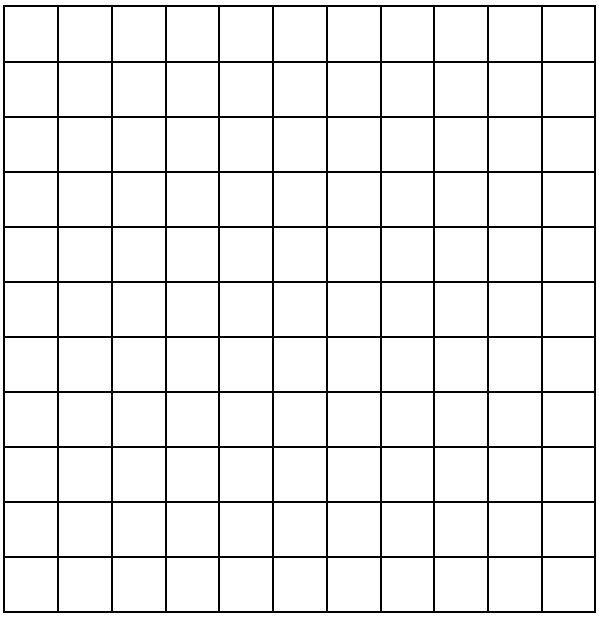
Puzzle # 112 — September 2010 "Connections"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine letters, five are capitalized, one is an abbreviation, and one is 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. Six across words and six down words won't fit in the grid unless they are appropriately treated; solvers must determine how. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Sick man spared as a sign
2. In favor of model's first design
3. Is able to do right with fairness
4. A licit deformation of a certain type
5. Bird in water rummaging about
6. Cut around top of page for display
7. Issue with English university
8. Get very hungry after the first harvest is ruined
9. Composer's control of voice
10. Sound system of moving trees out
11. Waste new hammer part
12. Foreign automobile with top of engine removed is something like a lemon
13. Stern and dreary at heart
14. Dog in road running north
15. Composer of subtle harmonies
16. John, in court, grabs head of Genovese magistrate
17. Remove small drill head
18. Plant evergreens around stake
19. Metal strip from wagon wheel's hub
20. Don and Earl engaged in battle
21. Animal to speak, making up nothing
22. Sea creature's western caper ended by rough seas
23. Criticize the German procurer
24. Chad wins after maiming hero, perhaps
25. Heartless saint and British noble

Down

1. Shrewdness of current university fellows
2. A new seaport academy
3. Monkey loses tail getting metal bar
4. Grunt about being enveloped by vehicle smoke
5. Penny in class is a laughingstock
6. Warning note included in error
7. Stray newt's head swallowed by bird
8. Westerner's time zone
9. Wife takes papa's place in lush high-rise
10. Joint force wins one for England
11. Harrier net traps an eagle
12. It was ripped up to expose the middle part
13. A rope is thrown around the French prisoner who was conditionally let out
14. Scrutinize prosecutor law for offensive act
15. Entrepreneur's name
16. Roasted shad is a hit
17. Approve of retaining Latin character
18. Lagomorph hidden in marsh area
19. Composure of one assuming an attitude
20. Logician quietly substitutes energy for intelligence
21. Wooden rod inserted in supercharger
22. Disposition to start rugby in season
23. Metropolitan demonstrators going around in single file
24. Repairman takes in a stray
25. Head off ruminant eating turnip top