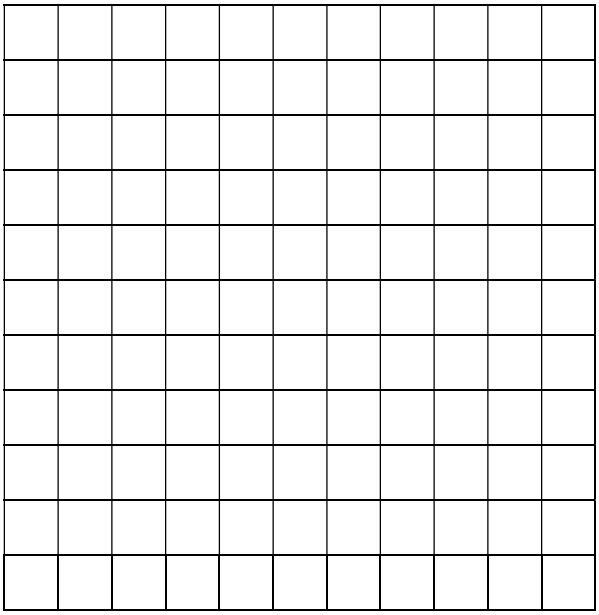
Puzzle #17 – October 2002 "Chicago Cubs"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine 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. Five across and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those ten letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase related to the three mystery words. Answers include six proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. *Mystery word*
2. TV turned around after end of wild start
3. Poet dipping tip of pen in fruit
4. Starting dinner with bread is funny
5. Sound of drum part
6. No good jogger loses top of toe
7. Tripe prepared for scientist
8. Man's taking refuge in machismo
9. Harvest of rare apples
10. Group within group of small broken tubes
11. Stranger, about 50, follows tense child
12. Ancient pulpit found in steamboat
13. *Mystery word*
14. Dave edited sacred writing
15. Count menu eater deranged
16. Come up swallowing last of rain water
17. Suppress hydrogen in fuel
18. Split payment
19. August in France has bishop trapped--almost
20. General keeps time
21. Distant French sea food producer
22. Blister-bursting hair
23. Bird with broken leg holding frame
24. *Mystery word*

Down

1. Magical object in crystal is mangled
2. Report of earth dish
3. Goddess of Thebes
4. Small one-man vessel or skiff
5. Performing in stale musical interval
6. Ends of cork stuck in vegetable fastener
7. Stop baseball team comeback
8. Rocked, smashed, and spoiled
9. Find overt destruction
10. Web site address put inside her pitcher
11. Sound study instrument
12. Start eager and randy, auricular and amatory
13. Girl comes up in parody
14. Birds, starting down, angle south
15. Support back in simple hoist
16. Go on in through cover
17. Bill the French for fare
18. Shuffle reveals a small number
19. Junk furniture if left out in rear
20. Iron found in clergyman's house is a mess
21. A badge (?) for banter

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