

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Rerun for the Roses: More foal names

BY PAT MYERS

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 and bit.ly/invite1230.)

More 'foals' from Week 1222

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

Classic Rock x Gummy = Eleanor Wriggley (Laurie Brink, Cleveland, Mo.)

No 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 = III (Bernard Brink, Cleveland, Mo.; Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

Gummy x American Anthem = MyGumTreeTisOffThee (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 = MOABominant (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, Cattlett, Va.)

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

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



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1237: Our alliteracy campaign

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 line — about something in the news from July 20 to 31, by using alliteration** — starting most of the words with 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, especially if it's not the first word in the headline, as in the example above.

Submit entries at this website: 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. Creeeeepy. Donated by 3,009-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 Punnanship." Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "No Childishness Left Behind" or "Magnum Dopus." 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. The headline for this week's results is by Jeff Contompassis; the honorable-mentions subhead is by William Kennard. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday.

THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL, the Empress's weekly online column, isn't happening this week or next, but the E will take questions at pat.myers@washpost.com.



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These leggings really show off your muscles — well, someone's muscles.

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 SooneyDreyfus (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)

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, plus Week 1236 for bad song titles to use as business slogans, at wapo.st/invite1236.

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"IT'S JUST NOT THE SAME" By MARK McCLAIN

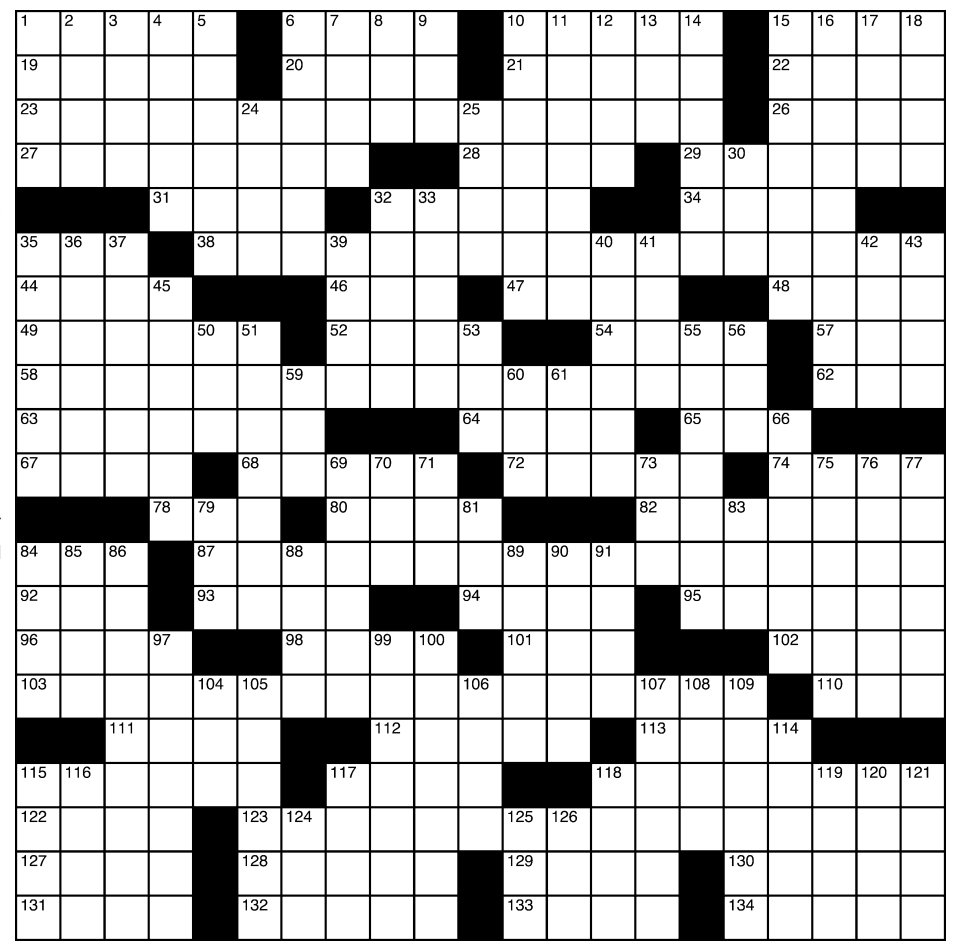
ACROSS

- 1 Fern seed
- 6 Posh hotel amenity
- 10 Cook, in a way
- 15 Sneaky stratagem
- 19 Secret rival
- 20 "Bingo!"
- 21 Tom Sawyer's aunt
- 22 Sneaky stratagem
- 23 Phrase of individuality
- 26 "... the Woods"
