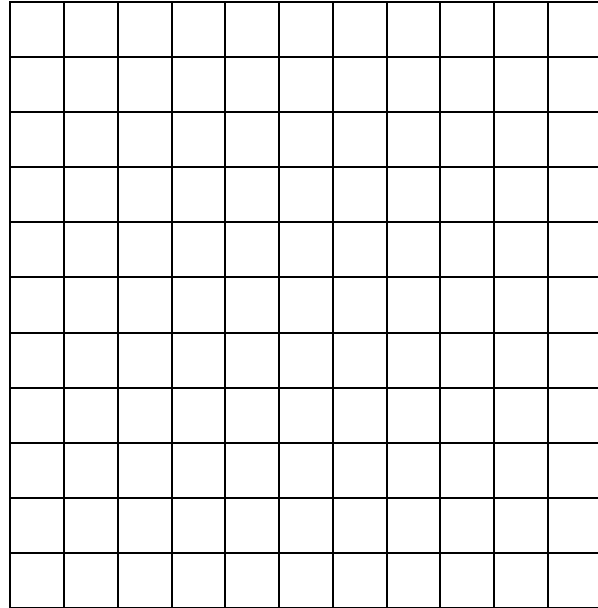


Puzzle #74 — July 2007 "Flying Colors"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight letters; one is hyphenated, one is Latin, and seven are capitalized), 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. In the correctly completed grid, three squares will contain more than one letter. I thank Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Procedural formalities baffle Ted in a case of criminal abuse
2. Dad wearing torn cloth and large pearl
3. Desire never consumes a Byzantine empress
4. Friend ingests aluminum and ester of acid
5. Penny starting on a literary patchwork
6. Owns some of purchases
7. Lime drink, with time, becomes unstable
8. Deaf, addled, and dim
9. A symbol to know
10. Dress towards the rear in toilet
11. Employer in trousers
12. Bird cut with renewed energy
13. We hit it off with English in formal attire
14. Bass singer Abzug
15. Lesion's cruel disfigurement
16. Friendly refusal gets a thousand bucks instead of five hundred
17. A fruit tree in appearance
18. Origin of familiar Gardner bean
19. Row around bay and river
20. Yank turning up at lake lodge
21. Heaven's welcome
22. Egyptian policeman ending beat
23. Polished dude making up insurance claim amount
24. Rascal misstated quantity
25. Unwavering rule, but riddled with error

Down

1. Note number put in floor for laborer
2. The best of novel items
3. Small heart patch
4. Secular and at heart racially backward
5. Lean crane flying with energy
6. Spanish explorer's retriever shortly coming back with snake
7. Loved one keeps note in a box, perhaps
8. Winning stroke ended Rose Bowl
9. Without a penalty adjustment, it's a lot
10. More competent rule initiated following island revolution
11. Caught a perch with a strip of cloth
12. Hot wife crazy about loud color
13. Watch pie getting creamed for a frothy top
14. Leg has right weight
15. Mad tea party guest not starting to crack
16. Beyond the ordinary in careful training
17. A name and superficially a tune
18. Fluid of the mouth and of blossoms
19. Seen dancing with a girl in an African country
20. Uncle, wearing old clothes, brought back LSD
21. Vessel with excellent TV set
22. Vessel with excellent flower pot
23. Nothing new is to be ultimately worthless
24. Color of note varying by value