

The Style Invitational

Week XV: When We're LXIV



Formats:

1. Write a short poem about . . .
2. Write an analogy or metaphor related to . . .
3. Design a slogan or aphorism involving . . .
4. Write a funny sentence beginning with "Did you ever wonder why . . ." with respect to . . .

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Subjects:

- A. An undergarment
- B. NAFTA and its relationship to pending minimum wage legislation
- C. A household appliance
- D. A 19th-century event



Limitations:

- (i) that is written in the style of a famous author.
- (ii) that contains an unfortunate factual error.
- (iii) that would absolutely enrage Marisleyxis Gonzalez.
- (iv) that employs a clever double-entendre.



This Week's Contest was suggested by Russ Beland of Springfield. It is really 64 contests in one, because there are 64 ways to win. You have to fashion an entry by selecting one from each menu group above. For example, the following takes the path 1-C-(iv): *Toast should be made like lovin'/ Not half-baked, but aroused, I find/ So I use no toaster oven/ I prefer the pop-up kind.* Make sure you indicate the path you took. First-prize winner gets a Buck Grunt Call, a fine hunting device that advertises that it "can be adjusted to imitate the fawn bleat." This is worth \$15.

First runner-up wins the tacky but estimable Style Invitational Loser Pen. Other runners-up win the coveted Style Invitational Loser T-shirt. The Uncle's Pick wins the yet-to-be designed but soon-to-be-coveted "The Uncle Loves Me" T-shirt. Send your entries via fax to 202-334-4312, or by e-mail to losers@washpost.com, or by U.S. mail to The Style Invitational, Week XV, c/o The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071. Deadline is Monday, May 15. All entries must include the week number of the contest and your name, postal address and a daytime or evening telephone number. E-mail entries must include the week number in the message field. Contests will be judged on the basis of humor and originality. All entries become the property of The Washington Post. Editors reserve the right to edit entries for taste or content. Results will be published in four weeks. No purchase required for entry. Employees of The Washington Post, and their immediate relatives, are not eligible for prizes.

REPORT FROM WEEK XI,

in which we gave you the names of 387 horses and asked you to mate any two and name the foal. As always with this contest, there were a hellishly large number of entries; it is possible that you may not have been credited for an entry similar, or even identical, to one that is published. If you feel you have been cheated, there is a simple procedure to follow: Take your original entry, time-stamp it, put it in an envelope, sign your name across the seal on the back flap, and mail it to yourself. That way you will have Proof on the day of Final Reckoning.

- ◆ **Seventh Runner-Up:**
Mate **ORATION** with **OVERDONE** and name the foal **HOARSE**. (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)
- ◆ **Sixth Runner-Up:**
Mate **IMPEACHMENT** with **NAVAL HERO** and name the foal **JOHN PAULA JONES**. (Chris Doyle, Burke)
- ◆ **Fifth Runner-Up:**
Mate **INDIANA AFFAIR** with **BUBBLIN B'S BABY** and name the foal **HOOSIER DADDY**. (Brian Butler, Laurel)
- ◆ **Fourth Runner-Up:**
Mate **INNER HARBOR** with **HUGH HEFNER** and name the foal **BALTIMORE AREOLAS**. (Jim Bradsaw, North Beach, Md.)
- ◆ **Third Runner-Up:**
Mate **WILLIAMTHENCH** with **SMOKIN BULL** and name the foal **BULL HE DID INHALE**. (Carolyn Dikranis, Clifton)
- ◆ **Second Runner-Up:**
Mate **COSINE** with **SUN CHARM** and name the foal **A TAN GENT**. (Stephen Dudzik, Silver Spring)
- ◆ **First Runner-Up:**
Mate **COSINE** with **MORTAL CINCH** and name the foal **HYPOTENOOSE**. (Martin Bredeck, Community, Va.)
- ◆ **And the winner of the presidential plate:**
Mate **MILWAUKEE BREW** with **SILVER BLUR** and name the foal **PABST SMEAR**. (T.J. Murphy, Arlington)

