

Puzzle #114 — November 2010 "Moonshine"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eight letters; five are capitalized, and one is foreign) 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 as they occur in across and down words, spell a two-word phrase related to the title and to a word hidden in the completed grid that solvers are invited to find. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

1. Drive around Long Island chasing after back issue
2. Gas beginning to leak out of channel
3. Crownlike part of ring in cracked acorn
4. Neurotic about money
5. Coating mix goes around head of statue
6. One old-fashioned way to get a marble
7. Thickens a goulash with starch
8. A horse's tooth and buttocks
9. Redesign a steel plant
10. Peres is uninhibited in binge
11. Bishop leaves airship sagging
12. Sew bottom part around end of skirt
13. Youngster grabs ram's head first, and then its tail, in scrap
14. Genus of frog from rare collection
15. Beloved French singer and author
16. Separate and cut around top of piling
17. Clear incident involving princess being turned back
18. Feel uneasy about tourist's skin condition
19. Reset a cryptic puzzle
20. Madeline's food emporium
21. Biologist starting viral register
22. Intersession is about language
23. Fuss about ape making a run for fish
24. Hormone synthesizing is recent

Down

1. Proust jolted by English carriage
2. Swedenborg's delightful place
3. Chase unit covered by financial resources
4. Devise a container to hold an electron
5. Get beaten about nothing out in the open
6. Flush of water in sewer
7. Washington put up hand to grab one
8. Fellow eating large crow
9. Opening time for Native American
10. Island cop is a young troublemaker
11. Worry about woman in stream of water
12. Moved slowly and stirred up bedlam
13. Don't accept having golf for some beginner in cloister
14. Special ceremonies for elves, perhaps
15. Dog's excrement initially prompts oath
16. Fighter's tablet translated by Rod
17. Mother incubating egg for bird
18. Planet's passage
19. Insubstantial part of politeness
20. Roe starts to exude gray-green stuff
21. Deliver southern greeting
22. Say nothing in wickedness
23. An eye half open with spasm
24. Painter never keeps an assistant