

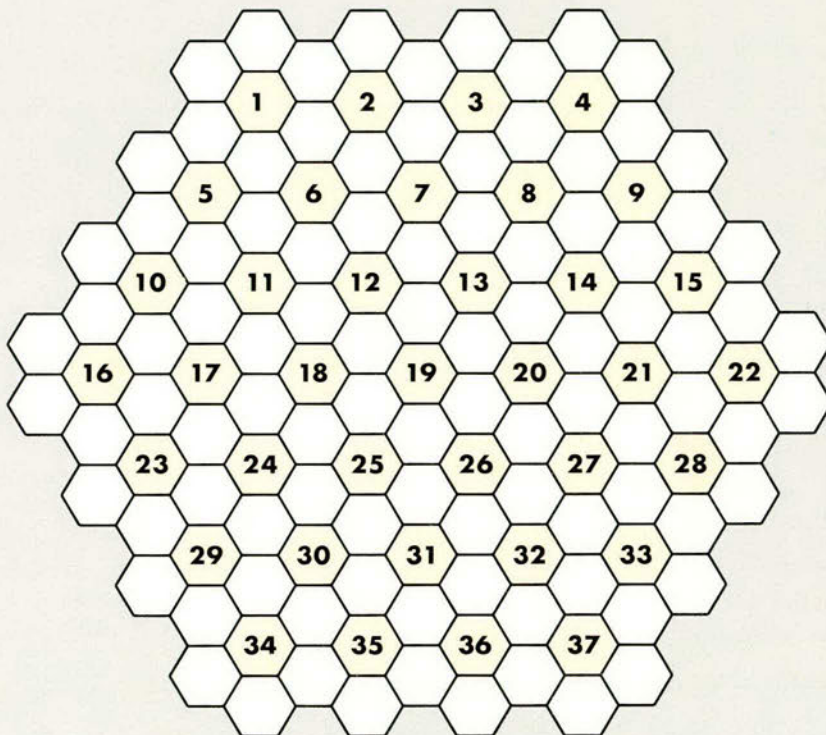


THE PUZZLER

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Honeycomb

Evidently this comb of 37 hexagons was made by a spelling bee, for each cell contains a letter, and around each numbered cell a six-letter word is spelled out clockwise or counter-clockwise. The 24 unchecked border cells, reading clockwise from a cell to be determined by the solver, will spell out a complete cryptic clue to hexagon No. 37. Answers include two proper nouns and a prefix; 1 is an alternate spelling; 9 has a common root but is not in frequent use (at least not in our neck of the woods).



The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 105.

Clues

1. Coins that have Abraham Lincoln engraved right on their faces
2. Praise cook while eating bit of lunch
3. Pure heroin copped by group of Indians
4. Westerner cut a hand getting a trim
5. Father heartlessly nabs vamps
6. Flower raised in row
7. Daze brought about by bender, from the sound of it
8. Andre's broken shop tool
9. Squirrelly TN duet went acorn-gathering
10. Wise guys used strokes by ones?
11. "Private I" turned snide
12. Make dock less sharp
13. Love packaging of the Spanish eats
14. Baseball stats editor deleted
15. Refined the ore with a different start?
16. Article carried by little backtracking pack animals
17. Surrounded by a fog outside of Denver's capital
18. Refrained from using short cut
19. Green forest area that's cultivated
20. Liane's sick of sodium chloride
21. Cupid: a lady lacking ethical standards
22. In Greek poet's embrace, I will be more comfortable
23. A tree's marred with a girl's name
24. Peg interrupts series of songs performed with piano
25. Spot a General Electric system of ducts
26. Confesses about the termination of George Burns?
27. Smart person collects one large amount of grain
28. In wizard's place, sorcerer made a picture
29. Smoother, but coarser-sounding
30. Columbian ship carrying a Spanish bundle of toys
31. Blemish right in Superman's first cape
32. Wearing green, a pet
33. Governor, e.g., swallowed by fissure
34. One who schedules Christian in films
35. Provide oxygen to alien region the wrong way
36. Gait of someone with a negative attitude?

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.