

The Style Invitational

WEEK 43: GOOD LORD!



We hereby affirm that God exists. More to the point, we are reliably informed that God has an excellent and forgiving sense of humor.



This Week's Contest: What does God look like? Surely, you can do better than these overused images. Submit your concept of the Supreme Being, in a drawing, a photo, or just a description. First-prize winner receives a luxurious "Worm Ranch," and a festive Chia Pet, a total value of \$35. Runners-up, as always, get the coveted Style Invitational losers' T-shirts. Winners will be selected on the basis of humor and originality. Mail your entries to the Style Invitational, Week 43, The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071, or fax them to 202-334-4312. Entries must be received on or before Monday, Jan 3. Please include your address and phone number. Winners will be announced in three weeks. No purchase necessary. It has recently come to our attention that we still owe merchandise to a few first-prize winners, some of whom have been waiting months. This is attributable to shocking malfeasance by The Faerie of The Fine Print, who has received a punitive demotion and is now, until further notice, The Faerie of The Ear No One Reads. We regret any inconvenience. Employees of The Washington Post and their immediate families are not eligible for prizes.

Report from Week 40,

in which you were asked to come up with headlines representing the next step in political correctness mania:

◆ Sixth Runner-Up:

Congress Outlaws Death
It Is "Ageist," Lawmakers Conclude
(Allen R. Taylor, New Cumberland, Pa.)

◆ Fifth Runner-Up:

Santa to Get Extra Reindeer
Ahmed, Jorge and Motohiro
Will Join Sleigh
(Hershal Shevade, Washington)

◆ Fourth Runner-Up:

Candidates to Seek
Verbal Consent Before
Kissing Babies
(Sonya Winner, Falls Church)

◆ Third Runner-Up:

Charlie Brown Called
Offensive to Hydrocephalics
(Nora Corrigan, Reston)

◆ Second Runner-Up:

Reflecting Pool to be
Permanently Drained
Degrades Women, Panel Decides
(Stu Segal, Vienna)

◆ First Runner-Up:

Kennedy Flame Doused
Non-Smokers Rejoice at End of
Secondhand Smoke on Federal Property
(Larry Hurley, Bethesda)

◆ And the Winner of the *Nose Spreader, the Cracker Thrower and the Cow Parts Ga.* from Dave Barry's Gift Guide, plus a copy of this page autographed by Dave:

Congress Approves
Five-Day Waiting Period
for Men Wanting Sex

(Steven King, Alexandria)

◆ Honorable Mention:

Children's Rights Groups Demand Clearer
Definition of "Because I Said So"
(Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

Broad Jump Eliminated
From Olympic Competition
(Paul Sabourn, Greenbelt)

Manic-Depressives Protest Term "Gay"
Demands Those Who Choose to
Stay in Bed and Brood
(Anthony D'Antoni, Laurel)

Nobel Prize Discontinued; Found to
Discriminate Against Mediocre Persons
(Yvonne and Peter Pover, Arlington)

A.C.U. Sues Itself
Claims Its Lawsuits Infringe on
Others' Constitutional Rights
(Gary Patishnock, Laurel)

Sports Authority Discontinues
Selling Dumbbells
(Audrey Kovalak, Springfield)

Animal Rights Activists Arrested
For Throwing Blood at Animals
"They Wear Fur," Protesters Shout
(David Seid, Bethesda)

Buckwheat Pancakes Removed from
Cookbooks; Stereotype Cited
(Roger Gross, Burke)

Native American Organization Protests Use
of "Geronimo" by Paratroopers
Suggests Substitution of "Gesundheit"
(Robert Benson, Silver Spring)

Oppressors Defeat Victims
Field Goal Gives Dallas Victory
at First Game in Laurel Stadium
(No Name Given, No Home Either)

New Laundry Laws Prohibit
Separation of Whites and Colors
(Julie Allan, Falls Church)

Caucasian Group Protests
Mimes' Use of Whiteface
(Cindi Rae Caron, Lenoir, N.H.)

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(Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

◆ And Last:
Expression "Politically Correct"
Deemed Offensive
Use Is Banned Under New Speech Code
(Steve Amter, Washington)

Next Week: **Rear-End Collusion**