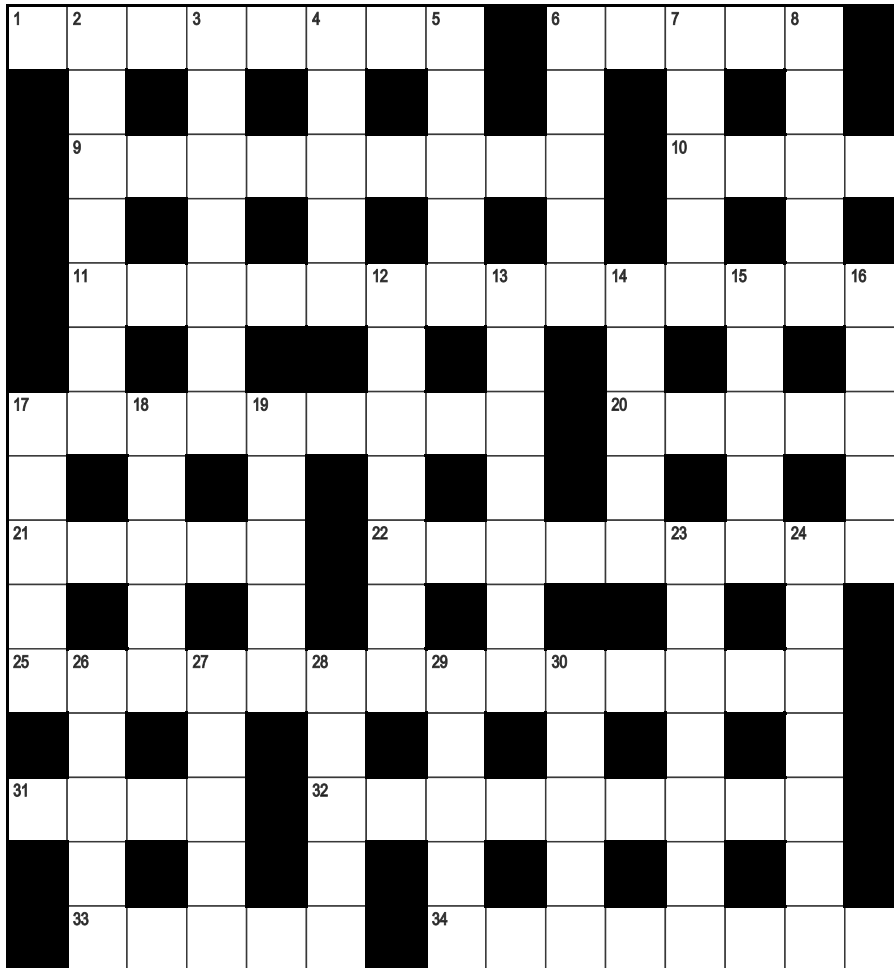


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- 6 Wait, turn suddenly, start to wipe out (5)
- 7 Aspect of rheumatoid arthritis brought up in broadcast (5)
- 8 Retro hip-hop music getting snubbed. Old? That's extreme (5)
- 12 Negative about picture puzzle having head of zebra with backside of buffalo (7)
- 13 Eight bats haunting vacant hacienda to get something to eat (4,3)
- 14 Ship abandons Bud, leaving behind Bud (5)
- 15 Turn away from two short roads (5)
- 16 Dodgers defeated now and then, leading to upset (5)
- 17 Scrub rain from steaming airplanes by mistake (5)
- 18 Cryptic element of computer security (5)
- 19 Bail out at early signs of Elton John event, cancelling tickets (5)
- 23 Without prefaces, laws come filled with error; it's terrifying (7)

Across:

- 1 Supply weed that's used in making soup (8)
- 6 Parks in reverse, replacing finish of truck with bit of chrome leftover (5)
- 9 You are assuming crazy uncle smuggles unwrapped skis for less fortunate (9)
- 10 Maybe boxer finished early and left with large model? (4)
- 11 A king, perhaps boxing the boss, or struggling with everything (6-3-5)
- 17 According to Spooner, cynical oaf is a messy chap (9)
- 20 Chunky old boy feasted regularly (5)
- 21 Barb cycles with English kitty (5)
- 22 Judged teams tied in performance (9)

25 Pick short Italian girl with scores of attractive things (14)

- 31 Field umpires interrupted by a dive (4)
- 32 Naked armorer chases knight and first lady - it won't happen again (9)
- 33 Nasty mess involving Republican (5)
- 34 Basics of Spanish for the confused teens taking math, primarily (8)

Down:

- 2 Am I nuts, fighting a giant wave? (7)
- 3 Suspect secret society circumvents permit every so often (7)
- 4 Agreements to redesign 6a with bone covering writing (5)
- 5 Hero flees store with bananas? That's something you wouldn't expect (5)

- 24 Most obvious point - on a compass, that is - breaking towards the sunrise (7)
- 26 Crack up in the City of Angels? Yuck (5)
- 27 Funny recap of a prank (5)
- 28 Division head departing for estate (5)
- 29 Picture of setter holding ring and caviar, essentially (5)
- 30 Ogre has change of heart, supporting girl at ravine (5)