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"*Satius est supervacua scire quam nihil.*"

KACZYNSKI ARREST EXONERATES FOUR

Although technically not imprisoned, four veteran Invitational performers, including one new Society inductee, have had the hot breath of the law removed from the scruffs of their necks by the recent arrest of UNABOM suspect Theodore J. Kaczynski.

A spokesman for U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno's office remarked, "While we are not issuing a formal apology to these gentlemen, we do ask that they and their families try to understand our position. We had long ago concluded that the UNABOMBER must be a small gang pretending to be one crazed lunatic. Then we had occasion to observe these gentlemen meeting on a regular basis early on Sunday mornings with no discernible purpose or means of support. Add to that the FBI's profile of the UNABOMBER in re the shiftlessness, the suppressed rage, the skill in dirty limericks, the hot glee in the misfortunes of others—I mean, you should *see* their mug shots."



From left, Dave Ferry, Chuck Smith, John Kammer, and Dave Zarrow, in a celebratory moment after hearing that all further legal proceedings would be dropped. All agreed that their ordeal could provide valuable fuel for the next "Rorschach of the Crowd" contest. Remarked one, "Yeah, it's behind us now, although they did ask us not to leave the country or shave, just in case they can't convict Kaczynski."

According to the spokesman, the arrest of Mr. Kaczynski could not have been more opportune from the four suspects' point of view. "We were really getting ready to put the screws to them," he explained, "especially after we got a phone call from one of them's brother, who relayed a remarkable story—how in the last three years our suspect had grown increasingly withdrawn, rarely venturing out except to get the Sunday papers, writing letters increasingly given over to invective and bizarre wordplay, etc. And we're still trying to figure out what a 'drinking duck' is. That one had us laughing for *days*."

FIRST ANNUAL QUASI-IMPROMPTU "FLUSHIES" AWARD BREAKFAST

March 31—Completely undeterred by a scheduling mess-up that put 34 Losers out among the general dining population under the Atrium of the Double Tree in Rockville, M.C. Zarrow, after performing his trademark self-accompanied blues overture, introduced Mr. Russ Beland, who presented a series of "Flushie" Awards to Losers who made some noteworthy contribution in the Search for Gopher Drool in Year 3.

Rookie of the Year, Tommy Litz. For appearing nearly 29 times since his debut in Week 125, the New Meat Award, a professionally shrink-wrapped slice of veal.(continued on Page 8)

LETTERS TO THE ANTOSAUR



Antosaurus

Was the D.E.A lurking among the poster children featured on the front cover of January's *Depravda*? A peace officer (who was on surveillance outside of Sue Lin's crib [during the December N.R.A.R.S. breakfast]) showed me that very same photograph before he arrested me. "Crack pipes are illegal in my jurisdiction, boy," he said, as he hooked me up, despite my pleading. Luckily, on the ride downtown, I'd convinced him (after a "Pop Goes The Weasel" medley) that it was only a kazoo! He dropped all charges, except for a \$20 parking ticket, and then complimented me, "We'll be watchin' Losers like you around these parts, boy."

Tommy Litz, Bowie

I have several of the very first issues of the nascent (?) *Depravda*, back when it was a mere one-page rag. Are they worth anything to collectors of such odd impedimenta? If so, how much and could you find a buyer for me?

Ear Boy Slim, Aspen Hill

You got a lot of damn gall, trying to score on those old things. You want help unloading them now, do you? Where were you when we were doing that weekly stat-sheet with no staff and no cash-flow? When we had to beg people to come to the early breakfasts at E.J.'s Landing? You'd best hang on to them--one day you may need something to burn for warmth, bub.

Time was of the essence so I was not able to make the remarks that I wanted to at the Flushies Award Banquet [in Rockville], so here goes: I want to thank the little people without whom this award would not have been possible, the printers at *The Post* whom I have paid off, my gagwriters, and my multiple personalities. I also--oh no, not the music! I just began to...

Chuck Smith, Woodbridge

ALL PLEASE NOTE: CONTRIBUTORS' DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE IS SATURDAY THE 18TH. ANTICIPATED SERVICE BY DISGRUNTLED POSTAL WORKER IS SOMETIME ON FRIDAY, MAY 24.

EDITORIAL

Grace Fuller

A KINDER AND GENTLER NEW YEAR

The fourth year of what was optimistically anticipated to be a six-week-long newspaper feature, and on which this entire publication depends for its very life, dawned on March 10. That other narcissistic cultural powerhouse of the Twentieth Century, the Kennedy administration, had by this time in its course already been under occupation for some months by the jackbooted thugs of the Great Society.

OK, so we're hardly occupying anything other than cobbled-together pockets of land zoned for high-density residential use from Burlington, N.C., to Syracuse, N.Y., to Shaker Heights, Ohio (this part is true: you could look it up), and only Tommy Litz and Paul Alter could reasonably be thought of as thugs, by those who don't know them as we do. And we probably shouldn't call our Society "Great," lest other true Greats get cross with us, and sue us, such as Falls, the Gatsby, and Caesar's Ghost.

This is also the dawn of the third paragraph of this editorial, and we have already painted ourselves into a most cramped and airless metaphorical corner. Suffice it to say that we are not alone in our astonishment and delight at the proto-anarchic group that has grown up among the victims of the Invitational, metastasizing like some absurd weed from its first two-man breakfast meeting in College Park. It was never more clear how out of control it had all gotten, as pointed out on this page before, than when some of us were induced to belt out carols on kazoos at 10:30 in the morning one day last December.

