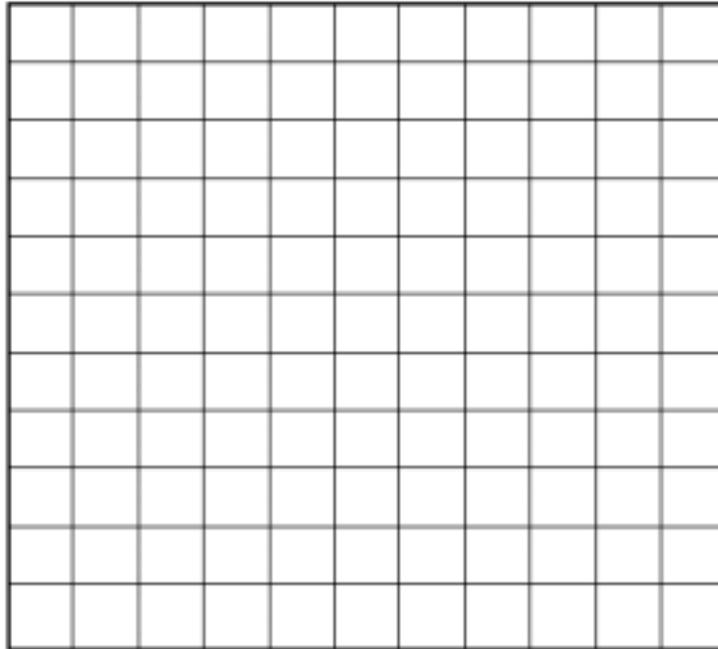


Puzzle #18--November 2002 "Topsy-Turvy"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine 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 and down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column to the right. Ten across words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those ten letters, taken in order, spell a phrase that indicates how down words are to appear in the grid. Answers include five proper names. As ever, I am grateful to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Wild in lust about gold shell
2. From an enemy holding charm back
3. Elusive cunning keeps piper on the move
4. Attempts having first of big families
5. Chopped liver is worse
6. Have an attitude about small law enforcement body
7. Brother holds one thorny bush
8. Deride Ann's concealing conception
9. Materials for making glass sound about right
10. Cheese made the other way
11. Ultimately cold, dark, and insignificant
12. Confines less once broken up
13. Free apocryphal fiddler out of generosity
14. Jump unit left in tub
15. Dad's unruly tots
16. Monopoly investigator gives up nothing
17. Keen sound detector sent astray
18. State bitterly holding back Xizang
19. Has a yen for Costa Rican birds
20. Strip right in lean-to
21. Speak at length for no fee
22. Views changed before left turn
23. Daniel out with run for Eire

Down

1. Turning over in sin?
2. Brittle pile of rubble
3. Hit on the head; that is, cap
4. Warring tribes move
5. True, false: around 100 belch
6. Subsist with bad back
7. Speaks about hesitation counters
8. Seasoned act wins heart of Avila
9. Roman consul engaged in scatology
10. Origin of life in newborn mass of matter
11. Stops a rider holding garment
12. Mountain range fissuring is rare
13. "Sour limes" is an expression
14. Bertrand loses big time commission
15. More derisive Duke
16. Courage of sterner venue
17. Setting of bad screen play's ending
18. Wings--eastern style?
19. Flat shortened meet
20. Wader found in Budapest or Krakow
21. Plan keeps mother in bastion
22. Wreck sorted out by end of day