

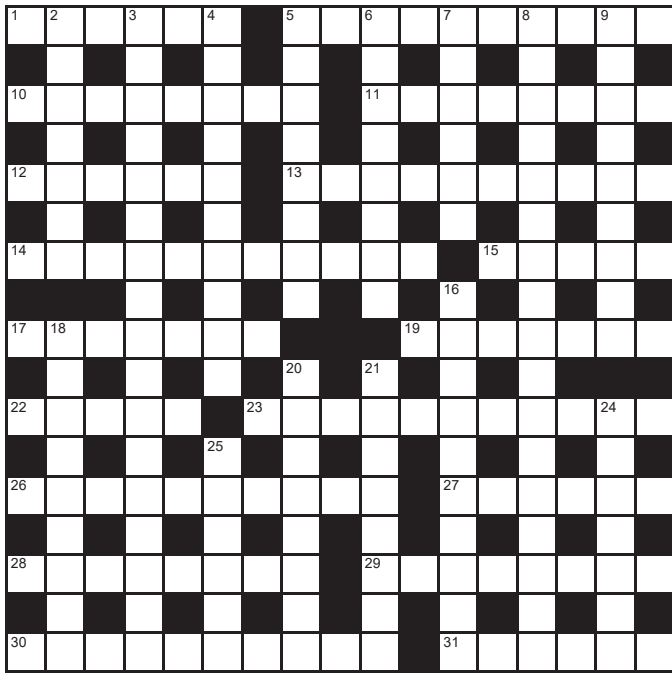
POLYMATH 1,333 by AARDVARK

ACROSS

- 1 Stout, coarse-furred burrowing rodent, called the woodchuck in North America (6)
5 Latin term for 'a clean slate', literally and figuratively (6,4)
10 Newspaper format between broadsheet and tabloid in size (8)
11 Tough, competitive, no-nonsense tactics in politics, business, etc (8)
12 Large sheathing bract enclosing the inflorescence of araceous plants and palms (6)
13 Racecourse which hosts the annual Champion Hurdle race (10)
14 Chancellor of West Germany from 1969 to 1974 (5,6)
15 Alloy of iron and nickel that expands very little when heated (5)
17 Cosmetic that colours and thickens the eyelashes (7)
19 City through which the river Gwenfro flows (7)
22 Small, red, singing dragon in the children's TV series *Ivor the Engine* (5)
23 Written summary of a diplomatic document (4-7)
26 Legendary monstrous serpent with the wings of a bird and the head of a rooster (10)
27 Member of a Native American Iroquoian tribe who lived south of Lake Ontario (6)
28 Dark, fertile type of soil found in grassy areas of moderate rainfall, especially chalklands (8)
29 In music, strictly in tempo with the beat (1,7)
30 Coral atoll in the Pacific Ocean, an unincorporated US territory between Guam and Hawaii (4,6)
31 ___ green, a coarse woollen cloth formerly made in Cumbria and worn by local foresters (6)

DOWN

- 2 Theatre on the Strand, London, founded in 1806 as the Sans Pareil (7)
3 1940 film starring Mae West and WC Fields with the tagline '*It's the lafftime of a lifetime*' (2,6,9)
4 World War I battle in East Prussia resulting in the suicide of the Russian army's commander Alexander Samsonov (10)
5 Nationality of the gladiator Spartacus who led the slave uprising against the Roman Republic in the Third Servile War (8)
6 ___ Mountains, horseshoe-shaped upland range in Ellsworth Land, Antarctica (8)
7 Episcopal see in Ancona, Italy, seat of the Catholic pilgrimage site Basilica della Santa Casa (6)
8 First person to circumnavigate the globe solo, non-stop (5,4-8)
9 Volcanic vent emitting only gases and hot water vapour or mud (9)
16 Slender Eurasian wading shorebird, *Tringa nebularia*, with a long, slightly upturned bill (10)
18 Constellation in the northern sky containing a spiral galaxy visible to the naked eye (9)
20 Huge freshwater lake in the Andes, on the border of Bolivia and Peru (8)
21 ___ the Wake, Anglo-Saxon nobleman who defended the Isle of Ely against the Normans (8)
24 Soft, mild, creamy Italian cheese traditionally made from sheep's milk (7)
25 Tommy ___, generic name for a private in the British Army (6)



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