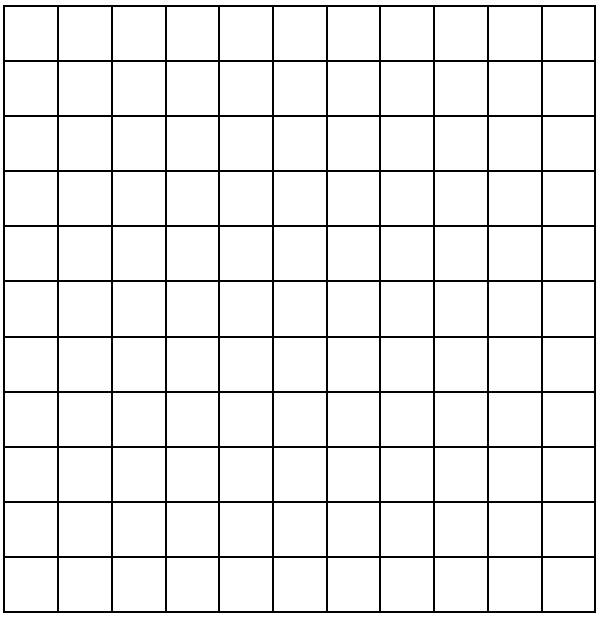
Puzzle #209 — November 2018 "Hooha"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, six 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, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a word related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Rob stirred up laughter in hubbub
2. Harsh verse ridden with error
3. Barren openness surrounding a city
4. Ancient Iranian of prime descent
5. Instant drag
6. Speaker constrained by moratorium
7. Native American leaf basket
8. Approach of tailless comet
9. Trace elusive answer
10. Trio in action is something very funny
11. Madness overcomes the Spanish First Lady
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Poor Nelly, having zilch, is desolate
14. Tacky temporary living quarters
15. Otto shaken up in a drinking binge
16. Appear to weave
17. Cook gets nothing for a place to sleep
18. Guard freed Ned unlawfully
19. Cat on rampage eating union bird
20. Region includes new sports field
21. Major land owner owns a city
22. Fool led astray about Republican nonsense

Down

1. Caps of bay trees trimmed
2. Spoils instrument that's been returned
3. Brother in block is replaced by child porter
4. Male in temper becomes hard criminal
5. Lizard moving alone
6. Eastwood embraces English customer
7. Last fragment under earth
8. Zinc on eye covering photoreceptor
9. Bundle a flag around a sheet
10. Lecherously surrounds celebrity
11. Get along having a claw
12. Nora's odd color
13. Mistakenly mean a word of approval
14. Sitter gives up millions for year to sing
15. Popular railway inn
16. String of priceless diamonds
17. Fix May's messy den
18. Love in Latin city turned around
19. Niagara contains this gelatinous stuff
20. Warren's wild interior is uncommon
21. Faulty snare traps Earl Williams
22. Drove and made fast around town
23. Biblical farmer or warring Inca
24. Bad eggs in Puerto Rico
25. Cloudy covers at break
26. Dirty channel's gulf becomes small