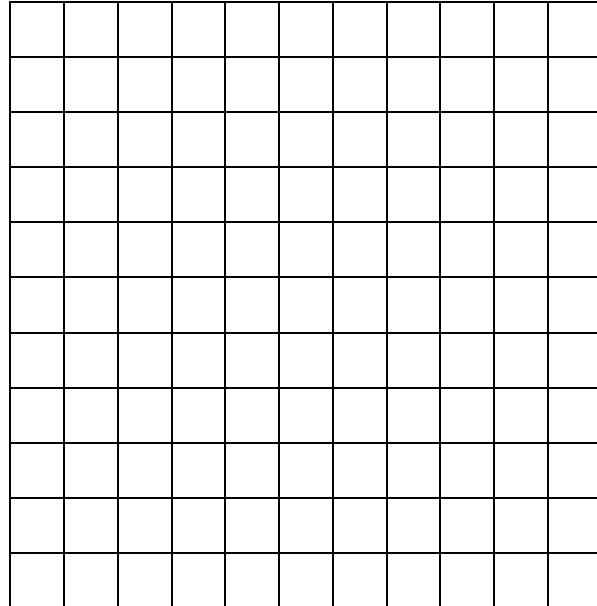


Puzzle #73 — June 2007 "Uncut"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to nine letters and include four capitalized words), 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. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those ten letters, taken in order, spell a three-word phrase related to a word pattern hidden in the correctly completed grid. Find that word pattern. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Celt holding one English instrument
2. Shuffle or deal for stevedore
3. Feel secure with more
4. Shave a composer
5. Concept of wide applicability
6. Party shot popular horse
7. Check about number for enzyme
8. Chinoiserie is essentially sound
9. Rent includes last piece of carrot cake
10. Old rum with a mixture made of several different elements
11. Initially married man and woman
12. Dance with battalion leader and Confederate soldier
13. Household hands get older
14. Torpor had confused a crab, for instance, or maybe a spider
15. Anderson has time for one of Wells's invaders
16. Guide men to righteousness at first
17. Opposed to commotion in building unit
18. Animal has right to sing
19. Vehicle to leave freight
20. Cross over for entrance
21. Compunction about code writer
22. Completely enthralled by Vegas act's dancing

Down

1. Scribe returned with cap
2. Comeback of itinerant actor
3. Remain at odds with retired sailor
4. Gelatinous stuff from a fish
5. Work less hard, in essence
6. Mermaid swimming without a rheostat
7. Vehicle and automobile transit
8. Napoleon or Alexander embracing the Marquis of Calatrava's daughter
9. Odd sort of incomplete body part
10. More reasonable about Penny polishing tool
11. Genuine outrage for innocent girl
12. Don't trust Bud to run wild
13. Lincoln hosts party for Clay
14. British tanker or steamer
15. Tennis player makes nothing of a crucial point
16. Obama's worked to get line for David's son
17. Cool new royal flush
18. Lieberman's Earth Bank
19. Originally Parisian, hence the Parisian arbor
20. Me back in France in live ecological community
21. Distinguished and sharpened up with gold
22. Preacher ran devotions with a mission
23. Runback gives rise to legal injury