

The Style Invitational

By the Empress

The Style Invitational: Week 835, Tour de Fours VI, and Celebrity Bucket Lists

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Notre Ham: A college where the pigskin is king.

Caterthriller: "Pupa Transformers II."

Against all odds and perhaps better judgment, the Empress marks her 300th Style Invitational contest this week. In commemoration (if you stretch it), we'll take a turn with this annual contest, part of our Late Summer Neologism Marathon:

Coin and define a humorous word that includes -- with no other letters between them, but in any order -- the letters T, H, R and E, as in the examples above. It has to be a new word (or two-word phrase), not a new definition for a well-known existing word. You may add a hyphen for clarity.



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

Winner gets the Inker, the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets one of the finer examples of Mollusk Kitsch we've seen lately, courtesy of 13-time Loser Cheryl Davis: a tiny sculpture of, well, Shells Playing Poker.

Other runners-up win their choice of a coveted Style Invitational Loser T-shirt or yearned-for Loser Mug. Honorable Mentions get one of the lusted-after Style Invitational Magnets. One prize per entrant per week. Send your entries by e-mail to losers@washpost.com or by fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 29. Put "Week 835" in the subject line of your e-mail, or it risks being ignored as spam. Include your name, postal address and phone number with your entry. Contests are judged on the basis of humor and originality. All entries become the property of The Washington Post. Entries may be edited for taste or content. Results will be published Oct. 17. No purchase required for entry. Employees of The Washington Post, and their immediate relatives, are not eligible for prizes. Pseudonymous entries will be disqualified. The revised title for next week's results is by Beverley Sharp; this week's Honorable Mentions name was sent by too many people to credit.

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in which we sought items that might be on well-known people's "bucket lists" of things to achieve before they died: And as promised, we offer some overflow from two earlier contests.

The Winner of the Inker

On Lassie's bucket list: To poop without someone yelling "CUT!" (*Rick Haynes, Potomac*)

2. *the winner of the finger-bone replica pen*: Will Rogers: To meet Donald Trump. (*Russell Beland, Fairfax*)

3. *Bernie Madoff*: To steal a million cigarettes.

(*Cy Gardner, Arlington*)

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