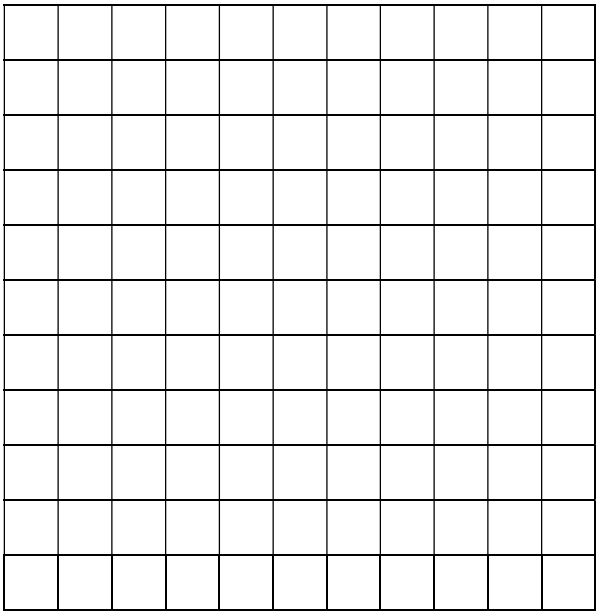
Puzzle #3 – August 2001 "August"

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. Seven across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those fourteen letters, taken in order, spell a two-word phrase related to the title of this puzzle. Answers include two proper names.



Across

1. Blast a place in Georgia that puts gold first
2. Tending to express error; reason for action
3. Hound returns cheer to donkey
4. Here and now
5. Brew potion of choice
6. Spread most of rewrites
7. Provoke pointer
8. Listen with, compete for, more weight
9. Imagine! I go out with egghead
10. Part of hammerhead bound by rope ends
11. O, Nelly, sorely solitary
12. Wandering, go astray with colony member
13. Bar entry, having fetched
14. Endlessly gnash bare teeth
15. Undergarment of embrace?
16. Star of Avon returns
17. Grand opening for high class people
18. Leaves faults
19. Heir indicator mispronounced
20. Rule of the best mixes: it's lime
21. Cry like a pig; inform
22. Replace 5 of antecedent with 100, dear

Down

1. It's mean to admit how old you are
2. Ancient insect brains initially underemphasized
3. Odd and kind of rough
4. Took (should have) after brother
5. Victory attempt is pretty cool
6. Nerve gas engulfs Sumerian city
7. Lamb got name from Cornelians
8. Letter triangle
9. According to Nelson, reassigned staff
10. Stuck; beyond education
11. Persona of Oregon
12. Let team go home
13. Really! Like, no score
14. Pace of poet free with meter
15. Secular ballad
16. What's not said by one in diplomacy
17. Trumpet headdress
18. Spurs gametes
19. Locus of hearing, vision
20. Wines ferment: hers rise
21. Wet, to men, is aroused
22. Tabloids take in Commons leader, Queen's daughter