

Puzzle #151 — December 2013 "Turning Point"

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

Across

- Pulverize Democrat in authority
- Narrative of attorney holding broken arm
- State dress is light
- Scenery stored in wide corridor
- Harvest of Yorkshire apples
- Oat pie laced with narcotic
- Device used to support small shelter
- Aim of sailor: having offspring
- Having wings, a teal will fly
- Amusing puppet holding rod
- Old Roman label: women only!
- Act of French education
- One leaving lodge for a dance
- Peter's mad for Meryl
- Container and vehicle weight
- Hesitate about author getting dispensation
- Listeners in rehearsal
- Penny pincher keeps 50 in tray
- Endlessly sanitary, working craftsperson
- Body having feeling without sight at first
- Coarse Mama embracing rabbi
- Guy consumed eastern sea cow
- The Spanish act is jivey and springy

Down

- Top ten in training to get strong
- Subjected to force, daughter split
- No charge to speak
- French student beginning to note the number of players on a soccer team
- Having nothing for excellent expert to take on
- Pederast, assailed by English, is without hope
- Bad or awful food
- Container's capacity grade
- Expert involved in payment reduction is shameless
- Ruminants come back for grass
- Hammaraskjöld is in Madagascar
- Rope defaced a trail
- Science* report about part of a bird's beak
- Count William
- Start to turn nest around in test
- Start of word signifying acid-like coat sprayed around end of pipe
- Defeat of Mussolini's return
- Pastry sailors originated in South Pacific islands
- Society of fellows starting science academy
- Let rats run amok in alarm
- Small, pale bird
- Carmen is murdered by tenor villain
- A new scale defines northeastern part of France