

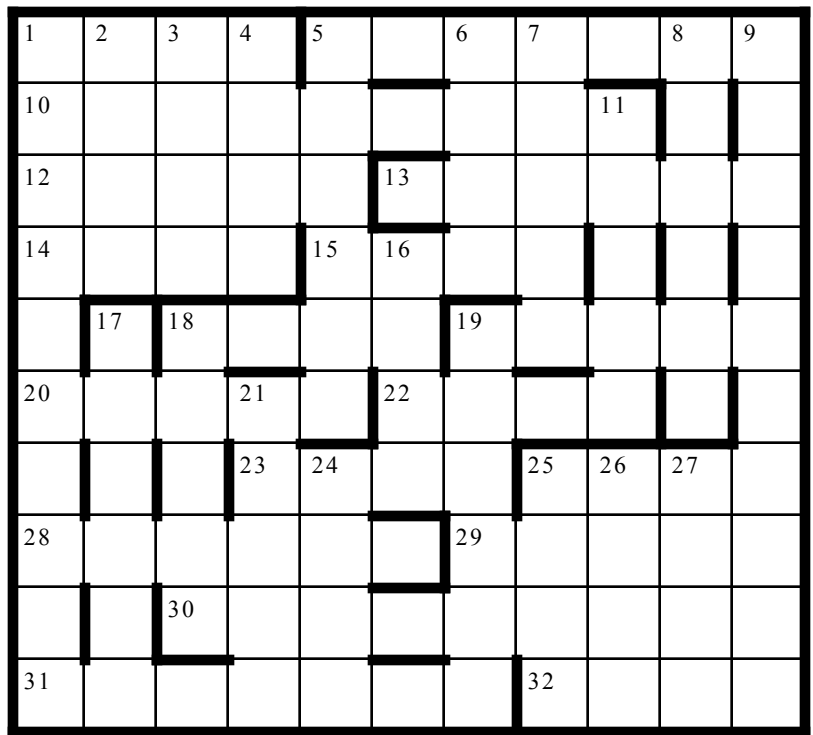
Sunday Palmers

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As April wields her showers to unparch
 The earth left sere by icy, windy March,
 We pilgrims come for puzzles to this town.
 To mark this, in the grid Across and Down
 Conflict in certain squares; place there a third,
 New letter so that each is still a word —
 One word's a name (for Earth). The weather change
 Is seen in what you get if you arrange
 These *new* glyphs in the orders that the *old*
 Ones (Down, and then Across) provide. But hold
 Your horses; there's still more: Some other clues
 Have answers that won't fit unless you use
 A *line* to hold a letter. These combine
 With all those squares with conflicts to define
 The border 'twixt two regions. For the name
 Of one, read squares and down-lines; do the same
 With squares and lines across to get the second.
 And on this "map" my route can now be reckoned:
 Each clue not mentioned heretofore has one
 Fake letter, which you drop ere solving; run
 Together, these will tell you what I did,
 As mapped onto (one column of) the grid,
 Described in terms most seasonal. (My route,
 Mixed well, is also seasonal, to boot.)

ACROSS

1. A Japanese city loves *Alias*
5. A male detective wearing gold reversible sheepskin
10. Excursions including or beginning to include female social groups
12. Sounds from black birds having red stomachs
13. Veto finally filling segment of the earth's crust with a Nebraskan river
14. Bugs fan upset saint
15. Protection from ape that's disheartened soldiers
18. Heard fruit being put into the ground
19. Hitting one's rear with little force as a diversionary tactic
20. *Omoo*'s recited with pouty facial expressions
22. Donald Trump's ex-wife's vehicle, parked in Iowa
23. Pert female relatives of the weasels being discussed
25. One of Santa's crimes at the author's house
28. Thugs in Britain cry "Gevalt!" about eating pending bit of syllabub
29. Place to buy back one's pack animals



30. Old English king leaves revolutionary communist inside endless spiral (2 wds.)
31. Change the name on garment getting ripe outside
32. Part of greater Arizona abuts a Mideastern region

DOWN

1. Poet's above claiming Mark and April's successor is a supplier of non-vegan peats (2 wds.)
2. Frontless farm structure housing half of cows and seed
3. Libertine almost turned around by a measure of purity
4. Car's weird curves
5. Makes a nonlawyer's upwardly-mobile son enthusiastic about suit, at first
6. Pup with primarily indigo lip hairs
7. Hire martial artist Bruce to protect eaglets on the outside
8. Really, Castillian that's bragging can rebel
9. Dent he put in a huge continent, exhibiting lack of sense
11. Loath to be cut short at one linear marking
16. Get topless one more time
17. Prone to sweeping, or some dancing
18. Shoat taken by semi-buff ace football player Smith
19. Bad, bad elf of legend
21. Person in club loses the leftmost item amongst lashes
24. First of tones adopted by barely vital Greek character
25. Leader of Greece (but not Germany) turned doctor into hag (2 wds.)
26. Ought one to embrace Margaret and Io after erasing 24 Down?
27. Salem additionally houses an anti-DUI group (*abbr.*)