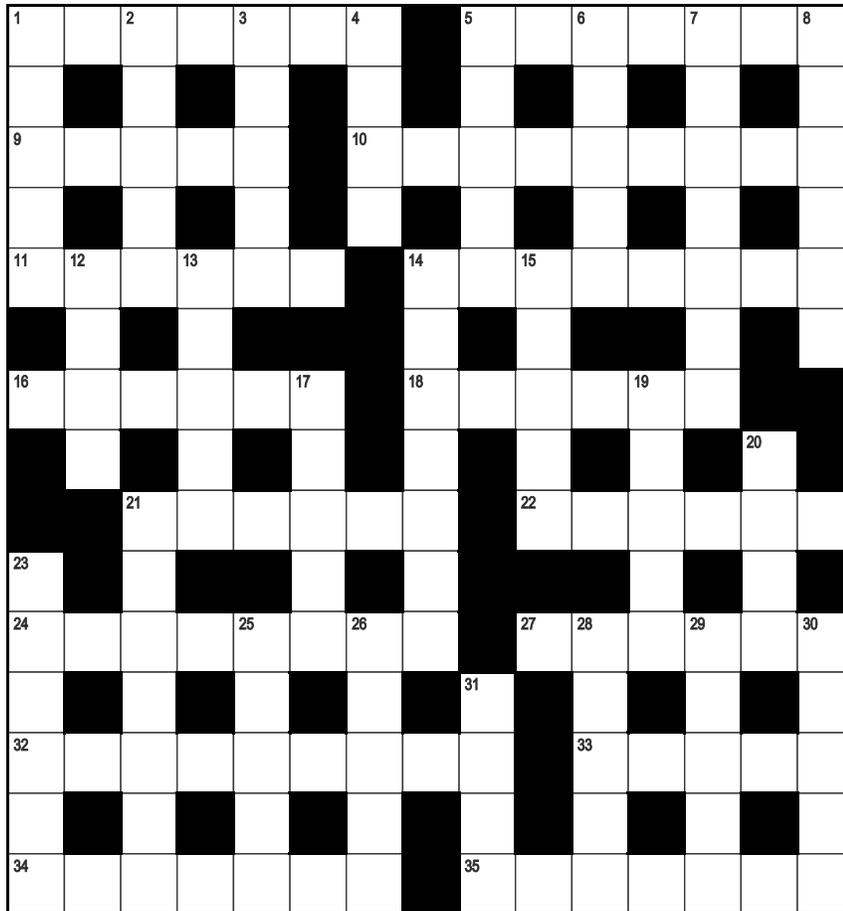


# Cryptic 2025-06

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## Down:

- 1 Wild from terror when president becomes Bond's boss (5)
- 2 Forum organizers charged with scandal (5)
- 3 Extremely heavy dragon scratching half a monster (5)
- 4 Certain secrets undermined Roman empire's principles (4)
- 5 Every so often, fuzzy drunk propped up by a climber (5)
- 6 Handy device to click, switching one to zero (5)
- 7 Uneven dance is peculiar (7)
- 8 Picked up loose skeleton, maybe - that's grotesque (6)
- 12 Vocal component of popular opinion from the South (4)
- 13 Creature with red heart in Oz's capital (5)
- 14 Judge replacing iron with titanium for someone with a gold watch? (7)
- 15 One's right to mimic Alicia, when you boil it down (5)
- 17 Scrubbing face of token: a counterfeit made of wood (5)
- 19 Consumed by topless groom (5)
- 20 Focus of police regarding prowler (4)
- 21 Time ran out for a tower (7)
- 23 Girl peels and prepares coffee beans (6)
- 25 European Union accepting petrol in recession, in a manner of speaking (5)
- 26 Toll of illegal activity getting hard for America, essentially (5)
- 28 Upper crust of bagel - it extends somewhat (5)
- 29 Panes broken by a tree (5)
- 30 Demolish everything (5)
- 31 Cutting star from magical tapestry, for example (4)

## Across:

- 1 Tramps by empty coach bitten by horses (7)
- 5 Get started with disgusted sound following king on vacation (4-3)
- 9 Someone who refuses to settle to stop on retiring (5)
- 10 Committed partner is colorful or droll, according to Spooner (4-2-3)
- 11 Gather up and bring back sample of particular rock (6)
- 14 Bag with starters removed from pickups returned (8)
- 16 Unfinished kayak is brought back inside the house (6)
- 18 Journey from capital of Venezuela, hiding in bananas later (6)
- 21 Disrespectful sort of man removing top from secure storage (6)
- 22 Pattern of pranks after April, reportedly (6)
- 24 Give it up: wild encore involving pair of unicyclists! (8)
- 27 Shelter takes in a new lodger (6)
- 32 Royal Mint manufactured exactly as expected (9)
- 33 Text box with awful pun inside it (5)
- 34 Take that second alternative and seventh, essentially (2,5)
- 35 All-time best year in jail despite the odds (7)