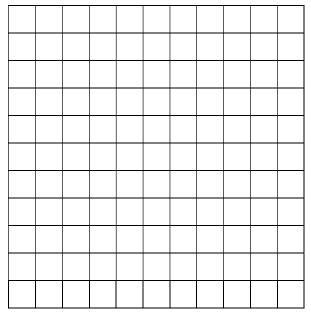
Puzzle #21 - February 2003 "By The Horns"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to ten letters), 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 margin continue on the next line below; down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Six across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those eleven letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase related to another two-word phrase hidden in the completed grid that solvers are invited to find. Answers include four proper names and one hyphenated word. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.

Across

- 1. Surface vessel's speed around town
- 2. Open at lunch irregularly
- 3. Delete *Times* error
- 4. Proclamation cited incorrectly
- 5. Discordant noise envelops head of caged songbird
- 6. Author Rorty's abomination
- 7. Start casing a Chinese gambler's place
- 8. Train with assistant football player
- 9. Parrot with weight as a comedian
- 10. Place for storing loose soil
- 11. Free tempo, timeless verse
- 12. Grand shelter gives joy
- 13. Poisoned lure again causes pain
- 14. Instrument breaking down in a mess
- 15. Fail in credit, to be more precise
- 16. Glutted and unhappy about starting to eat
- 17. Also let off to play the flute
- 18. Jack and king at center of church
- 19. Campus announcement about Asian port
- 20. Watched and heard what's on stage
- 21. No charge for speech
- 22. Credit with formerly starting trade agreement



Down

- 1. See garlic mashed in profanation
- 2. Religious raving due to inspiring verse
- 3. Everything Spanish is a bother in English
- 4. Not up to par as a result of stress?
- 5. Initiate peaceful performance agreement
- 6. Course in prep at Harvard
- 7. Collars fashioned without a decoration
- 8. Deviating route
- 9. Packet's contents rearranged for cover
- 10. Poke icky stuff with tips of spike
- 11. Mostly dry southeastern spring
- 12. Claiming one is very wet
- 13. Journal of lactation
- 14. Definitely having an egg
- 15. Storm reported by highlander
- 16. Smell reported by cons
- 17. Sulfur by itself turning up in chemicals
- 18. Save notes with prompting
- 19. Get sharp in phonetics
- 20. Crooked wakes
- 21. Approve finish before rose wilts
- 22. Residence said to have style
- 23. Money left by a Gershwin
- 24. Moment at home with small, bronze head of Tutankhamen