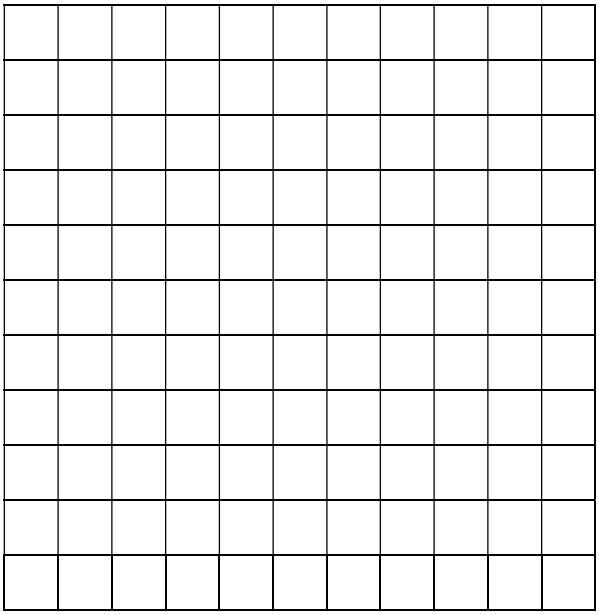
Puzzle #15 – August 2002 "Just Deserts"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eleven letters), 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 margin continue on the next line below. Down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Answers include one unclued mystery word (for which the title of this puzzle is a definition of sorts), five proper names, and one hyphenated expression. Note: This puzzle takes an unexpected turn.



Across

1. Time ran out for tower
2. Australian island seas
3. Crazed, take ring from cassava
4. Blow at one made of grass
5. Unsettle game, adding new gibberish
6. Pickle or pin infectious particle
7. Animal held back in secret tomb
8. Apart while below
9. None as yet keeping simple
10. Baby essay has start of meaning
11. Penny put up for poet
12. Dad is holy leader of the Church
13. Korbut in pool game
14. Come up certain about failing current
15. Consider muslin
16. Solvent alien invested in rattan
17. Heavenly body with me in bed
18. River warrior
19. Cheap seats surrounding architectural projection
20. Start of short and paltry poem in porcelain
21. Sound of bird fuel
22. Steal coin in dish

Down

1. Steward reversing congestion or bad mood
2. Shrub consumed bishop
3. Grad is astringent
4. Person arguing about sound system
5. Seaweed snarl
6. Dash in Ireland
7. Stages developed around long-term holistic patterns
8. Monastery snoop holds king of France up
9. Get free English school garment
10. *Mystery word*
11. Excellent place when turned around
12. Vessel in sea or tarn
13. Mad confusion about united parliament
14. Rear end of strumpet
15. Disturb stage audition
16. Rested, having time for language
17. Note negative number in front instrument
18. Peel fruit by ear
19. Poem returned out of boredom
20. Part of act observed in speech
21. Smith put two knights in a row
22. Tom touches foot of love goddess