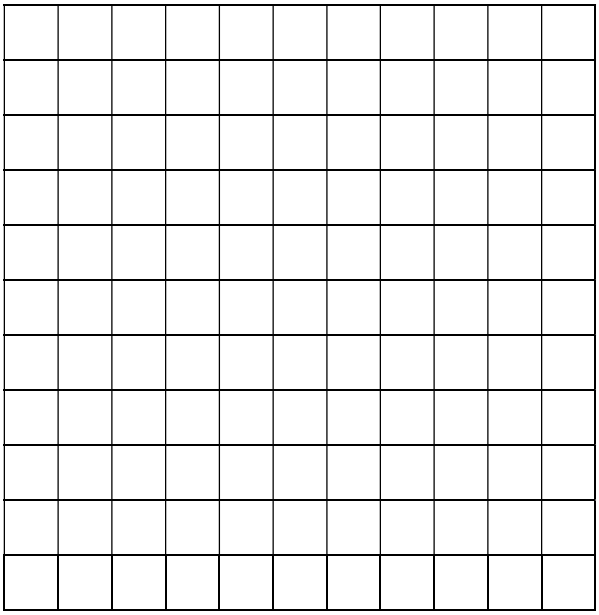
Puzzle #22 – March 2003 "New Directions"

Instructions: This puzzle contains an unusual feature explained below. First, as usual, guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four 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 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 a word that suggests how across and down words are to be entered after the first row and the first column respectively. Answers include two proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Calcium carbonate and boron added to fertilizer and earth
2. Shave weight, no doubt
3. Making sense of present number in bed
4. Mutual confusion without a true commotion
5. Separates and loses it badly around start of analysis
6. Snake and horse god
7. Keeper holds sword back
8. Consider steam or water
9. Locate snake without a prayer service
10. Preserve oath with no end of fuss
11. Part of lacework for a woman just married
12. Time one went ahead covered with plaques
13. Standing up to enter data
14. Wait! River is engulfing track
15. Bring up in back
16. Second-rate room
17. Intellectual lament is misguided
18. Place started formerly as a seaport
19. Advantage of writer if held back
20. Something especially good read in French in the afternoon
21. Mocked clear turnaround in bumpy ride
22. Apply balm to nation at war

Down

1. Before error occurs, consider covering end manifold
2. Florentine gets New England drug
3. Plant and mark about one hundred
4. Torn raiment covers town disciplinarian
5. His campaigns must encompass fraud
6. Lament Zulu, beheaded and dead
7. Grind or grate steel, keeping quiet
8. Carol without one liquid consonant
9. Spotted pome ingested by doctor of divinity
10. *Thespesia*, a Shakespearean character
11. Hear plot developing in excess
12. Color of marine crustaceans
13. Architectural feature of plantation
14. New-fangled science getting rid of carbon relatives
15. Whipped head of beer consumed
16. Dessert course includes aromatic plant
17. Genteel, but made to pay again
18. Arkansas goes after son of aristocrat
19. Dark course prepared with heart of sable
20. Study brief about arena's center at the same time

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