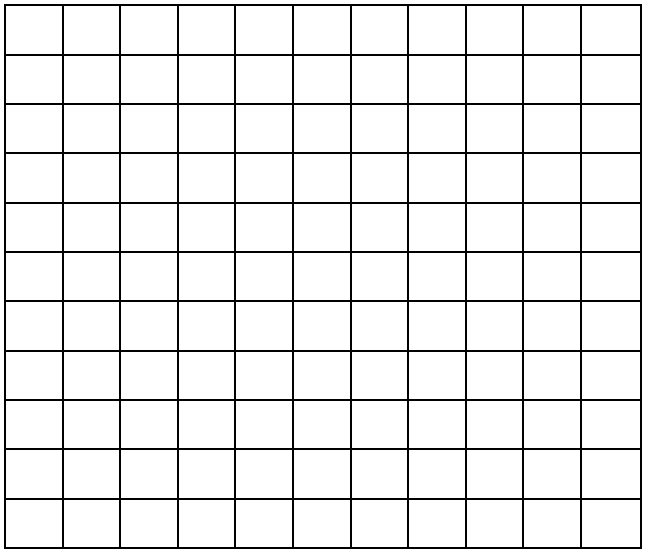
Puzzle #2 -- July 2002 "Born on the 4th of July"

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



Across

1. Advocate starting work in stratum
2. Leave confused, initially to eat; get lift
3. Alban ice
4. Sound of fleet button
5. Go out with singular friend
6. Slow flow of Baum books in Old English
7. In *Macbeth*, an eager laird
8. One who says no to a bit of fineness?
9. Finished 500 + 1
10. Calls, leaves
11. Armor post
12. Audacious favorite loses 50
13. Relate to surreal painter
14. Kiss! Slap!
15. City holds benefit about street
16. Eject element of ill will
17. I'm included in property appraisal
18. Disrupt a tense assembly
19. Has picture covering jelly
20. Composed drug
21. Not liking a line of poetry
22. "Time line" a figure of speech
23. Analyze gelatin of reproduction

Down

1. Hero's man, a front runner, has nice start
2. Wretched bear slime
3. Narcotic mix to a pie
4. Do well without final pin
5. Hamlet gets head of Claudius in caper
6. No holding by table linen
7. Ovivore holds tip of big kitchen tool
8. Grand single left
9. Stamps that announce how old you are?
10. Schnozzle has one sound
11. Smash stanza
12. Unbridled zeal for loaf
13. Sit back in ampler tenon cavity
14. Not once even turned around right
15. A tiny bit of tomato marmalade
16. Shrub viper zapped by tip of tine
17. Name of Indian actress
18. Distasteful: fetus aborted away from center
19. One who wholly believes he can lift about 50?
20. Spike centiliter feed
21. Polishes the desert
22. Time in fitful sleep a grind