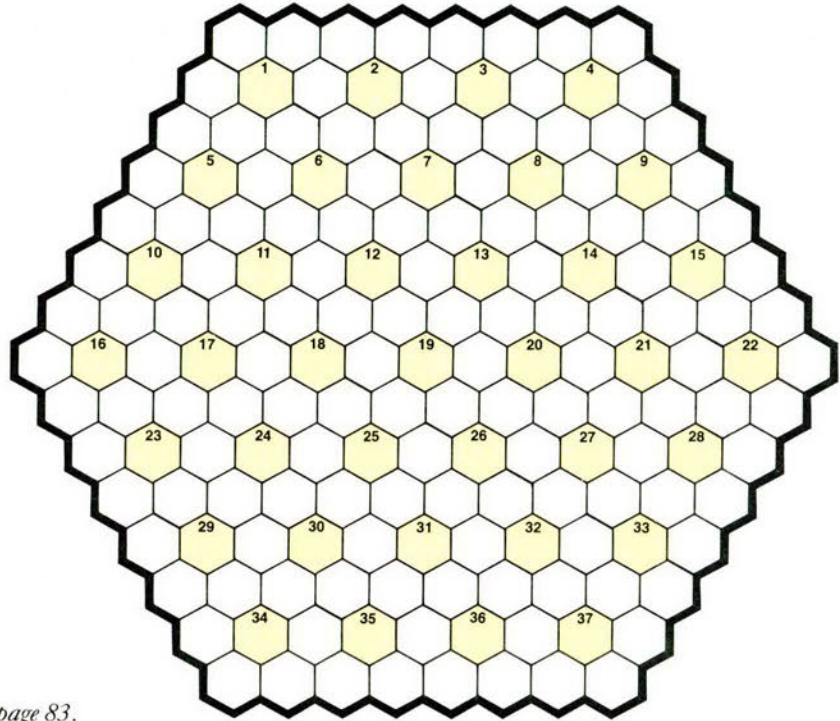


THE PUZZLER

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HEX

Clue answers, each seven letters long, are to be entered in sequence, clockwise or counterclockwise, around the appropriately numbered cells; one of each answer's seven letters must be removed to its central, numbered cell. Neighboring answers should help to establish where to begin and which letter to remove in each case. Letters belonging in the 42 cells forming the border spell out a riddle of nine words and its three-word answer, starting in the top left cell. As an additional check, the letters in the 37 numbered cells can be arranged to spell: I REPEAT MERLIN'S INCANTATION: I-HUNGA, U-DUNGA. Answers include six proper words.



The answers to last month's Puzzler appear on page 83.

CLUES

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Laugh at wicker from a midwestern state 2. Alpine feature picture about sick cow 3. Around one, throw a card game 4. Light-hearted lad pocketing horseshoe and bug 5. Frost from the east engulfed Arabian land 6. Engineer sees dim ends 7. Ceremony includes clairvoyance break 8. Ted's old mongrel walks with difficulty 9. Sue holds loot doctored and sold illegally 10. Shellac new counter 11. Search among twenty-four sheets of paper 12. Poison ruined nice day | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Republican caught in tie to New York crime 14. Wizard's associate is terribly hot in boat 15. Appendix, in rodent, provides power 16. Indefinite number in famous designer's water bed 17. Prohibition still I set aside for dinner 18. Qualified return of Italian isle, in conclusion 19. Do Bogey badly in parting speech (<i>hyphenated</i>) 20. Witch, upon adopting former shape 21. Confidential chatter about one volume 22. Restraining canine crooner 23. Town takes many, many years to develop 24. Runner, embarrassed about time, hemmed | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 25. See dumb punk lost in thought 26. Identify outside of boat drifting in marsh (<i>two words</i>) 27. Define "axle," "pin that's spun" 28. Hot iron left in cheese 29. Saying something sweet after promise falls short 30. Take a meal, including check, in robbery 31. Tuesday, favorite broadcast brought back dance music (<i>hyphenated</i>) 32. Beginning pole climb 33. Norse name perfume for American writer 34. Piano music fad grips Timothy 35. As new as renovated Welsh port 36. Polish saint's picture in Italian stream 37. Taking gamble in jet's speed results in tragedy |
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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.