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April Brunch

Are we at the April Brunch? Will we meet again next Sunday?

May Brunch

The May brunch is scheduled to be the Flushies. We wouldn't miss them if we were you. We would miss them if we were us, though, unless you were kind enough to tell us where they are.

June Brunch

Loser Olympics at Grand Gaymon Island? Brunch somewhere the Losers are not yet banned? Other options? Anyone? Bueller?

SPECIAL CZAR-END ISSUE

A Note from the Publisher

This commemorative edition presents everything you ever wanted to know about the Czar of the Style Invitational, provided you only wanted to know a teeny, tiny amount that we made up.

The Czar plied his trade for ten years, making addicts out of thousands, and adoring, worshipful acolytes out of several, exiting only when the plying of trades was made illegal.

An entire cottage industry sprung up around the Style Invitational, like weeds, only harder and more nefarious. Losers everywhere owe the Czar a debt of gratitude for not treating us as the stalkers we are. We will miss his judgment and leadership.

It should be noted that not all of the stuff in this issue pertains directly to the Czar. Whereas this is a shame, it is indicative of the quality control.

The Life of a Czar

The Czar was retired from Czarring. Long live the Czar! His epitaph was self-proposed by Elden Carnahan: "All pooped out." But before his untimely deposing, he had led quite a life.

The young Czar attended the Bronx High School of Science, a New York university specializing in psychology. He fell one semester minute short of graduation, the class he neglected to attend being Proper Telephone Interview Technique.

It was then that he got the idea for Losers, but first it was off to New York, where he already was, to join a Puerto Rican street gang.

He wrote for a paper in Albany, the East Lansing Clean and Jerk, and the Detroit Free Press. When commuting between these jobs became too tiresome, and since he was in Detroit, he became licensed to repair cars, which were none too happy about this, as, on the icy streets of Detroit, he was almost run over by what was later determined to be his own car. It was here that he got the idea for the Losers.

While in Albany, he met Martha Stewart, an incident that is responsible for his fear of lovely pink bridesmaid gowns, large weddings, and stock brokers.

Eventually, he made his way to the Miami Herald, where they sent him off on a scavenger hunt. He found his way back. He moved to a post at the Washington Post, where he was greeted pornographically. This move proved to be the key, pivotal, fulcrum, turning point of the career of an old, mostly washed up (due to his habit of 2 minute showers) Czar. It was there, (or here, depending on where you are reading this), that he turned his modest little fiefdom into the humongous territory teeming with 3,288 Losers, that it is today.

He never worked for a legal newspaper ever, unless they are willing to admit he did.

Survivors include a dead dog that eats horse poop, an ex-president who was thought to be dead, a czarévitch, and Anastasia. The has-been has been succeeded by the Empress.

Book Talk

If books could talk, what would you have then? Drivers would be able to read while they drove and not run the risk of increasing their literacy. Drivers could read while they talked on the phone. Drivers could have their books talk on the phone for them! And there are several uses for talking books outside of automobiles but none spring readily to mind.

On a recent Thursday in Arlington, a book did talk. It not only talked, but it took turns with itself at the microphone. It was apparent that the book got along very well with itself. Indeed, the book seemed quite fond of itself.

Gene Weingarten and Gina Barreca held a lively and controversial book reading at Olsson's in Arlington on Thursday, February 12, for which a rapt audience packed the store to hear Gene claim he only did three things well: write in a very specific way, fix clocks, and buy gifts for women. However, he did so very poorly, thus convincing no one.

Following the tightly performed routine, Mike Connaghan peppered them with questions until they confessed to causing wardrobe malfunctions, concealing weapons of mass destruction, and not getting the lead out.

Also in attendance, Bob Dalton eyed the proceedings suspiciously from the back before slipping out to egg Jennifer Hart's house.

Afterward, a line was formed for handshakes and personalized signings, running down past the remainders, around the corner to Reference, past Humor, and around the next corner into Art. There was a wide variety of reading material as Gene and Gina inscribed each book with care, including Mike Connaghan's with his seven requested inscriptions, until getting into earshot of the signing table and eavesdropping could begin.

One fan was heard dropping names. "Do you know Sarah Gaymon?" Gene eyed him warily, assuming that he was angling for an invitation to the Czarty. "I may and I may not," he replied. "What's it to you, chum?"

