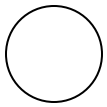
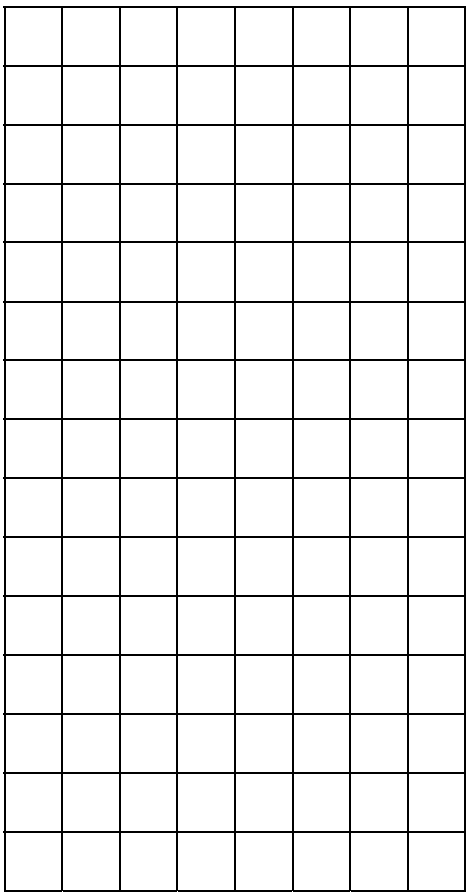
Puzzle # 75 — August 2007 "Hanoi"





Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to nine letters; one is foreign and four 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. Ten across words and nine down words won't fit in the grid unless one or more of their letters is omitted. The omitted letters suggest what the circle above the grid represents. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.

Across

1. Geometric figure is inoperative turned around
2. Meat that's been smoked over branches
3. Line from poem about broken tail having many uses
4. Nimble soldier drowned in brew
5. Wreck sorted out by end of day
6. Shout louder when turning wheel
7. Letter about right beginning to reform a set of rules
8. Mail service gets truly foul (fowl?)
9. Develops reproductive parts with one cell at the end
10. Void a rule about owning a communications device
11. Case of elves playing with energy
12. This or that one is in outer space
13. Curse and mend
14. Sea habit protects whale hunter
15. Bathed and dined with drunkard
16. Incline to rage
17. Weird eel's head found in lake
18. Small bobtail?
19. Barter in exchange for cap
20. Put it in sauce for heaviness
21. Force and pressure applied to one in debt
22. Electron impacts yield weird photon blocker

Down

1. An old measure of distance at around 501 in total
2. Nugatory essay about a way to administer drugs
3. Worm gut digested *Artemisia vulgaris*
4. The look of Spain characterizes a city in New York
5. Break out of cooler up there
6. Pertaining to young Elizabeth, for instance
7. Speak about large kill
8. Name of maiden is Edna
9. City, in moderate reaction at first, is an indicator of change
10. Alien boat carrying one assemblage of life
11. Place for God to rise and fall before noon
12. Really gets error removed, for a change
13. Suppuration has begun a vigorous advance
14. Other reasons to hold a man in Berlin
15. Variety of tasty peach
16. Very with-it Latin writer
17. Sing songs for conductor
18. Annual party ended ahead of time
19. Less finished steering mechanism lacks end of rod
20. Brother up for a dance movement
21. Fabric piles treated with sulfur
22. Paralyzed friends die horribly
23. False information in dicta of lunatic

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