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Style Invitational Week 1386: Colt following — it's the grandfoals

Derby pedigrees: 'Breed' any two of this week's inking 'foal' names



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers

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 $The \ Kentucky \ Derby, postponed \ from \ its \ usual \ first \ Saturday \ in \ May, \ is \ still \ scheduled \ for \ Sept. \ 5, \ and$ the Empress's bejeweled fingers are crossed that there's no Churchill Downer. But fortunately we galloped along nevertheless and ran The Style Invitational's biggest annual contest, begun in 1995, in which readers "breed" the names of two racehorses and name the "foal." This time, instead of the 3year-olds nominated to run the Triple Crown races — we'll visit them in September — our breeding stock consisted of 100 of the past 145 Kentucky Derby winners, and the foals are just as cleverly named as usual.

And now, it's time for our traditional second round, one we've been doing since 2006. This week: "Breed" any two of the 70 foal names that got ink this week and name the offspring to $\mathbf{reflect\ both\ parents'\ names,}\ in\ the\ style\ of\ today's\ inking\ entries.\ As\ always,\ the\ names\ may\ not$ $exceed \ 18 \ characters \ including \ spaces, but \ one \ or \ more \ characters \ may \ be \ numerals, \ punctuation \ marks$ or other symbols. You may run words together, as in some of this week's results, but the name should be easy to read.



Use the format Name A x Name B = Grandfoal Name for each breeding (on one line per entry), just like the entries on the page today, and make sure you spell the "parents'" names as they're spelled on this page



Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1386 (no capitals in the Web address). Deadline is Monday, June 8: results





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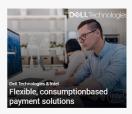


will appear June 28 in print, June 25 online.

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a pair of socks that are supposed to make your human feet look like horse hoofs. As of press time, these fine garments were still trotting leisurely over from Shanghai, so I can't guarantee they won't end up looking like brown and white socks on your human-looking feet with a black section covering your non-equine toes.

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 lusted-after Loser magnets, "Too-Weak Notice" or "Certificate of (de) Merit." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Foals' Gold" is by Jon Gearhart; Chris Doyle wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. (Not so easy to come up with fresh ones for after a quarter-century of these!) Thanks once again to Loser Jonathan Hardis for sorting the entries, and a belated shout-out to Loser Donna Saady for suggesting the use of previous Derby winners. Join the 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, published late Thursday afternoon, May 28, reviews each new contest and set of results. This week we'll show more variations on a single name than we could fit here, and also provide a handy list of today's foal names. See wapo.st/conv1386.

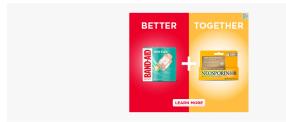
And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago \dots

Foals' gold: The horse names of Week 1382

As always, we had a huge turnout — almost 4,000 entries from more than 350 Losers — for Week 1382, our annual horse name breeding frenzy, this time with the names of 100 previous Kentucky Derby winners. The Empress is only a little bit tired after the judging (that's the "long" in furlong) and hopes that the "foals" below will prove just as fertile in Part 2 of the Pun for the Roses.

4th place:

 ${\bf Super\ Saver\ x\ Northern\ Dancer = Fred\ Austere}\ (Mary\ McNamara,\ Washington)$



3rd place:

Brokers Tip x Behave Yourself = Play NYSE (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

2nd place

and the horse's-behind trophy:

Kauai King x Macbeth II = Aloha, Damn'd Spot (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Black Gold x Macbeth II = MeTarSand, YouThane (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)



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Derby downers:

Honorable mentions

Buchanan x Spend a Buck = **Ex-prez Checkout** (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park, Md.)

Fonso x Day Star = **Henry Twinkler** (J.D. Berry, Springfield, Va.)

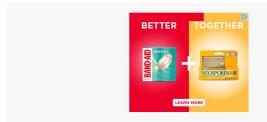
Fonso x Pensive = $\mathbf{Henry\ Thinkler}\ (Lee\ Graham,\ Rockville,\ Md.)$

Old Rosebud x Vagrant = Welles Far Go (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Hindoo x Typhoon II = GandhiWithTheWind (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg, Md.)

Hindoo x Whirlaway = Gonedhi (Beth Morgan, Palo Alto, Calif.)

Hindoo x Burgoo King = **Hindon't** (David Peckarsky, Tucson)



Black Gold x Citation = Madam C. Jaywalker (Steve Smith, Potomac, Md.)

Assault x Strike the Gold = Au! Au! Au! (Carl Korn, Ellicott City, Md., a First Offender)

Exterminator x Apollo = Killer Ap (G.T. Bowman, Falls Church, Va.)

Exterminator x Sunday Silence = **Killer Apse** (Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.)

Apollo x Genuine Risk = **Uh**, **Houston** . . . (George Thompson, Springfield, Va.)

 $\label{eq:continuous} \textit{Real Quiet x Apollo} = \textbf{SilenceOf-TheLEMs} \ (\textit{Dudley Thompson}, \textit{Cary}, \textit{N.C.})$

Buchanan x Decidedly = **Second-Worst Ever** (Larry Passar, Reston, Va.; Mark Raffman, Reston)

Joe Cotton x Exterminator = **See No Weevil** (Steve Honley, Washington)

 $\label{eq:main_main_main} \begin{subarray}{ll} Macbeth II x Whiskery = {\bf Stubble \ Stubble}\ (Tom\ Witte, Montgomery\ Village,\ Md.;\ Jesse\ Frankovich,\ Lansing,\ Mich.) \end{subarray}$

Macbeth II x Bubbling Over = **Toilet Trouble** (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore; Jesse Frankovich)



Kingman x Assault = Courtier Pounder (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

Forward Pass x Lookout = Doink! (Jerome Uher, Alexandria, Va.)

