

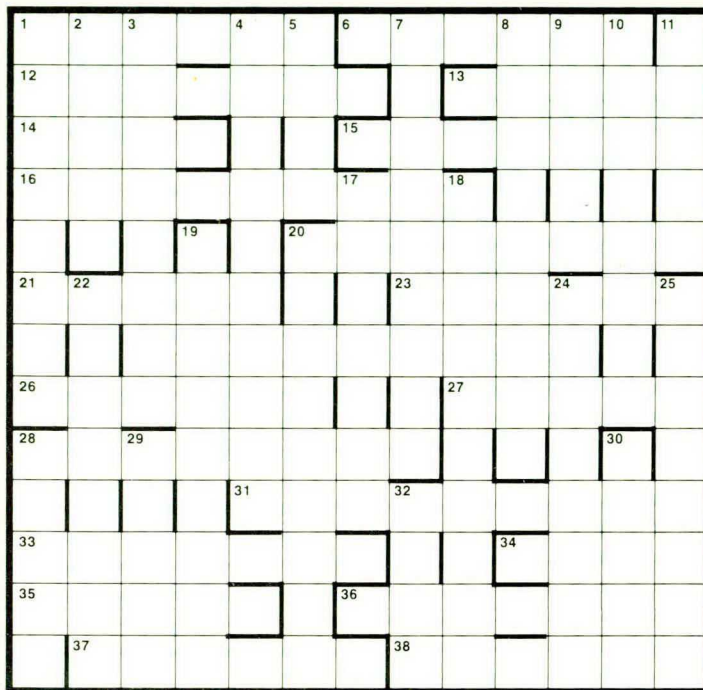
# THE PUZZLER

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## IN THE SPIRIT

The trick to entering the Down answers into this puzzle's diagram can be explained by the unclued New Year's message in the diagram's center. Answers include three proper nouns; 26 Across is not in *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*.

*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 87.*



### ACROSS

1. Great New Year's—all oiled up (6)
6. Ultimately, boys call girls jerks (6)
12. Dress cut in one place (7)
13. In European country, turning point for boat (5)
14. Start off painting mountain range (4)
15. Cartridges in a liquid, pungent chemical (7)
16. God of the underworld lacks fires (9)
20. Catered Italian bread, gulping down choice of wine (8)
21. Drinks with lake and pond residents (5)
23. Cider's mixed in kitchenware (6)
26. Antelope badly ailing (6)
27. Apology about new full assemblies (5)
28. Republican running after vote for atomic matter (8)
31. Bursts knocked sniper out (9)
33. Wounded cave-dwellers left nest (7)

34. Wife's deceit cut short (4)
35. British intelligence has returned to address in India (5)
36. Cryptic phial containing a victory coin of Iran (7)
37. Language style captivates German university (6)
38. Collection of musicians established in group (6)

### DOWN

1. Examining metal gauge on back of German car (8)
2. Member of a monastery earlier in time (5)
3. Vital fluid turned black—that's fair (8)
4. Puts back direct reports (10)
5. Last of antelope on a small yellow plain (4)
7. It is so true about today's essence: people change (9)
8. Spot (dog) eats note made of tiny bits (9)
9. Lifeless bear's extremity caught in one trap (5)
10. Airplane parts go bad and drone the wrong way (8)
11. Place in Sri Lanka and in Kentucky (5)
17. Dope endlessly consumed by one American romantic (7)
18. Sends spring into trenches (10)
19. Designed basic long houses (9) (*two words*)
20. Aroused, Johnny's sidekick gets into riding gear (9) (*two words*)
22. To have an effect, one lit into spouse (8)
24. Make a long speech to each old class (8)
25. Actions of L.A. comedians keeping us around (8)
28. Magazine edition is almost fat (5)
29. Theo swims around a lake (5)
30. Hall that's high-ceilinged and long in the middle (5)
32. Green snake makes surprised sound (4)

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