

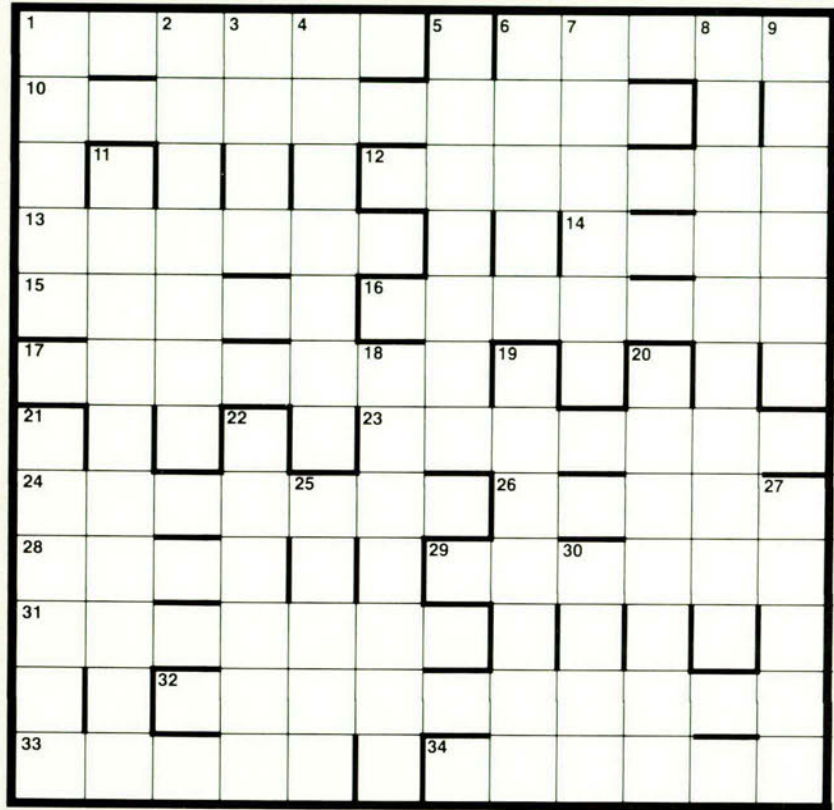
THE PUZZLER

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TRAPDOORS

Solvers, beware! This puzzle's diagram contains some "trapdoors," unmarked squares at the intersection of two answers. When an answer lands on a trapdoor, it will "fall" from that square and re-emerge from a different trapdoor on the next letter, going either across or down. For example, if ANSWER hit a trapdoor on its third letter, it would be entered as ANS, and WER would emerge from a trapdoor elsewhere in the diagram; every trapdoor is both an exit and an entryway. Because of the trapdoors, some answers may not fit their apparent locations in the diagram; hence the lengths are not given. By marking all the trapdoors, solvers can highlight an appropriate term reading from left to right and top to bottom. Answers include six proper words.

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 168.



ACROSS

1. Regressive boor owns country homes
6. Scum in back of sled with polar explorer
10. Invoice ultimately features balances
12. Bar headwear outside for naught
13. Roman god Dutch painter draws up
14. Garland assumes victory for leader of a tribe
15. Archer rejected some of nonpareils
16. Bush pronounced rocket "drag"
17. Solicit painting by South
23. Some type of list CIA circulated
24. Count accepts girl as a queen
26. Dividing drink, saint shows fairness

28. I was in charge of a country
29. Minnesotan woman's behind the Republicans
31. Stick to first of saddle horses
32. Forecasts wrong hoops score
33. Goaded and pelted with food
34. Take a chance admitting dope dog

DOWN

1. Holds party for liberals around the seventh of November
2. Enclosure among dishes with hot seasonings for breads?
3. Prince with cipher ring
4. Loser steals oranges, peeled (*hyphenated*)
5. Advocate of central planning working at it aboard transoceanic jet
6. Before *Cheers*, lower antennas
7. Flying around, let Ray land
8. Cutting organ in rat
9. Spring's beginning with a chill for part of Italy
11. Discussing fence around state
18. Element 51's reversed symbol
19. Killer whale following pack back to island
20. Latin fellow's fear
21. Baloney sandwiches left with three members
22. For audience, cloak shelf above a fireplace
25. Iodine swallowed by fat Scottish aristocrat
27. Tackle corrosion with confidence
30. Occupy a chair after expert toast

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.