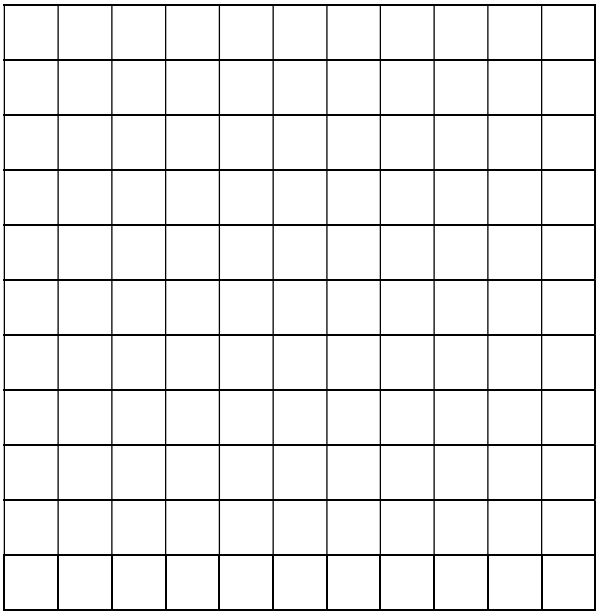
Puzzle #35 – April 2004 "Just Do It"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to eight letters and include three proper names and one foreign word), 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. Fifteen across words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those fifteen letters, taken in order, spell a phrase that suggests how ten down words are to be treated before they are entered in the grid. As always, I am indebted to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Insect goes after Norse god and ruler
2. Bill or Ned taking register back
3. Crucial shot wins it after unit drops out
4. Youngest son, abandoned by mother, trembled initially
5. Initial tree with stone
6. One taking part in wild feasts and revels
7. Forced to have error repaired
8. A Parisian female gets it back free
9. Double back for acclaim
10. Male behind vehicle carrying corpse
11. Remove core of Roman chestnut, perhaps
12. Uncle grabs second of eleven, twelve, or thirteen tricks
13. Pace of dogs, for instance, coming back
14. End of labor trouble
15. Insect running around bottom of artesian well in Italy
16. Put an end to a flap
17. English queen has right to wed
18. Tend to run backwards with toe and heel of shoe
19. Mark end of fire alarm
20. Limits of tasting in search for bad liquor
21. Core of Earth moved
22. Members of African group forbid starting trade union
23. Your mouse gland
24. Shreds spuds, adding a bit of thyme
25. Support some French tyro's debut in ring

Down

1. Group takes note in payment
2. Trainer is healthier ingesting neodymium
3. Endorse line about suitable return
4. Time to search for something of no value
5. American city with zoned center for nobody in particular
6. To stand up in error is embarrassing
7. Horn being turned over by guys on time is a touching thing
8. Range reform begins in diplomacy
9. Tendency of dam to break
10. Majestic area in state capital
11. It may interfere with current French practice
12. Animal cried, being very dry
13. For the first time, start of life is seen in small rock
14. Criticize the German animals
15. After ending in debt, get away from there
16. I scold in anger
17. Bring water to animal in London Park
18. To be served with fat
19. For doctors with lock's opening combination
20. Gun worn by the Belgian causes fright
21. Instance involving town line fortification
22. Jolly old man of pleasant aspect
23. Object of turning it into a craft at sea
24. Manage broken down bus, in effect
25. End in actual negation

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