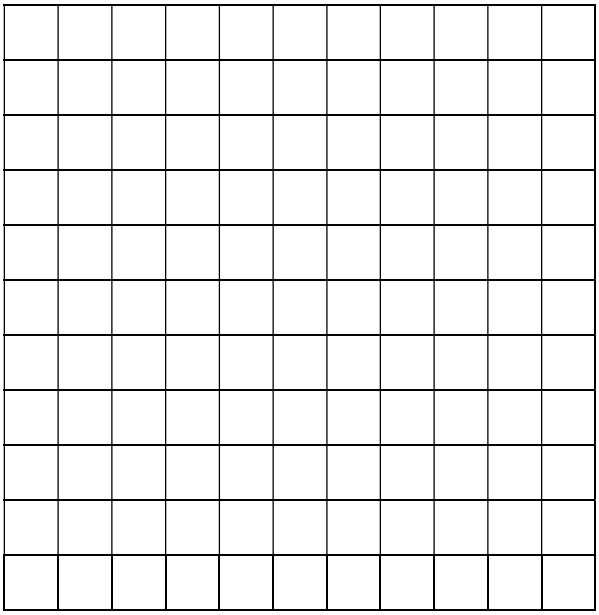
Puzzle #25 – June 2003 "Stompin' at the Savoy"

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. Seven across words and four down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those eleven letters, taken in order, spell a three-word phrase related to the two unclued mystery words. Answers, aside from mystery words, include one proper name. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. *Mystery word*
2. Cancel keeping a yearbook
3. Attends to excellent candelabrum
4. Line-holding game collapsed in a flash
5. Action of river dam's opening
6. Worldly Republican blocks passage
7. Study opening
8. Dry mare and river
9. Father has time for small talk
10. Speech has nasty lies about party leader
11. Carries error in sums
12. Depth of baby's mind
13. Complain of mental fatigue
14. Cheap, rotten fruit
15. Tales of ship bearing ruler
16. Benefit monkey without degree
17. Island of healing saunas
18. Get up in wild glee after end of record flood
19. Finish brewing bad beer for bird
20. Remove rubber held in facility
21. Gas-fed baby
22. Hit small bit
23. *Mystery word*

Down

1. Primates held by insect foot
2. Fair about start of open combat
3. Drink or talk
4. Gibbon, e.g., has self going up peak
5. Angry god with small handkerchief
6. Been worried about philosophy getting chemical
7. Dwarf is clever holding urine back
8. Enemy aircraft within range liquidated
9. Seth is shocked by a proposition
10. Stirring coral song
11. Saves odd remedies, losing one
12. Elder Nero is ill
13. Flowers for an opera star
14. Announcement of marriage prohibitions reported
15. Painting bound up in straw
16. Up in time for fever
17. Reggie turned up without one moth
18. Mail server produced ointment
19. Lie still, turning brown in a period of time
20. Busy monster has no time for discourse
21. Rope at end has worn away
22. Announce start of broad zonal reform

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