That being the case, and for the continued good of the Society, we hereby issue our semi-annual apologia for being so wrapped up in statistics and rankings. This issue contains three separate and distinct lists that purport to explain how some of us are more equal than others, and on Page 7 one may observe (wait a minute, not now, finish reading this, please, we are writing this instead of learning about usufruct and frolic-by-detour, for heaven's sake) the inauguration of Loser Rotisserie, yet another attempt to wring some(Continued on Page 7)

The March of Sophistry®

WEEK 154: ENTER LAUGHING

K. Cuddihy gets first Win after 121 Weeks of Effort, and without benefit of LoserNet e-mail; 16,000 gather at Va. Tech and cheer as his Diarrhea/Foster jape is read

WEEK 155: COMPARISON SHOPPING

Eventual Year-3 Top Loser C. Smith takes 9th win on last Sunday of the Old Year

Runners-Up include young A. Glendinning, your Publisher's daughter's former nursery-schoolmate's older brother--dang, we just notice we are getting very old

K. Larrick, returning for first hit since cloning replacement baseball players in 2nd Rorschach test, is 115th contestant to cross the 4-Point Rubicon

R. Beland closes out Year 3 with best performance compared to Year 2, E. Carnahan with the worst

WEEK 156: HYPEN THE TERRIBLE

This may be unique: J. Sorensen gets her first win on her birthday; we won't say which particular birthday it was, other than to note that the man who was President on her

personal debut spent the summer of 1919 in the *Depravda* editorial suite

T. Witte opens Year 4 with personal one-day high output of 4½ bon mots and undisputed hold on first place for Year, so far

Record turnout of 34 at Society Breakfast in Rockville, including first-timers Stephen Breton, Brace Ford, Lee Hurwitz, Mike Heney, Susan Heney, Jake Knanishu, Laura Powers, Megan Smith, Charlie Steinhice, and Hank Wallace

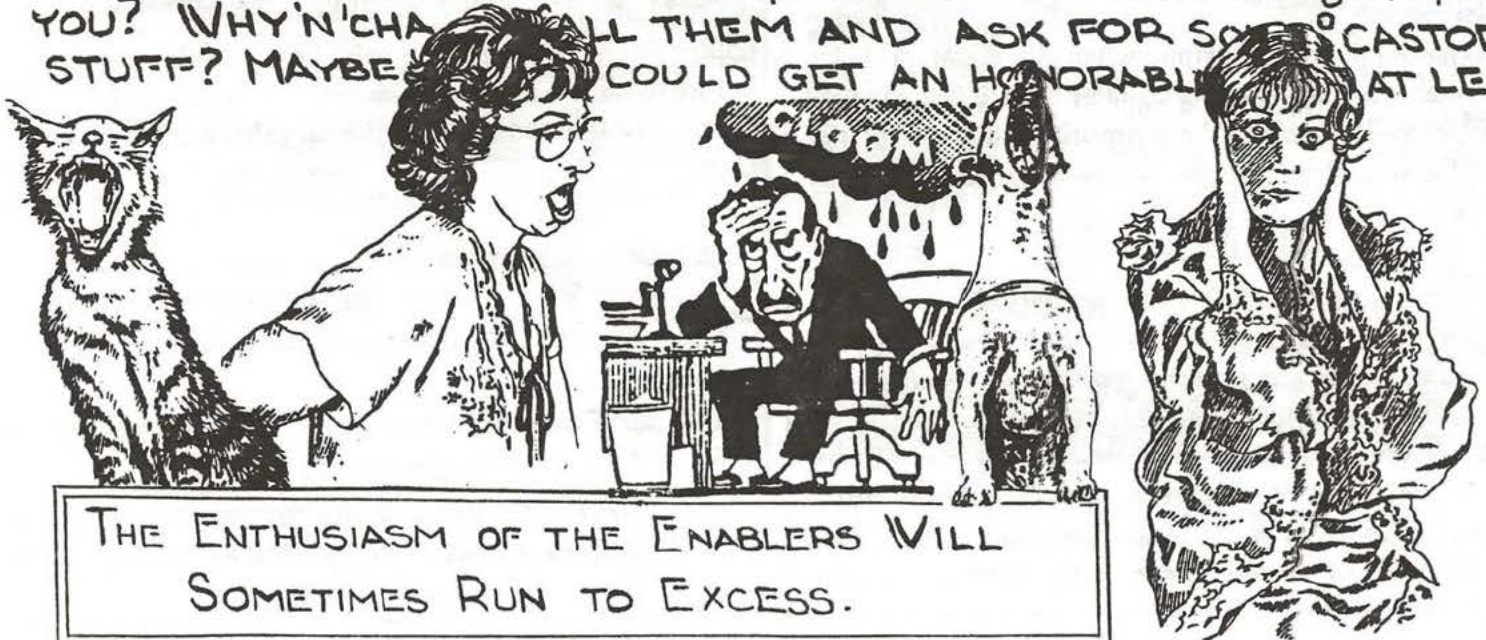
WEEK 157: WARNING SIGNS

In another possible first (although we don't claim it will ever be possible to confirm this), new Herndon Vortex inductee S. Breton may be the youngest Winner ever

"For, behold, he stinketh." we spent too many years in Sunday School to be fooled by the appearance of Lazarus Krattenmaker on Easter Sunday--if Czar can mix his symbology so egregiously, we can state that Ken gets the credit after 32 Weeks of wandering in the wilderness

PEYTON'S COYNER

WELL, DON'T JUST SIT THERE - WRITE SOMETHING! THIS ISN'T JUST SOME LITTLE BELANDISH 3-WEEK SLUMP HERE, YA KNOW. YOU HAVEN'T WON A SHIRT IN MONTHS! ALL MY FRIENDS KEEP ASKING, "IS HE SICK?", "DID THE PASTOR FINALLY MAKE COME AIN IN, DAAA-AD! QUIT? YOU DON'T SEE CHUCK, ELDEN, JOE AND TOM SLACKING OFF, DO YOU? WHY'N'CHA CALL THEM AND ASK FOR SOME CASTOFF STUFF? MAYBE YOU COULD GET AN HONORABLE AT LEAST.



