Forensics & 7 & 7 by Ucaoimhu

Welcome to the first 2012 Presidential Debate! In this puzzle, 14 grid squares will be overfilled in one of two ways, corresponding in a certain manner to the two candidates. There are 14 Across clues and 14 Down clues whose entries intersect an overfilled square; in each one, where the overfilled square is mth from the start and nth from the end of the entry, take the mth letter from the start and nth letter from the end of the clue. Then:

(1) If you read those pairs of letters for the Across clues in clue order, you will find out what each candidate most likely plans to do at least once during the debate.

(2) If you read the mth-from-start letters of the Down clues in clue order, you will see two (slangily-expressed) items now strongly associated with the candidates (in the order indicated by the nth-from-end letters), as a result of which the overfilled squares are now out of date.

Finally, pair up all the overfilled squares in the grid so that each pair consists of one square for each candidate, and these two squares “face off” on exact opposite sides or corners of another grid square. These seven “debated over” squares, if read top to bottom, will tell you what — because of (1) or (2) — the candidates might now be considered to be.

ACROSS
1. Ring that guy holds turned pale for no reason (3 wds.)
2. Devices that produce flour for fractions of a penny
3. Relinquish — as payment, say — a stopwatch, after you give it a spin
4. A deer using, essentially, a language akin to Romany
5. Notes about calcium silicate minerals like clintonite
6. A sextet in Paloma misses an African watercourse
7. Television psychologist mentioned moor land in bad shape (2 wds., abbr.)
8. Mack must give back said brand of candy wafers
9. Silvered?!
10. Vapor that corrupts Ms. Farrow’s female ancestor
11. Radical that I swing fists towards (2 wds.)
12. Crop eaten by one’s over-religious teacher
13. Central moral code of a people never says “no”
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DOWN
1. One blooming row Josh overheard
2. For example, steer straight up
3. A Eurasian plane with a computer from Commodore
4. A deer using, essentially, a language akin to Romany
5. Notes about calcium silicate minerals like clintonite
6. A sextet in Paloma misses an African watercourse
7. Zola, say, raised citrus fruit with no rind? Yes
8. Upwardly-mobile community in Peru ultimately learnt the language of many an Indian
9. Central moral code of a people never says “no”
10. After imbibing whiskey, Samantha imitated a fish
11. Heap of upsetting, sassy online remarks?
12. Starts to note, in his Italian lecture, how a Roman would say nada
13. Behead singer Martin Gross
14. In the period when a card game captivates Pound
15. Anka translated bits of Japanese writing
16. Doctor errs after greeting folks bringing in new blood
17. Lice reduced 50% by German with cap
18. The kind of acid that’s in proteins Naomi formed
19. At first, he occupies a restaurant site in India
20. Observes “error” that is correct