

Hints for Puzzle #5 — October, 2001 "October"

Parentheses around a clue mean that a letter must be omitted from the answer word before it will fit in the grid. Numbers in parentheses give lengths of answer words, and an asterisk * indicates a proper name.

Across

1. *Mystery word* (4)
2. (Official examiner finds nothing in vertex) (7)
3. (Kind of chair mover) (6)
4. *Mystery word* (3)
5. (Eater's vice: upset gut) (10)
6. Save foundering vessel (4)
7. Create brand name (4)
8. Arranges stage scenes (4)
9. *Islander crashes sonic car (8)
10. Engage network (4)
11. Greeting of underworld circle (5)
12. (Giving birth to a conservative testing place) (10)
13. Frost turns back Arabian potentate (4)
14. *(I enable bedlam in Texas) (7)
15. Start session behind schedule with list of candidates (5)
16. Reclined in complaint (4)
17. A poet is crazed by drugs (7)
18. (Guy said to be relaxed by aquatic mammals) (8)
19. *Leave heads of many bitter enemies in African Park (5)
20. Hear insect in palm nut (5)
21. Improves personnel with prayer (7)
22. *Mystery word* (6)

Down

1. *Mystery word* (4)
2. Unconscious, comes to: a muddle (8)
3. (Tips of cane added to actual grain) (6)
4. Time out for a bit (4)
5. Look equal (4)
6. Small nose traps (6)
7. *Ball player in aberrance (5)
8. Fudd has degree as preserver (8)
9. (Place to eat ice after a break) (9)
10. (After initially alienating bench, works out pardons) (8)
11. Not crazy about Long Island: a little salty (6)
12. Quietly get in touch with and morally advise (6)
13. X-rated number (3)
14. In accord, make amends (5)
15. *Oh so wild a London district (4)
16. Observe brief communication (4)
17. (Back to write another poem?) (7)
18. Stagger around end of ramp; push off (5)
19. Decorates prunes (5)
20. Silly sister keeps breaking down (5)
21. (Rate lives variously competent) (9)
22. *Mystery word* (5)

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B	E	E	R	C	O	R	N	E	R	R
O	C	E	R	A	L	E	E	V	I	S
C	E	R	A	E	V	A	S	E	M	A
K	E	S	E	T	S	C	O	R	S	I
C	A	N	M	E	S	H	H	E	L	L
O	L	A	B	R	A	T	O	R	Y	E
M	I	R	A	I	L	E	N	E	S	L
A	T	E	L	A	I	N	O	P	I	A
T	E	S	M	A	N	A	T	E	S	G
O	M	B	E	B	E	T	E	L	V	E
S	P	E	R	S	P	O	R	T	E	R

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
OKTOBERFEST

Across

1. BEER
2. COR(O)NER
3. ROC(K)ER
4. ALE
5. EVISCERA(T)E
6. VASE
7. MAKE
8. SETS
9. CORSICAN
10. MESH
11. HELLO
12. LAB(O)RATORY
13. EMIR
14. A(B)ILENE
15. SLATE
16. LAIN
17. OPIATES
18. MANAT(E)ES
19. GOMBE
20. BETEL
21. VESPER(S)
22. PORTER

Down

1. BOCK
2. COMATOSE
3. CE(R)EAL
4. ITEM
5. PEER
6. SNARES
7. BERRA
8. EMBALMER
9. CA(F)ETERIA
10. ABSOLV(E)S
11. SALINE
12. PREACH
13. TEN
14. ATONE
15. SOHO
16. NOTE
17. REVER(S)E
18. REPEL
19. TRIMS
20. LYSIS
21. VERSA(T)ILE
22. LAGER