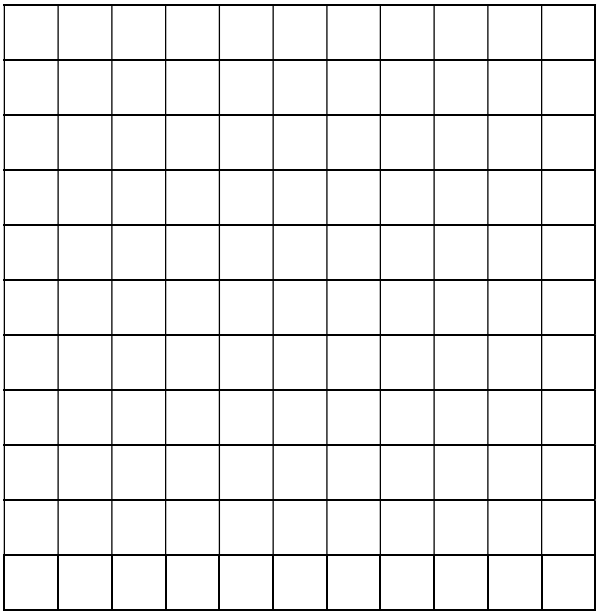
Puzzle #20 – January 2003 "On The Rise"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters), 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 margin continue on the next line below; down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Six across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those thirteen letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase related to a word hidden in the completed grid that solvers are invited to find. Answers include five proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Loud jazz composition and violent speech are pleasing to the nose
2. Weed weight
3. Vehicles that carry gold to storage entrance
4. Ring sported by favorite rhymer
5. Wherever a kid hides brandy
6. Record in between terms
7. Rooms accommodate heads of Eastern states
8. Press 328 for speech
9. Small for a male gamete
10. Roman featured in two videos
11. Run in road buckled by heat
12. Guide loses opener for milk container
13. Get up around 5 after an early start and make some changes
14. Pick on me in egregious error
15. Register incline
16. Rain-spattered country
17. Epigram about an animal
18. Top goes with excellent garment
19. Dam retains great molten mass
20. Scattered rubble is cause of turbulence
21. Rat pees when shocked and does it again
22. Not as much working instruction
23. Hear cat rupturing windpipe
24. The French try to be most fashionable

Down

1. King in fear foiled by deceiver
2. Open international assembly disrupted war quietly
3. What's self-evident: it's rum being distilled
4. Mother before years of injury
5. Judged expensive in retrospect, and about time!
6. God! No noise
7. Southern city has right mark
8. Nurse claims I have split
9. Way to caress hog's head
10. One who danced a step eagerly at first
11. Ben is caricatured by playwright
12. Took a leak way down back
13. Large tour arranged for governor
14. Bactrian, for example, arrived late
15. Makes a secret innovation
16. Petty court proceeding involves four
17. First at using confining position
18. What gives with princess and poet?
19. Enigmatic poster contains one answer
20. Colored eggs surround bottom
21. Organize new meeting around end of year

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