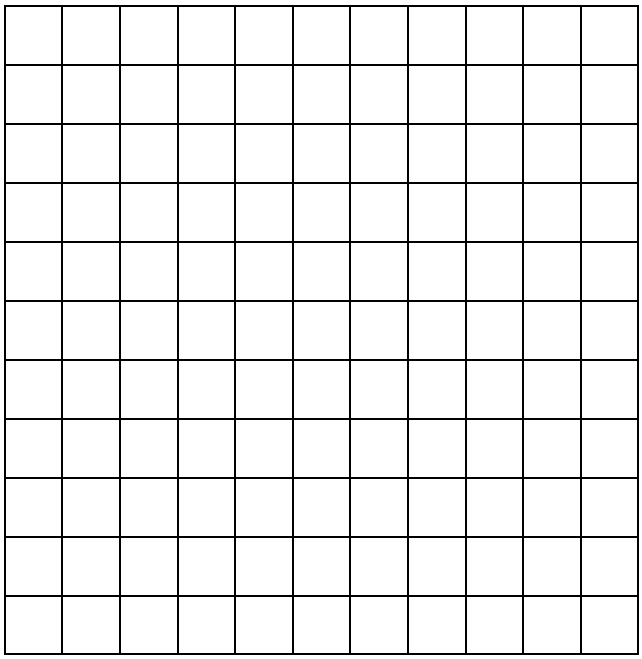
Puzzle #72 — May 2007 "Mark My Words"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eleven letters and include four capitalized words), 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. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. One donated a century plant
3. Horn blown with zero distinction
4. Bird's false penis
5. Kind of party person
6. To strike back is crazy
7. The biggest little city in the world is part of Yorkshire now
8. Marine creature's pledge about last of water
9. Novel about deputy surveyor's assistant
10. Henry gets ring and nimbus
11. Stingy player has to cheat
12. Returning alien took in what wasn't used
13. *Mystery entry*
14. Fastest rusher wins heat
15. Police trashed a drug
16. Rods puzzled essentially every solver
17. Excited ions' energy boom, for instance
18. Food encompasses large spread
19. Ring win is okay/not okay
20. Unruly teen claims right to register
21. Chief of staff married English person from Malmö, perhaps
22. Needing to sleep with Penny as wife exhibits ailment
23. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Process a crop to get coconut meat
2. *Mystery entry*
3. Someone almost embraces Shaq
4. Ultimately you miss one exploit
5. Morse translated end of Russian speech
6. Express desire for habit
7. Have no motive to swallow toxin
8. Manage end of long crosspiece
9. Get nothing in trade for a small farm
10. Dad's essay for tarts and the like
11. Freely tell about the core of our fine net
12. Without a number inside ship
13. Stirring soup is work
14. Change nothing removed from gonad
15. Wrap up in old rigging
16. Tritium in fluid becomes, finally, big hazard
17. Getaway doesn't start in shaft
18. Time for nitrogen in fertilizer to ripen
19. End of new roaster is braided
20. A small island and a continent
21. Kneels to cut up framework
22. Rent commotion kicks up a storm
23. *Mystery entry*
24. You end in confusion after cutting up senior

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