



Frankenstein | a cryptic puzzle by *Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

So, Doctor, you're almost finished patching together your monster—but you need a few more pieces? Well, you'll find them embedded within the Parts words below. Surgically remove a single letter from each body part. Set that letter aside in the box provided, and stitch what remains into one of the unclued spots in the grid. When you've finished, simply add the set-aside letters, and you'll be ready to shout "It's alive!"

Parts

- a Obscure film snippets in mid-week
- b Abnormal brain stem guy found in a big family
- c Cable a blue-haired lady on TV rented out back
- d The Cars, or different band on the big side
- e Slogans confused Mets too
- f Hot, and then some?
- g Hot pepper pot in Latin American land
- h Apply analysis to punk song idea
- i In "General Hospital," eight nuts smoke pot? (2 wds.)

Across

- 5 Try bit of therapy in shock somehow (5)
- 8 Wading bird with a short tail bar (4)
- 9 One who has had experience, losing face (5)
- 10 Wearing protective garb, coach upset relievers (7)
- 11 Greek town plan initially adopted by Indian city (6)
- 13 Bugs ignoring the first perfume ingredients (6)
- 15 "Forrest Gump" actor is in "Vice" episode's debut (6)
- 20 As you might say, you smell a coastal California town (6)
- 21 Increasingly negative EGOT winner (6)
- 22 Oddly, eagerness is the way to go? (6)
- 25 Period intended for poetic inspiration (5)
- 26 Trattoria diners sent back escargot at one (8)
- 27 Dip last of all into pastry (4)
- 28 Brooder accepts the French role in "Troy" (5)
- 29 Boats that may patrol Conservative states (7)

Down

- 1 Mob, admitting error, exulted gloatingly (6)
- 2 Try to get buyers for airborne glider (4)
- 3 Famous caravel bearing a stuffed animal? (6)
- 4 Cuadrilla members put out garbage the wrong way (7)
- 5 Giver of support in climate change (4)
- 6 Singer's beginning practice tune (6)
- 7 Holiday season's opener in diner (6)
- 11 College award framed in jade green (6)
- 12 In brief, mostly deposits in a vault (6)
- 14 Fake amulet is plastic (8)
- 16 Most evenly matched, falls short in court (7)
- 17 Vocal restraint of a newlywed (6)
- 18 Dancing Ram at start of comic strip featuring touchdowns? (6)
- 19 Grand English delight (6)
- 23 Enter trap containing loop (2,2)
- 24 Part of a flight without a commotion (4)

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