## Solution to Previous Issue's Puzzle-Begin Again

All the across answers pertain to 23A. Most are either her song titles or album titles (or both). One is the title of a movie she appeared in, and another is the first name of her current boyfriend.

## Across clues

1. MIDNIGHTS—Anagram of "mind" and ""sight"
2. EXILE-Outside of "Extravagant infantile"
3. TRAVIS—Inside of "Spectravision's"
4. ALL TOO WELL—Anagram of "Al, we'll loot"
5. FOLKLORE-Mispronunciation of "oak floor"
6. ANTIHERO—Anagram of "another I"
7. OURS-Homophone of HOURS ("A long time")
8. SHAKE IT OFF-Anagram of "hits of fake"
9. TAYLOR ALISON SWIFT
10. BLANK SPACE-B(L)ANK S ("banks assuming low") + PACE ("rate")
11. CATS—Anagram of "acts"
12. EVERMORE-Inside "clever mores"
13. TIMELESS-Homophonic pun on THYMELESS ( "Parsley, sage, rosemary . . " is missing "thyme" from the Simon and Garfunkel song title)
14. REPUTATION—REFUTATION ("defense") with P ("pass") substituted for F ("fail")
15. THE MAN-Anagram of "anthem"
16. STYLE-Homophone of STILE ("steps")
17. TIM MCGRAW-TI (first letters of "taking in") + MMC ("twentyone hundred") + G ("another thousand") + RAW ("Exposed") with reference to Tim McGraw's longstanding marriage to Faith Hill

## Down clues

1. MOTIF—Anagram of "If Tom"
2. DRAWL—DRAW ("elicit") + L ("a bit of lugubriousness")
3. ILIAL-Letter bank clue. ILIAL reuses two of the letters in "Ali" ("Ali is all you need")
4. SALE-Homophone of SAIL ("go easy")
5. EGO-Pun on GO ("ancient game"), which becomes EGO if "played on line"
6. IRENE-IRE ("Anger") + NE ("born")
7. ELLIOTT-ELIOT ("The Waste Land's author") around L ("Pound"). Elliott the Moose is (apparently) a well-known character--in Canada
8. STAN-Double definition ("Big fan" and "many Arab countries' eastern part" $=-$ STAN $)$
9. TRESPASS-TRES ("Very French") + PASS ("attempt")
10. IQ TEST-I ("One") + semi-homophone of CUTEST ("supremely ingenious")
11. MAGICAL-MAGI ("Three wise guys") + CAL ("California")
12. OATH-(L)OATH ("Unwilling to start late")
13. ROYAL-Homophone of ROIL ("upset")
14. ESOTERIC—Anagram of "coteries"

15. FRIDA—FRIDA(Y) with reference to Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera's wife
16. JOIN 'EM—Scramble "Emoji" around N ("new")
17. OTIS—First letters in "Of Thee I Sing" with reference to Elisha Otis, founder of Otis Elevator Company
18. HEARTS—Anagram of "Earth's"
19. EMPTY-Homophone of MT ("two letters")
20. RATE—Anagram of "Tear"
21. ETHIC—Reversal of CITE ("quote") around H ("high")
22. ELMER-Outside of "remarkable" and reversed, with reference to Elmer Fudd, Bugs Bunny's enemy
23. SINEW-Anagram of "wines"
24. SOFT-Letter bank. SOFT has all the letters needed to make "toss offs"
25. TEE-Homophone of TEA ("Afternoon gathering")

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