ACROSS
1 American diner slang for tomato soup (6,2,3)
7 See 24
11 Italian name for the piccolo (8)
12 An insect, or things generally, that are short-lived (8)
13 Sufficiently dirty or germ-ridden so as to be a health hazard (10)
14 Musical pieces that test technical skill (6)
15 The capital of Ecuador (5)
16 Sport where a person rolls downhill enclosed in a transparent plastic ball (7)
18 Worldly-wise; knowing (3)
21 Astronomer born in Uppsala in 1701 (6,7)
24, 7 Actresses who played Giselle in Disney's Enchanted (3,5)
25 British racing driver whose Formula 1 debut was in Brazil (1984) (7)
26 See 9 Down
29 A variety of tourmaline, black in colour (6)
30 An affected and elaborate style of gardening (10)
31 The 10th state to be admitted to the Union (8)
32 Excessive adoration or devotion (8)
33 The 39th vice president of the US (5)
34 Genre of early 18th century French painting associated with Watteau (4,7)

DOWN
2 Game also known as boules (8)
3 Unbreakable, impenetrable (10)
4 US slang word for the buttocks (6)
5 Actress (1902-84) who twice played Queen Elizabeth I on film (5,6)
6 On ----- Street, 1991 Dire Straits album (5)
8 Selection of Chinese dishes whose name translates as “snack” (3,3)
9, 26 One of over 100 small forts built in south-east England in the early 19th century (8,5)
10 The largest town on the Isle of Sheppey (9)
11 The 10th state to be admitted to the Union (8)
17 A party game often associated with fundraising (6,5)
19 Sir John Betjeman's eulogy to the Metropolitan Line (9)
20 An Italian motorway (10)
22 Embroidery technique used to gather material into pleats (8)
23 Decay found in trees, caused by various types of fungi (5-3)
27 US technology company founded in 1998 by Page and Brin (6)
28 Shrub, Simmondsia chinensis, and the oil derived from it (6)
30 TV executive, BBC chairman 2004-06 (5)

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