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THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Talk Derby to me: It's the foal names!

BY PAT MYERS

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 the Style Conversational for various plays on **Grantham — Downton Grabby, Downton Flabby, Down-ton Crabby, etc.** And be inspired to breed some "grandfoals."

4th place:

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)*

2nd place and the Poo-Dough mold set:

Bloodline x Dean's List = **IV League** *(Craig Dykstra, Centreville)*

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)*

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

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

American Icon x Strobe = **Abe Blinkin'** *(Dave Zarrow, Reston)*

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

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)*

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

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

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)*

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

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

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)*

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

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)*

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

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

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

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

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

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)*

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

Rockefeller x Smile Happy = **Die Happy** *(Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, 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)*

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

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

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

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)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

American Icon x Enthrallment = **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, who last got Invite ink in 1994)*

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

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

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)*

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

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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Week 1487: Colt following — now it's the grandfoals

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

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Complete with knife and fork embroidered on, Flesh-Eating Microbe wants only to be cuddled. Bwahaha.

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.

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.

The Style Conversational: The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week's at ***wapo.st/conv1487.***

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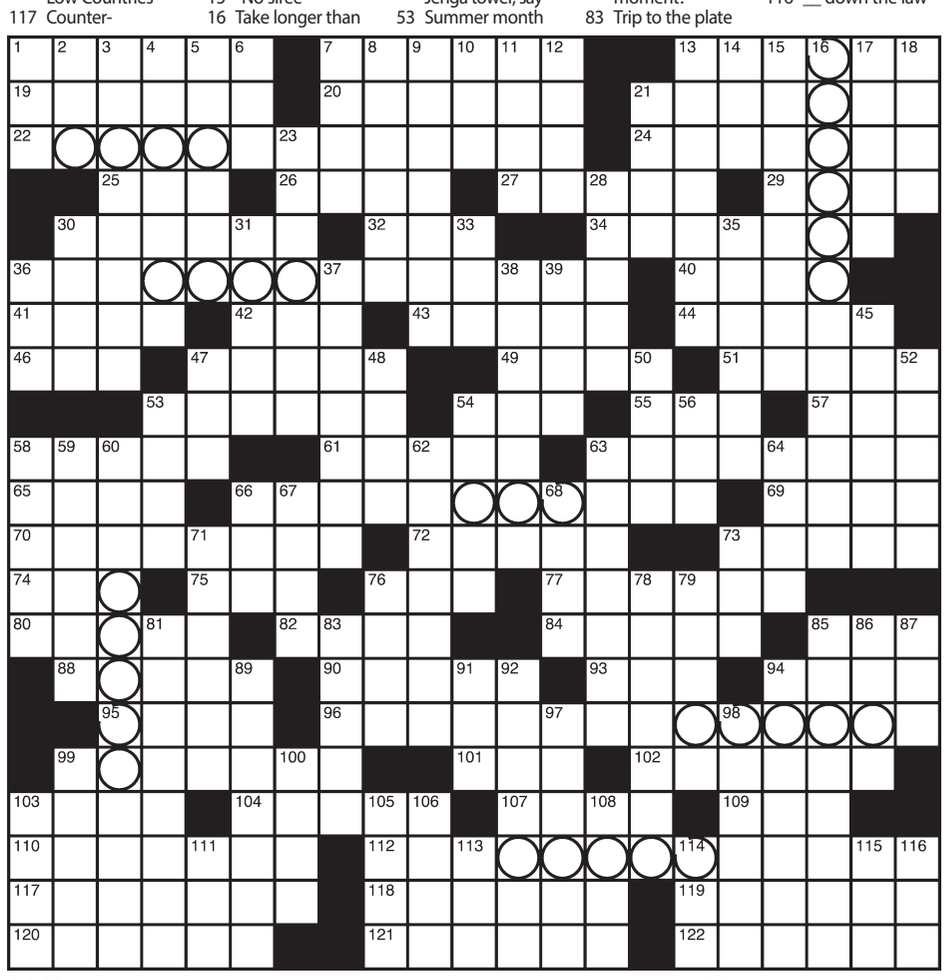
"MONSTERS INCORPORATED" BY MATTHEW STOCK

