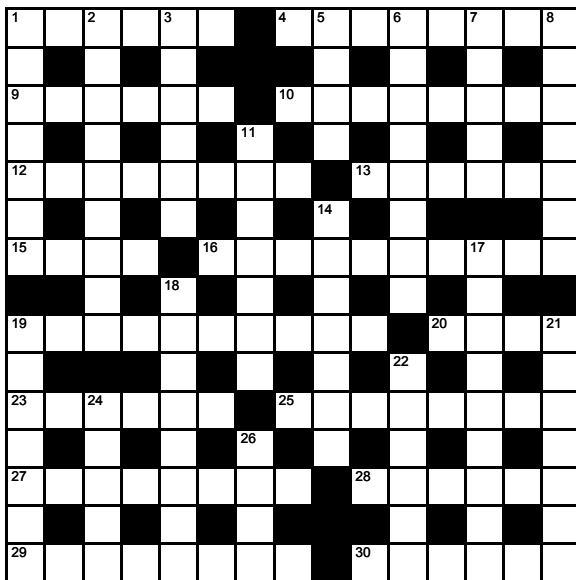


CROSSWORD

No. 13,624 Set by DANTE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Used cosmetics? That's untrue (4,2)
- 4 Angry about sails getting wet (8)
- 9 What may make me sure to proceed (6)
- 10 Obtain fruit in return (8)
- 12 So he and I form a strong attachment (8)
- 13 Take down in an attempt to reach agreement (6)
- 15 Soviet agreement to Navy repair (4)
- 16 Enthronement of firm king has appeal to the country (10)
- 19 Be clearly out when turning ball goes to fielder (5,5)
- 20 Untie reef knot (4)
- 23 Cut tail off pilchard to be cooked for Islamic leader (6)
- 25 Heroic exploit in action is foiled (8)
- 27 Fast-growing spring flower? (4,4)
- 28 Reformed gambler (6)
- 29 Second drink I have makes me frisky (8)
- 30 A point that was put on record (6)

DOWN

- 1 She hasn't a leg to stand on (7)
- 2 Put out fire (9)
- 3 One can't do more than this (6)
- 5 Drum music (4)
- 6 Risk including one kind of measure (8)
- 7 Manoeuvre near a battlefield (5)
- 8 Played on a lyre not long after starting (5,2)
- 11 Deteriorate and become a drug-taker (2,2,3)
- 14 Anticipate charge for concealing minerals (7)
- 17 Annoyed girl, having tried awkwardly to embrace her (9)
- 18 Rev up? (3,5)
- 19 Secures damages (7)
- 21 Pass and finish with gold points (7)
- 22 Cut over a quarter? That's serious (6)
- 24 Give Heather a ring with speech (5)
- 26 Eastern European's valise that is missing, turns up (4)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday March 5
 Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday March 7
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