

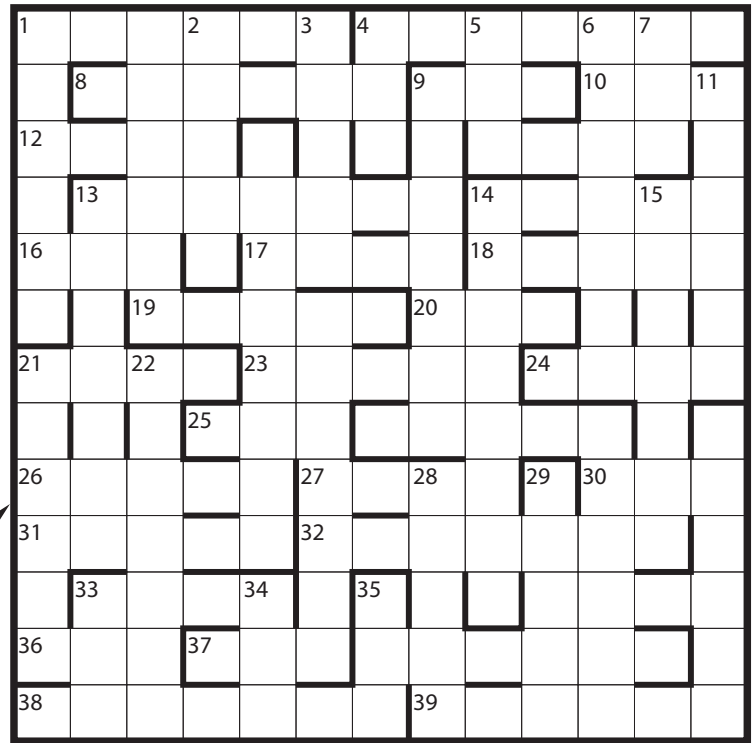
# ON THE REBOUND

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In *Bounce*, Wilson and Addison Mizner are a resilient pair of rogues who constantly reinvent themselves to find a place in the world. Similarly, the answers to the "Pairs" clues must be reinvented as new words before finding their place in the grid. Each pair is transformed in a different way inspired by the Mizners; in no particular order:

- Looking for gold up north (successfully)
- Gambling (unsuccessfully)
- Stealing the hearts of rich women
- Penning Broadway shows
- Designing grand homes
- Moving pieces of real estate

A rubber ball entering the completed grid in the direction indicated by the arrow would travel a straight line, caroming at right angles off the outer wall of the grid until completing a circuit. Its path spells out the role of get-rich-quick schemes in the lives of the Mizners.



## ACROSS

- 1 An increase in pay announced for marshals (6)
- 8 Part upon choosing rain gear (6)
- 9 Close in on second half of rousing song (3)
- 10 Knock over Carl's boy (3)
- 12 Waif initially housed by immoral madam (4)
- 13 Gamer is tangled in meaningless fantasies (7)
- 14 Sort green bananas (5)
- 16 Akira Kurosawa project scuttled (3)
- 17 Young Spanish girl and dog spinning endlessly (4)
- 18 *Cabaret* performer at last gave them erotic cage dance (5)
- 19 Tailor using brand of extra-sharp cutters (5)
- 20 Athletic organization signing the tallest centers (3, *abbr*)
- 21 Cheney pursues Republicans on the fringes: "Are you coming?" (4, *abbr*)
- 23 Actress/singer Graff in scene likely reviewed (5)
- 24 Key passage in oration (4)
- 25 Head off little varmint in pasture (3)
- 26 Encouraging suggestions for big oafs? (5)
- 27 "Number One" replaced "Number Ten" on table (4)
- 30 Columbus college to supply material (3, *abbr*)
- 31 Chain letter essentially is a means of entrée (5)
- 32 Automatic selection finally played: a flute composition (7)
- 33 Good-natured doctor taking in almost all of unwell (4)
- 36 Entertainer Orlando's singing maidens: "Dawn" (3)
- 37 Oeuvre oddly shared by you and I (3)
- 38 Eastern European picks up bill for beverage (7)
- 39 Greek youth who drowned ignoring a shark, perhaps (6)

## DOWN

- 2 Notorious British spy is too rude on the surface (5)
- 3 Gosh, I screwed up a strategy game (5)
- 4 Add up allowance of liquor (3)
- 5 Alternately develop affirmative action policy (3, *abbr*)

- 6 Befuddled, states hints about Newton (7)
- 7 Too hot to hold (gasp!) (3)
- 9 At sea, Noah's raising a shout of praise (7)
- 11 Duck soup and fancy cheeses being discussed (6)
- 14 Get incomplete hair dyes showing really awful spots (8)
- 15 One with no illusions concerning the social elite (7)
- 21 Émigré disturbed those in power (6)
- 22 Six incline to pursue love in bower of a sort (7)
- 28 Rubbish! That's horrible sounding! (5)
- 29 Copper mine short on Tex-Mex flavor (5)
- 33 Low Mediterranean character in the audience (3)
- 34 Taking up pal's nickname (3)
- 35 Scandinavian coins can be valuable metal (3)

## PAIRS

Comic Adam snarled nastily  
"No lard!" ordered McDonald's spokesperson

From Antony's region!  
Old Cretans' complaints about officeholder

Get too much sun attending European capital  
Weather god manipulating hot rain

Hostess returning harp and piano, finally  
Potter's generator rumbling ominously after starting

The Scottish play mostly at cabers (but especially the highest chiefs)

Tiny barge might be selling down the river

Ultimately put on a lot of weight  
Wintertime in Chicago is depicted in comic strip (*abbr*)

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