Guest Puzzle #44 – June 2012 "Not a Clue"
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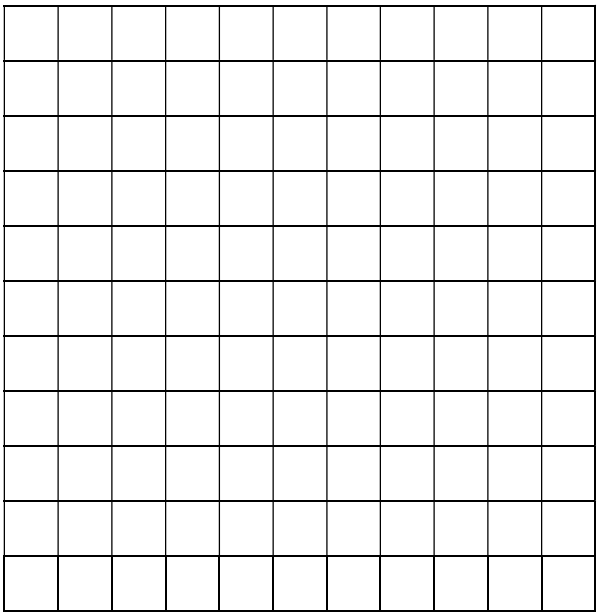
Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to thirteen letters; nine are capitalized, three are two-word phrases, and one is hyphenated) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. 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 four down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those nine letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a word related to five other words (five to seven letters long) which must be extracted from the answers they occur in before those answers will fit in the grid; three of the answers read across and two read down.



Across

1. Exchanging about a thousand with sailors for aromatic perfumes
2. Victor's wife becomes sexual at first and a transgressor
3. Unceasing flight of teal and ern
4. A monk endlessly embracing head of church in dark continent
5. Lime salts covering tableland
6. Victor grown up
7. Mistakenly turn top of key in storage box
8. Horrid lines start to emerge, showing signs of age
9. Sulfur penetrates fine particles in grain
10. Accepted principle of American oncologists
11. Single is part of loneliness
12. Cutting fattest ear produces lingering sensation
13. Pirate leader formerly in island seaport
14. Repulsive part of thug lynching
15. Trust in heartless reply
16. Marcello holds transparent animation sheet
17. Charlie split
18. Rita concluded with a Mexican dish
19. Small, gold lion's head for King of Israel
20. Adventurous Dora marries Earl for love
21. No guy getting screwed is immature
22. Paid nine to go back around Asian subcontinent
23. Bad dream about Rod and I getting hitched
24. Shot two in Spanish and English
25. Balsam or jewelweed: count them off with love

Down

1. Perceptive routing in US flight
2. Capsized once in real large ship
3. Descartes, perhaps, is buried in Minatare, Nebraska
4. Haul head of elephant in sled
5. End of sadness becomes beginning of greatness for composer
6. Error troubled lucid mathematician
7. Group of insects
8. External garment covering coat up
9. Unearthed a tablet containing information
10. Plundered and roughly fired about fifty
11. Charity for former politician Bob
12. Obligation may finally become antiquated
13. Nothing in closed hand to palm off
14. Tenant's right to go in
15. Tourist rambling around streetcar
16. Gus, naked, holding garter, for instance
17. Start climbing, relax at summit
18. Salinger character lives in one's memory
19. A mass organized for Kafka character
20. Perform quiet song
21. Lani mixed up blue dye
22. Bother anyone moving before the end
23. Crowning ceremony needs no action or alteration
24. Unfortunately, our cheating involving rabbi will result in a legal procedure

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