Guest Puzzle #52 – March 2013 "Down and Out"
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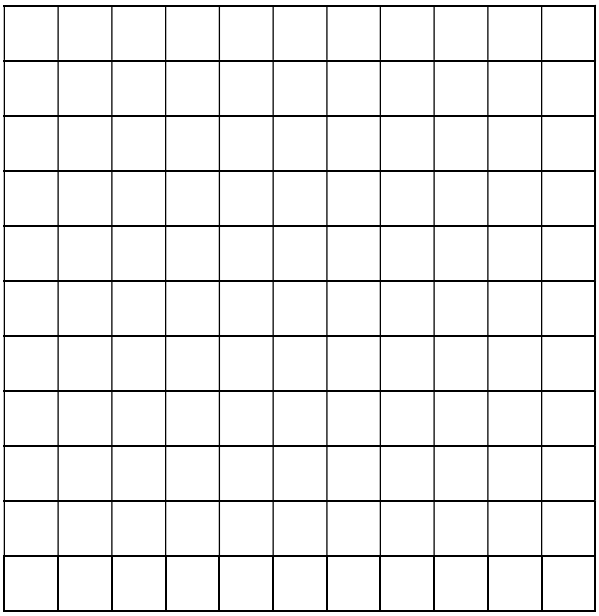
Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten letters, and four are capitalized) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is placed outside it; those six letters form a word. Besides that, eight across words and eight down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted altogether. Those sixteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a four-word phrase related to the outlying word.



Across

1. Harry and Sarah traveling south
2. Pete's playing trumpet opener for a musical ensemble
3. Convert codeine mixture, removing iodine
4. I left Indian bread for Earl unadulterated
5. Room for political action committee in Southeast
6. A plot with nothing to excite
7. Grain that doesn't contain a stone
8. Island city features a vehicle covered by laughter
9. Shake container
10. James has a strap with a bit of elasticity
11. Insect melee leads to inbreeding
12. Boater or booter
13. Shudder holding back an expression of disdain
14. Horse magician turns mare's head into nag's tail
15. Awkwardly seated but unruffled
16. The German beginning to raise interest before getting behind
17. Ridge framed by photographer
18. Bush dance
19. Encourage writer to get rid of rubber
20. Send dad off with the Italian flower
21. Scalia triumphs holding court
22. Attorney's undecided
23. A center refurbished with a bit of native charm

Down

1. Irreligious person among the Athenians
2. Scion of Greece at the rear
3. City merchants rebuilt around event center
4. Bad trail has no beginning
5. Discontinue legal proceeding involving error
6. Gabriel eats cheese
7. Fear rot's started in corpse
8. Opposed a bad serve
9. Get up around noon and wash
10. Supplemental clause about a pirate
11. Contract of French law
12. Before long snagging tail of carp with fishing lure
13. Having no clothing; endlessly under-dressed
14. Has a need to keep mentally healthy
15. Our satellites orbit a constellation
16. Plan of church paintings
17. Fruit ripens around fall
18. Throw out Jeeter running, having catcher replace Teixeira at second
19. One in Scotland gets judge to ventilate
20. Female covered with stuff is cleaned
21. Cost includes new ruler
22. Fashionable resort gets her a guide
23. Act without error; cut out; take away
24. Counterfeit rupee gets junior brought back to give false testimony
25. Arrived with ring and precious stone

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