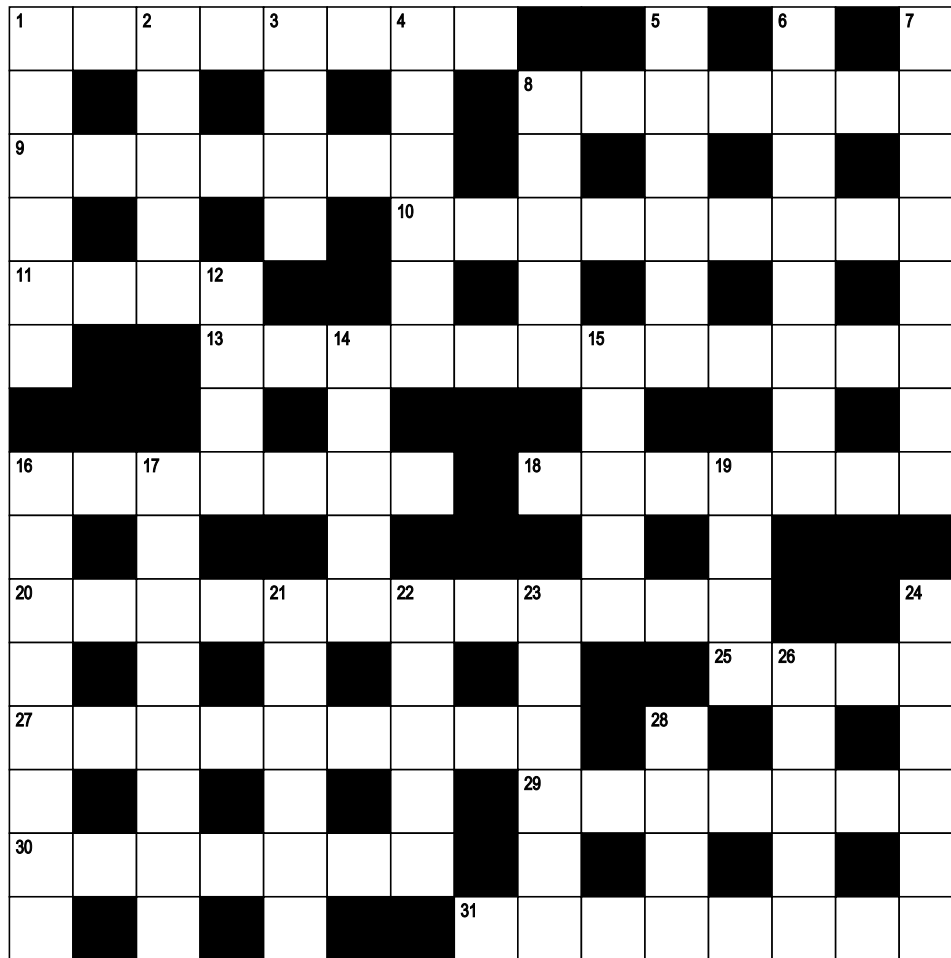


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Across:

- 1 First to finish scores, catching exhausted daredevil without any cables (8)
- 8 Come earlier to play with a red pet (7)
- 9 Aluminum absorbs exploding Oreos, creating a fine mist (7)
- 10 Half of vicar's histories omit his great accomplishments (9)
- 11 Mineral contributing to environmental change (4)
- 13 After hours, I'd study time and start finishing a secret plan (6,6)
- 16 Celebratory feast eaten sometimes to impress Victorian era leaders (7)
- 18 Fine system evens out great skill (7)
- 20 Filth done again and again at the last stop (3,2,3,4)
- 25 Advertised a discount on canvas (4)
- 27 Dutch leader with clairvoyance gave vent to lost hope (9)
- 29 Five hundred and eight get left with pleasure (7)
- 30 Spooner claimed Jet Ski was of questionable quality (7)
- 31 Ready to order a Dr. Pepper without a slice of pizza (8)

Down:

- 1 Floater hiding in city limits? Devious (6)

- 2 Backwoods rug rat loses bottoms on top of log (5)
- 3 Hold on to the only one remaining (4)
- 4 Extreme soldiers achieved the final state of this clue? (6)
- 5 Fit into live pine (6)
- 6 Sick people applied antiseptic, skipping intensive care (8)
- 7 Convince agent to come back with a used novel (8)
- 8 Type of pie made from grape candy (5)
- 12 Discussion of academic research errata & incorrect conclusions (4)
- 14 Staggering back, Otto IV died, creating a hole (5)
- 15 I bail out to make a defense (5)
- 16 Monstrous sea creature swallows a butt (8)
- 17 Avoid exercising, despite supporting leading stars (8)
- 19 Surveys potato buds (4)
- 21 Mafia's consigliere imprisoned? That's a big mistake! (6)
- 22 Harsh woman has stringed instrument on display at last (5)
- 23 Man leaves magical dream land for elevator? (6)
- 24 Engaged to be behind schedule in South Dakota (6)
- 26 Heard Anne snarl in annoyance (5)
- 28 Time to become quiet: bring back 11A to show some love (4)