"I know her husband, Bill." The man was sweating. He tried to backpedal. "I roomed with him in college. I've written some books myself. Perhaps you've heard of me. Scott Turow. I'm a big fan of yours" He held out his hand.

"Never heard of you," Gene said brightly, warmly shaking his hand.

Bob Dalton, meanwhile, rolled up at 8:45, when the last customer had just left. Gene and Gina were still sitting at the table. So he strolled right up waving his copy of the book in their faces, much like Moe waving his hand in Curly's face. After the required face slapping and eye gouging (and with a pause to allow Gene to stop laughing and to explain the humor to Gina), he got them to sign it, and also a nice chat with both of them. Gene told Gina, correctly, that Bob worked with Gene's wife at the Justice League.

This scene was repeated weeks later at Politics and Prose, which appeared to this reviewer to be about where Connecticut Avenue crossed into West Virginia, so he gave it a miss. Reports were that Michael Farquhar attempted to storm the stage to read from HIS book, but he was thwarted. Gina appeared to be the better performer, so Gene fixed her clock.

You know that song you heard at that party you crashed? It's still in your brain, isn't it? Wouldn't you love to be able to sing it all the way home? Wouldn't everybody else in your car love that, too? We thought so. And so we present to you:

Be The Czar

(to the tune of Drive My Car, with apologies to Lennon & McCartney)

Asked that girl what she wanted to be
She said, "Gino, can't you see?
I wanna be famous -- the star of F2!"
I said, "Baby, have I got a deal for you --

(Chorus:)

Baby, you can be the Czar
I'm a'blowin' outta hyar
Baby, you can be the Czar
Or maybe the Empress

Told that girl that my prospects were good
And she said, "Gino, then it's understood:
I'll take the contest, though I must be insane
'Cause dealing with Beland's a royal pain!"

(repeat chorus)

Told that girl she could start right away
(Though it wouldn't mean a thing to her pay)
I'm gonna be famous, 'cause I wrote a book
With Gina Berreca, where I'm the schnook

(repeat chorus)

Crap-crap m'crap-crap, yeah!
Crap-crap m'crap-crap, yeah!
Crap-crap m'crap-crap, yeah!

Stats Preview

As a preview of the special pull-out-your-hair Czar-end Stat section, we present the Losers with the most points using methods *other* than the boring contest. Join us in making fun of them. Or holding them in reverential awe.

	Total	Debut	Other
Russ Beland	73	83	
Stephen Dudzik	7	65	
Elden Carnahan	22	46	
Tom Witte	7	45	
Joseph Romm	58	43	
David Genser	157	33	
Jonathan Paul	136	33	
Chris Doyle	79	28	
Jennifer Hart	11	25	
Jean Sorensen	75	24	
Seih Brown	437	18	
Chuck Smith	6	16	
John Kaminer	71	13	
Sarah Gaymon	46	13	
Kevin Cuddihy	13	13	
Bob Staake	89	11	
Dave Zarrow	30	11	
Kitty Thuermer	10	10	
John O'Byrne	334	8	
Richard Leiby	263	8	
Dave Barry	90	8	
Greg Arnold	72	8	
Jacob Weinstein	24	8	
Mike Hammer	5	8	
Sandra Hull	161	7	
Bob Sorensen	145	7	

Advice Ack Pthep by Bill the Cat



In which we discover that Opus is not the only one who is not where he expected to be in 10 years.

Q: Why do we say "the batter fled out?" Isn't that grammatically incorrect? Shouldn't the batter have hit a buck tater instead, or at least bounced one up the middle for a bingle? Do you know what I'm saying? Because I have no idea what half these words mean.

A: Ack, Pthep.

Q: Oh. OK. Um.... Pthep?

Pthep: Your structure is, of course, much better syntactically. In either of your alternatives, the runner scores from third. What is grammar for but to plate runners in scoring position with two outs?

Q: I have a Suzi Quatro album tucked in among my vast collection of LPs. How do I keep people from finding out?

A: Ack, Pthep.

Q: Really? If I must... Pthep?

Pthep: This is much like the national registry of sex offenders. I am required to notify the authorities now that you have told me, but, being perfect, I will allow you ten minutes to turn yourself in.

