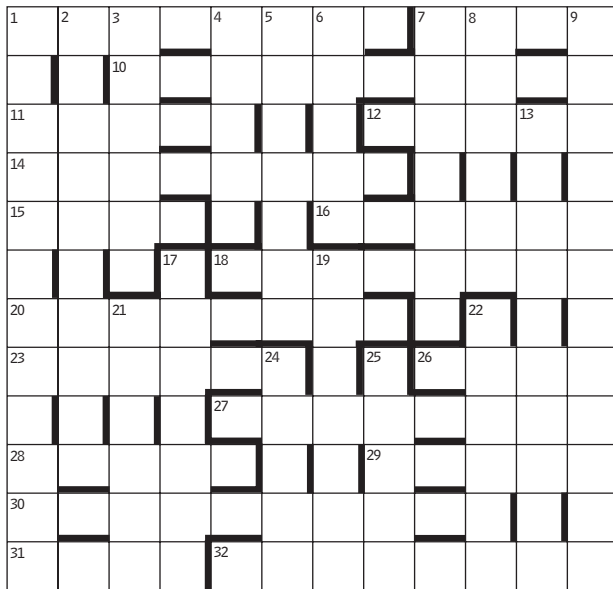


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ACROSS

- 1 Black girl between two pairs in popular dance (8)
- 7 Nail poster, ill trimmed, on pole (4)
- 10 Stand-in to declare being old, worse than mediocre? (10)
- 11 Fish and boiled tater (5)
- 12 One Mexican speciality or another company polished off before sickness (5)
- 14 Bank entering shifting mart – might it yield profitable deal? (8, 2 words)
- 15 Tarry as once in highland valley, heading to eastward? (4)
- 16 Pre-lunch period in international, extremely dull (6)
- 18 Senior servant once wildly eager for anti-sun protection (8)
- 20 Keeping constant, watch grand musical beat indicator? (8)
- 23 Primitive latrine, we hear, burst in the bothie? (6)
- 26 Showing (not losing) what early Olympian competed with (4)
- 27 Unpaired accessory soon trashed with old blockhead around (8)
- 28 Hand maybe drops in, about to dry out? (5)
- 29 Lover of Paris – Sainte-Chapelle? Place she is at, excited (5)
- 30 Draw: opener of exhibition mostly for adults only inveigling teen wrongly (10)

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Across 1, (li)fe in anag.; 11, rob (rev.) + go; 12, 15 in jot; 14, guano do in in; 16, anag. less i; 17, pig in ene e; 19, equ(it)ant; 25, m(in)in pasha; 28, to + S, E (ref. bridge); 29, tars in smare; 30, ll in yet (rev.); 32, ain anag.

Down 3, surf (rev.) + tum; 4, un(l)on (rev.); ref. Nancy Mitford; 8, once in cit; 13, tar³ get e'er; 17, (W)arhol in ee; 18, Ovid (rev.) + RC + E; 21, anag. + air (rev.); 23, m(in)imus; 24, a sad; 27, i.e. s to w.

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- 31 What John Peel did in day listener retains, looking back? (4)
- 32 Mangle battered linen fabric, not fine (8)

DOWN

- 1 Decanter tray I'd let circulate with lobster (12)
- 2 Give too much publicity to pooves jostling round English king (10)
- 3 Extra-large canvas making appearance in Shakespeare (6)
- 4 Coming out on top is one trailing in award, i.e. behind (5)
- 5 Moral guide, one surrounded by lip (7)
- 6 Too much time in public (5)
- 7 Cheer accepted by baron fellow, one's who's socially superior (7)
- 8 One to hustle and back up politician getting in (6)
- 9 Remaining dormant, duke leads select group, conservative in view (12)
- 13 Tax to be paid twits posted, money included (10)
- 17 Aromatic soporific phony flogged undiluted, at disappearing? (7)
- 19 Bloomer made by artilleryman, amateur (7)
- 21 Barbarian yob, a victim of venery? (6)
- 22 Love, extremes of love, admitted by Vita endlessly – for me? (6)
- 24 Skin lotion treatment's beginning with a dab (5)
- 25 Bach., deliriously in love? The opposite – one shares digs, though (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.