

Back in Time

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To honor Friendsgiving flying back to its rightful spot, each of seven Down answers must be entered with two items added: a target, and an arrowhead pointing back at it. Then:

(1) Each altered entry is clued by an extraneous word in one Across clue. If the target and arrowhead are in the m th position from the start and n th from the end of a Down entry (respectively), write the m th word from the start and n th from the end of the corresponding Across clue (with the extraneous word deleted) beside the Down clue. In clue order, the m th words will form (one after the other) definitions for two seven-letter words, and the n th words will form ambiguous cryptic wordplay that can lead to either word. Each word is part of the name of a recent event in a particular category.

(2) Each clue not involved in (1) contains an extraneous letter. Take these in pairs in clue order, and for each pair circle the letter at those coordinates. Top to bottom in the grid, the circled letters will spell (with additions) a word relevant to Friendsgiving's timing this year; left to right, they will spell the *full* name of a now-post-Friendsgiving event in the category from (1) (which is less well known, and which might seem like it should occur in the context relevant to the second definition from (1) instead of the first).

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| L | | | 9 | | | | 10 | | | |
| M | 11 | | 12 | | 13 | | | | 14 | |
| N | 15 | | | | | 16 | | | | |
| O | 17 | | | 18 | 19 | | | | | 20 |
| P | | | | | | 21 | | | | |
| Q | 22 | | | | | 23 | 24 | | | |
| R | | 25 | | | | | 26 | | | |
| S | 27 | | | | 28 | | | | | |
| T | 29 | | | | | 30 | | | | |

ACROSS

1. Spooner's land company's flipping awesome (5)
5. Song of one's Dad and Mom detailed a hangover cure (5)
9. MIT nymphs mostly embracing one male character Rodolfo and the rest sing with (4)
10. Stratford's flower pastry is what results from inverting something unbelievably hot (4)
11. Computer engineer at the front smells breaking equipment? (4)
13. Celebrates, secondarily interrupting retro foreign perfume show in the west, perhaps (5)
15. Rival touts partly backward Norse king (4 1)
16. Soldiers holding rare little classes (5)
17. Revolutionary is concerned with icy fridge (5)
21. Sully small, minute bunch of oasts (5)
22. Live and behold wintertime states, chiefly south of ... (5)
23. ... quartet beginning Thanksgiving by (essentially) gathering fuel for one MacDuff (5)
25. Solvers married that guy in Verdun, upsetting guy who's British plant (5)

26. Shad U-turns where food regulators work (4, *abbr.*)
27. Grandmother bisected knave, twice (4)
28. Gene-translating material found in a cello, pre-rental, with no odd aspects (4, *abbr.*)
29. \$1000.50 donkey made of fused SiBO2 (5)
30. After the first beats, they ripen (5)

DOWN

1. Word before "Club" in the name of a place that sells anti-plane weapons
2. Strangely lean, vole-like participants in a faqir competition (3 *wds.*)
3. Capital for kooks that dis Victor's Ukrainian city
4. Leander in the Bible inhabits Sodom? Right
5. "Major leagues," in slang of AC/DC and G&S
6. Booze that comes from crane contains 1,501.88-proton element
7. Singer's against some parts of songs
8. Wheat might be burdening you and me!
12. Vehicle left obstructing comedian George
14. One who temporarily offers mixer with no top
18. Swap the first pair of battering tools/weapons
19. First of countless people with red mink cringes
20. Editors supporting radical communists
22. Exclude magi's final report
23. Blanks on *America's Top Model T* disturbed Ray
24. Horse and wildebeest tossed Jon a clothesline, perhaps