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# Style Invitational Week 1237: Our alliteracy campaign

Write a headline whose words start with the same letter; plus more foal names from spring



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers July 20, 2017 Email the author

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## Chris Christie's Copious Corpus Caught in Cocky Comfort on Closed Coast

(Original headline, from VanityFair.com: “Chris Christie Caught Sunbathing After Closing All State Beaches Over July Fourth Weekend”)

Here's a contest we, amazingly, haven't done before. It was suggested way back last summer, in those innocent times, by Loser Bill Verkuilen, who'd seen an article about a protest in which environmental activists left piles of fake manure under donkey statues set up at the Democratic National Convention. The Associated Press headline read: “Fracking foes put fake feces under donkey art displays.” Bill's friend thought the AP should have followed through with the alliteration, suggesting “Foes furnish fake feces for free-standing federal faction furnishings.” Bill countered with “Drilling denouncers deliver dramatic DNC donkey doodoo.”

This week: **Rewrite an existing headline from any publication, print or online — about something in the news from July 20 to 31, by using alliteration — starting most of the words with the same letter (or**

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by using **anagrams** — putting most of the words from the same letter (or letter *sound*, as in “Kansas Corn”). Include the original headline and give the publication’s name and date. You may use either news headlines or ads. While not *all* the words in the headline need begin with the same letter, the effect will probably be weakened if a significant word isn’t with the program.



These leggings really show off your muscles — well, someone’s muscles. (rosegal.com)

Submit entries at this website: [wapo.st/enter-invite-1237](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1237) (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Inkin’ Memorial**, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy — one of the last few before we come out with a new design. Second place receives a pair of spandex leggings with the legs’ muscles, tendons, etc., depicted on them. Creepy. Donated by 300-time Loser Dave Prevar.

**Other runners-up** win our “[You Gotta Play to Lose](#)” Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, “[I Got a B in Punmanship](#).” Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, “[No Childishness Left Behind](#)” or “[Magnum Dupus](#).” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, July 31; results published Aug. 20 (online Aug. 17). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://on.fb.me/invdev). “Like” Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday).

**The Style Conversational**, the Empress’s weekly online column, isn’t happening this week or next, but the Empress will take questions at [pat.myers@washpost.com](mailto:pat.myers@washpost.com).

[And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .](#)

The Empress is off on vacation, correcting people’s grammar in other cities, so this week we bring you more honorable mentions from this year’s two “foal” name contests: **Week 1222** was our 22nd annual challenge to “breed” any two names from a list of this year’s Triple Crown nominees, and to name the resulting “foal” that alludes to both parents’ names. Then in **Week 1226**, we had you “breed” any two of those winning names and name the “grandfoal.” The first contest drew almost 4,000 entries and the second almost 2,000, and the E is happy to have a chance to share more of them. Today’s Losers will get Loser magnets if they didn’t get ink in the original contest. (See the original results at [bit.ly/invite1226](http://bit.ly/invite1226) and [bit.ly/invite1230](http://bit.ly/invite1230) .)

**More ‘foals’ from Week 1222**

**Action Everyday x Adornes = Bruce Frillis** (Beth Morgan, Palo Alto, Calif.)

- 3 **Perspective**  
President Trump’s power to pardon himself, as skewered by cartoons
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Sex, politics and art painted in broad strokes in ‘Botticelli in the Fire’
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**Classic Rock x Gummy = Eleanor Wriggly** (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

