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RISE TO POWER

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Words in this grid go across and down, with no unchecked letters. Words in each row are clued in random order, but the column clues are in order for each column. In addition, several of the clues are an odd form of double definition, in which the first half defines a word and the second half defines another word formed from the first by adding or deleting a letter; for instance, "Girl crazy" could lead to MAID and MAD. The longer word should be entered in the grid. If the double-definition is an Across clue, circle the extra letter in black. If it is a Down clue, circle the extra letter in red.

The top and bottom rows are unclued. The bottom row explains the situation, and the top row gives you more specific information. The last letters of the double-definition Across clues, in clue order, tell who you are, and the circled letters, read from bottom to top, tell what you will become.

ACROSS

- 2 Gosh, in retrospect, it's 500 years of living
Like a pond dweller
- 3 Stableman holds back Nellie
Royal leader I had unburdened
- 4 Callas, without hint of modesty, produced
operatic solo
Actress Gwyn's angle
- 5 Draw around little piece of the floor
Touched fabric
- 6 "Smooth Operator" singer is sexy girl in a
Beatles ballad
Put down Kenneth
- 7 Discussed one in pain in Israeli city
The French alias: not one let out information

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DOWN

- 1 Starch, club soda: remove dirt and trace of
mud
Roberta Flack owns insurance company
- 2 Cheer Leo wildly
Get to run on empty next to a church
- 3 Essentially, bug likes fruit
Really, really involving musical instrument
- 4 Moroccan city has a vampire, e.g.? Right on
Dry financial overseer
- 5 "Name, rank, and statistical number"
Actor Peter—false? No, true! Do tell
- 6 *Monster's Ball* next to "Greed," not "Ed"
Nice thought—put tag on empty envelope
- 7 Virginia . . . Illinois . . . Colorado resort
Deceiver flipped bird
- 8 Announcer Hall initially emulates Dr. Demento
Iacocca's green vegetables