



# THE PUZZLER

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## Starting Block

A certain event may be seen to take place within the borders of this puzzle's finished diagram. Its course runs diagonally from a point to be discovered (the Starting Block) and takes 90° turns at the grid's borders. Together with the Starting Block, it will form a complete circuit. The Starting Block—and the site of the event—may be identified by the unclued entry at 18 Across. Answers to clues include ten capitalized words (a couple of them foreign terms).

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The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 113.

### Across

1. Fool phased out around first of April (7)
6. Publisher dropping name for German noodle (4)
9. Place for a driver to sit eating piece of roast beef (4)
10. Songs conductor listened to (6)
11. Over 100 aboard assist Arctic explorer (6)
12. Mysteries surrounding female name (4)
13. Simple spring water coming back (5)
14. City counts bucks (6)
16. Heal sick biblical woman (4)
20. Older alternative to Windows 95 gaining technician's top points (4)
24. Cuts fruit (6)
26. Open with bad pun, for example (5)

27. Present search party losing heart (4)
28. Hungarian silver seized by army on the move (6)
29. Audited part of a course with shrink (6)
30. Fatigued from fighting over the phone? (4)
31. Within limits, the smallest number of animals on a ranch (4)
32. Purge Church of England after receiving tips (7)

### Down

1. Examine patient's rear, bare (5)
2. Rustic country song about dog (7)
3. World capital is below average (5)
4. Fish sandwiches need, ultimately, salt and lemon? (5)
5. Maker of Canadien's end unit (4)
6. Vessel with entirely fake blood? (7)
7. Poetry connected with South American seaport (6)
8. Jewelry embedded in iron border (6)
14. Polanski movie about true ordeals (5)
15. Mailer turned over start of straight flush (7)
17. A railroad spike's in the hole? (7)
18. Drink from pottery piece holding two pints (6)
19. Timid soul taking second dessert (6)
21. Sophisticated petition involving a verse (5)
22. Secretly watch pony's breaking (5) (two words)
23. Correspond with a short environmentalist (5)
25. Kiss, hugged by Common Market officer (4)

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, 745 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116.