



THE PUZZLER

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Left, Right, & Center

Two clues appear at each number below; where one ends and the next begins is for solvers to determine. One answer in each pair belongs on the left side of the diagram, and the other in the equivalent place on the right. Either word may be clued first. A six-letter word and a seven-letter word are clued at each Across number. The seven-letter word, too long for its diagram row, will extend its first or its last letter into the central column. The twelve letters in this column, read from top to bottom, will spell the name of the song we were humming as we composed this puzzle. Answers include nine capitalized words; two Across answers (clued at 15 and 17) are two-word phrases.

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 109.

Watch for details about the Third Annual Puzzler Contest, to be held in April.

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Across

1. Pool aficionados in taverns lying about *The Jerk's* absorbing performance method
5. NBA member turned deadly shooter to acquire play in overtime hot spot in front of hoop
6. Photo including entirely green onion ring found in orchard furrow
7. Oral drug leading lady left in wandering Coney Island, once
8. Minor Broadway songwriter heard a former spouse's pronounced addenda
9. Holy land within Scotland's borders is mostly the Greek character's strip
12. Blueprints for stoops around school in South America attract backing and prizes

14. Lure painter from France with great little homewrecker, and call it "excellent"
15. Lights and scenery in *Soldier* brought back properly working, and playwright leads a run
16. Tie up a busted Native American princess, one locked in a jail of a French colony
17. Out on travels, some produce the final item in Perot agenda
18. Green convertible on Yellow Drive goes downhill with old Republican senator sitting at the front

Down

2. Collection of anecdotes absorbing the divine Greek king includes goof about tower (6,6)
3. Nuclear scientist, one saying, "Work is in Emily's narrow outlook" (6,6)
4. Cattle guides copied one in Washington, backtracking (6,6)
9. Part-time athlete, breaking promise, heard to remark she ingested stuff (7,7)
10. Guttersnipe's teacher, nearly drunk, traps old horse in desire for slaughter (7,7)
11. Correcting bad dieting, you finally clean up leftover? (7,7)
13. Pressure lock behind small stable stayed broken (6,6)

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, send an addressed, stamped long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 N. Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.