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Style Invitational Week 1487: Colt following – it’s the grandfoals

More puns on the run: ‘Breed’ any two of this week’s inking foal names

By Pat Myers
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Now that we have our foal name winners, it's time to "breed" them to make grandfoals. (Bob Staake/For The Washington Post)

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As The Style Invitational does every year with the results of our horse name “breeding” contest, we sign those pun-soaked foals right up for some, um, playdates — wordplaydates. This week: **“Breed” any two of the “foal” names included in today’s results (including the intro) and give the “grandfoal” a name that reflects both names.** (An alphabetized list appears at the bottom of this column.) Just as with the Week 1483 contest for this year’s Triple Crown nominees, **a name may not exceed 18 characters including spaces**, but those characters may include punctuation and numerals. You may run words together to save space, but the name should be easy to read. **Please write entries in the A x B = C format** of today’s inking entries, and note the easy but essential formatting instructions on this week’s entry form (also in The Style Conversational).

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1487 (no capitals in the

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Web address). **Deadline is Monday, May 16;** results appear June 5 in print, June 2 online.

Winner gets the Clowning Achievement, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives another cute plush version of a terrible scourge — no, not a stuffed Vladimir Putin but a **cuddly Flesh-Eating Disease**, a.k.a. *Streptococcus pyogenes*, “1,000,000x+ actual size.” It even has a little glittery knife and fork sewn on; those and perhaps the cute googly eyes are not biologically authentic. Donated by Dave Prevar.



Complete with knife and fork embroidered on, Flesh-Eating Microbe wants only to be cuddled. Bwahaha. (Pat Myers/TWP)

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, “A Small Jester of Appreciation” or “Close, but Ceci N’est Pas un Cigare.” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at

wapo.st/inviteFAQ. The headline “Talk Derby to Me” is

by Marni Penning Coleman; Craig Dykstra wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. 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; and follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

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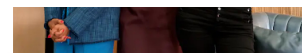
The Style Conversational: The Empress’s weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week’s, published late Thursday, May 5, at wapo.st/conv1487.

And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago ...

Talk Derby to me: This year’s inking foal names

As she is every year to her delight if not much free time, in Week 1483 the Empress was deluged with clever (and some not-so-clever) “foal” names that reflect two “parent” names from a list of 100 horses nominated for this year’s Triple Crown races. Among the 3,500 entries from more than 300 entrants were funny but too frequent ones like **Seventh Letter x Dean’s List = G Whiz**, or **Absolute Ruler x Overrule = Veto Corleone**, or **Gunfighter x Miss Everything = Dead Gunfighter**. See this week’s Style Conversational (published late Thursday, May 5) for various plays on **Grantham — Downton** **Grabby**, **Downton Flabby**, **Downton Crabby**, etc. And be inspired to breed some “grandfoals.”

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Volcanic x Cant Be Doin That = **Erupt to No Good** (*Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore*)

3rd place:

Smarten Up x Simplification = **Dumben Down** (*Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.*)

2nd place

and the Poo-Dough mold set:

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Bloodline x Dean’s List = **IV League** (*Craig Dykstra, Centreville, Va.*)

And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

Absolute Ruler x We the People = I the People (*John O’Byrne, Dublin, Ireland*)

Inexacta: Honorable mentions

Smile Happy x Money Supply = **Resting Rich Face** (*Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg, Md.*)

Absolute Ruler x Courvoisier = **Genghis Cognac** (*Coleman Glenn, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.*)

Clapton x American Icon = **Am Eric, An Icon** (*Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring, Md.*)

American Icon x Strobe = **Abe Blinkin’** (*Dave Zarrow, Reston, Va.*)

Enough Already x Apprehend = **Give It Arrest** (*Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.; Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.*)

Make It Big x Apprehend = **Super Seize Me** (*Deb Stewart, Damascus, Md.*)

Octane x Apprehend = **No-Knock Warrant** (*Mia Wyatt, Ellicott City, Md.*)

