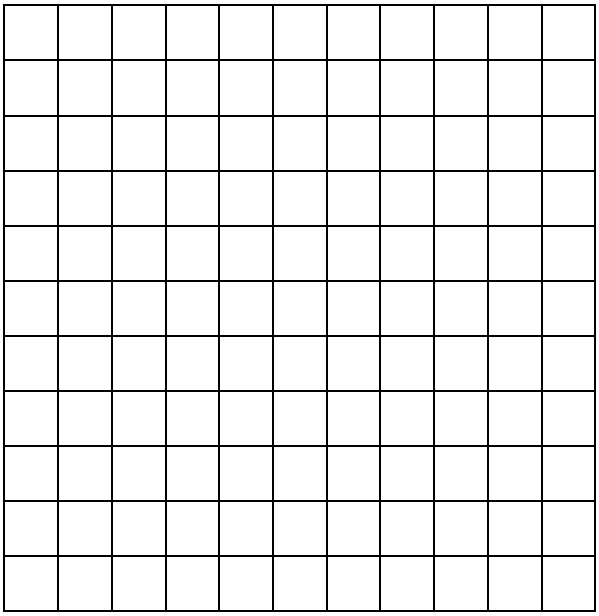
Puzzle #8 — January 2002 "Happy New Year"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to twelve 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 continue on the next line, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Nine across words and eight down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those seventeen letters, taken in order, spell a four-word phrase related to the title of this puzzle. Answers include six proper names.



Across

1. Arousing panic? Or mild like the new year?
2. Number-running projection
3. Head east in case of stop
4. Dog of Armagnac or Gironde
5. After safe start, we return before time waste
6. Speak very loudly when quiet beyond the limits
7. Period baseball statistic
8. Cut favorite bit
9. Meandering line of river
10. Eat a little bit of Juno's honey
11. Song hit in ideological jargon
12. Hypersensitivity to every unit of work year
13. Strange places: i.e., exceptional
14. Officer has ring in figurative word right
15. Gets up around northern waters
16. Fuss with core of numbered brick
17. Attacked and powdered
18. Erupting--i.e., 2 x 5--US volcano
19. Near the beginning of peer year
20. Paris *quartier* language
21. Restrain square sounding knave with exit limits

Down

1. Precaution is perversely persistent
2. Guardian spirit and show backer
3. Bird allowed around tavern
4. Read in France about source of Oise river
5. Rascal reformed as sailor
6. Lunatic is vacuous about sister's debut
7. Look suggestively, stagger back
8. What can be square or round: ball, for example
9. Not up to snuff when out of these kinds
10. Artist found in bed, alive!
11. School officials take cover in crude answers
12. Hoary about very easy money
13. Newspaper in spasm: terribly sad
14. Sing in lively ode lilt
15. Stalin's name for a riding coat
16. Poetry right out of bad prose
17. The top came off
18. Extends, pops back
19. Start united in debt
20. Know about craving where food is concerned
21. Begin public critique of advance showing
22. Oppose idea for musical genre

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