

THE PUZZLER

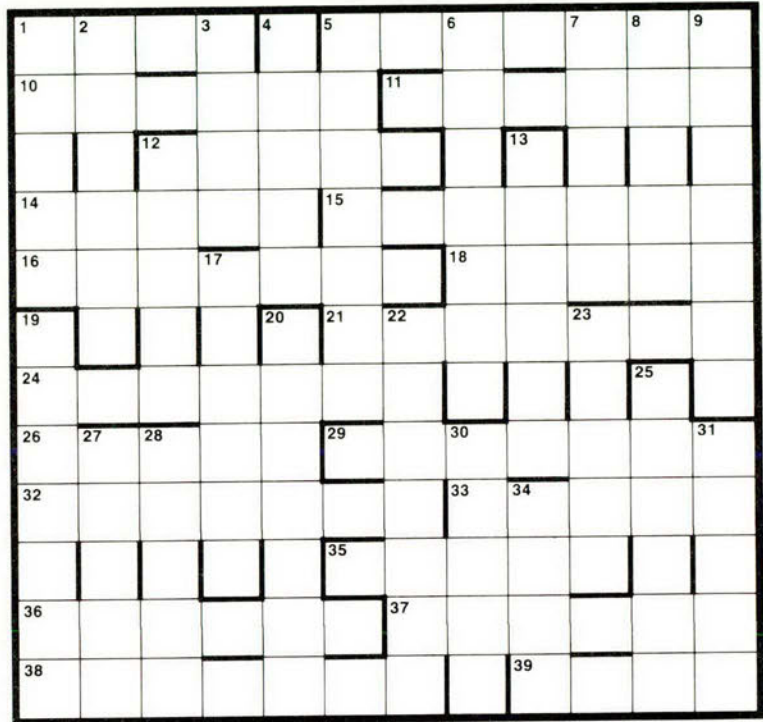
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MISSING LINKS

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Sixteen clue answers are one letter too short for their places in the diagram. In entering each such answer, solvers must leave one diagram square empty; the location of the empty square will be made clear by the answer's inability to intersect with a crossing word (which will also be one letter too short for its space). When the diagram is otherwise completed, there will be eight empty squares. Each of these can be filled with a letter that will make new words across and down. For example, if **WOR_D** crossed with **S_EEK**, you would fill in an **L**, making **WORLD** and **SLEEK**. The eight missing letters, when filled in and read column by column from left to right, will spell out the missing-links word. Clue answers include two proper nouns.

*The answers to last month's
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ACROSS

1. Slight pastry turned about
5. Heaping portion's beginning with one fish
10. Well-traveled dog eating mother's fruit
11. Gathering about a nickel for a cap
12. Keep quiet after *Bachelor Party*
14. Diggers of tunnels in dark spots
15. Joined rudest riots around University
16. Someone who can see the future has a pronounced advantage
18. Sprang for a kind of wine
21. Secures gin aboard ship
24. Artist caricatured singer
26. Small stolen picture
29. Loaded into vehicle, farm animal looked unhappy
32. Turn over information of interest to a phrenologist?

33. The last piece of pie is for you
35. Workers for a queen in topless clothing
36. Star is grave-sounding
37. True/False: a poet should be a help in the kitchen
38. Sources of starch in cooked treats
39. Computer input retrieved a bit

DOWN

1. Confound campaign
2. Departed from city, having alternative (*two words*)
3. New arrival in brambles, oddly
4. Hide thimble initially in part of window
5. Sits around front of saloon with lawmen
6. Rich spread set out and consumed

7. Rex interrupts penetrating prelude
8. Congress, in turning over vetoes
9. Great English poetry club making study of the planet
12. Tall pine
13. Donkey standing over wide hole
17. Intrinsically blue (*two words*)
19. Olympic event in field is customary
20. Following up Eastern merger?
22. Detects the existence of Palmetto State cuckoo nest
23. Tools for hewing about fifty shafts
25. In station, drank booze up
27. Routine religious garb
28. Love each American work of art
30. Head off angrier river mammal
31. In speech, apportioned a triangle
34. Laugh over Democrat getting conned

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.