



Def Jam | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

The would-be-normal definitions in these 36 clues come in a medley of playful variations:

1. reversals ("pit" instead of "tip" to define GRATUITY);
2. anagrams that aren't reversals ("redealt" instead of "altered" for CHANGED);
3. homophones ("pedal" instead of "peddle" for SELL);
4. spoonerisms ("nosy cook" instead of "cozy nook" for ALCOVE);
5. pig Latin ("Elway" instead of "well" for HEALTHY);
6. one-letter misprints ("nope" instead of "nose" for SNOUT).

There are six instances of each type. Answers are entered in the grid normally.

Across

- 1 Raptors each rejected chow (7)
- 6 Garden plots surrounding a rotary (5)
- 10 A belt lined with complete felt (9)
- 11 Wham not playing around 1:00 (6)
- 12 To locals, Oslo's center (4)

- 14 Reknits lace tangled in grass (7)
- 15 A couple of thousands in the woman's loot (6)
- 16 eBay bigot losing face (5)
- 17 Within racing distance, auto back under way (7)
- 22 Stored bagel with redder bananas (7)
- 23 Anger after Spanish people start? (5)
- 24 Eight-day run taken by Eastern Highlander (6)
- 27 Easter prelims moved (7)
- 29 Harry said, "Haul boulders" (4)
- 30 Ernest: single heartless man (6)
- 31 Trace tune cuckoo cheeps (9)
- 32 Cause annoyance with hug (5)
- 33 Misplaced cart at the back of that ward (7)

Down

- 1 Operated church drapes (5)
- 2 Perfectly hot root (4)
- 3 Fiddles playing in games (7)

- 4 Notice valuable rocks doled here (5)
- 5 Corrected Spooner, say (7)
- 6 Recited the subject of a Poe poem: gritty pearls (6)
- 7 Onion I planted in a Florida company (3-3)
- 8 X-ray Diana's flowers (9)
- 9 Was head of state less than sober? (7)
- 13 Lake Fox ahi recipe revised (9)
- 17 Pupils pine for returning mascot (7)
- 18 Inlay part of floret tastefully (7)
- 19 Lei left in flying saucer (7)
- 20 In rows, half of my books' keepers (6)
- 21 Gay elderly ladies at the opera showing their heads tressed (6)
- 25 Making university Republican, shout "Olé!" (5)
- 26 Principal piece of equipment in camper's shelter (5)
- 28 Horn carried around by panelist (4)

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