- 27 Skill
- 28 Hawaii County seat
- 29 Holes a very short putt
- 31 Math function
- 32 Sizable piece
- 34 Adored object
- 35 Blog feed format letters
- 38 American flag component, e.g.
- 44 Sorority letters
- 46 65-Across, in Japanese
- 47 Suffix meaning "country"
- 48 Notes from a loser, maybe
- 49 Brownish grays
- 52 "My Way" lyricist
- 54 GPS displays
- 57 Captain Hansen of "Deadliest Catch"
- 58 Plot device in TV's "Fringe"
- 62 Tolkien tree creature
- 63 Promised
- 64 Pound sound
- 65 46-Across in English
- 67 "Mi casa ___ casa"
- 68 Creating compelling characters, for a writer
- 72 Timberlake's old group
- 74 Small amt. of time
- 78 Dental brand suffix
- 80 Title character inspired by Hearst
- 82 "Heavens to Betsy!"
- 84 ...-12
- 87 Conference
- 92 "Respect for Acting" author
- 93 One way to start

130 Looks after heroine

DOWN

- 1 Anti-DWI org.
- 2 ___dieu
- 3 German composer Carl
- 4 Starts of feuds
- 5 Pristine
- 6 German candy brand
- 7 Possesses
- 8 Drill insert
- 9 Funny couple?
- 10 Some Olympic trials
- 11 Set for repairs
- 12 Northeast Nevada city
- 13 Red or brown brew
- 14 Connecticut coastal tourist town
- 15 "Marines' Hymn"
- 16 Has no restraints
- 17 Piedmont wine area
- 18 Lowly laborer
- 24 Western Nevada city
- 25 In said fashion
- 30 Flap
- 32 Long-necked bird
- 33 Specifically designed poem
- 35 Seal after peeking, say
- 36 Barn units
- 37 Cooks in a pan brand
- 39 "... won't work"
- 40 To wit
- 41 Growl
- 42 Render useless
- 43 U.S. Army E-6
- 45 Floored it, say
- 50 Fraction of a joule
- 51 Enter stealthily
- 53 Word often used before "old"
- 55 Know-it-all?
- 56 Observe
- 59 Sunday paper pile
- 60 Former Saturn model
- 61 Bugs that roll
- 66 Backyard chef's equipment
- 69 Backyard chef's stick
- 70 Sensory organ
- 71 Series with Capt. Picard, to fans
- 73 Kabuki kin
- 75 Curveball relative
- 76 Climate-disrupting current
- 77 Baby swan
- 79 Director Lupino
- 81 Slender swimmer
- 83 African bovine
- 84 "The Godfather" novelist
- 85 Working on the task
- 86 Mass group
- 88 Change course suddenly
- 89 Like a jaybird?
- 90 Cuts a little
- 91 Get under control
- 97 Leads astray
- 99 Assembled for a cause
- 100 How some stunts are done
- 104 Wonder Dog of comics
- 105 Letter closing
- 106 Gramps' mate
- 107 Gripe from the weary
- 108 "The ___ llama, / He's a beast": Nash
- 109 Have as a client
- 114 Less trustworthy
- 115 Small body-shop job
- 116 Lackawanna
- 117 2012 Best Picture
- 118 Rd. often named for a state
- 119 ___ account: never
- 120 PC scrolling key
- 121 Patrol station sign
- 124 Hot tub reaction
- 125 20 hundredweight
- 126 Articulate



