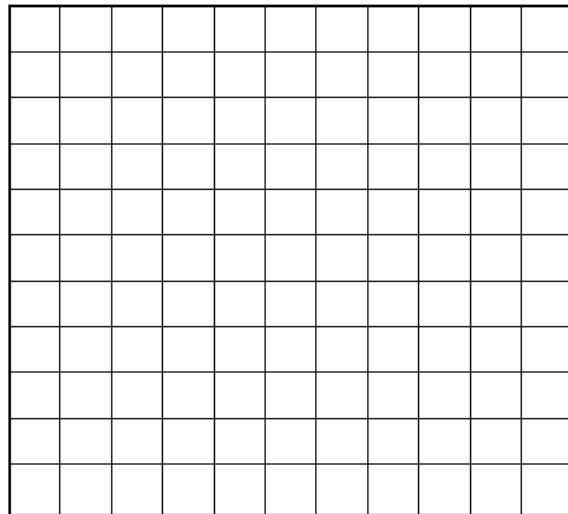


## Puzzle #61 - June 2006 ""

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four 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. Eleven across words and ten down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those twenty-one letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a seven-word message related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle. (If you are having trouble printing these puzzles, you can download an Adobe Acrobat version of the puzzle and grid). [Want to see some hints?]



### Across

1. Face pain with elan
2. Unsettled pair of states join together
3. Steiger and Wilson in roundup
4. Quit, losing \$1,000 for copal maybe
5. One is mad for dye
6. Allowed in action and wiped out
7. Put time in to satisfy condition
8. Some letters about an item on a menu
9. Military engineer cut end of fin from fish
10. . . . mashing a clove at the same time
11. Indicate assent and talk about forgiveness
12. Split and cut around center of patch
13. Leader dropped out of race for grass
14. Ballesteros has right to put ball in play
15. One who contends with street flow
16. Theater has no north section
17. Covering of one in bed
18. Name of minor attraction
19. Most of the volatile oil is mercaptan
20. Island depicted in formal tableau
21. In a word, the French annoy
22. Arrest Arab men going back inside

### Down

1. Finished the Mexican picture
2. Saw about front team's leader getting a favorable position
3. Hare allowed outside all the time
4. Threaten endlessly with excellent trap
5. Distribute gold in luminous trail
6. Swell male greeting
7. Cross over for entrance
8. Part of assai lento movement involving winds
9. Fool eats all but tail of bird to get through
10. Animal carrying a painting, maybe, or a drawing
11. One removed from lift leaving a very large number
12. Ask to be seen bearing left instead of right
13. Author gets help turning press, for instance
14. Standard, very old virus
15. Zealous in awkward enthusiasm
16. Divine color permeates ancient Briton
17. One song provides a charged element
18. Wild about education supporting union
19. Carried book alongside river in Normandy
20. Stepped or strode heartily
21. Adjust cap about right
22. Said eight bits is a mouthful
23. Singles in Togo's capital wanting company