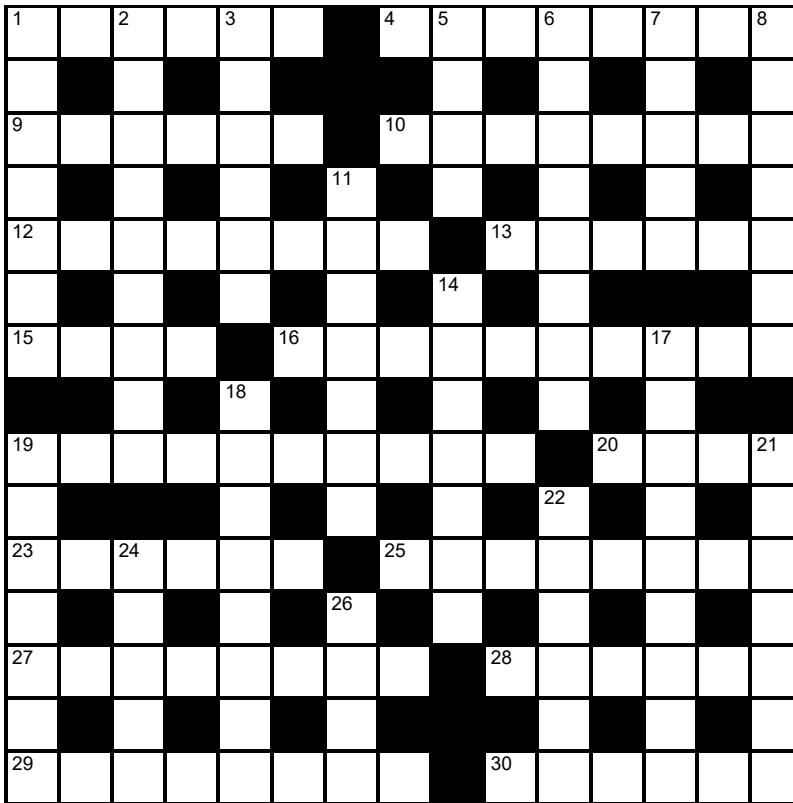


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ACROSS

- 1 Restrained hit (6)
- 4 Spoil my first child playing games (8)
- 9 Watch intellectual report on freezing time (3,3)
- 10 Inspire structure redesigned without theologian (8)
- 12 Maybe hampers revel with the final attempt (8)
- 13 Avoid drop of drink involving river (4,2)
- 15 Beams at fish (4)
- 16 Footnote to poem about European medic program (6-4)
- 19 Rope highly shaped character of the Pharaohs (10)
- 20 Some depict characters as legendary (4)
- 23 Bitter end due to arguing (6)
- 25 Spies accept tradition of first rate tests (8)
- 27 Sweet revolutionised mere swallowing of medicine (8)
- 28 Seizure is blow to achievement of pet (6)
- 29 It's like nuns to be caring (8)
- 30 Cardinals give legendary golfer directions (6)

JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 First class graceful clematis, perhaps (7)
- 2 Improvised release with panache (9)
- 3 Scores of drivers at convocation (6)
- 5 Nailhead in stump of pine (4)
- 6 Running battle (8)
- 7 Remove head of island in hostile way (5)
- 8 Tower's costly loose ends (7)
- 11 Struggle for partners to take break on lake (7)
- 14 Means to start to warm tops (7)
- 17 Supper soon cooked without salt deliberately (2,7)
- 18 Correspond with detectives closing case that's tracking money (8)
- 19 Rushed learner wrecked barriers (7)
- 21 Drinks for hunters (7)
- 22 Memorial to time-out law (6)
- 24 Watch a little kid's stumbling first steps (5)
- 26 Could be kitchen counter (4)