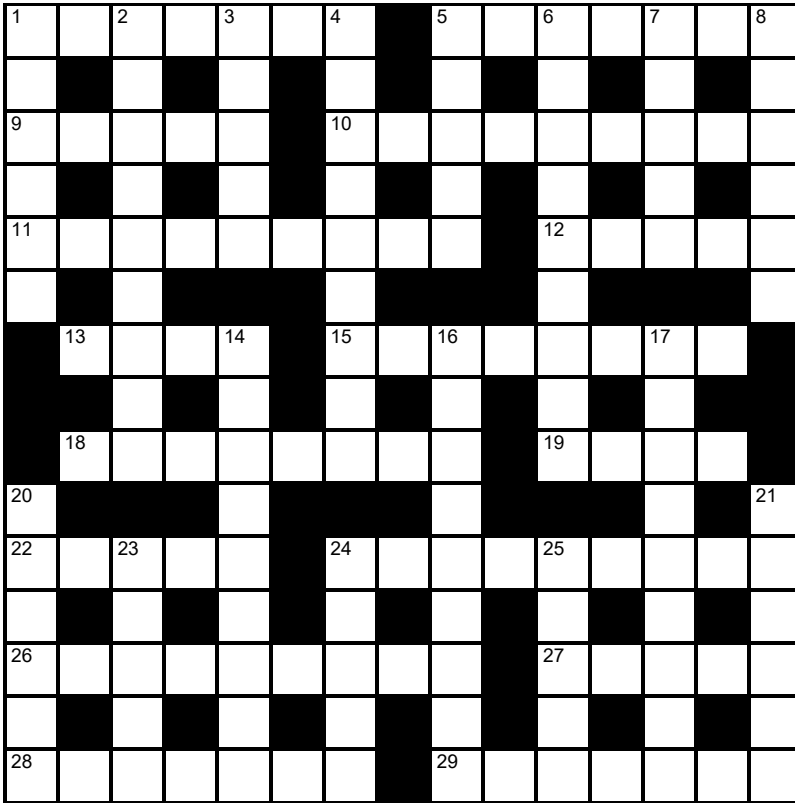


# CROSSWORD

No 17,473 Set by GAFF



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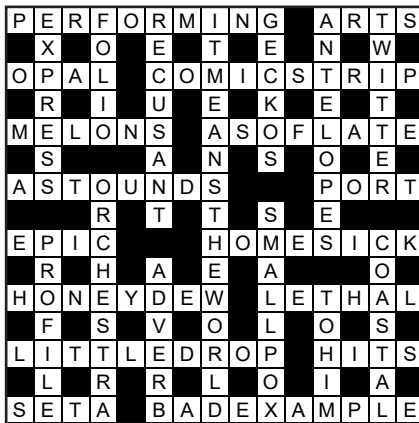
- 1 Argue after fight for bird (7)
- 5 Cut remains in transport (7)
- 9 Weep about hard heart of bear (5)
- 10 Running with ball winger returned with sparkle (9)
- 11 Clear puce latex is upsetting (9)
- 12 Lady maybe finally rapt in floor covering (5)
- 13 Failure of jumping technique (4)
- 15 Request access (8)
- 18 Come close to what van Gogh's portrait artist couldn't have done (4,4)
- 19 Grains of oatmeal or biscuit perhaps (4)
- 22 Direction of top edge (5)
- 24 Sports washers' hesitation to combine with city (9)
- 26 Modern woman left out for ages (9)
- 27 Make one third of 4, 9, 30, 50 and beyond (5)
- 28 Passes by computer failures? (7)
- 29 Part of cornea and lash damaged pupil (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Holder OK playing with sect (6)
- 2 Evict from disrupted curricula vitae hearing (9)
- 3 Maybe Windsor faithful changed sides (5)
- 4 Alert with thought of wash (4-5)
- 5 Bite from small insects (5)
- 6 Wandering is one burden (9)
- 7 Pick up composer's change of heart (5)
- 8 Logged crash in bend (6)
- 14 Impotent party leader can be not so indebted if embracing right (9)
- 16 Paddington and Aunt Lucy are unpersuasive, chaotic, useless (9)
- 17 Caroline's problem is critical (9)
- 20 No commandos in pass away from unassailable position (6)
- 21 Performer finishes asleep on bed (6)
- 23 Deposit change (5)
- 24 Connects chain (5)
- 25 Trump sounding coarse (5)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,472



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