Report from Week 1010

in which we asked for captions for any of these products of Bob Staake’s clinically creative mind: After judging the estimated 1,300 entries, the Empress was jazzy to discover, after 1,010 Style Invitational contests, that two of the top four were from First Offenders, and the third-place guy got one bolt of ink five years ago.

Cartoon 2: The Koch brothers’ manservant begins his quest for the next Mitt Romney. (Michael Gaffney, Bethesda)

Cartoon 3: Every year in late February, the nation’s professional puppeteers travel to Florida for string training. (Lyle Brennenman, Washington, a First Offender)

Cartoon 4: The old woman who lived in a shoe wasn’t about to let the Jolly Green Giant’s gallbladder go to waste, not with mouths to feed. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Cartoon 5: The youngest Wallenda decided his birthday, March 2, was never recognized when he wore his Mickey Mouse suit in public. (Karen Beck, Annapolis, a First Offender)

Cartoon 5: “Put dressing aside, Test turkey with fork. When done, set on table.” (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

Out of the picture: Honorable mentions

The Downton Abbey staff was perplexed as to how this new dish — “spaghet” — should be served. (Mark Raffman)

When the NFL thing didn’t work out, Manni Te’o tried his hand at puppetry. (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

Geppetto was beginning to regret giving Pinocchio those scissors for his birthday. (Art Grinath, Takoma Park)

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Mickey didn’t mind having left his other glove in the club, but he thought he really ought to go back for the hand and the arm. (Mark Raffman)

It was a better mousetrap, but the $10,000 price tag limited the path-beaters. (Barry Koch)

Still running — deadline Monday night — is our contest for puns on names. See bit.ly/invite1013.