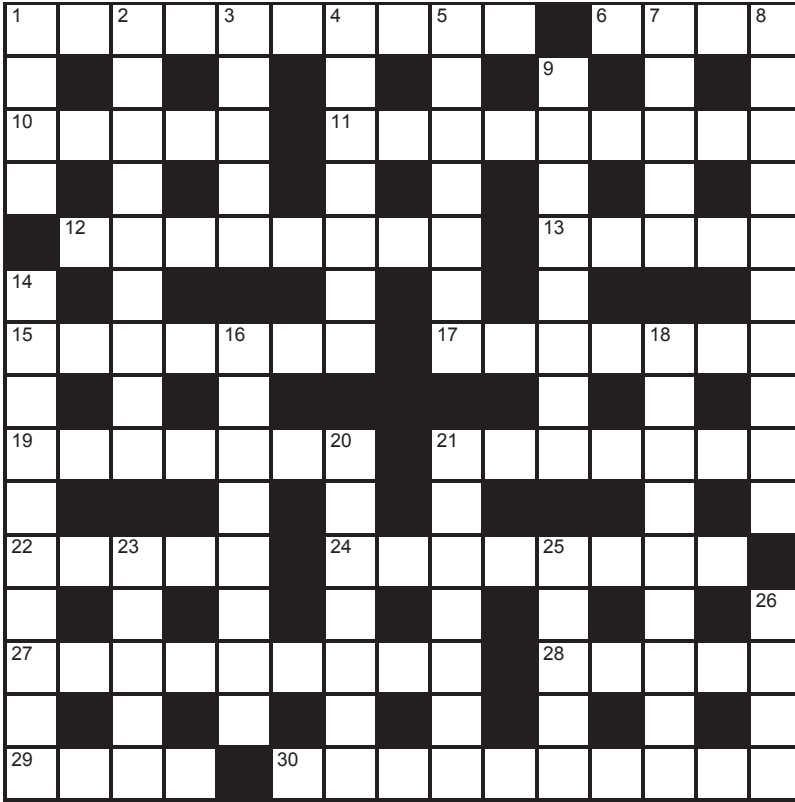


# CROSSWORD

No 16,764 Set by ARTEXLEN



## ACROSS

- 1 Became less dull in international cast (10)
- 6 Bitter account detective backed (4)
- 10 Taking time out, notice problem (5)
- 11 Characters in dissent pedantically rejected expertise (9)
- 12 Pity male swimming for leisure (8)
- 13 Scoundrel that is scientist (5)
- 15 Visual transformation of coal pit (7)
- 17 Gulped down starter of sausage with syrup on (7)
- 19 About to engage in base desire soon (7)
- 21 Associate bit and cut short Roman emperor (7)
- 22 End point brought forward in financial backer's scheme (5)
- 24 Prepare to sail north, intercepting our chap at sea (2-6)
- 27 One attacking a small kindly person outside LA (9)
- 28 Spirited US boxer versus European (5)
- 29 Flirts turned drunk consuming last of Chardonnay (4)
- 30 Torture device like this enthralling doctor and team (10)

## DOWN

- 1 Fool appointed to carry piano (4)
- 2 Heard girl will draw plant (9)
- 3 Regularly dismissed once brave Yankee that's fearful (5)
- 4 Dog sleeps upside-down, content in field (7)
- 5 Bridge opponents abandoning morning meal for card game (7)
- 7 Absolve cold king (5)
- 8 Sold Freud's bust in German town (10)
- 9 Comparatively solid sportsman keeping to left of course (8)
- 14 Totally different style of painting involving the French ace (5,5)
- 16 Angry minister without house (8)
- 18 Ignore old dodderly punter (9)
- 20 Food to clear off uniform and tie (7)
- 21 Pub cat underneath an expensive car (7)
- 23 Windy street chap traverses (5)
- 25 Insensitive type changing sides (5)
- 26 Beastly sound from male with rising grief (4)

## JOTTER PAD

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