ACROSS
1 Movie that may feature a meet-cute scene
7 Components
13 Odysseys, e.g.
19 "God Is a Woman" singer Grande
20 Inviting call from a treehouse
21 Sicilian seaport
22 Just okay
24 Generational divides
25 One of the Big Five in Hollywood's Golden Age
26 Name in a will
27 Befuddled gesture
29 Golfo contents
30 Hip hop dance move
32 Poorly lit
34 "Okay, that's enough from me"
36 Hitting the market soon
40 North Carolina university
41 Nights of anticipation
42 Lines from an admirer
43 "Aaaand that's mine now!"
44 Challenges
46 Smidge
47 Boatloads
49 Horde
51 Wet wipes brand
53 Historian Cobb who writes for The New Yorker
54 __ guzzler
55 The Yoko of "Dear Yoko" and "Oh Yoko!"
57 Egg __ yung
58 Madagascar primate
61 Spur to action
63 Proclaims
65 "That's my cue!"
66 Style maven
69 "v funny"
70 Film versions made by devotees
72 Line of work for a dog walker?
73 "Misery" Oscar winner
74 Comedian Notaro
75 __-ball pens
76 Novelist Tan
77 Didn't play
80 Keycard receivers
82 Maker of Berryblossom White tea
84 Balm additives
85 Nintendo console
88 "Political Gabfest" podcast producer
90 Supercharged
93 Vinyl records, briefly
94 "I'd rather not"
95 __ out a win (almost lost)
96 Bread options in morning buffets
99 Ferrera of "Superstore"
101 Philosophy
102 __ skills
103 Some political campaign research, for short
104 Ashtray debris
107 South Asian rice cake
109 Ballyhoo
110 Snag in a plan
112 Strong ale brewed by Trappists in the Low Countries
117 Counter-counterculture folks
118 Sports venues
119 Painter Diego
120 Contemptuous looks
121 Fight like a country kid
122 Tomorrow

DOWN
1 Competed in a track meet
2 Spanish gold
3 Flew south for the winter, say
4 Valet's array
5 Low-scoring tie
6 [I'm a goat!]
7 __ box
8 Leaf-eating pests
9 Many a tax-exempt organization
10 "Jeepers!"
11 Uno y dos
12 Brief meeting?
13 Argued over prices
14 La Liga cheer
15 "No siree"
16 Take longer than necessary
17 Energize
18 Argentine singer Mercedes known for "Gracias a la Vida"
21 See 113-Down
23 "How could you even sugGEST that?"
28 Puts on the line
30 Bossa __
31 Bikini, e.g.
33 __ juice
35 Sinuous ski race
36 After taxes
37 Currency
38 Musician honored as a National Hero of Barbados
39 Mireille of "Big Love"
45 Console
47 Spanish 101 verb
48 [What a relief!]
50 Fatty tuna, to a sushi chef
52 Topples the Jenga tower, say
53 Summer month
54 Like undercooked brownies
56 Many a "Call the Midwife" character
58 Brings up
59 Inbox fillers
60 Genghis Khan's realm
62 Surname well known in Stars Hollow
63 "Black Panther" role for Chadwick Boseman
64 "Cool," in dated slang
66 Fiver
67 Quarreling
68 "Insecure" star Rae
71 Feather __
73 Mass-transit option
76 Bleu hue
78 Curveball element
79 Sunset dirección
81 Big A-ha moment?
83 Trip to the plate
85 Clobbered
86 __ of Wight
87 Mag. unit
89 Food
91 Antioxidant beverage brand
92 Thumbs-up gestures
94 38-Down, notably
97 Radio knob
98 Make quite an entrance
99 Splatter guard
100 Sticks by the pool table
103 Possesses
105 Retro ski lift
106 Blood fluids
108 Cut with a surgical beam
111 Cassis apéritif
113 With 21-Down, guitarist in the National Inventors Hall of Fame
114 TNT part
115 Time period often named for an art movement
116 __ down the law



