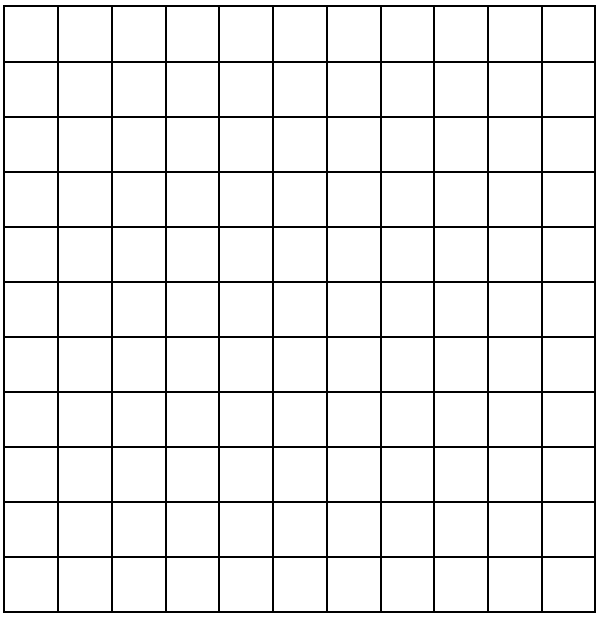
Puzzle #97 — June 2009 "Hodgepodge"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight letters, five are capitalized, one is hyphenated, and one is an acronym) 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 five down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those eleven letters spell a synonym of the puzzle's title. In addition, two across words and two down words won't fit in the grid unless their letters are scrambled. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Disorder put Charles outside of circle
2. Core of tree apt to produce sound
3. Makeshift reinvention of past has GOP confounded
4. She's having lamb butchered in a slaughterhouse
5. Partially repair a battered shirtfront
6. Purdue's official language
7. Regret never having returned to sign up
8. Sacred book put bishop in bad temper
9. Brought back beer fit for a king
10. Poor and sick? Get a dose of medicine
11. Revolutionary dance captivates brother
12. Rebuilt adapter has no time display
13. Dear Bill returned with old Roman weights
14. Deal to exclude profit
15. From the south of France, small beer
16. Size up and dress down
17. The time before entering Shreveport
18. Gail dissected brain cells
19. Thin, but fights with energy
20. Golfer Singh with 6 followed by a birdie
21. Physician has him consuming a kilo
22. Head of coal-black chicken
23. Eats cooked stuff
24. Mix of dried tips eaten by beast of burden

Down

1. Bombing blamed for confusion
2. Light as a dancer I whirled
3. Office dude takes in an old city
4. Authority of essay's observations
5. Load-bearing timbers, peerless in new construction
6. Speed of headless cow
7. Neurotransmitter talk precedes last of symposia
8. Love in ways evoking compassion
9. Cataract engulfs a town in Ireland
10. Knot a kerchief around winner
11. Steel cut around fabric
12. Springfield perhaps is teeming with life initially
13. A newlywed's eating last of hog chops
14. Vessel carrying large broken bale is at fault
15. Say goodbye, Rod
16. Get the essentials from Princess's drawer
17. Abandoning city, advance haphazardly to get to Silver State
18. Core reactor's top is brass
19. More vigilant about including donor
20. Barely cultivated grass
21. Big guy loses love for the French shuffle