

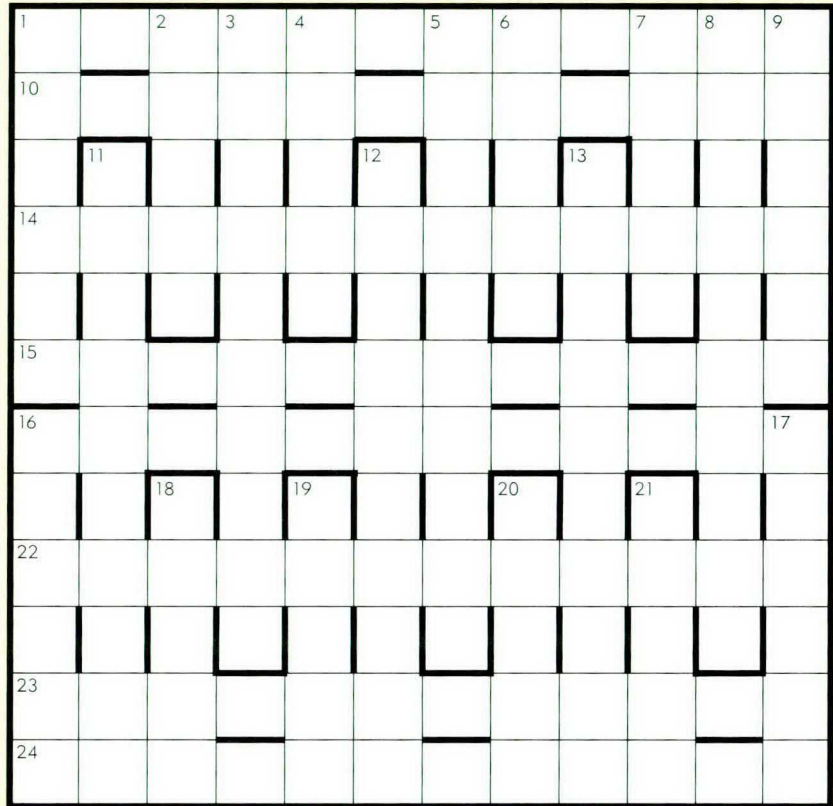
THE PUZZLER

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Leapfrog

In each Across row of this puzzle diagram, two words play leapfrog as one jumps over the other. For example, if the two words in a row were HELLO and GOODBYE, the possibilities for their placement would include HELLOGOODBYEO (with the first word jumping over the second) and GOODHELLOBYE (with the second word jumping over the first); the jumped-over word always appears intact. Down answers are entered normally in the diagram, but in each Down clue the two parts (definition and wordplay hint) also play leapfrog. For example, the Down word MANGOES, whose normal clue might be "Male leaves tropical fruit" (MAN + GOES), might be clued as "Tropical male leaves fruit" (with the definition jumping over the wordplay portion) or "Male tropical fruit leaves" (with the wordplay portion jumping over the definition). Across clues are normal. Answers include five capitalized words.

Last month's Puzzler solution is on page 172.



ACROSS

- Limited one in leap (7)
Frog escaped identification (5)
- Heading west, sign sub captain (4)
Author flanked by seaman and innkeeper (8)
- Bright cable cars seen from behind (5)
I sped or violated stop signs (7)
- Doctor Spike is not exactly cheerful (5)
All-night parties gathering in valleys (7)
- Mere phony yakking after start of school (5)
Pronouncedly funny part of a wing (7)
- Streisand role is about right, in a funny way (6)
Shelter housing an occupant (6)

- Shoe stink covered by test (5)
Medieval instrument with bag only (7)
- Burlesque poke at Plains city (6)
John and Theodore went on a crime spree (6)

DOWN

- Low sprout developed consciousness (6)
- Ward Cleaver thrown partly off (5)
- Wearing out, in a shy way, in bank? (10)
- Gnats dread cuckoo (5)
- Top-grade in piercing tool (10)
- Banjo party with pal accompanier (5)
- Chic gold bar acquired (5)
- Absent taunts with roguish motives (10)
- Top of pail holds in hay (6)
- A fish bone coated with alloy material (10)
- Lack of boldness has restricted care (10)
- Oddly, it's provoking purring (8.2)
- A person happy to give unhappy lives true pain (6)
- A model T car company coming back with zip (6)
- Search through jazz ensemble disc (5)
- Some weasel comes to a trap (5)
- Dress *Mata Hari* star with nothing (5)
- Both sides of street, say, eroded (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.