

Puzzle #158 — July 2014 "Hotspot"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eleven letters, and four 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. Ten across words and nine down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. Those nineteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a four-word phrase related to the mystery entry. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.

Across

- 1. Hot sap rendered a kind of salt
- 2. Good tenant: one who cleans and tidies
- 3. Idle, wayward aunt goes after Teddy
- 4. Note very Irish gear
- 5. Fish gave off an odor
- 6. Claim of Mohave rancher
- 7. Exchange includes metal cracker
- 8. Margin of convergence
- 9. Vessel in burning cafe could be a hotspot
- 10. Move away from bad decree
- 11. *Mystery entry*
- 12. Dominion ruler imprisoning chief of police and head of embassy
- 13. Loses nuts in sedimentary deposit
- 14. A sudden stream expelled with energy
- 15. Bug in vehicle going back around Iran
- 16. Bird seen in Budapest or Krakow
- 17. Clunker returned by Earl for repair
- 18. One involved in illegal votes for governing council
- 19. Erica to run around noon
- 20. Remove fluid from partly wet appliance
- 21. Affirmation about lines and calls
- 22. A gaseous cloud's unconscious state
- 23. Réunion meat show

Down

- 1. Prevent Charlie's taking part in opening
- 2. Stripped lug in defective spoiler is dangerous
- 3. Tonto recalled getting wounded
- 4. Generate energy in fish out of nothing
- 5. Endurance of flower organs
- 6. High-spirited aspect of expertise
- 7. Staff can start to exercise
- 8. Indigene is unsophisticated about time
- 9. Bump rudely jolts end
- 10. Randy, rich and so masculine, getting baptismal robe
- 11. Carved head of giant bird
- 12. City of Denver on Amazon
- 13. Back eliminating Sunday for worship
- 14. All about union having a spurious wing
- 15. Cleveland's great traveler
- 16. Confine around end of August
- 17. Noxious germ, for years inside of eye, will get out
- 18. The French ship is more limited
- 19. Opposed a bad serve
- 20. Warship wreck restored around end of May
- 21. Tell about iron shirt for security
- 22. Dig holes, randomly, around five