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High Frequency | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

Around each of the nine isolated boxes in the finished grid there will be eight letters, one of which will appear more frequently than any other. In each case write the letter with the highest frequency into the box. The nine boxes will then spell a word that sounds like what puzzles and puns frequently put on people.

Across

- 1 View name in plastic wrapping kind of bar (5)
- 5 Intermeshed sets, as in stanzaic poems (8)
- 11 I am not heartless about what I have close at hand (8)
- 12 Opening filled by club expert in games (5)
- 13 Feel sorry about missing the first big bird (5)
- 14 Arrived at a mean state past one's prime (8)
- 15 Many a baggage porter gathers around Washington (7)
- 16 After the start, watch the act of making a record (5)
- 17 Newton, for one, is a current type (5)
- 19 Banshees rehashed past successes (3-5)

- 24 He classified a role in "Evita" a big pain (8)
- 25 Reportedly wonderful place to live in New Hampshire (5)
- 26 Eliot enters to some degree on edge (5)
- 29 Great mating for fish known for spawning in wet sand (7)
- 32 Naughty girl in McCartney's first little song (8)
- 33 Woman's voice in Big Apple opera house, very audible (5)
- 34 Father Brown's last warning (5)
- 35 Eating problem for an orange cat with a curly coat inside of aviary (8)
- 36 Guy who's mounted menorahs incorrectly (8)
- 37 Packing a room outside of Englewood (5)

Down

- 1 Full of venom, half a dozen kick the bucket (8)
- 2 Picture that is on the outside of magazine (5)
- 3 Dirt came loose in a shower of hours (4,4)
- 4 Loos perhaps not entirely humanitarian (5)
- 5 Mixed chips are heavenly (8)
- 6 Be the one to drive ox (5)
- 7 Confederate separating those guys in that way (7)
- 8 Midwesterner with a pale complexion following cowgirl? (5)
- 9 Fictional lab mouse near long bananas (8)
- 10 Grungy compact disc for you to hear (5)
- 18 Adapted score in a screenplay (8)
- 20 Female fink running hotel chain (8)
- 21 Bloke who keeps seeing ghosts and beheaded men in shifting breeze (8)
- 22 Shot pasted on paper in court (5,3)
- 23 Staff suppressing urge for hot pepper (7)
- 26 Traditional farmers like the pre-noon hours? (5)
- 27 Congress is sent back in boxcars (5)
- 28 Small squad with old-fashioned power (5)
- 30 Dark spot in drum brakes (5)
- 31 Needing no introduction, Muppet hubby on TV (5)

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