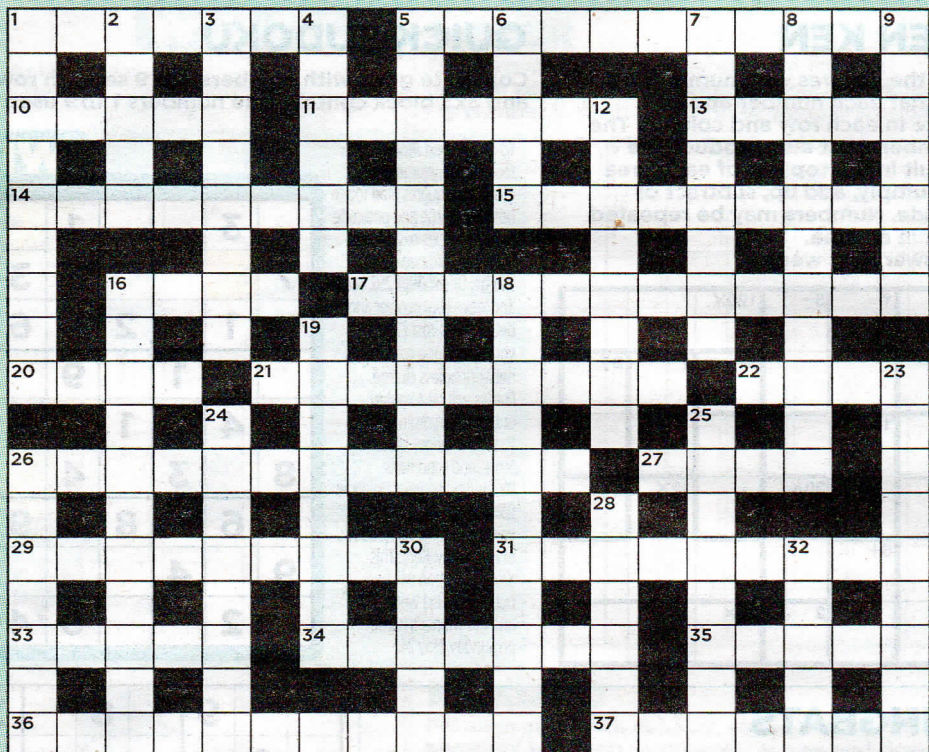


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Across

- 1 Herbivorous monkey with long, silky, black-and-white fur (7)
- 5 A magic spell or act of witchcraft (11)
- 10 Relating to, or befitting, a king or queen (5)
- 11 Garment worn by divers and surfers, providing thermal insulation (3,4)
- 13 and 23 Down The main street of Berlin, Germany, extending to the Brandenburg Gate (5,3,6)
- 14 A long, slender cigar (9)
- 15 Low-growing perennial plant with smallish white, yellow, purple or pink flowers (9)
- 16 Soft, light substance which forms the bark of a type of Mediterranean tree (4)
- 17 American actor and filmmaker who has been nominated for 15 Academy Awards, winning a Best Director Oscar for the film Reds (6,6)
- 20 Foam caused by the breaking of waves (4)
- 21 The former head of the Tibetan government in exile, who retired in 2011 (5,4)
- 22 A loose head covering attached to a piece of clothing or made as a separate garment (4)
- 26 Salad dressings made from oil and vinegar with seasonings (12)

- 27 1975 Steven Spielberg film based on a Peter Benchley novel (4)
- 29 (Of animals) active at night (9)
- 31 Gaetano —, a leading Italian composer of the bel canto opera style in the first half of the 19th Century (9)
- 33 Evergreen tree with fragrant white flowers, cultivated for its edible fruits (5)
- 34 A small bird with a brown or grey plumage that feeds on seeds or insects (7)
- 35 Ezra —, American-born Modernist poet and critic who promoted Imagism (5)
- 36 1956 film musical starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra (4,7)
- 37 Industrial town in North Cheshire, on the Manchester Ship Canal (7)

Down

- 1 Thick protective shells covering part of the bodies of crabs, lobsters and tortoises (9)
- 2 Mount —, the highest peak in Canada, located in Kluane National Park, Yukon (5)
- 3 Long narrow pillows or cushions (8)
- 4 Anna —, 19th Century English writer famous for the novel Black Beauty (6)
- 5 Spending money excessively or immoderately (11)

- 6 The suit of cards marked with the black trefoil symbol (5)
- 7 Edible subterranean fungi regarded as a delicacy (8)
- 8 Procedures to remove teeth (11)
- 9 In a curt or abrupt manner (7)
- 12 The process of naming and classifying things such as animals and plants into groups within a larger system (8)
- 16 Making a record of events in the order in which they happened (11)
- 18 A contact sport in which two teams of skaters race around a banked oval track (6,5)
- 19 Legal documents giving police the power to search property or to arrest (8)
- 23 See 13 Across
- 24 Small streams (8)
- 25 Paste made from ground almonds, sugar and egg whites, used to coat fruit cakes or moulded into sweets (8)
- 26 Vincent —, Dutch Post-Impressionist artist who is believed to have only sold one painting in his lifetime (3,4)
- 28 A reply, either spoken or written (6)
- 30 A contract by which property is conveyed to a person for a specified period, usually for rent (5)
- 32 The administrative centre and only city in Cornwall (5)

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