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

Happy Birthday | May 8: You are practical, grounded and well-organized. You are also knowledgeable about many topics. You keep track of things, and you like to plan ahead. This year will be an exciting year for you, because it is the first year of a nine-year cycle. Therefore, be courageous. Be ready to act.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Be aware and mindful, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids. Meanwhile, in some other way, perhaps because it's Mother's Day, you might be surprised by your kids. Social plans might be canceled or you might receive an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your home routine will be interrupted by something — possibly a surprise visit because it's Mother's Day. Someone unexpected might knock at your door or a small appliance might break down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. However, it's also an interesting, stimulating day. Expect to see new faces, go to new places and be full of new ideas. News might surprise you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Keep an eye on your finances and your possessions, because something unpredictable could impact them. You might find money or you might lose money, or something you own might be stolen, damaged or lost.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The Moon is in your sign at odds with unpredictable Uranus. This can make you be a tad too hasty. It also makes you feel rebellious and impatient with others. A Mother's Day celebration might have a few speed bumps.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
This is a restless day for you. The Moon is hiding in your chart, and at the same time, it is at odds with Uranus, which is bound to create some emotional unrest within you that disturbs your peace of mind. Fortunately, this is a fleeting influence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A friend or a member of a group might surprise you by doing or saying something unusual. Alternatively, you might meet someone who is a real character. Think twice before you lend something to someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
People notice you. They might notice that you are doing something unusual with a parent or an authority figure. Conversely, a boss, parent or authority figure might call you out or catch you at something.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You have a restless spirit, which is why you want to do something different. Ideally, you would love to travel impulsively and really get a change of scenery! Be aware of any health issues. Also be aware of your pet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Check your finances and anything to do with shared property, taxes, debt or the wealth and resources of others, because something unexpected might be happening. When it comes to financial matters, especially those that involve other people, stay on top of your game.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
A friend or partner will surprise you in some way. Nevertheless, you feel independent and rebellious, so you might not go along with their wishes. Basically, you are craving excitement. Furthermore, you want to be liberated from any restrictions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Be aware of your health. Likewise, keep an eye on your pet. There is an unpredictable element to this day, which means anything can happen, so expect the unexpected. Your work routine will change. You might have to help someone or work on their behalf.

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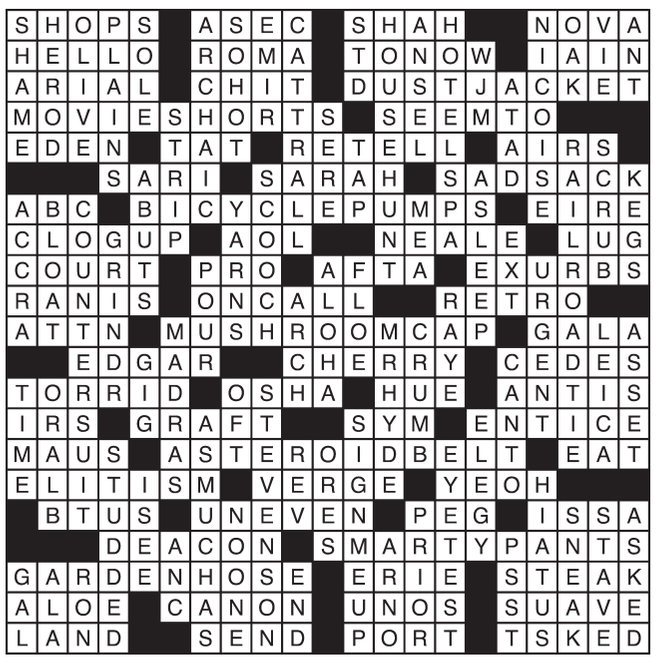

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