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The Style Invitational

REPORT FROM WEEK 704

In which we asked for vanity

license plates for well-known

Thomas Edison: GEN 1:3 (Kevin Dopart,

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A BUMPER CROP

Bethesda)

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Front plate: LOOK OUT

Hevel, Silver Spring)

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Arlington)

Annapolis)

Metro General Manager John Catoe:

Rear plate: OOPS (John Kupiec, Fairfax)

Sacha Baron Cohen: @@@NICE! (Gary

Ann Coulter: FLAGHAG (Jeff Brechlin.

Marie Curie: UGLOGIRL (Jeff Brechlin)

Mark Foley: RU 18 (Dave Prevar,

Kevin Federline: MY15RUP (Larry Yungk,

Lindsay, Seabrook)

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THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

Week 708: What Kind of Foal Am I?

Forefathers + Dreaming of Anna = DNA Tests Highest Degree + Seeking Affairs = Really Hot Date

me for the Invitational that traditionally draws the most entries of any contest all year: Below is a list of 100 of the horses eligible for this year's Triple Crown races. Your job is to "breed" any two — never mind that almost all of them are male - and provide an appropriate name for their foal, as in the examples above by Russell

Beland of Springfield, a Loser so pathetically obsessed with our horse names contest (one year he submitted 487 entries) that he sent the Empress a list of possible breedings before he knew which 100 names she had chosen from this year's list of more than 450 eligible horses. As in real life, the names cannot be longer than 18 characters, including spaces. There is no limit on the number of entries you send, but if you're writing more than a handful, be sure to double-space and don't save

your best entries for the bottom of the page; if the E reads an e-mail whose first 15 entries don't move her, her eyes and mind may start to glaze over by No. 16. Keep in mind that in this contest — as with all contests for which it's pretty easy to come up with *something* — many people are going to send in identical entries, thus canceling each other out. So,

for instance, if you're going to combine Private Humor and Golden Balls, you'd better come up with a truly original name for the foal. Results run May 6, the same day as the news about the Kentucky Derby. Winner gets the Inker, the official Style Invitational trophy. First runner-up receives an uckily cool prize donated by Loser 4 Ever Russell Beland: this genuine

> brand-new bicycle helmet painted to look like a human brain. So you can fall off your bike and have your brains on the street without the accompanying medical bills. It is brain size Small.

A typically Other runners-up win a cerebral

coveted Style Invitationa runner-up Loser T-shirt. Honorable prize. Mentions (or whatever they're called that week) get one of the lusted-after

Style Invitational Magnets. 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, April 16. Put "Week 708" 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. No purchase required for entry Employees of The Washington Post, and their immediate relatives, are not eligible for prizes Pseudonymous entries will be disqualified. This week's Honorable Mentions name is by Mark Eckenwiler

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Use the names of these horses for this week's Style Invitational:

Bye Yawl

Carman

Chelokee

Clued In

Curlin

Digger

Acquire the Fire Adore the Gold Ambassador Any Given Saturday **Approval Rating** Ascetic Augment Backlash BirdBirdIsTheWord **Blazing Bull** Bold Start **Bwana Bull**

Double Action Call Me Dude Dreaming of Anna Eat Em Alive **Esoteric Thinker Circular Quay** Exhale Extra Point **Cobalt Blue** Flying Apple Cowtown Cat Flying First Class Forefathers **Deadly Dealer** Forty Grams Deliberately Gentle Romeo Giant Sequoia

Gold Brew Golden Balls Grasshopper **Great Hunter** Green Secret Hanky Panky Happy Humor Hard Spun **High Heels Highest Degree** Holy Roman Emperor I'm All Out

King of the Roxy Kong's Revenge Laser Light of the World Liquidity Major Pleasure Men's Magazine Mister White Socks Newsworthy No Reply Nobiz Like Shobiz

Notional Oceanography **OK** Deputy **Ownersc** Manual Panty Raid Pavarotti Pitch **Private Humor** Profiteer Propaganda Quiet Chris Rags to Riches

