

The Style Invitational

WEEK 8

I Am Spurious (Yellow).

**RUSSIAN SPACE PROBE
DISCOVERS HEAVEN!**

**HUBBY'S BAD BREATH
KILLS HIS WIFE!**

HITLER WAS A WOMAN!

**GALS! SNEEZING MAKES
YOUR BREASTS BIGGER!**

**MAN SAWS OFF ARM TO GET
HANDICAPPED PARKING STICKER!**

**GAY CHIMP FALLS IN LOVE
WITH CIRCUS MIDGET!**

All the headlines above actually appeared in the *Weekly World News*, a supermarket tabloid that traffics in eye-popping tales of extraterrestrials, life after death, miracle cures, Elvis sightings and highly improbable human drama. The *Weekly World News* has so trampled traditional standards of fair and responsible journalism, so abandoned even the pretense of objectivity and truth-telling, that it has earned the distinction of being America's Crappiest Newspaper. Needless to say, we at the *Style Invitational* find it a total delight.



BY MARC ROSENTHAL FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST:

Write a headline for the *Weekly World News*. (Maximum length, 10 words.)

First-prize winner will get an article written about him in the *Weekly World News* (Editor Eddie Clontz has agreed to this), a selection of handsome *Weekly World News* T-shirts, plus all of the national shame and ridicule occasioned by that notoriety.

Runners-up will get the coveted "Style Invitational" loser's T-shirt. As always, winners will be selected on the basis of humor and originality. Mail your entries to the *Style Invitational*, Week 8, The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071, or fax them to 202-334-4312. Entries must be received on or before Monday, May 3. Please include your address and phone number. Winners will be announced in three weeks. No purchase necessary. Employees of The Washington Post and their immediate families are not eligible for prizes.

Report from Week 5, (Part II)...

In which we challenged you to come up with funny legislation based on the real names of congressmen.

But first, a personal word to winners and runners-up of our previous contests, the men and women whose creative genius has delighted millions of readers and fueled the dubious engine of this cheesy contest, but who have been sending us polite letters wondering where their prizes and T-shirts are: Get a life, you whiny little precocious over-achieving smart-ass nerds. Your prizes aren't ready yet. Thank you.

And now, this week's winners:

Fifth Runner-Up: *The Fowler-Fish White Wine Distribution Act* (Robin Rogoff Star, Rockville)

Fourth Runner-Up: *The Long-Boren-Stump Campaign Speech Limitation Act* (Michael J. Hammer, Washington)

Third Runner-Up: *The Regula-Crapo Prune Subsidy Bill* (Ira P. Robins, Bethesda)

Second Runner-Up: *The Hamburg-Shelby-Dunn Meat Cooking Act* (Robert Lennartz, Charlottesville)

First Runner-Up: *The Kildee-Wise-Byrd Act, a repeal of the Spotted Owl Endangerment Law* (Patricia Dollar and Ira Rutberg, McLean)

AND THE WINNER OF THE WHOPIE CUSHION AND OTHER REVOLTING NOVELTY ITEMS:

The Cantwell-English-Reed Dyslexia Research Funding Bill (Jacki Drucker, Arlington)

And Honorable Mentions:

The Watt-Eshoo-Inouye Sex-Change Regulatory Act (Carol Vance, Washington)

The Ewing-Watt-Army Verbal Taunting Ban (Jennifer Mazarr, Arlington)

The Condit-Wheat Parent and Child Restroom Act (Robin Rogoff Star, Rockville)

The Wyden-Dorgan Penile Implant Safety Act (Lauren Scott, Washington)

The Leach-Mica-Deal Monty Hall Commemorative Stamp Act (Steve Aaronson, Arlington)

The Kleczka-Gejdenson-Ros-Lehtinen-Hochbrueckner-Faleomavaega Simplified Internal Revenue Code ("Dee Dee," Silver Spring)

The Mazzoli-Waters Oil Spill Control Bill (Leon Slavin, Laytonsville)

The Meek-Young-Mann-Holden-Dickey-Harman-Nunn Exhibitionist Freedom of Expression Act (Mark Pitre, Rockville)

The Robb-Peterson-Payne-Pell Income Redistribution Act (Gar Enders, Arlington)

The Crane-Fawell-Olver Construction Safety Act (Darren Mitchell, Mount Rainier)

The Watt-D'Amato-Whitten-Johnson Anti-Impotency Law (Matt Dickert, Reston)

And last, *The Bradley-Jefferson Bill to Erect a Living Memorial for Outstanding U.S. Citizens* (Bradley Jefferson, Centreville)

NEXT WEEK: PUTTING WORDS IN THEIR MOUTHS

Datebook

May Days

This is the time to step into some gardens and grand estates.

May 1:

■ Capital Charities Corporation's "Midnight at the Oasis" benefit for D.C. Special Olympics is at the Belmont estate in Dupont Circle. Tickets: \$50. Call 301-949-3770.

■ An a cappella jazz ensemble and a woodwind trio entertain at the Marjorie Merriweather Post Garden Party at the Hillwood Museum. Tickets: \$12, or \$8 for children under 12. Call 202-686-8500.

May 2:

■ "Victory 93," the Wallace Johnson Scholarship Foundation's fashion show and dinner—scholarships are for high school seniors who maintain a "C" average—is at the Washington Hilton. Tickets: \$45. Call 301-927-1588.

■ The Marc Rose Band will entertain at the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes' scholarship fund gala at the Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner. Tickets start at \$400 or, for guests under 30, \$125; for guests under 40, \$250. Call 301-469-9213.

May 3:

■ The Helen Hayes Awards show at the Warner Theatre is followed by

Washington's "largest cast party" at the J.W. Marriott. A Producers Dinner precedes the show. Tickets to the dinner, show and party are \$300; tickets for the show and party are \$150. Call 202-337-4572.

May 4:

■ Rep. Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (D-Pa.) is the Jewish Council for the Aging's guest lecturer at the Washington Hebrew Congregation. Dinner follows. Tickets: \$25 for the lecture; \$125 for the lecture and dinner. Call 301-881-8782, 301-984-3450 or 301-369-9300.

■ The Arthritis Foundation dinner at the Washington Hilton honors William R. Felts. Tickets start at \$250. Call 703-276-7555.

May 5:

■ Sen. John C. Danforth (R-Mo.), Frederick B. Rooney and the late Elizabeth M. Osgood are the honorees at the Travelers Aid Society ball at the Four Seasons Hotel. Tickets: \$200. Call 202-546-3120.

May 6:

■ The American News Women's Club's "Helen Thomas Roast" with Dee Dee Myers, Abigail Van Buren and others—the club's education and scholarship programs benefit—is at the Four Seasons Hotel. Tickets: \$125. Call 202-332-6770.

May 9:

■ The D.C. Hotline/PhoneFriend

benefit: "Guys and Dolls" and a post-show reception at the Kennedy Center. Tickets start at \$125. There's also a dinner May 5 at the Jefferson Hotel. Tickets for two start at \$600, which includes two tickets to the show and reception. Call 202-223-0020.

(To be continued next week.)

—Robin Groom