

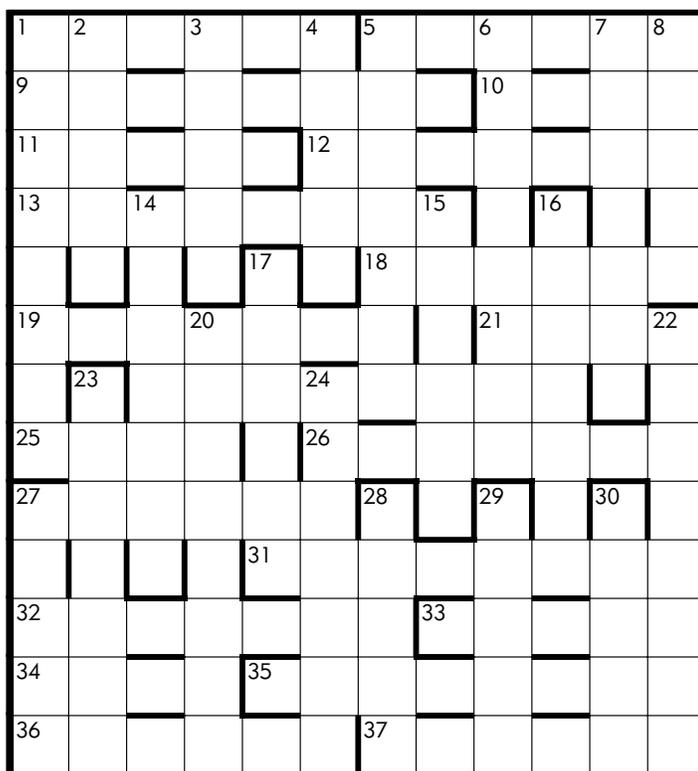
THE PUZZLER

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Dinner With the Crypps

This puzzle diagram was made at a restaurant table by the Crypp family at dinner. Each of the five family members agreed to contribute eight of the diagram's 40 entrées. The family's vegetarian mother contributed entrées prepared meatlessly. The family's fussy father, who unfailingly sends his meals back to the kitchen, contributed entrées in reverse. The elder daughter, who always mixes her foods together on her plate, contributed anagrams (forming new words) of the clue answers. The son, a light eater, left his entrées unfinished by one letter each—but those eight leftovers have been saved in the diagram's central Across row. And finally, the family's younger daughter, who has exhibited no cryptic traits as yet, entered her words straightforwardly in the diagram. Clues are all normal, but answer lengths have been withheld to shield the family identities. There are 11 capitalized answers, including a Spanish phrase.

Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. An introduction to clue-solving may be found online at www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm.



ACROSS

1. Card from last eleven shuffled (2 wds.)
5. Flag keeping current appearance
9. Sailing ark, hail a dry stretch of land
10. Drop off one in Our Gang
11. In hearing Lance, feel indebted to Dick's weep
12. Corral was erected with a complex kind of tiling
13. Hold back a shoe shortened for a kid's game
18. Prudes awkwardly prepared for a kiss
19. Get chill, for example, in city of Canada
21. Slapdash degree from Wharton in vulgar language (hyph.)
25. More than one buzzer is feeble, needing repair (2 wds.)
26. Seeming as one cloistered, with name different
27. Adage about time not going away

31. Communist failure coming back to fix up a joint?
32. Jazzman with a swinging vibe, or Verdon dancing (2 wds.)
33. More work for gumshoe in beat-up auto
34. War medic keeps packing
35. Continental variant on a rupee
36. Penny split, and others moving in?
37. Directs cattle

7. Drop free of perfume?
8. Somebody possibly threading pipe
14. Women's underwear also carried by boyfriend
15. Parental guidance about bird exploring
16. Drinks for commemorating number-one hurricane of 1972
17. Celebrate the arrival of some string instruments (2 wds.)
20. Poet's wacky sonnet about the Big Apple
22. Thankless wretches turned angriest
23. Come upon present with greeting (2 wds.)
24. Al Green cast in *Blow Up*
27. Restricted ones in speed contests
28. Qualifier's victory in a Derby incomplete
29. California town converted to Islam also (2 wds.)
30. Assistant aide put you inside

DOWN

1. Browses around a Warner Brothers library selection
2. Pace, circling a deck
3. Papal mass arranged in an Argentine region (2 wds.)
4. Wood for a small writing tool
5. Vendor's offer excited every fielder (2 wds.)
6. Bit of crazy excitement and revelry