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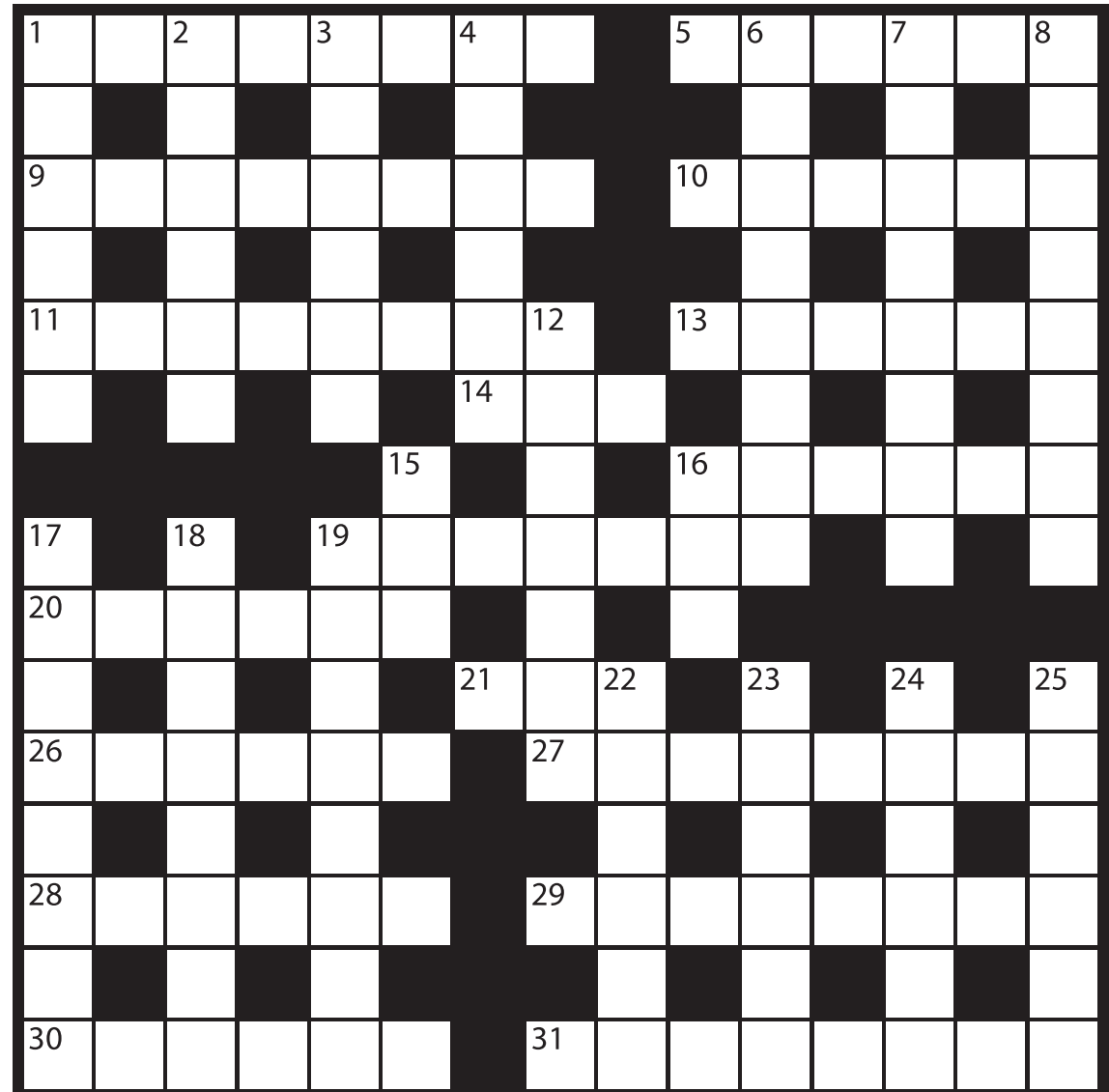
- 1 Against Florida being in charge of the first hostilities (8)
 5 Battle with proverb - capital (6)
 9 Goodman's carpet almost elicits mirth in 1 (8)
 10 Squirm over what might be served by ambassador (6)
 11 Vote for Astley, not finishing with a spark? (8)
 13 Burning sailor can be slothful (6)
 14 Long time to point to outskirts of Oban (3)
 16 Visit a motor race at the climax (6)
 19 Are reds potted by those who peruse? (7)
 20 Charm of a stubborn beast at the junction (6)
 21 Deliver lines in a court (3)
 26 Popular rock group as a whole (2,4)
 27 He infiltrates right-wingers with high-flown ideas (8)
 28 Mother, Frenchman and Scotsman are symbolic of greed (6)
 29 Union paper! (8)
 30 They tend towards old city in Rockness (6)
 31 Listens again to point of practice (8)

DOWN

- 1 Body here - request European time-out (6)
 2 They could be strained amid dinner vessels (6)
 3 Lands and illuminates (6)
 4 Pass a falsehood to Barker (6)
 6 Book holds wild boar for tumblers (8)
 7 Placed suit with date and fling (8)
 8 They comprise 48 hours of feeble conclusions, we're told (8)
 12 Behaviour of Rattle, with no alternative (7)
 15 Ready for some tennis (3)
 16 Tatum's skill (3)

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- 17 Last man I disturb for 20 (8)
 18 Client of copper's more trouble, initially (8)
 19 The others join old Premier in care facility (4,4)
 22 Seat of power, then or new (6)
 23 Drink with iron in church (6)
 24 Playwright created some deep interpretations (6)
 25 Have ambitions of gaining a church feature (6)