Report from Week 1056

in which we asked for some novel meteorological terms:

**THE WINNER OF THE INKIN MEMORIAL**

Geiclone: Windstorm followed 15 minutes later by a deluge of insurance claims. (Megan Durham, Reston)

2 Winner of the cow-on-motorcycle “snow” globe:

Tropical repression: Stifling high-pressure system that has stalled over Cuba for the past 55 years. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

3 Snowed in: Stuck in Russia and unable to come in from the cold. (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

4 Wintry meeks: People who refuse to leave home if there’s even a chance of snow in the forecast. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

**Category 1s: honorable mentions**

Driptease: Amount of rain that taunts you by being too much not to use your windshield wipers, but too little to use them continuously. (Danielle Nowlin, Woodbridge)

Typhoon: A TV reporter standing in the middle of a hurricane to tell us it’s windy out. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Chris-T-storm: A wind so blustery that it renders bridge travel nearly impossible. (Dave Silberstein, College Park)

Winter weather advisory: Time to pull out the down quilt. (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)

Molar vortex: Wind so cold it makes your fillings hurt. (Doug Montgomery, North Potomac, a First Offender; Tom Witte)

Polar vortex: The result of venturing out in subzero weather without a hat. (Laura Remaly, New Windsor, Md., a First Offender)

Metropical front: A line of city building facades from which a pedestrian in summer will be steadily rained on by air conditioner drips.

**THIS WEEK’S CONTEST**

Week 1060: Picture this

We’ve managed to lure Bob Stake away momentarily from his next volume for children, the ambiguously named “My Pet Book” (spoiler: it’s not a book about different pets), not to mention his next 23 projects, so that once again he can ask your help in figuring out what’s going on in these pictures, because he sure has no idea. This week’s Write a caption, or captions, for one or more of these cartoons.

Please indicate which cartoon you’re captioning; you’d think I could figure that out, but believe me, I’ve judged at least 24 Invite cartoon contests, and your thought processes aren’t always much clearer than Bob’s. (Yes, I’m talking to you personally.)

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired “Whole Fools” Gromsey Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet, either the Po’ Wit Laureate or Puns of Steel. First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (Flinstik for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 24; results published March 16 (online March 13). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include “Week 1060” in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. This week’s honorable-mentions subhead is by William Kennard. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev, and click “like” on Style Invitational Ink of the Day at bit.ly/inkofday.

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