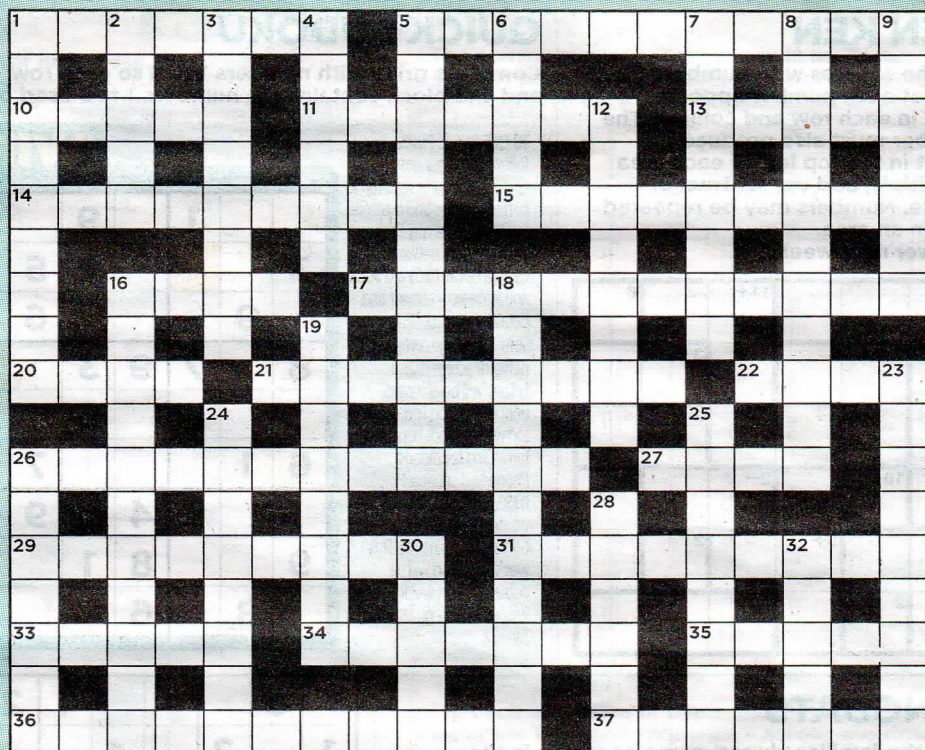


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Across

- 1 Smooth, hard, yellow or whitish cheese that shares its name with a North Somerset village (7)
- 5 A hat with peaks at the front and back and earflaps often turned up and tied together on the top (11)
- 10 A large gathering of people for a common purpose (5)
- 11 A large goose native to UK and Europe (7)
- 13 An alarm or warning (5)
- 14 The ———, poem by T. S. Eliot first published in 1922 (5,4)
- 15 A period of three months (9)
- 16 Old ———, a card game using a pack from which one card has been removed (4)
- 17 A situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two courses of action (5,7)
- 20 The capital city of Peru (4)
- 21 The theological notion of a condition of purification or temporary punishment for those who have died (9)
- 22 A unit of length equal to one-twelfth of a foot (4)
- 26 An organised programme of measures to be taken in order to achieve a goal (4,2,6)
- 27 The standard monetary unit of Turkey (4)
- 29 A constituent part or aspect of something more complex (9)
- 31 In modern Russia, business

- entrepreneurs with significant political or media influence (9)
- 33 The ———, the hypothetical medium formerly believed to fill all space (5)
- 34 Metal stands on which hot dishes are placed on a table (7)
- 35 Count ———, 20th Century American jazz pianist, bandleader and composer (5)
- 36 Amphibians of Central and South Europe (11)
- 37 The front part of a missile or projectile, containing explosives (7)

Down

- 1 An acrobatic movement in which the body makes a sideways revolution (9)
- 2 Bret Easton ———, American author whose novels include American Psycho (5)
- 3 Cecil ———, the Poet Laureate 1968-72 (3-5)
- 4 A type of West Indian popular music (6)
- 5 A battleship armed with heavy guns of uniform calibre, first launched in the early 20th Century (11)
- 6 A port in south Israel, on the Gulf of Aqaba (5)
- 7 A lyric comedy or opera in three acts by Richard Strauss, premiered in 1933 (8)
- 8 A strong impulse to steal (11)
- 9 A city in New Zealand on North Island, on the shores of a lake of the same name (7)
- 12 Devices for crushing food such as coffee or meat into small pieces or into a powder (8)
- 16 Chief consort of the Mogul emperor Shah Jahan, a famous marble mausoleum in Agra was commissioned to house her tomb (6,5)
- 18 Scientists who study the stars, planets and other natural objects in space (11)
- 19 The capital and largest city of Hungary (8)
- 23 A residential area of North London, known for ——— Heath, a large ancient parkland (9)
- 24 A design of one or more letters, especially initials, embroidered on clothing or printed on stationery (8)
- 25 Wilkins ———, character in Charles Dickens's David Copperfield (8)
- 26 Individuals or groups standing outside establishments to make protests (7)
- 28 Wooden or cardboard puzzle consisting of irregularly shaped, interlocking pieces (6)
- 30 The stomach lining of an ox or cow, prepared for cooking (5)
- 32 In Hinduism, any of the four major hereditary classes into which society is divided (5)

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