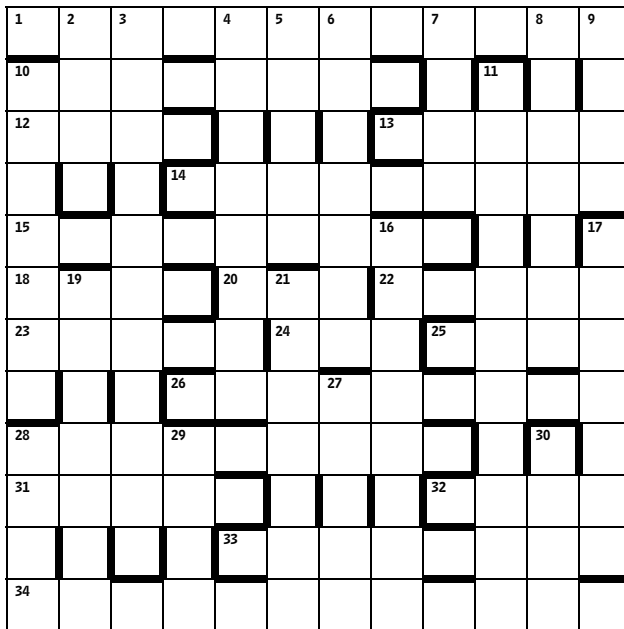


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ACROSS

- 1 Sect is devious about owning up to fault, mostly expert in wriggling free (12)
- 10 Old coin: pure gold, half missing, it's damaged (8)
- 12 Exotic party, a humdinger, one replacing start of Lent (4)
- 13 Port-dweller, one writing off hard-wearing garments (5)
- 14 Short trips round about leg with good extracts from press (9)
- 15 Being sullen, pair row, in a muddle (9)
- 18 Rodent from small island – is it not seen in excursion therein? (4)
- 20 What's on in Paris? It's big in California (3)
- 22 What a surprise! Cathedral city backing welfare of ... (5)
- 23 ... Poet: one kept in food is thrilled (5)
- 24 Love letter lost in the mail, something from attention-seeker (3)
- 25 Layer of quilting, not quite enough for crackers (4)
- 26 I've got the Queen behind on tow? I'm only joking! (9)
- 28 Type of recorder or harp blended with song about love (9)
- 31 PC operating system: wife follows nothing, being backward (5)
- 32 Among fauna (unusual) one's slightly better off than the Pobble (4)
- 33 Sin filling lives with almost endless wrong (8)

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1	A	S	C	E	T	I	C	I	S	M	U	S	
10	I	O	A	H	O	N	E	Y	C	A	R	T	
12	N	U	G	A	E	G	R	L	U	N	A	R	
13	S	C	O	G	P	S	M	I	T	T	L	E	
14	T	H	U	L	I	T	E	M	A	U	B	T	
15	R	O	L	E	E	C	T	O	S	A	R	C	
16	U	N	P	A	C	K	E	R	P	R	U	H	
17	C	G	O	I	E	V	I	T	R	I	N	E	
18	T	U	R	T	L	E	R	I	O	M	E	R	
19	I	N	T	A	L	T	O	S	T	O	L	E	
20	V	I	A	L	A	C	T	E	A	S	L	D	
21	E	T	S	A	P	H	I	R	D	E	A	U	

Across 1, scin anag.; 12, racy (rev.) in anag.; 13, 'new ghee'; 14, un in LA + r; 17, it in (ultima) Thule; 22, k in un pacer; 25, prudishless Sid (rev.); 34, cf. toles; 35, anag. + a.

Down 3, go in caul; 7, 'scooter'; 9, alternate letters; 10, retch in anag.; 19, run in bell + a; 23, anag. & lit.; 27, ital. (= italic) + a; 30, 'you knit'.

Rules and requests

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34 We ride into the ring about Tom the Voice, and love being included? (12)

DOWN

- 2 Very good boom time for developer (4)
- 3 Dance, one vicar or organized with number in Church (11)
- 4 Accompanist maybe Bostridge used in track for *Winterreise*? (8)
- 5 Greedily devourin' what 'ost offers in the main (5)
- 6 Clyde funnel, individual, not on for dockers (7)
- 7 Part for Gunga Din in historical siege? (4)
- 8 Sad sound from gnu struggling in the mud? (7)
- 9 Bream or perch rising around afternoon (4)
- 10 Hybrid culm sown in garden container (7)
- *11 Hack writer (11)
- 16 S-set going up, cast in the wings had a bit of nooky (8)
- 17 Puncture's opening on routes becoming rocky or stony (7)
- 19 French drivers keep this road badly with it going over earth (7, 2 words)
- 21 Nice surprise for traveller, i.e. all's arranged with this in Paris De Gaulle (7)
- 27 Wrap for Julia, say, soft one enveloping everything (5)
- 28 Slight hint of 'blot' wiped from run-down outskirts (4)
- 29 Liqueur universal in Mediterranean isle? Not good! (4)
- 30 Mum gets special bit of electronics to improve microwave (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.