

Puzzle # 99 — August 2009 "Surfing"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten 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. Eight across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those fifteen letters, taken in order, spell a four-word phrase related to the title of the puzzle. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

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Across

- Encourage forest renewal
- Cheap pleasures include fruit
- Start to play and make sharp sound
- Cheese featured in buffet again
- Tarantula writhing after its head and tail are cut off is what one would expect
- Keen but inadequate without a leader
- Anatol is upset not having a key
- Dame now going west around Massachusetts
- Surrounded by creamed mango
- Hit and run in the morning
- Only held back by Pelosi
- Damned improper claim
- Red tape slashed and gradually reduced
- One leaves junk for you finally, and trouble
- Vehicles remove boron from halfway places
- Walter's playfully profligate
- Prosecutor occupying flat briefly is fit
- Full of green tires
- One quitting retinue jockeyed for a permanent position
- Keen about excellent deal for graveyard
- Go without a leader for free
- Grassy covering over man's head is curative
- Take article from what's left for a souvenir

Down

- Model T, say, goes around battle at the front
- Liturgy that might generate real income
- The late, brawling Babe Ruth, for instance
- Rarely, service is started by the Spanish monk
- Gore consumed a winged insect
- Discredit woman holding iron up
- Very fine operative having wild ride
- Entertain royal Ethiopian leader
- A great number start nesting in May
- Gratefully embraces judge
- A Roman turns up in Florence
- Unmitigated reversal in soccer upset
- Displays clips about commercial
- Bum ending up at back of streetcar
- Often a medium will get called
- We will encounter nasty snout beetle
- A turkey's tiniest part
- Black bottom fish eats head of newt
- Unaccustomed weight and force
- Gold reset clumsily without ornament
- Shut up about gun going off with an acrid smell
- Character of male bathing in river