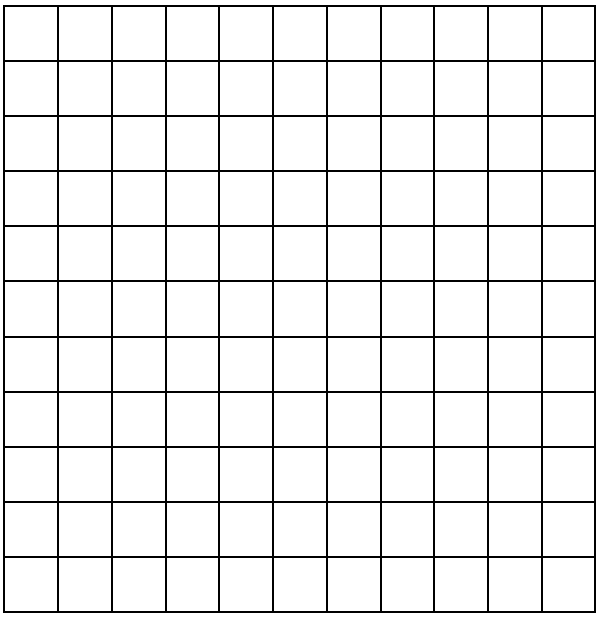
Puzzle #124 — September 2011 "Clew"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eight letters, eight are capitalized, and one has 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. Five across words and four down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those nine letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a word related to the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Fear of Capone weapon
3. No more melt-down after termination of Einsteinium molecule
4. Right to get land for Republican drive
5. Paramedic ingests seaweed
6. Kind of macabre sprite
7. Chief has time for prayer
8. Garment worn by Rabbi Tomislav, e.g.
9. Ridiculed Rossetti's first poem
10. Old violin incorporates new filament
11. Another one snared a bird
12. Carried by a wave of surging water
13. Fine net traps goose
14. None involved in illegal entry in Irish county
15. Lots of land are about 100 shillings
16. Even now, one snowman
17. Loco mare's headed west
18. Tantalize with a bit of tenderness and comfort
19. Cameron fictionalized in a novel
20. Locate letter put back in place
21. Inauthentic French seal broken
22. Sibling exchanging small for medium sprayer
23. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. Leap or dance to embrace the return of fall
2. *Mystery entry*
3. André-Marie's mom turned up with dad in Paris
4. To repeat, I charge about 6.67
5. Recollection of the author encompasses the rise of Rome
6. Aristotelian's burden
7. Fish beginning to dither or fuss
8. A margin of criminality
9. Issue of Englishman brewing tea
10. Painful moan signals ulcerous condition
11. Folding foil for dough
12. I'm so crazy for soybean paste
13. Two helpings of sodium for granny
14. Sister embraces me in spirit
15. Roosevelt demise featured in *Vogue*
16. Nearest bombs stored in Connecticut
17. Make of jalopy that consumes energy
18. Trust a ruler to keep leading
19. A portion of a trench caved in
20. Move slowly, taking time out to shut down
21. Lying, secretly at first, becoming open finally in writing
22. Irma dancing with union actor, J. A. Muraire
23. *Mystery entry*
24. It's tiring keeping awake