

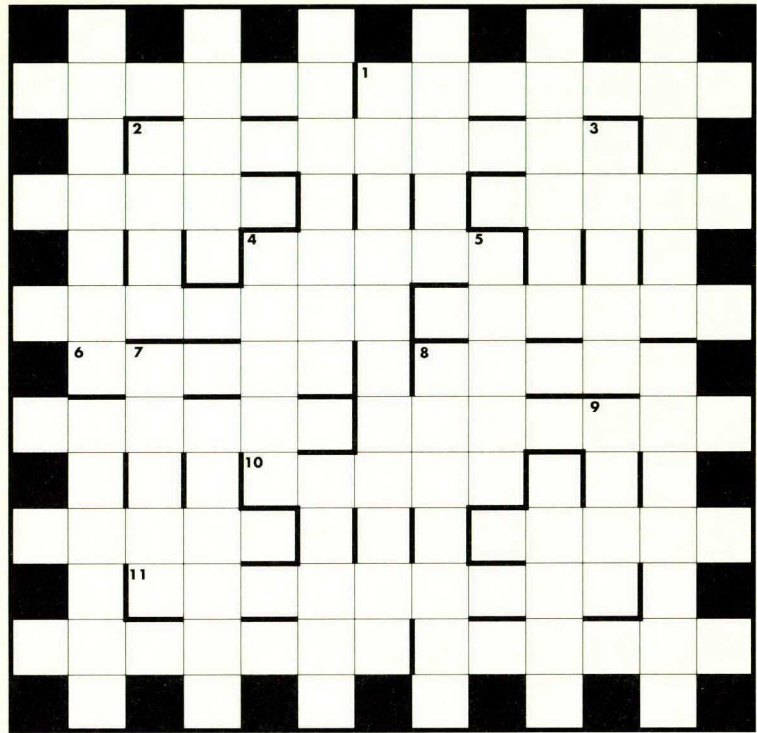


THE PUZZLER

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Marginal Thinking

Words that project into the diagram's periphery are clued in random order. Their proper placement can be made with the help of answers to normally numbered clues. When the grid is completed, the marginal letters, reading clockwise from the upper left, will form a phrase related to 1 Down, which is unclued. Answers include eight proper nouns.



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Across

2. Strangely nervous about start of puzzle, just before a huge explosion (9)
4. Old Italian manor in ruins (5)
6. Look around the capital of Utah for sheer material (5)
8. Finished a starchy dish (5)
10. Greek island's cry for help gripping American (5)
11. Desires income after the Fourth of July (9)

Down

2. Soprano is swallowing soft drinks (4)
3. Key to each apartment (5) (*two words*)
4. To be heard, increases levels (5)
5. Approaches patron of the arts with extreme requests (5)

7. Like, for instance, analysis (5)
9. Unknown quantity is following a line on a graph (4)

Marginal

- a. Loving a big name in Hollywood (5)
- b. Echo effect always found in R & B (6)
- c. Maurice's filling is made of gold (5)
- d. Quote about draft animal returning from far away (6)
- e. Scold help after crude burp (7)
- f. Secures animals in marine shows (5)
- g. Returning veteran sneakily skirts trap (7)
- h. See bad bananas drop in value (6)
- i. Something ugly indeed in back of the rocky deposit (7)
- j. Short, synthetic fiber (5)
- k. Bathroom floor covering gains a following (7)
- l. Throw mixed drink (5)
- m. Leave satisfied after backing clear in a way (5)
- n. Architect's role is changing (6)
- o. Strange reversing of rule (7)
- p. Technical talk lacking the primary element (5)
- q. See in Paar senior talk-show host (7)
- r. Syrian city very quietly circled by a lion (6)
- s. Make a mistake in card game with candidate in 1984 (7)
- t. Arab statesman in China's service (6)
- u. A long, long time going into desserts and flowers (7)
- v. Big bathrooms behind the first northern houses (6)
- w. Hamburg and after, the better part of hot dog (5)
- x. Piquant radish originally planted in a region of France (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, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.