

Guest Puzzle #42 – March 2012 "Covert" (by Arthur Schless)

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to twelve letters; four are capitalized, two are foreign, two are two-word phrases of which one is a trade name, and one is a 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 row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Six across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those thirteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a four-word phrase related to the title and the mystery entries.

Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Pass carrying a hot chunk of fuel
3. Film in German about a Chinese dynasty
4. Hester got this in Madrid
5. Sphere of mass and energy
6. American carries Clapton
7. Therefore, add nothing to energy unit
8. Class is all about fiber
9. Lima beef as bagel topper
10. Saw and heard referred to
11. Car Wiki redefined in refresher
12. Liza, Vic, Toni and I reformed society
13. Idiosyncratic Nero, in sum, gets embellished
14. Southeastern river is nearing the end of an erosion cycle
15. Snake, deadly, hiding uncovered
16. Class raged out of control
17. Colors on vessel
18. Stagger back for a look
19. Not many with loads at first took to the air
20. Wimbledon champion's slow progress
21. Rescue five in turbulent sea
22. Concept of wide applicability
23. Pony's gait
24. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Gelatinous stuff from a fish
3. Dissolved slide with English fuel oil
4. Managed fashionable comeback undirected
5. Dean's mad for golfer Sam
6. Mark the French yarn
7. Big cat beginning to growl in row
8. Renewed zeal to remain idle
9. Covet man Sandra has
10. I laid out an opus of Homer
11. Understand novelist isn't finished
12. Date wearing corset
13. Mark from miscarriage
14. Clever Texan gets corner
15. High and extraordinarily weird
16. Free traveling around state for swordsman
17. Southern, once-baked quick bread
18. Sloshed and beginning to enjoy lo-cal
19. Go back, Joe, today in Rome
20. King fine after getting cut with weapon
21. Press 64 for conversation
22. Summon everyone after class starts
23. Serving liquor starting Wednesday and every Thursday
24. Local osteopaths have gone astray
25. *Mystery entry*