

Puzzle # 46 – March 2005 "And now for something completely different"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to ten letters and include one two-word phrase and one archaic word), 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 margin continue on the next line below, and down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Twenty words won't fit in the grid unless one or more of their letters is removed. So what's different? The grid is. This puzzle does not use a standard 11-by-11-cell grid. Thus, part of the challenge is figuring out the grid it does use. Hint: the grid has 116 cells and, though not square, is symmetrical along the vertical axis. As always, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.

The grid for this puzzle is not supplied. You must come up with it on your own, but see below for a large grid that you can use as a working tool.

Across

1. Shuffling of feet in drive
2. Brusque finish of wading bird
3. Davenport placed in recess of atrium
4. Vow an end to dress clothing
5. Sensible American goods
6. "Farewell" wins university prize
7. Last of beefsteak, brew, and borecole
8. Love in Mexico takes rubber protection
9. State gets ready for a blow
10. Melodious piece for two includes lute's opening note
11. This French mount provides color
12. End of bad weather leading to dry
13. Pat and Emma--at heart a team
14. Weights keep uncle in physical condition
15. Declare time as usual
16. Stretch from beginning to finish
17. Isn't upset by a new transit flash
18. There's not as much in Hubble's sights
19. Earl encounters returned prize
20. Appeared with ring and engraved gem
21. Doctor holds trendy opinion
22. Channel put in without right
23. Composer incorporates radical spoof
24. Current profit backed by gold

Down

1. Eastern staff takes English wear
2. A litter of pigs loses its leader in a shaft
3. African wears Indian dress for an expedition
4. Edging of iron around circle
5. Newly arrived Peruvian, in confusion, loses one
6. Add a mark for antelope
7. Sow exploded mine in east
8. Loud instrument, a woodwind
9. Superior fellows, with lead of genius, reconstituted element absorbing nitrogen
10. Wicked Linus running to catch foul
11. Period held in women's esteem
12. Fish start to eat the rule book
13. Diamond cut came up
14. Formerly went around bed with editor
15. On the bounding main in America's east
16. Title for someone who sprays
17. Sign ten with approval
18. Based on real data existing after the first of February
19. Hardy heroine has time for a mosaic piece
20. Be irresolute in speech or writing relinquishing a claim
21. Guide eating a male clam

This is not the correct grid for the puzzle.
It is supplied for your convenience as a working tool.

