

## Puzzle #100 – September 2009 "Long Time"

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to eleven letters, and five are capitalized) 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. Twenty across words and nineteen down words won't fit in the grid unless one or more of their letters is removed. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.


**Across**

1. Fence around California hickory tree
2. Faith! An essay with no beginning
3. Eli comes back in relays
4. Giacometti's approach
5. Hold native leader following violent action
6. French surgeon operated on cobra
7. City's rank hyped with love
8. Dealer started reading in bad French
9. Picture of senescent heart (blurred)
10. Quietly get to give a sermon
11. Succulent head of cabbage Bill put before us
12. Nothing in this French sea is a whale or dolphin
13. One rare accent misconstrued in jail
14. Investigate heretic's final mild oath
15. Purchaser's claim in court
16. Patriotism is essentially a very funny thing
17. Wheeler's cant
18. Southern peak is a place to rest
19. Rhinoceros swallows mackerel
20. Freud's daughter left satisfactory records
21. Knife-scarred cantle
22. Short answer in an emergency: "Greens"
23. Mention a scene you've heard
24. One leaves saying nothing; that's diplomacy
25. Stink after starting clean-up in stream
26. Vincent, Ralph own telephone exchange

**Down**

1. Roost on broken cane, maybe
2. Virtuous Hindu leader is surrounded by social group
3. Chanel takes a chocolate drink
4. Smart and understanding, but cowardly
5. Pirate started to crash into boat
6. Put a stop to prison dance
7. Gentleness of Len with unruly niece
8. Attila's bedraggled after beginning to cultivate reed mace
9. Stem weaver has start of cellular malignancy
10. Overconfident parish priest grabs torn sock
11. Partying Elks can relax
12. Rumpled screen in court conceals sickle-shaped object
13. The woman has energy and time for a sail
14. Playing cornet in Colorado musical number
15. Name of girl in Dallas
16. Sweet drink-animated trance
17. Poor attorney makes a little pie
18. Wasting time, pace in restlessness
19. Hag exchanges egg for a bird
20. Indiscreet about Native Americans
21. Ferociously concealing turn of heart
22. Hydrous magnesium silicate in metal can
23. Transgression of composer holding note
24. In aggregate, kid gets almost all