

Style Invitational

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THE
WINNER
OF THE
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Mitt Rues Road Trip From Hell

Mitt, wife, five sons. Mutt, cage, auto roof. Long ride, much wind. Poop drip. Woof! Tagg: "Yuck, stop!" ARCO sign. Pull over. Whoa, real mess! Hose down auto rear, mutt. Pull back onto road.
(Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Report from Week 961

in which we asked you to write anti-rhopic passages — in which all words had the same number of letters (hyphenated compound words could count as either one word or two):



2 Winner of the little bags of "Democrap Donkey Dung" and "Repopolican Elephant Dung" (really chocolate-coated peanuts):

Rick says gays' vows will mean four-ways, dogs with cats, hand cart into Hell. . . . Jeez, Rick, calm down, take your meds. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

3 "Dude, with that face, even butt-ugly gals won't make time with your kind."

"Yeah? That ain't what your mama said." (Craig Dykstra, Centreville)

4 Empress watches quality entries decline, notices editors growing cynical. Finally cancels contest, trashes statues, magnets; regains dignity writing society stories, dog-show reports. (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

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Mugs, nope; tees, nope: Honorable mentions

"Let's make some good grub!" said chef Deen. "Ribs, pork buns, BLTs, flan, lime bars, Oreo cake, beef tips, clam dips, corn dogs, Yule logs, jams, yams, hams, pies with lard — lots!" BURP. "Whoa. Feel sick. Weak. Can't move legs, arms. How'd THAT come down?" (Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.)

Dems mock 2012 prez race: "Just fire your foes, Mitt! Slam that gals' pill, Rick! More moon base talk, Newt! Push them gold bars, Paul!" (Chris Doyle)

Dude, pass that bong over here; we'll show that good weed aids one's voca- . . . [puff] . . . lang- [drag] . . . word list! (Mark Richardson, Washington)

After right wing's group nixes donor money limit, left's Maher sends Obama extra bucks. Using other words: Glass house owner hurls giant stone. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Deep down, even avid fans know that "slut" fits Rush best. (Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia)

When they hear Mitt, Rick, Paul, Newt, Most Dems note lies, roll eyes, push mute. (Dave Silberstein, College Park)

Hand over some fish, feed them just once. Give them some nets, feed them even more. Also, send rods, bait, beer. (Jeff Contompasis)

Santorum, Decrying 'Biblical Betrayal,' Deplores 'Elephant-Antelope' Marriage; 'Aardvark-Tortoise' Marriage Likewise Assailed (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Able were y'all till y'all seen Elba. (Gary Crockett)

Retired federal manager, current Wal-Mart greeter, ten-time widower. Hobbies include birding, macrame, ikebana, fencing, braille Yahtzee, virtual sorcery, Klingon cuisine, genital origami, extreme bondage, torture devices, autopsy reports. Seeking wealthy dowager, skilled midwife, college student, curious females. Romance? (Chris Doyle)

Ands Last:

Losers resent octopi — they're ALWAYS inking. (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Myers fired! Axing "fluff," Post's board nixes Style pages. Final issue today. (April Fools!) (Nan Reiner, Alexandria)

See more honorable mentions, including an all-four-letter-word national anthem, online.

Deadline is Monday night for Week 964, ideas for the new Grossery Bag. See washingtonpost.com/styleinvitational.

Next week: Questionable journalism, or Pressing questions

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

Week 965: Foaling around

Gemologist x Verne = Jewels

Harvard N Yale x Isn't He Clever = Ivy Drip

Finnegans Wake x Plated = Impenetrable

It's April, and even fools (er, especially fools) know that's when the Losers play the ponies each year in one of our most popular and enduring contests. Below is a list of 100 of the 3-year-old horses eligible (as of press time) to run in this year's Triple Crown races. **"Breed" any two of the horses and name their foal, as in the examples above.** It matters not at all that virtually all the horses are male. As in the real racing world, the name must not exceed 18 characters including spaces and punctuation. Remember, there's now a 25-entry limit, a modification that has turned the Empress almost semi-sane these recent years; in the Olden Days, some people would send as many as 600 entries.

Winner gets the Inker or another Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a fine set of fake mustaches: the Mario, the Dali, the Magnum, the Hogan, the Chaplin and the Einstein (wearing more than one at a time is not advised). Donated by Craig Dykstra.

Other runners-up win their choice of a coveted Style Invitational Loser T-shirt, a yearned-for Loser Mug or the brand-new, yet-to-be-designed but surely hotly desired Grossery Bag, a lightweight tote. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet. First Offenders get a smelly, tree-shaped air "freshener" (Fir Stink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, April 9; results published April 29, the Sunday before Derby Day (online April 27). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include "Week 965" in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at washingtonpost.com/styleinvitational. The revised title for next week's results is by Judy Blanchard; the subhead for this week's honorable mentions is by Roy Ashley. Join the Style Invitational Devotees on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

THE HORSES (FROM A LONGER LIST AT BLOODHORSE.COM)

A Boy Named Em	Daddy Long Legs	Holy Highway	Prospective
Afford	Diplomat	How Do I Win	Rousing Sermon
Algorithms	Discreet Dancer	I'll Have Another	Sabercat
All Stormy	Done Done Done	Isn't He Clever	Saturday's for Fun
Alpha	Drill	Jake Mo	Secret Circle
Awaited	El Padrino	Julius Caesar	Segway
Awesome Address	Empire Way	Lasso	Sensor
Backdoor Strike	Ever So Lucky	Late Night Action	Souper Speedy
Barber Shop Rock	Exfactor	Lemon Juice	Space Race
Barrymore	Explain	Liaison	Stat
Battle Hardened	Fed Biz	Lime Drop Kid	State of Play
Big Blue Spirit	Finnegans Wake	Monastic	Stepping Lite
Big Monster	Flashy Sunrise	Motor City	Stereo in Motion
Boat Trip	Fly Lexis Fly	Mr Percussionist	Street Life
Boltzapper	Fox Rules	Mr. Handsome	The Caller
Captain Obvious	Full Cry	My Adonis	The Lumber Guy
Castaway	Gameday News	Neck 'n Neck	Thunder Moccasin
Chief Gaga	Gemologist	No Spin	Tiger Walk
Cigar Street	Google My Grandson	One Sock Down	Union Rags
Class President	Got What	Optimizer	Unmarked Bills
Conserve	Groovin' Solo	Overdriven	Unyielding
Cop a Tude	Grouse	Plated	Verne
Creative Cause	Gung Ho	Points Offthebench	Whistleblower
Currency Swap	Hansen	Politicallycorrect	Wrote
Cyber Secret	Harvard N Yale	Pretension	Zip Top