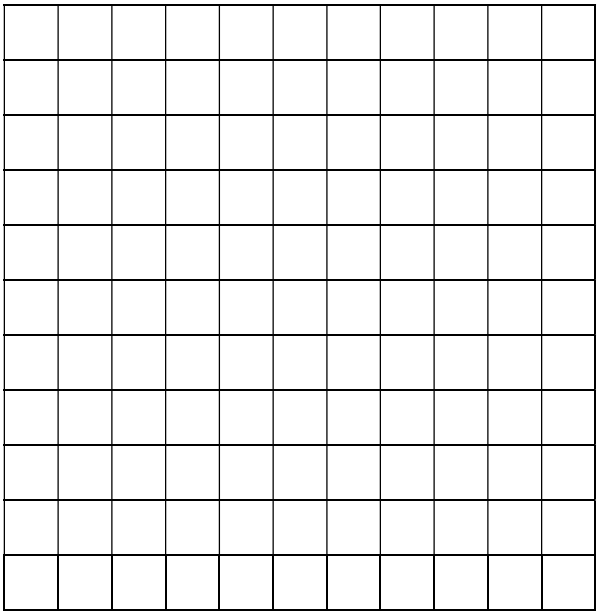
Puzzle #27 – August 2003 "What is the title of this puzzle?"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight 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. Seven across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those thirteen letters, taken in order, spell two words related to three other words hidden in the completed grid that solvers are invited to find. The three hidden words should suggest a title for this puzzle. Answers include three proper names and one two-word phrase. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Start of summer confusion and oppressive heat
2. Make up for being in accord
3. Jacob's wife stays in while ahead
4. Destroy core of cedar tree
5. Start copying tool for making holes in a jug
6. Phosphorus in urine is an item of trade
7. One mean, nasty coelenterate
8. Pitches with pain in one's ears
9. Start of good morning conversation
10. Taken in by zero variance of reproductive glands
11. Star seen initially up north
12. Island Indian keeping time
13. Removing first of three broken lunate bones
14. The sea in France is less effective
15. Understands what's said of oceans
16. Make the best of one exam after another
17. Hamlet, eg, grabs Claudius's head in jig
18. Note in trail causes stupor
19. Extreme in careful tracking
20. Factual note ending with direction
21. A name that malicious talk brought back
22. Study injury-producing twist
23. A mammal the panel reclassified

Down

1. Strike interrupted by first half of long race
2. Penny gets a measure of glue
3. Poetically in the middle of what we enter
4. Mineral from Korea
5. Student Charles, confused, replacing number with zero
6. Turn out a tennis star
7. What's that about *Art World*?
8. Rest at usual holding position
9. Cleaned set off with lemon veneer
10. Ether disrupted a crowd
11. Change in general terms
12. Turn money over, keeping quiet for a month
13. Asks eastern stranger about time
14. Report solitary indebtedness
15. Writing involves money and time
16. Woman has work cut out
17. Every second of mangled time
18. Impromptu closing: coming back around end of March
19. Declare a lock-up
20. Examine small container
21. Standard metal fitting turned up in back
22. No place for gas
23. English fellow consumed by issue
24. Relative of wild tuna

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