

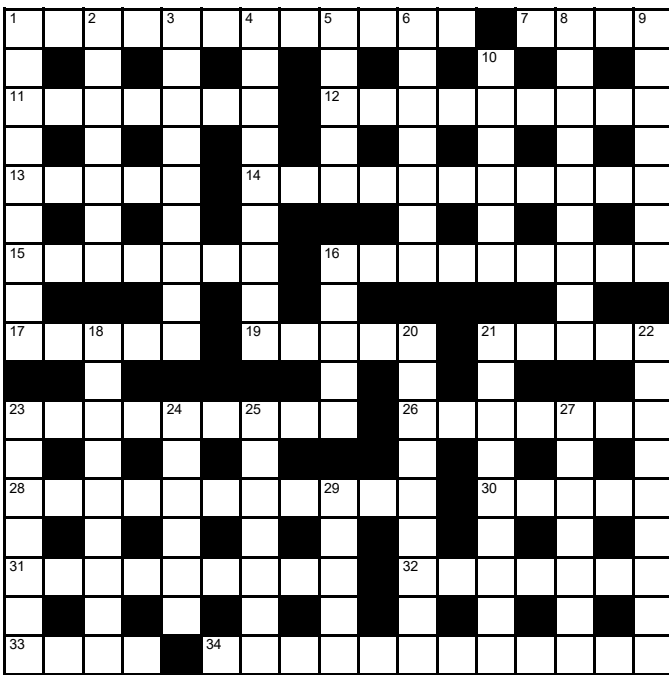
POLYMATH 1,278 by SLEUTH

ACROSS

- 1** Debut single by punk rock band The Undertones released in 1978 (7,5)
7 Wading bird regarded as sacred by ancient Egyptians (4)
11 A Scottish nobleman serving as a high steward of a province (7)
12 Spanish city, capital of the historic region of Cantabria (9)
13 Hittite soldier in the army of David and husband of Bathsheba (5)
14 An active faction in a party pressing for stronger action on an issue (6,5)
15 Mario ___, Peruvian fashion and portrait photographer born in 1954 (7)
16 Spanish manager appointed head coach of Aston Villa FC in 2022 (4,5)
17 Welsh girl's name meaning 'pure' (5)
19 Collective noun for bees (5)
21 Surrey racecourse that holds the Oaks (5)
23 A cocktail of rum, cola, lime and ice (4,5)
26 ___ Castle, site in Gloucestershire where Katherine Parr is buried (7)
28 A finishing blow or culmination of a deteriorating situation (4,2,5)
30 A wild cat found in the mountains of Mongolia, Siberia and Tibet (5)
31 English city that contains the Jewry Wall Museum (9)
32 Feature of the human face technically known as the supercilium (7)
33 The top or highest part of something (4)
34 Franz Xaver ___, German painter born in 1805 noted for his royal portraits (12)

DOWN

- 1** Director whose films include *Edward Scissorhands* and *Ed Wood* (3,6)
2 Small insects with appendages that resemble pincers (7)
3 A class of arthropods that includes scorpions and spiders (9)
4 Outstandingly bad or shocking (9)
5 Henrik ___, Norwegian dramatist whose plays include *A Doll's House* (5)
6 Milan ___, writer noted for his novel *The Unbearable Lightness Of Being* (7)
8 For example, eiderdowns or quilts (9)
9 Bad-tempered and argumentative (7)
10 An ornamental band worn round the arm or ankle (6)
16 A decree in Tsarist Russia with the force of law (5)
18 Latin phrase meaning a case is under consideration by a court (3,6)
20 A soldier armed with a long-barrelled gun typically fired from the shoulder (9)
21 A genus of organisms that inhabit the intestines of invertebrates (9)
22 Pilgrim ship whose captain was Master Christopher Jones (9)
23 Song by Simon & Garfunkel released in 1970 (7)
24 Heath ___, actor who played the Joker in 2008 film *The Dark Knight* (6)
25 Ettore ___, Italian-born automobile designer who founded a car company in 1909 (7)
27 A thief ashore as opposed to a pirate (4,3)



- 29** A powerful demon in Arabian and Muslim mythology (5)

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