Bargaining Power x Top Secret = **AFL-CIA** (*Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.*)

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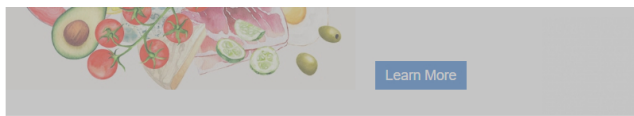
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Trademark x Shake Em Loose = **Trad __ ark** (*Pie Snelson, Silver Spring, Md.; Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)

Major General x Boise = **M*A*S*H Potatoes** (*Bruce Carlson, Alexandria, Va.*)

Bye Bye Bobby x Enough Already = **Fischer Cut Bait** (*Malcolm Fleschner*)

Courvoisier x Rhetoric = **Con Yak** (*Drew Bennett, Rogers, Ark.*)

Doppelganger x Major General = **The Very Model!** (*Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.*)

Nabokov x Doppelganger = **Vladimirror** (*Laurie Brink, Mineola, N.Y.*)

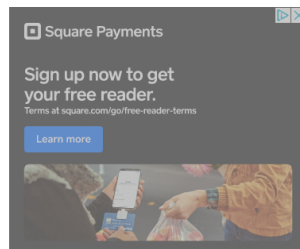
Iron Works x Overrule = **Stop the Steel** (*Richard Wexler, Alexandria, Va.*)

Summer Is Tomorrow x Smarten Up = **Finals Are Today** (*Samuel Aaron, Wethersfield, Conn.*)

Summer Is Tomorrow x Electability = **Smear Is Tomorrow** (*Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park, Md.*)

Money Supply x Enough Already = **Says Nobody** (*Ann Martin, Brentwood, Md.*)

Seventh Letter x Enough Already = **Re:Re:Re:Re:Re:Re:** (*Laurie Brink*)



Un Ojo x Enthrallment = **The One Eye Love** (*Craig Dykstra*)

Volcanic x Enthrallment = **Lava First Sight** (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

Grantham x On Thin Ice = **Downturn Abbey** (*Sarah Walsh, Rockville*)





Gunfighter x Smarten Up = **Why a Derp?** (*J.D. Berry, Springfield*)

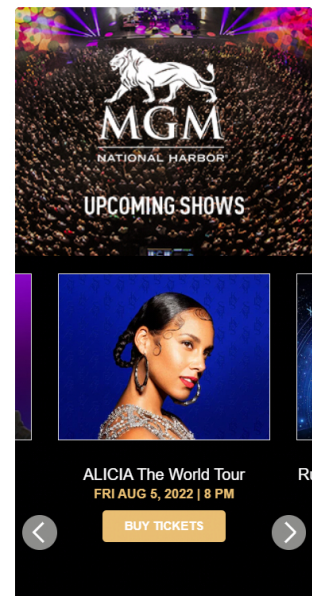
Kerouac x Messier = **All Over the Road** (*Coleman Glenn*)

Miss Everything x Mugged = **Missing Everything** (*Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.*)

Mr White x Summer Is Tomorrow = **Mr Red** (*Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.*)

Peaceful Waters x Unraptured = **Lake Flaccid** (*Chuck Helwig, Centreville, Va.; Steve Smith, Potomac, Md.*)

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Presidential x Trademark = **Let’s Go Brandin’** (*Dave Matuskey, Sacramento*)

We the People x Slim Man = **The Wee People** (*Coleman Glenn*)

We the People x Un Ojo = **The Wee Peephole** (*Frank Mann, Washington*)

Volcanic x Strike Hard = **Whackatoa** (*Chuck Helwig*)



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Make It Big x Epicenter = **Girthquake** (*Frank Mann*)

Happy Jack x Money Supply = **Nicholson Dimes** (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

Barber Road x Smile Happy = **Snippitydoodah** (*Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.*)

Smile Happy x Charge It = **Mona Visa** (*Laurie Brink*)

Rockefeller x Smile Happy = Die Happy (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.; Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

