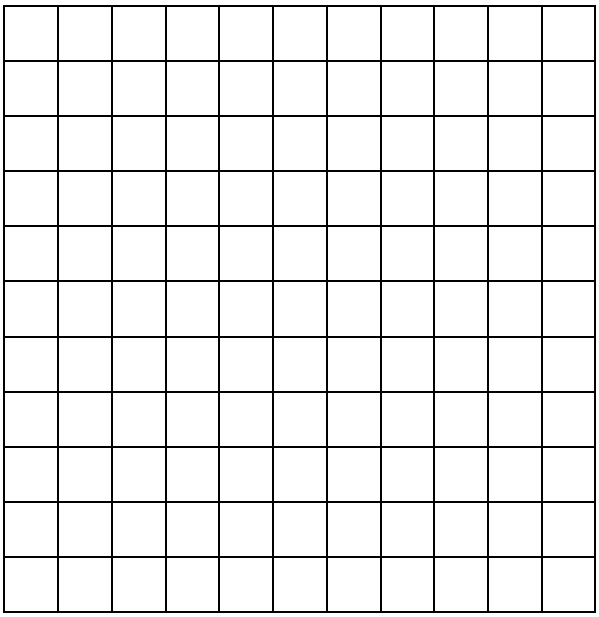
Guest Puzzle — March 2009 "US Historical Landmark" by Arthur Schless

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to twelve letters, and six 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 seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those sixteen letters spell a four-word phrase that bears on the puzzle's title and on the eleven-letter mystery entry buried within the grid.



Across

1. Unprincipled new scheme to usurp UN locus
2. Louder, and after I left, more intrusive
3. Eve initially left paradise for a city
4. Remedy is to change clothes
5. Peril evokes consuming anger
6. No right to claim advantage
7. Cut harsh ending off
8. Unfortunate setback involving English smoking product
9. Tiler reworked one cubic decimeter
10. Stains of bloodied yesterdays
11. Right time to repent
12. Rather old welder lying inside
13. Car and boat to be remodeled for performer
14. Warren is real sorry
15. Also Yankees eat high protein food
16. Troy always eats like a prince
17. Author has been painfully true
18. Decomposing lion corpse in cemetery
19. Weight lifting without a shirt
20. Theodore's bouquet
21. A mountain in Massachusetts has tarns
22. Representative chosen at oriental enclave
23. Morose and unpleasant daughter taking son's place

Down

1. Beneath foundering section
2. Improving a test flavor
3. Noisy sleeper has finally dreamt something extraordinary
4. Acknowledge prisoner with band
5. Mouth say true, false
6. Atomic arrangement inside geometric figure is to the point
7. Pope mostly sluggish in garment
8. God of a radical ecclesiastical sect, primarily
9. Contend with receiving inverted part
10. Pole holds rare plant
11. Later, Ruth goes back around tower
12. Sound a cheer for palm leaves
13. Paid athlete with foremost public support
14. I read reprinted broadcast
15. City starting to achieve outstanding status
16. Rough fellow's right for daughter
17. One hundred rare fish in basket
18. Boy with the French spoon
19. David's essentially greedy
20. Wild bears harbor one infectious disease
21. What belongs to us, of course
22. Colloid of angelica
23. Stop in Prestwick
24. Function of amusement
25. Snappy Kansas sylph's go-between
26. Composer of simple harmonies