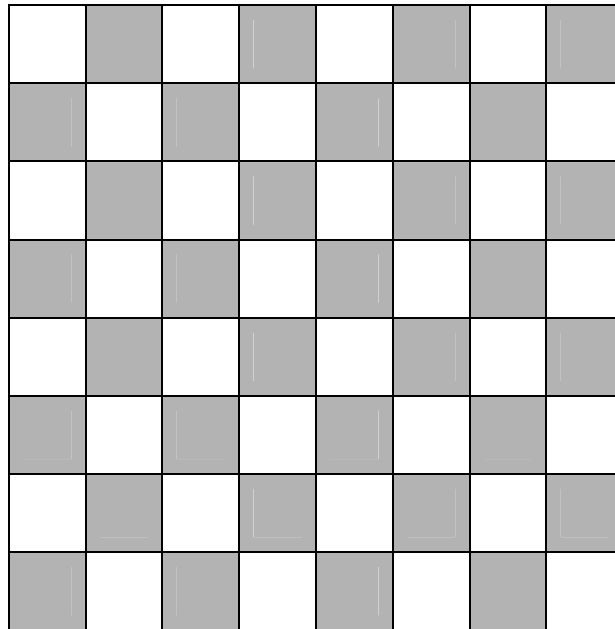


Bonus Puzzle - March 2006 "Chessboard"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from four to seven letters), 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. After filling in the grid, find a hidden twelve-letter, two-word phrase appropriate to the grid. You haven't solved the puzzle until you do. As ever, I am indebted to Kevin Wald for help with the clues.



Across

1. Jack kneels in front section of church
2. Automaton to rummage around barn
3. Not at all in one version
4. Speak wildly with craven heart
5. Slowly absorbed by corpulent organisms
6. State surrounding core of high-binding chemical group
7. Conscious of wonder mixed with fear about Arabia
8. Time employed removing note for a musical interval
9. All initially grimacing under spouse's hysterical outflow
10. One shot his gun in torment
11. Consequently add nothing to energy unit
12. Monk beheaded ruminant
13. Southpaw took off before end of day

Down

1. Tree sheltering a marsupial
2. Very large soldier insect
3. Germ of old Roman force confining leader of regimental unit
4. Disease envelops equestrian leader at riding academy
5. Last of his own crop
6. Lock chief out and strip
7. Tied after turning back the French soccer team, maybe
8. One of God's names for a leporid
9. Splitting and cooking dinner before getting started
10. Pro started torching a stronghold
11. A right secured by language
12. Get edge in base quarrel
13. Jack, in a month, to be replaced by Penny in a proper manner