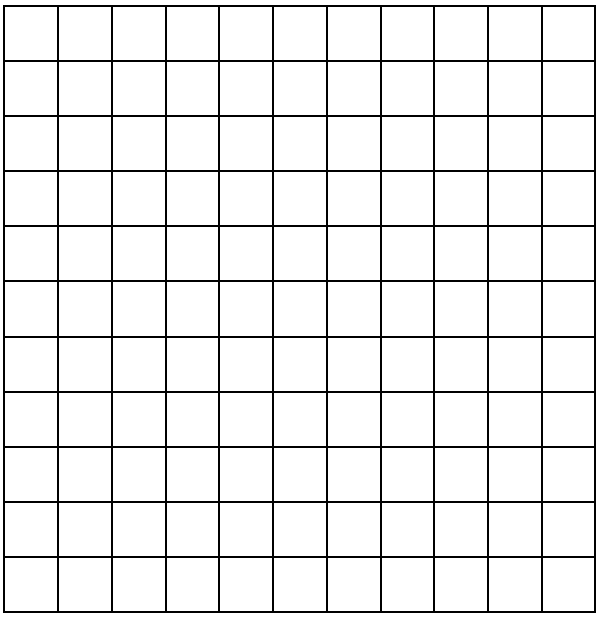
Puzzle # 67 – December 2006 "O What Fun"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to nine letters and include four proper names), 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. Eleven across words and ten down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twenty-one letters, taken in order, spell a six-word phrase related to the mystery entry and to the title of this puzzle. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Right sauce with topping of *vino* for pasta
2. Record farewell in choral music
3. Go fishing, maybe, with small clappers
4. Series number for fabric
5. Mack loses time giving a trumpet call
6. Zero-degree clothing to wear
7. Nicklaus started right getting out of rough altogether
8. Number of men in England
9. Dug one thousand and one, two thousand and one . . .
10. Fired core in plain ceramic
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Agreement of international body and university (Yale) about bird
13. Bring under control and cap source of energy
14. Trimmed in Southport
15. She's running East German state
16. With a fondness for complaining unquietly
17. Undamaged surface of Eastern jade
18. Core of hollowed mattress with rounded projections
19. Planet's initially slight acceleration change
20. Step around degenerate priest
21. Queer line taken from gag

Down

1. Managed to perform musical opening without a definite plan
2. Garment for a horse
3. Walk about Earth in tranquility
4. Nice men in play finale to achieve fame
5. NASA excited about vehicle in plain
6. Speech sound from Anna's album
7. An even chance to sit up front and eat
8. Lady called about knotty protruberance
9. Dashed fool loses head in sack
10. Hardy holds one for Laurence
11. Victor doesn't start at the center
12. Some men dislike having to improve
13. Most of science, oddly, is attractive
14. British playwright's orgy
15. Small gallery authorized by government
16. Begin letter containing passage
17. Start to relax inside warm hub
18. See bird move surreptitiously
19. Long talk started with a busybody
20. Using a leeboard to contain wind
21. Hamilton's seminal fluid
22. Feat to astonish the initiated
23. Back in an arid country
24. Talk about wood for window framing

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