Guest Puzzle #32 – February 2011 "Out With the Old"
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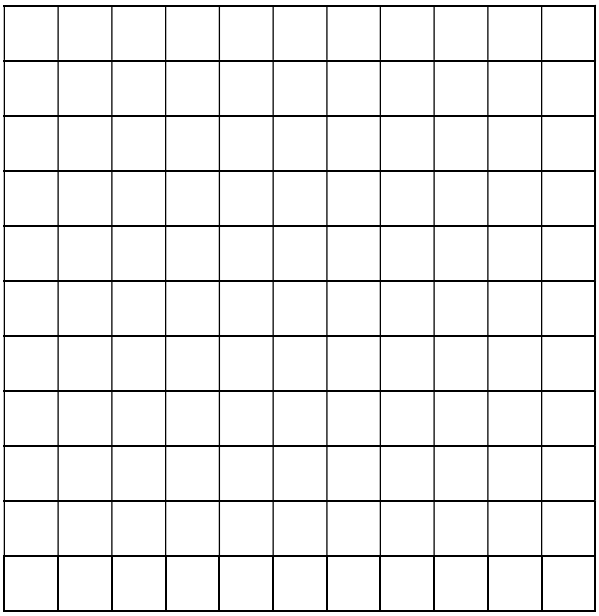
Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, and eight words are capitalized) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Nine across words and nine down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those eighteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell four words related to the title and mystery entries. Thanks to John de Cuevas for his many helpful comments and suggestions.



Across

1. Outfitted brigade poorly, excepting one
2. Cover identity behind closing of jail
3. Bob is loud and confused a lot
4. Facilitate last half of hike
5. Small pest starts to get nippy at twilight
6. Pro-energy front
7. Israeli airline takes union for a month in Tel Aviv
8. Firm demeanor
9. Live longer away from home, finally
10. Comedian Sahl dead in Paris
11. Hot air envelops rare needlefish, for instance
12. Leaderless, dumb, and unsophisticated
13. A French sound has us down
14. *Mystery entry*
15. Remove head from fiddle and badger relative
16. Garden in Odense, Denmark
17. Drunken seamen surrounding one are bullies
18. Derelict is heard to vomit
19. Bottom bunk
20. Chauffeur arranged ride around five, at start of rush
21. Middle Easterner lives in fear abroad
22. Benefits of steep vessels
23. Bank's note is extended
24. Chemically measure titanium, initially to assay
25. Caricaturist tans poorly

Down

1. Clair crushed after falling finally for Alliaceae family member
2. Region covered by Amazon estuary
3. Posed again with unbecoming stare
4. Every headless strand
5. Flow of water is bound to be heard
6. Woods locates golf ball with cured core
7. Editor after young fox wrote bad checks
8. Clan-like dancing ritual has bishop throwing up
9. Adjusts casks containing last of wine
10. Tour haphazard English path
11. Redstone, for instance, runs me ragged
12. Wattage and heat foremost of risks for electrician
13. To remove parasites, the Mexican goes inside to get wet
14. Central Ireland is confused about kidneys
15. Essence of meal lacking flavor, ultimately
16. Feasts of small cooked reeds
17. Hint of pain after amputating end of elbow
18. Disney agent returns with Prince of Motown
19. Rest area occupied by vetch
20. Facts are revised a tad
21. Sideline of baker: roasted hen with pecan center
22. Actual mountaintop estate agent
23. Flight from Islamic center
24. Suspends stove pipes, covering middle of ceiling
25. *Mystery entry*