



**Shady Doings** | *a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

Twelve answers manage to become new words as they enter the grid. Shaded squares spell what these answers are engaging in.

**Across**

- 1 Sort of lily branch holding up halfway (4)
- 4 Topic for a bachelor almost in conceptions (4,4)
- 10 Dad stands next to uncles in Spanish courtyards (6)
- 11 Help a ski mecca (5)
- 12 Fill left out of "I'm Blue" (5)
- 13 Tedious wandering, exposed to the elements (7)
- 14 Chief absorbed by faint signal (9)
- 15 Partakes of hot chopped chow (4)
- 16 Most intense New Hampshire city street (7)
- 17 Greek goddess merits a novel (7)
- 22 Fantasized fear gripping Maine (7)
- 23 Take back king capturing queen (7)

- 26 Vocally trick critters of Oz (4)
- 28 Hammered clamp into beef (9)
- 29 Spoke sheepishly upon interrupting run (7)
- 30 A truncated ordeal in court chambers (5)
- 31 Bungling writer backed into it (5)
- 32 Optical device distorted mirage (6)
- 33 Urges Conservative crazy talk (8)
- 34 Keep the Cuban-style time (4)

**Down**

- 1 Unoriginal gumshoe wearing shade of gray (5)
- 2 Bash into and split fort's defense (7)
- 3 Transposing them, duo lip-synched (7)
- 4 Two-fifths of fifty was first submitted (5)
- 5 Rascals drive the wrong way in Paris streets (6)

- 6 Somewhat weathered diner sign (3,4)
- 7 Nation's leader had a bug caught (6)
- 8 Current events changed diets (5)
- 9 Braced peg in winter coaster (7)
- 17 Kind of exercise drill in CIA retracted (7)
- 18 Italian composer burst into Met (7)
- 19 Outspoken officer of war (7)
- 20 Horses around English flowers (7)
- 21 Place for your wine vendor, you say (6)
- 22 Head of faculty keeping Emily humble (6)
- 24 Woman's name among some Lenape (5)
- 25 Composes average donation to the poor (5)
- 27 Celebrity tour missing our launch (5)

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