

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Colt fusion: The winning 'grandfoals'

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1174 was our annual "grandfoal" spinoff contest: The challenge was to "breed" two of the winning foal names from Week 1170. And *that* contest was our famous one to "breed" any two names from a list of this year's Triple Crown-nominated horses. The grandfoal contest is always more challenging than the first round because the names are already full of puns, and often not very "name"-like. But as in the 10 previous runnings, the field was star-studded. Or the studs were star-fielded. Or something.

4th place

Thou Shalt Return x Not To Be = Lost Thy Receipt (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

3rd place

Kiss Me Cait x Nascarf = Kar Krashian (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg)

2nd place and the New Zealand cartoon boxer shorts:

Gimme Another O! x Hanukkah Lewinsky = oooooOoooo (Ben Aronin, Washington)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

Autocorrect: Nose x Señor Moment = No Sé (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

The siring squad:

Honorable mentions

Sandra Buttock x Adam and Heave = TushComesToShove (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

Let My Pimple Go x Glock Watcher = ZittyZittyBangBang (Charles Trahan, Columbia, Md.)

St. Arbucks x Hanukkah Lewinsky = Dr. Esstain (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

Hanukkah Lewinsky x Apocalypse = Dreidelocks (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

Yuge Pianist x Señor Moment = I Love Hispanics! (Laurie Brink)

Ham Somebody x Thrust But Verify = My Bad, Polonius (Ellen Raphaeli, Falls Church)

Desitin x Señor Moment = Not Toothpaste! (David Kleinbard, Mamaroneck, N.Y.)

~\('')/~ x Desitin = Shruggies (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Apocalypse x HydeOfTheYankees = Reggae Jackson (Perry Beider, Silver Spring)

Significant Udder x Thou Shalt Return = Cowabungee (Laurie Brink)

Apocalypse x Kiss Me Cait = I Pucker Lips So (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

Don'tMethWithTexas x Recalculating . . . = Don'tMathWithTexas (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

Don'tMethWithTexas x Not To Be = DismemberTheAlamo (Steve Price, New York)

Don'tMethWithTexas x Señor Moment = TheAlamo,Remember? (Harold Mantle, Lafayette, Calif.)

Hanukkah Lewinsky x Glock Watcher = Armed&StainedDress (Brian Cohen, Norfolk, Va.)

HydeOfTheYankees x Significant Udder = Yogurt Berra (Wendy Sparks, Rockville)

IM The Walrus x Autocorrect: Nose = Goo Goo Kerchoo (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

IM The Walrus x Auld Lang Zion = Goo Goo G'Jew (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.; Larry Gray)

St. Arbucks x Apocalypse = Jubilate Day-O (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

St. Arbucks x Yuge Pianist = Moby Dick (Pam Sweeney)

Yuge Pianist x ~\('')/~ = It Was Thiis Big! (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

~\('')/~ x Autocorrect: Nose = Killjoy Was Here (Harold Mantle)

Adam and Heave x St. Arbucks = Pukin' Spice Latte (Victoria Fombelle, Rochester, N.Y., a First Offender)

PlaneStillMissing! x Nascarf = Amelia Earnhardt (Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia)

Adam and Heave x



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1178: A __ of collective nouns

An AMALGAM of dentists (*Marilyn Glaser*)
A BROOD of pessimists (*P.P. Rao, Chuck Smith*)
A GREAT DEAL of used-car salesmen (*Tim and Heather Allen*)

A clowder of cats. A murder of crows. A busyness of ferrets. They're "terms of venery," collective nouns for various animals, most of them originated centuries ago by hunters. And what seems like centuries ago — Week 14, in 1993 — The Style Invitational ran a contest for novel collective nouns, producing a [collective noun] of entries, including the three above.

In the course of her dozen-year reign, the Empress has been regularly beseeched to run this contest again, but had always declined, replying politely with a list of the 40 or so collective nouns that got ink in the Invite's first year. (see them at bit.ly/invite17; scroll down a little). But just last week, Loser Duncan Stevens sent the E some pretty persuasive examples (I'll let him save them for the contest), and so we'll cross our fingers and go for it. **This week: Propose one or more funny new names for groups of things**, as in the examples above.

NEW: No more emailing entries! Instead, submit them at this website: subpl.at/INVITE1178.

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place wins a cute, cuddly plush Beanie Baby-size dust mite, from the Giant Microbes series of toys. You might like to cuddle up with it in bed, even though your bed is likely to already have several million of the real kind, along with their droppings. Donated eons ago by Paul Kondis.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug, the older-model "This Is Your Brain on Mugs" mug or a vintage Loser T-shirt. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "Magnet Dum Laude" or "Falling Jest Short." First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, June 13; results published July 3 (online June 30). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results was submitted by both Jesse Frankovich and Kevin Dopart; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Tom Witte. 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 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.



