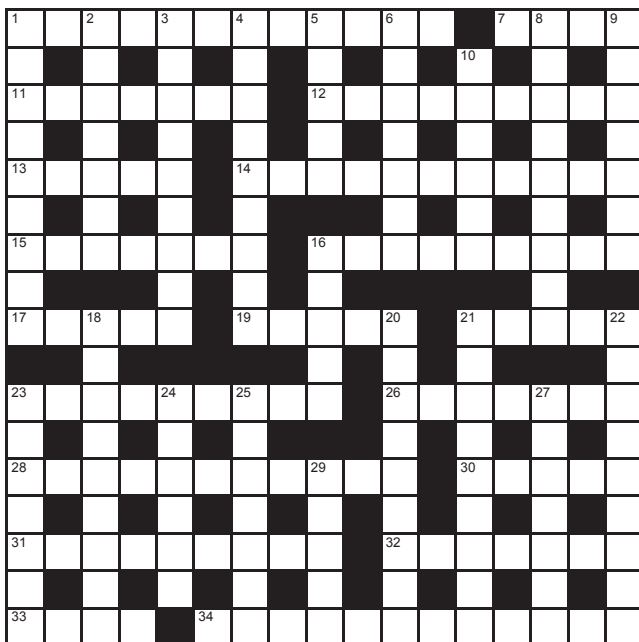


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ACROSS

- 1 Capital of Martinique (4-2-6)
- 7 Léon, France's first socialist prime minister (4)
- 11 Group of atoms behaving as a unit in a number of compounds (7)
- 12 Verdi opera (3,6)
- 13 *The -----*, Iggy Pop album (5)
- 14 Mountain in the western Himalayas (5,6)
- 15 Tropical evergreen tree of the laurel family (7)
- 16 Author of *To Kill a Mockingbird* (6,3)
- 17 Dan Dare's batman in the *Eagle* comic strip magazine (5)
- 19 Pavel, Russian ballet dancer (1844-1917) (5)
- 21 Steve, gold medallist in the 800 metres at the 1980 Olympics (5)
- 23 Greek tragic dramatist (9)
- 26 Town, part of the London Borough of Havering (7)
- 28 Port on Cromarty Firth (11)
- 30 Rafael, Spanish tennis player who won the singles gold medal at the 2008 Olympics (5)
- 31 Irish dog (3,6)
- 32, 16 down Instruments that produce a musical sound when a current of air passes over their strings (7,5)



DOWN

- 1 King of Castile (1474-1516) and of Aragon (1479-1516) (9)
- 2 Joaquin, Spanish composer who was blind from the age of three (7)
- 3 Comic strip detective created by Chester Gould (4,5)
- 4 A spiritual exercise and meditation regime with similarities to t'ai chi ch'uan (5,4)
- 5 Poet awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1947 for *The Age of Anxiety* (5)
- 6 In Greek mythology, a creature with the head, arms and torso of a man and the body and legs of a horse (7)
- 8 1948 film starring Dorothy Lamour (4,5)
- 9 Kind of small bagpipe played with bellows (7)
- 10 Capital of Zimbabwe (6)
- 16 See 32 Across
- 18 American novelist, dramatist and essayist (4,5)
- 20 Four-wheeled horse-drawn Russian carriage (9)
- 21 A feature of Russian church architecture (5,4)
- 22 Author of *Patriot Games*, on which the Harrison Ford film was based (3,6)
- 23 Independent state in north-east Africa, on the Red Sea (7)
- 24 Charlie, American saxophonist known as "Bird" (6)
- 25 Unit of refractive power (7)
- 27 Roman emperor (7)
- 29 Kind of hard wheat grown in arid regions (5)

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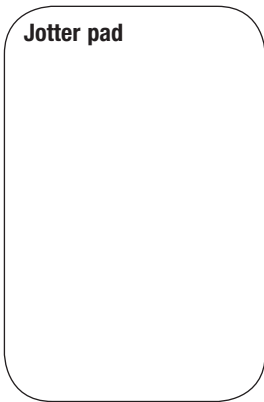
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