

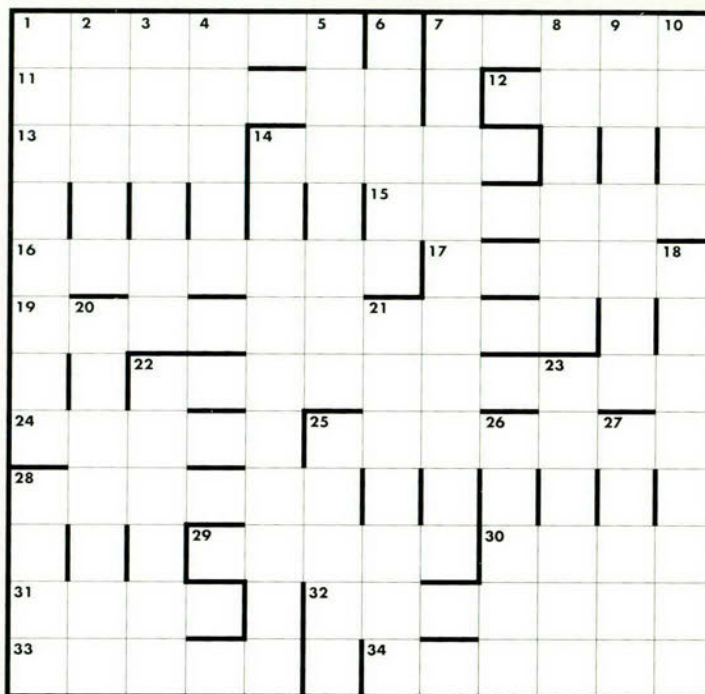


THE PUZZLER

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Zip Code

Whenever an O occurs in a clue answer, it fails to match the letter of the crossing word with which it shares a diagram square. Use each O to circle the other letter in such a square, and you'll spell out (reading left to right, column by column) an actual U.S. location particularly deserving of a zip code. Answers include four proper nouns.



See page 128 for Puzzler contest details.
The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 125.

Across

- 1. Zip code (6)
- 7. VIP sent back a stench stopper? (5)
- 11. Garland, beyond learning, is a deadly singer (7)
- 12. Searches for words in margins (4)
- 13. Jot half the alphabet? (4)
- 14. Wild speeches published by Eliot (5)
- 15. NYC underground put in your number (6)
- 16. College in Dublin: try getting into it (7)
- 17. Extra artist's first error in 3-D? (5)
- 19. Men sorting out old typewriters (10)
- 22. Obstinate cook again embraces thespian (10)
- 24. Somebody snooping right into waterfront area (5)
- 25. When locked inside a trunk, I will get most uncomfortable (7)
- 28. Senior citizens' flower-bearing shrubs (6)

- 29. Covers the sound of low-lying areas (5)
- 30. Test from the morning (4)
- 31. Small sprite's ego (4)
- 32. Erase around "p" in "empty" (7)
- 33. Deal with odd characters in Terre Haute (5)
- 34. Stops framing Secret Service with insults (6)

Down

- 1. Couple of clowns likely to talk nonsense (8)
- 2. Plant in season, after the first (5)
- 3. Pack's lead runner returned for event (6)
- 4. After hesitating at first, call up a guy with some muscle (5) (*hyphenated*)
- 5. Clergyman owning a power generator (7)
- 6. Hold firmly onto horse (5)
- 7. Birds (so what?) perched atop roofing materials (10)
- 8. Forest animals with 500 whiskers? (6)
- 9. Medical group befuddled true novice (7)
- 10. Skinny kid eating last of popcorn (4)
- 14. Data found in most thinly distributed woods (10) (*two words*)
- 18. Rock steady, I'm for light occasions? (8)
- 20. Prior more like a nobleman? (7)
- 21. Horse's equipment was first seized (7)
- 22. Pierce's puzzle (6)
- 23. Persian king raised risqué topic with Roman king (6)
- 25. Assistant outside of school is out of the way (5)
- 26. Many a celebrity wastes time in the audience (5)
- 27. Engineer tapes a flood (5)
- 28. Drive out of a block in Houston (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.