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Style Invitational Week 1483: Pun for the Roses

Our famous racehorse name 'breeding' contest. Plus winning phrases that work as Wordle grids.

By Pat Myers
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"A brief Tinder love story: Swipe right, spend the night, take flight." It's Hildy Zampella's winning entry in our Wordle-phrase contest. See the rest below. (The Washington Post illustration)

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"Breed" **Happy Jack** with **Make It Big** and name the foal **Ecstatic Jack**

Iron Works x **Enough Already** = **Iron "Stops Working"**

Clapton x **Apprehend** = **Clapton Irons**

Yes! After another iffy year in so many ways, we once again are on the traditional schedule for the running of the Kentucky Derby and, with it,

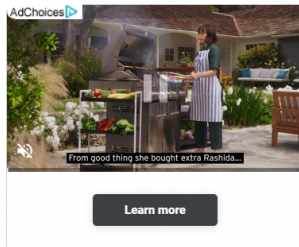


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our most popular contest of the year, usually generating some 4,000 entries for the Empress to ponder. **This week:** At the bottom of this page is a list of 100 of the 300-some horses nominated for the 2022 Triple Crown races: the Kentucky Derby, 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.)

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.



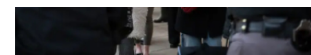
Please write entries in the A x B = C format of the second and third example above, and note the formatting instructions on this week’s entry form and The Style Conversational. They’re easy, but the E and especially her longtime volunteer sorter, Loser Jonathan Hardis, *need* you to follow the directions so the entries can be sorted by horse name.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1483 (no capitals in the Web address). Deadline is Monday, April 18; results appear on Derby weekend: May 8 in print, May 5 online.

Winner gets the [Clowning Achievement](#), our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives, somewhat apropos to this week’s contest, **Poo-Dough**, a Play-Doh-inspired mold and compound to make, well, yeah. “Looks like the real thing (smells much better)” and even comes with some fake corn kernels and peanut pieces to add authenticity to your product. Decorate your yard! Donated by Invite fan Dan Huff.



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 new [lusted-after Loser magnets](#), “A Small Jester of Appreciation” or “Close, but Ceci N’est Pas un Cigare.” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/inviteFAQ. The headline “Funny Fives Faves” is by Jesse Frankovich; Craig Dykstra wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively 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; follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.



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2 Beanie Feldstein attempts to scale ‘Funny Girl.’ She almost makes it.



3 Jon Stewart says ‘comedy survives every moment’ at Twain Prize ceremony



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5 How runner Susanna Sullivan would spend a perfect day in D.C.



The Style Conversational: The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week's, published late Thursday, April 7, at wapo.st/conv1483.

And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago ...

FUNNY FIVES FAVES: Results of our Week 1479 Wordle phrase contest

Our [Week 1479](#) contest — in which the Empress ripped off the Nerd Game of the Hour, asking for phrases that would work as [New York Times Wordle](#) grids, proved, well, a challenge. “I never thought I’d come up with anything for this contest,” lamented one Loser. Another: “Stop this madness!” The rule was that once a letter was in the right, “green” place for the final word, it had to stay there for subsequent words.

4th place:



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^ **The springtime singer's lament.** (Sarah Walsh, Rockville, Md.)

3rd place:



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^ **What a Florida teacher does now.** (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

2nd place and the Day of the Dead Pop-Tarts:

M	O	R	O	N
S	E	N	D	S
C	O	L	O	R
C	U	B	E	S
T	W	E	E	T
D	A	I	L	Y

invite0410-wordle-moron (The Washington Post illustration)

^ **Why on earth would you keep announcing your X/6 Wordle score?** (*Jon Gearhart, Des Moines*)

And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

RATES, DATES, MATES, SATES, HATES: A brief Tinder love story: Swipe right, spend the night, take flight. (*Hildy Zampella, Alexandria, Va.*)

Fives below: Honorable mentions

BEERS

JEERS

WEARY

TEARY

A Commanders fan's usual quarter-by-quarter experience. (*Steve Smith, Potomac, Md.*)

BULLY

RAIDS,

BOMBS.

CINCH?

UHHHH . . .

