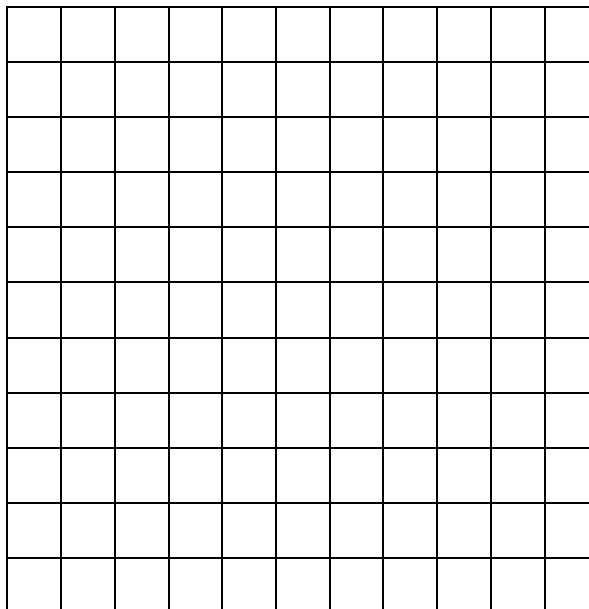


Puzzle #183 — August, 2016 "Countdown"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, and five 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 three words hidden in the correctly completed grid. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

- Non-stick material left on railing
- To include and let Rod in became unworkable
- Shelter drunkard whose son is hot
- Maradona to expire and leave
- User gets to hold cloth
- Fad is about new orbit
- Kate's playing generates interest
- Brother holds one in error
- Leading player let Dotty get scared
- Start off up near master level
- One who raises glass to flower
- Bone mover messed up
- Voice of normal tone
- Now her eyes will take in which place
- At some point restructured loan involving 500
- Hot inside valve or wedge
- Dead spirits make a lot of noise
- Bird loses head and heel
- Peter's place in game is taken by French clown
- I sell spun fabric
- Summon children, every one of them
- Rain falls for a princess in India
- Soaked and deepest in misery
- A pest getting harried and hit

Down

- Authentication of bogus statement
- Writer covers liturgy
- Deer has energy and courage
- Wake of leaderless bird
- Branch of Alf or Kwai
- Little boy holds old bufo
- Morning cheer for spy
- Carry empty sled
- Tell a lad about Indian medal winner
- Lie about position
- Risk having small defeat
- Long master cord
- Roman emperor turns up in Florence
- Store drink in enclosure
- Poet badly wanted wife absent
- Give birth with help
- Note: northeastern Republican might be a collier
- Carhop holds onto a letter
- Blaze upset Alfred endlessly
- Somber death
- See silver inside center for a bouquet
- Pastor knowingly trapping a bird
- Wife out of habit to get father a stoup
- Mysterious code must/could be about getting dressed
- Duration is part of proliferation