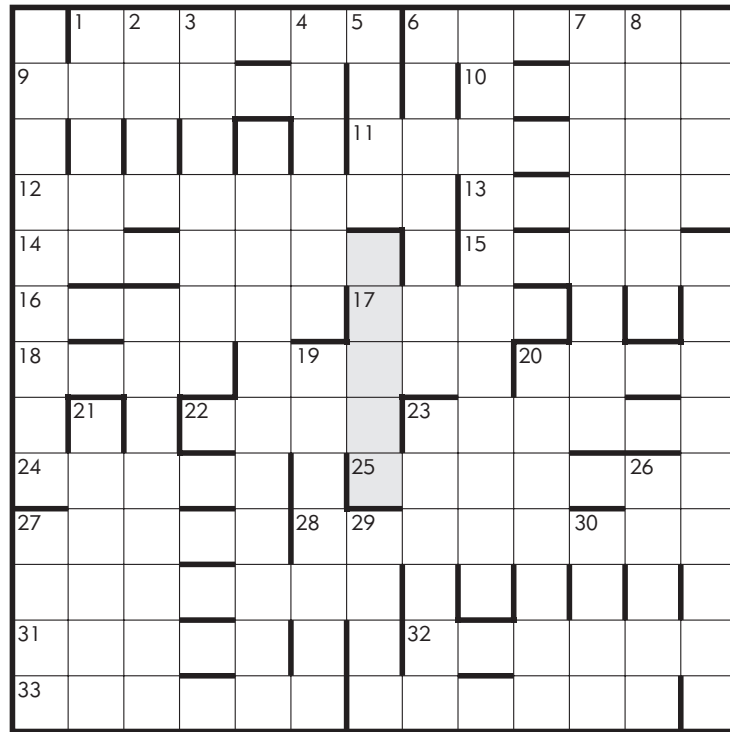


THE PUZZLER

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Self-Explanatory

Six 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

9. Interest in self concerning an old Greek (6)
10. Fear strangely gripping heart of swaying love goddess (5)
11. Supports return of jazz theme in early hours (7)
12. Artificial as it gets? (8)
13. Country singer Black's average fluff (5)
14. Abridged article breaks some banks (7)
15. Abstract, regal composer (5)
16. Covers violin's debut in "Songs for Lovers," perhaps (6)
17. Stephen Sondheim has penned some turkeys (4)
18. *Zilch* director Craven is shy (4)
20. Tease after \$100 bluff (4)
22. Great deal for small heel (4)
23. Place to build a fire right inside moor (6)

24. Bats flying to sun (5)
25. Serious musical ability where young singers get their start (7)
27. Test pilot's last 100 dinars (5)
28. Nighttime broadcast sale went off (4,4)
31. Sphere left wrapped in set of sheets (5)
32. Traffic divider is to the west of young man bearing north (6)
33. Hose that's partly vinyl on sale (6)

DOWN

1. Use a horn with hot, sharp projection (5)
2. South American native in California (4)
3. Little swine start to gobble and grunt, getting into baked goods (7)
4. *Rolling Stone's* beginnings (6)

5. Afterthought about each pod's contents (4)
6. Returning five-dollar bill, bank is superior (7)
7. Actress in *Coyote Rig* arrested (4,4)
8. Many changes between high and low book of songs (6)
19. New Age permits for some novice flyers (7)
20. Pastry container lion wrecked (7)
21. Nurse, by error, carried in fellow's stretcher (6)
23. Item used to fix lids that spin without ever opening (6)
26. Pull off second piece of chicken (5)
27. Spoil front of tea and coffee dispenser (4)
29. Heard tacks on wood dresser (4)
30. Short antelope's lively spirit (4)