THE WHINE GARDEN

by Dr. Style



Dear Dr. Style:

How come we don't name earthquakes like we do hurricanes? Also, I understand why we have a quarter moon, since we can only see half of the half facing us. So why is that when we can see the whole disk, or both quarters, we call it a full moon? (I sent these questions to "Why Things Are" a year ago, and they sent my letter back torn up into tiny bits and, I think, spit on. And Marilyn van Sant said she had no idea.) *April Carnahan, Laurel*

Dear April: How come we name people after months? Why not years? Why weren't you named "1984?" Or why couldn't you have been named "The Hundred Years War" for that matter? Or does your name change every four weeks, which will make getting a driver's license a pain in the butt? Or were you named after April Dancer, an obscure TV heroine from the 1950s? And can't your Dad answer any of your questions? I thought he was some kind of big-shot, name-in-the-paper-every-week kind of guy. Oops--I forgot--your real Dad is Bob Levey. Did I say something I shouldn't have? Sorry. (And it's Marilyn vos Savant, as if that were her real name.) As for all your questions and letter-writing efforts, have you considered Ritalin?

Dear Dr. Style:

Reader's Digest subscriptions get the chance to win \$1 million; Consumer Reports, their annual purchasing guide; Sports Illustrated, the swimsuit edition. I'm still waiting for something special for my Depravda subscription. *JSH*

Dear JSH: I hate to break it to you, but no purchase is necessary for the Reader's Digest contest. Don't you feel stupid now? And the swimsuit edition isn't something you win, it's just another edition of the magazine, albeit one that has remarkably little sports in it. On the other hand, every issue of Depravda has remarkably little genuine depravity in it, at least compared to The National Review--so, in that sense, every issue is a bonus

issue. This obsession with winning at all costs, despite Grace's self-serving assertions to the contrary (see Page 2), will ultimately destroy your mind, if it isn't already halfway there from Reader's Digest. I suggest you seek counseling.

Got a personal problem? Oh, wait, we know, you have this "friend" who has a problem. Or maybe you have a question that Levey or Landers bungled in a most comical way. Well, then, just send it in to Dr. Style, c/o The Publisher, and he or she will see that it's sorted right out for you.

TOP TEN NEW FEATURE IDEAS REJECTED BACK IN 1993 IN FAVOR OF THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

"Ask The UNABOMBER" (Joe Romm)

"Herbert Haft's Fathering Tips" (Jean Sorensen)

"Who, What, When, Where, & How Things Are"
(Tommy Litz)

"Where's Waldholtz?" (Elden Carnahan)

"Esperanto Jumble" (Stephen Dudzik)

"The West Virginia Puzzler" (Nick Freeman)

"Doctor Grammar": readers submit tricky sentences
and challenge the Doctor to diagram them
(Mary Olson)

"Manifestos of the Socially-Alienated"
(Jennifer Hart)

"We Can See It Now": readers attempt to match
Hollywood stars and national politicians with their
colonoscopy images (Grace Fuller)

Cartoon Feature: "Adventures in Andersonville"
(Lt. Col. Kent DeForrest, CSA, Ret.)

For May, send us something for:
**TOP TEN CAREER MOVES FOR THE CZAR AFTER THE INVI-
TATIONAL IS CANCELLED**

MEXICO: It Ain't As Bad As France

A report by foreign correspondent John Kammer, who is incidentally way behind schedule with his European travel article

First of all, let me once again apologize for the delay in the European travel article. I know you all have been waiting for months, but it was actually ready for the Publisher this month in plenty of time. Unfortunately, the computer network servers or some other technical thingamajig scrambled the file and all backup copies were destroyed. While I am clearly not to blame for this fiasco, I realize that don't get it into print. So, once I'm reimbursed for re-writing the article, I'll have it ready. The editor is giving me some grief re the financial details, but I think we'll have that straightened away fairly soon. You can safely bet on reading that article in the June issue. *[That is a load of crap, John--you got your stipend and you'll not see another penny for the European trip until we get the article and your travel receipts.--Ed.]*

So anyway, on to Mexico, next in our World Tour series of articles. In researching this piece, I decided to go to the new Mexico, figuring it would be fancier and more up-to-date than the older one. Well, I found out that nothing could be further from the truth. Let me start by saying, "Stay away from Mexico at all costs." There are a lot of problems associated with travel to Mexico and, let me tell you, they are insurmountable. First you have to get to Phoenix, Arizona, and buy, rent, or lease a horse. There are no planes, trains, or automobiles in Mexico and everyone travels by horse. There are also no roads and you end up having to ride over these huge mountain ranges all day long. You would *think* they could at least have some sort of valley to ride through, but no: up and over the ridges is the only way to go. And then, when I complained to our guide that my behind was tired, he advised me to ride on my head, señor, since it was much softer and less valuable!

