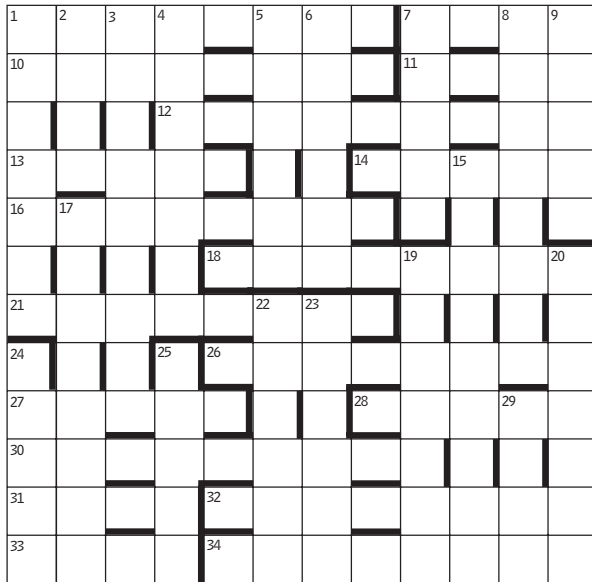


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## ACROSS

- 1 Solid player's half miscued ace, unbeatable? (8)
- 7 Hump on a toad? It's pear-shaped (4)
- 10 Member of Oxford hall – university lecturer leads song in one (8)
- 11 Party to love, held in local? (4, 2 words)
- 12 Sale: don't start it in Nov., I scribbled (9)
- 13 Area for passengers (cases cooler) (5)
- 14 It has edible flowers a worm chewed up (5)
- 16 Sort of balance that's summoned skill when going backwards (8, 2 words)
- 18 Lengthy US screed badly penned by very good husband (8)
- 21 Aubergine mum marked with spots (8)
- 26 Grand lady Luxembourg picked out from very many (8)
- 27 Not in favour of being involved with poisonous liquid (5)
- 28 Silverstone laps... such a distance? (5)
- 30 Open, and spurt may result when you do it (9)
- 31 Modern poet, not on crack (4)
- 32 Refinement, as in 'cast' (8)
- 33 Extremes of fervour always apparent in brawl (4)
- 34 Crazy, like old kitchen after modern make-over? (8)

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A	S	T	R	O	C	O	M	P	A	S
P	A	R	I	S	O	N	O	A	T	H
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**Across** 1, anag. + pass; 13, pain (s)quaws; 14, coo + 't; 16, op.h, y in anag.; 17, RN in GIs; 18, i.e. 'peel'em'; 27, see lake'; 28, AC (Milan) + rot (rev.); 30, an tab use; 35, Erie in est (Fr. = east); 36, cross + dresser; ref. Perry Grayson, transvestite artist.

**Down** 2, Saul + i.e.; 4, comp. anag.; 5, Cowper with a for r; 6, (J)onson + g; 8, anag. in l sup (rev.); 9, 's ho gun; 15, e.g. g, glass; 21, pair (rev.) in pus; 25, ref. Paul A., US writer; 26, o in morse; ref. *The Walrus and the Carpenter* (who 'shed a bitter tear'); 29, ref. Bo, name of the Obamas' pet dog (a Portuguese water spaniel).

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## DOWN

- 1 If old, court goes into chief points in private room (7)
- 2 Hindu festival (NB not found in one Indian state) (4)
- 3 A research place soon going round Director recklessly (9, 3 words, apostrophe)
- 4 Help offered up inveigles greedy Chinese native (7)
- 5 String of tinsel in a genipap tree (pretty old) (6)
- 6 Mad when banged up inside, convict displays place for pin-ups? (6, 2 words)
- 7 Mountaineers' peg? This gear men use, possibly (5)
- 8 Hands round contents of pool, right and left? They assist the needy (8, 2 words)
- 9 Delicious food is served up in this former French protectorate (5)
- 15 Rolling about in the sea, very hot when topless (9)
- 17 Participant in debate? It's rare one's trounced (8)
- 19 Relating to church of Rome, I'll yield to age in what's spoken therein (7)
- 20 Lutes broadcast in sharp focus, crowded together roughly (7)
- 22 Oar, very soft inside, getting to heave in rough water? (6)
- 23 Casual worker evading tax maybe, member breaking rule shockingly (6)
- 24 Graze sheep initially on place for links? (5)
- 25 Disjointed, near to ringing communications giant (5)
- 29 Chauffeur locating carbon in filter (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. It does not give an abbreviation referred to in 20.*