## Cryptic Puzzle TOM TOCE

## **Orientation Day**

THIS PUZZLE OFFERS TWO GRIDS AND TWO SETS OF CLUES. The solver, of course, must determine which clue pertains to which grid. Some of the entries require special orientation. There are three proper nouns, one hyphenated word, and one foreign word. Everything else is playable in Scrabble. Ignore punctuation, which is intended to deceive.

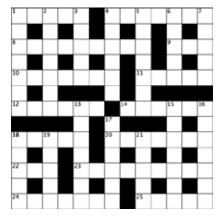
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## Across

- 1. Dig around Dostoevsky's gutters and get slaphappy
  - Storage box found outside of Chickamauga's forest
- Withdraw poet's second attempt? Made a decision about overtime and got ready to serve again
- 8. Tampa tern has flown coop Chokes after wrestling Don Curtis
- 9. Propaganda surrounding general Sick of me being expected to
- First tenor eager, ready, and tonally equipped at each premiere to give an encore
  - After Swanee starts, I have fifty-second pirouettes
- 11. Usher's no longer taking heroin with junkies Shea's in ruins, nothing but dust
- 12. Pretty mediocre machine Cuban dance putting hum into rhythmic bar
- 14. Kind of Bible found in the brewery Screw turner realizing gain
- Venomous snake offers some benefits Leaders of state agencies yield somewhat on authority
- 20. Plexiglass is a Yelp relic, for the most part

Relatives gathering at a community in Barcelona

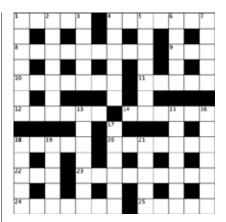
22. Cooler advocate Losing a little off the top of head voice



- 23. Biking again, hoping to reduce greenhouse gas?Goober's coming back over Thursday in an effort to fix the computer
- 24. Deigned to look askance, after a bit My Latin certainly shows cadence
- 25. Wearied and bothered by the limitations Best modeling after 500 claims

## Down

- 1. Typical feature of clashing music Building up and boisterously tearing down
- 2. Grace, Harry, Eve, et al. Unhinged and you said hung over?
- 3. In Italy, all express contempt it turns out Gross, an eavesdropping plant
- 4. Testify in Speedo while swimming Mount modern dances
- 5. A titter nervously to test content Securer exercises for someone down under
- 6. Announcer at very old diamond Train to cheat outrageously
- 7. Guidelines surrounding Moscow's capital
- Look, by the sound of things, it may help make a good case



- Pretty good woodsman, according to internet source Improve with ad purge movement
- 15. Remain at LA bordello for a while with harp
  - Having shadowy figures finance English class
- 16. By the fireplace, stacks more LPs? Fear of invaders of Rome spoken of one century
- 17. Drive a different hybrid Feral cat I've turned on
- Fascination with March winds Jack's up and Eliot follows an accounting method that has no zero
- 19. Blurry umbra seen in Myanmar Unreliable but took first place in the Derby?
- 21. Kept track after a bit and sped Most of Boston upset by shoplifting activity