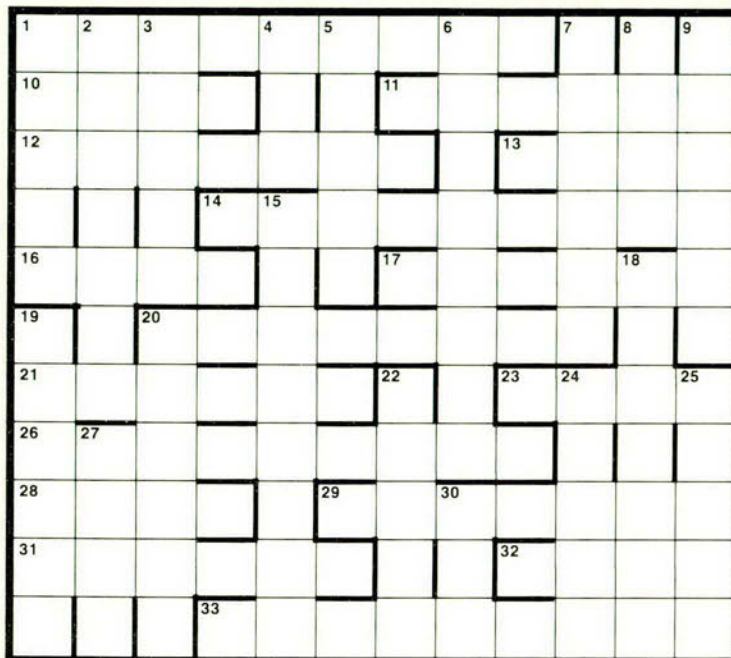


THE PUZZLER

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WASTE RECYCLING

Every clue answer discards one letter before entry into the diagram. These 34 thrown-away letters are not wasted, however. Taken in order, with Acrosses preceding Downs, they combine to spell out a complete cryptic clue for the (otherwise unclued) word in the center of the diagram. Answers include three proper nouns; 2 Down and 7 Down are less-than-common words.



The answers to last month's Puzzler appear on page 108.

ACROSS

- 1. Plan to recycle liqueur (10)
- 10. Sprang for a wine (5)
- 11. Choose one flower that's ideal (7)
- 12. Outside Italian river, farm products decay (8)
- 13. Indian returned one's cases (5)
- 14. Slug, grabbing bottle nearest here (10)
- 16. Acid rock has its origin among top British (5)
- 17. Southern field worker is less active (7)
- 21. Dessert draws reverent comments (7)
- 23. Father keeps piano in part of church (5)
- 26. Backward poet experiments with soap, cologne, etc. (10)

- 28. Girl's name: Dotty Ainge (5)
- 29. Beasts of burden eating most of Art's candies (8)
- 31. Harry has large and small herbs (7)
- 32. Confine one macho guy (5) (*hyphenated*)
- 33. Overworking, Hollywood's Dracula gets dull (10)

DOWN

- 1. Mountain pass has tarn inside (6)
- 2. Shy taxi passenger withholds word of pain (8)
- 3. Closer to red, red dogwood (6)
- 4. Regular at sides and back (4)
- 5. Vital statistic: work number (6)
- 6. A box with bland sweetener (9)
- 7. Penny I pinched, and gold coin (7)
- 8. Left-leaning short newsmagazine issues (5)
- 9. Looked for Queen playing etudes (7)
- 15. Conclude floor material is not productive (9)
- 18. Lion (Elsa) mauled journalist (8) (*two words*)
- 19. Order it acted out (7)
- 20. Writer makes pen tilt (7)
- 22. Spy group covers baddie with bug (6)
- 24. Fish caught by each kitchen utensil (6)
- 25. Moderating each session of vocal music (6)
- 27. Private meal excluding chief (5)
- 30. Reversing direction, crow makes appearance (4)

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