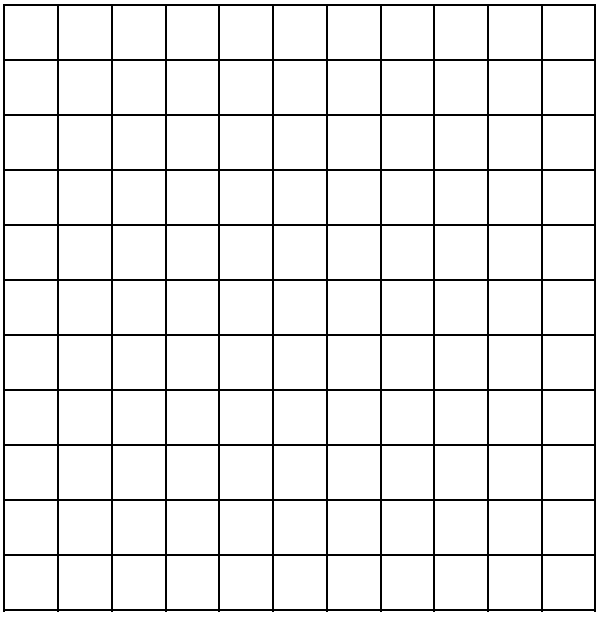
Puzzle # 62 – July 2006 "Flying Circus"

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



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Starting to run with enough tread
3. Henry in essence started shirking duties
4. Voyage around north with slow traveler
5. Study Georgia's dance
6. Mark loses team's first championship
7. Discovered kitty holding ring
8. Minority has press backing
9. Wrong unit with small cavity
10. False claim pertaining to apples
11. Soft and elegant with no one getting upset
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Painter of book's final cover
14. Firm to communicate with Jack for a time
15. Wild libido consumes essentially horny guacharo
16. New love!
17. Devour bird
18. Left single and solitary
19. Party cost about a quarter of that
20. Boat in Niçoise sea gets to buoy
21. Long talk started with a gossip
22. British batting usable for toys
23. Vogue in rusty leather
24. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Penny holds half of line for customer
2. *Mystery entry*
3. Turn up in a bad situation around start of fight, giving assistance
4. End of the voice incident
5. Charge 200 for book of insulting language
6. Southpaw took off before end of day
7. Fake human head in crib
8. Grass painter
9. Plowed land around month-old tree
10. A note about love
11. Produce an animal
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Disease reversed in ten cases
14. Real confusion about one satellite
15. Arch verse for female participating in sin
16. Routine part, finally, in hit
17. North African brew containing rubidium
18. Winners in Ghana include leading golfer
19. Chief, sprung from jail, gets connection
20. Lion catches insect in shelter
21. Vaticinator cut five out
22. What's left of the French is Spanish
23. *Mystery entry*
24. Approve of complete unbridled Eros

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