Q: I have developed a crush on chat moderator Liz. It is obvious she is much younger than I am, and it has been shown that her general response to me would be "Whatever, nerdo." What am I to do?

A: Ack, Pthep.

Q: But doesn't Pthep know Liz? Won't she WARN her?

A: Ack, ack.

Q: Oh, OK. Pthep?

Pthep: Whatever, nerdo.

In Praise of Space Demons

You MUST include Space Demons on the Beach in your list of funniest books of all time. Sure, you may not be familiar with this book, in large part due to it's not having been written yet. You'll just have to trust me on this. It's not as if someone else HAS heard of the book and will dispute your judgment.

I have read a sentence that could end up in this book, and that sentence is hilarious. Extrapolating from that sentence to all of the sentences surrounding it until you have enough sentences to fill out a book, one can easily see that the book is in the Top 3, humor-wise.

Even if that sentence does not end up in the final manuscript -- if that sentence is CUT -- one can still reasonably expect this book to be in the Top 10, Or higher. Imagine the strength all the other sentences must possess for the author and editor to even CONSIDER cutting this sentence.

← It fits! See???

FROM CZAR TO ZAIRE

Or, Who's Czarry Now?

Women in Ugley, England, have changed the name of their community organization from Ugley Women's Institute to the Women's Institute (Ugley Division). (*UK press report*)

The following notice has been issued by the International Synonyms Registry (IRS), aka as Moniker Lieu En'Que, to be acted upon with immediate defect.

Following the dethroning of the Czar, the following alterations must now be made.

Nomenclature

Czardinia

Czaratoga Springs

Leaning Tower of Piczar

U.S.S.Czar

Aczarbaidzhan

Carpet Baczar, Cairo

The Lake Isle of Inisczarfree

Czargio Leone

Isle of Czark, UK

Czarkansas

Oczark Mountains

Ben Gaczara

Czarba The Greek

Czar Czar Gabor

Czarah Michelle Gellar

Czars Roebuck

Czarkraut

Renomenclature

Empress Augusta o-Bay

Weinland Garten

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O
S
E
R

Union of Independent Confederate Invitationals

ByeCzar

Just Something To Nile On

Below the Celtway

Once Upon a Time in the Style, or
For a Few T-Shirts More

Isle of Whatever-Gina-Is-Having

Myerland

O...K Hills

Run For Your Ink

Crete Heel Invitational

Dahling...

Buffet, Or All You Can Eat At Sarah's

Good life, Great Prizes

The Empress Refuses To Print Cabbage

Jill Barnes Loser Abstract

We thought that the mark of a really great Loser was that he showed up a lot in the weeks he showed up, which led us to calculate how many times each Loser appeared Per Week of Ink, kind of like Slugging Percentage but without having to hit a curve ball. This gave us the chance to invent a statistic, something that all those other famous analysts do. Anyway, Tomm Nessinger was on top with 5 per week, and Mike Scheinberg was second with 4. But they were only in one week. If they are not going to be serious about Losing, we are not going to include them in the table:

Loser	Debut	Weeks of Ink	Total	Per week of Ink
Chris Doyle	79	207	390	1.884
Mary Lee Fox Roe	13	24	45	1.875
Jennifer Hart	11	371	636	1.714
John Griessmayer	412	14	24	1.714
Tom Witte	7	367	604	1.646
Russ Beland	73	377	620	1.645
Chuck Smith	6	386	634	1.642
David Moore	343	8	13	1.625
Ken Krattenmaker	80	35	54	1.543
David Genser	157	213	324	1.521
Brian Broadus	204	75	114	1.520
Barry Blyveis	202	75	113	1.507
Brendan Beary	195	68	102	1.500
Harry Richardson	14	8	12	1.500
Malcolm Fleschner	310	19	28	1.474
Mark Eckenwiler	281	13	19	1.462
Seth Brown	437	76	111	1.461
Bob Dalton	211	42	61	1.452
Danny Bravman	471	16	23	1.438
Tommy Litz	125	40	57	1.425
Sandra Hull	161	130	182	1.400
Frank Mullen III	438	15	21	1.400
Scott Campisi	506	10	14	1.400
Jonathan Paul	136	238	326	1.370
Dan Steinberg	417	25	34	1.360
Bob Zane	3	14	19	1.357
Mike Genz	219	104	141	1.356
Dave Zarrow	30	177	239	1.350

One reason that we have worked up this statistic is that, with his famous 6 points in one week, we fully expected Mike Connaghan to be among the leaders. In fact, he had a measly 1.290 ratio and was lounging around way down in 255th place before we started throwing out Losers left and right.

