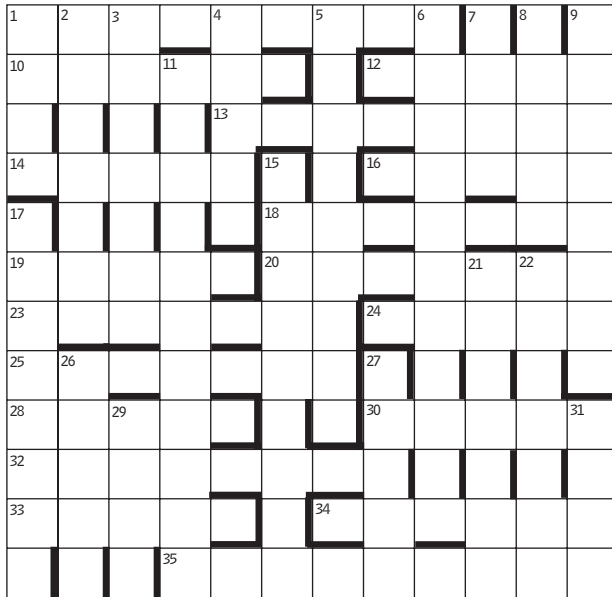


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ACROSS

- 1 Earthy jazz style Y-Yank backs, endlessly cheered inside (9)
- 10 Acceptable performer available (6, 2 words)
- 12 Like a stronger martini in club? Not very (5)
- 13 Compass case, part to confront with measure of bits missing (8)
- 14 Person often following 'account', always penned by number one? (5)
- 16 Placed in vessel it lives (5)
- 18 New brood, kept inside dry once covered in straw? (7)
- 19 What can bore well, or screw (though old) (5)
- 20 Transferring old basin taken back, with second installed (7)
- 23 Strangely mad in the head, one *had* to pray for others (7)
- 24 Good grain – did the first go to market? (5)
- 25 Foreign prince having entered temple, with time inside (7)
- 28 Have a go at containing flow of water with waterworks fully active (5)
- 30 Dynasty has briefly to hold back (5)
- 32 I act misguidedly bagging cat as reprisal? (8)
- 33 As a devotee of Charles, I'll be gripped by stylish vigour (5)

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R	O	B	I	N	I	A	D	A	G	O	N
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Across 1, wig in anag.; 12, thi(s) n roué; 13, Mo(or) (rev.) in rage; 17, i.e. not in (rev.); 19, an in RSC in tend; 28, tat in trace; 32, comp. anag.; ref. Clinton's admission that he had smoked pot, but without inhaling; 33, obi in anag.; 34, (dr.) agon.

Down 2, r + Amst (Erd)am; 5, en in anag.; 6, i.e. go (to) ut; 7, u in Lc + ern (qv); 10, re asses + m in sent; 18, lin anag.; ref. Marco Polo; 21, abbin cage; 24, go = harmonize; 29, first letters; ref. Brahms choral composition; 30, Hin Wat (Tyler).

PRIZERULES

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- 34 The poodle is poorly? Maybe he, put to sleep thus, old (6)
- 35 I intend getting drunk around company reeking of fags? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Fatuous fellow from Ohio in Republican party (4)
- 2 One localized conflict that is unexpected for old poet (7)
- 3 Old coin revealed when my trash is recycled (7)
- 4 Dig up short note misplaced in air – trap (5)
- 5 Ticker reset when chicken's put in cooker (9)
- 6 Mutiny in the form of riot tar stirred up – and where? (11)
- 7 Former saying, what Sam came out with briefly (4)
- 8 Tree down under, reverse of healthy after start of blight (5)
- 9 Wife, three-quarters fidgety, right? Backbreaker may floor one (8)
- 11 Eastern tree I found restricted by a tabu, rudimentary (11)
- 15 An army's quota I cut in endless tally? (9)
- 17 Tribe met in the wars turn hostile (8)
- 21 Palm Monsieur put in his wine as 'food factor' (7)
- 22 Deadly poison I included in a short story (7)
- 26 Extract of bromine also strengthens (5)
- 27 Spectator is fancily dressed – showing — esprit perhaps (5)
- 29 Acres typical of lord, landed (4)
- 31 Moved on, w switching parts of advantage (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.