

THE PUZZLER

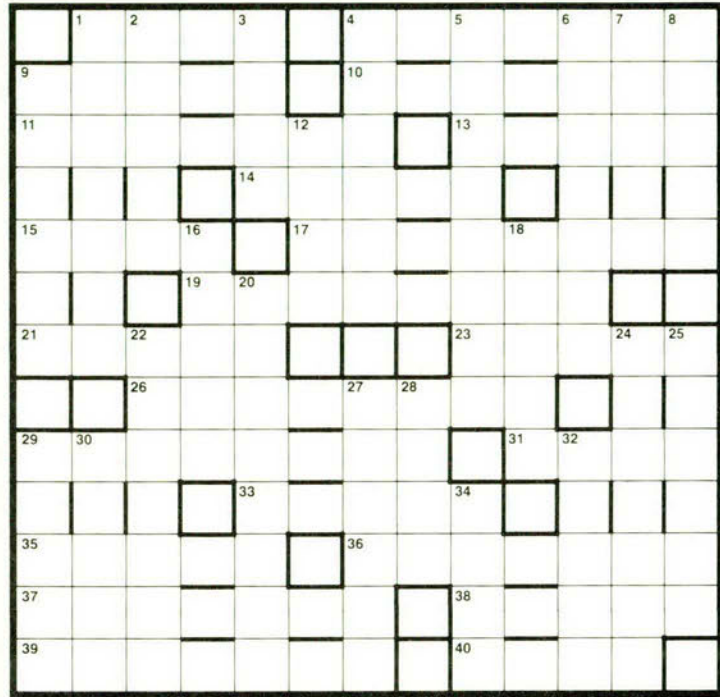
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GOING TOO FAR

(Acknowledgments to Mike Shenk)

Some clue answers in this puzzle are one or two letters too long to fit in their normally allotted spaces. These words "go too far" by extending a letter at the beginning and/or end into one of the heavy-barred boxes. Each box will be used just once in this way. When the puzzle is complete, the boxed letters, reading from left to right and top to bottom, will spell a phrase pertaining to excessive behavior. Answers include five proper nouns.

The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 103.



ACROSS

1. Flimsy item with no back
4. Catching cold, I give up vehicle
9. Scene from ending of *Man in Space*
10. Cad with an idea for beating
11. Hurt a shoe with a strap, not finishing race
13. Wagons endure distress when put in reverse
14. Excessive hint about center of Rome (*two words*)
15. Nothing particular in reserve (*two words*)
17. Seeing base hit acquired by character at start of game
19. In a way, intimidate swimming sea trout
21. Bring up reinforcements for company in project
23. Big Fifty are given \$1,000
26. Score outside of Greek statue by heat
29. Poor Al's fed up—can you dig it?
31. Without initially speaking, answer

33. Get spoiled, like a mountain lake?
35. Provided Indians with primary education (*two words*)
36. Youngster taking timid types back to a certain point?
37. Weaken bar in part of nuclear reactor
38. Latin adopted by church halls and centers
39. Before end of chapter, novelist becomes less frivolous
40. Back in Nicaragua, Mister Day gives a boring speech

DOWN

1. Peg takes shower with apprentice
2. Noble man crowns King of France with piece of cake
3. International group in caution, losing the odds
4. Simple man comes up with first-rate women sharing a name
5. Jeer about hot receptacle for various items
6. Average competitor upset about excellent keyboard
7. Scale beast up
8. In the middle of Queens, ignore officer
9. Ambassador within disapproves of grasses
12. Mob emcee
16. Filled with love, student sounded amorous
18. Carriers go off course, first to last
20. Irrationality could make a nose run
22. Gamble involving Republican makes you sore
24. Part of a ship taking unsatisfactory direction in storm
25. Stands while surrounded by fish
27. West Coast city submerged in wash
28. Girl's name in the Spanish story
29. Jellies like films
30. Hole filled with no wine
32. Those who serve me in rural setting
34. Prize old mark

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