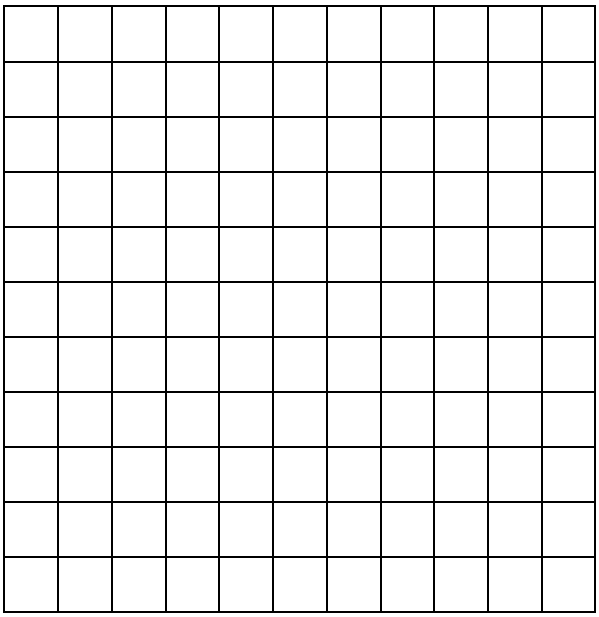
Puzzle #106 – March 2010 "Seesaw"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eight letters, and three 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 won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those letters, taken in order, spell a three-word phrase that suggests how down words are to be entered in the grid. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Thrifty Ruth, half covered by torn flag
2. One incipient canvas and one unfinished picture
3. Jacket of a knight or a king
4. Discordant pop in proscenium causes a halt
5. Prototypic poem in medieval Latin
6. South American argon- and coal-producing region
7. Bond infiltrates commencements
8. I'd bet Ned fails to become accountable
9. Rock fish nabs heron's tail
10. Coined a verb about going west to get away
11. Fly left bursting with energy
12. Calvinism overwhelms a town in Texas
13. Barren meadow forsaken at the end
14. Countermeasure has taken time
15. Dangerously conceals boil
16. List includes one oven
17. Six times in class with alien
18. Ugly sermon about Thor's head and grotesque figure
19. A chaotic situation may at first move fast
20. Brown ape is on the go
21. Offer hospitality with the Spanish approach
22. Fold note inside container
23. Conifer's misrepresented in a debate

Down

1. Provoke men to run amok after fighting at the front
2. Wild spree around ring produces calm
3. Pulling vehicle and wagon back by hill
4. One to get over
5. Idle movement of a 24-hour cycle
6. Same rugged tableland
7. Benefit of alcoholic beverage
8. Expected back around 5 to eat
9. Kind of weather-beaten steel
10. Wife, in turn, is now beginning to whine
11. Prevent head of fox getting caught in rungs
12. A noisy old car in urban Germany
13. Reddish brown shrub traps oxygen
14. Hotel executive gets to send messages
15. The Minister of Groove is captivated by jazz or opera
16. Favor quiet, direct attention
17. Cat has entered into mousehole
18. Prison time ended for staff
19. Green Daimler crashes after you make one error
20. Mint plant soon started to ripen
21. Street I had paved
22. Movie machine runs without heat at first
23. Burn to make about a thousand