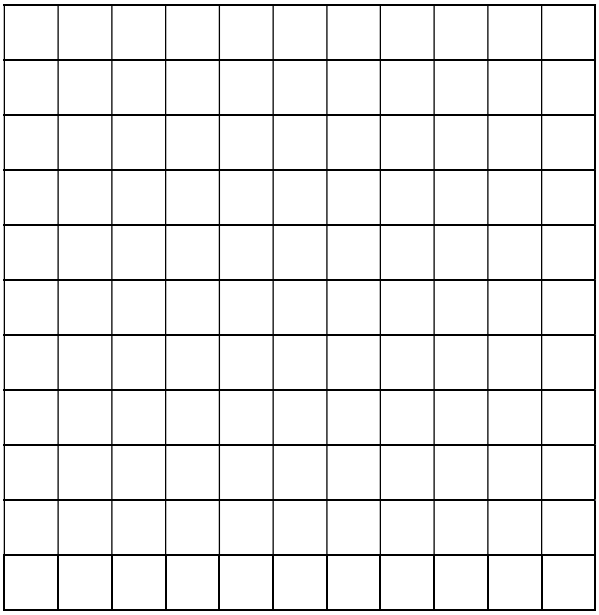
Puzzle #26 – July 2003 "Movie Stars"

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. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those ten letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase related to the four unclued mystery words. Answers, aside from mystery words, include two proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. *Mystery word*
2. *Mystery word*
3. Turnabout in poetry
4. Talk about the Spanish bishop
5. Quiet, complete, and blind
6. Aloof; lacking range to express feeling
7. Foul sweat and other excretions
8. Studying the sound of weather
9. Spoil child and appearance
10. Aide's inappropriate digression
11. Unexpectedly learn about trumpeter's first horn
12. To discourage eating I will provide someone with a meal plan
13. Social gathering of tribe encouraged
14. Shaft containing a vapor
15. Talks back before lawyer starts to tell all
16. Back first of measures to prepare for war again
17. A putout (hey!) in culmination
18. Participated in removing a strip
19. Live in the country and eat citrus sours
20. Done any unusual relaxing?
21. *Mystery word*
22. *Mystery word*

Down

1. Mimi has a place in Florida
2. Testify to modified speed being about zero
3. Speak evenly in pidgin to newcomers
4. Stiff and cold, but not loud
5. Animal is madly active when headless
6. Actor gets first of breaks in storm
7. Find good in this French drug
8. Eye takes in net
9. Less hefty score in horseshoes
10. Earth's moving and covering head of marsh rodent
11. Come about and wait
12. Hearing, for instance, keeps us quiet in a state of uncertainty
13. Find wood in the battered topi
14. Sailors start eating meat fixed this way
15. Take up turning a pot, having difficulty at first
16. River duck
17. Finish up about last
18. One in baby carriage is king
19. Wet party function
20. Aromatic plant beads keeping me up
21. Vegetarian's food includes it for speed
22. Lost at sea hanging onto stern of ship with spirit

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