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | July 23: This year your birthday falls on the new moon, which adds to your creativity and magnetism. You might see a situation from only one perspective, yet you are sure you are right. Be open to different views. If you are single, your magnetism is undeniable. Choose the person who seems most suited to the type of relationship you desire. If you are attached, the two of you sometimes disagree and become unusually willful. Don't count on winning a fight with a fellow Leo.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Have you ever noticed that at this time of year you are more creative than usual? Once more, your imagination soars to new heights. An early-morning hassle vanishes because of a loved one's positive outlook.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You feel very comfortable at home, reading the Sunday paper and indulging in your Sunday rituals. You feel very capable of resolving a problem or getting a big project done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) No one ever needs to tell you to return calls, texts or emails. You might choose to start your Sunday doing just that, probably after having a good breakfast and taking a look at the Sunday paper. When catching up on others' news, you'll receive several invitations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ability to create a sense of comfort for those around you draws many different people toward you. However, you might want to isolate yourself or spend some quality time with your family.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You beam, and others sense that you are up for almost anything. You might be surprised by several people's manipulations, as well as their suggestions. Choose your company and activities carefully.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not allow someone to pull you away from doing what you want to do. Your innate sense of courtesy often puts you in odd or difficult situations. By saying nothing about your plans, you might convince a friend that you are available.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Make spontaneous plans to meet friends for brunch and perhaps a

different type of happening. You might be able to resolve tension between you and a dear friend as a result. Do not hold a grudge; it isn't worth it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others seek you out, as they depend on your ability to take hold of an issue or problem and straighten it out. People generally are responsive to your efforts, and today is no different. Wait a day or two before deciding to make plans.

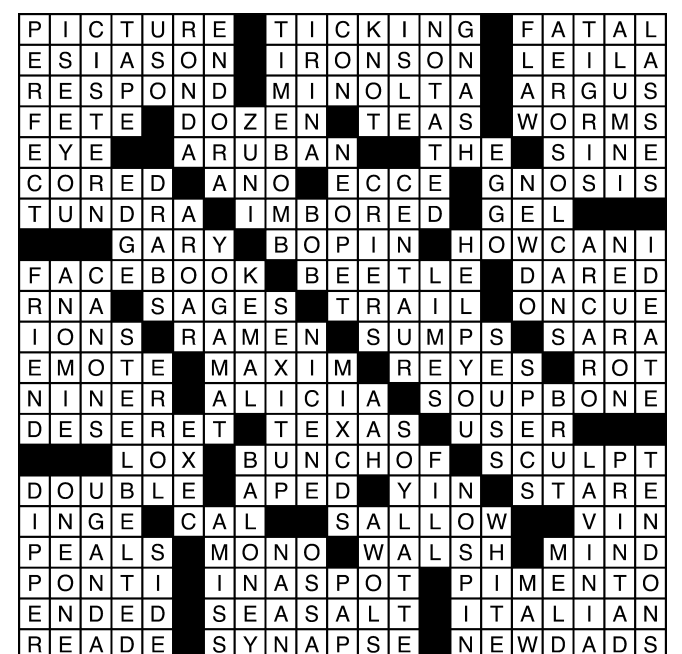
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) One-on-one relating emphasizes your caring and that of the other party. You and this person have a propensity to have an unusually good time together. Do not be surprised to discover that friends want to trail along.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might need to follow through on a promise that involves a loved one. If you don't, you could be the recipient of an unusual amount of uproar. Create your day accordingly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might seem unusually desirable to a new friend. Go along with suggested plans if you want to be around this person, and you will find that your bond gets stronger as a result.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Decide to get a head start on a work-related matter. As a result, you will feel much better in the next few days. Although you love your free time, you realize that you also need to maintain a strong presence at work. Remain centered and focused.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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