

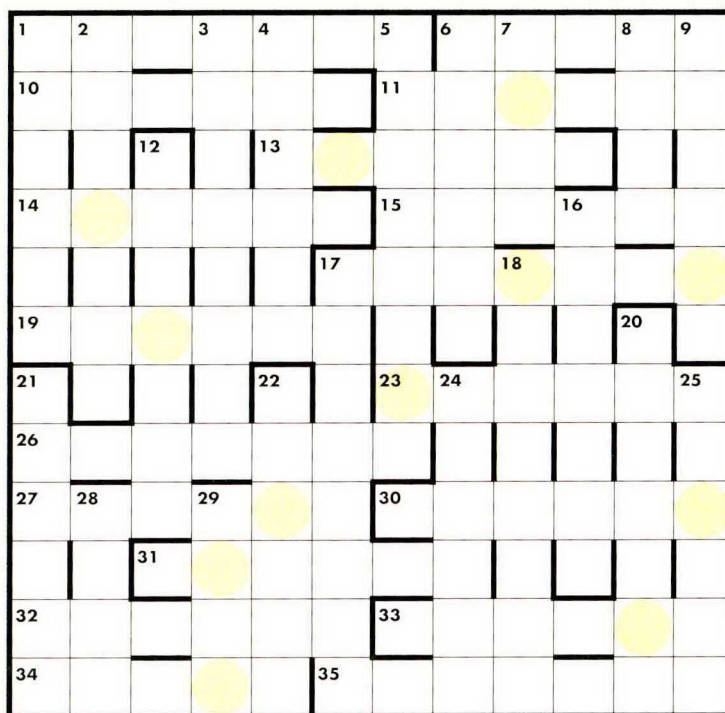


THE PUZZLER

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Bright Prospects

The omission of answer lengths from this puzzle's clues may seem a gloomy business, but a consolation is spelled out in the shaded circles, reading left to right and top to bottom. This phrase may help you reconcile 14 clue answers with their places in the diagram. Answers include four proper nouns and a less-than-common word at 2 Down; new diagram entries include one proper noun and one two-word phrase.



The solution to last month's *Puzzler* appears on page 118.

Across

1. Member of a fraternity that was screened in and out
6. Making a 180° turn very recently, finished at the front
10. Domestic work with a blade, about medium
11. Holder of second in contest
13. Heard the main musician's songs
14. Gold coin for wearing around start of Lent
15. Put up with spike-carrying revolutionary
17. Tray for serving refreshments, mostly to assuage
19. Facing the wrong way, a kind of pastry's layers
23. John Brown's back with somebody who's gone around the bend
26. Ministers to tackle limits

27. Continue to improve current TV drama in return
30. Swindle is gripping to actor in *Becket*
31. Interest in crosses and arms of the sea
32. Brownish hue I found in yellow flower
33. Confess about couple of errors in dating
34. Guy without a pen
35. Rather old idiot in gym class

Down

1. Restaurants invaded by hundred bugs
2. Greek soldier landed in Arkansas town
3. Horror film of the 1970s not fully kept in stock
4. *Shining* is a bit of goofy fluff
5. Miles put into old Bean's work clothes
6. Idly, we shifted across a lot of territory
7. Lost a note, according to the audience
8. Onset of guitars in rock is something frightful
9. Born of French, with Dutch required
12. Low note for an actress in *Ordinary People*
16. Skunks in circle surrounded by tracks
17. Bunker is also in band (*two words*)
18. "Victory" sign goes through changes
20. One in *Bye-Bye* is performing an aria, perhaps
21. Force small lock
22. In performance, "I Love New York" is rather smelly
24. In a Midwestern town, our group is entertaining
25. "Zip," sister said
28. Upcoming magazine to put into circulation
29. Noise before great sound of a chime

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 long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.