



**Slot Machine** | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

Down answers in our in-house slot machine, labeled Slots, rotate in their columns, continuing from the top when they reach the bottom of the grid. Each column comprises two consecutive words starting in an undisclosed square. The shaded rows of the grid represent your three gambling attempts. In each of these rows, three unclued words will appear; if they are identical, you win—and the slot machine will dispense your prize out of the bottom. Good luck!

**Across**

- 1 Furniture hard to crack, it is said
- 2 "Bad Leroy," a name associated with a cow
- 3 First in line: revamped Edsel Ford model
- 4 Want to get rid of Dad?
- 5 Courts amid quiet sound of rushing air
- 6 One scorching vocalist
- 7 Indigo elevates rainbows
- 8 Failed badly away from home

- 9 Maverick's head caught by lasso-tossing cowboy player
- 10 Sow eats a bit of raspberry turned brown
- 11 Changing tracks in shark movie game
- 12 Handy kitchen item the old pro manipulated

**Slots**

- a Downtime activity hurt some more? (7)  
Whisper a man's name audibly (6)
- b Strategic headquarters turned heath green (3,4)  
Tell us all about fine nets (6)
- c Turning red, fumed about large, animated hunter (5,4)  
Collette who acts chic for an audience (4)
- d Step in dressage Whoopi affected, in part (6)  
Looked over lines in garden plot (7)
- e Cut last of knots tied (7)

- German alien and Western alien stand out in the rain? (3,3)
- f The man's Conservative account of events (7)  
Government confiscates university sculpture (6)
- g Cowherd cooked soup (7)  
Stops running sales booths (6)
- h One among good judge's woes (6)  
Probe about five-nil fall to a lower level (7)
- i Boats propelled by oars without starting lanes (6)  
Smuggled booze suitable for families traveling (7)
- j Abbreviated test on bloody pope's name (7)  
Bust nailed guy in a den (6)
- k Does away with bongos again? (7)  
Revels damaged parts of slot machines (6)
- l Feeble stranger in Fred's back yard (7)  
Guard Sally's front door (6)

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