



Shifty Business | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

In every Across answer, one letter shifts out of place to the left or right in the grid (but always within the answer's space, never crossing one of the heavy bars). The letter may move any number of squares, and the result is not a word (except in one accidental case). In Across clue order, the letters that shift confess what they're doing. Downs are normal.

Across

- 1 Fruit cocktail's last precious item (5)
- 5 Pedro is shifting times for lunch and gym (7)
- 11 Drunken teen in clan anniversary (10)
- 12 Share speech, except for the beginning (6)
- 13 Pastoral poem doing nothing for listeners (5)
- 14 Craving down, in a manner of speaking (9)
- 15 Con artist in group's midst (5)
- 17 Clarify estimate in price (7)
- 19 Ignoring the odds, rallying that land (6)
- 22 Discard note from intimate pen pal? (6)

- 24 Leading force in high school tests scholars (7)
- 26 Mark looked older in a pronounced way (5)
- 28 Bostonian or New Yorker, each less lenient (9)
- 29 Where spirits are made quiet (5)
- 30 Gold watch's face, in a sense? (6)
- 31 Requests bananas set in a tree (10)
- 32 Japanese salad bowl over in birds' food supply (7)
- 33 A person enthralled by my wealth (5)

Down

- 1 Model passing with a scrap of clothing on (7)
- 2 Is up on pencil fillers (5)
- 3 Modified action without any stress (6)
- 4 Following breaking up, reunite (7)
- 6 Relax before shower check (8)

- 7 Popular stop not part of the Hollywood mainstream (5)
- 8 Like having Terence's tongue swelling (8)
- 9 First in line in wild rescue (7)
- 10 Cummings has drunk cream (5)
- 16 Movie actor brought back picture on African river (8)
- 17 Contrived wittiest form of closure? (5,3)
- 18 Picture a Gemini shot (7)
- 20 Said the woman's become hairy (7)
- 21 Conversation amid the gym rehab treatment (7)
- 23 Apollo's home left in the care of a lot of wives (6)
- 24 Spot for filming is seen from the rear locations (5)
- 25 Theodore gulps while given a shot (5)
- 27 Heard certain European act condescendingly (5)

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