

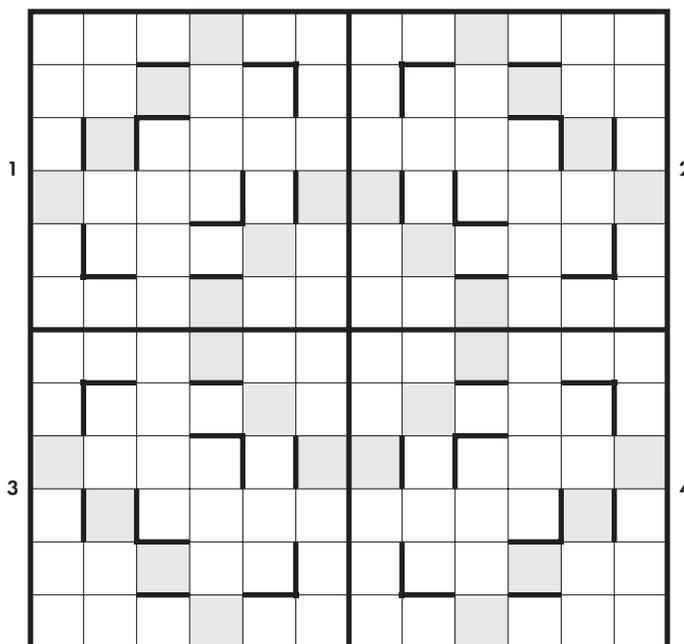
THE PUZZLER

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Sections

This puzzle has four distinct sections, linked only by two unclued two-word phrases occupying the shaded squares. Each of the phrases starts in Section 1 and goes clockwise through all four sections. The 16-letter outer phrase identifies the sections as a whole and the 12-letter inner phrase shows what holds them together. Each section contains one unclued representative sample; other entries are clued out of order. Fifteen 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.



SECTION 1

1. Something unstable about mural section
2. TV broadcaster (American) gripping a handheld computer
3. Disney dwarfs as a group set pet off
4. Family history getting in saint's way
5. Frost's mostly private collection
6. Fire engulfing one *Godfather* actor
7. A St. Louis athlete is storied swordsman
8. Ed has translated letter in Hebrew
9. Male getting behind support for a female astronomer
10. Escorts each into passenger vehicle
11. Running back outside, what a way to get dry

SECTION 2

1. Don's still in bed, turning (*two words*)
2. I see goat roaming around church
3. Equal a geometry result

SECTION 3

4. Siam visitor's taking Introduction to Laotian History
5. Pizza order flipped at work by Michelangelo
6. Life story injected with right spirit
7. Protection for a diner eating head of Boston lettuce variety
8. Mystical author published after huge retrospective
9. VIPs' collars worn by White House pup
10. Song about true places in the heart
11. Sock a prophet

1. Wise old statesman's farewell cut short
2. Heard a river going through Russia
3. Like catching heel in crowds? (*two words*)
4. Caught in rundown, reverse
5. Bird is going after one bee
6. What we have invested in beryllium market
7. Welcoming place in Monet's *Morning*

8. Resent altered records
9. Colonist playing Dvorak
10. Foreign car inspection almost finished
11. Steer back through Amsterdam harbor

SECTION 4

1. Something bent skunk's tail at birth
2. Sober-sounding star
3. Prof's helpers led by the members of a sorority
4. A scar affected pelvic bones
5. Plant hormone found in Lascaux ink
6. Marks substandard TVs of a certain brand
7. Hairpin enclosed in love notes from abroad
8. Blood on front of gold crown
9. Play check in shade of red
10. Burl's military status receiving a setback
11. Urn he fashioned for Indian leader