

Style Invitational

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Report from Week 1002

in which we asked you to supply totally bogus definitions to a series of obscure words found in the Oxford English Dictionary (without telling you the real ones):

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Hinderyeap: To pinch a friend in the rear to keep him from saying something stupid: "Hey, Mrs. Smith, when are you due? I didn't even know you were - yeap!" (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.) [Real definition: an adjective meaning cunning or deceitful]

VetOED: Honorable mentions

Higgle: The disconcerting motion of man-boobs. "Only the Secret Service knew that Bill Clinton jogged with a sports bra for higgle control." (Jeff Brechlin, Eagan, Minn.) [n., the adjusting of prices so that demand equals supply]

Himble, n.: The pathetic result when a boy desperately uses a smear of Mom's makeup before a date. (Tim Beach, Edgewater, a First Offender) [v., to limp or hobble]

Himble, v.: To masculinize a product in an effort to attract male consumers. "Men wouldn't touch these appletinis until we himpled them into 'snot-shots.'" (Frank Osen)

Himble, adj.: Possessing a type of stupidity associated with the Y-

2 Winner of the gag-gift "Potenz Pillen": Housty: The smell of someone who doesn't get out much. "He spent so much time working on Invite entries that he developed a housty odor." (Dixon Wragg, Santa Rosa, Calif.) [n., a sore throat]

3 INTI: Texting retort to "run that errand yourself" - I'm Not the Intern. (Ann Martin, Bracknell, England) [n., a former Peruvian unit of currency]

4 Hispidulous: Tending to spew saliva on others when speaking. "The hispidulous preacher's congregation got used to being rebaptized every Sunday." (Danielle Nowlin, Woodbridge) [adj., slightly bristly]

chromosome. "I knew he was himple when he didn't know the difference between the stove and the oven." (Dixon Wragg)

Hinderyeap: Hair on the buttocks. "He's got so much hinderyeap he had to let out his pants." (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

Hornito: A leg-friendly Chihuahua. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf) [n., a low mound of volcanic origin]

Huff-duff: What the Three Little Pigs told the Big Bad Wolf to blow it out of. (Dave Komornik, Danville, Va.) [n., a device for determining the direction of radio signals]

Humdudgeon: A fit of pique that you control by making a low, continuous growl. (Roy Ashley, Washington) [n., an imaginary illness]

Idiopt, n.: In a multiple-choice

question, an answer that is obviously wrong and included for laughs. (Fred Dawson, Beltsville) [n., a colorblind person]

Idiopt, v.: To knowingly make a stupid choice: "I guarantee Ben will idiopt to hit on the bouncer's girlfriend." (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

Idiopt, v.: To sign up for "special marketing offers from our partners." (Ben Aronin, Arlington; Art Grinath, Takoma Park)

Ikat: Siri prototype that would not interact with the user, required attention at strange hours and would not accept the battery charger that worked fine yesterday. (Dave Hanlon, Woodbridge; Bill Smith, Reston) [n., an Asian fabric decoration technique]

Inti: Showing opposition to the in-group by its own members. The Democrats are anti-Boehner; the tea party is inti-Boehner. (Paul Burnham, Gainesville)

Jargogle, n.: The sticky mess on the rim of the jelly or ketchup container. (Ron Gove, Leesburg, a First Offender) [v., to confuse, jumble]

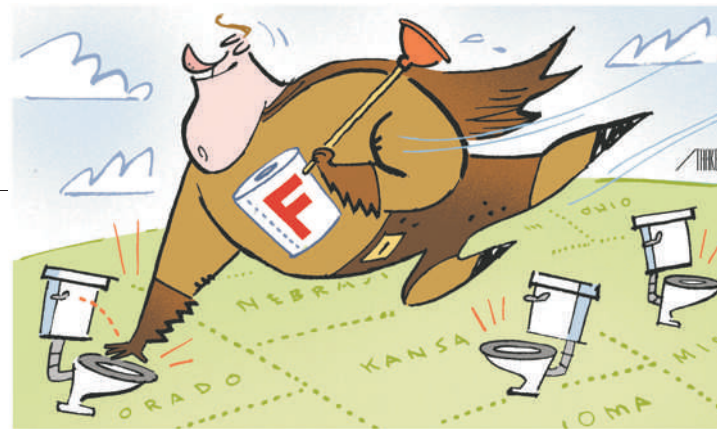
Jeofail: To phrase your answer in the form of an answer. (Edmund Conti, Raleigh, N.C.) [n., a mistake in a legal proceeding]