PAT MYERS/THE WASHINGTON POST

This week's second prize: the cuddliest dust mite ever.

TheTenSuggestions = In Sin You Ate (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

Adam and Heave x Thou Shalt Return = Sick Transit (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)

AKA-47 x Pus In Boots = AnnieGetYourGunk (Dave Zarrow, Reston)

AKA-47 x Take The Fifth = AKA-37.6 (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring)

Bing Cosby x Gimme Another O! = How Bout Jail-O (Jonathan Hardis)

Genie Craig x Yuge Pianist = Wish Liszt (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

Dyquick x Yuge Pianist = Bucket Liszt (Mike Ostapiej, Mount Pleasant, S.C.)

Glock Watcher x itm re = Shooting Blanks (Jane Auerbach, Los Angeles)

Ham Somebody x I Shall Retune = Alexander Hemitone (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Nascarf x Take The Fifth = Isadora Drunken (Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

WhatAnswerYouWant? x Kiss Me Cait = Dear Sir Or Madam

(Robyn Carlson, Keyser, W.Va.)

IM The Walrus x Pus In Boots = AOL & the Pussycat (Matt Monitto)

Nascarf x Recalculating . . . = It's ONE LEFT TURN (Matt Monitto)

Kiss Me Cait x Señor Moment = Taming Of The Who? (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

Recalculating x Gimme Another O! = GP yes-Yes-YES!! (Bill Verkuilen, Brooklyn Park, Minn.; Jon Gearhart)

Señor Moment x Sphinxter = AARPee (Rick Haynes)

Significant Udder x OK, Moderate Mound = Dolly Partly (Lewis Lesansky, Burke, Va.)

Yo-Yo Mama x I Shall Retune = Error on a GString (Marilyn Pifer, Falls Church, Va.)

Yo-Yo Mama x Wile E. Capote = Hairiest Truman (Nan Reiner)

Sandra Buttock x I Shall Re-Burn = Arseonist (Jane Auerbach)

Wile E. Capote x Dyquick = In LOL'd Blood (Jeff Hazle, Woodbridge, Va.)

Significant Udder x Señor Moment = Teato Puente (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

Gimme Another O! x Yuge Pianist = Vanna Cliburn (Danielle Nowlin)

Genie Craig x Francis Of A C Sea = Jinn and Tunic (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)

Take the Fifth x Thrust But Verify = Refuse To Lancer (Brad Alexander)

Still running — deadline Monday night, June 13: our political song parody contest. See bit.ly/invite1177.

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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ACROSS

1 Stage name of musician Richard Melville Hall

5 A flat equivalent

11 Launching site

14 Part of the Tuscan Archipelago

15 Portugal's second most populous city, to some

16 ___ trip

17 Mandolin part

18 Freebies at the car wash

20 Crew members

21 Symbol of sovereignty

22 Chicago suburb

23 Letters in genetics

24 Words on a desk basket

26 Come out in the wash?

27 Sticking in

29 Outfit

31 1937 role for Shirley Temple

32 Sword, metonymically

33 Fountain treat

38 Former Yankee skipper

39 "Here We Have ___" (state song)

41 Marley's partner

44 Start to boil

45 Rod with seven batting titles

46 Shortens, in a way

48 Uninteresting

49 Self-titled debut album of 1991

51 Tabasco title (abbr.)

52 "Central Park in the Dark" composer

53 Natural moisturizer

55 Espionage tools, briefly

56 "All systems go"

