

## Solution to Puzzle #160 — September 2014 "Pianoforte"

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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.

## September Puzzle Solvers

(The first ten are listed in the order their solutions were received, the others alphabetically)

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