**Puzzle No. 3342**

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**ACROSS**

1. Tech-savvy folks appreciate time at halftime (8)
2. Cook catches monstrous ogre in illegal act (7)
3. Instructions for clothing the first murder victim behind two vehicles (4,5)
4. European capital—it is hell, perhaps? (6)
5. Shrank—or grew, after replacing one variable with another (5)
6. Torches transitional shelter for a band (9)
7. What many are looking for: acclaim that involves questionable glory (4,5)
8. What are looking for: a band (9)
9. Prevent a return for Palestinian, say (4)
10. Flattened Dracula’s pillows? (4,3,3,5)
11. Hot car and pilot in smash-up (8)
12. Test for a scholar, formerly: not knowing the difference between right and wrong after exchanging words (4,4)
13. Private investment in pop art explosion yields blatant proselytizing (8)
14. Mocking standard of lyrical poetry (7)
15. Poet comes back, for example, with horrible hair for the most part (9)
16. In part (9)
17. For some, pollen is totally and offensively green (8)
18. Flattened dracula’s pillows? (4,3,3,5)
19. Expert told a joke—heard it? (6)
20. Ray eats a bit of raw fish (5)
21. Famous sportsman in decline rested outside room (4,11)
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23. 200 ÷ (0 + 51) = ? That might keep a parent awake at night (5)

**DOWN**

1. Flattened Dracula’s pillows? (4,3,3,5)
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3. Hopeless case in Chicago—nervous? (5)
4. Parting scene is mysteriously erased (3,3)
5. For some, pollen is totally and offensively green (8)
6. Flattened Dracula’s pillows? (4,3,3,5)
7. Magazine employee’s beau covering crib (9)
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14. Shake a paragon of solidity (4)
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26. Maryland athletes surrounding Washington’s foremost dweebs (6)

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