

# THE PUZZLER

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## Graphic Arts

Although this puzzle's grid is barless and no lengths are given, most clue answers may be entered normally. A few answers require a little more creativity in their placement. These answers employ the set of PAINTBOX letters already placed in the grid. Clues for these entries are grouped together in no special order, but when a PAINTBOX letter forms a link between two entries, they are clued in order as a pair. An assessment of the finished work is provided by the unclued expression at 17 Across. Seven answers are capitalized.

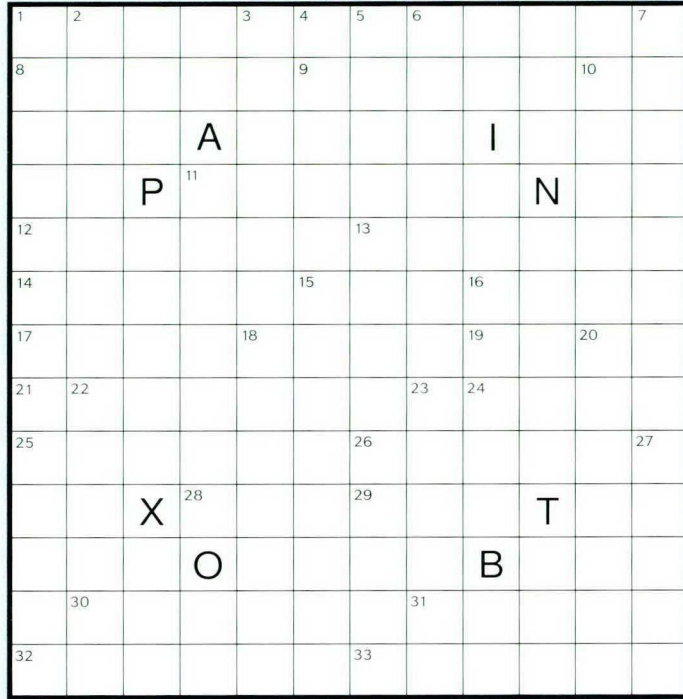
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### ACROSS

1. Shoe tongue?
5. Cries about theater's back rows
8. Go on new jet
9. Royal guard changed one May
11. Rock bass pursued by a sailor
12. Approve attack from the rear in *Shaft*
13. Tell cast about the Thing's baby
14. Article appearing shortly
16. Addict rues cracking up
21. Carried away, covered to the ears
24. John, the man in the Christian era
25. Roosevelt's successor almost receiving a shock
26. California town backpedaling on downtrodden laborer
28. New York nabbed mugger?
30. Some Olympians retired into heavens
31. Bring on popular villain
32. Tries to catch legendary creatures
33. Enjoys sitting behind fathers and Ottoman officials

### DOWN

1. It's cold around one opening of air pipe
2. Bright day in Madrid, with storm on the outskirts
3. Hazardous, changing a fuse around bit of nitroglycerin
4. Views are finally okay



5. Left inside, got front of door stuck in a way
6. Bun that tastes bad with caper
7. Split foremost of roles in star act
10. San Francisco hill the French elevated
11. Crooner Newton in film starring Tom Hanks
14. Rig that I ordered is invulnerable to attack
15. Southeastern alliance's embracing Republican politicians
18. Overhaul Austin Powers's style in film segment
19. Our opponents cross border
20. Take position on water from Mexico in Central American city
22. Changes after the first sign
23. Song about a bishop's place in the Middle East
27. "Love Doctor"'s holding ring and bouquets
29. Snake behind center of the latch

### PAINTBOX

- a. Muse about retrospective painting of a sort  
Nail lot containing aluminum
- b. Rock act seen from behind some trees
- c. Cleric remade *Babe*  
With zest, circle dance
- d. Firm in Augusta unchanged
- e. Best current bargain  
Start of play has empty stage
- f. A church involved in commie gambling game
- g. Sort of map icon Meg redesigned  
Howard, practice movement in a concerto
- h. Excessively radioactive holmium covered by patent

*Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving visit [www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm](http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm) or send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.*