

Solution to Puzzle #191 – April, 2017 "Film Noir"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
THE MALTESE FALCON

Across

1. **BOGART**
2. IMPOR(T)UNE
3. MARS(H)AL
4. ROTARY
5. PUTT(E)ES
6. PATE
7. APNEA
8. E(M)BER
9. MALL
10. TR(A)INER
11. DULLES
12. ALIEN
13. TOLEDO
14. COMP
15. MANA
16. GOREN
17. PRIMO
18. REVE(L)
19. SCOOTER
20. S(T)REW
21. PESTO
22. DAGG(E)R
23. **HUSTON**

Down

1. BU(S)TARD
2. TAME
3. DONAT(E)
4. MUON
5. (F)ORAGE
6. REAL
7. LARS
8. GAMY
9. ALLEGER
10. GRAPPLE
11. DOVER
12. TRU(A)NT
13. SORE
14. WHIST(L)E
15. RACES
16. PUMA
17. TAIL
18. ONCE
19. SPLEEN
20. IMPOSTORS
21. BEE
22. PRO(C)TOR
23. OPER(O)N
24. MI(N)TON

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 50 minutes.