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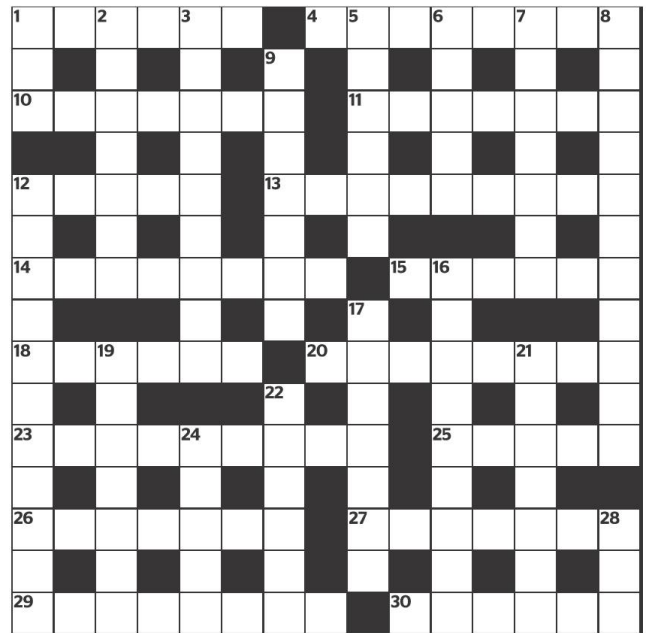
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- 1 He scored jobs - watch mayhem when two quit
- 4 Paradoxically, he drew wild cheers accompanying host
- 10 Lords' favourite horse-race attracts narrow backing
- 11 Cain's initial murder is created by otherworldly creator?
- 12 Brief, divine fling (5)
- 13 Painting ballet involving squares, both naked (9)
- 14 He offers lots for model straddling retro Holden
- 15 That's chasing untouchable monster? (6)
- 18 A prayer for scooter over the airwaves (6)
- 20 They're identical to workers! (8)
- 23 Surfer possibly leaving this clash where a guilty hand may be caught? (6,3)
- 25 Buzz at birth deserved wine bottles (5)
- 26 A vacuous beef levelled against brilliant Yankee memoirist
- 27 Question our money secured by poet
- 29 Henry VIII's time to fix road? True (5,3)
- 30 Crooner lad poorly covering ruler's single

DOWN

- 1 Jack skimmed novel by Purim observer (3)
- 2 Laundry load frazzled WAG feeding party (3,4)
- 3 Escort Latin revolutionary sheltering a Latin dictator (9)
- 5 Wasted plant (6)
- 6 Sort of panel show on late, after rerun starts (5)
- 7 Oddly huge flows, he wrote...
- 8 ...hands-on, roughly 7 tons...
- 9 ...disturbing the base...
- 12 ...sauce with saucy skills?
- 16 Illustrator arranged what quiet cover-up?
- 17 1-down's stag drinks? (7)
- 19 Sent up pampered horntail migrating (7)
- 21 Fairly close to binding extra mag (3,4)
- 22 A bird lands on generous-hearted thinker
- 24 Suffer hotdog? (5)
- 28 Ride horse? (3)

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