The Style Invitational

WEEK 24: ASK BACKWARDS

Janet Renee's shoes
Herbert Halt's hair
To get to the other side
Lorena Bokkett or Mahatma Gandhi

Socks
Don't ask, don't tell
Michael Jackson's face
The inventor of the urinary catheter

It's the economy, stupid
Held Fleiss's notebook
Just Do It
Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Madonna

Marion Barry, Vackl Hared a Big Guy in the Taster's Choice ad
Because he didn't inhale
Ooo-bop-a-boo-bop-a-boo-boom
Tax and spend

This week's contest: You are on "Jeopardy!" Above are the answers. What are the questions? Select one or more than one. As in: Answer--The inventor of the urinary catheter. Question--"Who has been, simultaneously, an enormous contributor to society and a great drain on it?" First-prize winner receives a pair of tickets to Memorial Stadium for a Bowie Baysox game, plus a pair of funny moose slipppers with eyes and antlers and everything, a total value of $50. Runners-up, as always, get the coveted Style Invitational T-shirts. Winners will be selected on the basis of humor and originality. Mail your entries to the Style Invitational, Week 24, The Washington Post, P.O. Box 3075, Washington, D.C. 20035, or fax them to 202-336-4312. Entries must be received or on or before Monday, Aug. 23. Please include your address and phone number. Winners will be announced in three weeks. No pur- chase necessary. Employees of The Washington Post and their immediate families are not eligible for prizes.

Report from Week 21

In which you were asked to describe things through So-So comparison. "Ross Perot is so unusu- al, it's said that when he was born they threw away the baby and raised the placenta." A splendid use of "So-So." It was first applied to Tiny Tim in 1968. And, "George Burns is so old that when he was born the Dead Sea was just sick." This was originally said about George Bernard Shaw, who died in 1950. Fair warning: In the future, if you see us custhurbod, we will roast you.

* Fifth Runner-Up: Donald Trump is so annoying that Amnesy International wants him beaten and locked up. (Tom Grady, Washington)
* Fourth Runner-Up: B.C. streets are so badly maintained they have more potholes than Jerry Garcia's sofa. (Robin D. Grage, Washington)
* Third Runner-Up: The Mississippi River has been so aggressive, it is now being called the Misssippil. (Pai Rosenthal, Sterling)
* Second Runner-Up: Joe McIlhenny is so original he deserves to win the Style Invitational, Ted Kennedy thought to himself. (Tom Jepide, Laurel)
* First Runner-Up: Bill Clinton has gained so much weight that 1-495 has been renamed the Sammbelway. (Paul Sabourin, Greenbelt)

* And the winner of the Mortimer Snerd Ventrisloquist's Dummy: Jack Kent Cooke is so eminent I'm not going to finish this thought. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

* Honorable Mentions:
  - The White House staff is so young that the most common question on Air Force One is, "Are we there yet?" (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
  - The White House staff is so young they have to write home when they go to Camp David. (Paul B. Jacoby, Washington)
  - The White House staff is so inexperienced that it has never "been" with another staff. (Meg Sullivan, Potomac)
  - Spike Lee is so desperate for a crossover hit that he's filming "Demnis the Menace II Society." (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
  - Saddam Hussein is so evil he will have to pass an ethics test to get into Hell. (Leonard Osterman, Potomac)
  - Mayor Kelly is so sensitive to sexual harassment that she refuses to accept mail addressed to "The Hon. Sharon Pratt Kelly" because she is no one's "hon." (Carol V. Stechman, Silver Spring)
  - Washington streets have so many potholes, it's like driving over a desert, wacked Waist-a-Mole game. (Paul Kordis, Alexandria)
  - Don King has so much static in his hair, he electrocutes anyone who gives him a noogie. (Adey Kovalak, Springfield)

The White House is so full of Arkansans they are cutting crescent rooms in the moon doors. (Forest L. Miller, Rockville)

Ross Perot is so paranoid his theories are laughed at by Oliver Stone. (Paul Sabourin, Greenbelt)

George Schaefer is so petty and mean he had "43" painted on his limo. (Glen Griswold, Falls Church)

The Halt family is so dysfunctional that Herbert sold the family tree to Crow Books for pulp. (Christopher P. Nicholson, Arlington)

Dan Quayle is so dumb, (Chris Rooney, Reston)

* And Last:
  - The Style Invitational is so popular that the next Supreme Court justice will be chosen on the basis of "humor and originality." (Ali Turner, Arlington)

* And Least:
  - The Style Invitational is so funny I forget to laugh. (Tony Buckley, Washington)

Next Week: Stump Us.