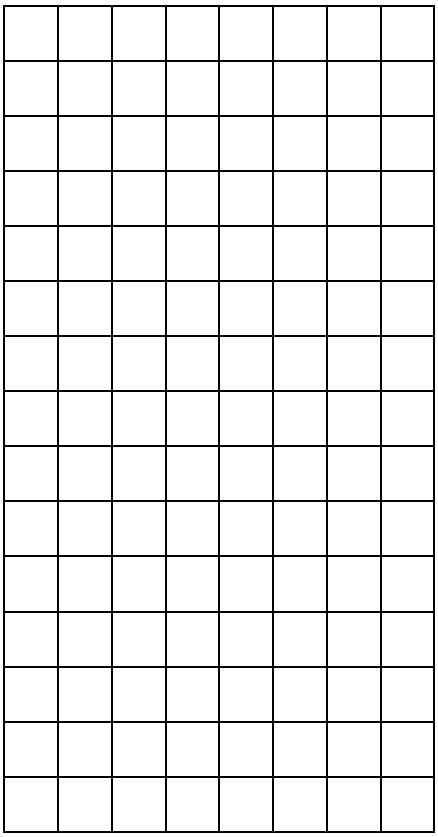
Puzzle #125 — October 2011
"Carrying the Torch"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to nine 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. Eight across words and nine down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those seventeen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a name related to the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. Demolish nest if beset with parasites
2. Ten men traveling around India celebrated
3. Beginning of popular path is level
4. Leading English peer
5. Short, chainlike bacteria infecting most reptiles
6. Stretch diplomacy to include war finally
7. Pathetic Penny is out dancing with Earl
8. Batter, losing head, swings handle
9. Something useless, small, and dead
10. Upset bishop is ousted by rabbi in clash
11. Track inside Broadway
12. Dodger shortstop during three seasons
13. Get away from this French swindle
14. Soil broken for underground shelter
15. Bow, perhaps in declaration
16. Number of women in excess
17. Variations involving a melody
18. Infant born in bin
19. Granny's new collection
20. Formal act of retirement making a comeback
21. Device that transmits poem within minutes
22. Extra drones will hold missile back
23. Bird in trailer
24. Reported origin of space
25. Spoke about end of act as dignified
26. One who smuggles bird stuffed with tail of blenny and head of eel

Down

1. Exercising in a beret, I get high
2. Early computer turned up in Wouk's ship
3. Way up in penalties
4. Adventurous tale set in the Emerald City
5. Age of eastern sun god
6. Circuit encloses small space on all sides
7. Skill and power rebuilt ship
8. Waited around and helped to capture base
9. *Mystery entry*
10. Tear in defective light-detecting membrane
11. Hooker holding ring and card
12. Interval involves initially reciting a sequence of words
13. *Mystery entry*
14. Ultimately agree with reader and voter
15. Name assumed by author on all my rubbish
16. Ashmont, after reconstruction, doesn't keep new name
17. New rate covers 500 sales
18. Impartiality of ethic and order
19. Limit of subject and color
20. Sickened reptile regurgitates one bird
21. Project help goes up in price