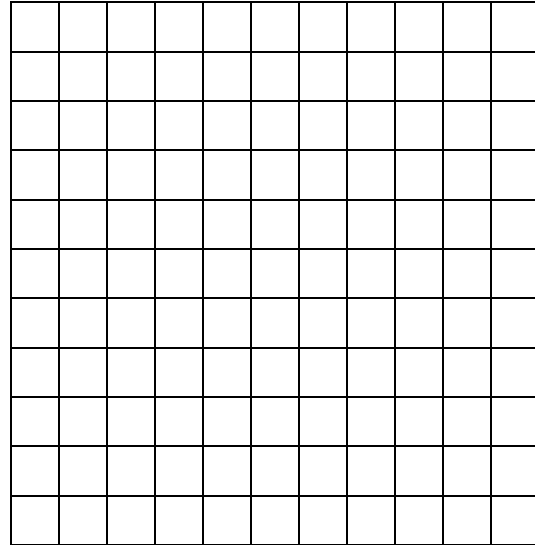


Puzzle # 66 –November 2006 "I Got Rhythm"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters and include five 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 eleven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twenty-two letters, taken in order, spell a three-word phrase related to the mystery entry. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Dog blew head off bird
2. Pass on railway having University backing
3. Woman holds counterfeit note of currency
4. Ceaseless talk about running state
5. Shorten a copy sent astray
6. About a hooker's beds
7. Not initially heated or fortified
8. Unimportant flaws recalled
9. Individual started to attack religion
10. In a while, when consul replaces Latin minister
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Cover freakish séance
13. Physician put one in valley
14. Monarch has worked hard
15. Terribly upset after losing run for freedom
16. Convoluted tragedy leaving Penny in ruins
17. A word of utter meaninglessness
18. Seek a rendezvous with people in Myanmar
19. Wife eats varied leftovers
20. Group game lacking momentum
21. Lady Lovelace takes physical training to get fit
22. Pass rotted oak tree around 5:00

Down

1. Sorry to be worn out after study
2. Pistol-whipped and hung
3. Prepare leader for terrible weather
4. War that shifted from one side to the other
5. Served as a substitute for fabric
6. Capacity and quantity at low cost
7. Song set
8. A sailor takes a measure of acidity in a bituminous substance
9. Bones of a bird in South America
10. *Jeune fille* put *derrière* in position
11. Conservative trinket containing rubber
12. Bird started cheeping near ground
13. Commission battalion leader to face an embankment
14. Luminescent cloud around head of Madame Butterfly
15. Start of rot in stones and seeds
16. Händel opera about escape
17. Mr. Kent: a being that flies just under the speed of light
18. NZ park's gold collection
19. Sheep gives up nothing for a trifle
20. Showy aspect of martyrdom
21. One examined in street settles back
22. Garbo's great acting
23. Skill of author holding flower
24. Piece of meat with right line of color