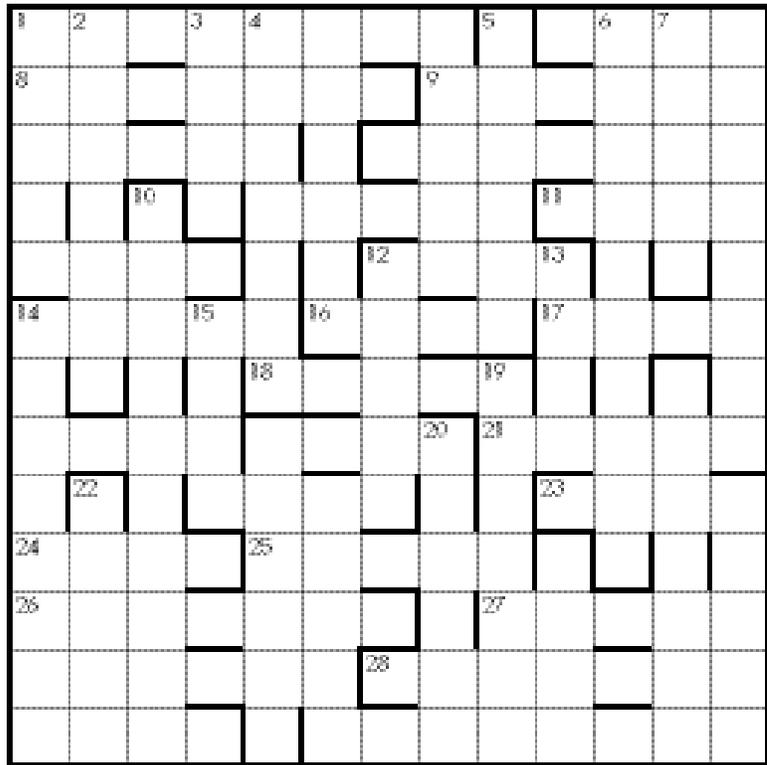


# THE PUZZLER

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## Twofers

The ten clues labeled “Twofers” are cryptic anomalies, each yielding two correct solutions (sometimes of different lengths). It’s up to you to puzzle out where these 20 answers belong in the diagram. All other clues are normal. Answers include three capitalized terms. (Acknowledgments to Bob Stigger’s puzzle “Fraternal Twins” in the August 2005 online publication *Cryptics Monthly*.)



*Note: The instructions above are for this month’s puzzle only. An introduction to clue-solving may be found online at [www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm](http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm).*

### ACROSS

8. Poor person returning to back of shelter (4-3)
9. Scary expression penned by kid as well (2,4)
11. Garden in back of the TV room (4)
12. Officer carrying restricted whip (4)
14. Served on a boat in the sound for oil (5)
16. Bit of sinew, bone, and vessel (4)
17. Tale-teller in bar facing west (4)
18. Last of bees near hive (5)
21. Singing well, tinker needs no introduction (2,3)
23. Flip through start of text (4)
24. Swearing in CEO at home (4)
25. Amid sights, Mali’s capital appears (5)
26. Dilapidated Crusade vehicle reduced in price (4,3)
27. Beast that’s big-snouted and thin-voiced (5)
28. An M-1 is something in a plot (7)

### DOWN

1. Rod’s small handle (5)
2. Samplers of spuds loaded with salt (7)
3. Good scream for a grotesque character (4)
4. Inflames, as green bananas (7)
5. Hot amid prison laundry (4-2)
6. Dinner Ron fixed, taking Kay for a teetotaler (10)
7. Dorothy and Edward were so in love (5)
10. Seat taken by wandering street musicians (10)
12. Pull up around a range of mountains (5)
13. Scale drawing left in steel drum (4)
14. Bordello matter involves you (8)
15. Remains of the French saint (4)
19. Wet items on ground (7)
20. Playing piece with two sung notes and half note (6)
22. No longer affected by a starchy dish (5)

### TWOFRERS

- a. Female made broadcast
- b. Swimmer is high, straying
- c. Heads of expansionist NATO develop spurious conclusions
- d. Mutant goat seen in early period (*two words*)
- e. Rates changed with Michaelmas’s foremost flower?
- f. Greek character with small animal and one sort of wine
- g. Lots of fettucine Alfredo ingredients after the first
- h. Number there is wrong
- i. Seabird heard change of direction
- j. A twisted line, in being from faraway point?