Report from Week 1062

in which we asked for rhyming poems based on current events. The deadline for submissions was March 10, and although there was still a lot of confusion about what was going on in Ukraine, a slew of entrants wrote a verse or title including “Crimea River.”

We) give us a (spring) break

Four weeks from now, the Empress will be on assignment overseas — okay, she assigned herself a week or so of leisure time — so there’s no new contest this week. But in four weeks, we’ll publish some more of the honorable mentions from Week 1062: current-events poems that shouldn’t be outdated a month from now.

Meanwhile, next week you’ll find The Style Invitational in a new location in the Sunday Post: The Arts and Sunday Style sections have decided to move in together — move back in together, really — into a single broadsheet (full-size) section called Arts & Style: Just as in the weekday paper, classical arts, popular arts and various featurey columns will once again be in one trip-to-the-bathroom-friendly section — call it same-section marriage. And the Invite will be inside the section, at the top of the page right next to the crossword.

Be sure to track us down, because we’ll be celebrating our new digs with the contest everyone loves to enter: our 20th annual challenge to “breed” two horses in a list of some of this year’s Triple Crown-nominated racehorses, and name their “foal.” The new contest and list of horses will appear online Thursday, April 3, and in the April 6 Arts & Style.


(Today’s honorable-mentions subhead is by Tom Witte.)

**Taxing poetic: honorable mentions**

The Crimea takeover

The world’s big leaders babbled

While Putin quells the rabble,

He lets Obama dabble

In his feckless, toothless threats.

He’s heedless to the prattle

For Russia means to battle —

Not just saber-rattle,

As more ruthless Putin gets. (Ray Galtucci, Frederick)

Region’s traffic jams eased slightly

Our time stuck in traffic decreased

this past year!

For what should we give a collective big cheer?

For smart growth and transit and doing things right?

For pooling our cars and our efforts?

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