57 Goner's cry

58 Lake on Michigan's

state quarter

7 1969 Isaac Hayes album

8 Mondrians, say

9 Short circuits?

10 Bacon source

11 Sickly

12 New Mexico State athletes

13 Delivered a shot to

19 Gaucho's weapon

24 Like a determined competitor

25 The Jackson 5's "I'll Be ___"

28 Pre-reception line

30 Whistler, at times

32 Suit material

34 Sob syllable

35 Dedicated lines

36 Colony attacker

37 Eerie-sounding instrument

40 Inspiration for "Ulysses"

41 Set in many a Western

42 Figures out

43 City near the Comstock Lode

44 Rhubarb pieces

45 Pod-bearing tropical tree

47 "Three Sisters" sister

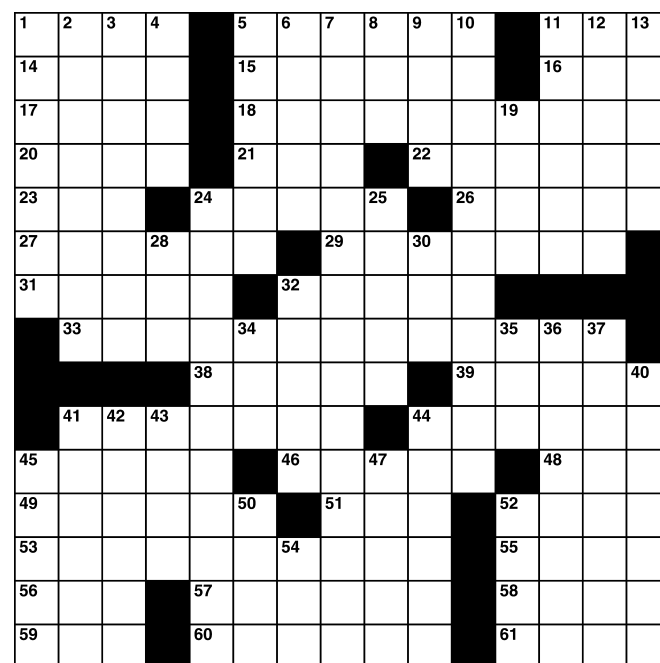
50 Its top division is called makuuchi

52 Like some coffee

54 "I expected better"

Answer to last week

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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | June 5: This year you might spend a lot of time reflecting and thinking. You will gain from some down time scheduled on a regular basis. If you decide to do personal work, you will move through it quickly. If you are single, be careful with someone you meet, as he or she might not be who he or she claims to be. Get to know this person well before making any decisions. If you are attached, the two of you will want to plan some special time together. Cancer might be too emotional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Others fill your head with gossip, news or perhaps a tale of a funny incident. Excitement surrounds a get-together, as you anticipate a lot of fun taking place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

What happens today could make you uncomfortable, but on some level, it also might amuse you. Open up to your sixth sense, especially when dealing with money and others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Others could surprise you with their actions, thoughts and plans, but your day is unlikely to be derailed. What these people are saying as they share their plans with you is that they would like to meet up at some point.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Be willing to distance yourself from a difficult situation. A relative could cause some discomfort, if to nobody else but you. You understand far more about what is going on than you would like to discuss.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

A friendship stars in your plans. Remain sensitive to this special person in your life. Your upbeat attitude draws many toward you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You could be held accountable for a situation involving a big responsibility. You might want to rebel, and others will support you. Loosen up about a partner's tendency to throw some chaos into your life; it keeps things exciting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Be aware of your limits when visiting with someone at a distance. Consider meeting this person halfway, if possible. A loved one does the unexpected again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Whatever project takes up your time, know that you can't seem to get away from it. Perhaps your determination to complete certain tasks is taking a toll on you. A loved one finally gets your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You might look like a party animal to others, but your eye is on only one person. You might want to get to know this person better during the daylight hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You could be delighted by having an easy day without too many plans. Take action with a special project, which might be as simple as getting in bathing-suit shape before it is too late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Diversity marks your plans. You could be exhausted from a very busy few days, but you might need to spend some quality time with a child or dear friend. With this person, you can relax and just be yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Tension builds at home, which is probably where you will want to be. You might want to have a lazy day, but someone in your immediate environment pushes you hard.

Refusal to go to church is puzzling

Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: I am a 49-year-old man. I was raised in a conservative Christian family, but now I am

firmly agnostic and I have no interest in setting foot inside any church again.

About nine months ago I moved to the East Coast. I'll be visiting my family in the Midwest again in June.

My younger sister has planned to renew her wedding vows with her husband while I am there.

The service will be held at their church. I absolutely cringe at the thought of going, interacting with the people there and putting on a fake front of approval.

I want to tell my sister that I love her dearly, but that going to the church makes me feel extremely uncomfortable. She knows I am agnostic, and it makes me wonder if she might

be trying to get me back into a church to inspire me back into the fold.

What should I do?
Conflicted in CT

Conflicted in CT: My understanding of agnosticism is that agnostics believe that the existence of god or gods simply cannot be known. It is a statement of neither faith nor disbelief.

If this more or less describes your thinking right now, then your deep offense at entering a worship space and witnessing a ceremony is baffling. So is your harsh judgment toward people who have a belief system that you don't share.

You also seem to think that your sister's choice to renew her own vows is really all about you.

Because of your attitude toward this, it would be best if you stayed home. Don't judge your sister for her choices, and

wish her well.

Dear Amy: "Want to Forgive" sent out a group email about a serious cancer in the family, and then they were shocked when someone in their circle shared the email far and wide.

How naive could these people be? Anything sent via email can fly around the world, and nothing can stop it.

Not Naive

Not Naive: Email is a very efficient way to transmit information to a group of selected people. There are websites such as Caringbridge.org that offer a more secure way to convey health information, but the fact is that anyone can choose to be indiscreet about anything.

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