

## Puzzle #144 – May 2013 "Omissions"

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


### Across

- Mystery entry*
- Defamation of a person is wrong
- Getting paid with rupee for new auricular ornament
- Power of cylinder cap in front part
- Wild about education of government
- Submissive men will replace women in seven days
- Fish, small one, in Germany
- Principal emissary holding picket
- What remains before mineral is put back
- Pin foot of aquatic mammal
- Ornament's label
- Before day's end, some managed to move along slowly
- Left someone posing topless in disorder
- Author leaves Peoria schooled in creative works
- Agitation of spirit soon returned
- Disgrace has me in a troubled state
- Platter includes coffee with milk
- Talk idly about yours truly being smarter
- Alan improperly sequesters five of ships
- Hold back about meeting with media
- Water chestnut, e.g., of Southern rim
- Mystery entry*

### Down

- Parasite is blown away in a puff of air
- Contravention covers irrational speech
- Disadvantage of faulty net play
- Bullfighter is stranger to drama
- Eating leeks with joy
- Lean musician Paul's lacking energy
- Iron damaged fir tree
- Withdraw from the daily grind in Clontibret, Ireland
- Guard's intense malaise preceding end of patrol
- Mineral wash
- Governor took a seat to talk
- One mole's unhappy without companionship
- Kind of bare everything at first
- Cashier's beginning to fulminate with rage
- Judge had a meal after start of recess
- Stage of sleep has ended
- Sign up to be captain of the Nautilus
- A French astronomer is not as neat
- Code breaking is a form of art
- Napier's incoherent in Farsi
- Agent barely loses sleep
- Douglas seen holding a drinking vessel