

The results of the Invitational's famous neologism contest

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No new contest this week -- it's the first break that the Empress has given the Obsessive Losers since February 2008. Four weeks from now, we'll run some results of previous contests. And remember that the deadline for last week's contest isn't until Aug. 30 at midnight. The revised title for next week's contest and this week's honorable-mentions subhead are both by Tom Witte.

Report from Week 880

this year's version of the contest with which The Style Invitational is most associated, reprinted on Web sites ranging from ArboristSite.com to the Adult Gamer, not to mention even more sites that label it, obviously wrongly, "the Mensa Invitational": This time, we asked you to take a word or multi-word term beginning with Q, R or S and add, drop or substitute a letter, or transpose two adjacent letters:

The winner of the inker

Defrigerator: Start saving energy now with this special offer from Pepco! (*Lennie Magida, Potomac*)

2. winner of not only the Inflatable Tongue but also the Lady Anti Monkey Butt powder:

Republicant: "Government can't solve your problems -- elect us so we can prove it." (*Evan Hadley, Potomac, a First Offender*)

3. Quinceañerda: A teen's party with piñatas, dungeons and dragons. (*Christopher Lamora, who just moved to Guatemala*)

4. Quickstand: The one-nighter that sinks a marriage. (*Craig Dykstra, Centreville*)

'Q'uite a 'R'ation of 'S': Honorable mentions

Buick-tempered: Unexcitable. (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn*)

Crapacity: The size of one's attic. (*Chris Doyle, from Krarhayit, Turkey*)

Refiance: To replace your subprime boyfriend when your interest starts to vary. (*Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase*)

Rococoa: Haute chocolate (*Nick Curtis, Alexandria*)

Quartersack: On the Redskins, it's the player who lines up behind the center and takes the snap. (*Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.*)

Po'journ: An inexpensive vacation. (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village*)

Regurgitata: A nursing baby's spit-up. (*Dave Komornik, Danville, Va.*)

Squatrain: A four-line ode of bathroom humor. (*Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf*)

Bardines: The crush of patrons at dollar-beer night. (*Pam Sweeney, St. Paul, Minn.*)

Rheengineering: Making radical change in a school system. (*Stephen Dudzik, Olney*)

Goux: A dark sauce lately served up on the Gulf Coast. (*Mark Richardson, Washington*)

Sox-change operation: Moving from Chicago to Boston. (*Edmund Conti, Raleigh, N.C.*)

Spaghetto: Little Italy. (*Lois Douthitt, Arlington*)

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Urn-of-the-mill: Non-premium coffee. (*Edmund Conti*)

Hicksa: She's not just gentile, she's from West Virginia. (*Roy Ashley, Washington*)

Podium phosphate: A polite term for the fertilizer dished out on the campaign trail. (*Bob Klahn, Wilmington, Del.*)

Stripsteas: Afternoon shows at a gentlemen's club. (*Beverley Sharp, Washington*)

Renaissance: When you fit into those tight jeans again. (*Drew Bennett*)

Rudeo: A trash-talk contest. (*Pam Sweeney*)

Retrograd: Someone who moves back in with Mom and Dad after college. (*Russell Beland, Fairfax*)

Satisfaction: "Of course it was good for me too. It was fantastic. Really, I mean it." (*Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.*)

Hillelagh: A Jewish club. (*Stephen Dudzik*)

Vapid City: An even duller town in South Dakota. (*Les Greenblatt, Ann Arbor, Mich.*)

Racksack: A brassiere. (*Chris Doyle*)

Prevenge: Do unto others first. (*Lois Douthitt*)

Snotstorm: A bad winter cold. (*Mae Scanlan*)

Soberiquet: A fake name used at an AA meeting. (*Tom Witte*)

Star raving mad: Mel Gibson, again. (*Bob Klahn*)

St. Lousi: Gateway to the Worst. (*Craig Dykstra*)

Shequel: Wife No. 2. (*Kevin Dopart*)

Sister-in-la: The woman who stands next to you in the choir. (*Tom Witte*)

Socket wench: What the cretins at the auto shop called the new female mechanic. (*Dave Komornik*)

Sofari: A hunting expedition for the remote. (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

Savings and loam: A place to bury your treasure. (*Lois Douthitt*)

Sayonada: So long, and thanks for nothing. (*Mae Scanlan*)

Next week: What's in a name, or 'Wit'hin

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