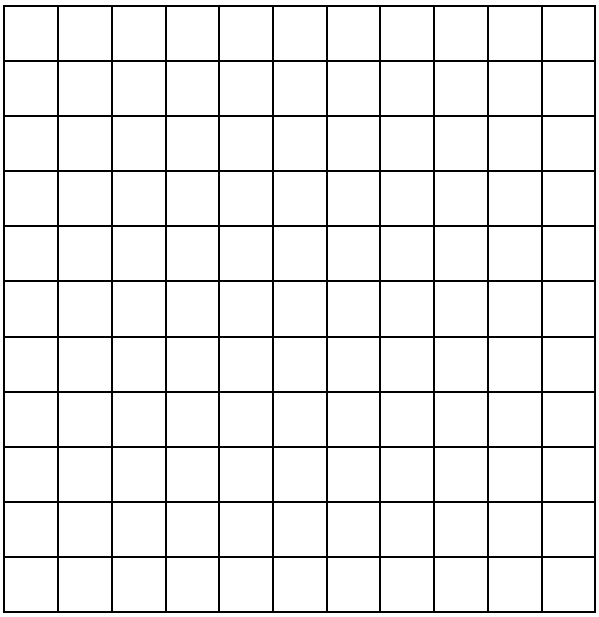
Puzzle #9 — February 2002 "Two Days"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to ten 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. 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. The two unclued *mystery words* are similarly related. Answers include two proper names.



Across

1. *Mystery word*
2. Declining economy gets charge after idle period
3. Optical ensemble houses glass
4. Gorgon jellyfish
5. Quasi mantle contains layer of earth's crust
6. Entrance harbor most of all
7. Running in hackneyed musical interval
8. Bard keeps last of verse in belly
9. Bake lacier pastry
10. Negative about cracking tar mineral
11. Small present of cold, white stuff
12. Had a snack without shelter
13. Name of catalpa blossom
14. Bone covered by pincushion
15. Half ripe, hairless, and off-color
16. Hear songs at random
17. Hapless goner in Scandinavian country
18. Pattern for flighty clients
19. Fodder is what you need for cooking, right?
20. Sound currency in hiding place
21. Meager southern jargon
22. Leader of group more disoriented in blow
23. *Mystery word*

Down

1. Goonhead! Pay attention! Shine
2. Magnate has nothing in building
3. Loud sound of right propeller
4. Cabbage has support in school
5. Work around core of denser lymphoid tissue
6. Marvelous old fur, new trim
7. Colossal ship
8. Small, pointed container for biscuit
9. Dimwit run in satellite
10. Drove around America; got an earful
11. Nurses in Zola novel, first of series
12. Crabs' diseases
13. Pique lap dog
14. Cramp up for that intuitive feeling
15. Written reminder of time, money
16. Foresight bearing with city moiety
17. Rough sounding crucifix
18. Depended on keeping quiet; took pleasure
19. X points in bowling
20. Government official takes time to seek advice
21. Wise one holds leaky boat for destruction

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