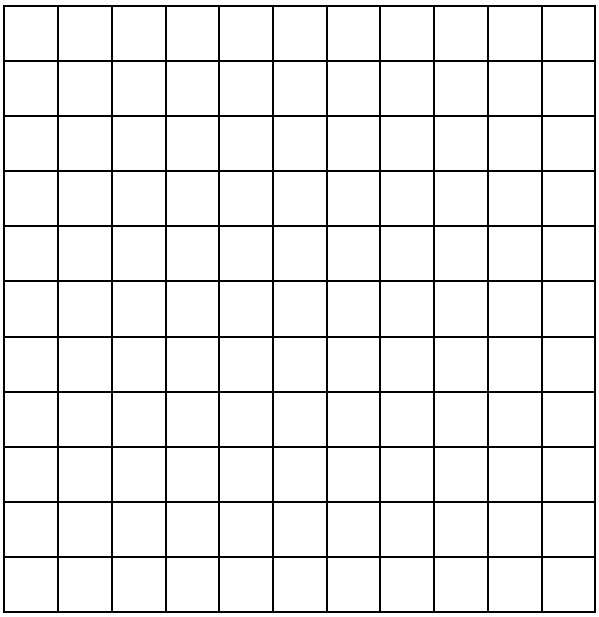
Puzzle #191 — April 2017 "Film Noir"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, and eight 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. Eight across words and eight down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those sixteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a three word phrase related to the title of the puzzle and the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Weird eruption involving Mark means trouble
3. Planet Henry will make official
4. Singer Rogers embraces sailor in circle
5. Crazy Pete's holding a note in gaiters
6. Meathead
7. Primate inhales nitrogen and has a breathing problem
8. Remembering about glowing coal
9. Shopping center manual has everything
10. Coach Troy exercising in rear
11. Airport fee: about fifty-fifty
12. Foreigner's American claim
13. Commotion around the French city
14. Policeman suppressing Mike's ticket for free
15. Panama natives having supernatural energy
16. Mr. Bridge has gone berserk winning rubber
17. First proper love
18. Show without a celebration
19. Child's toy vehicle fixing to score
20. Cook holds right to spread
21. Trouble maker has nothing for a sauce
22. Ugly, ragged weapon
23. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Pal grabs lead bird
2. Insipid ground meat
3. Give fellow a telephone number
4. Unstable particle destabilized boundless amount
5. In favor of time and food
6. Genuine piece of money
7. Name of polar sea
8. Ill-smelling herd of whales? Yes!
9. Declarer's a low light in France
10. Gross technology company's struggle
11. Rode wildly around village to reach port
12. Idle Teddy irritated aunt
13. Tender love returned
14. Signal state within a period of time
15. Darts scare Dotty
16. Cat inside of campus running wild
17. Starting to trouble retinue
18. Formerly part of station center
19. Ill temper observed around Poland
20. Spot Miros being replaced with fakes
21. Tribe eager to hold a social event
22. Crop rot upset supervisor
23. Genetic unit is open or inoperative
24. Calm in tone about China