Now that's far from the worst of it. Once you get into Mexico you'll hear this huge sucking sound everywhere. I don't know what it is or where it comes from, but it is pervasive. Suck suck suck, all day, all night. It grates on the nerves. They ought to find the source of this and stop it. It must be killing tourism--I can attest to that, as you won't find many people once you *do* get into Mexico. The citizens are known as *banditos* and hang out in mostly-deserted towns that have a saloon and, if you're lucky, an inn. The only good thing about these towns is that the innkeeper invariably has a good-looking daughter who has just come of age. Unfortunately, the innkeepers take an instant dislike to you and you have to kill them if you want a date.

Fortunately, killing is a national pastime in Mexico. The citizenry carry six-shooters, one on each hip, and belts of ammunition, one over each shoulder. It is this aspect of Mexico that most reminded me of home. The only difference is that the *banditos* wear the guns and ammo over their clothing, while we Virginians can legally conceal our weapons.

Well, to make a long story short, the *banditos* rode me out of town, but I was able to rescue Conchita, an orphaned innkeeper's daughter who is now working as a maid in the Kammer mansion for surprisingly less than minimum wage. And, as I won't be nominated for public office any time soon, the IRS need know nothing about it. (Grace, I need a \$6500 advance for the, umm, Australian trip report by April 15th.)



Left photo: I was luckier than many travelers to Mexico, finding dependable transportation and employment within days (Mr. Kammer is to the left--Ed.) *Right photo:* When I finally reached some kind of civilization, I was so exhausted I fell asleep on a city bus with a lit cigarette in my hand. Fortunately for me, it was Communist-terrorist season, so it was easy to pin the blame on them, especially since, after 38 days on the road without a shower, no one wanted to interrogate me for very long. (Photos by Elden Carnahan, from *Le Misérable Dans L'Urugue*, 1973.)

YEAR 3: SOME CLOSURE

Here we list all persons who earned at least 4 credits during Year 3, Weeks 105 through 155.

LEGEND

Year 3, Crdts: total print appearances in Year 3.

Year 3, Conss: total credits divided by the 51 Weeks of Year 3.

Year 1, Crdts: total print appearances in Year 1, Weeks 1 through 52.

Year 1, Rk: where you finished in Year 1, given a minimum of 4 Year-1 appearances.

Year 2, Crdts and Rk: as above, for Weeks 53 through 104.

Rk	Name	Year 3		Year 1		Year 2	
		Crdts	Conss	Crdts	Rk	Crdts	Rk
1	Smith, C.	65.00	1.275	75.33	1	83.33	1
2	Beland	56.33	1.105			15.50	11
3	Romm	50.00	.980			42.33	3
4	Carnahan	45.33	.889	19.00	2	69.00	2
5	Witte	45.00	.882	13.00	11	29.00	5
6	Hart	41.83	.882	3.33		18.00	8
7	Litz	28.83	.930				
8	Worcester	26.50	.520	3.00		22.00	6
9	Kammer	23.75	.466			11.00	18
10	Sorensen	21.50	.422			11.50	17
11	Dudzik	21.25	.417	12.00	14	13.00	15
12	Zarrow	18.50	.363	1.33		10.00	20
13	Cuddihy	17.83	.350	3.00		7.83	26
14	Krattenmkr	16.33	.320			31.50	4
15	Grinath	16.00	.320				
16	Chong	15.00	.294	4.00	36	7.50	27
17	Pannullo	14.50	.284			3.50	
18	Connaghan	14.00	.292				
19	Styrene	13.17	.258	6.00	25	13.25	14
20	Arnold	13.00	.255			5.00	33
	Sullivan	13.00	.255	14.00	8	4.00	47
22	Paul	12.33	.617				
23	Grove	11.50	.225	13.00	12	12.00	16
24	Patishnock	11.00	.216	7.50	22	2.00	
25	Plait	10.50	.263				
26	Khanishu	10.50	.219				
27	Mellema	10.50	.206	8.00	21	16.00	10
28	Kondis	9.50	.186	15.00	6	17.50	9
29	Dawson, F.	9.00	.176	1.00		4.00	46
30	Smith, J.C.	8.50	.167			20.00	7
	Thuermer	8.50	.167	3.50		1.00	
32	Steinhice	7.83	.154			6.00	30
33	Malcolm	7.50	.147	14.50	7	10.00	19
34	Hammer	7.00	.137	4.00	38	2.50	
	Smith, D.	7.00	.137			1.00	
36	Vanatter	6.00	.143				
37	Kocak	6.00	.125				
38	Offutt	6.00	.122				
39	Thring	6.00	.119	17.00	4	13.50	13
40	Caron	5.50	.108	10.00	16	7.00	28
41	Kamat	5.00	.156				
42	Fox Roe	5.00	.098	5.50	28	2.00	
43	Sabourin	4.50	.088	13.00	10	.75	
44	Simha	4.33	.101				
45	Jeantheau	4.00	.148				
46	Lamb	4.00	.121				
47	Hammond	4.00	.108				
48	Bross	4.00	.078	1.00		3.00	
	Weinstein	4.00	.078	1.00		3.00	

YEAR 4: A NEW WEIRD ORDER

Here we list all persons who have appeared so far in Year 4, Weeks 156 and 157.

LEGEND

Y4 Rk: Ranking in Year 4.

H Rk: Highest ranking you have reached in Year 4.

