

Puzzle #168 — May 2015 "The Pour"

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

Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Mad Pete's broken into a frenzied rush
3. Dad's included in a list arrayed in three dimensions
4. Towering alien engulfs men in melee
5. Extra small cut
6. Boy going back east to advance slowly
7. Start to waffle over collection
8. Earl, in unhealthy reaction, is beginning to crave dope
9. Vinny's got a place to stay for the night
10. Author's dreadful poems obtrude
11. New love falters in fictional work
12. Pierce one with ample motion
13. Ask Dotty about new English plumbing tool
14. Inactive, decaying talent
15. Mad Pete's got a piece of money
16. Rebel car scored as intellectual
17. Aeons wasted in Concord
18. Shopping complex initially marketed everything
19. Few errors would overcome pitcher
20. Agile monkey grabbing fruit
21. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. One who is sparing keeps fifty in a tray
2. Gore flying plane
3. Gals confuse me now
4. Novice commanding officer to begin leadership training
5. Britain's first floppy airship
6. Big deer lows before beginning to eruct
7. Clean and trim before stripping tent
8. Expert's meter is running
9. A Swede worked with energy to get algae
10. No German managed nine
11. Snow Queen goes back to embrace one in passageway
12. Fish turned back before start of thunder and freezing rain
13. Fuel damaged rocket's interior
14. A skilled performer of exceptional traits
15. Break end of bat and fasten securely
16. Pele's troubled slumber
17. Completely honest in action after husband leaves
18. Planet's path
19. Cover Bush talk
20. Tie up and clean off end of spindle
21. Mom's time is nuts
22. Living bird couple
23. Bad armor breached by end of last cannon shell
24. Damn spare is defective in character