**Style Invitational**

**by Pat Myers**

**Report from Week 1061**

In which the Empress presented the partially filled-in Bob Klahn crossword shown here, and asked for words — either real or coined ones — that would fit the individual word-spaces in the grid (they didn’t have to work as a valid crossword). Here are the best of the thousands of entries: Some wouldn’t be out of place in an actual creative crossword; others, you’ll see, belong only here. (See the complete original at bit.ly/klahn1061L.)

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**2** Winner of the 2003 (but works in 2014) “Spam Through the Ages” calendar.

22 Across (US-S): US IS: Opposite of “you ain’t!” (Bob Brandenburger, Chester, Md., a First Offender)

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**6** Winner of the 2014 “I-Name-I-My” Memorial.

16 Across (C - TE): CASTE: The role of a lifetime (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

18 Across (S-R-E): SNIRI: Librarian assistant with attitude: “I said to turn right, idiot!” (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

19 Across (N-O): Unne: Yes (Larry McCommins, Annandale)

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32 Across (F-S): FEES: The results of overeating in Beantown (Christopher Lamora, Los Angeles)

33 Across (R-L): BRIDLED: What the groom became after the wedding (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

34 Across (S-O-ID): SLOW ID: One who seeks immediate gratification sometime down the road (Harry Megaw, Fairfax)

35 Down (E-S-O-N): TESTLIONS: People you date, but don’t marry (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

37 Across (F-S): FEES: The results of overeating in Beantown (Christopher Lamora, Los Angeles)

38 Across (A-G): AIRRUGS: Toupees in March (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

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49 Across (K-E-S-K): KEGNAS: Party fun in the Clinton White House (Doug Cote, Arlington)

50 Across (B-E): BUKER: To primand (Marc Scanlan, Washington)

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53 Across (W-E): WEBS: You play (Mark Osen, Sterling, a First Offender)

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**Tea Leaf Reader**

**THIS WEEK’S CONTEST**

**Week 1065 minus 1:**

The ands have it

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**Sneeze and desist:** Don’t come to work sick, for cryin’ out loud!

**Peace and carats:** Slogan for a boycott of “conflict diamonds.”

Aid and abet . . . over and above . . . cease and desist . . . care and attention . . . appropriate and proper . . . have to and hold . . . null and void . . . lewd and lascivious . . . part and parcel . . .

For the second straight week, we salute the year 1066 by running a contest on a different week (we have to do something else next week) that has very little to do with the year anyway:

Notice something about the word pairs (mostly legal phrases) listed above? The words in each pair, or “doublet,” have similar, sometimes identical meanings. Part of the reason, explains Loser Doug Frank, is that after the Norman Conquest, the French invasion of England, some people in Britain were more familiar with the local terms, while others fared better in French or Latin. And so, in one of the rare instances of bureaucracy making things more understandable, legal terms were often presented in two languages. (Then again, some of the pairs above come from the same language.)

It didn’t take long for English to absorb the French words anyway, but the redundant pairs have dug in to this day.

Which, finally, allows us to be even more tangential to this tenuous link to 1066: For Week 1065: Slightly alter ANY well-known phrase in the form “A-and-B”—it doesn’t have to be Latinized/Anglo-Saxon, and it doesn’t have to be in the list above—and define it, as in Doug’s examples above. By “slightly alter,” I mean that it should be clear in the new version what the old one is.

Winner gets the Inkin’ Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. And second place receives, of course, a pair: a little game called Pig Jax, which is simply a game of jacks but played with little plastic pigs instead of jacks; and a sizable bag of orange and yellow Gummi-like chicken feet. Both donated by Loser Bruce Alter.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired “Whole Fools” Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lust-ed-after Loser magnet, either the Po’ Wit Laureate or Puns of Steel. First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FiStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, March 31; results published in Week 1066.

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**Other honorable-mentions subhead is by Chris Doyle. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev, and click “like” on Style Invitational Ink of the Day for some real Losers! Join us at washingtonpost.com/styleconversational.