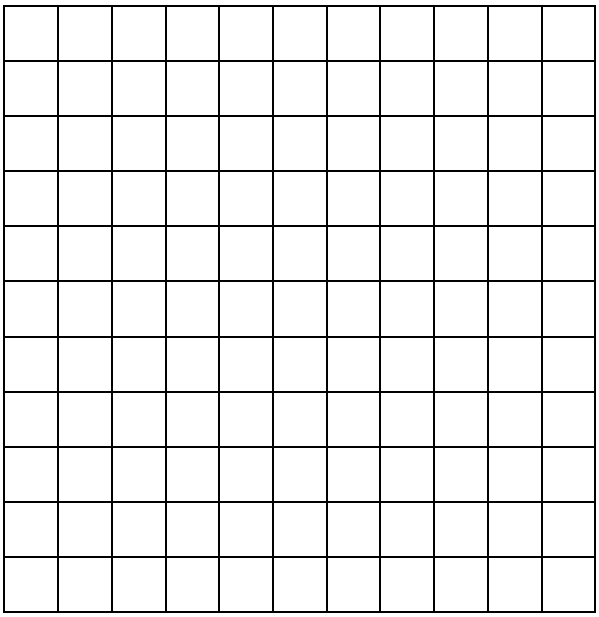
Guest Puzzle — March 2015 "Beware . . ." by Dino Schweitzer

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten letters; eleven are capitalized, and one is an abbreviation), 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, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Five across answers and five down ones won't fit in the grid unless a sequence of four of their letters is compacted into a single cell. In addition, another six across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those twelve letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a name related to the compacted letters.



Across

1. Country's retirement account newly initiated
2. Singer Norah dropped number for DiMaggio and Montana
3. Rough edge of Scot's pronunciation of R
4. Avoid speed; it's bad
5. The least intelligent disputes wasted time
6. Pooch remains have a brown color
7. Protective fabric, in brief, is part synthetic
8. Yours truly meets actor Marvin in a brawl
9. Gory revels in Bacchanal
10. Command bullets
11. City in North Carolina sounds finished
12. You claim embracing a Trojan foe, for one
13. Indian woman's title appears in foggy air mist
14. She's wild, crazy about love presentation
15. Acted a part in *Candida*
16. Got a lad running computer records
17. A small seabird at the back
18. Returned part of cool gift for an Eskimo house
19. Author James exhibits energy after a long period of time
20. Buddies, upset after loss of daughter, could be kept occupied
21. Amapola's sick after regurgitating a tequila drink
22. Setter dies painfully in back alley
23. Dissent can become most malicious
24. Zero in cursive movement creates a surface path with a constant parameter
25. Germophobe's excessiveness is in part gargantuan

Down

1. Actress Dychauk promoted as idol
2. American union leader initially decrees ending brutal slavery
3. One travels with a penny displaying rainbow-like colors
4. Celtic priestess keeps illegal IUD concealed inside robe
5. Greek shows up in sporty inane hat
6. Rock is stolen after being crushed and having last of oil removed
7. Timorous Tommy will have to get out of bed
8. Officers holding person who put the frosting on the cake
9. Person who manages removes one from duplicator
10. Sticky stuff got Charlie to fall behind
11. Cultured red teas are the most expensive
12. Spoiled leg ruined landing path
13. Roman Goddess takes part in harvest annually
14. A rude person, Rod doesn't take part in excited hooray
15. Satisfy lineup after removing fifty
16. Lump of awful rubbish sent back
17. Significant other with $1,000 gives Icelandic flower
18. Besides, a piece of real sod
19. Superior part of tupperware
20. Buggy joker in performance
21. Admired sib arranged to be wedding attendant
22. Emir's steed crossed arid area with some water
23. Cheese made the other way
24. Eat tire? Crazy! Do it again