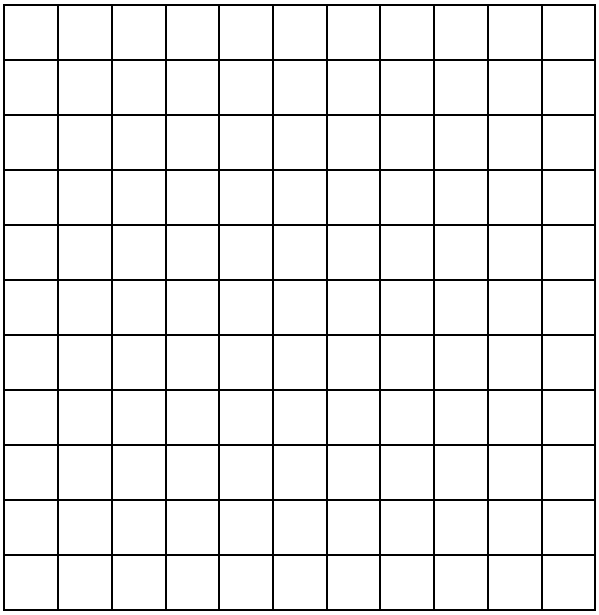
Puzzle # 205 – July 2018 "Alphabet Soup"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to nine letters and three 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. Thirteen across words and thirteen down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twenty-six letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, are guess what in random order. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Mark fellow's level
2. Different Virginia train derailed
3. Deb lost us badly for sure
4. Dislike of a particular translation
5. Long title is inaccurate and insignificant
6. Landing something to be apportioned right
7. Marsh grass of southern border
8. No law to restrain newlywed
9. Leafstalk oil Pete refined
10. Base informer urchin
11. Grafton's float
12. Deform or beat a straw hat
13. Seize the French movie actress
14. Primate of Taylor Island
15. Hear animal noise
16. Jack rabbit, male, found in seraglio
17. Deadline is odd part of theorem
18. Space dock rotates
19. Juliet's getting into smoking reefers
20. King Koopa's got right web software
21. Information in all directions
22. Answer for error in proper discharge
23. Counsel hen to swallow head of worm
24. Rock Quebec with twisting force

Down

1. Enjoin roasting of bird
2. Head of school drops bolt
3. Unruly setter holds up custodian
4. Errors about zero in examination
5. Conceal a bordello's work
6. Improvised part for buttocks
7. Denoted average temperature
8. Improving one's discernment
9. Harbor endless, fretful dislike
10. Everything held in soaked container
11. Fall works involving one thresher
12. Worm turned in reed
13. Painter now taking on a trainee
14. Rod taking Henry's place in card game for a joint
15. Jack leases drinking vessels
16. Experience state's overhaul
17. Steals ottoman wheels
18. Trump: dysfunctional and old
19. Watch out! Wild bear has weight and energy
20. Albert hopes to have a place to sleep
21. Vibrate actively, beginning to move in exact repetition
22. Deceiving German woman's date
23. Times for millions in realm run out
24. Bedroom zone redone in olive brown color