Cr St (current streak): Consecutive Weeks of appearances on Page F2, minimum 2 Weeks.

L St (longest streak): Longest winning streak you have reached in Year 4.

Dbu (debut): Week you first appeared on Page F2.

Cred (credits): Total appearances in Year 4. Shared credit yield partial credit.

Consis (consistency): rate of appearances per Week since Debut. If Debut was before Year 4, all Weeks since beginning of Year 4 count toward Consistency figure.

Y4 Rk	H Rk	Cr St	H St	Dbu	Name	Cred	Consis
1	1	2	2	7	Witte, T.	6.50	3.250
2	2	2	2	6	Smith, C.	5.00	5.000
3	3			71	Kammer, J.	4.50	2.250
4	8	2	2	106	Grinath, A.	4.00	2.000
5	4	2	2	22	Carnahan, E.	3.00	1.500
	1			156	Chaney, D.	3.00	1.500
	5	2	2	13	Cuddihy, K.	3.00	1.500
	4	2	2	7	Dudzik, S.	3.00	1.500
	2			58	Romm, J.	3.00	1.500
10	10	2	2	73	Beland, R.	2.50	1.250
11	1			47	Dawson, F.	2.00	1.000
	8	2	2	11	Hart, J.	2.00	1.000
	4			75	Sorensen, J.	2.00	1.000
	4			74	Steinhice, J.	2.00	1.000
15	15			157	Benser, D.	1.00	1.000
	15			157	Coleman, D.	1.00	1.000
	15			157	Hoffman, S.	1.00	1.000
	15			157	Kadera, F.	1.00	1.000
20	20			72	Arnold, G.	1.00	.500
	8			147	Baker, B.	1.00	.500
	20			155	Breton, S.	1.00	.500
	8			156	Bruno, F.	1.00	.500
	8			108	Connaghan, M.	1.00	.500
	8			156	Diamond, G.	1.00	.500
	8			6	Grove, R.	1.00	.500
	8			119	Hammond, M.	1.00	.500
	8			124	Kamat, A.	1.00	.500
	8			108	Kocak, P.	1.00	.500
	20			80	Krattenmakr, K.	1.00	.500
	8			18	Malcolm, L.	1.00	.500
	8			13	Miller, F.	1.00	.500
	20			116	Plait, P.	1.00	.500
	20			60	Sisk, J.	1.00	.500
	1			89	Staake, B.	1.00	.500
	8			156	Strider, B.	1.00	.500
	1			156	Sublette, M.	1.00	.500
	8			30	Zarrow, D.	1.00	.500
40	40			157	Genser, D.	.50	.500
	40			157	Guida, W.	.50	.500
42	27			156	St. Ours, G.	.50	.250
	27			156	St. Ours, H.	.50	.250
	42			136	Steinhice, C.	.50	.250

INTRODUCING: LOSER ROTISSERIE '96

(illustrations by Don McCardell, who is not necessarily replacing Peyton Coyner)



The Dysfunctional
Harmony
Jessica Steinhice



The Psychotic
Petunias
Paul Kondis



The Disposable Heroes
Charlie Steinhice



The Leesburg Sea Dogs
Dave Ferry



The Wheeze Kids
Elden Carnahan



The Long and Winding Toad
Mike Connagahn



The Losers
John Kammer

PREPARE TO BE ASSIMILATED--DRAFT TO FILL SEVEN-LOSER TEAMS FROM POOL OF 496 YEAR-3 CONTESTANTS BEGINS APRIL 29. INAUGURAL 14-WEEK SEASON BEGINS ON MAY 12 AND CONCLUDES WITH LOSER BOWL I IN LATE AUGUST.

Continued from Page 2.....significance from the preference of the Czar for one puerile Ode to a Colostomy Bag over another on any particular Sunday.

We ask no one's forgiveness for this phenomenon, and, if we may speak seriously for a moment, we doubt that any of the many flies on the wall during one of our breakfasts would observe much acknowledgment that Loser A, having hit it seven times that morning, had at a stroke accomplished twice what Loser B had been trying to do ever since "What Does God Look Like." You all know what the breakfasts and other social events are like--the whoopee cushions, the bristling rude displays of facial hair, the cholesterol madness are becoming staples, to be sure, and no one is required to salute or even listen to Joe Romm.

We do believe a little competition is a good thing. It is difficult to imagine how the Golden Gate Bridge may have been built without one bunch of guys thinking they were better than another bunch, and, if society were completely organized around validating our feelings and mutual respect, we might all still be living in grass shacks (well, part of the summer of 1973 we actually did spend living in a grass shack, but that's a rant for another day). Furthermore, our own Czar has admitted that what we have been doing over the last couple of years has given an impetus to the Invitational that it may not otherwise have had. Assuming that cancellation would have been some kind of bad thing, we conclude that if Loser C, seeing himself or herself about to be overtaken by Loser D, a nasty dealer in cynical misanthropic hectoring disguised as humor and originality, gets off his or her butt and starts cranking out quality *bon mots*, that is all to the good.

However, we are sensitive to the fact that not everyone is trying, through some newspaper contest, to overcome the lingering psychological effects of having taken a dodge-ball in the face back at P.S. #49. We also understand that there are babies' faces to be wiped, rough logs to be hewn, and neighbors' legs to be waxed, and that some of us (well, some of *you*) elect not to enter the contest every daggone Week, and that if you haven't appeared for 13 consecutive Weeks it is not necessarily that you can't or won't see the humor in a Rorschach blot that looks like your new Hyundai after the engine caught fire.

