

## Puzzle #4 – September 2001 "Labor Day"

**Instructions:** Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight letters, and two of them 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. Eleven across words and eleven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those twenty-two letters, taken in order, spell a five-word phrase related to the title of this puzzle.


### Across

1. Ball roller derby
2. NCO of the body
3. Sound of strip keeping left
4. Penelope's gait
5. Calibration climb
6. Cord with two starting ends
7. Drew out character in me next to dead
8. Long Henry, comparatively
9. Introductory ump in step . . .
10. And in ship collections
11. Decapitation of betrayal for cause
12. Get narrower candle
13. Legion entertainer
14. Unfinished part of golf course
15. Less experienced but more colored
16. Peaks of animal psychology
17. Uncommon state of meat
18. Formal end to fish article
19. Has connections and tells
20. Target of dumb utterance
21. Drugs for dummies
22. Get air out of level in river
23. Throw out after great increase
24. Hype pain modification in moment of revelation

### Down

1. Dreary start of brain drain
2. Bold at the front
3. Dress about 50 in oak
4. Chameleon changes alone
5. Took a vote without horns
6. Eight-fold couplet confusion
7. Carry on about the atmospheric conditions
8. Taj Mahal's place in drag racing
9. This insectivore's also a scold
10. Road surface to stop a snake
11. Refuse to go down
12. Academic title, one of a series
13. Inclined or prostrate
14. Plant in middle of street
15. Comfortable footwear for sulfurous speakers
16. Priam's wife has man in Havana
17. Verses initially put off easy meaning
18. Incoherent or "non up" part of speech
19. Stars inside contain bones
20. Built up, then torn down by hearsay
21. Sheltering lace shredded by feeler
22. Plan of action: get back in, wander