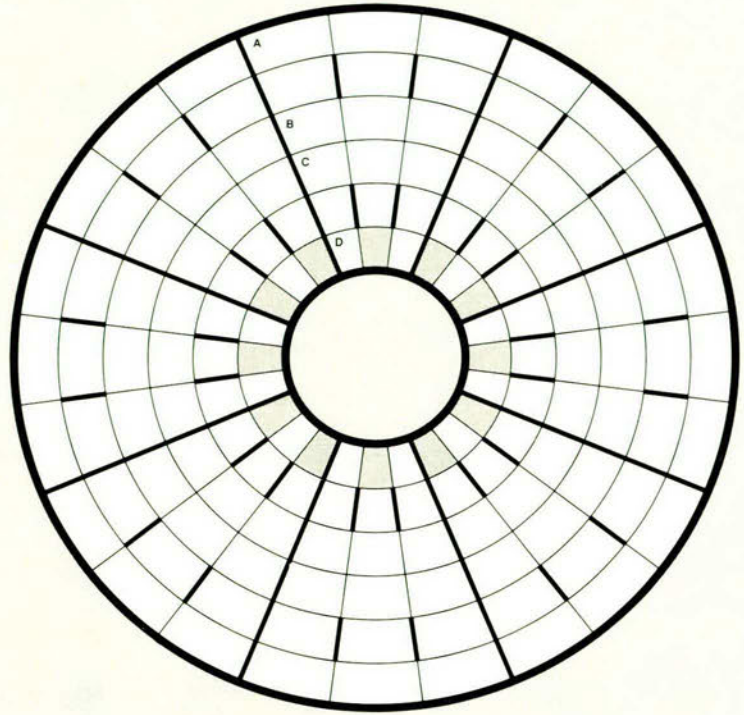


THE PUZZLER

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GETTING AROUND

The circle is divided into eight sectors by heavy lines. Within each sector three 6-letter words should be entered radially, from the outermost ring to the innermost. Each sector's words are clued in *their clockwise order*; but the eight Triplet groups (a.–h.) are clued in *random order*. Meanwhile, Rings A, B, and C will each contain four 6-letter words traveling clockwise, each word beginning at one heavy line, passing through a second, and ending at a third. These four-word sequences are clued in *consecutive order* within each ring, but they don't necessarily begin in the spaces labeled A, B, and C. For the dizzy solver, there is help: The one or two letters in each Triplet group which fall in Ring D's shaded spaces will provide directions for that Triplet's placement in the proper sector. Moreover, Ring D's unshaded letters, starting in the space labeled D and reading clockwise, will spell out a suggested activity for solvers. Answers include nine proper nouns.



The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 107.

RINGS

- A.** 1. A camper gets Mr. Gibson around something wonderful
 2. Freshly made traces obscured
 3. A party following wide midwestern river
 4. London's subway—it's said to be cheap (*hyphenated*)
- B.** 1. Stout, gorgeous guy in outskirts of city
 2. Speaks fondly about small world
 3. Holy Grail finally found after a car's wrecked
 4. Swamp turned to a South American capital
- C.** 1. Traveling last, go for revels
 2. Greek character on board notices pests
 3. In a manner of speaking, do away with vehicle

4. Alien tagged onto Chinese boat trip

TRIPLETS

- a.** 1. Injure person, breaking leg
 2. A British permit for seabird
 3. Running, clothed in light fabrics
- b.** 1. Hostilities split Polish town
 2. Article and report covering a sort of watch
 3. Whale product prohibition includes returning fish
- c.** 1. White person out on bail
 2. Military ruler and monopolist embraced by local star
 3. More expensive charter, according to hearsay
- d.** 1. Help finish off one Italian commune
2. Phantom's possessed, in broadcast
 3. Counts out place in Arizona
- e.** 1. "Journey's Beginning" in abstract art on Homeric figure
 2. African with a fancy suit
 3. Circle compass with color
- f.** 1. Leave bats at cave
 2. Selleck, in *Look the Other Way*, overacts
 3. Story about idiot girl
- g.** 1. On the way back, deer and young one collapse
 2. Belong at this place?
 3. Transcribed tune to German
- h.** 1. Horses bearing 1000 Europeans of old
 2. Handel opera features one in a secret ceremony
 3. While inside, munch nut

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.