So we will do what we can to ameliorate some of the worst effects of the testosterone poisoning. For a start, therefore, look no more for negative numbers in the "Streak" column in the Loser listings. If you put everything else on hold to rack up five consecutive Weeks of Honorable Mentions, that will be there, of course--but if you mail in happy lips to the Czar only when the mood truly strikes, we will no longer make an issue of it.

F2 TROOP

The list to the right includes all Invitational participants who have appeared in print at least 6 times, as of the Report from Week 157.

LEGEND

Rnk Chg: Change in rank since March issue. Asterisk indicates recent addition.

Dbu Wk: Week of first print appearance.

Total Credits: Printed entries. Shared win yields partial credit.

Strk: Consecutive Weeks of print appearances, minimum 2 Weeks.

Consstncy: Credits divided by total Weeks since debut (no Week 64). **& Rank:** Order of names if sorted by Consistency value.

Slugging: Weighted Credits: 4 points for Win, 3 for Contest Idea, 2 for Runner-Up, 1 for Honorable Mention. **& Rank:** Order of names if sorted by Slugging value.

Purity: Percentage of Total Credits not attributed to Wins, Ideas, or Runners-Up. **& Rank:** Order of names if sorted by Purity value.

NEW READERS THIS ISSUE

Thomas Brenner, Arlington, Va. Debuted with Honorable Mention in Week 150, Trial Balloons: Woman holding leaky envelope: "Stand back! This might be from the Unapuker!"

Stephen Breton, Herndon, Va. Debuted with 2nd Runner-Up in Week 153, Stump Us. Latest: Winner in Week 157, Warning Signs: "You might be about to lose your job if you open fire with your AK-47, and, in the ensuing excitement, completely forget about your mail route."

Joyce Rains, Bethesda, Md. Debuted with Honorable Mention, Week 26, Casting About For An Idea. Latest--Honorable Mention, Week 147, Just For Liffs: "Bethesda--the sound nasal spray makes when you squeeze the bottle." **PLEASE NOTE:** Ms. Rains is also regarded as the Winner of the missing Week 64 for her explanation of what happened to it: "It was disowned from the Week 60 family because it married Week 8, its 'common' denominator."

Jonathan Roslyn, Alexandria, Va. Debuted with Honorable Mention, Week 150, Trial Balloons: Man in hippo costume: "For Halloween, I'm going as a hippopotamus's uvula."

Bob Sarecky, Centreville, Va. Debuted with 5th Runner-Up, Week 147, Just For Liffs. Latest--1st Runner-Up, same Week: "Assateague--the condition in which one tires of sitting in the same position for too long."

Kirsten Schneider, Fairfax, Va. Debuted with Honorable Mention in Week 148, The Rorschach of The Crowd, Blot A upside-down: "Bob Dole wearing his campaign smile enhancer."

Hank Wallace, Washington, D.C. The first Loser ever. Mr. Wallace suggested a new name for the Redskins in Week 1, Shedding The Skins?, that was rejected by the Czar because "we wanted 'funny,' and you gave us 'good'": "The Washington Clout." The Czar rehabilitated Hank in Week 149, re-printing "Clout" in a futile attempt to stop the Washington Wizards.

Sorry, Charlie, we'll get to you next time . . .

