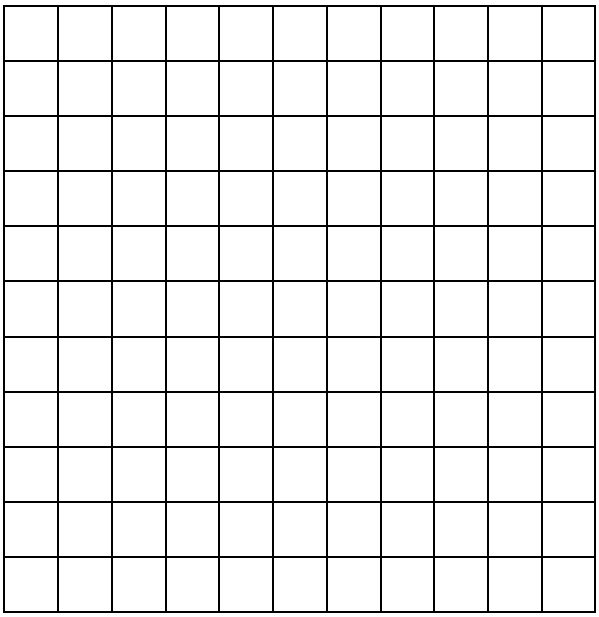
Guest Puzzle – February 2009 **"Word of the Year"** by Arthur Schless

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to twelve letters; four of them are capitalized and one is foreign) 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. Five across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those ten letters spell a word related to 1 across, which is not a cryptic clue but the true description of a word.



Across

1. New Oxford American Dictionary's Word of the Year 2008
2. August as ere, nevertheless, uncloaked
3. Nat took part of trip to educational institution
4. Corrupted Kennedy embraced Tina in disarray
5. Part of unfinished manufacturing facility
6. French night-sky goddess
7. Axed floor nurse as hopeless
8. Methodical Cobb bore passport, e.g.
9. Unprepared ICU coped with no available space
10. Music has LA swinging in retrospect
11. Native American oddly ignored just her
12. Basket initially contained spool
13. Key part of this letter
14. Complain about rodent's head in taxi
15. Also traveling a country in Indochina
16. Fork part of set in eatery
17. Very unpleasant hill she hiked
18. Teed off about the French strike
19. Hint: not 100 but 1000 stick
20. Advisor better have dessert
21. Spokesperson for, perhaps, emergency room
22. Computer memory has no space available
23. One boy gets one poem

Down

1. Mountainous surrounds of rocky RI coast in the past
2. Young primary money maker is one who has desires
3. Adjust, lube, and get down
4. Impress with fast run after shaking off slow start
5. Hand over and get scolded in return
6. Feeling of dissatisfaction from lichen nuisance
7. Understands waters roaring
8. Angry God rebelled
9. Boy comes back with it alternately rising and falling
10. Go away when film doesn't end
11. Half my toe I stubbed
12. Measure of illiteracy
13. Softhearted doctor takes in nearly all ill
14. Antique ship held in check
15. Clinton to submit charges
16. Main horse eats head of cabbage
17. Indication of surname is almost a necessity
18. I learn unraveling one thing after another
19. Stick signal
20. Securing one inside new tent with guards at either end
21. Controls broods of chicks
22. Period of mismanagement
23. Alcoholic best man gives up quietly
24. Renegade's euphemistic exclamation