

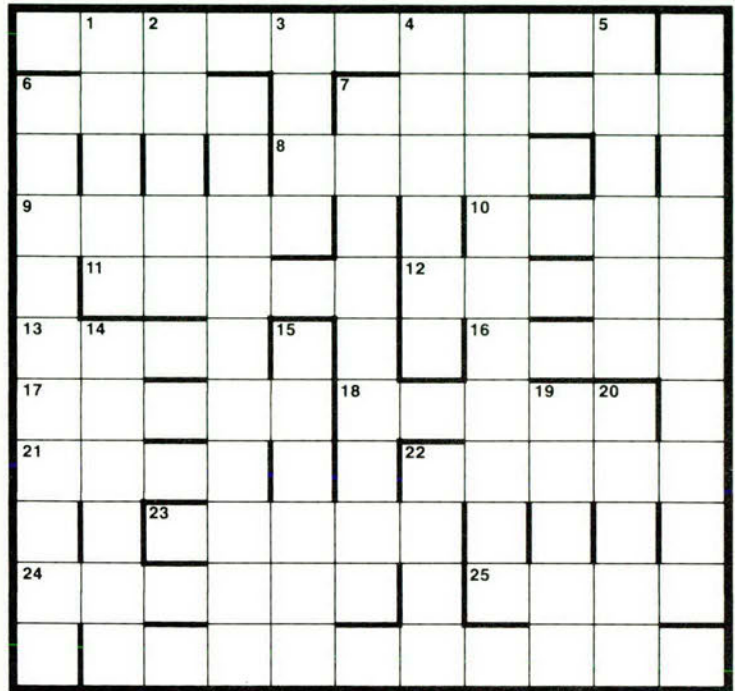
THE PUZZLER

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PAIRS

Answers to the fourteen clues under the heading "Pairs," once a single letter in each has been changed, may be matched up to form seven words or phrases to be entered someplace in the diagram. In each matched-up pair a letter shared by the two clue answers is changed to a common new letter. (For example, the clue answers CRASS and WARD, with their *As* changed to *Os*, might combine to form CROSSWORD.) Six of the paired entries are related in a way suggested by the seventh. Words forming pairs are clued in no special order. Other clue answers, which are entered normally, include five proper nouns; 8 Across, 11 Across, and 14 Down are not common.

*The answers to last month's
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PAIRS

- a. Call for some paper (4)
- b. Group C entering TV studio (4)
- c. Catches space critter between poles (4)
- d. Rent to hospital worker (4)
- e. The first person's booby trap (4)
- f. Attend school's first defeats (5)
- g. Done with a doughy dish (5)
- h. Large, headless specimen (5)
- i. Wave at flying egret (5)
- j. Charles gains nothing from anarchy (5)
- k. In part of the Zodiac, incipient star comes to light (6)
- l. Davis' movie rating: superior (6)
- m. Great place to put in wire service article (6)
- n. Porter gets low mark in summary (6)

ACROSS

6. Eminent physicist gives oral drill (4)
7. Charge, capturing northern ruler (6)
8. Polish noble I placed in history (5)
9. Cares for shoes larger than 9-C? (5)
10. Tease foremost of the brains (4)
11. Close off part of a column (5)
12. Little bug in a camper in Los Angeles (5)
13. Kitty returned to European peak (4)
16. Audio portion dear to the French (4)
17. Someone in a hurry cut short teacher (5)
18. Quietly wash out shucks (5)
21. Stunned at mid-penumbra (4)
22. Fellow, about 49, in Italian town (5)
23. Sailor in Arafat's organization has Spanish name (5)
24. Get log reprinted and switch type (6)
25. Get nothing out of footwear for women (4)

DOWN

1. Mucks up southeastern animals' home (5)
2. One wearing horn that's wild! (5)
3. Arbiters voiced indecision, by the way (4)
4. Fortune-teller shocked Carole (6)
5. Lively Broadway show coming up fetches \$100 (6)
14. Fish through most autographs (6)
15. Sign of fish shot in African river (6)
19. "Eureka" describes album in letter from abroad (5)
20. Come to an understanding after work (5)
22. Flightless bird born in biblical kingdom (4)

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