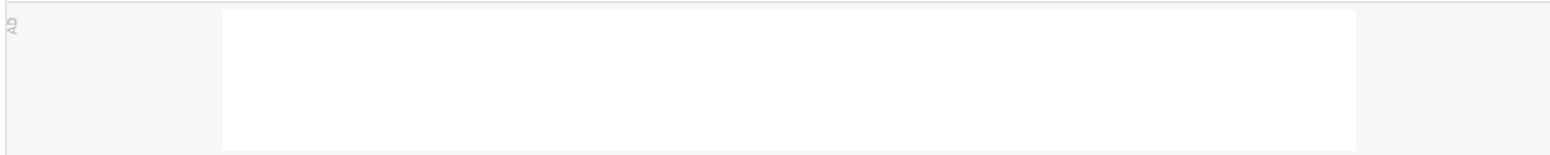


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Style Invitational Week 909: New uses for old prizes; the winning new Loser Mug

By Pat Myers, March 04, 2011

Report from Week 906

in which we asked for ideas for Loser Mug 2: The Next Generation, a prize for third- and fourth-place finishers that replaces the design we've used since 2007.

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The winner of the Inker

(Mike Gips, Bethesda; Edmund Conti, Raleigh, N.C.; Howard Walderman, Columbia; they also win the mug)

Winners of the mug with someone else's idea on it:

2 One Ounce Short of a Pint: Runner-Up, the Style Invitational *(Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn; the mug is indeed a 15-ouncer)*

3 [Front] Sometimes You Lose . . . [Back] . . . and Sometimes You Lose *(Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)*

4 Middle-Wit Champion: Runner-Up, the Style Invitational *(Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)*

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Model it after those mugs with the pictures of all the presidents — but instead, feature each election's losing candidate. *(Drew Knoblauch, Arlington; Seth Tucker, Washington)*

Genius Is Its Own Reward. I Got This Mug Instead. *(Josh Feldblyum, Philadelphia)*

Style Invitational Official Travel Spittoon *(Kevin Dopart, Washington; Chris Doyle, traveling in Iguacu Falls, Brazil)*

If You Don't Get It, You Don't Get This *(Craig Dykstra, Centreville)*

Graphic with the Robert Indiana square LOVE

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design, with an S scribbled over the V and an R added to crudely turn it into LOSER — trying to show this as art instead of a description. (Drew Knoblauch; Peter Jenkins, Bethesda; Suzanne Cross, Chantilly, a First Offender)

Cartoon of a man at the supermarket “Self Checkout” line. He’s looking down his pants.
Caption: LOSER. (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

Caution: Contents Tepid. Runner-Up, the Style Invitational (Russell Beland, Fairfax; Martin Bancroft, Rochester, N.Y.)

Sunday DriveL (Tom Witte)

Do you know how many ceramics had to die to make this mug? (Craig Dykstra)

Warning: Content provider may be hot. But we doubt it. (Kevin Dopart)

A Venus de Milo statue looks down at a crouching Thinker, saying, “Loser.” Thinker is holding a mug: “Only a mug? But I’m so funny.” (Jeff Brechlin, Eagan, Minn.)

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Venn diagram: Left oval, “Think”; right oval, “Drink”; in the center, “Ink.” (Chris Doyle)

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