

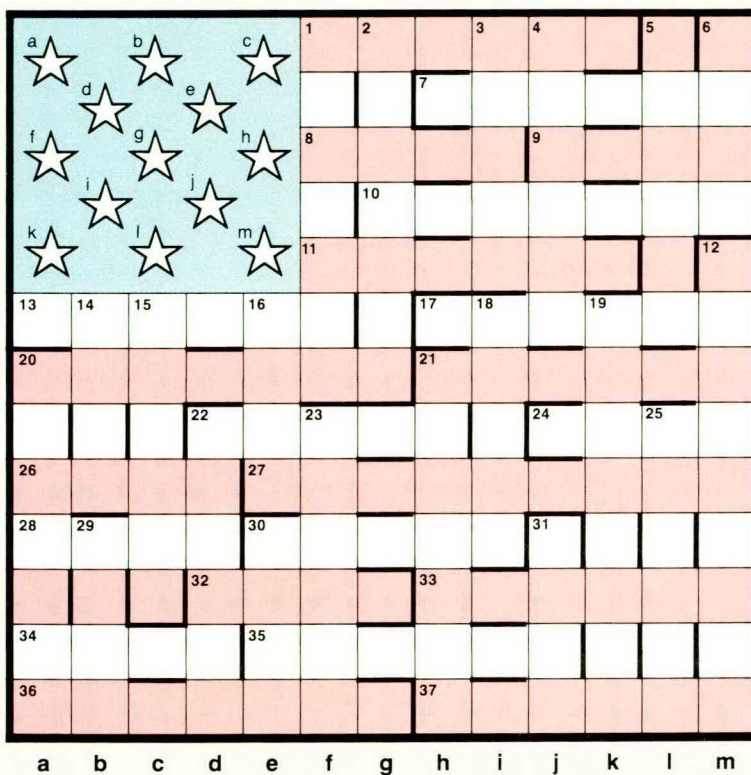
THE PUZZLER

BY EMILY COX AND HENRY RATHVON

STARS AND STRIPES

Answers to clues may be entered in the diagram normally, with the following exceptions: Each stripe has one of its squares occupied by a pair of letters; these pairs, taken together, constitute a whole. And each column has one letter removed to its correspondingly lettered star in the upper left; taken in order, these letters will spell an appropriate phrase. Answers include four proper nouns and a less-than-common word at 11 Across.

The answers to last month's Puzzler appear on page 96.



ACROSS

1. Flag containing sphere acted as a banner
7. Standard cut veggie
8. Seize back most of work with instrument
9. Listened to staff's question
10. Spray tea mug if cracked
11. Fifty-one hundred dollars to resistance's old officers
13. Attacks as a drum is beaten
17. Swift's mean about politicians, primarily
20. Struggle with animal in show
21. Doctor in group chewed candy
22. Give out temperature in match
24. Viewer of incipient shady deal
26. Packed gear, including skirt
27. Around third of July, Daphne ran off with bum

28. Complaint from fellow about nothing
30. Furniture movers getting label backward in front
32. Soft, low yard
33. Look around a radical Texas town
34. Loudly expresses displeasure with bulk
35. With one in five, pierce drapery
36. Small spear in grating
37. A deer's swimming in body of water (*two words*)

DOWN

1. Liar is shifty but fails
2. Frank's aboard Air Force One in unmade bed (*two words*)
3. Pal adopts mantra for headache remedy
4. Reach reptilian rage?
5. Muffling string, played with diminished force
6. Stag bounding past tree
12. Help a boy pitching, catching rare curve
14. Sounded churlish and cross
15. Simple plant stuck in morning mass mixture
16. Engrossed in *Rawhide* episode
18. Rebuffs Spanish vessels
19. One seller stirred up volunteers
20. Revolutionary woman collecting English garments
21. Newspaper covering Moon-related reverses in bits
22. Bad dude gets prison beat
23. "Island connection," Juan said
25. Announced ride to market
29. In column, I suggest
30. Wander after Democrat's crowd
31. Quarrel about right shrink

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.