Rnk	Chg	Name	City	Dbu	Total	S	Consstncy	Slugging	Purity
				St	Credits	t	& Rank	& Rank	& Rank
1		Smith, C. 230.44	Woodbridge	VA	6	228.66	3.1514	1.305.99	1.255.44
2		Carnahan 190.38	Laurel	MD	22	136.33	2.1010	2.179.33	2.187.74
3		Romm	Washington	DC	58	95.33	.963	3.134.83	3.241.61
4		Witte 100.15	Gaithersburg	MD	7	93.50	.623	7.116.00	4.187.75
5		Beland 75.83	Springfield	VA	73	74.33	.874	4.93.83	5.155.87
6		Hart 69.66	Arlington	VA	11	65.17	.2446	11.81.17	6.169.59
7		Worcester 55.5	Bowie	MD	46	51.50	.464	9.76.00	7.320.31
8	+1	Dudzick 56.25	Silver Sprng	MD	7	49.25	.328	15.63.50	8.228.65
9	-1	Kratter 32.83	Landover Hls	MD	80	48.83	.626	6.57.33	10.154.88
10		Kondis 44	Alexandria	VA	14	43.00	.301	16.58.50	9.221.68
11	+3	Kammer	Herndon	VA	71	39.25	.451	10.45.50	13.159.85
12		Grove 38.15	Washington	DC	6	37.50	.248	21.43.50	15.160.84
13	-2	Thring	Leesburg	VA	23	36.50	.272	20.48.50	12.274.39
14	+1	Sorensen 38	Herndon	VA	75	35.00	.422	11.51.00	11.314.32
15	-1	Mellema 35.5	Falls Church	VA	10	34.50	.235	21.13.50	16.203.70
16		Styrene 34.44	Olney	MD	17	32.11	.232	25.43.49	18.189.73
17		Malcolm	Silver Sprng	MD	18	32.00	.230	26.43.50	17.297.31
18	+4	Cuddihy	Fairfax	VA	13	31.66	.220	28.43.32	19.279.38
19	-1	Sullivan	Potomac	MD	14	31.00	.217	29.38.00	21.226.66
20	-1	Zarrow 32.83	Herndon	VA	30	30.83	.243	22.43.16	20.238.63
21		Litz 29.83	Bowie	MD	125	28.83	.874	5.34.83	24.139.93
22	-2	Smith, J. C.	Laurel	MD	60	28.50	.294	18.36.50	23.281.37
23		Chong 27.5	Washington	DC	35	26.50	.217	30.30.50	30.151.89
24		Gearly	Washington	DC	16	26.50	.188	32.45.00	14.377.23
25		King	Alexandria	VA	16	23.50	.167	35.37.50	22.340.28
26		Caron	Lenoir	NC	11	22.50	.154	37.33.50	25.356.26
27	+2	Patishnock	Laurel	MD	26	20.50	.156	36.31.50	28.439.19
28	-1	Segal	Vienna	VA	4	20.50	.134	45.33.50	26.439.20
29	+7	Grinath	Takoma Park	MD	106	20.00	.385	13.23.00	37.150.90
30	-2	Coyner	Afton	VA	26	19.75	.151	38.33.50	27.342.27
31	-1	Arnold 21	Herndon	VA	72	19.00	.221	27.28.00	32.211.69
32	-2	Sabourin	Silver Sprng	MD	17	18.25	.130	46.25.25	34.274.40
33	-2	Pannullo 21	Chevy Chase	MD	84	18.00	.243	23.23.50	36.306.33
34	-1	Rooney	Rstn/Blcksbg	VA	16	17.83	.126	48.23.83	35.168.80
35	-1	Zane	Woodbridge	VA	3	17.00	.110	52.22.00	39.176.76
36	-1	Alter, P.	Hyattsville	MD	41	16.50	.142	41.22.50	38.242.60
37		Dawson, F.	Beltsville	MD	47	16.00	.145	40.27.00	33.375.24
38	+1	Steinhice, J.	Washington	DC	74	15.83	.188	33.30.33	31.537.11
39	-1	Connaghan	Gaithersburg	MD	108	15.00	.300	17.18.00	41.067
40	-2	Weisse	Sykesville	MD	6	14.00	.093	56.15.00	48.071.99
41	+2	Hammer	Washington	DC	5	13.50	.089	58.21.50	40.370.25
42	-1	Thuermer	Washington	DC	14	13.00	.091	57.31.50	29.692.5
43	-1	Fox Roe	Mt. Kisko	NY	13	12.50	.087	59.15.50	45.240.62
44		Paul	Garrett Park	MD	136	12.33	.560	8.17.33	42.243.59
45		Richardson	Laurel	MD	14	12.00	.084	60.14.00	51.167.81
46	+3	Plait	Silver Sprng	MD	116	11.50	.274	19.15.50	46.174.78
47	-1	Maclean	Burke	VA	44	11.50	.102	53.13.50	55.174.77
48	-1	Smith, J. P.	Washington	DC	60	11.33	.117	50.14.33	50.088.98
49	-1	Olson, D.	Laurel	MD	14	10.67	.075	63.13.01	57.126.94
50		Khanishu	Hyattsville	MD	108	10.50	.210	31.13.50	56.286.35
51		Gilbert	La Plata	MD	57	9.50	.095	55.10.00	62.053
52		Delduke	Bethesda	MD	14	9.50	.066	69.11.00	59.158.86
53		Drucker, J.	Arlington	VA	5	9.17	.060	74.14.67	49.273.41
54		Olson, M.	Springfield	VA	38	9.00	.076	62.10.00	63.111.96
55	+7	Miller	Rockville	MD	13	9.00	.063	72.9.00	68.000
56	-1	Robbins	Bethesda	MD	5	9.00	.059	77.16.00	43.444.18
57	-1	Rabin	Fredericksbg	VA	29	8.50	.066	70.14.00	52.647.6
58	-1	Dierman	Potomac	MD	2	8.33	.054	82.15.33	47.480.17
59	-1	Smith, D.	Greenbelt	MD	104	8.00	.148	39.16.00	44.625.7
60	-1	Walsh	Rockville	MD	37	8.00	.067	68.10.00	64.250.15
61	-1	Bross	Chevy Chase	MD	24	8.00	.060	76.14.00	51.500.12
62	-1	Weinstein	McLean	VA	24	8.00	.060	75.14.00	53.250.46
63		Williams	Alexandria	VA	51	7.67	.072	65.9.67	67.261.43
64		Verrey	Arlington	VA	15	7.50	.053	84.9.00	69.200.71
65	+4	Kocak	Syracuse	NY	108	7.00	.140	42.8.00	72.143.91
66	+5	Martin	Falls Church	VA	74	7.00	.083	61.10.00	65.143.92
67	-2	Cushing	Washington	DC	36	7.00	.058	79.7.00	79.000
68	-2	Day	Gaithersburg	MD	16	7.00	.050	88.9.00	70.286.36
69	-2	Wenger	Montgry Vlg	MD	2	7.00	.045	91.12.00	58.429.21
70	*	Kamat	Washington	DC	124	6.00	.176	34.6.00	88.000
71	-3	Vanatter	Fairfax	VA	114	6.00	.136	44.6.00	87.000
72	-2	Offutt	Arlington	VA	107	6.00	.118	49.7.00	81.167.83
73	-1	Meyer	Alexandria	VA	38	6.00	.050	89.11.00	60.500.13
74	-1	Reagan, J.	Herndon	VA	3	6.00	.039	97.7.00	80.167.82
75	-1	Layman	Silver Sprng	MD	1	6.00	.038	98.8.00	73.333.29

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Lifetime Achievement Award, Sarah Worcester. For being the 7th contestant to exceed 50 appearances, a roll of 50 pennies.

