

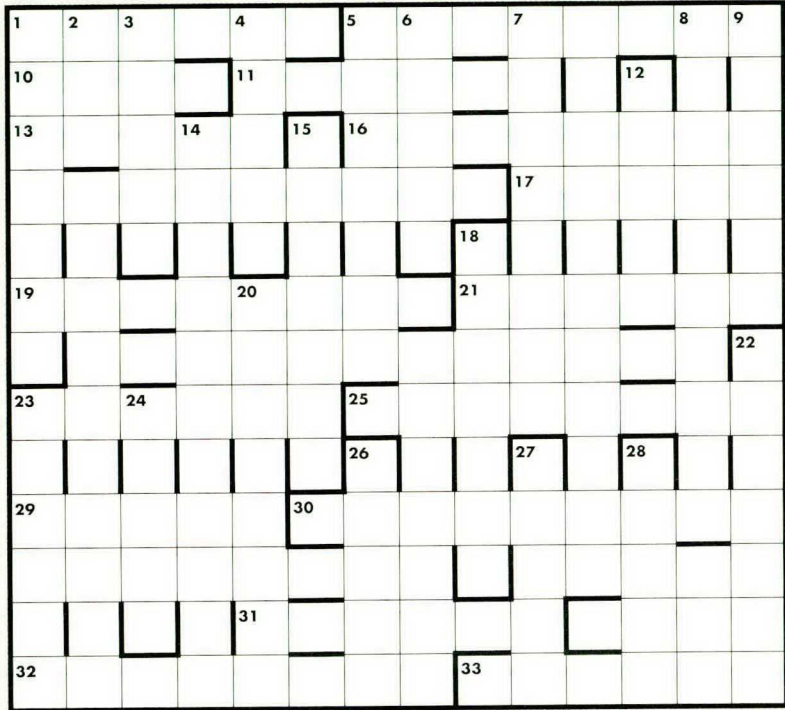


# THE PUZZLER

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## Shakedown

The word TRANSPOSE, if shaken down—that is, anagrammed repeatedly with one letter deleted at each step—may form the following sequence: TRANSPOSE, PROTEANS, SEAPORT, ORATES, ASTER, SEAT, TEA, AT, A. This puzzle’s unclued entries form a similar sequence of words shaken down from twelve letters to one letter. Items in this sequence include three capitalized words, the biggest one a two-word phrase. Clues are normal, and their answers include four capitalized words.



*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 104.*

### Across

- 5. "Eternities" is dedicated to a civil-rights figure (8)
- 10. I would like names for girls (4)
- 11. Solicit drink in one half of duplex (4,2)
- 13. Company soldier captures heart of stray dog (5)
- 16. After outbreak, "untouchable" agent's haste (8)
- 17. Stuff you believe as visitor to our world laughs (5)
- 19. Fair attractions covered in diamonds display rainbow colors (8)
- 21. Again, *Study in Scarlet* including actor from *The Crying Game* (6)
- 23. Find Mexican food in the Mexican counter (6)
- 25. Name of a notable Ethiopian girl I caught amid visit (8)
- 29. A formal examination cut short in Roman courts (5)

- 30. Samples of men's epics recast (9)
- 31. Church figure in 150, an old Norseman (6)
- 32. Some dishes with pronounced merits (8)
- 33. Gift-getters witness sign of acknowledgment in return (6)

### Down

- 1. Mediterranean capital misrepresented as "Ionic" (7)
- 2. Tokyo's old name in verse written up (3)
- 3. Less often seen live in Red River (5)
- 4. Small trend reverses works in a magazine office (5)
- 5. Heater for coffee container in front (7)
- 6. Oh, mother's one with guts (5)
- 7. Something just passing convertible—mere heap (8)
- 8. Ringing of two notes on land (10)
- 9. Gave some lip to shortstop and starter for Expos in blue (6)
- 12. Eating the last piece of cake, you laugh (2-3)
- 14. Austrian dog disrupted school ceremonies (11)
- 15. Grow bitter about a diner (7)
- 18. Quarry surrounding Los Angeles Catholic bishop's office (7)
- 20. Use a magic spell on door (8)
- 22. Unfinished set in *Rent*'s creating problems (7)
- 23. Decker in foliage, started holding prayer (6)
- 24. Comb and powder (5)
- 26. Exercise time has Penny in a bad mood (5)
- 27. Music of the 1970s is in Washington Circle (5)
- 28. Energy used by Hoover vendors (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 long envelope to The Atlantic Puzzler, 77 North Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02114.