



**Filling Station** | *a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

Pieces are missing from half your clues. Find words filling each \_\_\_\_\_. Use remainders adjusted for wordplay panels to build back the central entry.

**Across**

- 1 Choir singers retracted drunk note (5)
- 5 Wrong \_\_\_\_\_ alter first name in country music (7)
- 11 Clipped item one corrected in back (7)
- 12 History topics \_\_\_\_\_ from the right school's principal (4)
- 13 Pantomime current hype (3,3)
- 14 Physical exercise rooms where nurses are equals (5)
- 15 Extend support across \_\_\_\_\_ (9)
- 16 Sign of stress I found in island rock (6)
- 18 No better than Pierre's mother (4)
- 19 Lead enclosing or packaging \_\_\_\_\_ seasoning veggie (7)
- 20 SEE INSTRUCTIONS
- 23 This guy spots alien pilot's gear (7)
- 25 Trick earliest of Romans \_\_\_\_\_ (4)

- 28 An animal's lair houses one like a llama (6)
- 31 Composer, wearing clothing, reports on journeys (9)
- 32 Advanced doctor, having mostly finished (5)
- 33 Back with "What? Try again?" (6)
- 34 Jot \_\_\_\_\_ the alphabet? (4)
- 35 Skill reflected in fellow's chanted \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
- 36 Fez wearer runs into black eye (7)
- 37 Seasoning \_\_\_\_\_ ego? (5)

**Down**

- 1 Pioneer in video games by a \_\_\_\_\_ American (5)
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ company turned in after hours (6)
- 3 Mad Hatter \_\_\_\_\_ the first fish (5)
- 4 Gold buried in Iran's "Ground of Lizards" (7)
- 6 Veterans remastered Doors LP (3,4)
- 7 Pop interrupting \_\_\_\_\_ meal (6)

- 8 Left at last, study the sound of footsteps (5)
- 9 Couple of artichokes \_\_\_\_\_ treat prepared raw (7)
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ beam less crookedly (8)
- 15 Beseeches chief of police with \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 17 Shortstop pens callous \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 18 Massachusetts ATM has changed figures thought sacred (8)
- 20 Risk sort of IRA promise (7)
- 21 Fruit for a pie I meekly ordered (3,4)
- 22 Caustic \_\_\_\_\_ fellow (7)
- 24 Senator having united country (6)
- 26 Our uncle keeps mimicking low bow (6)
- 27 \_\_\_\_\_ snatching a victory party souvenir (5)
- 29 \_\_\_\_\_ horse's ass? Quite (5)
- 30 Bill admitting resistance \_\_\_\_\_ Oslo, say (5)

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