## Puzzle

"If you can't solve it, turn to page 112."
by John de Cuevas


Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters and include one proper name), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner and ignoring the gap in the grid. Across words that don't end at the right margin continue on the next line, and down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column. Fourteen across words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those fourteen letters, taken in order, spell a three-word phrase related to the first two undefined down words and to the title of the puzzle.

## Clues:

## Across

1. Struggle, strain, swelter
2. Animal holds painting; or is it a drawing?
3. Weird is the robbery
4. Standard time: went by car, walked
5. Singer goes through poem to bitter end
6. Civic leader is ill-mannered and unrefined
7. Elector's over error
8. Band of light concealed by stealth alone
9. Taxa left without particulars
10. Filth starting down New York City subway
11. Form of address for servants
12. Hear everything with this instrument
13. Love in amazement
14. Be concerned about retired sibling
15. More precise out of chronic error
16. Cuban (female) cook
17. Joan' an artist, or I'm going west
18. Break in, leer, make new inside cover
19. Share knowledge of naughty child painting
20. Star from Asunción
21. Clergyman appealing about Royal Academy
22. Begin to unfold
23. Error turning runs into honor
24. Reversing ran into nuisance storm

## Down

1.     - 
2.     - 
3. Mouse shelter in decay
4. Living bird pair
5. Kind of button for the fleet of speech
6. Pittsburgh Stealers?
7. Admission to main course
8. Heart in Arabic or English
9. Privileged type size
10. Clean up; bream with resin
11. Carries digits? About time!
12. System command
13. Regard broken scepter
14. Short-horned beast means cash in London
15. Hint: this is one of forty-three
16. This cosmetic is more expensive in Mexico
17. More rarefied turpentine, for instance
18. Translation of gait
19. West from here? From where?
20. Make a strenuous effort; rustle off about two grand
21. What this one shall be (according to Matthew 19:30)
