

Crossword 15,946 Set by Gaff

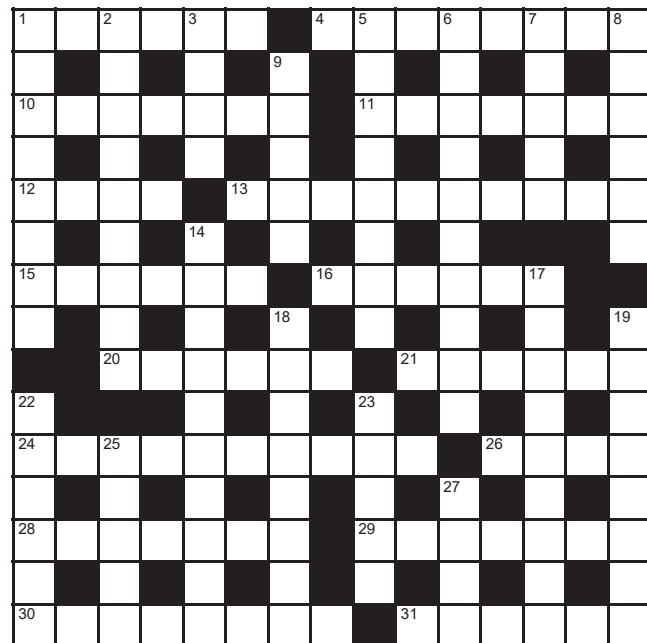
A birthday puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Business suit (6)
- 4, 9 Sets off in very spacious gold yacht to start production (4,4,5)
- 10 Count keeps close to number (7)
- 11 Deduction of landing fee (7)
- 12 Blunt military leader in essence (4)
- 13 With good memory, lover has name of word expert (10)
- 15 Humble setter turned prostrate (6)
- 16 Act parts with fierceness partially rewritten (6)
- 20 Beetle starts to support cockroach race (6)
- 21 Old girls' training manual (6)
- 24 Bet landowners are about to give up prior (10)
- 26 Conflict of cake makers among themselves (1,1,2)
- 28 Number 1 camera problem (7)
- 29 Rent in credit with a complaint (7)
- 30 A city organisation's wanton (8)
- 31 White companion in shelter – watch out! (6)

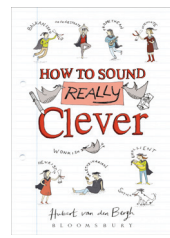
DOWN

- 1 Man's confused about lover of opposites (8)
- 2 Convictions overwhelm people in poor housing (9)
- 3 Revel in extreme over-generosity (4)
- 5 Local complaints send mice scattering (8)
- 6 4 or 5, say, that get changed on set (2,8)
- 7 National movement to raise level of brightness (5)
- 8 They leave part of annex untouched (6)
- 9 See 4
- 14 Liqueur with no charisma, sadly (10)
- 17 Correct cry with female athlete's finishing number (9)
- 18 Woman of letters? (8)
- 19 Clean nasty air sick (8)
- 22 Plant died out from trapping of crown (6)
- 23 Screen actor's part in play (5)
- 25 Still half-done on the inside – turn it over for minute (5)
- 27 Composed number (4)



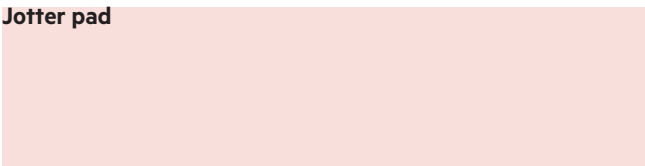
Solution 15,945

Solution 15,934



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