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**Finish Line** | *a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

This puzzle's across Lanes feature eight unclued contestants, one per Lane, in a cryptic race from left to right. Each Lane's remaining answers (before and/or after the racer) are clued in order, leaving no square unused. The eight-letter answers to Down clues should help you locate the across entries. When all is done, the grid will show how the eight racers fared at the finish. The shaded finish line will also identify the racers, in a puzzling way.

**Lanes**

- 1 Bushes hustle American back to the West  
Took five awfully rude pets (2 wds.)
- 2 Feathery green plant and orange smash for ABBA  
One lunkhead taking in current Broadway musical about marriage (4 wds.)
- 3 Magazines ran sales irregularly  
Subject of an Arab monarch, after starting German car  
Do a somersault in reverse while eating a rice dish
- 4 Western feature penned by James Arness  
Thoroughly wash off outside of cup  
Approach taken by Liberal writing of ancient Greece (2 wds.)
- 5 Roam about hunting pair with hunter in the dark  
Least disturbed monument  
Youngster aboard truly old snowmobile (Hyph.)
- 6 Correspond, saying "Yikes! Hold on!"  
Voltage in that thing plugged into do-it-yourself power up above

- 7 Act like guys outside of restricted city in Germany  
Danish author, really 59, picked up by Jerry's pal  
Lick sausage audibly
- 8 Remains small, covered with leaves  
Agreement concerning second in population count

**Down**

- a Mad, steep, mad, mad rush
- b Long for our independent state
- c Basement entrances are, without exception, lacking lobby
- d Pirates in action seizing 1000 bucks
- e Ready to shoot again, look at spot in grass
- f A river with one in seven fish named for a bird (2 wds.)
- g Brusque in comeback, sovereign is working on delivery?
- h Reset tiny dial in a fastidious fashion
- i Dry ice put on fluid
- j Some flesh makeup colonel set in front of the French general
- k Article is going into luminary's affairs
- l Olympian act I put on
- m Bullfighters' sporadic whirling

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