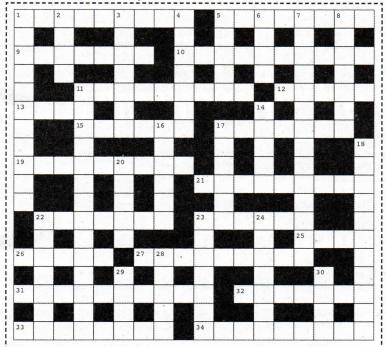
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ACROSS

- **1** A woman who dominates an organisation, community, etc (9)
- 5 Relating to or used in the kitchen or in cookery (8)
- 9 A small glazed ceramic serving bowl used for the preparation and serving of various food dishes (7)
- **10** A strong-tasting white cheese with blue veins (6,4)
- 11 Robert Louis _, 19thcentury novelist and poet whose works included *Treasure Island* (9)
- 12 Melvil _, US educator who invented a system of library book classification (5)
- **13** A variable star that undergoes a cataclysmic eruption (4)
- 15 Long-handled spoons with deep bowls for serving or transferring liquids (6)
- 17 The steel frame, wheels, engine and mechanical parts of a motor vehicle, to which the body is attached (7)
- 19 Transition in a novel, film, etc to an earlier scene or event (9)
- 21 The third US vice-president, who killed his political rival in a duel (5,4)
- 22 Christiaan _, South African surgeon who performed the first human heart transplant in 1967 (7)
- 23 A tall breed of hound with a smooth coat and long fringes on the ears and tail (6)
- 25 Light, two-wheeled one-horse carriages without hoods (4)
- **26** The first letter in the Hebrew alphabet (5)
- 27 Surname of a famous American acting family whose members included Lionel, Ethel and John (9)
- **31** An internal part of the body that is essential to life (5,5)
- **32** A stretch of turbulent water in the sea (7)
- 33 Genus of plants which includes the carnation, the pink, and sweet william (8)
- 34 This Is _ _, 1984 mockumentary film cowritten by Rob Reiner (6,3)

DOWN

- 1 A wicked sorceress of Arthurian legend, the halfsister of King Arthur (6,2,3)
- 2 A large, weighty book (4)
- 3 The liquorice-flavoured aromatic seeds of a Mediterranean umbelliferous plant, used medicinally and in cookery (7)
- 4 Informal word for floggings or beatings (7)
- **5** A main division of a long poem (5)
- 6 The wooden or metal form on which a shoe or boot is fashioned or repaired (4)
- 7 French term for supposed duty of the privileged class to be honourable and generous (8,6)
- 8 UK-based news service founded in 1851 (7)
- 11 An open chalk plateau in Wiltshire; the site of Stonehenge (9,5)
- **14** The capital of Egypt, on the Nile (5)
- **16** Greek mathematician, referred to as the "father of geometry", famous for his *Elements* (6)
- 17 Large, broad insect most common in warm regions, the male of which produces a high-pitched drone 6)
- 8 American actress who has been Oscar-nominated 21 times (5,6)
- 20 A secondary or side road, especially in the country (5)
- 22 A long-drink cocktail that originated in Venice; a mixture of sparkling wine and peach purée (7)
- 23 Draped skirt-like garments (7)
- 24 Of or relating to a perfect or ideal existence (7)
- 28 Council area of east Scotland on the North Sea (5)
- 29 A blunt weapon, often made of hard rubber; bludgeon (4)
- 30 Katarina _, figure skater who won Olympic gold medals for East Germany in 1984 and 1988 (4)