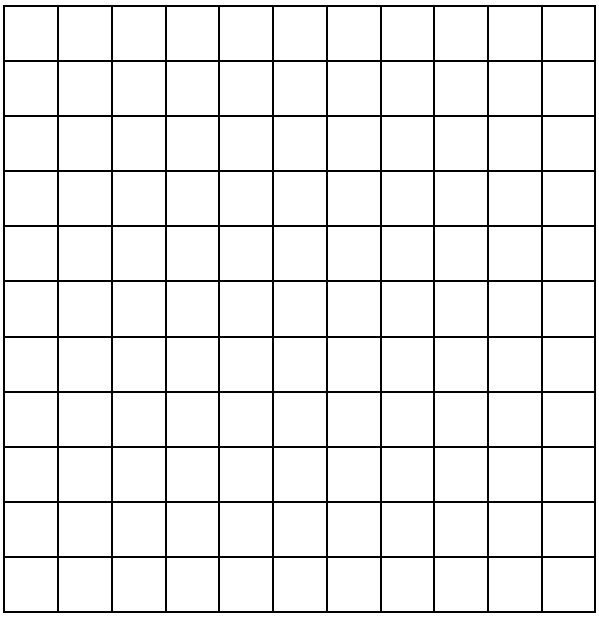
Guest Puzzle — April 2008 "Shock Value" by Arthur Schless

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eleven letters, and two 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. Nine across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those fifteen letters spell a three-word phrase related to the mystery entry.



Across

1. Cat in endless wild chase shows guts
2. Works tool without rubber
3. Rend the virus coming back internally
4. A person of standing, Tory lay in disarray
5. I left, took a cab, got charged
6. Writer reviewed air for planet
7. Fairy drink
8. Dwarf editor has a thousand deducted from wages
9. Burning of the tropical interior
10. Promise to initiate the report of the hearing
11. Urge burglar to take off cap
12. Arizona University takes note of blue sky
13. Tangled yarn swallowed by red fox
14. Adore roaming nymphs
15. Admirable bovine
16. Raise crumpled sign
17. Puts down ballads
18. In my opinion, a scholarly book,
19. Physician holds love to be in fashion
20. Courtship dress
21. One fought covered in vines
22. Fixes on carbohydrates missing 40% of chaff
23. Miserably frozen inside for nothing
24. Low temper doesn't end
25. Rodents eat essentially crummy books
26. Count with no feeling blocking her debut

Down

1. Unleashing zeal, I do part pertaining to figure
2. Public remedy without capital advance
3. Harlot loses dog in play
4. Alter incoming tide
5. For he's usually carrying a monkey
6. State has rating by registry's chief navigator
7. Aware of combined ire and zeal
8. Wainscot extends around coop
9. Returning, Ray rode around boat
10. Sees fruit
11. *Mystery entry*
12. Area circumference surrounded by track
13. So far, one Tibetan sighting
14. Sweeten, spice, and heat forest humus
15. Luke's guitar
16. Corrupt mean family
17. Leave out portion of somite
18. Denied section of one gate dented
19. Obstetrician looked and followed orders
20. A thousand male sheep's weights
21. Have staff insiders dress
22. Ignorantly dash fish
23. Hero to repair housing of helicopter blade