**The Style Invitational**

**WEEK 92: PLOTBOTAS**

From "Plumbid," by Gordon Liddy

He mashed his sweaty, work-hardened body against hers with tender caresses. He could feel her ribbons flattening original seppulums. The Consomma whimpered and shook his head. Later, he ate a rat.

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**REPORT FROM WEEK 89,**

In which we were asked to come up with bad ideas for Christmas Toys. Many of you did not really understand this contest, offering up dreadfully préciose political dorotheas such as "The Hillary Health Care Apparatus Pupp," whose pieces do not fit at all, or "Cheesebug," which can be assembled one way and one way only. How amusing of you. Our hands sting from making properly pat-pat noises of appreciation.

- **Fourth Runner-Up:** "The smiling Detroit Net Farm." (Dean Evangelista, Galtsburgh)
- **Third Runner-Up:** A Pee-wee Herman pull toy, Chuck Smith, Woodbridge
- **Second Runner-Up:** "The Duncan Yo-Yo." It unravels and rolls away on the first try. Teaches children about warranties. (G.C. Oxers, Indian Head)
- **First Runner-Up:** "$5,200 Pick-Up." A jumbo deck of cards designed for every kid's favorite game. (Ken Krattmacker, Landover Hills)

- And the winner of the fantastic burling raccoon in the potato chips bag animated toy: "The Learn-About-Puberty Chota Pet." (Paul A. Alt, Hyattsville)

**Honorable Mentions:**
- **Superseeker 9000**—For use on normally hard-to-reach targets: MF remote, low-flying aircraft, and giant spiders. At short range it can strip paint, clean rusty grill tops, dig utility trenches. (Eilen Camarane, Laurel)
- **The Left-Hand-Mate Speldor Fodder**—(Elizabeth Kugler, Silver Spring)
- **GuysQuay-John Kennedy Transformer**—The Young Republicans in your house will be delighted to learn that Quayle really is Jack Kennedy after all. (Russ Beaud, Springfield)
- **Doggie Dentist**—Kids learn about dentistry on the family visit. (Jan Krattmacker, Landover Hills)

A set of bath toys that float almost upside down. Teaches kids a true understanding of nature. (Adam Krums and Yoko Harba, Washington)

"Cinat-Act"—Tama Mormy's food processor labels. "Flattened painting tool." (Kevin Mellena, Falls Church)

"Tas-Tea-Jars"—Toy cleaning agent bottles, available in several fruit flavors. These are placed under the sink in the place of the real stuff. (Mike E. Butler, Waldorf)

"Water Retention Wands"—Teaches kids the principles of the calendar. (Gerr Lin, Chang, Washington)

"Advanced Play Medical Kit," with colonscope and specialists. (Robert Hensley and Teni Straussberger, Austin, TX)

"Where's the Spotted Owl"? book contains large, complex scenes in which a small spotted owl hides. Plus furry loggers, dope-smoking hippies, environmentalists etc. The joke is that there really is no spot in the book, and moreover, the paper used to make the book comes from trees in the owl's natural habitat. (Tom Wilts, Galtsburgh)

"Humpty Puppets," Batteries not included. (Mary Whittington, Washington)

"Cheesecat," fun toy that teaches about the flavors of cheese. (Kevin Mellena, Falls Church)

"Plugger"—Variation of the old classic game, Put the Tin on the Dog, but the stuffed animal is replaced by a plug-in outlet. (Mike E. Butler, Waldorf)

"Dotol Deppa"—Betsy Wetry's grandma. (Gina Kelly Fuchistu)

"Bungee-Bug"—Kid-size bungee kick for second-floor bedrooms. (Ken Krattmacker, Landover Hills)

"Fool 'Em Transformers"—Fake dog poop that converts in seconds to fake vomit! (J. Calvin Smith, Laurel)

"Lear Peepers"—Real peepers that look just like toys. (Tom Wilts, Galtsburgh)

"Disease Balls"—Let your kids learn about diseases with these elaboraged rubber simulations of AIDS, syphilis, gonorrhea, tuberculosis, etc. They can throw them around like ordinary balls and pretend they are "catching" all kinds of ailments. (Fred Dawson, Butteville)

"Will It Burn?"—E.L. Kid's lighter helps children discover what's flammable in the house. (Ken Krattmacker, Landover Hills)

"Island Spider Pock"—A lose-a-hand, lose a head. (Eilen Camarane, Laurel)

"Scaly Sam"—Snakehead growths randomly appear on Scaly Sam. They will disappear in a week to 10 days if left alone, but will result in permanent scarring if picked off. (Glen Woronizer, Unionville)

"Cute as a Button"—This adorable toy is created entirely out of nicked-black buttons. For ages 2 and older. (Kevin Mellena, Falls Church)

And last: the fantastic burling raccoon in the potato chips bag animated toy. (Paul A. Alt, Hyattsville; Doug Hammarstr, Montgomery Wragge)