A benefit of doing this calculation was that we noticed, way down there at the bottom, the Losers who garnered their ink at exactly one point per week. Here are those Losers with the most weeks, more than 10 Weeks:

Loser	Debut	Weeks of Ink	Total
Greg Arnold	72	70	70
Kitty Thuermer	10	19	19
Lloyd Duvall	344	17	17
Stu Solomon	129	16	16
Noah Meyerson	46	16	16
Jan Verrey	15	15	15
Phil Plait	116	14	14
Ray Aragon	165	13	13
Edward Mickolus	100	13	13
Forrest Miller	17	13	13
Jacki Drucker	5	13	13
Fred Souk	370	12	12
Peter Hughes	272	12	12
Cindy Coe	165	12	12
Bob Staake	89	12	12
Mike Elliott	314	11	11
Harold Mantle	5	11	11

We're awfully close to the bottom of the page, so unless you want us to start writing on your wrist and arm, join us at the top of the next column, why don't you?

Which Losers are the truest to the Loser concept, you may ask, to which we respond, "What the heck do you mean by that?" You have to spell things out for us. You reply, "We were wondering which Losers have the most ink without actually winning one of the crappy prizes." "Oh," we say, slightly embarrassed that we didn't think of this ourselves. So we create a diversion. "Here they are, or at least all of them with more than 20 inks:"

Loser	Debut	Total
Ken Krattenmaker	80	54
Mary Lee Fox Roe	13	45
Phyllis Reinhard	341	42
Joel Knanishu	108	34
Bruce Alter	47	34
Bird Waring	455	31
J. Calvin Smith	60	31
John O'Byrne	334	28
Malcolm Fleschner	310	28
Earl Gilbert	57	28
Philip Delduke	14	26
Jose Cortina	225	25
John Griessmayer	412	24
Mel Loftus	375	24
Beth Baniszewski	313	23
Frank Mullen III	438	21
Paul Laporte	209	20
Charlie Myers	155	20

Realizing you are easily distracted by gaudy stats such as these, we throw some more at you before you can think of more questions. The Losers with the most points who have yet to runnerup (10 or more inks lifetime):

Loser	Debut	Total
John O'Byrne	334	28
Roger Dalrymple	351	17
Jon Patrick Smith	60	16
Hank Wallace	1	16
Pam Dalrymple	363	15
John Held	336	15
Scott Campisi	506	14
David Moore	343	13
Greg Pearson	338	13
William Bradford	124	13
Edward Mickolus	100	13
Forrest Miller	17	13
Fred Souk	370	12
Bob Staake	89	12

and to complete the set, the Losers with no honor to mention:

Loser	Debut	Total
Richard Leiby	263	8
Dave Barry	90	8
Michael Farquhar	133	6
Annie Groer	137	4
Daniel Riley	48	4
Thomas Edward Knibb	46	4
Bradley Fisher	1	4

You have to know someone to make this list. And now that you're tired of listening to us prattle on, we bring you a crappy page of stats.

A Crappy Page of Stats purporting to be the leaders in all categories under the Czar

Loser	Debut	Abuser
Russ Beland	73	8
Chuck Smith	6	6
Ronnie Mervis	276	2
Michael Farquhar	133	2
Bob Staake	89	2
Elden Carnahan	22	2
Forrest Miller	17	2
Kevin Cuddihy	13	2
Ginny Sprinkle	308	1
Caitlin Carlson	286	1
Leslie Jones	286	1
Niels Hoven	208	1
William Foster	172	1
Tommy Litz	125	1
Howard Stern	114	1
Don Imus	113	1
Benjie Watts	56	1
Sarah Gaymon	46	1
Jacob Weinstein	24	1
Paul Styrene	17	1
Ken Sandler	14	1
Mary Lee Fox Roe	13	1
Stephen Dudzik	7	1

