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ACROSS

- 1 Boldly confront air conditioning price (6)
- 4 Cold, attending a search in underground
- area (8)
- 10 Roof worker maybe taking in artist's promotional material (7)11 Rule as caretaker originally unusual to
- be there for long time (7)
- 12 Informer upset complainer (4)13 Exactly corresponding to company scene maybe (10)
- 16 Push large tool (6)
- 17 Move aimlessly, somewhat lame and
- erratic (7)
 20 Sheet worker's colourful public display
- 21 Close by accepting court's drink (6)
- 24 Something done at island ramble not
- half dangerous legally (10)
 25 Indication one's engaged in racecourse
- betting area (4) **27** Writer repelled attack at first (7)
- 27 Writer repelled attack at first (7)29 Second discussion group one included
- for King Charles, say (7)
- **30** After return, finish, adopting
- unexpectedly ideal time limit (8)

 31 Lots losing heart penalty out of order
- (6)

DOWN

- **1** Surprise when wife leaves town? Sort of (8)
- **2** Actor vainly working to be perceptive (11)
- **3** Just one swimmer (4)
- **5** One missing a competition directed inside (8)
- **6** Change euro at Nice lots, one's specialty (10)
- **7** Flier, funny guy, doffing cap (3)
- 8 Blast introduction of big energy charge(6)
- **9** Previous head of religious house (5)
- **14** Sparks article, nice, lively (11)
- **15** Romance, lie, unfortunately there's formal pattern to it (10)
- 18 Open new version of fans' tune (8)
- 19 In thrifty manner following game by missing out friend (8)
- 22 Conservative with papers is being frank(6)
- 23 Excellent group (5)
- 26 Large room in hotel? Quite (4)
- **28** Regularly visited Afghan military commander (3)