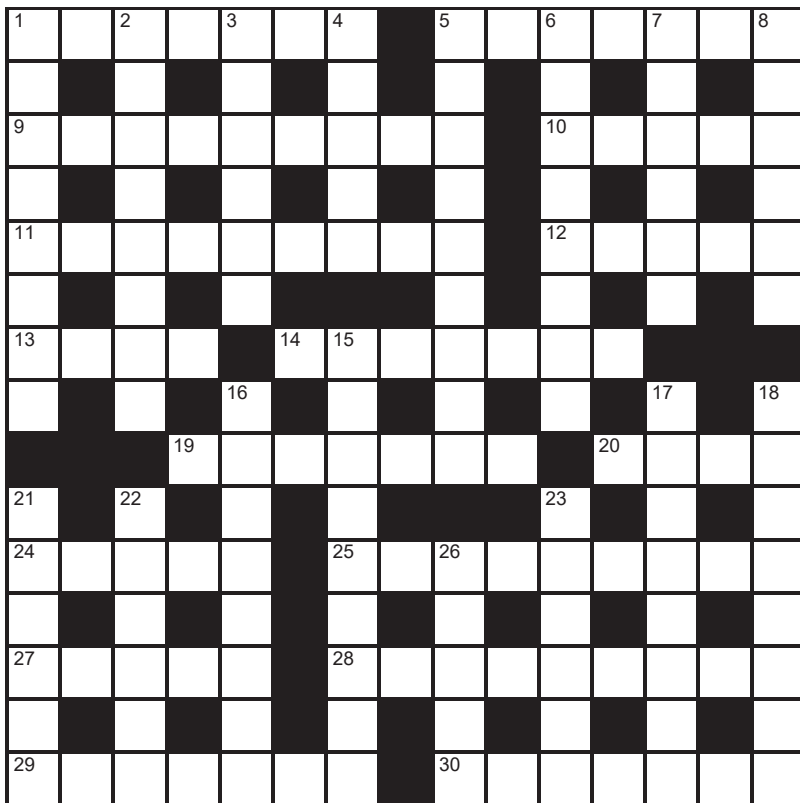


CROSSWORD

No 17,043 Set by GAFF



ACROSS

- 1, 5 across, 3, 8** How 25 would negotiate fee-free arrangement with fat human chain-smoker (4,3,2,5,2,4,6)
9 Wager about farm land starting slight division (9)
10 Religious leader's state (5)
11 Induced seizure: offensive plant to dead head (9)
12 Subject of traffic control measures? (5)
13 Playboy's extremely roguish issue (4)
14 Maybe rose with fire engine siren sound (3-4)
19 Gets another round in ready for more shots (7)
20 Schedule partial return of moratorium (4)
24 Blocks arrangement to build white house (5)
25 After start of game ref had to change sponsor (9)
27 Apple is one of a kind (5)
28 Jokes about electric ships (3-6)
29 Less experienced in meagre energy use (7)
30 Contemptible person nearly wearing good French garment (7)

DOWN

- 1** Mafia's greatest includes black queens (8)
2 Capital place to bury cars, reportedly (8)
3 See 1 across
4 Distance is mainly easy, oddly (5)
5 Was older so wanted a Te Deum inside (9)
6 Mishap involving new leader in the west (8)
7 Could make well over top mark (4,2)
8 See 1 across
15 Clue to redo criminal (9)
16 Obligated to keep insect outside before noon (8)
17 Sound of Caledonian monster (4,4)
18 Signora runs around post (8)
21 Sack for not starting jabbing when ordered (3,3)
22 Corruption at No 10 leads to Sunak looking excited and zero endorsement (6)
23 Better place for chips? (6)
26 Noise level overwhelms small nerd (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,042

