Spitting Straight Fire: Loplop Cryptic #008 [15×]
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While constructing this puzzle, five entries proved just too hot to handle! These entries have been clued with wordplay only.

Across

8 Singer has in-region lead in punk (1500000, 2 wds.) CAROLINA REAPER. CAROL(IN + AREA + P(unk))ER
9 Sandwich contains a bit of banana, avocado and nutella (100000) HABANERO. H[A + B(anana) + A[vo]cado + N(utella)]ER
10 Cost is adjusted for cool people (6) STOICS. COST (IS)ER
11 Source of sugar coated urge (25000) CA(YEN)NE
13 Southern aura hanging around Kyoto's first cherry blossom (6) SAKURA. S + A[K(yoto)]URA
14 Article about internet rando, say? (4) ANON. AN + ON[d]OWNER
16 Bummer: taking day off for having one? (5) OWNER.
17 In an expression of disapproval, a reprimand (4) TASK. T(A)SK
19 Type that is for a quick expedition (6) SORTIE. SORT + IE

Down

1 Caribbean spread I put in a container (8) JAMAICAN.
2 Year very much going uphill for public figure? (6) NOTARY. (YR + A TON)<
3 Oh no, tipped over sliced jelly filled pastry! Find a box for things (10) PI(GE((OH NO)<)L)E; (OH NO)< inserted into GEL inserted into PIE
4 Speak interminably about boba add-on (4) T AR O. (ORAT[e])ER
5 It gives clear views of untopped valleys (4) LEN.S. [g]LENS
6 Tooth piece of Spanish arugula? (8) SPROCKET. SP + ROCKET
7 Vendor said to be filthier (6) GROCER. "grosser"
12 German painter contributing to Western style (5) E R N S. westERN Style
13 Young artists steal biomedical engineer's coats aboard steamship (10) SCRIBBLERS. S(CRIB + B[iomedica]L E[ngineer])ER
15 Not something published digitally! (8) NOTEBOOK. NOT + E BOOK (Glit)
18 Cuddling and giving bites (8) SPOOKING. Double definition
20 Unintelligent kind of angle (6) GBTUSE. Double definition
22 Fruit spun around and covered in tomato paste (6) S A P O T A. (tomATO PASTE)<
24 Say "time's up" (4) EMIT. (TIME)<
25 Tiny amount left in jar (4) JOLT. 30(L)T