

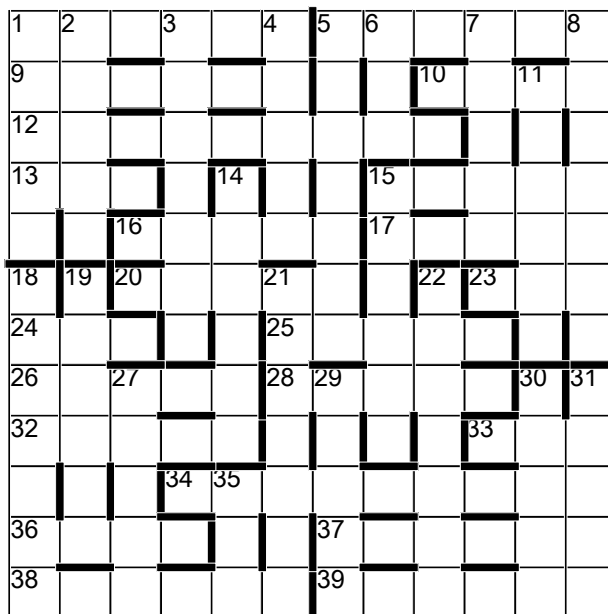
Police Raid

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“Stem attack! Mafia leader to steal and carry away mechanical statuette great distances. Twenty-one honest assistants shelter game, attractive woman, hold grass (aromatic plant)”

This nearly incoherent message was received at the police headquarters as a crime was about to be committed. This led to a police raid, which uncovered ten suspects and six weapons. The first names of the suspects and the names of the weapons all appear in the diagram. (Definitions for those sixteen words, but no cryptic indications, are strung together in the above paragraph. The sixteen words are not otherwise clued.)

Other clues are normal. 30 is a variant spelling. Two answer words are capitalized.



Across

- 1 Somewhat run down, having eaten piece of pie? Fast (6)
- 5 Stick around: American energy is awakened (6)
- 9 Switchback caused broken leg (6)
- 13 Cook small fish (3)
- 17 Bottomless pit in baby's stomach (5)
- 24 Some photos may be sources of psychic energy (3)
- 25 If nut is cracked, it's in bad shape (5)
- 28 Left line in gentile exclamation (5)
- 32 Go be a hexer holding magic rituals (5)
- 33 Low, three-quarter moon (3)
- 37 Immediately make amends for retaining copyright (6, two words)
- 38 The one who's removed? He's sometimes told to go home (6)
- 39 Sounds crooked to me: rook poet (6)

Down

- 2 Tiny openings, we hear, in streams (5)
- 3 Narcissist's actions tore pig apart (7, two words)
- 4 Long period of time? No (5)
- 5 Captured back ere tank is destroyed (7)
- 6 Award endless belt (3)
- 8 Realm needs me desperately (7)
- 14 Nothing is on an angle, stupid (6)
- 15 Stump very loudly around bundle of hay? Just the opposite! (6)
- 19 Injured, I bleed internally, can be taken in (6)
- 21 Trick in vehicle trunk, for example (7)
- 22 Sick woman in Kentucky — she's not fun (7)
- 27 Study renal disorder (5)
- 30 Bowling upsetting European corn (5)