The remarkable turn of events in Ukraine. (*Duncan Stevens*)

2 Elon Musk acquires Twitter for roughly \$44 billion



3 Why did Elon Musk buy Twitter?



4 **Perspective**
A letter to that man who emailed me to correct my grammar



5 In Va. court, Depp fans clamor for seats. Alpacas must wait outside.



BRIEF

BRADY

BREAK

When you realize that being driven into the ground by giant linemen
beats being driven up the wall by your kids. (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing,
Mich.*)

FAULT

FAUCI,

TRUST

SEUSS

Fox on docs. (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

BANJO

KAZOO

DISCO

COMBO

The least frequently hired musical ensemble. (*Jonathan Jensen,
Baltimore*)

SIXTY

TIMES

ZILCH

Success rate of you-know-who's post-election lawsuits. (*Mark Raffman,
Reston, Va.*)

SOLID

WASTE

AUDIT

CHIEF

How your résumé can describe the year you spent dumpster-diving.
(*Chris Doyle*)

MARIE:

BLADE

ADIEU

AHEAD!

The 1793 guillotine squad lets the queen know what's coming. (*Kathy
El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.*)

GRAVY

TRAIN

WRECK

Welcome to inflation. (*Mark Raffman*)

BLECH

GROSS

SOGGY

Back-to-school reviews are in for the cafeteria. (*Leif Picoult, Rockville,
Md.*)

CHINA

INDIA

SYRIA

NEPAL

JAPAN

QATAR

Oh shoot I thought I was playing [Worldle!](#) (*Bill Dorner, Indianapolis*)

TRASH
TRUTH,
TRUST
TRUMP:

What suffices for the GOP platform these days. (*Jonathan Jensen*)

TWICE-
DAILY
SNACK:
EXTRA-
LARGE
PIZZA

Your Mama's diet. (*Chris Doyle*)

POLAR
DUMBO
MUMBO
JUMBO

Palinspeak. (*Jesse Frankovich*)

SHINY-
PATED
ASSET-
LADEN
PAPER
OWNER

(Jeff Bezos owns The Washington Post.) (*Jesse Frankovich*)

And Last:

PRIZE:
OLIVE
GREEN
LLAMA
VOMIT

What makes Losers try so hard for Invite ink. (*Jon Gearhart*)

And Even Laster:

MYERS
NAMES
OTHER
LOSER?
FIXED!

Trump enters the Invitational, gets no ink. (*Steve Benko, Southport, Conn.*)

And Lastest of All:

MYERS
MOTTO:
SORRY,
LOSER.
ENTER
AGAIN!

And I always do. (*Jon Gearhart*)

And Even Lasterest of All:

LOSER

MINDS

THINK

ALIKE

Why the Empress gets so many entries with the same lame jokes.

(Submitted by Jesse Frankovich AND Chris Doyle)

Still running — deadline Monday night, April 11: Make new words from any of 36 ScrabbleGrams letter sets. See wapo.st/invite1482.



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American Icon

American Xperiment

Apprehend

Barber Road

Bargaining Power

Be There

Beyond Best

Bletchley Park

Bloodline

Boise

Bureau

Bye Bye Bobby

Cant Be Doin That

Charge It

Clapton

Classic Causeway

Concept

Conclusive

Congressman

Courvoisier

Crown Pride

Cyberknife

Dean's List

Doppelganger

Early Voting

Echo Zulu

Efficiency

Electability

El Paso

Enough Already

Enthrallment

Epicenter

Epoch

Ethereal Road

Flying Drummer

Forbidden Kingdom

Glider

Goin to the Show

Grantham


Gunfighter

Happy Jack

Hopper

Howling Time

Improper



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In Due Time

Iron Works

Kerouac

Long Term

Major General

Make It Big

Messier
Miss Everything
Momentous
Money Supply
Morello
Mr White
Mugged
Nabokov
Octane
On Thin Ice
Overrule
Paper Mirror
Pappacap
Particular
Peaceful Waters
Presidential
Rattle N Roll
Rhetoric
Rich Strike
Rockefeller
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Secret Oath
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Shake Em Loose
Simplification
Slim Man
Slow Down Andy
Smarten Up
Smile Happy
Strike Hard
Strobe
Summer Is Tomorrow
Surpassing
Take Action
Tawny Port
The Thunderer

Tiz the Bomb

Top Secret

Trademark

Un Ojo

Unraptured

Verbal

Volcanic

We the People

Wharton

White Abarrio

Win the Day

Witty

Zozos

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