Reporting for Duty Safety Zone Saint Paul Scat Daddy Schoolboy Seeking Affairs Senior Slate What a Tale Xchanger Zanjero

Street Sense Subscriber Summer Doldrums Sunshine Kid Take It All Back Tenfold Tsetse Fly Unbridled Trust Visible Truth Warn

Note: The list of words used in "The Cat and the Hat," accompanying last Sunday's Week 707 contest, omitted the word "say." So in case you'd like to come with some new entries, we're extending the deadline from tomorrow to

BRIDGE | Frank Stewart

South dealer N-S vulnerable

WINNER **OF THE INKER** Stephen Colbert: REPORCAR (Phyllis Reinhard, East Fallowfield, Pa.) BY BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST Hank Aaron: NO * (Kevin Dopart) Philip Glass: 0 0 0 0 (Seth Brown, North Donald Rumsfeld: CARIHAV (Russell Adams, Mass.; Dave Prevar) Beland) George Allen: MACACAR (Peter Jenkins, Werner Heisenberg: I DUNNO (Brendan Beary) **P TS J K** (Brendan Beary) Pamela Anderson: 0 0 (Karl Koerber, Paris Hilton: HEIRHEAD (Karl Koerber) Crescent Valley, B.C.; Herb Greene, Catlett, Va. Katie Holmes: IDONTASK (Roy Ashley, Washington) Mrs. Ben Bernanke: UNDERFED (Mark

Scooter Libby: MADEBYME (Jeff Brechlin, Mark Eckenwiler

Rush Limbaugh: BHEMOUTH (Don Kirkpatrick, Waynesboro, Pa.)

Rene Magritte: NOTACAR (Brendan Beary) Harriet Miers: JUDG NOT (Arlee C. Green, Merrifield)

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Lisa Nowak: PAMPERED (John Flynn, Olnev: Brendan Beary)

Dave Oreck: SUXSFUL (Larry Yungk) Valerie Plame: C*VERT (Ira Goldman)

Ferdinand Porsche: MYOTHER1 (Russell Beland, Springfield)

Karl Rove: BKCTDRVR (Larry Yungk)

Karl Rove: WHO ME? (Marjorie Streeter, Reston)

Emmitt Smith: HEGOTGAM (Barry Koch,

Rev. William Spooner: WACKBARD (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Tom Waits: 4 NO MAN (Brendan Beary) Ruth Westheimer: , SUTRA (Mark Eckenwiler)

Tony Soprano: UUUALDED (Dave Prevar)

Satan: CUNL (Beverley Sharp) The Apostle Peter: D9D9D9 (Ellen

Raphaeli, Falls Church)

TThe Coppertone Girl:)) (Jay Shuck)

Moses: O4AGPS (Kevin Gowen, Stevensville, Md.)

Jesus: ><((((o> (Kevin Dopart)

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Next Week: Simile Outrageous, or **Parallel Play**

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Even When He's Off to War

Dad Stays in the Picture,

Photo Dolls and Life-Size Posters Are Helping Children Cope While Parents Are in Iraq

By John Milburn Associated Press

FORT RILEY, Kan. - For 2-year-old Anna Pribyla, it can be difficult to understand what it means for her dad to be in Iraq. Every soldier looks like him.

But like thousands of other military children, Anna has something to cling to. She has her Daddy Doll, a small pillow shaped like a person, with a digital picture of her dad, Capt. Eric Pribyla, printed on the front.

She gets to sleep with him at night and still kiss him good night," said her mom, Chrissy Pribyla. "He goes everywhere with her because it keeps him fresh in her mind."

As the four-year Iraq war drags on, more families are keeping memories alive with the dolls or with life-size posters called Flat Daddies.

Michelle Kelley, a psychology professor at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, said dolls and posters aren't a panacea for missing a parent, but they could be a good litmus test for how well children are cop-

ing. "If the caregiver sees that they are clutching and being weepy, it might be a good indication that they have emotions they can't explain, or aren't feeling well about deployment," Kelley said.

And the worst outcome is that they end up at the bottom of a toy box.