Jerkinet: The comment section of a newspaper's Web site. "Stick to the article and skip the nut case commentary on the jerkinet." (Michael Reinemer, Annandale) [n., a jacket worn by lower-class women]

Jerkinet: A chocolate-covered bit of dried meat, a new snack they're serving at tough-guy movies. (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)

More words and their fake definitions in the online Invite at bit.ly/invite1006.

Still running - deadline Tuesday night - our famous "joint legislation" contest. See bit.ly/invite1005.



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

Week 1006: It's . . . it's . . .

The Flush: Putting the seat back down across the nation!
IroningMan: When he's steamed up, he lays waste to those diabolical wrinkles under the shirt sleeves!

As noted in a recent NPR story, Pixar artist Everett Downing resolved last year to create a new superhero every day. He's giving himself a few more months to reach his goal of 365, but he's already come up with more than 300 on his blog 365 Supers, including Jack B. Nimble, the married duo of Ball and Chain, and Emoticon, "a man more villain than superhero who leaves a trail of destruction and a winking smiley face." Let's do our own. **This week: Create a new superhero (or duo) and describe the superpower, or not-very-super-power.**

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives an action figure called Tiny Kung Fu Master: "Clap your hands and watch him fight!" while the strains of "Kung Fu Fighting" emanate from said master. The Empress has had this lying around for at least three years, so you might not get many "kicks of doom."



Our appropriately not-so-super fighter for this week's second prize.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet. First Offenders receive a smelly, 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, Jan. 28; results published Feb. 17 (online Feb. 14). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include "Week 1006" in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/inviterules. The subhead for this week's honorable mentions is by Tom Witte. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

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TELEVISION

Lifetime to premiere three films during Black History Month

Lifetime will celebrate Black History Month with the world premiere of three original movies starring Angela Bassett, Mary J. Blige and Toni Braxton, including a biopic on the lives of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, the network said Wednesday.

"Betty & Coretta," which premieres Feb. 2 at 8 p.m., stars Bassett as Coretta Scott King and Blige as Betty Shabazz, wife of Malcolm X. The movie chronicles the bond formed by the two women after the assassinations of their husbands. Lindsay

A biopic about the widows of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. is among network's offerings

Owen Pierre of "The Killing Yard" will play Malcolm X and "New York Undercover" star Malik Yoba will portray King. Blige also was executive producer of the film.

Braxton, singer and star of "Braxton Family Values," takes the lead in "Twist of

Faith," about a single Christian mother and an Orthodox Jewish widower ("Weeds" alum David Julian Hirsh) who are drawn together by their mutual love for music and singing. "Twist of Faith" premieres Feb. 9 at 8 p.m.

Finally, "Pastor Brown" stars "Eureka" actress Salli Richardson-Whitfield as a young woman who takes over as pastor of her family's church on the death of her father (Keith David of "E.R." renown). As she attempts to assume her father's duties, she's forced to confront her sordid past and make amends to her son (Michael B.

Jordan) and sister (Nicole Ari Parker). Ernie Hudson, Tisha Campbell-Martin and Rockmond Dunbar ("Sons of Anarchy") also star in the film, which premieres Feb. 16 at 8 p.m.

Lifetime racked up 10 NAACP Image Award nominations in December, more than any other basic cable network, for its "Steel Magnolias" remake, which starred Alfre Woodard, Queen Latifah and Phylicia Rashad; and for the TV movie "Abducted: The Carlina White Story," which starred Keke Palmer and Sherri Shepherd.

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