Puzzle #169 — June 2015 "Leporid"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to eleven letters, three are capitalized, and one is foreign) 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 continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Seven across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those thirteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a name related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- 1. Melba turned back around plateau
- 2. Primate scratched its rear
- 3. Stupid people fight with Cardinal at first instead of Bishop
- 4. Bind rod in row
- 5. Miss America's unchanged
- 6. Wing-like part of phalarope
- 7. Master holding top of head in pain
- 8. We learned about an ancient city in Italy where Zeno lived
- 9. Getting affection with a hook
- 10. Verify study by Mark describing tree
- 11. Small, inadequate trail
- 12. Brother or nephew brought into being
- 13. Mystery entry
- 14. General, left out, is moved to anger
- 15. Get weak signal
- 16. Street in disrepair causes concern
- 17. Carter playing with Earl in patio
- 18. Bird's lair fouled
- 19. Ecclesiastic's scarf pinched
- 20. Sport a tanktop to cover breast
- 21. Mort turned back one instrument
- 22. Protector's song about wife
- 23. Explanation of offensive sex cue

Down

- 1. Wicked one gets Mike to interfere
- 2. Get into playing teen part with energy
- 3. Approval of sacrament
- 4. Follow criminal trial
- 5. Identifies teaspoons containing silver
- 6. Deal with volatile, massless matter
- 7. Wrong label for old Roman wars
- 8. Ring bearing rare gem
- 9. Registered external networking device
- 10. Because offspring don't remember
- 11. A piece of music Satan massacred with love
- 12. Front Street area where a lot of trees grow
- 13. System for measuring time taken up by violent crime
- 14. So-so floating device could be a boat
- 15. Oscar endlessly beset and overweight
- 16. Lame from getting shot in pit
- 17. Velocipede gets around places
- 18. Never enough to cover city
- 19. Not covered, block end
- 20. Nanny runs off with mate at the end
- 21. Rift and age destroyed warship
- 22. Measure of trade involving cash initially
- 23. I confusingly recant it as very complex