"Each kid's different. Some kids might be into dolls and might be interested in it," Kelley said. "The big picture is to continue doing everything you were going to do. Keep the routine going.'

Daddy Dolls started when Tricia Dyal asked a relative to make a doll for her children. Her husband, Marine Maj. Justin Dyal, was heading to Iraq for the second time in less than two years, leaving a 4year-old and a newborn at home.

"My husband just deployed; the kids got sick and were hospitalized. I contacted my great-aunt and said, 'A picture's just not doing it. They need more,'" said Dyal, who lives near Camp Lejeune, N.C.

What she got was a doll with the picture of their father, something her children could clutch when they didn't feel well, something that would remind them of their dad

"Our doll has been to doctor's visits. The first day of school it was in the backpack," she said.

Dyal provides the little pillows — several thousand so far — at a little more than the cost of supplies, \$25 for a 17-inch doll or \$19 for a 12-inch doll for smaller children.

Flat Daddies were created by Sgt. 1st



PHOTOS BY ORLIN WAGNER — ASSOCIATED PRESS Anna Pribyla with her Daddy Doll, imprinted with an image of her father, who's in Iraq. Ashley Zamora, right, with her daughters Rosalina, Analisa and their Flat Daddy.

Class Barbara Claudel of the Maine National Guard to help families stay connected during deployments to Iraq. Seven months ago, SFC Graphics, an Ohio firm, got involved, taking on the job of printing the posters and getting them to families at little or no cost.

"When we heard the story, we said it was a nice fit for what we do every day," said Eric Crockett, national program director for SFC Flat Daddy.

Orders have topped the 1,500 mark, with comments from families coming in from all over the country. SFC is looking for corporate sponsors to underwrite the \$49.50 cost of making and shipping each poster.

Ashley Zamora has a Flat Daddy of her husband, Cpl. Robert Zamora. The photo was taken the morning he left for Iraq, with Capt. Pribyla's battalion.

She cut the photograph to fit on a poster board so her oldest daughter, 2-year-old Rosalina, could carry it around the house, or so Dad could ride on the stroller with sister Analisa, 18 months.

Rosalina has taken to making dinner for Daddy in her play kitchen, propping him up for meals.

"She tried to feed him a fry the other day," said Ashley Zamora, 19.

There will be many pretend meals over the next year, with her dad part of the infantry buildup in Baghdad.



Cpl. Zamora will get a brief leave in May, a month after their third child, also a girl, is born

"A year's a long time for a little kid. They don't understand time," said Ashley Zamo-

Ducking behind Mom, a shy Rosalina said, "He's at work.'

Jill Crider, wife of a Fort Riley cavalry battalion commander, acknowledged some families thought the idea of getting a Flat Daddy was "creepy."

"What's creepy is pretending a major part of our life's not here, pretending that a major part of our family is not here," Crider said.

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pening hands with three four-card suits are awkward to describe. If opener lacks enough strength to bid three times, his side may not locate its best trump suit. Strong 4-4-4-1 hands, such as today's South hand, are also troublesome. If South opens one of a suit, he may be passed out when game is on in a different suit. (If North held J 8 7 4, 8 7, 8 7 6 5, K 76, he might pass one club, cold for 11 tricks at spades.)

Nor it is attractive to open two clubs with a strong three-suiter: Starting at the level of two makes it awkward to bid all your suits. Some bidding systems reserve an artificial opening bid, such as two diamonds, to show a good three-suited hand.

Today's South considered opening 2NT despite his unbalanced distribution but instead risked one club and landed at 3NT. He won the first heart with the ace. How should he continue?

South cashed the ace of diamonds and the ace of clubs and safely overtook the queen of clubs with dummy's king when West followed. He next led the jack of diamonds, and West won and led another heart. South won, led the deuce of clubs to dummy's nine and tried another diamond. Alas, East won with the nine, and since South couldn't set up and cash the diamonds, he took only the eight tricks with which he'd started.

South handled the clubs well to create an extra entry to dummy but slipped in diamonds. Instead of leading the jack, he must lead a low diamond. If the diamonds break 3-3, any play works, but leading low gains if either defender has K-x or Q-x.

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