



Spring Cleaning | a cryptic puzzle by *Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

This puzzle has eight unclued ordinary items cluttering up the grid, each adjacent to a shaded square. Another unclued entry, the central Across, describes the hidden contents of each shaded square, something you can attach to each unclued item. When you fit everything properly into place, you may be surprised by the results.

Across

- 5 Democrat and Republican, flipping, made waves? (6)
- 9 Stir, adding two tablespoons mushroom (8)
- 10 Cover depression in speech (4)
- 11 Prohibit general report (4)
- 13 A bit tacky, maybe, going through Shannon's lipstick (7)
- 14 Recumbent air travel after the initial takeoff? (5)
- 15 Note to Josip Broz (4)
- 16 Hail disturbed egret (5)
- 17 Outlawed flag imprinted with globe (7)
- 19 Bands of heartless adults (6)
- 23 Silvery gray mineral on the beach (6)

- 24 Catching cat, moved fast and took heavy steps (7)
- 27 Had a bite, like a hairless dog? (6)
- 29 South African golfer going around first of many trees (4)
- 30 Pinch pennies, period (5)
- 33 A.A. Milne changed sheets (7)
- 34 Independent was in charge of country (4)
- 35 Encounter swarm on the way back (4)
- 36 Spoil start, all soft and wet (6)
- 37 Hear about goal happening (6)

Down

- 1 Drive away with a load of sound gear and rug cleaner (7)
- 2 Midget can annoy, ultimately (4)
- 3 Dress the Spanish star (5)
- 4 Sarcastic about article on guard (4)
- 5 Varlet having long time in servitude (7)

- 6 Motorers' new pit stop facility (8)
- 7 Recipe instruction including place settings (7)
- 8 Select Scrabble piece with a vowel, taking a turn (5)
- 11 Arab, if roaming part of Nigeria involved in a war (6)
- 12 Collect \$1000 tip (5)
- 18 Breaking poise, sib takes some tissues (8)
- 20 Wet grassy turf in front of lair (6)
- 21 Irritable about a Conservative's willing participation? (7)
- 22 Pull fish from the rear to the calmer side (7)
- 24 Some athletes right inside flight zones? (6)
- 25 Touched some fuzzy material (4)
- 26 Pack animal left with Tibetan monk (5)
- 28 Southern highway's steep rise (5)
- 31 Straight A's received by catcher (4)
- 32 Bird kept by Lawrence (4)

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