

Games on the 17th

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All answers in this puzzle will be entered normally. Nonetheless, in honor of the 17th of February, when the grid is filled each of its four 4x4 quarters will contain a 17th letter; these letters will all be displayed in the same, standardized way.

In addition, every clue contains a single incorrect letter, which must be corrected before solving. The incorrect letters, in clue order, will describe one type of grid square a token on another grid square may be moved to, and the correct letters will describe a different type. (One of these two descriptions makes reference to the four “17th letters” as important letters, and one doesn’t.) Move a token from START to END in the grid using moves of these two types; if you follow the shortest possible route, and if each time you move the token from the mth letter of an entry to the nth letter of that same entry you record the mth and nth characters from the corresponding *clue* (not counting spaces), these character pairs (in route order) will tell you what two games you have been playing.

ACROSS

2. Beans from Long Island, and Mort from Cuba (5)
8. Alcoholic beverage made from grapes and vanadium won, strangely (4)
9. One inspirer of Ari out of 9,151.0 (4)
11. Nome, for the Giants, was suitable for perversely petty quarrels (5)
12. Llama’s head, gripped by loather, almost pivoted (5)
15. Adds over-your-head stuff to frames from cartoons about Ali’s fight (5)
18. Should spell “PI’s sink” archaically (5)
19. Solo misdescribed Fine’s neighbor’s capital (4)
20. Old comedian Margaret’s quadrupled “yos” (4)
21. Noisy spot where caps are found for those grating southwestern natives (5)

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END							

DOWN

1. *Law & Order* fans in uniform nabbing live athletes of note (4, *abbr.*)
3. Spread pigment all over Cody from *Vivaldi Meets Anarchist Punk* (3 2)
4. Any bit of material from a French wipe company in which the last two letters are switched (4)
5. Rotten cad claiming second in Miami is hour (4)
6. Remove tungsten from foil in order to make it able to bend in two places (6)
7. Parody, in the middle, starts to satirize famed stat-keeper Parks (4)
10. Sear part of sub base resembling a woman’s shirt (6)
13. *Addams Family* actress Christina starts to ride on cool Chevy Impalas (5)
14. To the home of Glinda, the winch-spinning, sax-playing Muppet (4)
15. Nix on the periodic table supported by high French or Chinese dynasty (4)
16. Your Paros-style, English-led public school (4)
17. Get away from what a farrier wails audibly (4)