

## Puzzle #148 — September 2013 "Scorecard"

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


### Across

- Mystery entry*
- No strap is worn around long shirt front
- First woman that's wasted a pardon
- Scene of men beginning to eat
- Remembered to cover a chunk of glowing coal
- Only about current comfort
- Russel flunked course
- Having an aromatic flavor of cumin typically
- Cast of female organ
- Hat covers Rosie's head in cable car
- Turning of spirits in marketplace
- Couch restricted until now
- Small opening for seed
- Sound of insect in shrub
- Partly grasp a reed that's thin
- Clever signal about time
- Singer's range of modal tonalities
- Little Earl is in shape
- Offensive article in covering removed
- Way setter is trained
- Bass and the Spanish tenor featured in strip
- Shoot lines in row
- Herpes devastated planet
- Mystery entry*

### Down

- Mystery entry*
- Note: luck will get you a break
- Milliner's merchandise
- Rizzo, for instance, holds large bat
- Ship's cargo initially complete
- You report back about country
- Rhythm has one line
- Matt, a wanderer, returns
- Chastened with a gun
- Random noise produces a red powder
- College grad started to annoy
- Quickly consuming excellent banquet
- Running plastered without Republican support
- Distilled blue oil, maybe
- Freer, but without love, and a failure
- Monarch embraces holy man and thief
- Fragrance arising from marjoram or anise
- Clean, small, and without a belly
- Flaccid airship loses nose
- Reality has landed
- Sailor returned with bronze palm
- Rhetorical trashing of conifers
- Nuclear plant creator vilified
- Mystery entry*