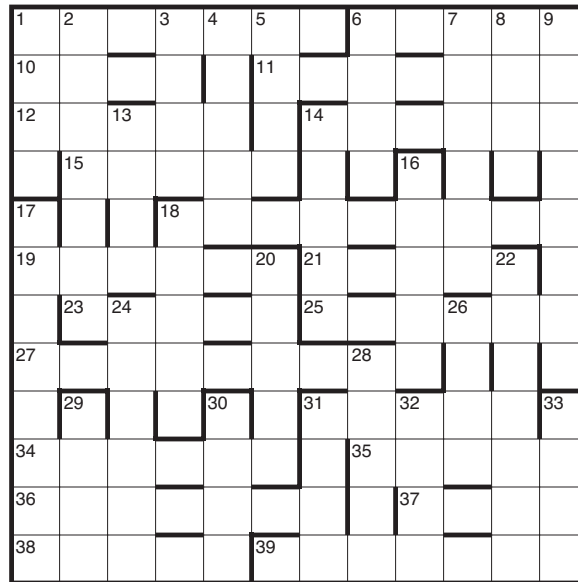


WHAT'S MISSING?

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Some clues in this puzzle lead to both the answer and how that answer should be entered into the grid. A number of squares in the grid will be dually affected; read the letters in those squares in the appropriate order to determine the only thing missing. Enumerations have been withheld.



ACROSS

- 1 Flowers and bullets to be scattered about
- 6 Fireplace frame is top-of-the-line, according to reports
- 10 Neutral color appears in *The Crucible*
- 11 A cartoonist named Wilson pens king and Islamic leader
- 12 Ultimately asks leader of Tories not to mention viewpoint
- 14 Be nice, pull out what an editor uses
- 15 Ignoring the first lessons to be learned for tests
- 18 Cook diced lousier fruit
- 19 Revolutionary ran the Middle Eastern city
- 21 Take care of New York's left-leaning council
- 23 Get to church after dealing with bit of angst
- 25 Arm muscle doesn't start flipping English coin

- 27 Member of the peerage embracing liberal is hard to reckon
- 31 National park's depths described by pop singer John, interrupting you
- 34 I take to the skies, intercepting British front line
- 35 Beginning digging around Central America
- 36 Retired lawyers finally criticize backing file-sharing service
- 37 It follows that beast on the way back
- 38 Almost reveal embarrassment about misguided sergeant's music
- 39 Yell? Doe will be terribly frightened

DOWN

- 1 Defeat the original drummer for the Beatles
- 2 Regarding brake's edges in Dr. Clancy's vehicle
- 3 Freak served up a fish
- 4 Boy touches extremely large kitchen item
- 5 Each premier of Russia was conclusively hearing things
- 6 Lass captivates Eastern Highlander
- 7 *Winnie-the-Pooh* character holds back sneeze
- 8 I lay low, let criminal flounder
- 9 Signed up ten delis by mistake
- 13 Mischievous troop missing its leader
- 14 Hype is initially shocking goody-goody
- 16 Legal matter involving athlete Moses and various kinds of alcohol
- 17 University-established boards hindering scholarly woman

- 18 Knocked back last bit of Chambord with captain, for one
- 20 No loss belonging to that female athlete from Canada, perhaps
- 22 Certain athlete and big corporation part ways
- 24 Composed opera about unsatisfactory queen of Crete
- 26 Symbol of the Denver Mint appears in new penny
- 28 It provides moonshine in any event
- 29 Sailor grabs small dictator
- 30 Crazy attempt is brought up
- 31 Susan assuming Regina is trustworthy
- 32 Memoir about law school a talk show host reviewed
- 33 Worked with wool, old yew tree