

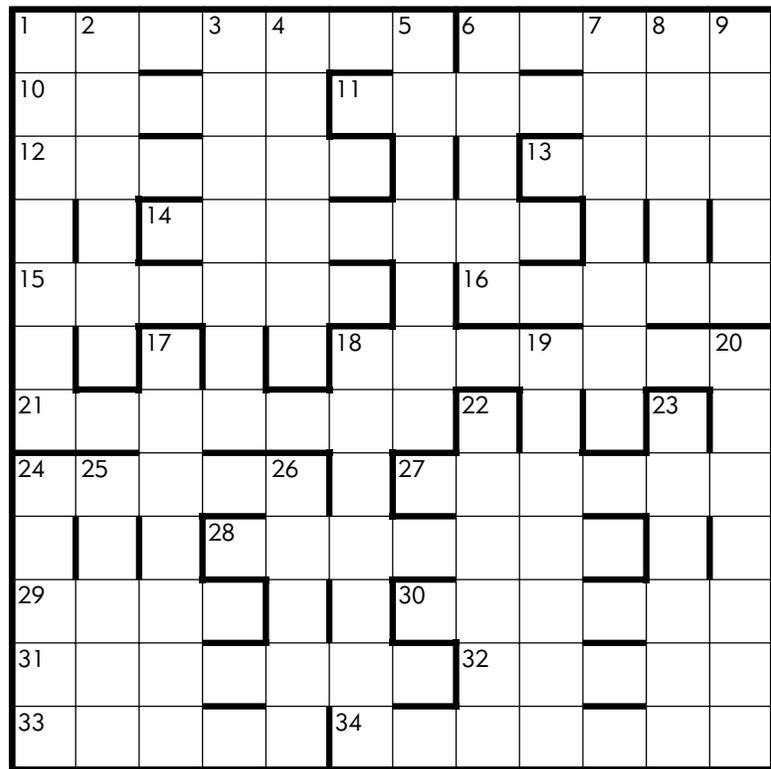
THE PUZZLER

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Box Scores

In fourteen instances, a clue answer will be too long for its allotted space in the grid and will not match the contents of another answer in the box where they intersect. The problem with each of the seven boxes affected can be resolved by correctly combining the contents from both answers. The boxes will then become 18 Across 21 Across. Answers include 11 capitalized terms; 32 Across and 18 Down are variant spellings.

Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. An introduction to clue-solving may be found online at www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm.



ACROSS

1. European soil meter maid put in container (7)
6. Hollywood actor back in evening robes (8)
10. Having energy, stir grease again (5)
11. Pie filled by almost every snack server (3,4)
12. Author's article on what I get from basking? (3,3)
13. Spread out sign (4)
14. Without finishing, last call at Milanese theater (2,5)
15. Nap for Tyler White in Kansas (5,5)
16. VIP's fine shot in Canadian bowling game (8)
24. Herb is framed by Gabonese thieves (7)
27. Actor's retreat and golf club not completed (2,4)
28. Nestlé saves swirls for special shopping opportunities (5,6)
29. Promise kind of grass high (4)

30. Polish port sent back one vessel and then another (6)
31. European city with an annoying character (7)
32. Biscuit filled with no frozen treat (3-4)
33. Chuck Cross and I hurry back (4-3)
34. Covers with small evergreen shrubs (7)

DOWN

1. Gloomy weather follows head of British intelligence (10)
2. Barber's back, and women changed cut again (6)
3. Little songbird, black cuckoo, and a fairy queen (7)
4. State a question in West Coast city (6)
5. Cancels northeastern openings (7)
6. British P.M. who wrote a declaration about Liberal call for a free pass (4,4)

7. Assembled vanguard of Republicans together (7)
8. Place for putting note penned by general (5)
9. Nixon sestet playing song by Ernie Ford (7,4)
17. Bagpipe collection acquired by mum (7)
18. Fruits from an orchard (about 550) for traveling vendors (7)
19. Italian architect unfortunately not a fan (7)
20. Yeti's growth misrepresented in measurement units (4,7)
22. Cuckoo grew toes to go downhill (3,5)
23. In conversation, mention decorative pin (6)
24. West end of Baker Street is wide (5)
25. Scottish leader holds Scottish dance with plenty of room for passing? (5-4)
26. Rest of bananas Kent ate (4,3)