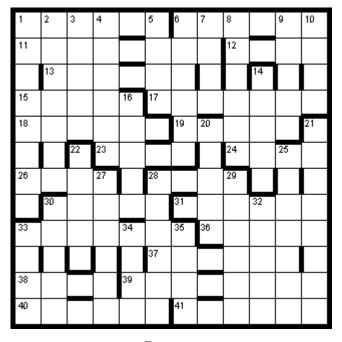
Some answers, clued normally, are one letter too short for the grid; the blank square may appear anywhere in the entry. The remaining clues each contain an extra word, the first letters of which in clue order describe what goes in those blank squares (the results will be new words or proper nouns). One answer is an acronym.



Across

- 1 Television performer playing sitar ahead of time
- 6 A Hessian soldier gets into trouble slowly
- 11 Noble ape enjoys cavorting with skinny person
- 12 Kook's large cask overturned
- 13 Favor bishop to a smaller extent
- 15 Liberal governor turning South American city purple
- 17 Radio intelligence operators describing itinerant son's carriages
- **18** Band recalled sign of boredom about retail store ultimately having a no-return policy? (*hyph*)
- 19 Composer's lyrical debut with self-adjusting musical symbols
- 23 Professor's audibly exhaled team spirit
- 24 Rouse prison officer
- 26 Need new flower garden
- 28 Mother with cold Bud
- 30 Lonely individual following doctor's monotonous talk
- 31 Policeman has nearly completed work with ink pen (2 wds)
- 33 TVA supports keeping pair of veteran dam-builders
- **36** Sue temporarily storing it in hotel rooms
- 37 Laughter and endless glee after band's last performance
- **38** Measure existing breathing apparatus
- 39 Wooden shoes are wrong for beach
- 40 Uses powerful beams and basks in the sun, we hear
- 41 More than one observer saw drunk cat backtracking

Down

- 1 Sea creatures with massive isolated stomach muscles on the outside
- 2 Reportedly poured under control
- 3 Story about bachelor's excessive delay
- **4** Foreign swain accepting fifty nice wedding acquisitions? (*hyph*)
- 5 Nonsense being shot out
- 6 Young Albert's #1 region in France
- 7 Leading study about a big man on campus?
- **8** Australian oak is essentially covering flowering plants
- 9 Emits undeniably strange things
- 10 Locals oddly ignored association of western countries
- 14 Italian noble frequently seen within borders of Lombardy
- 16 California nurse circles one sandstone rock monument
- **20** Cools off annoying crazies
- 21 Rejected, heartlessly take part in mangling circus equipment
- 22 Wild armrests flare out
- **25** Unusual yoga routine not yet delivered? (2 wds)
- 27 Carol's collecting five adventure books
- 28 Sitting in Hummer limousine, gestures and pulls into traffic
- 29 After Saturday, desired nothing
- 30 Satan was called up
- **32** One left in pot for opponent's ace, perhaps
- 33 Impressive bartenders invariably get tips
- **34** Discarding the first rental agreement for tech facility
- **35** Mr. Walton takes on one trainee in Anna's workplace?