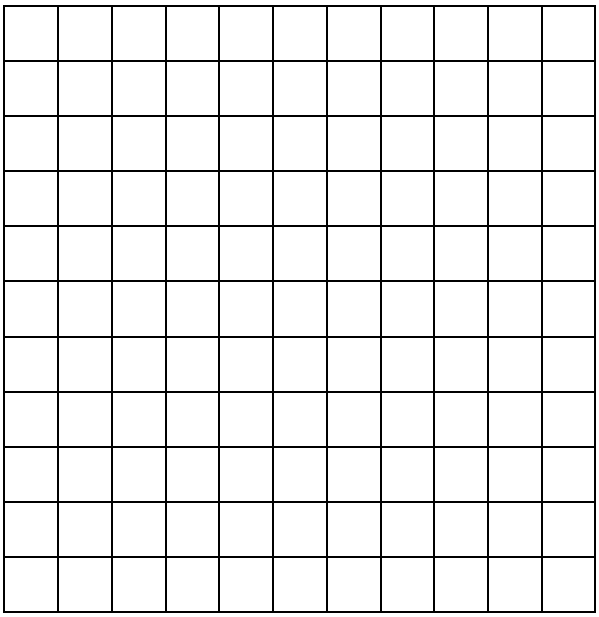
Guest Puzzle — May 2007 "To Be or Not To Be" by Arthur Schless

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to ten letters and include nine capitalized words), 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 four down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those nine letters, taken in order, spell a word related to the six mystery entries.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Desires, resurging within, increase in intensity
3. *Mystery entry*
4. Type of pasta boxed in European Alps
5. Excavation around ancient Sumerian city belonging to a family of rodents
6. Sell a quid (a mixed tortilla)
7. Gloomy, small creditors
8. Leave out, initially, one man in three
9. Cauchos of yule season
10. Pension plan man
11. Meets, regroups, distributes
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Reassessed trader's confusion about energy
14. *Mystery entry*
15. Steal essentially sacred pair of ibises
16. Fumes from five out of six brooks
17. Pueblo table has stain
18. Walled vineyard's partly enclosed
19. A Slav in Brussels
20. Help North Ireland's back country
21. Pertaining to raw data of cosmetics
22. *Mystery entry*
23. Fiber from retreating animal
24. Receipts from delegates
25. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Praiseworthy telegram contains radical rewrite
2. Calcium compound mixed; limed too
3. Brisk movement of fish you said escaped
4. Lulu's got heart of limp horseshoe crab
5. Condescend to hold small drawing
6. Unwilling to start nursing sick
7. Was initially present at the place
8. Chains of about ten atomic electrons
9. Buzz about acceptable nonsense
10. Distressed Ted ("Oy") idled
11. Sibling hides letter in passage
12. Embarrassing outburst of obsceneness
13. Tropical birds in leaves
14. Mystical animal having two horns
15. Unnatural sound to play out
16. Retroactively forbid arrest
17. Projecting points in cans with errors
18. Cora went off with a bow
19. Portuguese navigator spoke back
20. Alternative chemical form is more volatile
21. Metal fabricators worked TN mine
22. National collection (United States) not available

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