

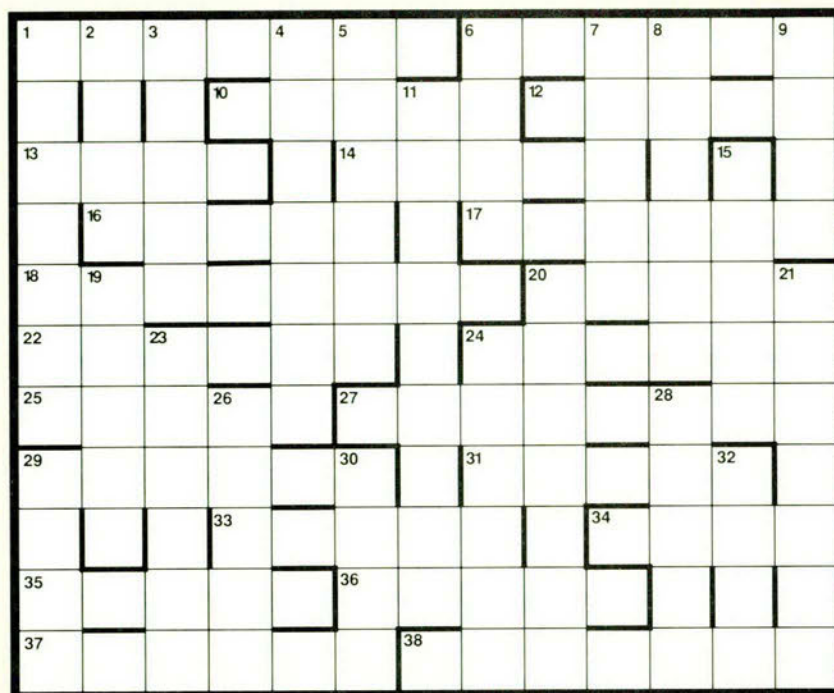
# THE PUZZLER

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## INITIATION

Some of the clues' answers are too short for their places in the diagram, and need initiation in the form of a letter added to the front. In these cases new words are formed in the diagram. When the diagram is filled, the added letters (taken column by column from left to right) will spell an apt phrase. Answers to clues include eight proper nouns and an uncommon word at 1D.

*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 108.*



### ACROSS

1. Jimmy's successor dressed in elegant style, by habit
6. In comeback, the woman mostly takes roles as heartless ballerina types
10. Opera house retains one painter
12. Wood strand on the tongue
13. Spy hot chocolate sauce
14. South America embracing movie star
16. Rank low in speed
17. In Mexico, you and Theo set after our group
18. Country involved in prominent Nazi shipwreck?
20. Communicate piece of fundamental knowledge
22. Silver rod in instrument
24. Young lady eating piece of deep-dish pie finally getting slimmer?

25. Louisiest sausage, according to hearsay
27. Interpret cricket tune in a new way
29. A Spanish gentleman is a handsome fellow
31. Canopies get stretched tight, you might say
33. Tear off price
34. Loaded Eric Heiden's cargo
35. A yearning letter
36. Handles portions of grain
37. Expected to get a different desk
38. Biblical book deadening things?

### DOWN

1. Tip was much better
2. Ring used in jump!
3. Car turns over repeatedly
4. Said, "Okay for takeoff"
5. First of sheep held in stationary enclosure
6. Skipping a step, start moving
7. Direction, for instance, in Spielberg movie
8. Write bit for small group
9. Do away with structure
11. Tag for a woman's unit coming in range of colors
15. Sell out lengths of cloth
19. Went on drive with narration
20. Scottish actor carries expensive weapon (*two words*)
21. Delineates that guy's behind and such
23. Skunks' tracks going around wheel
24. Cake of gold back of door
26. Santa Claus loses time, getting slightly cut
28. String broken by fourth of violinists playing piece
29. Measure a rearing horse
30. Small and smooth
32. After "Initiation," award mark

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