Earhart-Hoffa Award for Conspicuous Disappearing Loser, Ken Krattenmaker. For running up nearly 50 appearances in 45 Weeks since his Week-80 debut and then dropping completely out of sight, 4 new mildly sought-after bumper stickers of the modern design. Mr. Krattenmaker did not respond to repeated requests by Mr. Beland to come forward to accept his prize, which was finally accepted for him by Jennifer Hart.

Youngest Successful Entrant, Master Jake Knanishu, age 4. Computer-generated wax art.

Most Improved Loser, Jennifer Hart. For conspicuous improvement in Year 3 among Losers competing during all of Year 2, the Positive Self-Esteem Muppet Poster.

Most Ears No One Reads, Russ Beland. For his 13 appearances, a check for \$100 from Russ Beland.

Most Contest Ideas Used, Jean Sorensen. For her three ideas used by the Czar, a paper statuette of Master Jake Knanishu.

Most Contest Wins, Russ Beland, Elden Carnahan, and Joseph Romm. For their 3 wins each, the three Losers shared a check for \$100 from Russ Beland, which was neatly torn into thirds by Russ Beland.

Loser of the Year Award, Chuck Smith. For his 65 appearances, a realistically-flushing toilet coin bank.

Most "And-Last" Honorable Mentions, Joseph Romm. For 5 successful pullings-off of the well-known cheap trick of working the contest itself into one's submissions, the "Monster CD" by Cheap Trick.

WIT HAPPENS

Don't see your name below? It's certainly not that you aren't twisted enough. But we are not the Czar: we go strictly in alphabetic rotation among Losers who have sent stuff in, subject to a) fluctuating space limitations, b) whether we should have used a smaller font everywhere, and c) whether the folder with your name on it is now empty, like Mike Thring's, so don't keep those cards and letters. First up this month: Verrey, Worcester, and Zarrow. Next month: Haduch, Hammer, and Hart.

WEEK 129: REMAKE US HAPPY

1-900: The update of the classic 1900 now sizzles with an NC-17 rating. (Sue Lin Chong)

To Dance With The White Dog: Assigned to a cell with Divine Brown and Tonya Harding, a new inmate faces a difficult decision. (Elden Carnahan)

WEEK 136: NEW END IN SIGHT

The Red Badge of Courage: After running away, Henry Fleming petitions Congress for a pension based on Civil War Syndrome, the symptoms of which include dry mouth, shaky knees, and trembling hands. (John Cushing)

WEEK 142: EXHIBITING BAD TENDENCIES

"Sacrifice": on a giant wheel, the artist has created a huge pot from the inside, leaving only a tiny hole at the top and trapping himself within. He has a hammer and chisel with him, but he is slowly dying of starvation. Will he sacrifice his art for his life by breaking the pot to escape? Or will he sacrifice his life for his art, and die inside? (Sarah Worcester)

WEEK 143: IT'S MY PARODY (& I'LL TRY IF I WANT TO)

If Enid Waldholtz had written "16 Tons":

"You marry 16 tons and what do you get?
You win the election but you're saddled with debt.
So, voters, don't recall me 'cause I won't go,
'Cause I'm guiltless--prosecute big fat Joe." (Greg Arnold)

WEEK 145: LOOIE LOOIE

At a liquor store: "Dry Sacks" and "Sherrys" (Steve Dudzik)

WEEK 149: O NO!

Joe Romm has been teaching me how to make O.J. jokes. In these my formative years, I must decide whom to take after: "Joe Romm? I won't now. I'm more O.J." (Mike Connaghan)

WEEK 156: HYPHEN THE TERRIBLE

Rush-ticle, n.: Limbaugh cojone (one big one on the right, megadittoes on the left). (Dave Zarrow)

WEEK 157: WARNING SIGNS

You know you're getting too fat when you go in for your annual physical and the doctor says, "Call me Ishmael." (Jan Verrey)

You know you're about to lose your job when your boss calls you into his office, and lying on his desk is your Week-144 rebus entry that you thought the fax machine ate. (Peyton Coyner)

Directions to May Breakfast at Jennifer Hart's (other details on Page 10)

From Maryland:

Beltway to Glebe Rd. exit (there's also a small sign that says "Ballston"). You will be on Fairfax Drive. Straight down Fairfax to N. Randolph Road (it's about three lights -- you'll pass the Ballston Metro and International House of Pancakes on your right). Right on N. Randolph, down one block to N. 9th Street, take a left. The entrance is 1/2 block down on the left.

From D.C.:

Roosevelt Bridge to Route 50 West. Take the 10th Street exit and continue on 10th Street across Wilson Blvd. Wilson Blvd. will become Fairfax Drive. Take Fairfax Drive to Quincy Street, turn left on Quincy, turn right on N. 9th Street. The entrance is 1/2 block down on the right.

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Orange Line to Ballston. When you step off the escalator, bear towards the left, then turn right. You'll be parallel with Fairfax Drive. Walk one block to N. Randolph St. (you'll pass the IHOP on your right). Turn right on N. Randolph, then take the first left to N. 9th. The entrance is 1/2 block down on the left.

To All:

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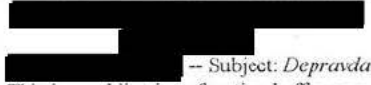
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