## DIVERSIONS

### THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

# Bred winners: This year's foal names

#### **BY PAT MYERS**

Whoa, what a field - some 4,300 foal names from Week 1274, our annual contest to "breed" two of the year's Triple Crown nominees. See this week's Style Conversational for funny but too-common names (plus explanations of the trickier entries) and then start on this week's "grandfoals."

#### 4th place

Nero x Demolition = Rex (Beth Morgan, Palo Alto, Calif.)

#### **3rd place**

Alpha to Omega x Ax Man = LambdaTheSlaughter (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

#### 2nd place and the **Farting Bubble Blaster** squirt gun:

Mt. Rushmore x Private Eye = Secret Dakota Ring (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

#### And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

B on Time x Mr. President = F on Policy (Luke Baker, Columbia, Md., a First Offender)

#### The neighs have it: **Honorable mentions**

Mr. President x Walk in the Sun = Jirque du Soleil (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Mississippi x Choo Choo = Twain (Harvey Smith, McLean)

Alpha to Omega x Arrival = Eta (Dave Wyman, Ann Arbor, Mich., a First Offender)

Numero Thirteen x Zing Zang = I Speak Foreign (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

Retirement Fund x Ali = The Roth of Khan (Matthew Sheren, Washington, a First Offender)

**Still Having Fun x One More Tom** = One More, Tom (Ellen Raphaeli, Falls Church: Tom Witte. Montgomery Village)

Pony Up x Bail Out = Too Big to Foal (David Peckarsky, Tucson)



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# New contest for Week 1278: Colt following: The 'grandfoals'

Shouldn't they wait to, you know, get started on a career? Do a little traveling? Nope, sorry: It's our 13th annual "grandfoal" contest. **This week: "Breed" any two of the** 68 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. Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1278 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives "Lullaby Renditions of Johnny Cash," a CD performed by Andrew Bissell. "Your little boy named Sue (or girl!) will be fast asleep in no time," the cover promises. Fortunately the songs are instrumental, since it'd be, well, different to coo to a baby, "I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die," or "I fell into a burning ring of fire." (Both those songs are on the CD.)

**Other runners-up** win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship." Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, May 14; results published June 3 (online May 31). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at 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, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Friends surround you, but you

to make some fast changes to

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

might not be sure how to use your

time. What is clear is that you need

revive your energy. A friend might

You enjoy yourself as long as vou

don't have to push too hard to get

others to follow your lead. You are

in the middle of events, and you

gain a strong insight into what

others need from you.

with a loved one.

whole new level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

Reach out to someone at a

distance whom you care about.

plans and perhaps even to visit

Relate directly to a loved one and

spend some quality time with this

person. Your sense of amusement

emerges when dealing with a child.

Your inner wild child emerges, but it

handle. You could learn a lot about

some surprising news. A loved one

a friend at a distance who shares

might be too much for you to

shows their willingness to add

more excitement to your day.

You might want to pace yourself

and not get too involved with a

matter involving a family member.

Your finances take a walk on the

wild side, no matter how you look

at it. You can't seem to keep your

spending down. A little self-

discipline goes a long way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You might be more challenging

than you realize. What is going on

could shake up the status quo and

prevent you from following through

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

One-on-one relating evolves to a

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Many of you will use the interaction

you experience with this person as

an excuse to change your weekend

be amused by your unpredictability.

Ali x Demolition = Cassius Claymore (Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia; John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

Ali x Machismo = Gaseous Clay (Michael Porcello, Washington)

Ali x Pony Up = Cashless Clay (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.; Steve Price, New York)

Ark in the Dark x Masked = Noah Veil (Steve Langer, Chevy Chase)

Ax Man x Retirement Fund = Splitting Heirs (Jon Gearhart)

Biblical x Gotta Go = Jacob's Bladder (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.: Tom Witte)

**Biblical x Noble Indy = Miracle** Whip (Pamela Love, Columbia)

**Big Brown Bear x Beautiful Shot** = Kodiak Moment (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.; Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

Bolt d'Oro x Replicator = Usain Clone Posse (Mary McNamara, Washington)

Bugle Notes x Gotta Go = Nope, Bone Spurs (Wilson Varga, Alexandria; J. Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

Candygram x Enjoy the Journey = Bon Bon Voyage (Michael Porcello; Chuck Helwig, Centreville, a First Offender; Mary Kappus, Washington)

Good Magic x Audible = Penn and Yeller (Roy Ashley, Washington)

Catholic Boy x Dream Friend = It's Still a Sin (Jeff Loren, Seattle)

Choo Choo x Dawood = Hurt Dateeth (Joe Ruane, Dunmore, Pa., a First Offender)

Clever Mind x Audible = Magna Cum Loud (Laurie Brink)

Clever Mind x Candygram = Wit Man's Sampler (Dave Silberstein, College Park)

Clever Mind x Flameaway = Smart Ash (Jon Gearhart)

Dawood x Big Brown Bear = Genital Ben (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

Dream Friend x Call a Cop = Incubusted (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Alpha to Omega x Dunk = Absorba the Greek (Becky Fisher, Madison, Wis.)

