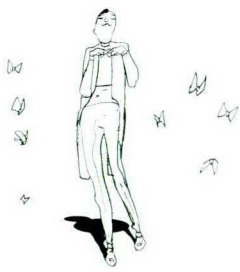


THE PUZZLER

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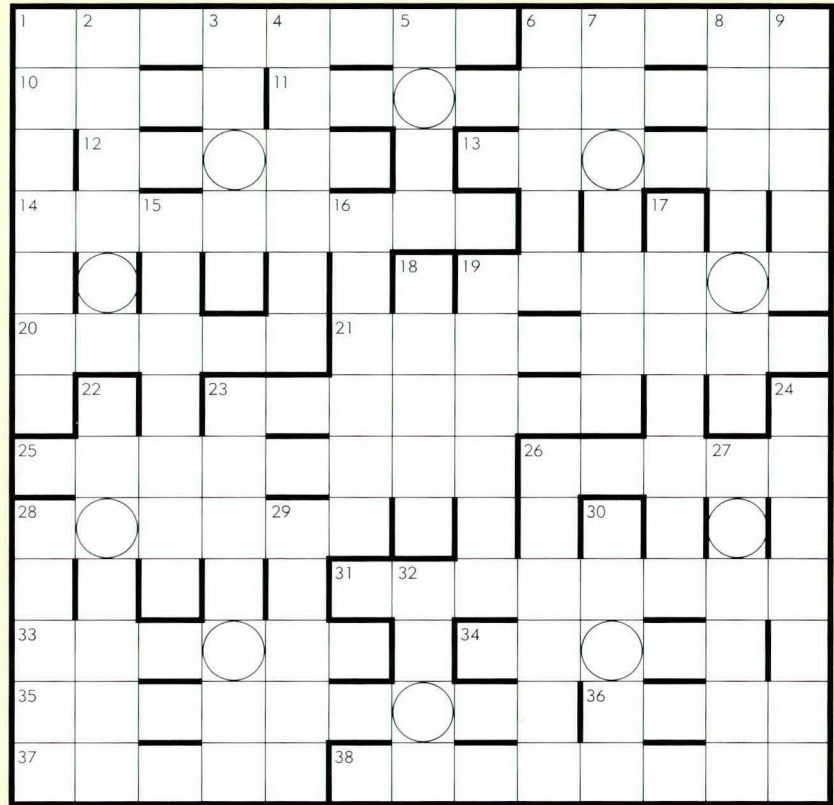
Alien Invasion

Apparently this puzzle has sustained an invasion of aliens—at least 11 of them. Infiltrating our diagram, they’ve made some cryptic rings whose pattern is identified by letters inside those rings, reading clockwise. Before flying off to who knows where, the visitors left us a parting word (the unclued central entry in the diagram) that may also be considered an example of such rings. Final diagram entries include 11 capitalized words.

Last month’s Puzzler solution is on page 134.

ACROSS

1. Glove material for one hundred alien’s relatives (8)
6. Non-adults leading by one in gym (5)
10. Foreign auto commercial I set outside university (4)
11. Cheapskate’s pinching cent for orchard laborers (7)
12. Live down by wet hole (5)
13. California’s importing red jam ingredients? (4)
14. Opens up waterfront property around I (8)
19. Something fruity worn by Liberal philanthropist (6)
20. Theatrical award, mostly for style (3)
21. Where a driver may go in Ella’s own convertible (4, 4)
25. Film clip, after the first person who complains (6)
26. Drunk a dark port (5)
28. Rogues and cons taking in chief of police (6)
31. Funny about curve of outer space (6)
33. Howl interrupted by Rex’s asinine sound (4)
34. Form of payment announced for store (5)
35. Vocal ruling is coming down (7)
36. Formerly held in detention center (4)
37. Awfully stern for a Dadaist (5)
38. Medical student heard one after another (6)



DOWN

1. Average Dadaist’s complaints (5)
2. Hearing of a duel I arranged (6)
3. Discovery about Egypt’s earliest demon (5)
4. Organ noticed outside of place (6)
5. Better after eliminating the first writer of sweet words? (4)
6. Quiet parade finally in step (5)
7. French painter’s tour I’ll reset (7)
8. Tune with a strong beat? (3, 4)
9. Shrink goes topless in German city (5)
15. Last longer than a certain Latin speaker’s stout? (7)
16. Education on small city trains and autos (6)
17. Pile of snow contains large empty space (5)
18. Flip undresses for rest in bed (5)
19. Railroad in Missouri is for an early U.S. statesman (6)
22. One dictating new E.R. creed (7)
23. Appeared right, like spy equipment (7)
24. Watson’s partner, a pain in the neck (5)
26. Lady carrying silver is hurt (6)
27. Each fighter pilot eats some dessert (6)
28. Brit’s weapon shot bears (5)
29. Real-estate map contains one fold (5)
30. Scenery in Oregon after December (5)
32. Norse god’s love: thunder (4)

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