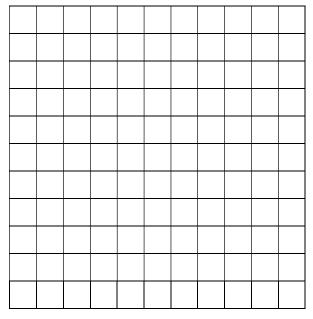
## Guest Puzzle #14 – February 2009 "Word of the Year" (by Arthur Schless)

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

- 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
- 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
- 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