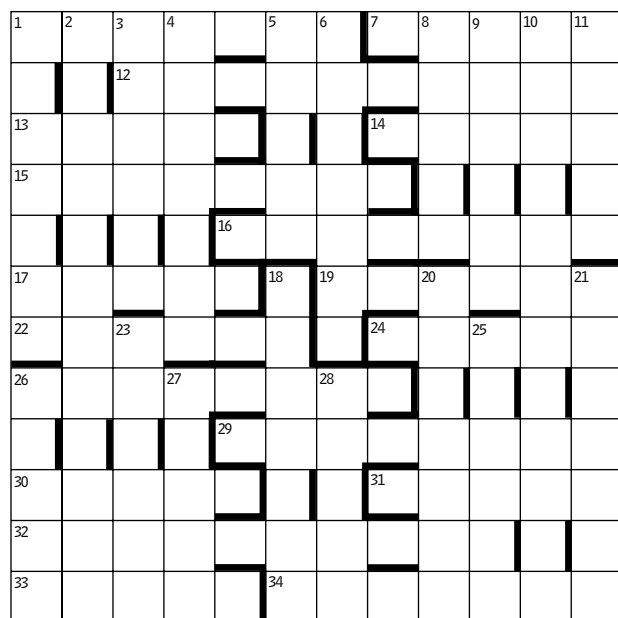


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ACROSS

- 1 If bowled over, pant about wife, buzzy creature drawn to wild flowers (7, 2 words)
- 7 'Source' of tropical disease – I'll escape recurrent attack (5)
- 12 One preparing dossier for committee, sympathy and pity returning (10)
- 13 Pull (as M. Antony did his countrymen?), with loose rambling (5)
- 14 How released spring goes, in being embraced by ladies? (5)
- 15 Etch squiggles in reverse of necklace – an ingenious idea (8)
- 16 Rope for hoisting tackle back, inlet abandoned (8)
- 17 Mount section ready for driving (5)
- 19 What'll be showing the latest thing in taste? (6)
- 22 Accessory essential for whippet or retriever? (6)
- 24 Obstruct end of passage in mining excavation (5)
- 26 Eddy, formerly from Wales, I encountered in southern Spain (8)
- 29 Fish eaten in Melbourne hostelry brought back in again, battered (8)
- 30 Agency putting pressure on old cinema? (5)
- 31 Once examined in Nordic briefly (5)
- 32 Inhale besottedly, taking in image beloved of the Muses? (10)
- 33 Superlative broad (not weak, I mean) (5, 2 words)

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G	A	M	E	B	L	O	O	M	L	O	R	D
P	P	O	L	E	O	T	O	O	A	N	O	W
H	O	R	S	E	C	A	R	R	H	Y	T	A
I	S	M	E	T	I	T	A	N	A	T	E	R
S	T	A	L	L	I	O	N	D	R	A	F	F
F	L	O	W	E	R	P	T	H	A	L	I	S
R	E	R	A	N	O	T	T	A	V	I	N	O
I	L	A	N	D	W	E	H	R	P	E	A	U
V	E	R	T	U	M	E	E	T	I	N	G	S
O	D	D	S	D	E	W	T	A	C	O	L	T
L	A	D	Y	E	D	S	E	L	T	R	E	E

Unclued entries are all compounds when preceded by MAY. **7 Down** is SWEET POTATO (reversed), a synonym in parts of USA for YAM, i.e. MAY reversed.

Across 17, hors + race (rev.); 18, 'taita'; 19, ls (la)m; ls + m; 20, ita in tate; 21, tall in nois(e) (rev.); 31, OTT + a vino; 33, hew (rev.) in l and r; 42, i.e. a col closed up; 44, anag. less l; notoriously unsuccessful 1950s model of US car, named after Henry Ford's son.

Down 2, i.e. a post le = lea; see Pauline; 3, a in rom rom (rev.); 4, hidden rev.; see or else; 10, (w)rote; 11, anag. less OR; ref. *Snow White and the Seven D.*; 12, ph(as)is; 23, no in aller; 25, rivo in fl.; 26, i.e. 'Row me!'; 30, st (rev.) in any; 33, in Greek myth, seduced by Zeus disguised as a swan; 34, denude less en(d); 35, (t)hete; 36, 'picked'.

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34 Boost cause of delayed kick-off? (7)

DOWN

- 1 No moderate rising like this should be restricted by firm (7)
- 2 I see way ward Tory was in debt, holding on, unworldly (12)
- 3 Love entering little wood, a pleasurable experience (6)
- 4 Fair ground ride offered by e.g. Disney – almost nothing (7)
- 5 Well, hello! Here's one who rode into battle (5)
- 6 Want surplus proprietary bags (7)
- 8 Bikini maybe for hiding everything? Quite the opposite (5)
- 9 Houses (semi) I'll occupy through freehold possession in Edinburgh (6)
- 10 Specially geared up, heading off Aunt Ann pedals furiously (12)
- 11 Fit? Run in that contest (5)
- 18 Afghani maybe cutting initial pressure with gold in unusual furnace (7)
- 20 Sticking to principles I teach revised Latin (7)
- 21 Sectarian I eyed askance taking in OT book (7)
- 23 Energy chronic failure summoned up to mend at last? (6)
- 25 Methods for investigating sorceress spending money up front (6)
- 26 P & O ship endlessly transported Persian king (5)
- 27 Where treasure may be found 'engarlanded', in a manner of speaking? (5)
- 28 Mystical interpretation? It makes one agog thus – senseless (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. It does not give the spelling at 29, which may be verified on the Internet.