

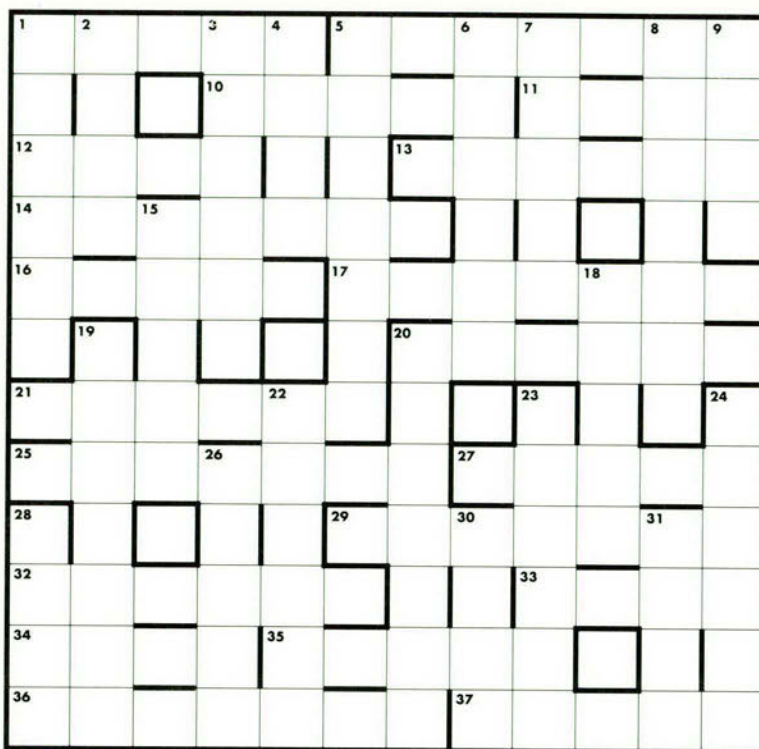
THE PUZZLER

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HAUNTED HOUSE

Six times in this puzzle part of a clue answer vanishes, with a surviving fragment entered in the diagram. But the six departed specimens come back to haunt the grid; that is, they can be found lurking in the finished diagram, reading forward, back, up, down, or diagonally in any direction—in such a way that one letter from each “ghost” occupies one of the six otherwise unused boxes. The letters in those six boxes, when read from left to right and top to bottom, identify the “ghosts.” Answers include seven proper nouns and less-than-common words at 32 Across and 19 Down.

See page 131 for Puzzler contest details. The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 127.



ACROSS

1. Wire fences are small, short, and suited for pets (10)
5. Famous people's feet? (7)
10. In the morning I run with friend from Chihuahua (5)
11. An absence of rail transportation for Christmas (4)
12. Using the snout, turn up donut in garbage (4)
13. Elaborate pairs of Roman columns collapsed (6)
14. *Gun* editor has lives changed (7)
16. Antelope dash to end of road (5)
17. Tavern's last great deal for pasta (7)
20. Everything that is right for French department (6)
21. Bag I held in French dance (6)
25. Naive, like Paul Simon when he went solo? (7)
27. Old boat's new paint (5)

29. Colony member, tucked back in covers, takes a little snooze (7)
32. Combat-stressed alloy (6)
33. Nutritionists' idea—it isn't bad (10)
34. Spread out sign (4)
35. Blame off-key soprano (5)
36. Intrinsically American or Greek hero (7)
37. Rod lunged, shot, and blasted (9)

DOWN

1. Place where you can study song vocally (6)
2. Malt drink containing old juice-yielding herb (4)
3. For example, swallowing a can! (6)
4. Smackers with bats cross home (9)
5. Permission for breaking silence (7)
6. Russian author describes round number that's very big (6)
7. Burdened, English numbered about 100 (10)
8. Ordained in half-dead religion (7)
9. Pig pens left rather inactive (4)
15. Safe piece of gymnastic equipment (5)
18. Brad put up a viny plant (5)
19. One aboard actress Lombard's toboggan (7)
20. Attacks like ships, metaphorically (7)
22. Almost plant identical seed (6)
23. Old poet to keep in dark, to a degree (6)
24. Assembled spar on a ship in the sound (6)
26. Wolves, see, raised cry (5)
28. Couple of speedsters having to hit the brakes (4)
30. Prohibition rejected at Boston University (4)
31. Mascot seemingly gnawed former Cincinnati Red (4,4)

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