



**Language Lab** | *a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

Twelve answers undergo a change before entering the grid (mostly as nonwords). In the finished grid, shaded squares from top to bottom explain the change.

**Across**

- 1 State hospital's opening a game system around mid-May (6)
- 6 Fight breaks up holders of some music jams (6)
- 10 Small change in role refreshed California town (2,6)
- 11 Tantrum about a decree from on high (4)
- 12 Oregon besieged by strong wind over the place (6)
- 13 Well-groomed eccentric is gone (6)
- 14 Protagonist getting both ends of the inside straight (6)
- 16 Spanish king holding police back up again? (6)
- 17 Cafeteria needs bit of tuna fish (5)
- 18 Imitate bombast about male beliefs (6)
- 21 Factory of a sort understood the source of money poorly (7)

- 24 Cutting-edge thing to know in Spain (5)
  - 26 One apt to follow a criminal hustle with a different order (6)
  - 27 Celebrity-filled lodge spanning railroad (6)
  - 29 Let gun nuts pig out in an old-fashioned way (6)
  - 30 Russian city garbage boat following standard procedure (6)
  - 31 Greasy antimacassar, perhaps, behind the head (4)
  - 32 Bent vial corrupted sort of vaccine (8)
  - 33 Pocket-size "Kansas Monthly Times" (5)
  - 34 Fish bearing red horns (5)
- Down**
- 1 Soldier included in Olympian's flights (7)
  - 2 A lawyer who limps when walking tree-lined promenade (7)
  - 3 How he never conveys a question of time (4)
  - 4 Back of cabin in rolling prairie being fixed (2,6)
  - 5 Magazine sale ran awry (7)

- 6 Just passing through East Coast capital (5)
- 7 Native American house rug with gaping hole returned (6)
- 8 Fine day around the Flickertail State (5)
- 9 Saint Emily's flower holders (5)
- 14 Detective left in the Great Lakes initially (6)
- 15 Part of Scotland, or island around North (6)
- 17 Literary Calvin pens round number with 12 zeros (8)
- 18 Changed gait to scuffle (2,2,2)
- 19 Singer about a Pennsylvania town (7)
- 20 Score's beginning with ordinary lento (6)
- 22 Early TV bandleader the two of us like, oddly (4)
- 23 Yuppie wheels kegful around me (6)
- 24 Improvise while singing run (4)
- 25 Musical bums with sides splitting (5)
- 28 Vessels that are large yet when inverted small (4)

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