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By the Empress

Style Invitational Week 1066: Foaling Around: It's our venerable horse-'breeding' contest



Bob Staake for The Washington Post

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Dunkin Bend x Big Tire = Mmm, Donuts

Our Caravan x Smack Smack = Sock Her, Mom!

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We're greeting print-Post readers this week from our new digs, snuggled against the crossword in the brand-new Arts & Style section, but we're setting up our new quarters with familiar furnishings: It's the 20th straight year of one of the most popular Style Invitational contests, one that usually draws several thousand entries, even though the purse is not exactly the \$2 million up for grabs in this year's Kentucky Derby; however, we offer a bobblehead, a hat, a bag, a mug and a stack of refrigerator magnets, while the derby won't give the winners a single one of those. **At the bottom of this page is a list of 100 of the 3-year-old racehorses nominated**

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for this year's Triple Crown events; your job is to "breed" any two of them and name the "foal" to reflect both names, as in the examples above.

No, it doesn't matter that virtually all — though not all-all — of the horses in the list are male (the filly Got Lucky doesn't need to get *that* lucky). **A name may not exceed 18 characters including spaces**, as in the real racehorse world, but we will allow one or more of the characters to be a punctuation mark or numeral. You may run words together to make the name fit if it's simply hilarious, but the name still should be easy to read — see, we like people to read the Invite. Be sure not to misspell the original horse name in your entry, or the Empress might miss it when she searches on each horse's name during the judging. As always, you may send as many as 25 entries, and they can all be on the same e-mail.

Winner gets not a blanket of roses but the [Inkin' Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a genuine [2009 Kentucky Derby souvenir ballcap](#), donated by Loser Sam

Laudenslager. The race that year, by the way, was won by the utter longshot Mine That Bird (Birdstone x Mining My Own), who retired two years later. But the 2009 Invite Derby was won by 371-time Loser and horse-naming specialist Jonathan Paul (Sir Phenomenal x Empire State = Knight Who Says NY), who, we wager, has already saddled up and headed for the starting gate once again.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for [Loser Mug](#) or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" [Grossery Bag](#). Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet, either the [Po' Wit Laureate](#) or [Puns of Steel](#). First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). **E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com** or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, April 14; results published May 4 (online May 1, two days before Derby Day). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include "Week 1066" in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. This week's honorable-mentions subhead is by Dave Prevar; the alternative headline in the "Next week's results" line is by Beverley Sharp. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev, and click "like" on Style Invitational Ink of the Day at bit.ly/inkofday.

☐ **The Style Conversational:** The Empress's weekly online column (posted late Thursday afternoon or early evening) discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

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Typically ingenious results this week to our perennial contest in which we posted a list of 16 random items and asked you to tell how any two were alike or different. Almost 20 people suggested that the difference between the Arizona legislature and a three-cupped bra is that the bra contains only three boobs.

The winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

A Fleetwood Mac reunion vs. the Arizona legislature: One will have you singing "Don't Stop"; the other will have you screaming, "Don't! Stop!" (Dave Letizia, Alexandria, Va.)

2nd place, winner of the matzo-printed toilet seat cover saying "Let My People Go"

The Human Barbie is a real person transformed into an imaginary person with big boobs;

Adele Dazeem is a real person transformed into an imaginary person by a big boob. (Jim Stiles, Rockville, Md.)

3rd place

A USB stick marked "Property of NSA" is valuable to a deserter;
XL jeggings are valuable to a deserter. (Danielle Nowlin, Woodbridge, Va.)

4th place

XL jeggings: Big waistband width.

Buzzfeed quizzes: Big bandwidth waste. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

Paired down: honorable mentions

Bob Staake's No. 2 pencils and **the Arizona legislature:** Both are guaranteed to come up with something patently ridiculous, but only one of them on purpose. (Lori Petterson, College Park, Md., a First Offender)

• And: One is used with discrimination to draw gray lines; the other uses discrimination to draw gay lines. (Diane Wah, Seattle)

Adele Dazeem and **the Arizona legislature:** One was an *honest* mistake. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

Buzzfeed quizzes vs. **a USB stick marked "Property of NSA":** The former shows you what you got on them; the latter shows you what they got on you. (Jeff Contompasis)

A three-cupped bra and **XL jeggings:** Both are top sellers at the Chernobyl Wal-Mart. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

West African fufu and **a three-cupped bra:** One is full of cassava; the other is full of casaba. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

Both **the Arizona legislature** and **a Sochi hotel** think it's fine to refuse to serve a West African fufu. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

"Jeopardy!" champ Arthur Chu is a recipient of the show's largess, while **XL jeggings** can accommodate a large . . . (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