Enjoy the Journey x Nero = Roamin' Emperor (Kathy Hardis Fraeman, Olney)

Exclamation Point x Mr. President = Punked You Asians (Harvey Smith)

Explorer x Machismo = Questosterone (Hildy Zampella, Alexandria)

Family Kitten x Walk in the Sun = Hot Tin Roof (Elliott Gilberg, Washington, a First Offender)

For Him x Wisely = For Her (James Colten, Washington)

Good Magic x World of Trouble = David Cop a Feel (Steve Fahey, Kensington)

**Gronkowski x Exclamation Point** = Worst.Musical.Ever (David Smith, Stockton, Calif.)

Hollywood Star x Justify = They Let You (Connie Schott, West Plains, Mo., a First Offender)

Justify x Family Kitten = HeFollowedMeHome (Sarah Jay, Churchville, Md.)

Lone Sailor x Chaps = Village Person (Stacy Cloyd, Washington, a First Offender; Bill Smith, Reston)

Mendelssohn x Hollywood Star = Felix and Oscar (Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.; Kathy Hardis Fraeman)

Mississippi x My Boy Jack = Ol' Man Ripper (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.; Dudley Thompson)

Mr. President x Arrival = The Ego Has Landed (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

Mr. President x Firenze Fire = Donnie's Inferno (Elizabeth Kline, Frederick)

Mr. President x Replicator = So Much Twinning (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

My Dream x Dunk = MLK and Cookies (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

Nero x Bravazo = Fiddle DD (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Peppered x Audible = Sneezy Listening (Pete Morelewicz, Fredericksburg)

Pony Up x Mississippi = Hock Finn (Rob Huffman)

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Sack (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg)

PhantomOfTheOpry (Jerome Uher, Alexandria)

Maxweld (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

Norma Ray-Ban (Chuck Helwig)

(J. Larry Schott)

Over Martyr (Brian Cohen, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Knox (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

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**Big Brown Bear x Magnum Moon** 

Combatant x Biblical = Fighter **Pilate** (Malcolm Fleschner)

Runaway Ghost x Walk in the Sun = GhoulsOutForSummer

Ruckus in the Sack (Claudia Raffman, Reston

And Last: Tattooed x Exclamation Point = I Got Ink! (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

Still running – deadline Monday night, May 7: our neologism contest inspired by a word game. See wapo.st/invite1277.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | May 6: This year, you often feel serious, as if you need to do some heavy thinking. The more you pull problems apart, the lighter you will become. For the most part, nothing that comes down the pike is

Quip x Retirement Fund = Laugh

Quip x Yee Haw = Yuk Owens (J.D. Berry, Springfield)

Reride x Tenfold = How I Met Yo Mama (Jesse Frankovich)

**Retirement Fund x Firenze Fire** = Roth to a Flame (Bill Dorner.

**Retirement Fund x Numero** 

Rucksack x Mr. President =

Runaway Ghost x Yee Haw =

Silver Hammer x Bolt d'Oro =

Strike Power x Walk in the Sun =

Tattooed x Wisely = Invisible Ink

Telekinesis x Biblical = Mind

Tough Times x Gold Town = Hard

Tres Equis x Justify =

= Big Brown Bare (Jerome Uher)

(Elaine Lederman, Strasburg, Va.)

Still Having Fun x Rucksack =

on your plans. You will like the excitement of an unanticipated change.

unmanageable. You are much more in control than you have been as of late. If you are single, you will draw

you are attached, the two of you enjoy staying close to home. Aquarius is more offbeat than you realize.

romance toward you all year long. You will sense a difference in the people you attract now vs. those in the fall. If

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might want to take a hard look at an unchangeable situation at home. An element of uproar runs through your day, bringing the unexpected toward you. You might need to clear the air to have a more positive experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Make an effort to meet up with others who often color your day. You might even meet at a favorite restaurant. You could be too busy to handle a wayward moment with a child or loved one. You will see a difference in how you handle future interactions.

Be sensitive to the costs of

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

#### continuing as you have been. Your ability to get past a problem remains high. If you make no effort to change, you could become depressed. Try to move past the immediate issue. Respect others' choices, even if you don't agree with them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You could be irritated by someone who seems to be pushing for more of what they want. Refuse to be pressured by this person. You have the ability to be more independent than many people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You will want to honor a special friend. Open up to talks, and discuss how this person would feel most rewarded. Some of you might want to take the day off, while others could decide to head to the movies. Play the next 24 hours lowkey.

#### Answers to last week's puzzle.

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