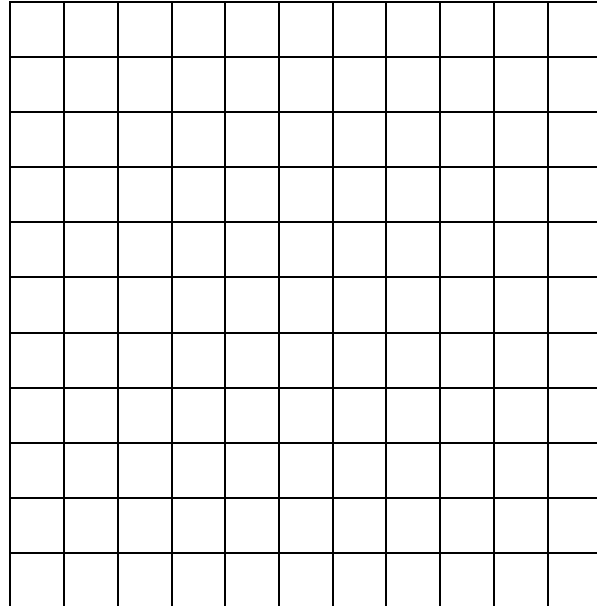


Puzzle #155 — April 2014 "Spaceman"

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



Across

1. Sure plan destroyed a weed
2. Lesson about true person
3. Duration of intermezzo
4. Son setting rate and pattern of intervals
5. Make a box to hold a bit of everything
6. Dark brown bird goes around church
7. Let large facility start to deteriorate
8. Feel bad and run away
9. Sheep has Don worried for no reason
10. Rubber is left in space machine
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Runaway red steer has gone berserk
13. Bird seen in Manitoba
14. Person arguing about sound system
15. Most solemn tombstone
16. Hear a speaker about to make a harsh sound
17. Cost of last of cheap grain
18. Waste a kopek to get a piece of meat
19. In opening, Mike replaces Peter as extra
20. Conservative to go in the middle
21. Burnt olive, a touch of teal, and lavender, for instance
22. Fey sarcasm

Down

1. God! The end of our big black cat
2. Dumb girl misspelled *road*
3. Crude victor over Gaul cursed by rabbi
4. Dorene's got a Hebrew name
5. Garment of Republican in brief drama
6. Covered city boy
7. Kiss a person with vigor
8. In opening, Mike replaces Henry as spy
9. First of girls in sex made rod deliver
10. Partly interpolate the name of actress Negri
11. Unfortunately reared a bookworm
12. Youthful Rene gets rowdy after golf
13. Massachusetts boy's a stone worker
14. George Richards's middle name
15. Evaluate shell
16. English men couple and hug
17. Delay returning note with deep uncertainty
18. Go with new fermenting agent
19. Range of city sounds
20. Implement for king
21. No rest disabled a wise old man
22. Artist Dotty is cool about Russia's top tenor
23. Lure of ten polished rocks
24. In this author's account, nothing is ever initially a puzzle