Loser	Debut	Ears
Russ Beland	73	33
David Genser	157	30
Stephen Dudzik	7	21
Jonathan Paul	136	18
Jennifer Hart	11	10
Richard Leiby	263	8
Elden Carnahan	22	8
John Kammer	71	7
Jean Sorensen	75	6
Tom Witte	7	6
Joseph Romm	58	4
Don Cooper	164	3
Sandra Hull	161	3
Bill Strider	156	3
Bob Sorensen	145	3
Brian Broadus	204	2
Ned Bent	153	2
Jacob Weinstein	24	2

Loser	Debut	Revised Titles
Tom Witte	7	28
Chris Doyle	79	25
Seth Brown	437	18
Russ Beland	73	14
Stephen Dudzik	7	10
Joseph Romm	58	6
Phyllis Reinhard	341	5
Brendan Beary	195	3
Lloyd Duvall	344	2
Mike Genz	219	2
Jonathan Paul	136	2

Loser	Debut	And Lasts
Elden Carnahan	22	18
Joseph Romm	58	12
Russ Beland	73	10
Stephen Dudzik	7	8
Tom Witte	7	7
Kevin Cuddihy	13	6
Chuck Smith	6	6
Dave Zarrow	30	5
Jennifer Hart	11	5
John Kammer	71	4
Mike Thring	23	4
Jonathan Paul	136	3
Michael Connaghan	108	3
Tommy Litz	125	2
Jean Sorensen	75	2
Paul Alter	41	2
Steven King	16	2

Loser	Debut	Under Picks
Joseph Romm	58	10
Russ Beland	73	5
Tom Witte	7	4
Chris Doyle	79	3
Meg Sullivan	14	3
Bob Leittelt	375	2
Lloyd Duvall	344	2
Jennifer Hart	11	2

Loser	Debut	Prize Donations
Stephen Dudzik	7	10
Dave Barry	90	7
Sarah Gaymon	46	6
Kitty Thuermer	10	5
Robin Diallo	437	4
Annie Groer	137	4
Joseph Romm	58	4
Sandra Hull	161	3
Jonathan Paul	136	3
Dave Zarrow	30	3
Tatiana Devins	207	2
Bob Staake	89	2
Greg Arnold	72	2
Jennifer Hart	11	2

Loser	Debut	Dead Prez
Jennifer Hart	11	3
Gene Weingarten	338	1
Tom Shroder	202	1
Bill Strider	156	1
Art Grinath	106	1

Loser	Debut	Contest Ideas
Elden Carnahan	22	17
Jean Sorensen	75	15
Stephen Dudzik	7	15
Russ Beland	73	13
John O'Byrne	334	8
Joseph Romm	58	7
Mike Hammer	5	7
Jonathan Paul	136	6
Bob Staake	89	6
Greg Arnold	72	5
Sarah Gaymon	46	5
Kevin Cuddihy	13	5
Michael Farquhar	133	4
Jessica Mathews	74	4
Kitty Thuermer	10	4
J. J. Gertler	297	3
Kelli Midgley-Biggs	244	3
Bruce Alter	47	3
Jacob Weinstein	24	3
Jennifer Hart	11	3
Chuck Smith	6	3
Peter Metrinko	503	2
Brendan O'Byrne	480	2
Bird Waring	455	2
Bill Spencer	423	2
Pat Myers	282	2
Czarevich	256	2
Niels Hoven	208	2
Jeffrey Kern	164	2
Bob Sorensen	145	2
Newt Gingrich	92	2
Arthur Adams	84	2
Fred Dawson	47	2
Gary Patishnock	26	2
Paul Styrene	17	2
Tom Gaarty	16	2
Ken Sandler	14	2
Hank Wallace	1	2

Loser	Debut	Rookie of the Week
Bill Kabeiseman	330	1
Beverly Waldenfels	329	1
Bob Grossman	328	1
Paul Hoppenjans	327	1
Jim Cochrane	326	1
Wid Douglas	325	1
Amy Splitt	324	1
Sarah Splitt	324	1
Karin Robison	323	1
Lisa Arthur	322	1
George Chamberlain	321	1
Bob Sassaman	320	1
Taylor Simmons	319	1
Tom Klippstein	318	1
Richard Henry	317	1
Mark Murphy	316	1
Jackie Binder	315	1
Wei-Hwa Huang	313	1
Mike Long	312	1
Jennifer Pratt	311	1

