## **Puzzle**

"Three Squares"

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**Instructions**: The words defined by the cryptic clues are to be entered normally in the puzzle grid. (Heavy bars separate entries.) However, two entries have no clue and twenty others will not fit in the grid unless one of their letters is omitted. The twenty omitted letters—taken in numerical order in across entries and from left to right in down ones—spell three words related to the two entries that have no clue. Answers include six proper names.

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## Clues:

## Across

- 1 Father Long of the Vatican
- 5 Sawed off, housing shot, mopped up
- 11 Jazz dance keeps cat within bounds of step
- 15 Break ground for school
- 16 Old, ailing, going back with epic story
- 17 Red fruit also has dull finish
- 18 Kind of pitch or weight
- 19 Devotion number rearranged yet
- 20 Convened around ship for exchange
- 21 Warms up for races
- 22 Fix meal and get a Nobel Prize winner
- 25 Prepared to interpret end of story
- 26 Aged in my state of decay
- 27 Here in Paris, hesitation makes it so much colder
- 30 Poet (dead) with opening wager
- 31 Middleman in double play combo always starting something
- 33 Two sailors—one violent tempered
- 34 Beverage includes playing without a partner
- 35 Fine limits English relative
- 36 Monkey with energy and time

## Down

- 1 Reading begun in stage—only a few words
- 2 Middle East song about blood type
- 3 Lair in painting is full of fire
- 4 Hairdo by Yale?
- 5 Large gathering starts sounding not so cool
- 6 Ineffectual type of cosmic particle
- 7 Free on bail, pale and red-eyed
- 8 Fix a debit when enticed
- 9 Current religious leader
- 10 Lassie's dam: the official truth
- 11 Listener follows core of cosmic slander
- 12 Receiver impounds new ship
- 13 Married—having time—get tangled
- 14 Look back in sorrow on government
- 23 Surrounded by 1,000 in help
- 24 Very late backing secures instrument
- 28 Haughty avarice comes to grief around fifty
- 29 Doorway to delight
- 31 Stick around; visitor from outer space getting solvent
- 32 Setter wandering in thoroughfare

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