

Puzzle #5 — October, 2001 "October"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to ten letters; five of them 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 line, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those eleven letters, taken in order, spell a word related to the title of this puzzle. The five unclued *mystery words* are similarly related.

Across

- Mystery word*
- Official examiner finds nothing in vertex
- Kind of chair mover
- Mystery word*
- Eater's vice: upset gut
- Save foundering vessel
- Create brand name
- Arranges stage scenes
- Islander crashes sonic car
- Engage network
- Greeting of underworld circle
- Give birth to a conservative testing place
- Frost turns back Arabian potentate
- I enable bedlam in Texas
- Start session behind schedule with list of candidates
- Reclined in complaint
- A poet is crazed by drugs
- Guy said to be relaxed by aquatic mammals
- Leave heads of many bitter enemies in African Park
- Hear insect in palm nut
- Improves personnel with prayer
- Mystery word*

Down

- Mystery word*
- Unconscious, comes to: a muddle
- Tips of cane added to actual grain
- Time out for a bit
- Look equal
- Small nose traps
- Ball player in aberrance
- Fudd has degree as preserver
- Place to eat ice after a break
- After initially alienating bench, works out pardons
- Not crazy about Long Island: a little salty
- Quietly get in touch with and morally advise
- X-rated number
- In accord, make amends
- Oh so wild a London district
- Observe brief communication
- Back to write another poem?
- Stagger around end of ramp; push off
- Decorates prunes
- Silly sister keeps breaking down
- Rate lives variously competent
- Mystery word*