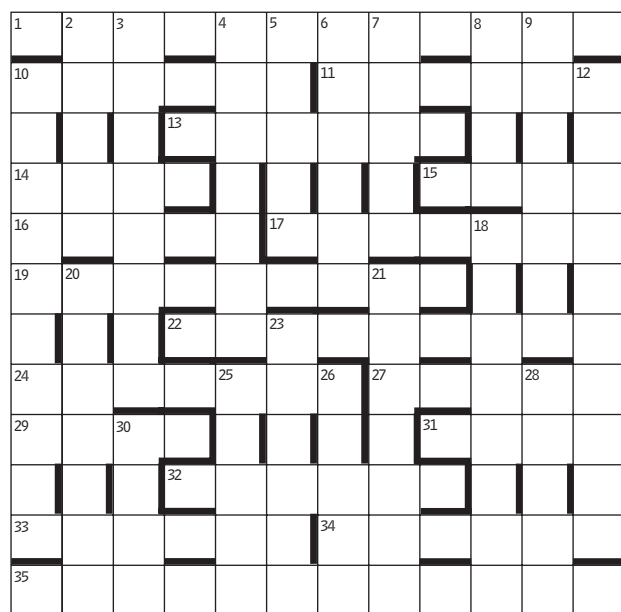


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ACROSS

- 1 Antique black diamonds always found in half of boutique that's disorganized (12, 3 words)
- 10 Spite of old to detest in female beast (6)
- 11 After holiday, university doubled money for cleaner (6)
- 13 Testing vessels in college, pulse throbbing (6)
- 14 Quiet surrounds this country market (4)
- 15 Bag I included as traveller round the Levant? (4)
- 16 Creature spayed late on – it's operated on with gas (5)
- 17 Gosh! Course whereon Derby may be seen (7)
- 19 Upper house runs endless debate, chaotic (9)
- 22 A number about erring and money, more or less pacy (9)
- 24 African bird, male, live, gobbled by crocodile (7)
- 27 Biblical tribes originally more than half degenerate? (5)
- 29 Pin removed from slightly blue solid graphite (4)
- 31 Sorcerer charm a genie bottles (4)
- 32 It's hard being confined to island for tar (6)
- 33 Indian post returned to a Plains Indian (6)
- 34 Scots brittle (sort of): drug allowed (6)
- 35 The ultimate in luxury, with bodily appetites and dalliance put first (13)

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T	H	U	M	B	S	U	P	S	O	U	P
U	A	P	G	R	A	V	A	M	I	N	A
B	L	A	G	E	M	A	R	A	B	I	N
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A	S	Y	M	M	E	T	R	Y	S	C	E
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Across 7, soup; 10, v (Idi) Amin in anag.; 14, an in anag. & lit.; 16, I in (pro)montory; 17, d in saist; 18, S in beats; 24, g + anag. in rock; 30, as + Emmy (rev.) + try; 32, extremes with n for X.

Down 2, H a lava + h; 7, mart in sass; 8, uni + x; 9, p and y; 20, M1 in anag.; 22, Mull (rev.) in i.e.; 24, r in goal, & lit.; 17, cf. a talk; 18, anag. + on; 25, M out H; 28, sail had (rev.); 30, anag. in decency, & lit.; 32, hidden rev., & lit.

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DOWN

- 2 Banda e.g. with bits of brassware attached above decorated chest (5)
- 3 Divine protectress goes round Nigerian city dancing at Christmas (8)
- 4 Grunted when swimming, a rare sight in the pool these days (7)
- 5 Obscurity: in the end power replaces one (5)
- 6 Nocturnal bird recorded round Jamaica (6)
- *7 Male servant (5)
- 8 Take America as source of oil (4)
- 9 Jellified stuff in barrel topping, not good (7)
- 10 Rinky-dink derided about quavering bass (10)
- 12 The majority will admit chick dropping this fashion is not really demure (10)
- 18 Warm a wire round major artery? (8)
- 20 Revolving middle of January – stormy April's following (7)
- 21 Odds and ends, but not this etc (7, 2 words)
- 23 Is it felt from below round Labrador's head? (6)
- 25 The old wash in end of tub, no longer easy (5)
- 26 Part of Hitchcock's instruction to cameraman indicating feature of *Psycho* shower scene? (5)
- 28 Obelisk topped elevation (5)
- 30 It has its own jurisdiction, steep by the sound of it (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.