**Mo Town x Vanish = No Town** (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg, Md.)

**My Blue Heaven x Action Everyday = Heaven Can Wait** (Harold Mantle, Walnut Creek, Calif.)

**Always Dreaming x Classic Rock = Zzzzzzz Top** (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

**Blueridge Traveler x The Stranger = Hillbilly Joel** (Deb Stewart, Damascus, Md.)

**Cloud Computing x My Blue Heaven = The PERLy Gates** (Pete Morelewicz, Fredericksburg, Va.)

**Fillet of Sole x Pollock = Fish and Drips** (Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.)

**Excitations x Factorial = !!!** (Bernard Brink, Cleveland, Mo.; Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

**Gummy x American Anthem = MyGumTreeTisOfThee** (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

**It's Your Nickel x Gummy = Montijello** (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

**It's Your Nickel x Horse Fly = Buffalo Wings** (Elizabeth Kline, Frederick, Md.)

**Big Gray Rocket x Thunder Snow = MOABominable** (Mike Ostapiej, Mount Pleasant, S.C.)

**Dangerfield x Mo Town = No R-E-S-P-E-C-T** (Larry Gray)

**One Liner x Always Dreaming = Henny Jungman** (Steve Fahey, Kensington, Md.)

**Local Hero x Convict Pike = The Hoagie Pokey** (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

**Pat on the Back x Excitations = Pat on the Front** (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

**El Areeb x Bobby Abu Dhabi = No Visa for You!** (Mike Creveling, La Plata, Md.)

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**Iliad x My Blue Heaven = Trojan Hearse** (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

**Irap x J Boys Echo = JAY Jay jay Z zzz** (Mia Wyatt, Ellicott City, Md.)

**Always Dreaming x Comma Sister = Coma Sister** (Brian Halbert, Ashburn, Va.; Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.; Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

**Big Gray Rocket x Fast and Accurate = Hope It's Ours!** (George Smith, Frederick, Md.)

**Fact Finding x The Hardest Way = Not Making Them Up** (Mark Raffman)

**And more 'grandfoals' from Week 1226**

**Fish Shtick x Lover & Lever = Misses Paul** (Andrew Hoenig, Rockville, Md.)

**Hive Got Rhythm x Have One Skittle = Bee Stingy** (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**The Half-Dime Show x Don's Surly Slight = Nickel Odium** (Duncan Stevens; Kevin Dopart, Washington)



**Help a Thief! x Don's Surly Slight = GrabHerPurse, See?** (Chris Doyle)

**In a Minute Dear x Man Asses = KeepYourPants On!** (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

**In a Minute Dear x Read It and Veep = Keep Your Pence On** (Jim Holt, Washington)

**Titan the Screw x P.A.T. on the Back = Atlas Hugged** (Pamela Love, Columbia, Md.)

**Help a Thief! x Man Asses = Aiding & Abutting** (William Kennard, Arlington, Va.; David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.)

**Help a Thief! x O Say, Can You C++ = Aid and a Bot** (Kevin Dopart)

**Troy, Troy Again x O Say, Can You C++ = Geeks Bearing GIFs** (Beryl Benderly, Washington)

**O Say, Can You C++ x No, It's Iowa = O Say, Can You D-** (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

**Titan the Screw x In a Minute Dear = 60 Second Man** (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

**Et Tupac? x Man Asses = Shakur Booties** (May Jampathom, Oakhurst, N.J.; Dave Zarrow, Reston, Va.)

**Left Right Repeat x Titan the Screw = Boxing Wring** (Brad

Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia)

**Read It and Veep x No, It's Iowa = Julia SooeuDreyfus** (Roy Ashley, Washington)

**Fish Shtick x Love Hertz = 50 Shads of Grey** (Mary McNamara, Washington; Larry Gray)

**Man Asses x In a Minute Dear = Tuchus a While** (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

**Bonus Pints x The Who? = Pinball Whizzer** (John Hutchins; Rob Huffman)

**Carnegie Dali x Help a Thief! = Lox & Burgle** (Jeff Shirley)

**Chinese Checkers x Man Asses = Chinese Cheekers** (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

**Bed Bath N Bayonne x Disappearing Inc. = Bed Bath N Begone** (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.; Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

**Congrats, Loser x Bed Bath N Bayonne = Flunk, Bunk N Dunk** (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

**Shall I Comp Thee? x Bare It Browning = Free Bard!** (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

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**Bare It Browning x Spruuuuce!!! = Porn in the USA** (Mark Raffman)

**The Who? x Bare It Browning = Keith's Moon** (Tom Witte)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, July 26: two separate contests! Enter Week 1235 for song parodies about science and technology, at [wapo.st/invite1235](http://wapo.st/invite1235), plus Week 1236 for bogus etymologies, at [wapo.st/invite1236](http://wapo.st/invite1236).**

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