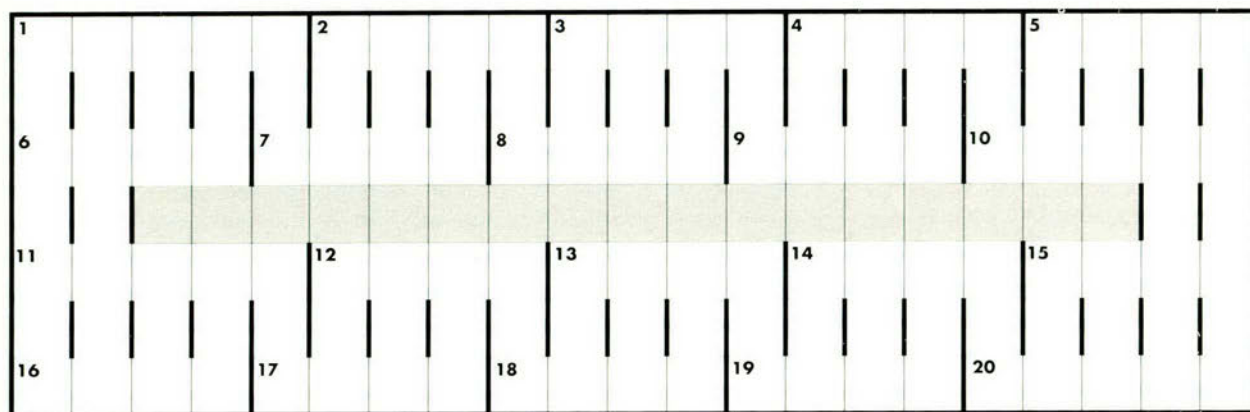


THE PUZZLER

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CENTERPIECE

Some of the Across answers must have their central letters removed before entry in the diagram. The letters thus removed may be placed on the blanks preceding their clues, where they will spell a course offered by some politicians. Down clues are given in the alphabetical order of their answers, leaving solvers to find their proper locations in the diagram. When this is accomplished, the letters filling the shaded centerpiece will show a different political course. Answers to clues include 12 proper nouns.



See page 157 for Puzzler contest details. The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 161.

ACROSS

1. Left-leaning part of table with one Republican star
2. Come down with cold and act strangely hot
3. Ignite Spanish boat of old
4. Mostly shoot heroin, going after average boost
5. Bumpy ride gets king annoyed
6. One captivated by increasingly wavy pattern
7. Cavities filled with new amounts of liquid
8. Ruminant, for the most part, makes bovine sounds
9. Hiss and glare furiously
10. Painter returned mid-morning
11. Missing in midwestern state is royal family member
12. Break uranium into three pounds
13. Key included in sets for fliers
14. Offered information, Cyrano initially arranged duel

15. Dance with eastern goddesses
16. Magic, for one around kindergarten, turned true
17. A dentist's tots
18. Decorate horseshoe out of compulsion
19. Henry votes for U.S. President
20. Loser ultimately winds up in tears

DOWN

- a. Get shock from temperature in a body of water
- b. Keeps almost free of players?
- c. Kid taking train to the west—cool
- d. Bums accepting a small number of rules about staying out
- e. Wearing slipshod shred—the thing fits
- f. English king embraces no queen from France
- g. Green and red lamé shifts
- h. Ship spilled fuel around California
- i. Waste time pursuing duds
- j. Buzz ran, chastened
- k. Jokes about psyche, in part, making case for tobacco
- l. Fixed oil fee, about \$100, for ocean platform (*two words*)
- m. English classic garden tool falls beneath one truck
- n. Sec. Baker boards *Iowa*, sailing for Pacific island (*two words*)
- o. Follow back to church social
- p. Drink a bit of liquor at a port in Argentina (*two words*)
- q. Agents hug and kiss, caught by snoops
- r. Asian capital controlled by thug
- s. Shot Demerol to do some homework?
- t. Restricted American firm's apples
- u. You bet in Reno's rigged game

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 envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.