

Puzzle #85 — June 2008 "Shall We Dance?"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight letters; three are capitalized and one is foreign), 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. The three mystery entries are related. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- Wow! It seems to have intelligence
- Change involving core of boiler causes damage
- First-rate packaging at the center critically matters
- According to hearsay, girl gets seduced
- Sharp-pointed projection keeps unit inactive
- Goal of integration backed
- Singer goes back after degree and title
- Walk with energy for tranquility
- Nothing melted frozen innards
- Get used to not having milk blended anew
- Waltzes or tangos with class
- Mystery entry*
- Running in a cast is fiendish
- Siamese, for example, is a cat with one failing
- One car assigned to carry Arab around
- Lead in number and quantity
- Endless story has no starch
- Dude, embarrassed, has to think
- Display average score before end of game
- Overseer eats quiet meal
- Sailor started with cheers for fish
- Stunt man wrecked boat and car

Down

- Mystery entry*
- Louis XIV, e.g., initiated rules of interest
- Underground root treatment started over in Germany
- Earn a salary muffling speech sound
- Bird to strike back
- Harangue one in exchange
- Looks around end of bar and shoots
- Start counting periods and pounds
- Big house has one for a subordinate
- Follow a course around a town in Texas
- Hard liquor cues a blowout
- Sound ending down river
- Couple gets 100 for electron tube
- Taste wine with a ragout
- Number equal to two-thirds of six
- Bishop in seclusion has moment for vice
- Take a good look at end of long copy
- President's first oral error is pivotal
- I'm covered with glue for entertainment
- Nag with no tail mark
- Nothing holds a pin
- Momentum and speed figure in talk
- Mystery entry*