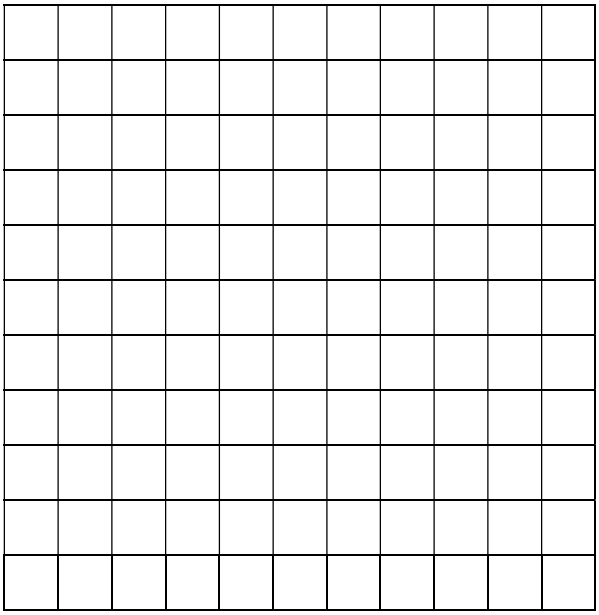
Puzzle #24 – May 2003 "Flights of Fancy"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to seven 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 five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those eleven letters, taken in order, spell two words related to two other words hidden in the completed grid that solvers are invited to find. Answers include four proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Starting early, couturier has time for publication supervisor
2. Awkward start of school performance
3. Old part of London hosts one lawsuit
4. King, taking part in mysterious rites, gets hit
5. Be affected by faulty trace
6. Dyer's rocket put together
7. Elaborate discourse about number
8. College goddess
9. Introduce busy, grasping female
10. Number in color is amount of force
11. Marked small vehicle with rouge
12. Timeless disease gets naval officer
13. Tease about solo dance
14. About a horse brought back for actor
15. Small-time plant
16. Winged swan consumed after noon
17. Stand and awkwardly drop it
18. Adventurous newt holds one string
19. After shaky start, terminate dispatch
20. Debtor, for example, adding small residue
21. A controversial paper to come out
22. One who goes up stream with very becoming head of sorority
23. Pull back around upper defense
24. Leave in some pain

Down

1. Excellent condition of property
2. Medic, taking advantage, gets coat
3. Chopped up, dead, and cold
4. Dispositions of Jonson and Eliot
5. Violent outbreak of patriotism
6. Singer in Candy Land
7. Carriage came in first carrying silver
8. New awning covers a supply chest
9. Put sulfur in uncontaminated container
10. Deny being born holding a pistol
11. Over in camp as trainee
12. Hal's nasty stroke
13. New trees trimmed for homesteader
14. Divine color permeates ancient Briton
15. Benefit dates changed
16. Animal found in Bali only
17. Give notice about conflict
18. Spender entertains radical request
19. Foul, stiff, and cold
20. Right propeller makes noise
21. Foster normal user adjustment
22. Nobleman or knight in charge
23. Property equally established
24. Fine finale in flower versification

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