Czar's Pets according to Elden

Loser	Debut	Total
Jennifer Hart	11	636
Chuck Smith	6	634
Russ Beland	73	620
Tom Witte	7	604
Chris Doyle	79	390
Elden Carnahan	22	352
Jonathan Paul	136	326
David Genser	157	324
Stephen Dudzik	7	323
Joseph Romm	58	292
Jean Sorensen	75	253
Dave Zarrow	30	239
Art Grinath	106	188
Sandra Hull	161	182
Meg Sullivan	14	169
John Kammer	71	161
Mike Genz	219	141
Sue Lin Chong	35	126
Sarah Gaymon	46	121
Brian Broadus	204	114
Barry Blyveis	202	113
Seth Brown	437	111
Brendan Beary	195	102
Robin Grove	6	92
Kevin Cuddihy	13	90
Steve Fahey	104	84
Paul Kondis	14	78
Susan Reese	145	75
Paul Styrene	17	73
Mike Hammer	5	73
Paul Kocak	108	72
Greg Arnold	72	70
Milo Sauer	441	68
Roy Ashley	120	65
Niels Hoven	208	64
Jerry Pannullo	84	64
Jessica Mathews	74	63
Bob Dalton	211	61
Tommy Litz	125	57
Judith Cottrill	364	56
Kevin Mellema	10	56
Bill Strider	158	55
Bob Sorensen	145	55
Cindi Rae Caron	11	55
Ken Krattenmaker	80	54
Dave Ferry	18	51
Mark Young	402	47
Kelli Midgley-Biggs	244	46
Mary Lee Fox Roe	13	45
Howard Walderman	212	43
Phyllis Reinhard	341	42
Phil Frankenfeld	188	41
Gary Patishnock	26	41
Mike Thring	23	41
Jeff Brechlin	422	40
Michael Connaghan	108	40
David Kleinbard	169	38
T. J. Murphy	191	36
Fred Dawson	47	36
Linda Malcolm	18	36
Dan Steinberg	417	34
Ned Bent	153	34
Joel Knanishu	108	34
Bruce Alter	47	34
Jacob Weinstein	24	34
Peyton Coyner	26	32
Steven King	16	32
Bird Waring	455	31
Marc Leibert	439	31
J. Calvin Smith	60	31

Loser	Debut	Wins
Chuck Smith	6	26
Jonathan Paul	136	20
Elden Carnahan	22	18
David Genser	157	15
Chris Doyle	79	14
Russ Beland	73	13
Joseph Romm	58	12
Jennifer Hart	11	12
Tom Witte	7	11
Art Grinath	106	9
Sarah Gaymon	46	8
Stephen Dudzik	7	8
Seth Brown	437	5
Brendan Beary	195	5
Tommy Litz	125	5
Jessica Mathews	74	5
Dave Zarrow	30	5
Jacob Weinstein	24	5
Dave Ferry	18	5
Meg Sullivan	14	5

Loser	Debut	Runners Ups
Chuck Smith	6	89
Jennifer Hart	11	80
Russ Beland	73	67
Tom Witte	7	66
Chris Doyle	79	49
Jonathan Paul	136	48
David Genser	157	42
Elden Carnahan	22	42
Joseph Romm	58	40
Stephen Dudzik	7	40
Dave Zarrow	30	38
Jean Sorensen	75	35
Art Grinath	106	30
Meg Sullivan	14	26
Sandra Hull	161	25
John Kammer	71	23
Sarah Gaymon	46	20

Loser	Debut	HMs
Jennifer Hart	11	519
Chuck Smith	6	503
Tom Witte	7	482
Russ Beland	73	457
Chris Doyle	79	299
Elden Carnahan	22	246
David Genser	157	234
Jonathan Paul	136	225
Stephen Dudzik	7	210
Joseph Romm	58	197
Jean Sorensen	75	191
Dave Zarrow	30	185
Art Grinath	106	148
Sandra Hull	161	146
Meg Sullivan	14	134
John Kammer	71	123
Mike Genz	219	121
Sue Lin Chong	35	103

