

## DIVERSIONS

## THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

## Maters gonna mate: This year's winning 'foals'

BY PAT MYERS

The deluge of nearly 4,000 entries in Week 1118 — the 20th annual running of our contest to “breed” two horses nominated for this year’s Triple Crown races — became far more manageable this year with the help of a nifty Loser-designed computer program that compiled everyone’s entries alphabetically by original horse name (there were 100 names in the pool). There were literally hundreds of inkworthy entries (maybe even yours!) that were the victims of bad racing luck. What can you do — just tear up your tickets and try again in Week 1122. And see if your horses fared any better in this weekend’s Kentucky Derby.

(First Offenders are marked with asterisks.)

## 4th place

**Apollo Eleven x No Problem = No Movie** (Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.)

## 3rd place

**Gangster x Apollo Eleven = Neil Strongarm** (Ben Aronin, Washington)

## 2nd place and the genuine owl barf pellet:

**Help From Heaven x Royal Squeeze = Let My Pimple Go** (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

## And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial

**How You x Mubtaahij = Chat With Dentist** (Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia)

## The dud farm: honorable mentions

**Itsacknockout x March = Black-Eyed Sout** (Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.)

**The Man x Harmonic = Stan Musical** (Bernard Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

**Giant Story x Kid Zip = Jack and the Beans** (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

**Equilibrium x Gangster = Poise N the Hood** (\*Francis Canavan, Reston)

**El Kabeer x Frat Boy = El Kaberpong** (Mark Raffman, Reston)

**Mubtaahij x Defined = BobDylan’sMustache** (Shelby Sadler, Rockville)

**Quality Bird x Condo Commander = Flew the Co-op** (Steve Honley, Washington)

**Richard the Great x Daredevil = Medieval Knievel** (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf; Malcolm Fleschner)

**Royal Squeeze x Comfort = Prince Charmin** (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)

**Hero of Humor x Changing Direction = Shtick Shift** (Dion Black, Washington)

**Will Did It x Carpe Diem = Julius Seizure** (Nancy Schwab, Washington)

**Tough Customer x Punctuate = Tough, Customer!** (Mark Richardson, Takoma Park)

**Ocho Ocho Ocho x Action Hero = Jack Bauer** (\*Sharla Desy, Lacey, Wash.)

**Action Hero x Ocho Ocho Ocho = Ovi Ovi Ovi** (\*Claudia Raffman, Reston)

**Take Charge Brandi x Overcontrol = Kijjoy Was Her** (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

**Punctuate x Pain and Misery = :oscopy** (Mark Hagenau, Derry, N.H.)

**Itsacknockout x Moon River = KO Pectate** (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

**How You x Kiss the Road = Not With Tongue** (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)

**Shaken Not Stirred x Kid Zip = Absolut Zero** (\*Tim Durning, Crofton)

**Ultra Sharp x Flashy Jewel = Sharp as a Needle** (J.D. Berry, Springfield)

**Carpe Diem x Willing to Travel = Car Per Diem** (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

**California Coast x Carpe Diem = Gone Tomorrow** (Carolyn Eskew, Leesburg)

**Shaken Not Stirred x California Coast = Connery Row** (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

**Dortmund x Mr. Z = GermanOfTheBored** (John



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

## New contest for Week 1122: Colt Following: ‘Grandfoals’

For the 10th straight year, galloping right on the heels of today’s results, we saddle you up again for our “grandfoals” contest: **“Breed” any two of the 65 foal names that got ink this week and name the offspring to reflect the parents’ names**, in the style of the dozens of first-generation combinations that get ink today. Just as for the Week 1118, the names are limited to 18 characters including spaces and punctuation marks. Don’t “breed” three horses together, and don’t breed two names to come up with another name on the list. And as always, you may submit as many as 25 names. Note: **Be sure to spell the original names as they’re printed here**, or the Royal Computer might skip over them while using the sorting program designed for the Empress by 42-time Loser Jonathan Hardis.

Winner gets the Inkin’ Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives, a genuine action figure sort of genuinely depicting Washington Wizards center Marcin Gortat. Figure Marcin, however, is more ready for some action off the court, unless the team has recently adopted uniforms of superhero bodysuits and full-length red capes. Donated by Daphne Steinberg.