Foolish Pleasure x Chant = **Liberate [state]!** (John Folse, Bryans Road, Md.)

Chant x Real Quiet = Make Up Your Mind! (Bill Bouyer, Ocoee, Fla., a First Offender)

Always Dreaming x Chant = Man of La Mantra (Duncan Stevens)

 $\label{eq:main_problem} \mbox{His Eminence x Majestic Prince} = \mbox{``Mr. Prez'' Is Fine (Sarah Jay, Churchville, Md.)}$

Determine x Agile = **Will & Grace** (Mia Wyatt, Ellicott City, Md.)

Jet Pilot x Wintergreen = **Top Gum** (Kevin Dopart, Washington; David Smith, Stockton, Calif.)

 $\label{eq:wintergreen} \mbox{Wintergreen x Needles} = \mbox{\bf The Holly \& the IV} \mbox{\it (Jonathan Paul)}$

 $\label{eq:omer_continuous} Omar \ Khayyam \ x \ Cannonade = \textbf{O.K. Boomer} \ (\textit{Kim Martin, Greencastle, Pa.; Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)}$





Spend A Buck x Regret = **Dolor Store** (Steve Honley)

Big Brown x Regret = If Only I Had TP! (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

 ${\it Omar~Khayyam~x~Whiskery} = {\bf Victor~Kiam}~({\it John~Winant, Annandale, Va.})$

Omar Khayyam x Gallant Fox = **Fakir News** (Greg Dobbins, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

Go for $\operatorname{Gin} x \operatorname{\Gamma II}$ Have Another = Hold My Hair (Lori Lipman Brown, Silver Spring, $\operatorname{Md.}$, a First Offender)

Exterminator x Flying Ebony = Bye Bye Blackbird (Mike Hammer, Arlington, Va.)

Shut Out x Behave Yourself = No Runs No Eros (Jeff Contompasis)

 $\label{eq:Behave Yourself x Citation = Give It Arrest (\textit{Pete Morelewicz}, \textit{Fredericksburg}, \textit{Va.})} \\$

Majestic Prince x Bubbling Over = Purple Drain (Jesse Rifkin, Arlington, Va.)

 $\label{eq:whiskery} \mbox{Whiskery x Needles} = \mbox{\bf Cat's MeOW} \mbox{\sc (Dave Silberstein, College Park, Md.)}$

War Admiral x Middleground = Avast! Waistland (Roy Ashley, Washington)

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Northern Dancer x Shut Out = Flatley Denied (Kyle Hendrickson, Urbana, Md.)

Kauai King x Shut Out = $\textbf{Hawaii 5-0} \ (Rob\ Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.; Charles\ Trahan, Columbia, Md.)$

Forward Pass x Pensive = Sack (Daniel McCauley, Staunton, Va.)

Pensive x American Pharoah = **IMHOtep** (Jonathan Paul)

Hoop, Jr. x Country House = **Shaq in the Woods** (Steve Price, New York)

Jet Pilot x Assault = **Joe Maimeth** (Rob Wolf)

Assault x Ponder = One Hit Wonder (Timothy Watts, Great Falls, Va.)

 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{Day Star x Sunday Silence} = \mbox{\bf Oprah Wind-Free} \ (Deb \ Stewart, Damascus, Md.)$

 $\label{eq:cond} \mbox{Decidedly x Middleground} = \mbox{\bf Extremely Average (\it Mary Kappus, Washington)}$

Regret x Brokers Tip = **Discount Mohel** (J. Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

 $\label{eq:main} \mbox{Animal Kingdom x Assault} = \mbox{\bf Wolf Blitzer} \mbox{\it (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)}$

 $\label{eq:orb_constraint} \text{Orb x Swaps} = \mathbf{Bro} \; (Eric \, Nelkin, Silver \, Spring, \, Md.)$

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Kauai King x Needles = Pokés (Laurie Brink, Mineola, N.Y.)

American Pharoah x Carry Back = Cairopractor (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

Decidedly x Super Saver = **Single Ply** (Samuel Aaron, Chicago)

Spend a Buck x Forward Pass = Get a Quarter Back (Harvey Smith, McLean, Va.)

Dust Commander x Country House = Roomba With a View (Dave Silberstein)

Country House x Northern Dancer = Dacha-cha (Kevin Dopart; John Winant)

Go for Gin x Cannonade = Tank Array (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.; Duncan Stevens)

Genuine Risk x Foolish Pleasure = **No Mask for Me** (Emma Daley, Harrisburg, Pa.; Jerome Uher)

 ${\tt Sea\ Hero\ x\ Always\ Dreaming = Water\ Mitty\ (\it Lawrence\ McGuire,\ Waldorf,\ Md.)}$

Super Saver x Smarty Jones = Coupon Quipper (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Old Rosebud x Dark Star = Citizen Kanye (Tom Witte)

Spend A Buck x War Emblem = **Dollar General** (Richard Franklin, Alexandria, Va.)

 $\label{eq:George Smith Jr. George Smith Jr. George Smith Jr. - yes! - Frederick, Md.)} \\$

 $Shut\ Out\ x\ Sunday\ Silence = \textbf{No}\ \textbf{Ink}\ \textbf{Again}\ (Steve\ Offutt, Arlington,\ Va.;\ Frank\ Mann,\ Washington)$

 $Still\ running-deadline\ Monday\ night,\ June\ 1:\ Our\ contest\ to\ slightly\ change\ a\ place$ $name.\ See\ wapo.st/invite 1385.$

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