Guest Puzzle #18 – August 2009 "Toss"
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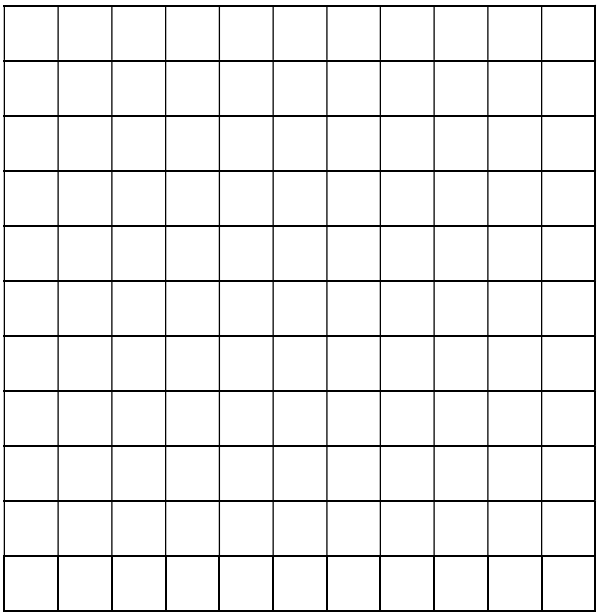
Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, three are capitalized, and one is a variant spelling) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those eleven letters, in scrambled order, spell a word related to the title of the puzzle and to another word that appears three times in the completed grid, though only once in a straightforward way.



Across

1. *See instructions*
2. All in Paris having relish at first for what looks like a donut
3. Puzzled and annoyed having two democrats inside
4. Soldier approaches officer with money
5. Subterranean passage is part of Miami, nearly
6. Rounded, disgusting bolus sticking to leading edge of bureau
7. Ailing nurse did get cured by solar rays
8. Indian has information about fight result
9. Get hot from the eruption
10. Disturbed anal tone of newborn
11. Tex and I struggling to get out
12. Money involved in mistrials
13. Stingy fellow's start-up expenses
14. Evil foes ruin a new coalition
15. English flower is irregularly notched
16. Triangular piece of indigo remnant
17. Fellow is holding assembly lists
18. Cook chicken without hesitation
19. Author and leader lost us at first
20. Landed with tail wagging
21. Bird's cycle of song
22. Food preparation ended in utter confusion
23. Unfortunately Gore got a small check

Down

1. Sympathetic sort gets excited embracing Rabbi
2. Use photography technique to trash rude open sex
3. Choice piece I'd originally bought got eaten by bird
4. Insect stage of exotic strain
5. Polished organ pipe with Nitrogen and Tungsten
6. Those in favor said to get watches
7. Part of belief is untruth
8. Older type of shrub
9. Currency fashionable inside of army post
10. Manage to see extinct bird
11. Storyteller's girl going west
12. Holy Roman Emperor's naked bottom
13. Island of Antigua nationals
14. Carelessly tear a lariat
15. Hazard search after chief leaves
16. "Al" is a confused pseudonym
17. Essence of mullet prepared for a month
18. Drunkard is oddly smooth
19. Can't sort out the differences between elements
20. Note a husband's state
21. Note of resignation
22. Waxy substance from rice rinse
23. Part of the lapwing turned whitish
24. *See instructions*

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