

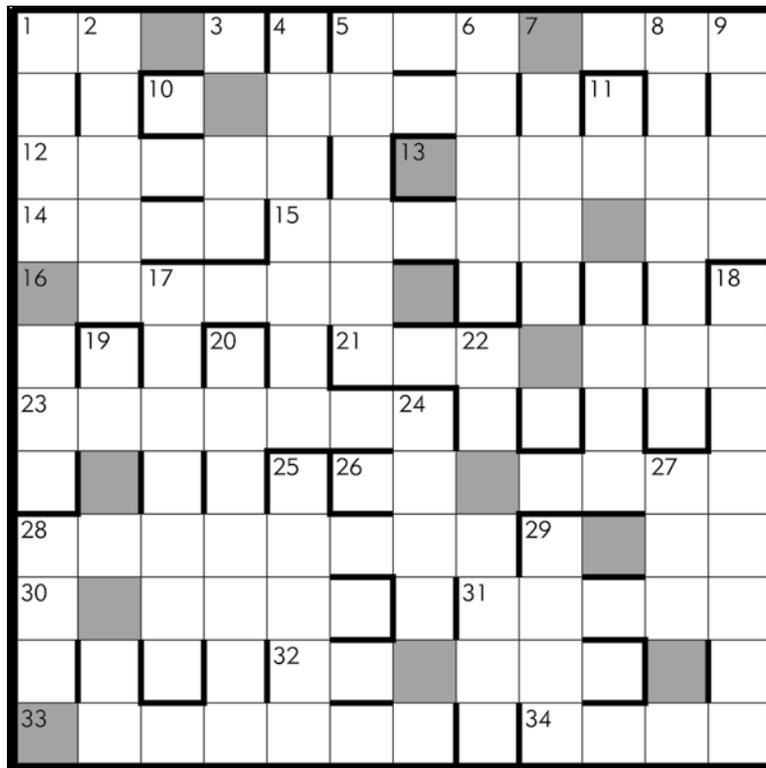
THE PUZZLER

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Peace of the Puzzle

A longing for peace is expressed in this puzzle, as solvers will discover from 12 answers requiring a pacific adjustment. Lest the process seem too cryptic, the 15 shaded squares, reading from left to right and top to bottom, will clarify the goings-on. Four clue answers are capitalized.

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.



ACROSS

1. Rough piece in Puccini's *La Bohème* (4)
5. Act of pro in salon job (7)
10. A budding group's attempt to match my speed (6)
12. Heavily burden bovine carrying vertical article (7)
13. Unfortunately, America not softening (10)
14. George Bush, informed, strokes some hounds (8)
15. Eliot and I occupying a perch with maximum pretension (8)
16. White and red fish fight (7)
21. More like a fish story penned by Mark (7)
23. Some mammals nest amid spoils (7)
26. National League team admitting pitch delays (7)
28. A springtime collector with all due respect for a country's atmosphere (8)
29. Kind of drunk around mid-March (4)

30. Red lab coat roughly treated with an acid (10)
31. Rev enters school belonging to a Japanese ruler (8)
32. A bit like trunks (6)
33. Farm animal's feather is bedraggled (10)
34. Religious schools in agreement about Hindu god (8)

DOWN

1. Uttered an oath about spring being banal (8)
2. Rob vowel, playing Boggle (4,4)
3. Scattered barnacles, those on the beam (9)
4. Company reversed label on figure (7)
5. Fruit containing large beads (6)
6. Inquire again about a couple of skunks (5)
7. Tied fly badly, so as to make a big stink (7)
8. Bird egg included in list (7)
9. Herb permits an antic (9)

11. Burning more wood around U.S. lake (7)
17. Country road ran all over the place (7)
18. Prickly items treated blisters (8)
19. Giant pig keeps back turned (7)
20. Diciest changes of a belief like Jefferson's (7)
22. MCI competitor sets apart witnesses (7)
24. Blackguard breaking into diocese safe (6)
25. Mountain park housing Eisenhower's garden plant (5,4)
27. Medicine show on stage that I own (9)
28. Archers, oddly, making great shots (4)
29. Start covering a one-horse carriage (4)