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 designed by Bob Staake: either “The Wit Hit the Fan” or “Hardly Har-Har.” 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 night, May 11; results published May 31 (online May 28). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include “Week 1122” 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. The headline for this week’s results is by Pam Sweeney; the honorable-mentions subhead was submitted by both Andrew Hoenig and Kevin Dopart. 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.

**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.

O’Byrne, Dublin)

**American Pharoah x Dortmund = Teuton-khamun** (Ben Aronin)

**American Pharoah x Just Kidding = Tuten C’mom** (Jason Russo, Annandale)

**American Pharoah x Fantasy Pain = Kinky Tut** (David Komornik, Danville, Va.)

**Acceptance x Flashy Jewel = The Cope Diamond** (Kathryn Perry, Fort Worth)

**Action Hero x Calculator = Magnum, T.I.** (Marni Penning Coleman, Falls Church)

**Battle of Marathon x Hold My Purse = Helene a Handbag** (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

**Hold My Purse x Mr. Jordan = Paypal Bull** (Danny Bravman, Chicago)

**Big Ben x My Point Exactly = I Told You So** (Howard Mantle, Lafayette, Calif.)

**Black Lab x Pain and Misery = TuskegeeExperiment** (Kevin Cuddihy, Fairfax)

**Willing to Travel x No Problem = Any NBA Game** (Tom Panther, Springfield, Va.)

**Upstart x Help From Heaven = New Seraph in Town** (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

**Comfort x Changing Direction = So Long, Succor** (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

**Help From Heaven x Classy Class = To the Manna Born** (Harvey Smith, McLean; Jonathan Paul; \*Cynthia Chase, Laurel)

**Escalate x Frat Boy = Stairway to Heavin** (Jeff Hazle, Woodbridge)

**Squeeze x Far Right = Full Employment** (\*Paul Kudrav, Harrisonburg, Va.)

**Far Right x Dirt Monster = Rush Lintball** (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

**My Point Exactly x Dubai Sky = Emirate? Emirate?** (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

**Hold My Purse x Zip N Bayou = Thelma N Louisiana** (John Winant, Annandale)

**Danny Boy x Tradesman = Pipes Are Clogging** (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

**Frosted x Cross the Line = Iced t** (Joanne Free, Clifton)

**Crafted x Squeeze = Etsy Wetsy** (Kathye Hamilton, Annandale)

**American Pharoah x Royal Squeeze = Sphinxter** (John Winant; Jeff Hazle)

**Apollo Eleven x Bourbon Commander = Buzzed Aldrin** (Doug Wadler, Potomac)

**Acceptance x In the Pocket = In Like Lint** (J.D. Berry)

**Giant Story x Your Thoughts = Fe Fi Ho Hum** (Jeff Shirley)

**Danny Boy x Escalate = Even Snider** (Steve Glomb, Alexandria; Harvey Smith)

**Condo Commando x Daredevil = Look Ma No Hanes** (\*Seth Livingstone, Potomac Falls)

**Texas Red x Daredevil: Adairdevil** (Malcolm Fleschner)

**Leave the Light On x Pure Excitement = Leave Delight On** (Mary Kappus, Washington)

**Prospect Park x Ocho Ocho Ocho = Brooklyn hEights** (Brendan Beary, Great Mills)

**Baloney Mike x Escalate = Spamalot** (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)

**Armored Car x Squeeze = Brinks Rubbery** (George-Ann Rosenberg)

**Big Ben x Far From Over = 2B Continued** (Becky Fisher, Madison, Wis.)

**Black Lab x Equilibrium = Fur and Balanced** (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg)

**Apollo Eleven x Letuspray = Kneel, Armstrong** (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

**Pain and Misery x Acceptance = Who Needs Ink?** (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville)

Still running — deadline Monday, May 4: Our “bad days in history” headline contest. See bit.ly/invite1121.

## SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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**ACROSS**

1 Ad biz accolade  
5 Antilles native  
10 Heaping amt., perhaps  
14 Orphan Trent of Dickens’s “The Old Curiosity Shop”  
15 Output of Japan’s Studio Ghibli  
16 Pro \_\_\_\_  
17 “Hogwash!”  
19 Cheers for the torero  
20 Campaign  
21 Cracks up over  
23 Raipur wraps  
24 “C’est si bon!”  
25 Steel wool pad brand  
27 Christine of Fleetwood Mac, who wrote and sang “Don’t Stop”  
28 Parts that might be seen in parts

29 Heavyweight champ with a role in “The Hangover”  
33 Quaint lodging  
34 Perennial battlers  
35 Navy noncom  
36 Said “Play it again, Sam,” say  
39 What the hearth may be full of  
41 It’s more formal than tú  
42 Period of time when a deadline is near  
43 One with entrée to a closed-door meeting, perhaps  
46 Bonkers  
47 Pot in a purse, perhaps  
48 Confused states  
51 Ground floor apartment number, perhaps

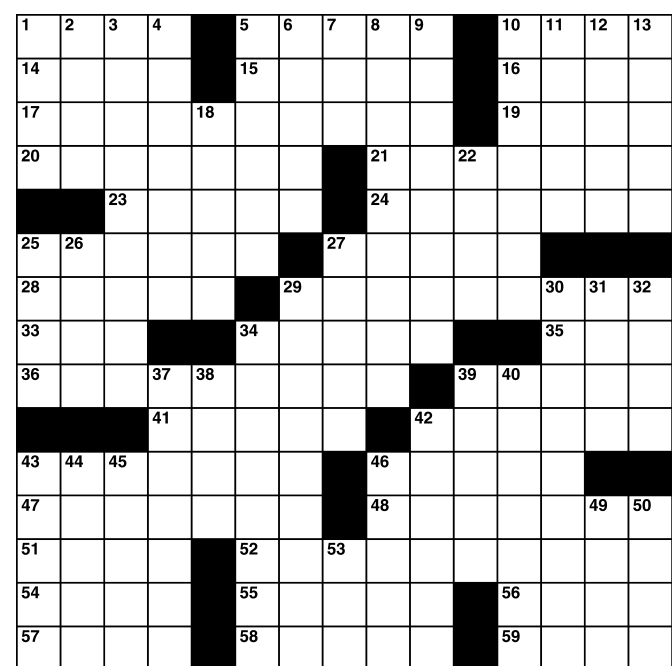
52 Got a mouthpiece  
54 Trading floor call  
55 Airs  
56 Energy bar brand  
57 Noted art deco artist  
58 Proclamation  
59 Mathematical place?

**DOWN**

1 “Mad Money” network  
2 Tragic king  
3 Teller tricks  
4 Ahab or Quint  
5 Aerobic exercise, for short  
6 Peruvian plateau place  
7 Inlet  
8 “You’re kidding!”

9 Is advantageous to  
10 Conveyance on  
11 “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”  
12 Purloin  
13 Chitarra or cavatappi  
18 Middle-ranking British peers  
22 Tiny bit  
25 Teen  
26 Rice-A-\_\_\_\_  
27 Combined  
29 The Beatles’ Rita, for one  
30 Canine crossbreed that might have wavy or curly hair  
31 Crude cartel

32 Snack  
34 “Okay, let’s hear it . . .”  
37 Nitpick  
38 Gp. behind the Food Quality Protection Act  
39 Pianist Rubinstein  
40 Possible perpetrator  
42 Most adorable  
43 Words from the vanquished  
44 San Francisco football player, for short  
45 Ancient bread grain  
46 “Bye Bye Bye” band  
49 Wreck  
50 Beach bottle numbers  
53 Ancient Chinese dynasty



