STRAIGHT CLUES:

ACROSS:

1. Target of criminal investigation (7)
5. Device for picking up sound, informally (3)
9. 'Little piggy' (3)
10. Spook (8)
11. Animal hit by car (8)
13. Caviar (3)
14. Deviating from expectations (8)
17. Explosive with a countdown (8)
19. Disparage or dismiss (8)
22. Appalling (8)
24. Attack indiscriminately (7)
25. Rattling of chains etc (8)
28. In an evil way (8)
30. Despicable things (8)
32. Inspiring awe or fear (8)
37. Disposal (8)
40. 007 production company (3)
41. Poetic intensifier (3)
42. Causing unpleasant anticipation (8)
43. Those who get pleasure from hurting others (7)
44. Not sweet (3)

DOWN:

1. Abrade (7)
2. Hesitate while talking (7)
3. Pea shell (3)
4. Cry of alarm (3)
5. Dirty or damage (4)
6. Stravinsky or Bogdanoff (4)
7. Mononymous pop superstar and occasional actress (4)
8. Stingy (4)
10. Speechless (13)
12. TLA to indicate personal views (1,1,1)
15. Stereotypical picnic menace (3)
16. Binder (4)
18. Increase pace (7)
20. Controversial infant afterlife (5)
21. Head decoration (5)
23. Lubricate (3)
25. Large holes underground (7)
26. Indirectly mentioned (7)
27. Dam (4)
29. Toss (3)
31. German indefinite article (3)
33. Pakeha chronicler of Maoritanga (4)
34. Wave or crowd sound (4)
35. Non-mainstream (4)
36. Garish (4)
38. Popular hymn, Agnus --- (3)
39. New Zealand photographer Westra (3)