

Puzzle

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Instructions: The words defined by the cryptic clues are to be entered normally in the puzzle grid (in which heavy bars separate entries), except that ten across words and ten down words won't fit unless a letter from each is omitted. The twenty omitted letters, taken in order, spell five words related to the unclued across entry in the center of the grid. Answers include one proper name and one two-word phrase.

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Across

- 1 Voter hearing of municipal meditation
7 Fix Reagan about right
13 Building around ruin takes time
14 King of maritime beasts?
15 In mild mood, had supper
16 Bean is effective as seed bearer
17 Small German article serves as gardening tool
18 Fellow actor's breakdown
28 Cares or wires crossed
31 Officer core, so to speak
33 Bind spheroidal to center of weight
34 Acid element holds Ann
35 Toilets open early, not restricted
36 Criminal infection
37 Fold right in; stop
38 Take up and insert
39 Time opening river

Down

- 1 Fossil fuel with right color
2 Big guy sounds like he just doesn't relax
3 Garment negation held by muscular contraction
4 Clues this confused should get new start
5 Get value for *Crimson* with ease, say, 1000
6 Identity of Pan-American
7 A person is upset by slander
8 Grass instrument
9 Brought up; stood up
10 Wing-like axillary
11 Relative English in a French town
12 Taxon failure among certain ungulates
19 First of terrestrial fish to snarl
20 One mean wild flower
21 Made another loan yield
22 Pivotal kind of bear
23 Field of action found in bare nature
24 This dish is a ringer with an early start
25 Metal form entry achieved
26 Struma: one who leaves with it
27 Sanitize germ on dealer
28 Keep an eye on time keeper
29 Grünewald's letter
30 Bird from Carib islands
31 Hear actor's status
32 Not taken as opposed to right

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