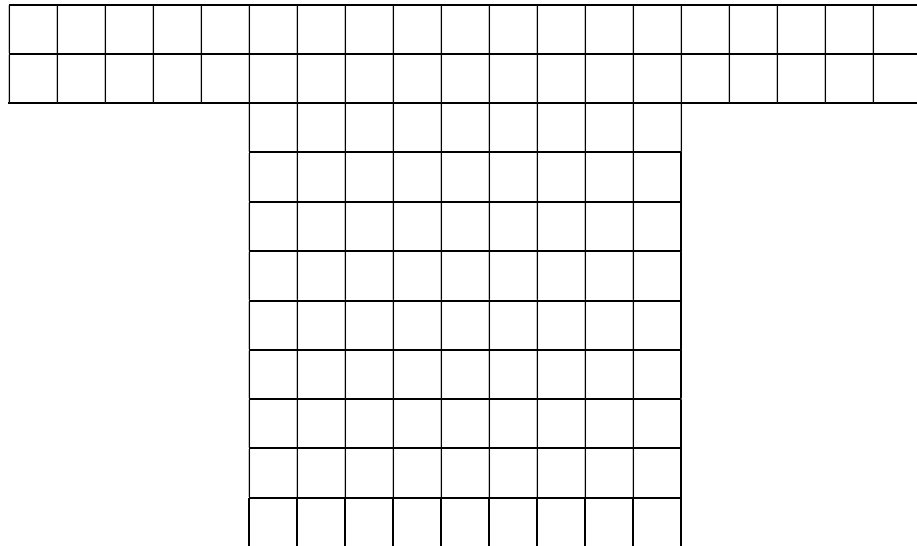


Guest Puzzle #5 – January 2006 "Hat Trick" (by Arthur Schless)

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words, ten of them proper names, vary in length from three to ten letters, and include one variant spelling), 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 line; down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Use those eleven letters with 1-across to make 12-down appear.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Dine around in southwestern city
3. Excrement in college stable
4. Caps infested by a mite in certain environments
5. Pronged tropical plant with ragged end
6. Get up with thank-you for awns
7. Ridicule astronaut
8. Adolescent among late entries
9. UN secretary is a Norse woman
10. Dutch city has electromagnetic pieces
11. Seventh in metaphysics
12. Novelist, part of cadre, is errant
13. Woodsman hammered anvils
14. Splashes gaiters
15. Being a significant language unit is partly academic
16. Touch overturned instrument
17. Groom embraces Winnie's friend
18. Car maker originally South American, around Bolivia
19. Smallest animal, in among thousands, making hog-like sounds
20. I managed a foreign country
21. Elevator part is half carbon
22. Paintings found, oddly, in a crate
23. Civil officer with new yoga practice

Down

1. Cause to withdraw from you and me and Anglo-Norman
2. Competed in dive open
3. Inadequacy of male's intensity
4. Show excessive affection with a first grandchild in senility
5. Democrat in uproar
6. Business ware at informal site
7. Man backs into one flower
8. Female in professional association
9. He is in a central place in reference book
10. General direction is final after Roosevelt
11. Pick-me-up through spirited rag
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Lower a foundation
14. List of some numbers
15. Rock of endless grand Italian earth
16. Haze of phlegm is tussive
17. Moved quickly on initial demand for foreign coin
18. God of fertility is extraordinarily neat
19. Launched special crosspiece
20. Song, soft and initially spare, but not long
21. Collar tone is wrong
22. President's family members are haulers
23. Make lace in silicon on location