

Sometimes You Don't Have a Clue

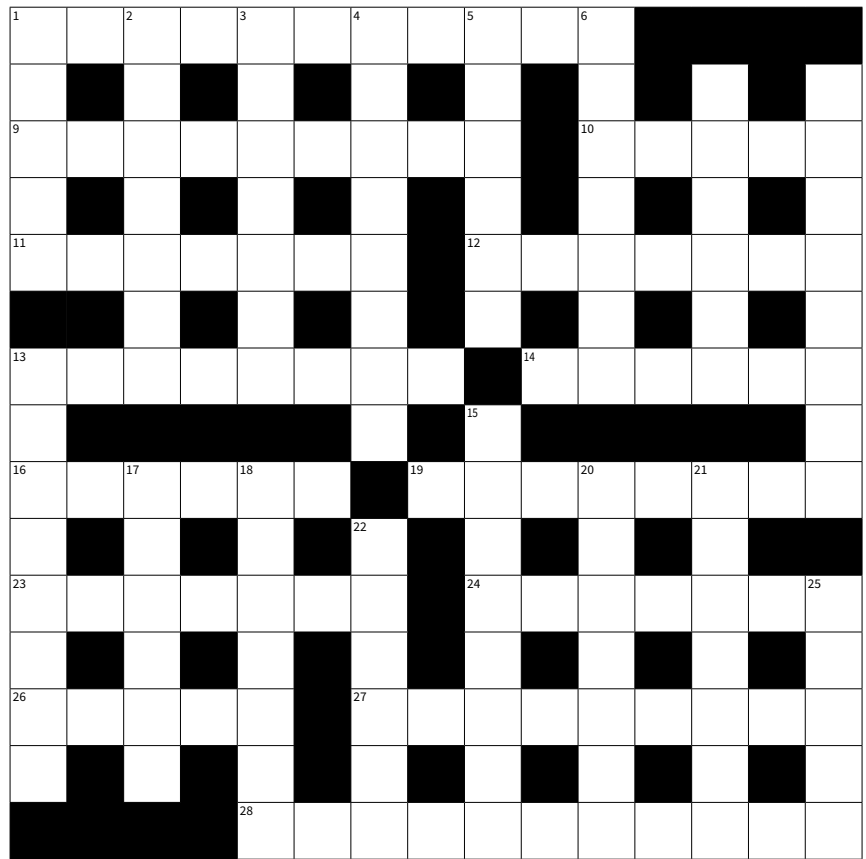
SIX ENTRIES ARE UNCLUED. You will be able to figure out the entries through the crossed letters and with the knowledge that they pertain to subject matter that often appears in this magazine. There are five proper nouns (two don't have to be but are as clued) and one slang word. Everything else is playable in Scrabble. Ignore punctuation, which is intended to confuse. Thanks to Bob Fink, Eric Klis, and Jerry Miccolis for test-solving and editorial suggestions.

Across

1. Unclued
9. Turner Classic with John and Jimmy:
a medical drama (two words)
10. It features Szechuan dishes
11. Working title is pretentious
12. Unclued
13. Unclued
14. Rained furiously on Sakharov
16. Rationalize fringes of excruciating
abuse
19. Unclued (two words)
23. Unclued
24. Board room didn't raise \$1,000,000
26. Groom, I must say, is "delicate"
27. Contaminated gasohol in some 'hoods
28. Unclued

Down

1. Almost completely unclear—I give up
2. Sweets around and I eat steadily from
the get-go
3. Miniature caliper misplaced
4. Record year for Italians visiting British
Museum
5. Bell-shaped Bellini coloratura takes
liberties at the premiere
6. Hipster scatters Chinese currency in
Mexican state
7. Having little prospect of a favorable
outcome while recycling song
"Defying Gravity"
8. Wife to former President: "Tricky, bar
Liddy" (two words)
13. Least attractive reliquary featuring
poet's monogram



15. From Spain, days for a dispersal
17. Ugliness controls from the start with
John's tiny one losing her head
18. Mix up over Republicans' guy
20. A Mideasterner/May be overcome/By
haiku waiting
21. Am I going after small-scale, authentic
Japanese art?
22. Many hoofprints evidently—can we
change the subject?
25. Randy's stylus without a tip is broken

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Across

1. AMPLE—cAMP LEe
4. MOO—MOOn
6. BURRO—BURROw
9. URN—run anagram
10. PERKY—PER + K + Y
11. AXMAN—tAXMAN
12. EYE—I homonym
13. JILTS—JILI + T + S
15. SNAP—naps anagram
19. PRETEXT—PRETEX + T (expert anagram)
21. UNWANTED—(nun wed at) anagram
23. DOTAGES—DOT + AGES
25. RECURVE—RECURring loVE
26. ITEM—time anagram
27. ACUTE—ericA CUT Emily
28. SEED—horSE EDifice
33. PRIZE—pries homonym
34. VERDI—drive anagram
35. TOO—T + O + O
36. TOTAL—Triassic + Octopi + Toured+ Around + Libya
37. TAD—T(A)D
38. INAPT—IN + APT

Down

1. AQUA—A + QUAFF - F - F
2. PANSY—PANS + Y
3. EXPO—sEXPOt
4. MARXIST—MAR(X)IST
5. OXY—rOXY
6. BRAT—Double definition
7. RUMINATOR—R + UMINATOR (Minotaur anagram)
8. OWN UP—grOWNUPs
14. TAU—cenTAUr
16. SPED—caSPer + frEDdy
17. RENEGE—RENE + G + E
18. SWATCH—Double definition



20. EXTREMIST—EX + TREMIST (set trim anagram)
22. DREW—(ragweeds - sage) anagram
24. SIC—SnItCh
25. RETIRED—Double definition
26. INPUT—I(NPU)T (pun anagram)

29. EXTRA—histEXting + TRA (Art anagram)
30. FELL—F + ELL
31. MINI—Minnie homonym
32. WONT—town anagram
34. VET—Double definition

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