

Guest Puzzle #12 – July 2008 "Fortune Cookie"
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Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to eight 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. Eleven across words and eight down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those nineteen letters, taken in order, spell a four-word phrase related to the mystery entries.

Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. BLT with rye I concocted on leave
3. Courts primarily where only officers serve
4. Sole set awry in foot deformity
5. Sizzling hot cue signals hit
6. Loiter nonchalantly around French clover
7. Lead singer
8. Satisfactory rise
9. Money I put in instrument you originally lost
10. Rule nine involves Russian
11. Secretary scribbled notes
12. Broil fish organ with a bit of rice
13. Irish consumed with anger
14. Ride metro around ancient government unit
15. We let out about five to a dozen
16. Waterway a clan littered
17. Army posts for Troy security, primarily
18. Corner in street
19. Restaurant has foremost coffee and French éclairs
20. Garments are short and essentially garish
21. Rodents in Copacabana
22. Dad had wide foot
23. Corrupt, venal center
24. Cereal leading dieticians stigmatize

Down

1. Dressmaker, e.g., has more material?
2. Auction includes originally blue pelt
3. Smoke in refrigerator
4. Opening part of plain letter
5. Business dealing with capacitor memory
6. Paleness of opal lorgnettes
7. Distribute one solid wire coil

8. Call out location of goods
9. Looked over large salad
10. Englishman eliminating right datum
11. Thresholds of secondary pains
12. *Mystery entry*
13. Poet a crew distracted
14. Lines formed in shortened workday for sheer material
15. Streetcar of Teddy Roosevelt's America
16. Vessel is endlessly large
17. Advocate wearing Vice Admiral's neckwear
18. Relative invests money around country
19. Choice selection of the literature
20. Newt has hefty heart
21. Wasp entirely circles tree
22. Who reportedly first chucked hot alcohol?
23. Author of "Windblown Ashes"
24. Insert in centerpiece