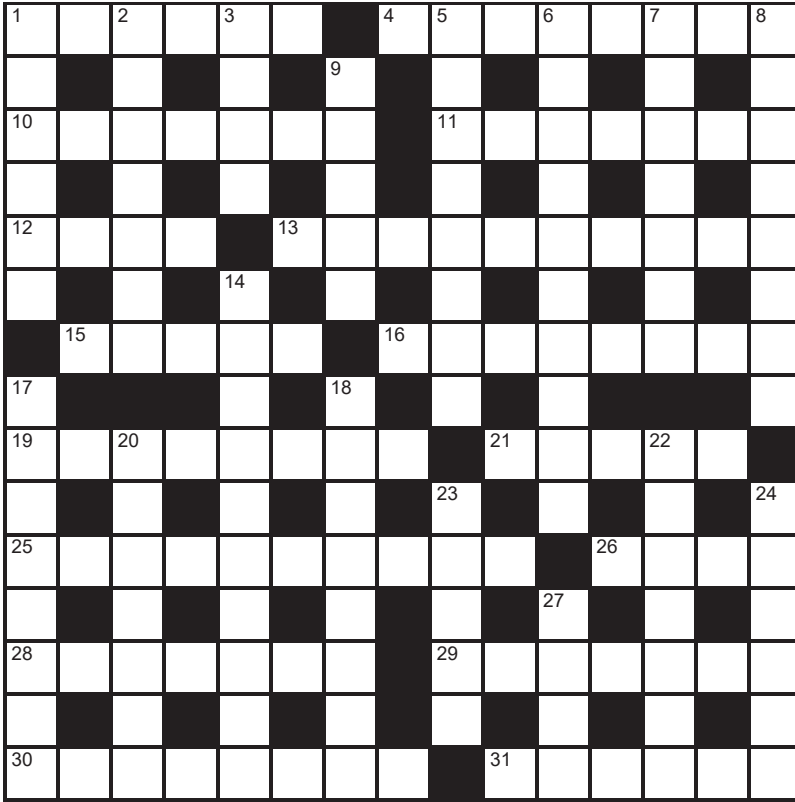


CROSSWORD

No 16,602 Set by REDSHANK



ACROSS

- 1 Chicago train conks out first – has this run out? (6)
- 4 Roughly, boy drinks very, very big brandy (8)
- 10 Snubbing a gent, estate agency designed driving aid (7)
- 11 Airline gets reckless – I hear they transmit diseases (7)
- 12 Completed 501 (4)
- 13 Study of plates messily spread with goo (10)
- 15 Unightly growths set back remains of crop (5)
- 16 Be right about Oscar's puzzle (8)
- 19 Fancy film about golden parrot? (8)
- 21 Bribe takes in students beginning to game (5)
- 25 Meeting's nervous, worried about returning last letter (10)
- 26 A hole in one rare tree (4)
- 28 Compel queen to go in for good? It's not straightforward (7)
- 29 Wet blanket ace skier put round sweetheart (7)
- 30 Petition to dine among competitors (8)
- 31 Artist's first to drink more bitter (6)

DOWN

- 1 Years of debauchery ignoring religious books (6)
- 2 One-time Tory leader in court vanished (7)
- 3 It's used in fencing partly to keep ewes back (4)
- 5 President in a Middle East dilemma initially attacked (8)
- 6 Beating evil controls rising corruption (10)
- 7 John almost prepared curtains, triangular (7)
- 8 Carts pulled up filled with fruit in dock (8)
- 9 Long runner's short cut (5)
- 14 Fake squeak's potentially nightmarish (10)
- 17 Headlight seen in lumber room, one might say (8)
- 18 The most obese struggles in preliminary round (8)
- 20 Curl right round fireplace (7)
- 22 Secure shark briefly showing disease (7)
- 23 Fortunate and brave, except for the start (5)
- 24 Collect 30 (6)
- 27 Slight sign above bar (4)

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