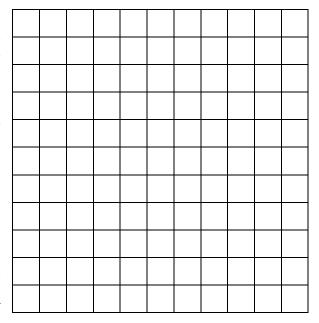
Puzzle #145 — June 2013 "Obstruction"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, four are capitalized, and one is a two-word phrase) 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. Three across words and three down words won't fit in the grid unless they are compacted. In addition, four across words and four down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those eight letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a three-word phrase related to the compacted parts of the compacted words. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

- 1. Tactile organ initially lifted a rod with
- 2. Ali ain't fightin' Marciano, for one
- 3. Turn right around in back to call up a supernatural creature
- 4. Father's beginning to notice a salamander 5. Reporter's observed part of act
- 5. Mental entropy conceals natural ability
- 6. Poet unhappy about meter and pace
- 7. Lure drops a little
- 8. French leader's reformation of government
- 9. Element from end of iron age
- 10. Looked like Brees, running around team's end, was out in front
- 11. None fled a Mediterranean city
- 12. Dude goes around naked in nightclub
- 13. Done fooling about atomic number 12
- 14. Hang dead fish
- 15. Majesty's having fun
- 16. Cad embraces German philosopher
- 17. Children mature suddenly
- 18. Hardy's love organ
- 19. Dislike being badly settled without land
- 20. Courses won't begin March 15th, e.g.
- 21. Record of one life in retrospect
- 22. Disgraced by false pledge, essentially
- 23. Room in Monticello
- 24. Key rendezvous for thirsty astronauts

Down

- 1. Bishop once more embracing rabbi in agreement
- 2. First lady, wearing red, getting fastened
- 3. Wagered about 50 in a stroke
- 4. Rod ending run in time to move around
- 6. Foilsman making 100 pence as a guard
- 7. Iron cord for a cat
- 8. Energy in burn gets measured
- 9. Article from purse is exchanged for one bird
- 10. Official end re-set around 1st of April
- 11. Cage is tight at first for string player
- 12. Garbo and me battling Prohibition
- 13. Set back by row, becoming more irritable
- 14. Beauty featured in Bachelor Magazine
- 15. Talks back in dispute
- 16. Milk drink initially made by Gore and Kennedy
- 17. Exchange includes hard, fissile rock
- 18. Presented a case of triple damages
- 19. Juliet and Oscar tango before starting another dance
- 20. Paddling once around a dugout
- 21. Deer John or Jane
- 22. Insect ingesting fruit for nourishment
- 23. Gutless Barnaby goes around madhouse, coming back drunk
- 24. Auxilliary story of a bride's confusion