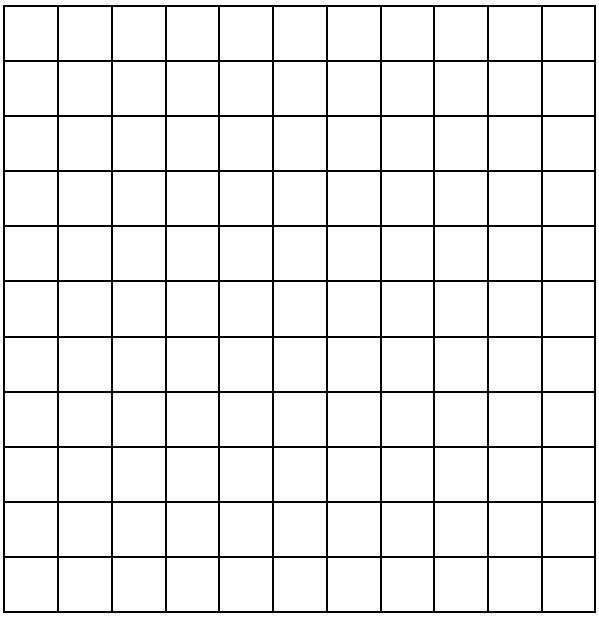
Puzzle #76 — September 2007 "Special Delivery"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to eight letters; five are capitalized, one is foreign, and two are two-word phrases), 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 continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. 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 three-word phrase related to the mystery entries. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Bionomics author to record start of year
3. Aspect I found in men
4. Apportion talk about gold
5. Will maker move a mountain?
6. Plate traditionally holds four
7. Tempestuous tale about military leader
8. Approval of sacrament
9. Mark made on skin with brew
10. Tarnish isn't a blemish
11. Aristocrat keeps him superficially in mind
12. Tell about the French beginning to regulate pay
13. Willingly remove part of golf club
14. Go on dancing? Nothing doing!
15. Dear lady almost finished
16. Army unit has no time for a course in physical training
17. Mixed in a bun from North Africa
18. Live east of brother but not right close by
19. Nasal tincture contains tar
20. A grass so marinated it's seaweed
21. Sailor allowed a glass
22. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Large animal ended play in a game of chance
2. Townsman and crooked giver getting everything back
3. Spoiled sausage eaten without flavoring agent causes disgust
4. Sibyl awkwardly incorporates rule
5. That final projection is a runic character
6. Ran around turkey and danced
7. Origins of ancient mitochondrial organelle expressed by Archaean protozoan
8. Start race in large sailing vessel
9. J. D. and Margaret going around Long Island
10. One almost entirely dead notion
11. Venus's game held back by defects in netting
12. Thoroughgoing core of warranty
13. Roman bone encircled by blossoms
14. Indistinct note with enclosure
15. Wine that's fortified, matured, and transported overland
16. Wine when deficient embodies sin
17. Solitary plant absorbs nitrogen
18. Theodora's fragrance
19. Mythic king's bronze bone
20. Celebration for Dali's wife
21. Form early in development by more transmogrification
22. Howl about start of big issue

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