

Style Invitational

BY PAT MYERS

Report from Week 1007

in which we presented the filled-in crossword grid shown on this page and asked you to come up with creative, funny clues for any of the words: As always with the results of our Clue Us In contests, some of the clues require some mental flexibility to read; for example, the two clues for ARE below are “era” backward, and “a Re.” (The real clues for this crossword — by master constructor Bob Klahn — include many clever ones as well. See bit.ly/xwordclues1007 for the list.) First Offenders are designated by asterisks.

THE
WINNER
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MEMORIAL

RAH: The Egyptian god who demanded sacrifices of human pyramids (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

2 Winner of the little jar of Turkish “Aprodaisique”:
BET: Better if you do; better if you don't. (Edmund Conti, Raleigh, N.C.)

3 HOMEMADE: Terrifying adjective with “fireworks” and “condoms.” (*Craig Whitaker, Rockville)

4 GEEZERS: A good name for an ear-hair plucker (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.; Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Cluesers: honorable mentions

ARE: Era of reflection (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

ARE: Between a female deer and a name I call myself (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring)

ASSIST: What the proctologist's nurse does (Danielle Nowlin, Woodbridge)

AVON: Someone else you don't want calling when your wife is home alone (Bill Smith, Reston)

AVON: An old Chevy shifted into R. (Dave Prevar, Annapolis; Konrad Schwoerke, Chapel Hill, N.C.)

BOA: Female Portuguese water dog (*Judy Livingston, Hopewell, N.J.)

BOBBIN: ___ Laden, Osama's reclusive Western cousin. (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

BOBBIN: Hope chest (*Doug Hamilton, College Park)

CHILIPEPPER: If you can't stand the heat, get it out of the kitchen (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

DEFT: Hearing-impaired rapper (Gerald Diamond, London, Ontario)

DRILLRIG: Stand-alone GOP energy

A	C	R	O	S	S	O	D	D	S	A	R	E
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platform (David Genser, Poway, Calif.)

EXPENSES: The most creative fiction being written today (Ward Kay, Vienna)

ELI: Boston area term meaning “second-rate” (Mark Raffman, Harvard Law, '86)

FRAT: Do these madras shorts make me look ___? (Roger Hammons, Ashburn)

FRAT: Where a high GPA is secondary to a high BAC (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

GAEL: Irish blowhard (Tom Murphy, Bowie)

GEEZERS: Teenagers' parents (*Eileen Brandy, Silver Spring)

HARRIDANS: Where the “Real Housewives” shop on trips to London (Dixon Wragg, Santa Rosa, Calif.)

INS: You need these to get a green card from them (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

LENT: Mr. T's abstemious brother (Roy Ashley, Washington)

LOGON: Basic fire-building instruction (Phyllis Reinhard, East Fallowfield, Pa.)

MITE: A little mixed-up item (Jeff Contompasis)

MITE: Small branch of N. England geek school (*Glenn Estridge, Clarksville)

NEON: Gas you pass in Vegas (Chris Doyle)

NEON: Item now on 'Skins medical evaluation checklist (Jim Reagan, Herndon)

ODDS: They bring out the bets in us (Chris Doyle)

OFFPEAK: Metro-speak for “never” (Steve Offutt, Arlington)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

Week 1010: Picture this

Every week in this space we feature a cartoon by Bob Staake, the Pen Who Will Not Be Stopped. But it's been almost a year since we've done our perennial contest in which we ask Bob to draw several bizarre renderings and ask readers to write captions for them. **This week: Write a caption for any of these five cartoons.** When several people come up with the same humorous idea, it will be the funniest writer who wins.

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln-statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives this “What's Your Poo Telling You?” daily calendar, with fascinating factoids on every page. Donated by Brendan Beary, who already knows what he's being told.

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

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“freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, March 4; results published March 24 (online March 21). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include “Week 1010” 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 was submitted by both Tom Witte and Kevin Dopart. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

OFFPEAK: Euphemistic tweet about Everest mishap (Howard Walderman, Columbia)

OTELLO: Wow, contact Winfrey immediately! (Nan Reiner, Alexandria, Va.)

POTEEN: Super-size sub sandwich in N. Orleans (Christopher Lamora, Guatemala City; Roy Ashley)

PURPLEPROSE: What yellow journalism is often written in (Skip Livingston, Hopewell, N.J.)

REASONER: Elected successor to the Decider (*Eric Marx, Chevy Chase)

REED: What Bambi sees in the reflecting pond (Danielle Nowlin)

REED: A straw in the wind (Chris Doyle)

RESTEDON: Prehistoric ancestor of the house cat (Ben Aronin, Arlington)

REVSUP: Congregation's asleep, but ___ (Ken Gallant, Conway, Ark.)

SAVIOR: Anyone within shouting distance when you need toilet paper (William Stutzman, Millersburg, Ohio)

SERPENT: “Repents” in a sneaky way (Edmund Conti)

SHATNER: Aged Canadian ham (*Ann Bietsch, Shippensburg, Pa.)

SLEUTH: Stalker's preferred term (Trevor Kerr, Chesapeake, Va.; Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

SPEECHES: Ambien competitor (David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.)

STEPLIVELY: Instruction never called out by the director of a zombie movie (Paul Burnham, Gainesville)

TYPEC: How to make hubby chubby (*Alex Jeffrey, Columbia)

More clues in the online invite at bit.ly/invite1010.

Next week: Our 20-year retrospective!

Still running — deadline Monday night — is our contest to write something about a person using only the letters in his or her name. See bit.ly/invite1009.