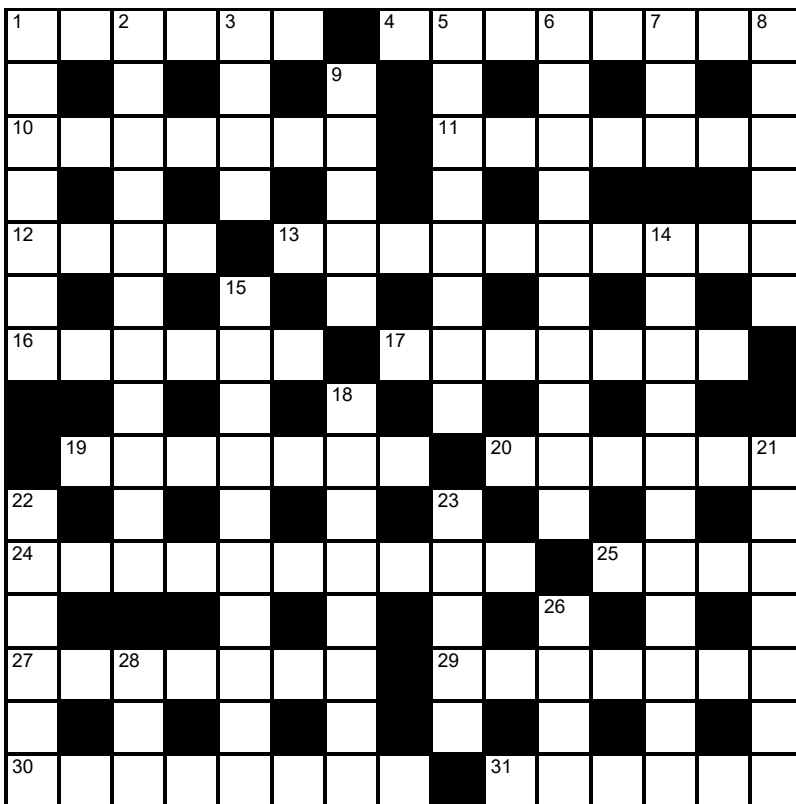


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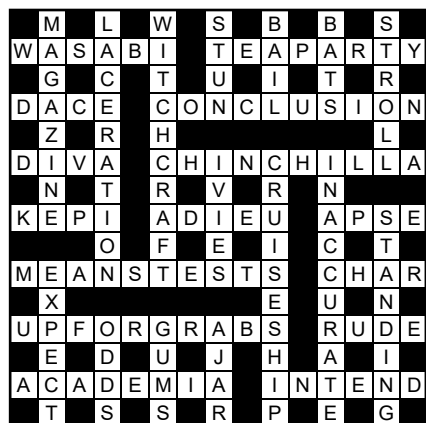


A dozen guests

ACROSS

- 1 Leaving end off cake (6)
- 4 Girlfriend overwhelmed by wild Stones concert (8)
- 10 First person to leave, drawing back in pain (7)
- 11 Arrange lesson with head of University for places in person (7)
- 12 Choice of prime numbers (4)
- 13 Modern hits designed to last (10)
- 16 Spice Girl stalks fan (6)
- 17 Sailors abandoned Iran in people carrier (7)
- 19 Year to stop rejecting mother (7)
- 20 Forces open unoriginal awards (6)
- 24 Smoother rendition of first half of emperor's prayer (5,5)
- 25 See 26 Down
- 27 Eggs may be stolen (7)
- 29 Five PM's floundering — better aim to remove British leaders (7)
- 30 Beowulf is one well versed in English (4,4)
- 31 Oddly indulge dress with loafers (6)

Solution 17,815



JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Attract guy with excellent carriage (7)
- 2 New top show causes protest (11)
- 3 Maim troublesome priest (4)
- 5 Following procedure, object to always having last rites at visiting times (4,4)
- 6 Food science is good science (10)
- 7 Bird content to consume muesli (3)
- 8 Boxes of soap? (2,4)
- 9 Formal dress shirt cut with knife (5)
- 14 Artistic morning away from folding paper with local (11)
- 15 Maybe ram more mixture into my cold joint (6,4)
- 18 Posh partners muddy from throw (8)
- 21 Realise empty racks contain plates and pitchers (7)
- 22 Underground shrine (6)
- 23 Lays siege without energy but overcomes (5)
- 26/25 Offence in sport (8)
- 28 Clay's central quality (3)



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