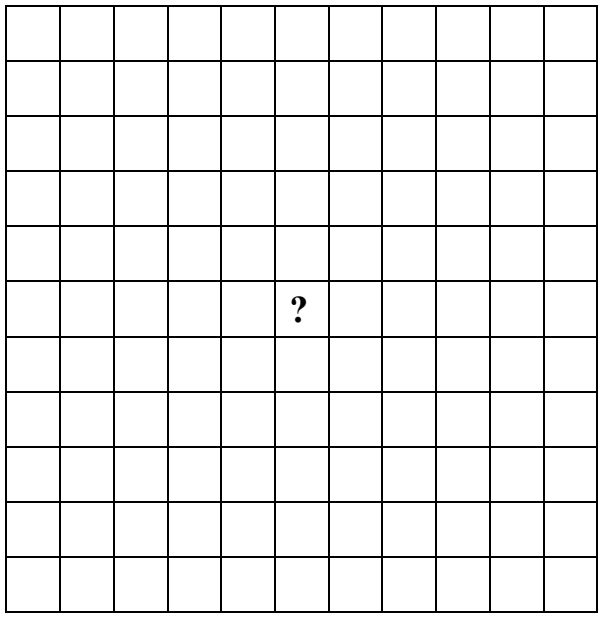
Puzzle #12--May 2002 "Treasure Hunt"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to nine letters and include five proper names and one foreign word), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner but skipping the centermost square; if a word doesn't end at that square it straddles it. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next line, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those thirteen letters, taken in order, spell a four-word phrase indicating what letter to enter in the centermost square.



Across

1. Muscle worked sore carrying ten twice
2. Tear around, arrive around start of meeting, advise
3. Imagine tide breaking around mid-year
4. Bush's head straining under load
5. Butterfly officer
6. Howl about two grand getting loose
7. Descartes's first in squareness
8. California village gets a candy
9. Vessel in front oven
10. Well informed group in distress
11. Tide loss surrounding island
12. Distribute gold in luminous trail
13. King, priestess start dancing
14. Stand-in has energetic start with O_2
15. Gathers back talk, interrupting results
16. Dumb girl, wrong road
17. Mom, so to speak, deceives network
18. Express desire for habit
19. Evil end of term put in order
20. Share quiet karate scuffling
21. Obtuse--needs reforming

Down

1. Raise spirits about letter model
2. Break-away runner giving up right for left
3. Hear sweeper in fog
4. Put out without page finish
5. Hapless Sherpa totes 1000 baskets
6. Pale penny rod
7. Discharge excellent feat
8. Scent of blood oranges
9. Solitary hit
10. Time confining unknown part of gene
11. Trifle about returning ad now
12. Loud hearing in lobby
13. Leading performer's schooling eyed
14. Name of woman badly hurt
15. Arrived at right-angle room
16. Gallic sea of waste matter
17. Author consumes nutty ointment
18. Smith is leaner without head start
19. Macho meal cooked
20. Grain of rice realigned
21. Zero melting point alternative
22. Cabot returns company plant
23. Funeral lament baleful about godhead

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