

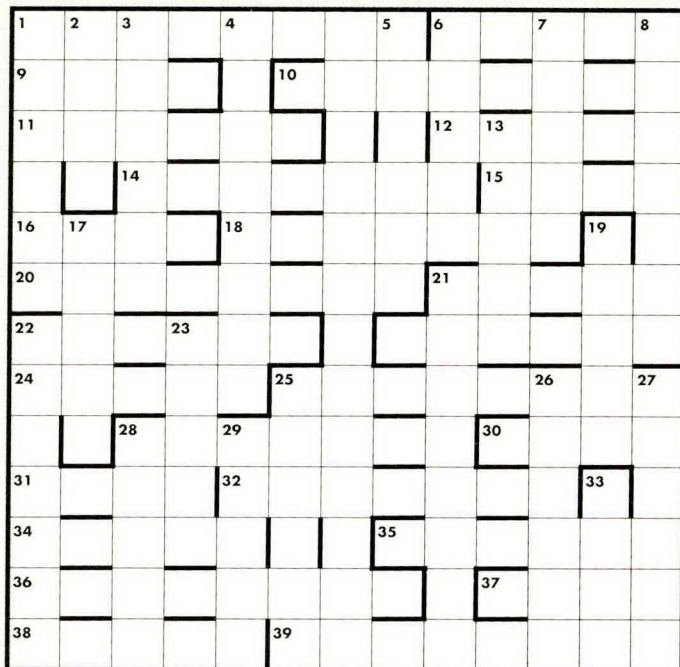


THE PUZZLER

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Whodunit

Somebody has taken something from 17 answers in this puzzle's diagram. The two unclued Across entries identify the crime and the unclued Down entry identifies the perpetrator. Answer lengths are also missing. Answers include nine capitalized words, one of them an acronym; 28 Across is a bit archaic, and 36 Across is rare although made of common parts.



The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 131.

Across

- 1. Herb is jazz combo member providing great intensity
- 6. Desert heat returns in mountain
- 9. Be second in departure from the stage
- 10. Iconoclastic, the man leads wild rodeo in Texas
- 11. Chart having a variable that can be assessed
- 12. Luxurious spot by an advertising union
- 14. Tragic figure in plot made dim
- 15. A ding-a-ling with no delay
- 16. Born and died in poverty
- 18. FBI guys dividing gold treasury's first increase
- 20. Young lady I put in spot with an African leader's name
- 21. Father qualified made-up story
- 24. Farm animal gripped by doctor gave a cry
- 25. Told of former president's education

- 28. Delaware's body of water shows low ebb?
- 30. Announced plant yield
- 31. Fat boy's eating restricted
- 32. Share drink with bit of rum in it
- 34. A thorny item sprang into being
- 35. To dine after a pair of days makes sense (*two words*)
- 36. Warrior princess adopts Arabian love of things foreign
- 37. Follows Gwyneth's lead in hairstyles
- 38. Rocket circles left of the sun
- 39. Cordelia awfully cross with painter

Down

- 1. Church employees making love a whole lot
- 2. One times one: a length of a line in geometry
- 3. Name for a woman equals name for a man
- 4. Grass around acres where cows might be set free
- 5. Tail of the T. Rex whacked me last
- 6. Alcoholic drink excellent for a Union general
- 7. Cook while standing in garbage
- 8. Verbally, couple settles up for rugs
- 13. New article: "In the Role of Grandmothers"
- 17. Energy nuts exert in Devonshire city
- 19. Government agent keeps law bent
- 21. Obsession oddly rendered Dixie deaf (*two words*)
- 22. Flowers with cheerful appearances around a treasure site
- 23. English city is #1, according to *The Listener*
- 25. Interpret illiterate signature in English money
- 26. It detects sulfur ingested by Spanish gent
- 27. Get rid of #11, and hurry back (*hyphenated*)
- 28. Doctor John, about to be too enthusiastic
- 29. Use a sharp stick to get small fruit
- 33. French writer with two embraces?

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