

THE PUZZLER

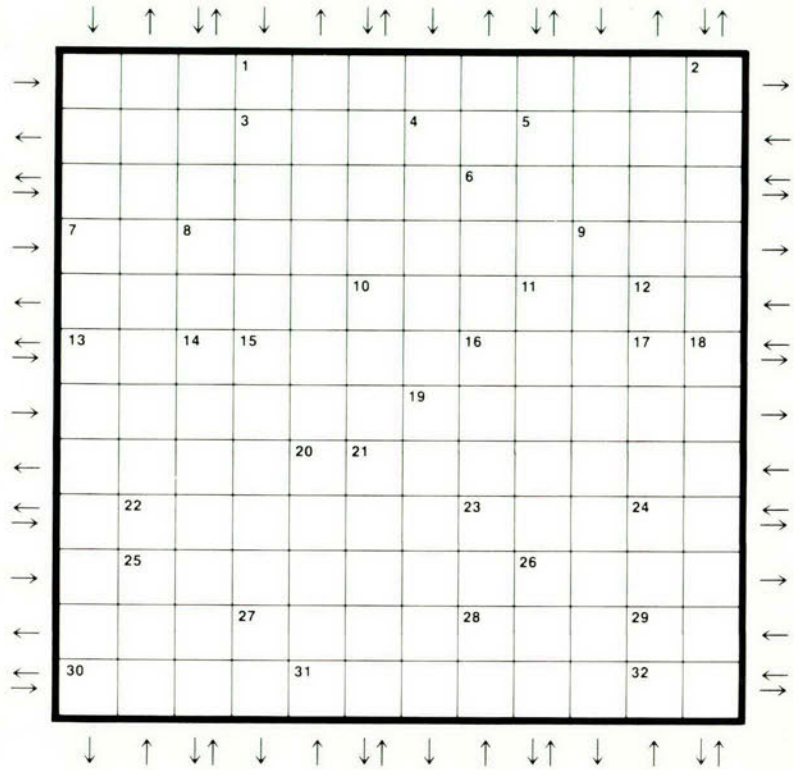
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TRAFFIC JAM

The rows and columns of the diagram represent city streets, with arrows regulating traffic (one-way or two-way). Answers to clues **a** through **gg**, entered in the diagram sequentially, trace a tour through the city, starting in the upper left-hand corner and ending in the square just below it. Except for the last one, each answer ends at a Stoplight (in a numbered square), and the next answer begins in the same square. As a guide to constructing the tour, each Stoplight has its letter provided by one of the clues **A** through **E**. (These 32 Stoplight squares are numbered left to right and top to bottom for convenience only, and do not indicate the tour's progression.)

Words never run *through* Stoplights, they only stop and start on them, and each Stoplight is encountered only once in the tour. Unnumbered squares are crossed either once or twice, but never more. A word may take any number of right-angle turns, but traffic signs (arrows) must of course be obeyed. Answers include three proper nouns.

The answers to last month's Puzzler appear on page 105.



STOPLIGHTS

- A. Stops taking devious side streets (7) (15,27,4,7,32,23,16)
- B. Made a signal in the middle of traffic, and went slowly (7) (14,11,6,28,29,22,5)
- C. Forcibly grabbed top of wheel, and came to a stop (7) (30,21,10,3,19,1,12)
- D. Break down, overturning STP in chambers (6) (17,9,26,2,25,20)
- E. Drove around front of pump, out of gas (5) (24,13,8,18,31)

THE TOUR

- a. Stream of abusive language from one jammed in traffic (6)
- b. Snail's pace ultimately got cars in a snarl (8)
- c. Motoring aimlessly east, try figuring course (12)
- d. Veering from path, turned into Gulf (6)

- e. Smart guy makes error in using convertible (6)
- f. Cleaning terminal outside of an Interstate (10)
- g. Headwear for "patching out" (8)
- h. Clear pot off part of the trunk (8)
- i. Long green light in a Southern city (5)
- j. Heading off car, one has spun around in a lot of sand (6)
- k. Sized up spot containing two reversed curves (8)
- l. Auto's operator circles to keep with the flow (9)
- m. Backing up, leave goo covering rented jalopy (10)
- n. Talk on and on about flat's initial puncture (9)
- o. Replace the second of old Ford's supports (6)
- p. Bit of smoky exhaust engulfs one in laughable spectacle (6)
- q. English Avenue's projections (5)
- r. Cut off stern and front of Dodge (7)
- s. Buggy rider carries \$100 to traffic cop, perhaps (8)
- t. One down behind truck refusing to budge (5)
- u. Tow with hook, holding on to beasts (7)
- v. Broken-down "Car"—it's not going anywhere (6)
- w. Console one caught in taxi mesh (7)
- x. Fastening gas-filled can to end of string (9)
- y. Sprite drove past terminal building (5)
- z. Stands in front of traffic, then bolts (7)
- aa. Burn small Triumph at 550 Central Boulevard (7)
- bb. Careening below sharp turn (5)
- cc. Conflict turned sore with paying passenger (7)
- dd. Rambler ran through houses off the main course (6)
- ee. Charge in endlessly swirling traffic (6)
- ff. Sportscar makes a fire spread around railroad (7)
- gg. In a foul temper, I speed (5)

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, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.