The Style Invitational

WEEK 43: GOOD LORD!

We hereby affirm that God exists. More to the point, we are reliably informed that God has an excellent and forgiving sense of humor.

This Week's Contest: What does God looks like? Surely, you can do better than these overused images. Submit your concept of the Supreme Being, in a drawing, a photo, or just a description. First-prize winner receives a luxurious "Worm Ranch," and a festive Chia Pet, a total value of $335. Runners-up, as always, get the coveted Style Invitational losers' T-shirts. Winners will be selected on the basis of humor and originality. Mail your entries to the Style Invitational, WEEK 43, The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20010, or fax them to 202-334-4312. Entries must be received or before Friday, Jan 3. Please include your address and phone number. Winners will be announced in three weeks. No purchase necessary. It has recently come to our attention that we still owe merchandise to a few first-prize winners, some of whom have been waiting months. This is attributable to shoddy mailroom by The Fame of the Fire Post, who has received a punitive demotion and is now, until further notice, The Faire of The Ear No Ones Read. We regret any inconvenience. Employees of The Washington Post and their immediate families are not eligible for prizes.

Report from Week 40:

in which you were asked to come up with headlines representing the next step in political correctness mania:

- Sixty Runner-Up:
  Congress Outlaws Death
  It is "Ilegal," Lawmakers Conclude
  (Alien R. Taylor, New Cumberland, Pa.)

- Fifty Runner-Up:
  Santa to Get Extra Reindeer
  Ahmed, Jorge and Motskoh
  Will Join Sleigh
  (Harshel Shevade, Washington)

- Fourth Runner-Up:
  Candidates to Seek
  Verbal Consent Before
  Kissing Babies
  (Somya Whitten, Falls Church)

- Third Runner-Up:
  Charlie Brown Called
  Offensive to Hydrocephalics
  (Nora Corrigan, Reston)

- Second Runner-Up:
  Reflecting Pool to be
  Permanently Drained
  Ugrades Women, Panel Deems
  (Gus Segal, Vienna)

- First Runner-Up:
  Kennedy Flame Doused
  Non-Smokers Rejoice at End of
  Secondhand Smoke on Federal Property
  (Larry Hurley, Bethesda)

- And the Winner of the Nose Spreader, the Cricket Thresher and the Core Parts Go.
  From Dave Barry's Gift Guide, plus a copy of this page autographed by Barry:

  Congress Approves
  Five-Day Waiting Period
  for Men Wanting Sex

- Honorable Mention:
  Children's Rights Groups Demand Healer
  Definition of "Because I Said So"
  (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

  Bread Jump Eliminated
  From Olympic Competition
  (Paul Sabourn, Greensboro)

  Mamo-Depressives Protest Term "Gay"
  Women Those Who Have Choice to
  Not Be Red and Proud
  (Anthony D'Antonio, Laurel)

  Nobel Prize Discontinued; Found to
  Discriminate Against Medically-Selected Person
  (Yvonne and Peter Pever, Arlington)

  Will You Itself
  Aims To Encourage Imprison Others' Constitutional Rights
  (Gary Paneknoek, Laurel)

  "Perry" Authority Discontinues
  Selling Dumbecks
  (Audrey Kovasik, Springfeild)

  Animal Rights: Animals Arrested
  For Throwing Blood at Animals
  "This Year For," Protectors Mount
  (David Smith, Bethesda)

  Backseat Panakes Removed from
  Bookshops: Stereotype Cited
  (Roger Gross, Burke)

  Native American Organization Protest Use
  of "Geronimo" by Paratroopers
  Success: Stabiliration of "Geronimo".
  (Robert Benson, Silver Spring)

  Uppers-water: Imitation
  Field: Good Guys Dallas Victory
  at First Game in Local Stadium
  (His Name Given, No Home Either)

  New Laundry Law: Prohibit
  Separation of Whites and Colors
  (Julie Allan, Falls Church)

  Causcasian Group Protest
  Name: "Use of Whiteface"
  (Con: Rae Caron, Lenor, N.H.)

  Spell Simplifkatun Bl Prees: How
  Grate Das Yr Rites of Brittier
  (Ceden Camathan, Laurel)

- And Last:
  Expression Politically Correct
  Deemed Offensive
  For Is Blamed Under New Speech Code
  (Steve Armit, Washington)

Next Week: Rear-End Collision