



Boxing Day | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

Across answers go right and left in the rows of the grid, starting in the upper left corner. Clued in order, they change direction when they reach the grid's border, finishing in the lower right corner. Down answers similarly go down and up in the columns, starting in the upper left corner. Clued in order, they change direction when they reach the grid's border, also finishing in the lower right corner. Answer lengths are not shown, but boxed letters from top to bottom will helpfully spell an appropriate Boxing Day gift.

Across

- 1 Shift opening of trust fund
- 2 The German look-alike gun
- 3 Dig in the ground on both sides of small site for settling
- 4 One atypical tire Lou changed
- 5 Mini-lake engulfing Louisiana country
- 6 Scratch application that is filled by high-up boss
- 7 Dessert article fed to cat—both Spanish
- 8 Somewhat schizophrenic Italian painter

- 9 Casino work aligned with some renovation
- 10 Taking run, observed a star near Venus?
- 11 Same cast in dialect
- 12 Where some say they do transform when speaking
- 13 Band's leader cut back long notes
- 14 Painter making an odd appearance in mailroom
- 15 Right propeller noise at takeoff
- 16 Present deer last in line
- 17 State a Letterman proposition, ultimately in reverse
- 18 Pleasant town of the French Riviera
- 19 Again examine alien, among others
- 20 Antacid blue stuff returned
- 21 Those beaten less or stirred

Down

- 1 Save load fastener
- 2 Proposal of a glass-bearer to a saint
- 3 Class adopting stray pooch
- 4 Talking permitted during audition

- 5 Did floor work even around front of lobby
- 6 Cut some new outfit for a Halloween party
- 7 Rookies shower while wearing shirts
- 8 Country seen in "Mirage" or "Giant"
- 9 Ones deceiving Long Island RR?
- 10 "Skinny" about GM gofer
- 11 Stop to get rid of grass?
- 12 Doctor a single bee that can't sting
- 13 Different guy named Ernie with Ernie's face
- 14 Motion picture incorporating old school function
- 15 Follow race's leader in caboose
- 16 Brush up on Republican before a Democrat
- 17 Ale never involved yeast or the like
- 18 Dislike a different account
- 19 Pulverizing beam with dent
- 20 Nails down in some underwear

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