Chaos Reigns      | Isolate           | Savile Row        |
| Circumvent        | Joe Man Joe       | Scarred           |
| Classier          | Keepmeinmind      | Sittin on Go      |
| Concert Tour      | Known Agenda      | Soup and Sandwich |
| Core Curriculum   | Law Professor     | Spielberg         |
| Count Tolstoy     | Lemon Pop         | Stayin' Out Late  |
| Crowded Trade     | Life Is Good      | Super Stock       |
| Defeater          | Like the King     | Swing Low         |
| Defunded          | Likeable          | Tarantino         |
| Deservedly        | Magnificent       | The Great One     |
| Dream Shake       | Midnight Bourbon  | Troubadour        |
| Du Jour           | Money Mike        | Ubiquitous        |
| Elector           | Moonlite Strike   | Unbridled Honor   |
| Essential Quality | Myopic            | Uno               |
| Fairchild         | Never Surprised   | Untreated         |
| Federal Bureau    | Next              | Warrant           |
| Fenway            | Notable Exception | Whole Shebang     |
| Fly Like an Eagle | O Besos           |                   |
| Fortified         | One Fast Cat      |                   |

As in actual thoroughbred racing, a name may not exceed 18 characters including spaces, but those characters may include punctuation and numerals. You may run words together to save space, but the name should be easy to read.

Please write entries in the format of the second and third example above, and note the formatting instructions on this week's entry form. They're easy but essential if you would like The Overwhelmed E to gaze upon your cleverness after she sorts the entries alphabetically.

Submit up to 25 entries at [wapo.st/enter-invite-1430](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1430) (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, April 12;** results appear May 2 in print, April 29 online.

Winner gets the Clowning Achievement, our new Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a handsome hardcover copy of "Walter the Farting Dog," the classic picture book about the chronically flatulent pooch who saves the day when burglars come in and ... you know. Donated by 84-time Loser Pie (as in Cutie) Snelson.

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 "Punderachiever." 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](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline "Head Games" was submitted by both Dave Prevar and Jeff Contompasis; Kevin Dopart, Chris Doyle and Tom Witte each sent in the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://www.facebook.com/on.fb.me/invdev); "like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [but.ly/inkofiday](https://www.facebook.com/but.ly/inkofiday); and follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

**The Style Conversational:** The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you're new to the foal contest, see this week's at [wapo.st/conv1430](http://wapo.st/conv1430).

We put them together in the Washington Post Date Lab. (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring)

**Data: trips rebounding**  
'Star Trek' character finds out he sucks at basketball (Steve Honley, Washington)

**Here's the difference between the Democrats and the Republicans**  
Response Code 500: Your query generated too many results; cannot download (Todd DeLap)

**Athletes break out on social media**

Basketball stars stream acne eruptions on TMI.com, get 4 million views (Robert Blatt, Silver Spring, a First Offender)

**Missing out on the full story**  
How a bank-headline contest has ruined my morning reading (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

