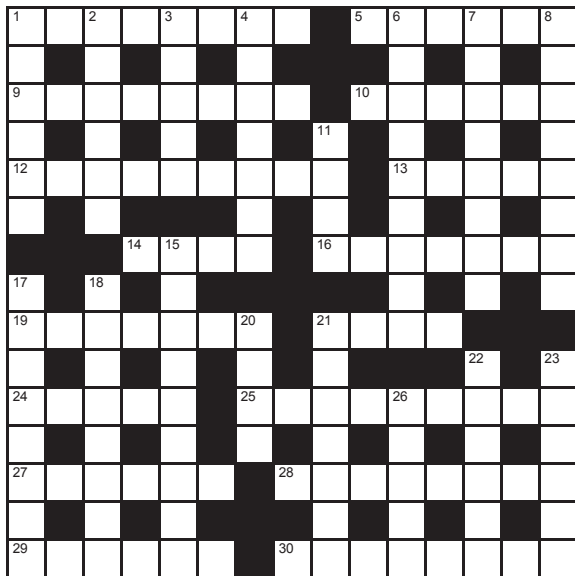


CROSSWORD

No. 15,989 Set by ARMONIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Enormous deficit in fossil fuel (8)
- 5 Capital hospital for church community (6)
- 9 People accept English girl's denial (8)
- 10 Reprimanded son getting fresh with date (6)
- 12 Artisan is last month's speaker (9)
- 13 Comic on a truck (5)
- 14 Snub Estonian leader? Charming! (4)
- 16 Slag fastens underwear (7)
- 19 Food for worker includes fruit (7)
- 21 Fast food (4)
- 24 Some cannot change the score (5)
- 25 Cherry embraces dark and gloomy worker becoming jobless (9)
- 27 For each one carry a flan (6)
- 28 Teenager brewed beverage (5,3)
- 29 Lives in Durham initially and another English city (6)
- 30 Was there when a race finished (8)

DOWN

- 1 Jail a lawyer in North America (6)
- 2 Liberal, cagey about inheritance (6)
- 3 Adulterer posed a long time (5)
- 4 Evangelist is bitter about the situation (7)
- 6 Financial support for a new local development (9)
- 7 Oil giant ordered artwork (8)
- 8 Fellow in robbery is a pleasure-seeker (8)
- 11 Pickpocket takes sovereign for weakling (4)
- 15 University chat-line "dreadfully immoral" (9)
- 17 Increases subsidy? That's denied! (8)
- 18 Invective a detective heaped on a race (8)
- 20 Spell name (4)
- 21 Philosopher managed the last of apple crumble (7)
- 22 Hung around and served (6)
- 23 Violin fitted with new string (6)
- 26 Earl introduced to attractive relative (5)