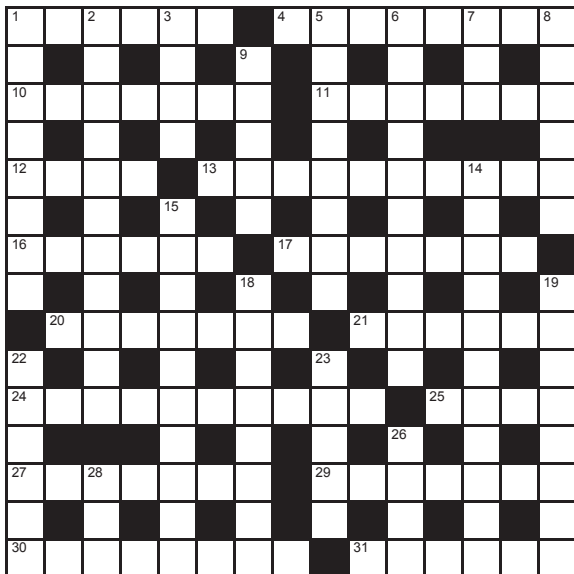


CROSSWORD

No. 15,980 Set by REDSHANK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Flexible accessory releasing workers on time (6)
- 4 A distress call brings in top firefighter (8)
- 10 Top director sacking four (7)
- 11 Religious group's Oedipus complex (4,3)
- 12 Bouncer beginning to make space (4)
- 13 Like ball gowns and some balls (4-6)
- 16 Horrible bear caught (6)
- 17 Big bird left one clutching nut? On the contrary (7)
- 20 Faint, swallowing green drink (4,3)
- 21 Frank's auxiliaries also in police (6)
- 24 Method when grilling star on air with discretion (3,7)
- 25 Herb avoids middle one of four bars at Lord's (4)
- 27 Black and white bust commands college entrance (7)
- 29 Very old soldier owns new company in Paris (7)
- 30 Travel round Spain with this writer to test some maths (8)
- 31 Guard who's maybe boxed first of several competitors (6)

DOWN

- 1 Lowest fare always for poet in coach (8)
- 2 Groom roped in mate to be best man? (11)
- 3 Large rotund regulars ignored forte (4)

- 5 Smallholder traps superior bear (8)
- 6 Catholic English copper with minion casing clubs (10)
- 7 Dry Irish politician hosts European (3)
- 8 Hot work here with German in cast (6)
- 9 Primate breaks rule governing Mass (5)
- 14 Golf partner played round with relative (11)
- 15 Bobby's fly (10)
- 18 Christian who makes flights (8)
- 19 I go over to visit Los Angeles for hero-worshipping (8)
- 22 Leaves container label covering each barrel (3,3)
- 23 Main canoe wrecked (5)
- 26 Gouda cheese suppresses thirst (4)
- 28 Attempt to win with rings (3)

Solution 15,979

