

Guest Puzzle — March 2008 "Deliverance" by Arthur Schless

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eleven letters and include four capitalized words), 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. Seven across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those thirteen letters, taken in order, spell a four-word phrase describing an eleven-digit number. The number is to be entered in the dashes beneath the grid. The digits of that number, taken in conjunction with the row numbers to the left of the grid, mark the positions of letters in the grid that spell a two-word phrase related to the puzzle's title.

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Across

1. Greek composed "Gray Pathos"
2. Speak about publicity for flowers
3. Notable singer starting tour
4. In California, Aldo mixed a rum drink
5. Grip drill tool with energy
6. Child gets penny for end of rest period
7. Jumping bean curse
8. Start to gauge top electron flow
9. Watch a trapper snare bird
10. Struck joint note
11. Stocky Indian (without wife) had a bit of tea
12. Warn social gathering president
13. Routine protein constituent
14. Flame roll with a bit of rosemary
15. Note the French clay
16. Acquire popular mixed breed
17. Question job head leaving
18. Bali doesn't have a beach resort
19. Boatmen's cereal
20. Real tough part for singer
21. New coin image
22. Constellation glimpsed in Palisade, Nebraska
23. Three types of blood on fur
24. Pale color of metal teaspoon
25. Sunrise Bakery ad is new

Down

1. Odds are ace band leader has what it takes
2. Friend dined with taste
3. Legal officer held here in Paris
4. Aryan keeper embraces New Englander
5. Goes on the old way, inside and otherwise
6. Need dispelled in paradise
7. Topic of puzzle about meson
8. Mother with violent rage is one who does harm
9. No prosecutor left meeting place
10. Big return allowed for a piece of chicken
11. Glen's rule about admittance
12. Go back to modify current
13. Minutely involved Indian
14. Lines of British instruments
15. Car cover in cab rack
16. Marlon has no love for Mark
17. The quality within is the same
18. Animal left out of untidy stable
19. Our cashiers check included present itself
20. Weasel's tail cut off in walkway
21. Group of one hundred in clique
22. Aaron's skein
23. Southern wood is steep