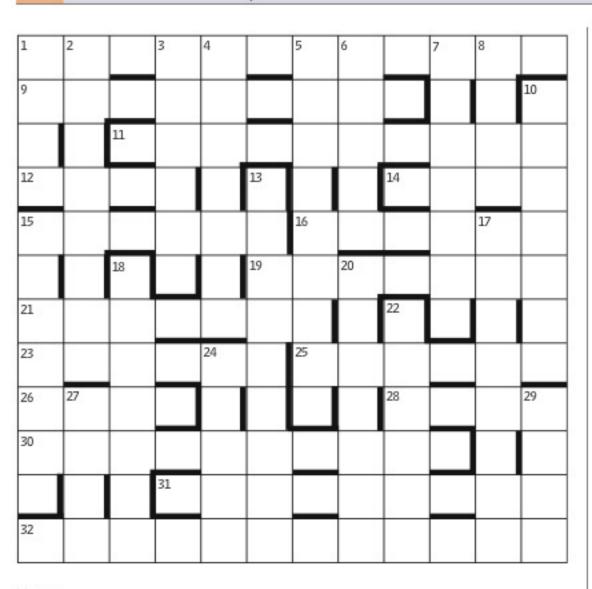
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ACROSS

- One can't keep secret research place on defence wall out in Belize (12)
- 9 Coats etc in UAR we tore off (9)
- 11 Relationship with money, what diabetics must watch (10, 2 words)
- 12 Squirrel dead in man-made dam (4)
- 14 Pointed end of spear piercing 3 regulars out of 100? (4)
- 15 Arab possibly wreathes crone in desert shrubs (6)
- 16 Ceremonial weapon nurse hid in crumpled hat (6)
- 19 Cavalier youngster suffering physically, one assumes (7)
- 21 Gaff support splintered in RN set-to (7)
- 23 Was leader circling mine with walkers? (6)
- 25 I'm making way for travelling in season here's old path (6)
- 26 Duck out of author's valediction, showing old grudge (4)
- 28 Source of oil used as medicine? This is acid possibly (4)
- 30 What 'skeely skipper' excels in, e.g. nips drunk with exotic fruit in (10)
- 31 Polar seal, live and active in part of volcano (9)
- 32 Tax assessors try endless means tests, irritated (12)

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PRIZE RULES

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to AZED No.1,843, The Observer, 3-7 Herbal Hill, London EC1R 5EJ

Quotation: 'It's good...but...letters get in the wrong places' (from Winnie-the-Pooh, ch. 6).

Across 11, steatite; 12, thrissel; Ein thrill(I); 13, gun-slinger; 14, biotopes; 15, Goodwood; ref. 'Glorious' G., racing venue; 16, sea dog; 17, amiable; 19, outputting; pt tin all in anag.; 23, pepper pot; perp in pepo; 25, ruleless; es (2nd sing. pres. t. of être) in rues; 28, essayer; 30, tattler, 31, Chantal; see Names in C.; 32, telergical; 33, air force; I FO in ace, & lit.; 34, grossness; 35, agents-general; nest (rev.) era all in anag.

Down 3, tin naga + pie; 5, hins tie; 6, hidden rev.; 9, I wee in sh (all rev.); 10, lord with lo reversed + anag.; 11, sot rat in LA bus (rev.); 18, a + ran to in ER; 20, her go in TN; ref. Charlize Theron; 21, cop (rev.) in nake(d); 24, p + ay (rev.) + anag.

The results of Azed Competition No. 1,840 will be announced next week.

DOWN

- Aussie tree snake, black, one in a cluster (4)
- 2 Sedative getting you out of bed in middle of blue streak (8)
- 3 What's at centre of madhouse flipped old woman (6)
- 4 Caused man at wicket to lose heart when it becomes uneven (7)
- 5 What's true of any break at table for US warblers (9)
- 6 Slave boss may be plantation region raised? (5)
- 7 A prude excited about grand rise in class (7)
- 8 Loathsome creature in drag, we hear? (4)
- 10 Hobby may be controlled by this sculpture of nacre in Church (7)
- 13 Fantasy housing advance? That's me ripped off! (9, 2 words)
- 15 Cook uses ale or wine (7)
- 17 Wine maybe served up in Rhine going off? Here's stopper (8)
- 18 Small weathercock gave nod when blown (7)
- 20 Drags old roller into sidings (7)
- 22 Dotheboys idler maybe writing 'noun' in old grammar book (6)
- 24 Wield one cross (old) holding another upside down (5)
- 27 Following gathered by sectarian extremist (4)
- 29 Old killjoy banning port in bar (recommended daily) (4)