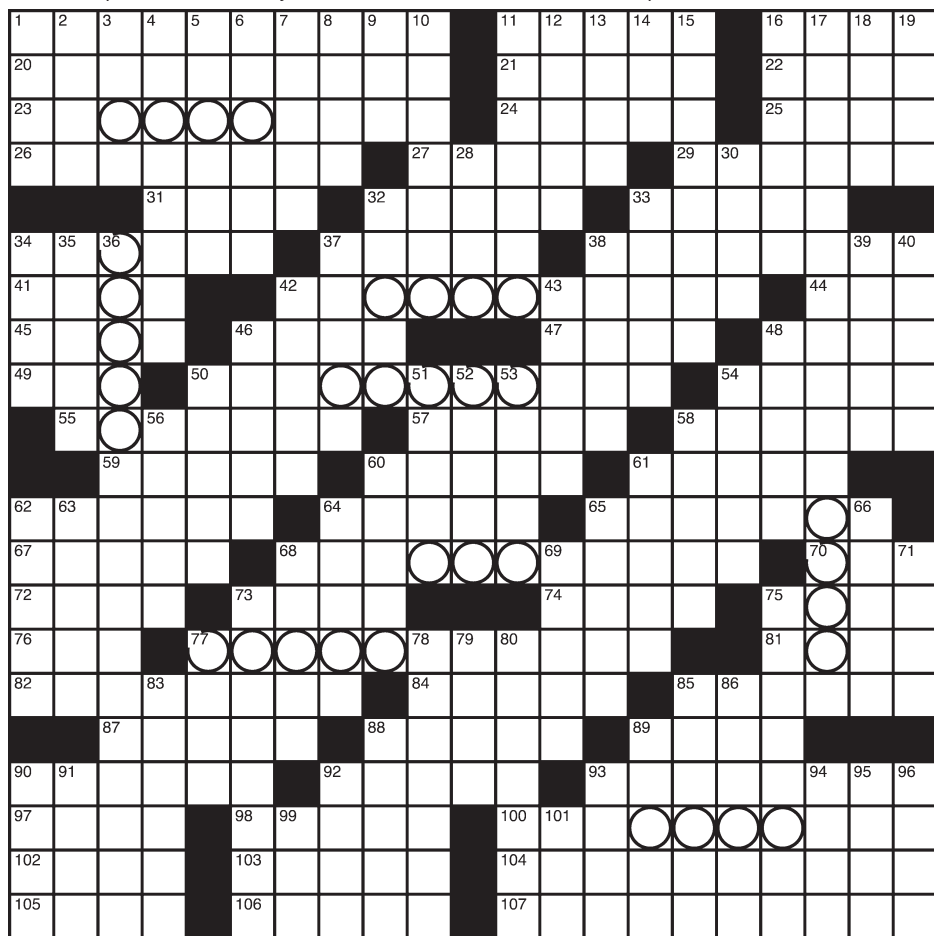
More honorable mentions in the online Invite at [wapo.st/invite1430](http://wapo.st/invite1430).

**Still running – deadline Monday night, April 5: Our contest to modernize a Shakespeare quote.** See [wapo.st/invite1429](http://wapo.st/invite1429).

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| 37 Have a meeting of the minds      | 106 Crofts' partner                              |   | 50 One wielding an axe?                           | 77 Spreadsheet unit                  |   |



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY MADALYN ASLAN

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY| April 4:** Extraverted, aggressive and generous, achieving your goals is the name of the game. This year, you define what you wish to accomplish and follow a calculated plan to get there. Impatience distracts you, so ignore the detours. Keep your eyes on the prize, and financial rewards will follow. If single, give love a chance to grow. If attached, always listen to what your partner has to say. Taurus flatters you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
Take a break from an unfinished project. Leave it for another day. Let family take you away from a mental activity. Do something invigorating outdoors. A bike ride, hike or even throwing a ball around fits the bill.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
Satisfy your inquisitive mind with a lecture, poetry reading or visit to a museum. Use your critical thinking abilities. Go with someone you love who shares your views and loves to debate.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Competitive activities get your blood circulating. Go to a sporting event or participate in one yourself. Invite someone you want to know better to accompany you. Do something inspiring at the spur of the moment.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
Let go of an emotional wound from the past. Don't be too hard on yourself. Break free from old patterns that could stall a relationship. Open your heart. Love will emerge in a new form.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Continue to think about healthy living. Fresh air and light exercise serve you well. Prepare low-cal snacks with fresh fruit and veggies. Take a scenic walk with friends. Buy something nice for yourself. Stick to your budget.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Steer clear of an unpleasant situation. Put someone off if you must. Try your hand at an artistic endeavor. Take yourself seriously, and others will do the same. Children and grandchildren provide constant inspiration.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Make your home comfortable so guests can stay over. Ask for

redecorating tips and help rearranging furniture. A visit with another generation can prove stressful. Stay tight-lipped, and you won't cause unnecessary friction.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Positive memories remind you to get in touch with siblings or an old classmate. Talk about attending a lecture, poetry reading or visit to a museum. Use your critical thinking abilities. Go with someone you love who shares your views and loves to debate.

