We used a computer to construct this puzzle. First, we wrote the clues. Then, the spelling of the answer words was read into a microphone. Soon, out came the diagram! Unfortunately, there was a flaw in the process, which systematically caused twenty spelling errors (in nineteen words.) You must take this flaw into account when entering those words into the diagram.

Though several clue answers are unusual, all can be found in Webster’s Ninth Collegiate Dictionary, though 10 across does not appear there as an entry.

Enumerations are withheld.

Across
1 Dummies endlessly adjusted for size
5 Hawaii featured in William’s fancies
10 Beginning entry quoted under “Useful Species”: the horse
11 Coherent whole: I’m uncut, no assembly required
12 Alternatively, most of mold with uranium added — gilded metal
14 Little is lacking from beast’s soul
15 Cut off bit of lettuce from salad
17 Clean rip off, with no initiator
18 Sharpen sound mix with liquid
20 Blinder obscured with dark streaks
23 Veteran’s Administration mistake: “Um… Duce employed Hoover?”
27 It can be silly!
29 Someone seeking a mate around the university surmounted difficulties
32 Lived clean (in water, but not hot)
33 Change fourth of vegetable compress
34 Weird resort covering more territory
35 Like some bread? While consuming, swallow
36 Current hearing was informed
37 Despicable effort to follow friend
38 Jade green frames: evidence of education

Down
1 Tom’s comments confused some about Wicker’s first letter
2 Merv + Uta: IUD involved two people in control?
3 Characteristic of certain small particles I help to secure
4 Trimmed a procedure to reverse moisture deposit
5 Wild fun: snip off the ends of curls, let fly
6 State: “Catch a tuba, hugging it backwards”
7 Certain Indian surrounded by stealth in dugout
8 Bossy dialogue heard to shift?
9 Small, pretentious wise guy
13 Deli offering (free) peeled end of pickle in terrible bun
16 She scolds: “The German is more cunning”
19 Final solution: take cup off stand
21 Funny translation of Sigma Nu
22 Kitty’s nap is over — this may improve the dog
24 Cleverness: finding you, finally, in a place like Chicago
25 Made a sound like a bird around midweek
26 I am bleeding at first, and regret stain
28 Small map mischarted Palestine, omitting area where one is protected
30 A color that’s in? Sienna qualifies
31 Burn wrapper of cheap cigar