



THE PUZZLER

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Wisecracks

Something funny is going on with nine of this puzzle's clue answers: they take on a life of their own in the diagram. In all, clue answers include 13 capitalized words: 17 Across and 34 Across are not common.

Last month's Puzzler solution is on page 175.

ACROSS

1. Make quite an impact on bay tree (4)
5. Broken chord in funny opera gig (8)
11. Actress in fashion turned around for all viewers (5)
12. Navy occupying a transatlantic ship (4)
13. Canadian victor having one leg game (11)
15. NFL team drops center for NBA team (6)
17. Solitary state of Net-connected Sunday school (8)
19. Cries for small comment at a letter's end (5)
20. Supply water to the yard haphazardly (7)
23. Covers poor class of fliers (5)
25. Expressions of doubt about recent boosters? (7)
27. Fix tag for stiff (5)
30. Act very contrary in hurry for garden plant (8)
31. Rough series of classes in speaking (6)
32. Photographer's urge about the French saint (9)
33. Spring meadow with first sign of petunias (4)
34. Egyptian denomination for that thoroughly modern lady and myself (8)
35. Foulest dive's opening on Jackson Street (9)
36. In a sense, smell river of Poland (4)

DOWN

1. Asked about hooter like a cowpoke? (9)
2. Arena is arranged for European rockets (7)

3. One piece of stone fireplace (6)
4. Perfect key by German composer (8)
5. Strangers like acquiring legal claim (6)
6. Capital church's last congregation members (6)
7. Actor with leading pair of romantic poets (7)
8. Snack that's red and white with peas in rum (7)
9. Popular TV medical drama beginning to turn dull (5)
10. Flies without pilot and propellers (4)
14. Coach receiving education in wood (5)
16. Painter and grocer go traveling around Interstate (9)
18. Philosopher guy with one buck, maybe, collecting two Gs (9)
21. Still containing a Southern fermenting agent (5)
22. Knocking sound for so long maintained by pest (3-1-3)
23. Continue forward, carrying relative (7)
24. Jackal's tail is more or less flexible (7)
26. Frosh follower that is conveying a girl's name (6)
27. Some Dremel tools soften again (6)
28. Good Spanish for "you really blew" (6)
29. One putting on airs by gathering rings? (5)
31. Completely mastered nag after starting (4)

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 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.