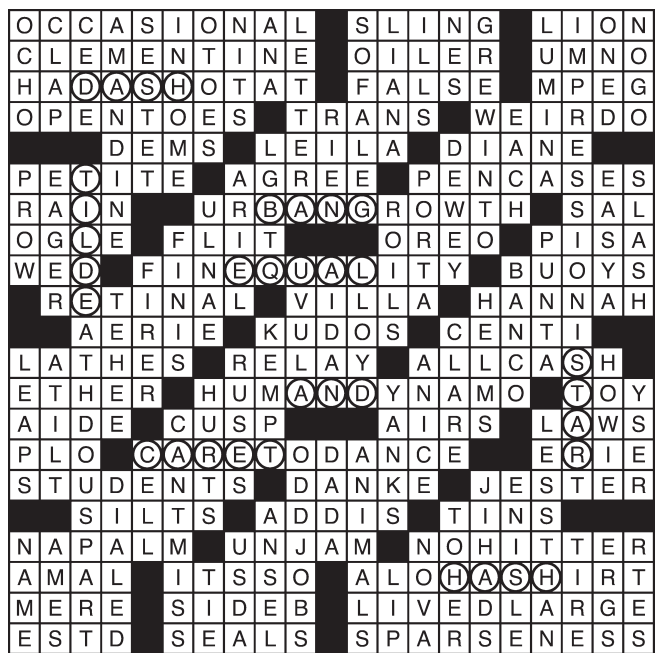
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Expand your culinary skills. Follow an adventurous recipe with condiments you never tried. Search for a cookbook filled with international cuisine. Online shopping serves you well today. The time is right to spot the best buys.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Let go of negative feelings since they flare up when least expected. Show off your impeccable taste. Dress with bold colors. You are sure to get noticed by those you want to impress.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
It's time to forgive someone's missteps and move forward. Listening to soft music or singing in a choir has a calming effect. Give in to the urge to spend a quiet day at home.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
You know the right words to help a friend seeking your advice. Take an opportunity to get out and mingle with people in social situations. You can form lasting bonds with those you meet now.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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Head games: Winning bank headlines

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1426, as she does every year or so, the Empress asked you to misinterpret news headlines and ads by following a real headline with a fake bank hed, or subtitle.

**4th place:**

Parade magazine: **Give Your Immune System the Support It Needs**

Bank hed: 'C'mon, Immune System! Only a Couple More Months, You Can Make It!' (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

**3rd place:**

Find a spot for COVID shots  
Experts suggest an arm; butts said to slow down line (John Klayman, Fairfax)

**2nd place and the cubic globe:**

Texans, let your little light shine  
Governor recommends candles for next power outage (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

**And the winner of the Clowing Achievement:**

US 45 resurfacing project starts Monday  
Former president getting skin peel, de-orange (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

Errheads:

**Honorable mentions**  
Four steps to ease covid patients back to exercise  
After couple days of that, try moving up to five steps (Jesse Frankovich)

**Jermaine Fowler seeks a name for himself**  
How about 'Jermaine Fowler,' experts suggest (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

**Administration backs nation's biggest wind farm off Martha's Vineyard**  
No injuries reported as turbines crash into water (Hannah Seidel, Alexandria)

**Auburn basketball could be much improved next season**  
Washing off months of sweat expected to restore bright orange hue (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

**Biden grasped what the media did not**  
Diane Sawyer's shoulders long considered off-limits (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

**Chief Wants Guard to Stay in DC**  
Biden Pleads With Wizards: Don't Trade Bradley Beal! (John McCooley, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

**Emotional and exuberant**  
New 'Jeopardy!' category of 4-syllable words starting with E excites contestants (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

**The future remains the focus for the O's**  
'We'll get better at this,' newlyweds vow (Gary Crockett)

**GOP governors bet on bucking virus rules**  
Actually, they didn't say 'bucking' (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**Six lessons to help us move forward**  
1. Lift left leg. 2. Bend left knee . . . (Jesse Rifkin, Glastonbury, Conn.)

**How will the offensive line competition shake out?**  
Nasties vie for coveted Snarkiest Tweet award (Beverly Sharp)

**NFL sets salary cap at \$182.5 million**  
Also, Congress won't raise \$7.25 minimum wage (Jesse Rifkin)

**Study uses smart speakers to detect irregular heartbeats**  
Obama, Thunberg found to sense people's palpitations (John O'Byrne, Dublin, Ireland)

**This fall, Arlington Public Schools will offer five days of in-person learning**  
Aiming for up to two weeks next winter (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

**USPS needs more money, DeJoy says**  
'Just please don't mail it to us.' (Mark Raffman, Reston)

**What to do when your unit needs repairs**  
Bring it in, say urologists (Dan Steinbrocker, Los Angeles)

**She found her birth father via DNA. He's a fugitive accused of killing his whole family.**