- ◆ **Honorable Mentions:**
Mate **ONE MEAN KISS** with **MR GILEAD** and name the foal **LIP BALM**. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
Mate **CHAIRMAN** with **STRIKE SMARTLY** and name the foal **ALAN GREENSPANK**. (Jennifer Hart, Arlington)
Mate **ALISON'S TRICK** with **MEL N DAVE** and name the foal **HONEYDO MEL N**. (Storm Marvel, Columbia)
Mate **ELITE MERCEDES** with **PICKUPSPEED** and name the foal **BENZEDRINE**. (Chris Doyle, Burke)
Mate **CENTURIAN MAN** with **MILLENIUM MAN** and name the foal **MAN 'OO MAN**. (David Genser, Arlington)
Mate **TWILIGHT CHARMER** with **SILVER TYCOON** and name the foal **ROD STERLING**. (Richard Jones, Washington)
Mate **BERNSTEIN** with **MILITARY ACADEMY** and name the foal **WEST POINT STORY**. (Lloyd Duvall, Roslyn, Pa.)
Mate **HOUSE BURNER** with **BRILLIANCE** and name the foal **ARSON WELLES**. (Jennifer Hart, Arlington; Russ Beland, Springfield)
Mate **HOUSE BURNER** with **TOREDOWN** and name the foal **EDIFICE WRECKS**. (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)
Mate **BRUSHEDBYTHEBEST** with **COCONUT WILLY** and name the foal **KATHLEEN WILLEY**. (Meg Sullivan, Potomac)
Mate **GLOBAL THREAT** with **UNBRIDLED FURY** and name the foal **ACID REIN**. (Meg Sullivan, Potomac)
Mate **COSINE** with **MORTAL CINCH** and name the foal **EASY AS PI**. (Meg Sullivan, Potomac)
Mate **GUN POWER** with **THE POSEUR** and name the foal **CHARLATAN HESTON**. (Chris Doyle, Burke)
Mate **UBIQUITY** with **PANNER** and name the foal **EVERYONES A CRITIC**. (Chris Doyle, Burke)
Mate **LONG TERM INVESTOR** with **BACH** and name the foal **WALL STREET BAROQUER**. (Chris Doyle, Burke)
Mate **ON THE FAN** with **TURNOFTHECENTURY** and name the foal **FAN DE SIECLE**. (Chris Doyle, Burke)
Mate **HURRICANE CARTER** with **WOODEN PHONE** and name the foal **CELL PHONE**. (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)
Mate **HEMISPHERE DANCER** with **MAESTRO'S DEBUT** and name the foal **SEMICONDUCTOR**. (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)
Mate **CHAUCER'S TALE** with **MILWAUKEE BREW** and name the foal **MILLER LITE'S TALE**. (Steve Fahey, Kensington)
Mate **HEMISPHERE DANCER** with **DUE NORTH** and name the foal **LAPLAND DANCER**. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
Mate **JEDI TEDDY** with **DIS CARR BE FAST** and name the foal **YODA MAN**. (David Genser, Arlington)
Mate **STRIKE SMARTLY** with **DAVID COPPERFIELD** and name the foal **HURTLIKETHEDICKENS**. (Susan Reese, Arlington)
Mate **GO LIB GO** with **HUGH HEFNER** and name the foal **GO LIBIDO**. (John Kammer, Herndon)
- Mate **WOOD AND PLENTY** with **UNRECORDED** and name the foal **ROSE MARY WOODS**. (Jennifer Hart, Arlington; Meg Sullivan, Potomac)
Mate **SAINT JOSEPH** with **SIGN OF FIRE** and name the foal **HOLY SMOKE**. (Jack Mulford, Bunker Hill, W.Va.)
Mate **HOOVER TOWER** with **MOUNT DISCOVERY** and name the foal **EUREKA**. (Laura Bennett Peterson, Washington)
Mate **CHAUCER'S TALE** with **CHEROKEE PROSPECT** and name the foal **CANTERBURYMYHEART**. (Matthew LaFlamme, Washington)
Mate **INTERROGATE** with **COLONEL HARLAN** and name the foal **GRILLED CHICKEN**. (Malcolm Fleschner, Arlington)
Mate **EPITAPH** with **CHEROKEE PROSPECTS** and name the foal **GRAVE RESERVATIONS**. (Jennifer Hart, Arlington)
Mate **HARLAN TRAVELER** with **SAINT JOSEPH** and name the foal **ROAMIN' CATHOLIC**. (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)
Mate **DETOQUEVILLE** with **ROLLIN WITH NOLAN** and name the foal **ROLLIN A JOINT**. (Michael J. Hammer, Arlington)
Mate **SAVIOR** with **BARRIER** and name the foal **GOD DAM**. (Russ Beland, Springfield)
Mate **COLONIAL BOY** with **QUIET RHAPSODY** and name the foal **TREMAINE CALM**. (Malcolm Fleschner, Arlington)
Mate **HADES** with **TRICKY TWIGS** and name the foal **THE RIVER STICKS**. (Jennifer Hart, Arlington)
Mate **EXCHANGE RATE** with **ROSSINI** and name the foal **BARTER OF SEVILLE**. (Jerry Pannullo, Kensington)
Mate **DEVIL'S KING** with **COSINE** and name the foal **HELL'S ANGLES**. (Greg Koppenhoefer, Towson)
Mate **HUGH HEFNER** with **RETALIATION** and name the foal **TIT FOR TAT**. (Martin Bredeck, Community, Va.)
Mate **TOTAL ANILATION** with **ANSWER MY KISS** to produce **ARMAGEDDON IT ON**. (Malcolm Fleschner, Arlington)
Mate **CAPO DI CAPO** with **ELITE MERCEDES** and name the foal **MOB RUEHL**. (Steven Krauss, Round Lake)
Mate **DIS CARR BE FAST** with **MILWAUKEE BREW** and name the foal **DIS CARR BE TOTALED**. (Robert Duffy, Potomac)
Mate **DAVID COPPERFIELD** with **WOOD AND PLENTY** and name the foal **SCHIFFERMETIMBERS**. (Malcolm Fleschner, Arlington)
- ◆ **The Uncle's Pick:**
Mate **STOKES** with **TENDER OFFER** and name the foal **WEDDING RING**. (Sally Stokes, Silver Spring)
(The Uncle Explains: There can be no more "tender offer" indeed than the offer of one's hand in holy matrimony, an offer Sam Stokes made to Sally in 1988. She accepted and theirs is a bond that remains firm to this day, family values reinforced by love and, quite evidently, splendid senses of humor.)

Next Week: Picture This