April Fools' Day: You can see right through that trick! **The Human Barbie:** You can see right through that chick! (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

The polar vortex and **Adele Dazeem:** One is a legitimate name associated with

"Frozen." (Kelly Ronayne, Alexandria, Va., a First Offender)

A three-cupped bra and the Human Barbie: Neither is what you'd call anatomically correct. (Edward Gordon, Austin)

The Human Barbie and a Sochi hotel: Both ought to put up a big "Vacancy" sign. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.; Heather Spence, New York)

Bellybutton lint vs. the Human Barbie: With one, there's a bit of fluff stuck in your navel; with the other, it's clinging to your arm. (Zoe Benfell, Mechanicsville, Md., a First Offender)

Sriracha Life Savers have more calories than **the Human Barbie**. And they're hotter. (Art Grinath, Takoma Park, Md.)

April Fool's Day and a USB stick marked "Property of NSA": For some reason, the FBI didn't think the two of them made sense together the way my client did. (David Ballard, Reston, Va.)

The polar vortex and a "Property of NSA" stick: If you have one, you may be snowed in; if you have the other, you may be Snowden. (Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.)

Adele Dazeem and a three-cupped bra: Each may be evidence of one nip too many. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Arthur Chu stalked the Daily Double, while **a three-cupped bra** is the Bali Triple. (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg, Md.)

A Sochi hotel and a three-cupped bra: With the first, you might not have *enough doorknobs*. (Danielle Nowlin)

Bellybutton lint and a USB stick marked "Property of NSA": It's safer to stick the lint into your PC. (Tom Panther, Springfield, Va.)

• And: The deeper you dig into either one, the funnier it smells. (Ben Aronin, Arlington, Va.)

Bob Staake's No. 2 pencils vs. the Human Barbie: Staake's pencils render the human form more realistically, even with bananas for noses. (Lawrence McGuire)

Buzzfeed quizzes vs. XL jeggings: You can use one to figure out what type of animal you are; with the other, you already know you're a hippo. (Mark Raffman)

Bob Staake's No. 2 pencils and a Sochi hotel: Each is a synonym for a dump. (Frank Osen)

Sriracha Life Savers and a Sochi hotel: If you try either one, carry a large supply of water. (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg, Md.; Ellen Ryan, Rockville, Md.)

A Fleetwood Mac Reunion and a Sochi hotel: You won't be able to sleep at a Sochi hotel. (Rob Huffman)

A USB stick marked "Property of NSA": Beware of malware. **XL jeggings:** Beware of malwear. (Jonathan Hardis)

West African fufu and the Arizona Legislature: One has, as its end, "f-u"; the other, as its end, to F.U. (Kelly Ronayne)

Next week's results: *HistoRebuffs*, or *Change You Can't Believe In*, our [Week 1064](#) contest (or, as we called it, 1066 minus 2) to alter a moment in history and

describe the effect.

The horse names to use for Week 1066

Act
Albano
All Tied Up
Almost Famous
Asserting Bear
Athens
Best Plan Yet
Big Bazinga
Big Tire
Big Tuff
Blarp
Bobby's Kitten
Bourbonize
Brilliant Mess
Cairo Prince
California Chrome
Candy Boy
Charge Now
Chitu
Coastline
Commanding Curve
Commandment
Commissioner
Constitution
Crushed It
Culprit
Cut the Net
Deceived
Dunkin Bend
Edison
Effinex
Elevated
Excessive Kid
Exit Stage Left
Fascinating Rock
Financial Mogul
Fire Starter
Flat Gone
Gaining Ground
General A Rod
Gift Diamond
Gold Hawk
Got Lucky
Grand Strand
Grizzly Song
Guggenheim
Harpoon
Hoppertunity
Icy Ride
I Earned It Baby
I'll Wrap It Up
Indianapolis
Intense Holiday
Jimmy Connors
Kowboy Boots
Life Is a Joy


Matador
Mental Iceberg
Midnight Hawk
Misconnect
Mr Speaker
Noble Moon
No Nay Never
Only I Know
Oogeley Eye
Our Caravan
Pacific
Pax in Terra
Poker Player
Ride On Curlin
Ring Weekend
Rise Up
Russian Humor
Samraat
Scotland
Skydive
Smack Smack
Smart Cover
Snuggley Bear
So Lonesome
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Spot
Stockholder
Streaming
Strong Mandate
Superlooper
Tall Boy
The Custodian
Thunder Moon
Toast of New York
Tout
Twenty Percent
Uncle Sigh
Undertaker
Vegas Strip
Vicar's In Trouble
We Miss Artie
Wicked Strong
Wildcat Red
Wry

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