The cinquhole:
honorable mentions

Ayn Rand’s
Replacing Lincoln
Within the GOP.
Atlas sees the House divided
And shrugs. (Miles Moore, Alexandria)

Jack Be NMIM
Although
My backyard won’t
Quite do for producing
Phthalates, bisphenols and vinyl,
“New York, New York”
(Wrote his plays, said: “ ’Twas Shakespeare,
Shakespeare, Quite unshaken.
By claims that someone else
Wrote his plays, said: “I was a Smart move.”
(Bob Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Jonathan Mann, Dodo
He’s the Malaprop Mann,
Who, to CNN’s woes,
“Sorry, I thought this was a contest...”
(Miles Moore, Alexandria)

“’They’re all married or gay,’”
Went the single gals’ sigh.
Now, of course, they can be married
And gay. (Ellen Ryan, Rockville)

Snowden
Didn’t know then
He’d find himself snowed in
When the offers that once flowed in
Ended. (Frank Mann, Washington)

At a seaside resort:
You can get burned by a sun of a beach. (Mae Scanlan, Washington)
I can’t
Help but wonder
How much Danger we would
Have known if Weiner’s wiener were
Wee-er. (Danielle Nowlin, Woodbridge)

Let’s sing
“New York, New York”
If the voters there choose
Weiner as mayor: Start spreading
The ewws! (Chris Doyle)

Shakespeare,
Quite unshaken
By claims that someone else
Wrote his plays, said: “ ’Twas I who wrote
Bacon!” (Brian Allgar, Paris)

McDonnell on the Move
Bob’ll
Start to wobble;
Clinging to his job’ll
Flee to somewhere free from squabble:
Kabul, (Nan Reiner)

2 Winner of the Pukin’ Paul
green-energy powered bobblehead:

Michael
Bloomberg took flak
From New York’s Big Gulpers,
But won’t issue any mayor
Culpas. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

“Redskins”:
Never has a Word been so abhorrent
To so many, but so valued
By one. (Craig Dykstra, Centreville)

Putin
As president
Controls all the ground that
His political rivals are
Put in. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

“ ‘I have
Established a Charity for Russian
Radiation victims,’ said Cher Nobly. (Chris Doyle)
Oh, dooow!
They told me so,
But it was long ago.
It turns out it’s not who you know!
It’s whom. (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

An old
Smith-Corona
Manual neither Saves
Nor Deletes, nor Games, but it’s just
My type. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

Abbreviated Anthem
Oh, say,
Can you see by
The early light of dawn?
Flag flies! Fort stands! We win! You lose!
Rock on! (Randy Arndt, Clarksville, a First Offender)

A place
So desolate
So dark no sun shines there
Deep, deep. A place for you to put
This job. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Lincoln.
Night on the town.
Good play, good seats, good view.
What else could a president want?
Act Two. (Jim Blizzard, Alexandria)

One day
All of mankind
Will learn to live as one.
But today, that’s my parking space,
Jackass. (Craig Dykstra)

Weiner’s Stump Speech
“I may
Not speak softly
(If it’s not my New York style)
But you sure know I carry a Big stick.” (Bob Schechter)

My dog
Knows if you want
A friend in Washington,
Don’t court a member of Congress.
They bite. (Linda Neighborgail, Falls Church, a First Offender)

Impress
Post editors?
Craft insigntful letter.
Impress discerning Post Empress?
Poop joke. (Stan Capper, Waldorf, a First Offender)

Style invitational Want Ad
Writers:
Here’s your dream job!
You pick your own hours.
Each new week brings a fun challenge!
(Play? Uh ...) (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Still running — deadline Monday night: our annual Limerick contest, this year for limericks
Prominently featuring a word beginning with “Fa”: See bit.ly/invite1033

Other runners-up
With this week’s cinquains, the astonishingly clever wordsmith Chris Doyle has bloated up his 1,500th drop of Invite ink, joining only the legendary Loser Russell Beland (who’s been holding at 1,523) in the Triple Hall of Fame. Chris, the chief actuary for the Defense Department before retiring some years ago, started Inviting in earnest in 2000 and published Sept. 15 (online Sept. 12). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include “Week 1034” 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/inviterules.

For this week’s honorable mentions is by Tom Witte. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at or.fb.me/invdev.

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