

Guest Puzzle #19 – September 2009 "Heaven Help Us" (by Arthur Schless)

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, eleven are capitalized, one is hyphenated, and one is a two-word phrase) 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. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those ten letters, taken in order, spell a word. Another five words (as indicated by arrows →) won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those five letters anagram to a word that describes the following special instructions: Starting from the cell in the upper left corner of the grid, go 6 cells SE—; then 5 cells N—; then 5 cells SW—; then 2 cells SE—; then 8 cells N—; then 5 cells SE—; then 3 cells S—; then continue SE one cell at a time ending at the lower right corner——. The special instructions lead to nine letters (represented by dashes—) that spell a seven-letter word overlapping with a three-letter acronym related to the title and the ten-letter word mentioned above.

Across

1. Characteristic style isn't changed in wording
2. Summon portion of specific items
3. Men at Ionia comprise a body politic
4. Sullivan followed nobleman and observed closely
5. Your duty to include Pakistani language
6. TV character sounds like Lancaster
7. Shallow waters dappled citrine
8. Child holds a rare deck of cards
9. →Jargon of American taxidermy
10. Fisherman removed tip of touch organ
11. A wager Kennedy encouraged
12. One who entices father at noon
13. I run into entrepreneur with high success
14. Hockey star is sorry at heart
15. Ball player touched ore spewed by heavenly body
16. Nomadic African people are in boat
17. Several in error will get put in order
18. Back in Nantes there's a volcano
19. →Measure of gold found in cracked egg
20. Friend consumed with intellectual taste
21. Most of fruit comes back by truck
22. Sound of game is a confused jumble
23. Summary of revised prices

Down

1. Do it in clear revision showing the way to go
2. Writings relit a true rebirth
3. Disturbed, ill Williams spoke with varying pitch
4. Edit Time article
5. →Fast pace of planet earth
6. Took notes keeping Indian in mind
7. Inflict the first stroke
8. Ingresses obscured in trees
9. →Anderson's men giving up a penny
10. Castilian knight lied egregiously about country's leader
11. Muse of stoic lionhearted
12. File is misshapen spar
13. Promoter's utter confusion about love
14. Control of rare guns
15. County of cyber industries
16. →Hairdresser has time for book exchange
17. Having a means to capture wild animals
18. Wild rat open to type of conditioning
19. Hoopster's mystical power
20. Emperor beheaded crone and scattered remains
21. French beast approached large pepper
22. Appear to follow story of disaster focus
23. Pests I brushed off stalks