

Style Invitational

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Report from Week 943

our perennial Ask Backwards contest, in which we gave the answers, you gave the questions:

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A. Dan Snyder's new dinghy.
Q. On what sinking vessel do you not only rearrange the deck chairs, but then charge the passengers for their "improved" seats? (Danny Bravman, Chicago)

2 Winner of the book of Day of the Dead paper dolls:

A. 141 characters.

Q. Why did the governor's tweet ending with "my favorite sight, the desert sun on a red Arizona butte" embarrass her? (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

3 A. The Easter Bunny but not the Tooth Fairy.

Q. Who is innocent of trafficking in children's body parts? (Russ Taylor, Vienna)

4 A. 9-9-1,342.

Q. What would be the four-year win-loss-tie record for Major League Soccer if it hadn't used penalty shootouts? (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

of Kools? (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

Dan Snyder's new dinghy:

What does the Sultan of Brunei call the \$70 million yacht Lady Anne? (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

9-9-1,342:

What was the mushroom-pepperoni-anchovy ratio that got Herman Cain fired from Godfather's Pizza? (Elliott Jaffa, Arlington)

When the officer asked her to step out of the car and count back from 100, how did Lindsay Lohan respond? (John Ruml, Arlington, a First Offender)

What were the respective number of lives of Snowball, Ginger, and The Cat That Came Back? (Eric Fritz, Silver Spring)

Only if you delete two words:

When the president negotiates with Republicans, is his motto still "Yes we can"? (Gary Crockett)

Mr. Lincoln, how about this ending? "And that government of the people, by the people, for the people with money shall not perish from the earth." (John O'Byrne, Dublin)

Is there a mechanic available to check out my rack and pinion? (Judy Blanchard, Novi, Mich.)

What is "Only two words"? (Brian Cohen, Potomac)

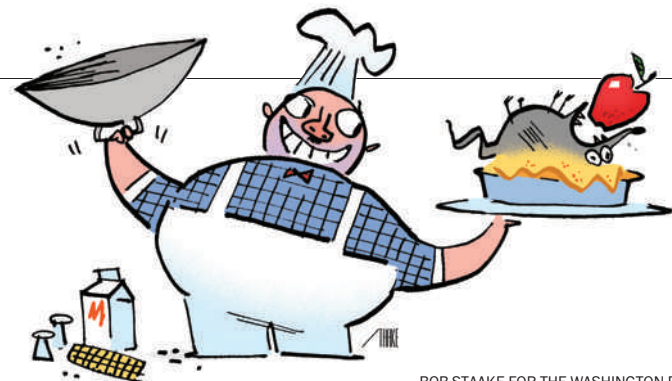
The Easter Bunny but not the Tooth Fairy:

Who says chocolate won't rot your teeth? (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Who's welcome at the Bachmann house? (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

More inking entries in the online Invite at washingtonpost.com/styleinvitational.

Next week: No, it's just you, or The Lonely hars club



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THIS WEEK'S CONTEST: WEEK 947

Tour de Fours: Noelogsims

Volenta: Corn mush dish baked with mushrooms, cream and rodent.

Lemonlemon: A fruit that's fresh-looking on the outside, but dry and shriveled when you open it up.

El Nono: An unwelcome change in the weather.

It's our eighth annual Tour de Fours neologism contest. And since the results will run Dec. 25: **Come up with a new word or two-word term that includes the letter block N-O-E-L, in any order but with no other letters between them, and define it, as in the examples above.** Someone else might come up with the same word you do, so it may well be the cleverest definition, or perhaps the funniest sentence used as an example, that earns the Invite ink.

Winner gets the Inker, the official Style Invitational trophy.

Second place receives a Santa Dreidel, donated by Jolly Ecumenical Loser Russell Beland, featuring not only Reb Nicholas but also a reindeer, candy cane and decorated tree.

Other runners-up win their choice of a coveted Style Invitational Loser T-shirt or yearned-for Loser Mug. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet. First Offenders get a tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Dec. 5; results published Dec. 25 (Dec. 23 online). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include "Week 947" in your e-mail subject line or it may be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at washingtonpost.com/styleinvitational. The revised title for next week is by Judy Blanchard; this week's honorable-mentions subhead is by Amanda Yanovitch.

Deadline Monday! Laugh-Baked Ideas: The Invitational's edible-art contest

The deadline is Nov. 28 to submit your clever gingerbread dioramas and other food-as-humor. See the contest rules at wapo.st/invite1113.



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A. Honorable mentions. Q. Which mentions are these?

Not until after Thanksgiving:

When would Rick Perry respond to a request for clemency for an execution scheduled for Nov. 1? (David Genser, Poway, Calif.)

Would you make me a gilet, cranberry and green bean sandwich? (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

What did Miles Standish tell the Pilgrim men who wanted to attack the Indians? (Courtney Knauth, Washington)

141 characters:

What was the main benefit of the failed Twitter Platinum Plus? (Mike Caslin, Round Hill, Va.)

What is Mitt Romney's character like? (David Genser)

What is the furthest anyone has read in a "read this agreement before continuing installation"? (J.D. Berry, Springfield)

Ben & Jerry's next flavor:

What is Kardashian Split? (Judy Blanchard, Novi, Mich.)

What do you call the Stillers' shared-girlfriend-to-be? (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

What's the least imaginative idea for the name of Ben & Jerry's next flavor? (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

The far corner of Michelle Obama's garden:

What is fertile ground for White House leeks? (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.; Barbara Turner)

Where will Andrew Breitbart "find" marijuana plants in October 2012? (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

Where did astute Secret Service agents find a partially hidden carton

POP CD REVIEW

Adele LIVE AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL



Recorded in her home town of London in September, before throat problems sidelined her indefinitely, this CD/DVD set offers a nice snapshot of an unguarded Adele just as fame is setting in for her.

The DVD extras, while not plentiful, include the sort of vanity-free, all-access footage —

Adele chatty and without makeup in her kitchen, Adele cheerfully explaining her stage fright-induced vomiting — that will be unthinkable a year from now.

The audio disc is a fine, if dutiful, re-creation of the live show, with Adele's gut-punch of a voice displaying little sign of strain.

The DVD is a wonder, a beautifully shot procession of hits and covers that includes a version of Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love" dedicated to Amy Winehouse. It's so moving, even Adele cries.

— Allison Stewart



MARIO ANZUONI/REUTERS

AMAZING ADELE: The British artist performs "Someone Like You" at the MTV Video Music Awards in Los Angeles in August.

MUSIC

Amnesty International gets help from Dylan

A sprawling collection of Bob Dylan cover songs is being released in January to benefit Amnesty International.

The human rights organization says all the songs on the four-CD collection will be new or previously unreleased versions, with the exception of Dylan's title cut, "Chimes of Freedom." The disc, to be released in the United States on Jan. 24, is being produced by the same executives who made a 2007 benefit album for Darfur featuring John Lennon songs.

— Associated Press