

## Puzzle #51 – August 2005 "Singularity"

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to ten letters and include six 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; down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless they are shortened in a certain way. Solvers must determine how that is to be done. As ever, I am indebted to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.


### Across

- Referee takes time to think
- Stab a boy hurting ten in return
- Country left out of one count
- Consumed with urgency, started a fight
- Frog's heart found in river in Irish county
- Run in preliminary race showing courage
- Sound of angry fly
- Haiku really is about Honshu city
- Restoration holds back decay
- Cato's sister started seeing two alternatives
- Note gender reversal in combinations
- Harem mystery has won TV award
- Constituent's MP screwed none in bed
- Pierre's dream about expert rebuke
- Request actor to switch from left to right
- Have a ball-lifting device sent back
- Girl with large buttocks
- Endless twaddle gives energy
- Bard's tankard contains last of wine
- Brief verse put back in Lully's opera
- Father gets new warning signal
- Did business in ideal terms
- Sincere new entrant initiated into Legion
- News bureau's difficulties returned
- Investigator put ring in vertex

### Down

- Woman holds counterfeit note of currency
- Improve service without initiating change
- Neophyte involved in petty romance
- Secret desire about end of war
- Recoiling child pierced by tip of dagger
- Introvert's ramble
- Minute pore impaired visceral lining
- Profits from juiced lemon
- About a hundred embracing state
- Made waves, being vexed about tuppence
- Evil influence of bachelor brew
- Let off the hook without a cost
- East yard has a place for pigs
- District gets new theater
- Starting slow walk in room
- Hoary ending of strange story
- Lonely river
- Davis has rouge improved
- Rent stars US composer
- My sin included being gay
- Give an edge to your first sweetheart
- Fate with a turn of humor
- Lying around is right for captive