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**For Starters** | *a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

In eleven or twelve cases, an entry will need an initial change to fit into the grid. The change may occur anywhere in the entry, not necessarily at the front. The altered entries are not actual words. This should be enough to get you started.

**Across**

- 1 What Mr. Homer arranged for a contest of strength (6,5)
- 6 People say bagged leaves are a symbol of royalty (5)
- 10 Heard of a kind of grass with a twist (4)
- 11 Two goals recalled by north Florida resident (7)
- 12 Blab about maker of trucks involved in a collision (8)
- 13 In kindergarten, fine school supplies for writing (8)
- 14 I pause about splitting iron and flint (9)
- 16 Jelly with a zest that never quits? (5)
- 17 Big remix of Eminem's (7)
- 19 Cultivated the loopier flower (10)

- 24 Troublesome old follower of Claudius and my gang (7)
- 25 Roaming rider on call for delivery (5,2)
- 28 Septet of notoriety acquiring grand houses (5)
- 30 Republican party's embracing forward movements (6)
- 32 Bottom left and right on a map (5)
- 33 Song a tamer transposed for a circus instrument (5,5)
- 34 Fall from a surfboard is reason to sulk, loosely speaking (7)
- 35 Summit meeting's beginning inside one (4)
- 36 Easily understood average writer of nonsense (5)
- 37 Saw pirate breaking into lead (7)

**Down**

- 1 Cover up front of my petition (4)
- 2 Office head reorganized team sports (10)
- 3 Walk with a priest in a rambling way (7)
- 4 Polish image shows point of no return (7)

- 5 Magi seem confused in success (4,3)
- 6 Asian capital of an aggressive sort, you might say (6)
- 7 Poet's answer I understand (5)
- 8 "Cheers" character on "Frasier" in audition (4)
- 9 Ang Lee finally switched to right casting director? (6)
- 14 Harder sort of wood by French sea (6)
- 15 Female, by blunder, is creator of the wheel? (6)
- 18 Flying birds near our speed limit (5,7)
- 20 Pooch keeps breaking into spotlight (5,2)
- 21 Country bum lost hoe (7)
- 22 Perform prayer for track event (3,4)
- 23 Fiscal dole improved mining areas (10)
- 26 Curtain used by Alexandra Petrovna (5)
- 27 Turn, or something that turns (5)
- 29 Reported Colorado town with a lot of snow cover (4)
- 31 Fabled beauty whose twin juggled (4,5)

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