

Solution to Puzzle #160 – September, 2014 "Pianoforte"

C	O	N	E	Y	M	O	R	N	P	L
A	C	A	T	A	B	N	E	G	A	T
E	A	T	O	L	L	C	E	A	T	O
R	T	I	PP	L	E	A	R	N	T	U
N	E	V	E	S	T	M	I	N	O	C
I	D	E	R	T	O	P	E	T	R	A
D	E	R	E	A	M	M	O	R	T	N
A	R	E	N	A	B	U	FF	A	L	O
R	I	C	E	S	O	R	E	M	A	R
E	V	E	R	S	E	D	R	A	P	E
L	E	D	G	E	M	E	I	S	E	R

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell

VERY SOFT VERY LOUD

The compacted letters are shown in **red** in the grid above and the list below.

Across

1. CON(V)EY
2. MORN
3. PLACAT(E)
4. ABNEGATE
5. ATOLL
6. C(R)EATOR
7. TI[PP]LE
8. (Y)ARN
9. TUNE
10. VEST
11. MINO(S)
12. CIDER
13. TOPE
14. TRADE
15. REAM
16. MORT(O)N
17. ARENA
18. BU[FF]ALO
19. RICE
20. SORE
21. MARE
22. VERSE
23. DRAPE
24. (F)LEDGE
25. MEIS(T)ER

Down

1. CA(V)ERN
2. ID(E)A
3. RELOCATE
4. DERIVE
5. NATIVE
6. RECEDE
7. TO[PP]ER
8. ENERGY
9. ALL-STA(R)
10. ASSEMBLE
11. TOMBO(Y)
12. (L)EMON
13. CAMP
14. MURDER
15. EERIE
16. O[FF]ERING
17. AN(O)N
18. TRA(U)MA
19. SPAT
20. TORT
21. LAPEL
22. TOUCAN
23. OR(D)ER

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.