The Style Invitational
WEEK 30: THE RORSCHACH OF THE CROWD

This Week’s Contest: Interpret any of these ink blots. If you rotate one, please indicate which end is up. First-prize winner receives a two-person horse costume for Halloween, a value of $30. Runners-up, as always, get the coveted Style Invitationalers’ T-shirts. Winners will be selected on the basis of humor and originality. Mail your entries to the Style Invitational, Week 30, The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071, or fax them to 202-334-4312. Urgent secret emergency message to anyone still reading the fine print: For reasons that will be become apparent, we are desperate for funny material next week! Get your favorite jokes to us by Wednesday. The best will win a fine vintage toast. Thank you. Now back to our regularly scheduled blather. Entries must be received on or before Monday, Oct 4. 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 27

In which we asked you to coin wogsograms, words based on the names of famous people.

◆ Fourth Runner-Up: STOCK-BALE noun The place your mind wanders off to when you daydream. (Paul Sabourin, Greenbelt)
◆ Third Runner-Up: To CUD-MORD verb To edge forward and back up repeatedly when attempting to turn onto a busy thoroughfare, to the annoyance of other drivers. (Peter Owen, Williamsburg)
◆ Second Runner-Up: SEE SEE noun Short, substanceless commentary. “I went to the press conference hoping for a good story, but all I got was see see.” (Kate Sparks and Sarah Duchich, Washington, and Laura Sokol, Warsaw.)
◆ First Runner-Up: To PACK WOOD verb To be glad to see someone. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
◆ And the winner of the giant flag of a cow:
To SHA-LIN-X-SHI-IV-LI verb To ensure a low profile for a program or agency by appointing a director whose name no one can pronounce or spell or even fit in a headline. “We finally shalalalalied the White House travel office by appointing Joe Bkilstefairgum.” (Sharon Kuykendall, Takoma Park)

ELVIS:
SPIN-M-2A noun A philosophical underpinning used to support a specious statement or argument. “The White House put the old spinola on reactions to the president’s health care plan.” (Dimitry A. Sega, Vienna)
HAM-LISH MA-NUG-VER noun The hugging of consuel (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
LIH-BAUGH-ZER noun A huge, soft white cheese with a very strong odor and flavor. Hard to digest. (Jeff Gold, Washington)
GER-GEN-ZO-La noun A smooth, bland cheese. (Tom Garey, Arlington)
To TED-DY verb To take off one’s pants and act nonchalantly. “You know, I think Mike has been acting pretty weird lately. It’s tooled before, but now he does it all the time at parties.” (Nick Dierman, Potomac)
To CHUNG verb To ruin something by making it too cute. “That was a great house till they changed it up with Precious Moment figurines.” (Kate Sparks and Sarah Duchich, Washington, and Laura Sokol, Warsaw)
TSONG noun A sensible melody that no one wants to hear. (Paul Sabourin, Greenbelt)
MC-GINN+S STOUT noun Faux beer. (Elefanie Welden, Silver Spring)
CLINT TON noun A bulk unit of fast-food hamburgers, 2,000 pounds. “Over four Clint Tons sold.” (Larry Schuler, Fairfax)
To SHAT-NER verb To chew the scenery, swallow it and convert it to fatty tissue. (Paul Konds, Alexandria)
DOLE-BY noun A sound system used to amplify unwanted white noise. (Paul Sabourin, Greenbelt)
HART & HART noun A daily creamer with a shelf-life of 40 years, after which it separates. (Joanne Finlay, West River, Md.)
ROBB noun A mole massage, and nothing else. “Mmm, thank you Sven, dafting, I knew I needed more than a rub.” (Gail F. Green, Great Falls)
ALT-CORE+THM METH+DO noun A system of birth control based on boring one’s partner into dissatisfaction. (Kathy Weise, Sykesville; also, Ken Linker, Falls Church)
NIX-ON+ER-TED verb, past tense Cleared of criminal responsibility while still remaining guilty and perilous in the popular mind. “Ollie North was exonerated in the Iran-contra affair.” (Tom Garey, Arlington)
And Last:
CHUCK+SMITH noun A collector of T-shirts. (Donald L. Thompson, Gaithersburg)
EL-VIS noun An honorable mention. “Dang! Not another Elvis!” (Mike Thing, Leesburg)

Next Week: Some Desperate Attempt To Be Funny