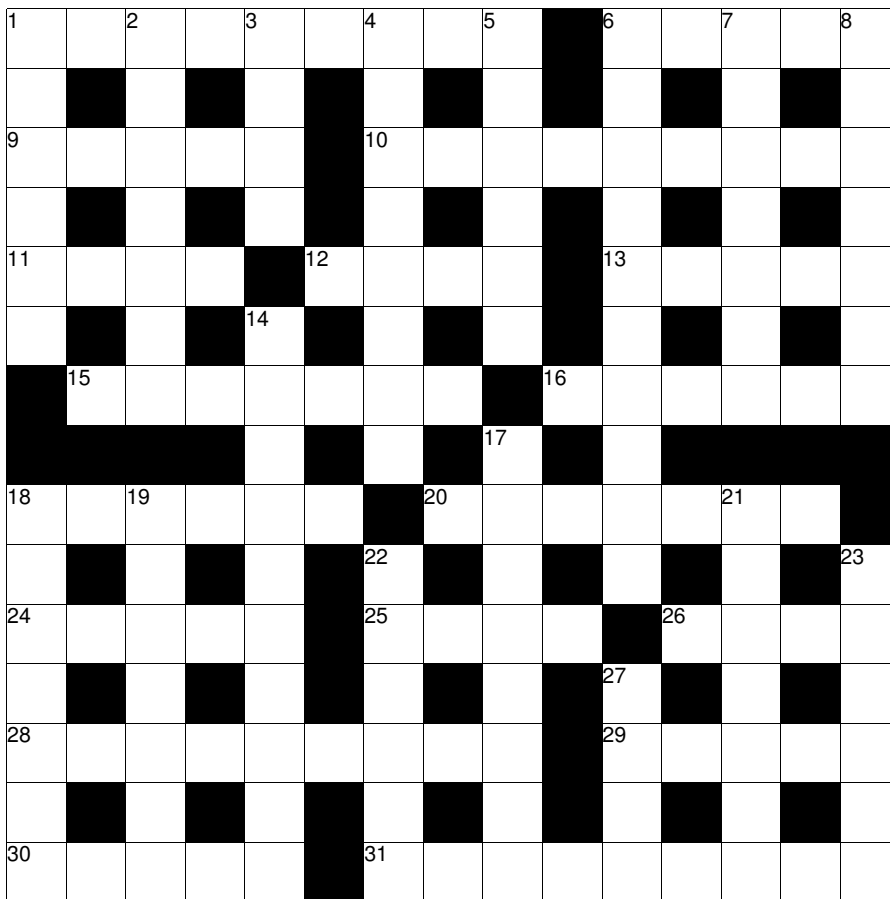


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ACROSS

- 1. Arty, perky, quirky singer (4, 5)
- 6. Missouri is beginning to turn humid (5)
- 9. Hooter with Terrible Towel (5)
- 10. Breakfast place developing ShapeBlog (5, 4)
- 11. Puts down potato chips (4)
- 12. Endless terror makes a mark (4)
- 13. Less trusting when taking sides. Strange. (5)
- 15. Biographer's box office surge (7)
- 16. Unopened CD contains "Go Down In Flames"
- 18. Way to beat bad breath: swap sides in a battle plan (3, 3)
- 20. Police operation seizing former lover's lurid photos (7)
- 24. It tells you where to go in Bizarro World (5)
- 25. Very positive appetizer (4)
- 26. Retracted not too much information (4)
- 28. Publicist covers my group's bakery container (5, 4)
- 29. Island's PC hookup with Turing Test beating software (5)
- 30. Hawks cried in cages (5)

- 31. Stormy sky loomed for the electric chair (3, 6)

DOWN

- 1. "Hillsides" sounding like Beyoncé (6)
- 2. Friend in war, among nearly 1000, gives rousing cry (7)
- 3. Fool with pronounced strokes (4)
- 4. Brand of veggie burgers in a bun: soulless way to solicit votes (8)
- 5. Heads of Olympic Games in a Mongolian tent for breakfast (6)
- 6. Little fellow gets worse with large beer (6, 4)
- 7. Pained expression: truth is complicated (2, 5)
- 8. Sandra Fleck upset tournament favorite (3, 4)
- 14. Cursing Don's piercing blades (5, 5)
- 17. Got out of the top bed and exposed a falsehood (8)
- 18. Jerk acquiring rabble's drug dealings (7)
- 19. Color in engineered frying liquid (4, 3)
- 21. Taken in strange compulsive cleaner (7)
- 22. Big cheese following the East Run (6)
- 23. Deconstructed "iCarly" in a risqué fashion (6)
- 27. "Man up, Jack" (4)