WINS

Loser	Debut	Every weeks
Seth Brown	437	19.80
Jonathan Paul	136	20.00
Chuck Smith	6	20.38
Milo Sauer	441	23.75
Joe Cackler	486	25.00
David Genser	157	25.27
Elden Carnahan	22	28.56
Chris Doyle	79	32.64
Russ Beland	73	35.62
Joseph Romm	58	39.83
Jennifer Hart	11	43.75
Art Grinath	106	47.78
Tom Witte	7	48.09
Jeff Brechlin	422	57.00
Dan Steinberg	417	59.50
Sarah Gaymon	46	61.25
Stephen Dudzik	7	66.13
Mark Young	402	67.00
Brendan Beary	195	68.20
Mike Genz	219	79.25
Bob Dalton	211	81.25
Tommy Litz	125	82.20
Barry Blyveis	202	83.50
Phil Frankenfeld	188	87.00
Jessica Mathews	74	92.40
Sandra Hull	161	93.75
Charlie Steinhice	136	100.00
Dave Zarrow	30	101.20
Drew Knoblauch	231	101.67
Jacob Weinstein	24	102.40
Dave Ferry	18	103.60
Meg Sullivan	14	104.40

RUNNERUPS

Loser	Debut	Every weeks
Chuck Smith	6	5.96
Jennifer Hart	11	6.56
Russ Beland	73	6.91
Tom Witte	7	8.02
Jonathan Paul	136	8.33
Milo Sauer	441	8.64
Seth Brown	437	9.00
David Genser	157	9.02
Chris Doyle	79	9.33
Joseph Romm	58	11.95
Elden Carnahan	22	12.24
Joe Cackler	486	12.50
Jean Sorensen	75	13.17
Stephen Dudzik	7	13.23
Dave Zarrow	30	13.32

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Loser	Debut	Every weeks
Dave Michaels	533	1.000
Jennifer Hart	11	1.012
Russ Beland	73	1.013
Chuck Smith	6	1.054
Tom Witte	7	1.098
Seth Brown	437	1.286
Bob Stone	533	1.500
Chris Doyle	79	1.528
David Genser	157	1.620
Jonathan Paul	136	1.778
Milo Sauer	441	1.827
Arthur Windreich	532	2.000
Larry Levine	532	2.000
Elden Carnahan	22	2.089
Scott Campisi	506	2.143

Who Put the Aaaaar! Into Czar

...AND OTHER FEARLESS INVESTIGATIONS INTO LOSER LEXICON

Why are they called "Losers"?

LOSER is an acronymic ananym of Readers Endure Shame Openly Lachrymosely. There are only seven of them (the rest are gnomes de plum).

Who is the Czar that was?

Nott being of the Character to bear entire Separation from his more civiliz'd Stylists, he dwells on the Fringe of Sunday and delights to flout the sober Faschion of the Post for his private Whimsie. He enjoys the comfortable Order of playne Fool as Deemed improper by Metro yet despises *Autobiography As Haiku*. He hath no Opinyons but delights in real Devilrie. Fear him nott.

Why "Invitational"?

In 1916, during World War 1, Woodrow Wilson suggested implementing a policy of "universal invitational training" in the International Guard. The rest is history, but with little documentary evidence to prove it. The expression was re-coined in the early 1970s by Woodward and Bernstein when they requested Deep Throat to meet them in the Library of Congress ("ask for Sarah W") for "an off-the-record front-page invitational". The rest is pure bunkum.

Who or what is Zarrow?

Originally an Armenian word, the primary meaning of *zAr;row* has, for the past five hundred years, been to "move swiftly from one thing to another, especially with sudden honmentionables". Hence the "Mark of Zarrow", when you discover that you have been sold one photocopier too many.

How many Loser T-Shirts are there in the world?

There is a severe overpopulation. God stopped at two, how about YOU?

John O'Byrne

Writers have been including references to the Czar and his contest for years:

I yearn for ink, tragically.

Joseph Heller, *Catch-22*

Life is but an accumulation of ink, and I have become attached to it.

Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*

You get ink in the next world. In this world, there's the czar.

William Gaddis, *A Frolic of His Own*

Alas, poor Yorick. No ink.

William Shakespeare, *MacBeth*