

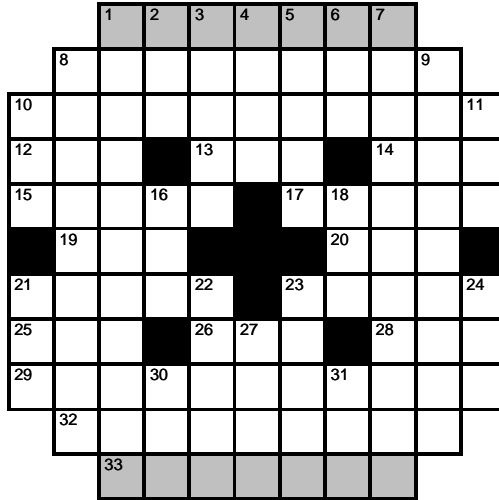


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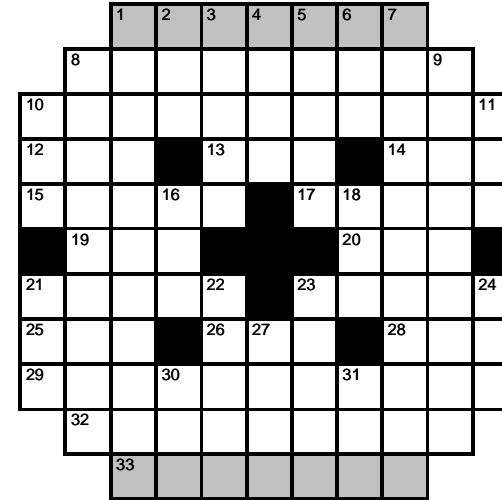
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PUZZLE A



PUZZLE B



PUZZLE A

Shaded (The two shaded Across entries – 1A, 33A – in random order)

- Downsizing?
- Fired up?

Across

- 8** "Don't tell me yet"
10 Stanley Cup champs of 1998-99
12 E.P.A.-banned contaminant
13 Delt neighbor
14 Host to visitors from 12 nations between 1986 and 2000
15 Bends
17 Esso rival
19 Uncle of Wm.
20 Coverage of a sort
21 Child actress Tishler of "Heroes"
23 Spanish city founded by Phoenicians
25 Juice in a "double-bulb" bottle
26 Lewis and Clark met them in 1804
28 Outdoor outfitter
29 One seeking a mark?
32 Rocker who said, "You haven't lived until you've seen Toby Keith performing 'Great White Buffalo' on an acoustic guitar with some little half-assed microphone supertaped to a folding chair in a tent in Fallujah with one hundred percent of the audience toting

machine guns. It was so beautiful, I cried tears of emotion"

Down

- 1** "Blow me down!"
2 Hand sanitizer, often
3 Twice-a-month events
4 ___ dixit
5 Killer of Scarpia
6 Old giant of legend
7 Visual effect seen just before or after a total solar eclipse
8 Snoozing
9 Most thorny
10 They're "a pitcher's best friend," on scorecards
11 Sign of a hit
16 Its last surviving U.S. vet died in Feb. 2011
18 Singer whose "O...Saya" earned an Oscar nomination for "Slumdog Millionaire"
21 Cop show broadcast
22 Howard's boss at "Wide World of Sports"
23 Cardigan, for one
24 It can leave you red-faced
27 Concise
30 Prime that is the sum of nine consecutive primes beginning with XXIX
31 Number on David Cameron's door

PUZZLE B

Shaded (The two shaded Across entries – 1A, 33A – in random order)

- Blogroll site
- Booby, e.g.

Across

- 8** Behavioral constraints
10 Popular platform of the '90s
12 30-Down, in São Paulo
13 One side in the rivalry for the Jeweled Shillelagh, briefly
14 Nickname for a Hall of Famer with 197 wins and 390 saves
15 Voice of Alfred in animated Batman films
17 Balto, for one
19 "Stay tuned" abbr.
20 Fox kin
21 Singer where you may find your keys?
23 One of the O'Donnells at NBC News
25 Chancery delegation: Abbr.
26 157.50°
28 "Man's the ____, and Wealth the vine, / Stanch and strong the tendrils twine": Emerson
29 Water trade figures, in Japan
32 Runs lines, say

Down

- 1** Bite-sized caramel candy
2 Pub order, briefly
3 Clean, as a carburetor
4 Linda Ronstadt's "El Sol Que Tú ___"
5 Word with warmer or warrant
6 Go from 0 to 60, say
7 Oft-lampooned verse
8 Camera feature that lets everyone get in the picture
9 Daily routines for medics
10 Make sure
11 Google ___ (search feature with out-of-this-world views)
16 End for Jacob
18 Hope was a big part of it
21 Steely Dan hit
22 Newman co-star in "The Verdict"
23 Actress in "The Spanish Dancer," 1923
24 ___ Victory (Portsmouth tourist attraction)
27 "Find your own road" sloganeer
30 See 12-Across
31 Part of Washington lobby AIPAC