### The Style Invitational

By the Empress

### Style Invitational Week 867: Back in the saddle -- breed 'grandfoals' from this week's winners

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Right on Derby Day, as we bring you the results of our 16th annual foal names contest, it's also time to milk another contest from it for our seventh annual "grandfoals" challenge.

Given that we don't have as much space on this page for entries as we used to, we're going to expand the field a bit, as suggested by Horse Name Obsessive Russell Beland, who suggested the grandfoals contest to begin with.



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This week: "Breed" any two of the "foals" in today's results -- OR one foal with one of the actual horses used in today's entries (either in this column or in the

Web-only supplement; this gives you more than 100 names to work with) -- and name the "grandfoal." Once again, the name cannot exceed 18 characters, including spaces, and your entry shouldn't come close to duplicating any of today's results. Once again, we're limiting your personal field to 25 entries. And they will not be single-spaced unless you want the Empress to give up on them.

Winner gets the Inker, the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets a large yellow terry-cloth bath duck-motif mat that (we think unintentionally) looks like either a squashed bath toy or a baby bird rolled on by a tractor. Donated by the ducky Denise Sudell of Washington as the non-Loser price of admission to the Losers' holiday party.

Other runners-up win their choice of a coveted Style Invitational Loser Tshirt or yearned-for Loser Mug. Honorable Mentions get one of the lusted-after Style Invitational Loser Magnets. First Offenders get a smelly, tree-shaped air "freshener" (Fir Stink for their First Ink). One prize per entrant per week. Send your entries by e-mail to losers@washpost.com or by fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, May 10. Put "Week 867" in the subject line of your e-mail, or it risks being ignored as spam. Include your name, postal address and phone number with your entry. Contests are judged on the basis of humor and originality. All entries become the property of The Washington Post. Entries may be edited for taste or content. Results to be published May 29. No purchase required for entry. Employees of The Washington Post, and their immediate relatives, are not eligible for prizes. Pseudonymous entries will be disqualified. The revised title for next week's results is by Kevin Dopart; this week's honorable-mentions subheads are by Christopher Lamora (below) and John O'Byrne (the Web supplement).

### Report from Week 863

Our perennially popular contest to "breed" any two names on a list of 100 thoroughbreds eligible for this year's Triple Crown races and to name the "foal" (even though virtually all the horses are male): Upon reading the almost 3,000 entries to this contest from 349 people -- good thing we put in that limit of 25 entries per person -- the Empress realized with a certain dismay that only 2,700 or so were not very clever, funny or distinctive. So to give the Losers their virtual due, and to amuse the readers who'd like to puzzle out even more of these names, she has posted a supplement of more honorable mentions.

### The winner of the Inker

Worth a Buck x Switch = Susan Be Anthony (Pam Sweeney, St. Paul, Minn.)

2. the winner of the itty-bitty Stonehenge model:

Preamble x Kollege = Us the People (Mark Hagenau, Derry, N.H.)

- 3. Shrimp Dancer x Crisp = Fried Astaire (Cy Gardner, Arlington)
- 4. D' Funnybone x Lethal Combination = MansLaughter (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

### The Losers' Circle: Honorable Mentions

Alcindor x Switch = Kareem of the Crop (Jan Brandstetter, Mechanicsville, Md.)

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Wow Wow Wow x Prizefighting = Ow Ow Ow (Kathy Hardis Fraeman, Olney)

First Dude x Stay Put = Impalin (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

Nextdoorneighbor x Biloxi = Near Miss. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Beethoven x Lethal Combination = OD to Joy (Steve Price, New York)

Call Shot x Odysseus = Trojan HORSE (\*John Winant, Arlington)

Chief Counsel x Super Saver = Clearance Darrow (Cy Gardner)



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Chief Counsel x Excessive Passion = Law and Ardor (Lois Douthitt, Arlington)

Dublin x Liquidity Event = You're A-Peein' (\*Trevor Kerr, Chesapeake, Va.)

Colonel Mustard x Liquidity Event = Dijon the Baptist (Kurt Stahl, Frederick)

Enclosure x Overcommunication = Pen & Teller (Ellen Hill, Rockville)

 $\label{eq:condition} \textbf{Enclosure} = \textbf{Okay Corral} \ (\textit{Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.; Russell Thompson, Cary, N.C.})$ 

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Fenway Faithful x Ice Box = Ted's Head (Mike Hammer, Arlington; Ellen Raphaeli, Falls Church)

First Dude x Switch = The Twig Lebowski (\*Sharon Disque, Frederick)

Backtalk x Deep Darkness = Lip Styx (Steve Shapiro, Alexandria)

Make Music for Me x She Be Wild = My Feral Lady (Susan Thompson, Cary, N.C.)



Tiny Woods x Make Music for Me = Copse on the Beat (Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.)

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Tiny Woods x Scuba Diver = Tiger in Your Tank (Mark Eckenwiler, Washington)

 $\label{eq:control_solution} \mbox{Johore x Worth a Buck = Jo Mama} \ (\mbox{\it M.C. Dornan}, \mbox{\it Scottsdale}, \mbox{\it Ariz.})$ 

Odysseus x Liquidity Event = Penelope Pitstop (Andrew Hoenig, Rockville)

Overcommunication x Marching Tune = 2Much in Formation (David Smith, Santa Cruz, Calif.)

Preamble x Walking the Beach = Constitutional (\*Christopher Jones, Vienna)

Advertisement Call Shot x Odysseus = The Babe's Homer (Roy Ashley, Washington)

Privilaged x Kollege = Misspelt Youth (John Murphy, Herndon)

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Prizefighting x Chief Counsel = Boxers and Briefs (Kathy Hardis Fraeman)

Prizefighting x Raging Wit = Joke LaMotta (Larry Yangk, Arlington; Kathy Hardis Fraeman)

Radiohead x Nacho Friend = Marconi and Cheese (Russell Beland, Fairfax)

Saw Perfection x Canthavehim = She Settled for Me (Craig Dykstra, Centreville)



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 $\label{eq:Silenced x Black Snowflake = Unspeakable Filth (Tom Kreitzberg, Silver Spring)} Silenced x Black Snowflake = Unspeakable Filth (Tom Kreitzberg, Silver Spring)$ 

Stay Put x Beethoven = Don't Roll Over (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

Noah's Dream x She Be Wild = Land Ho (\*Jennifer Birsa, Glenwood, Md.)

Spangled Star x Ashore = Francis Scott Quay (Rick Haynes, Potomac)

Twirling Candy x Nacho Friend = La Dolce Velveeta (Jay Shuck, Minneapolis)

\*A First Offender

Next week: Oonerspisms, or Switchcraft

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