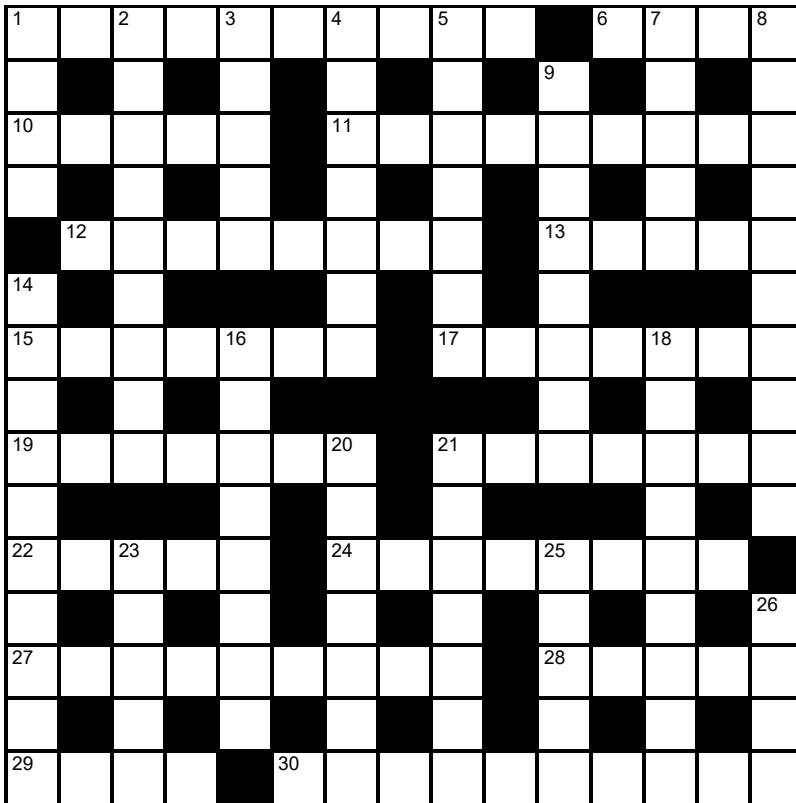


CROSSWORD

No 17,547 Set by GAFF



A birthday puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Quietly putting on weight in place of training? (10)
 6 See 30
 10 Sage leader (5)
 11/9 Snack was ruined with a mild hand cream (9,8)
 12/22 John bore domestic disaster (8,5)
 13 Small change of character (5)
 15/1D Doctors kickstart departures from remote part of country (7,4)
 17 Robinia misplaced in capital (7)
 19 Free to enter park or compound (7)
 21 Maybe cyclist's path let everyone be included (7)
 22 See 12
 24 Maybe carry on with double action (8)
 27 Inn's toilets need repair to missing taps (7,2)
 28 Animal created with one horn (5)
 29 Fighters have head band (4)
 30/6 Animal from circus beloved around big top (10,4)

DOWN

- 1 See 15 Across
 2 Gave up on seeing first two in action (9)
 3 Sunak puts end to first race (5)
 4 Soup won't even be protection against bad weather (3,4)
 5 Farsi's heart in a state with stroke, perhaps (7)
 7 Message from cinema illustrator (1-4)
 8 Again questions concerning deposits after cut back (10)
 9 See 11 Across
 14 US city's aid with problem of inside lobbies (5,5)
 16 Deliver nothing criminal (8)
 18 Surplus parts of tests on medicine (9)
 20 Takes pressure off with quiet drink (5,2)
 21 Starts a virtual industry of nerds including collectors of flying gadgets (7)
 23 Well old in its present condition (5)
 25 About religion among spies (5)
 26 Connection with author (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,546

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