Answer to last week

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N E T S R O M  
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I N I N K H I M T B O N E  
N O N E T O M A T O R A N  
I D E T E N S I O N A T F  
C I C R A S H L Y G Y R O  
A Z U S A H O S C R E E L  
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## HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | MAY 3:** This year your ability to see both sides of an issue helps you negotiate solutions. Understand that others don’t have the stability that you do. If you are single, you might go through potential sweeties quickly. Don’t commit until you have been with someone for at least a year. If you are attached, you will develop a greater sense of connection with your sweetie. By fall, the two of you might opt to take the next step in your relationship.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
Pressure builds from an unexpected source, and it may stop you in your tracks. Tap in to your sixth sense, and the tension will start to dissolve. You know what to do.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
A key person will insist that events go his or her way. Peace is more important to you than control, so you’ll let this party do what he or she wants. You can relax and also avoid a quarrel.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Take some much-needed time with a loved one or by yourself. Be more forthright with someone you trust. This person’s feedback may be instrumental.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
Your intensity and caring will catch someone’s attention. You radiate positive energy and may draw this person toward you. Be

spontaneous. Express your emotional side.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
You might not be sure which way to go. A conversation with a family member will point you in the right direction.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Don’t hesitate to pick up the phone and ask some important questions. You might wonder how long it will take to achieve the results you desire.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
You have become more determined in dealing with a project that is very important to you. A partner might visualize the outcome differently. Discuss your differences and see where there is some middle ground.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
You might be in a position where you need to take the lead.

Others seem to be a bit scattered. Choose whatever makes you smile. Add some spice to the moment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Kick back and relax. A child or loved one may be disappointed by this sudden change from your usual go-getter attitude. You will more than make up for it when you come out of hibernation.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Others might only dream of achieving a goal; you will be successful in making it happen. Don’t be surprised by a friend’s comment.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
You are playful and full of fun. However, an older relative may become quite demanding. You have to know when you have crossed the limit of what you can handle. You don’t want to be difficult.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
You inspire others to let go of their concerns, detach and be present in the moment. An older relative might be critical of your approach. Don’t worry — everyone has his or her own style. Tonight, give 100 percent.

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## Parent jealous of new in-laws’ bonds

## Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

**Dear Amy: One of our children recently married into a large, close-knit, gregarious**

**family. These folks spend all holidays together, they vacation together and, although most of them live halfway across the country from our child and spouse, they often hop on a plane and come for short visits between family get-togethers.**

**They have welcomed our child with open arms and our child has enthusiastically joined in all their gatherings and activities.**

**My much smaller extended family, however, is far more independent and not in frequent contact with one another. Even when my husband and I have tried to put together gatherings and family reunions, our other children (and the few cousins, aunts and uncles we have) show no interest in seeing one another.**

**We are happy that our child is now part of a warm, outgoing, loving family who place a priority on staying connected. But I am increasingly finding myself upset and disappointed with my family’s lack of interest in connecting. I am also**

**jealous of our child’s in-law family and their place in our child’s life.**

**I just don’t know where to go with these feelings. I should be glad that our child has such a great relationship with these folks, but instead I just feel hurt.**

Sad Mom

**Don’t misplace** these feelings and blame your child’s in-laws. All families are different and it is unfortunate that despite your advocacy your family isn’t interested in coming together.

I hope you will be welcomed into your child’s in-law family, at least in a satisfyingly tangential way. You should reach out to them when they are visiting your child and spouse. Invite them to your home and get to know them. I hope a nice friendship blossoms between you so that you benefit from their more gregarious and inclusive way of relating.

**Dear Amy: I am a high school teacher in my mid-20s. I am saving to move out of my parents’ home and go to graduate school. Needless to say, every penny counts. Recently I have noticed a trend with my friend every time**

**we go out for dinner, grab a coffee, take a cab or simply any time money is involved. She has a mentality of “You get this one, I’ll get the next.” The problem is, sometimes there isn’t a “next,” or the “next” is forgotten and I end up holding the bag. This seems to happen the most with cab rides where I have cash and she doesn’t. Then, if reminded, she shrugs it off with, “Yup, I owe you one.”**

**I can barely afford to pay my own way. I love my friend dearly but do not know how to approach this. Will I risk insulting her?**

Unwilling Warbucks

**There’s no risk of insult here.** You only say, “Ugh, I’m sorry but I’m so tapped out, I just can’t afford to pick up the tab for both of us. I need to pay only my way from here on out.” Let her know this before you go out. Use cash, and bring only enough cash to pay for yourself.

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