Flying Drummer x Messier = **Diapercussion** (*Ben Aronin, Washington*)

Tiz the Bomb x Messier = **Atom and Heave** (*Beverley Sharp*)

Messier x Wharton = **Pig Penn** (*Steve Glomb, Alexandria, Va.*)

Barber Road x Crown Pride = **Hair to the Throne** (*Larry Passar, Reston, Va.*)

Echo Zulu x Crown Pride = **Zulu Zulu Top** (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

American Icon x Barber Road = **Stars and Strops** (*Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.*)

Barber Road x American Icon = **ShavingPrivateRyan** (*Mark Raffman*)



Barber Road x Hopper = **Sweeney Toad** (*Laurie Brink; Rob Wolf*)

Barber Road x Seventh Letter = **Hair on a G String** (*Jonathan Paul*)

Barber Road x Money Supply = **Bank of America** (*Chris Smith, Los Angeles*)

White Abarrio x Mr White = **Into the Hoods** (Gina Smith, Leesburg, Ind.)

Slim Man x Tiz the Bomb = **Fat Man** (Jeff Lubbers, Takoma Park, Md.)

Witty x Peaceful Waters = **Oscar Milde** (Jesse Rifkin, Arlington, Va.)

Cyberknife x Bureau = **Sharp Dresser** (Joanne Free, Clifton, Va.; Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

Simplification x Cyberknife = **Occam's Laser** (J.D. Berry, Springfield, Va.)

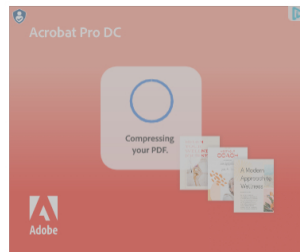
Simplification x Bletchley Park = **Decoder Ring** (Steve Langer, Chevy Chase, Md.)

Classic Causeway x Make It Big = **Via Gra** (Angus Walker, London)

Absolute Ruler x Tawny Port = **AlexanderTheGrape** (Tim Watts, Great Falls, Va.)

Tawny Port x Enough Already = **Wine and Jeez** (Malcolm Fleschner)

Apprehend x Zozos = **Catch Some Z's** (Bill Dornier, Indianapolis)



Bloodline x American Icon = **Heir Jordans** (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

American Icon x Enthralment = **Rapt in the Flag** (Jesse Frankovich)

Volcanic x American Icon = **MoltenJoeDiMaggio** (Steve Smith)

Apprehend x Bletchley Park = **I Caught a Code** (Beverley Sharp)

Cant Be Doin That x Congressman = **Sure I Can** (Bill Epstein, Kensington, Md., who last got Invite ink in 1994)

Kerouac x Clapton = **Wanderful Tonight** (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge, Va.)

Wharton x Dean's List = **LiedAboutThatToo** (Ken Linder, Arlington, Va.)

Be There x Dean's List = **Not a B There** (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

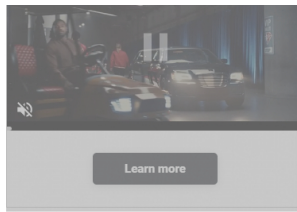
Bloodline x Trademark = **Aunt™** (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Congressman x Bureau = **Adam Schifforobe** (Steve Fahey, Olney, Md.)

Congressman x Charge It = **House of Cords** (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg, Md.)

Goin to the Show x Presidential = **Wait, Mr. Lincoln!** (Mary McNamara, Washington)





And Last: Win the Day x Doppelganger = **CloningAchievement** (*Jon Gearhart*)

Still running — deadline Monday night, May 9: Tell us a humorous sign of incompetence in any particular field. See wapo.st/invite1486.

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The foal names in this week's results that you can use to "breed grandfoals" for Week 1487:

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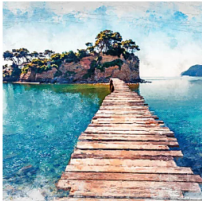
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