

Crossword No: 040 by WEB

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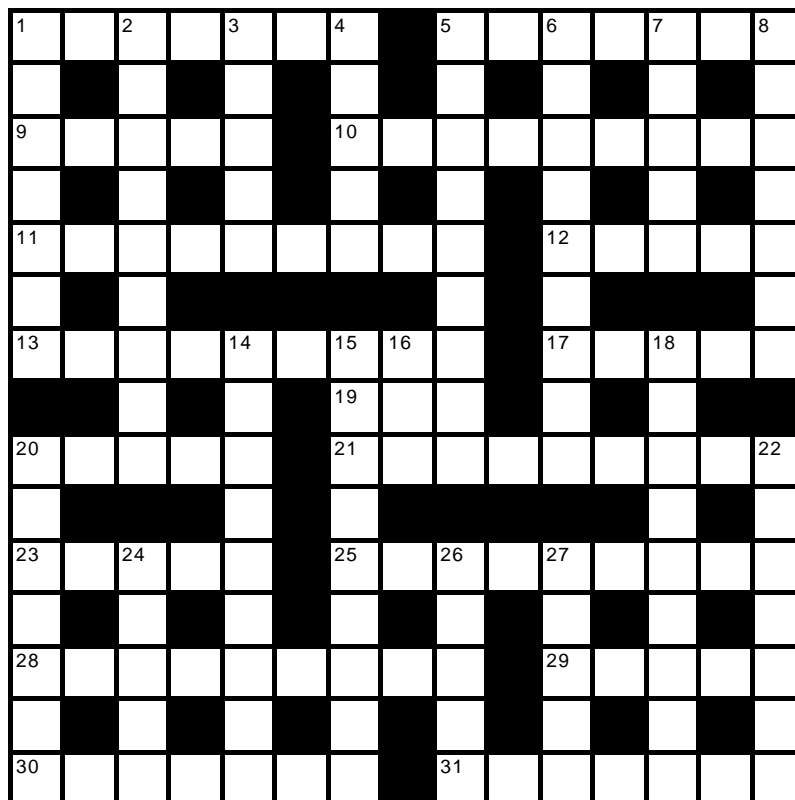
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Across

- 1 Puts up the tent for the N. California politicians (7)
- 5 Arrive before they hear what's overdue (7)
- 9 An American car has four exhausts (5)
- 10 Still, I am to give the ball before I've finished (9)
- 11 It's efficient for Eve to take the really loud Europeans at half-time (9)
- 12 With nothing to do, you are getting up my nose! (5)
- 13 It moves quickly for only 22 dine with the Queen (3-6)
- 17 Not Mister Fagin! (5)
- 19 Anger 21-across (3)
- 20 Bush confused himself about your last letter (5)
- 21 Unfinished Greek, Dutch and Danish island (9)
- 23 Better garden party maybe? (5)
- 25 Send a message to get her pal sorted (9)
- 28 Confuse our dog, and ram where the soldier's positioned (9)
- 29 There will be one after Mohammed gives his excuse (5)
- 30 Can Germany's poor ever be worthy? (7)
- 31 Sat back and held the new gear used to keep the peace (4,3)

Down

- 1 Really? Ask after the first centre, at the end (7)
- 2 Thickener used when styling for no curl (9)
- 3 The score is 1,000 for America, only 1 for Cork! (5)
- 4 If I see a second coming back like "E.T."... (3-2)



- 5 Said to have been a paltry inspiration for Newton (5,4)
- 6 Out west a barrister goes into the room by Monday (9)
- 7 Am I to go after my pal? (5)
- 8 We are in, sister, just like Father Jack (7)
- 14 Use a needle to get the bromide mixture into Her Majesty (9)
- 15 This is before Walker used to tie up drunks perhaps? (9)
- 16 Right about going the wrong way to do wrong! (3)
- 18 Sing about the East, so far away on a boat (9)
- 20 Really absorbed, Desmond returns clutching the old video game (7)
- 22 Had to turn around and sail back for the flowers (7)
- 24 They stop the game and Arthur reverses the last words (5)
- 26 Bound to get the slimiest noses (5)
- 27 Republic held by Afghan agitators (5)

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Across

1 EN-CA-MPS

The N. (EN) California (CA) politicians (MPS) for = ENCAMPS: puts up the tent.

5 ARR-EARS

Arrive (ARR) before they hear (EARS) = ARREARS: what's overdue.

9 TIRES

A car has four (TYRES) in America = TIRES: exhausts.

10 I'M-PASS-IVE

I am (I'M) to give the ball (PASS) before I've finished (I'VE) = IMPASSIVE: still.

11 E(FE-EC-TIVE)

Eve to take (E-VE) [the really loud (FF) Europeans (EC) at half ti me (TI)] for = EFFECTIVE: it's efficient.

12 O-DO-UR

With nothing (O) to do (DO) you are (UR) = ODOUR: getting up my nose.

13 TWO-S-EAT-ER

Only 22 (TWO-S) dine (EAT) with the Queen (ER) for = TWO-SEATER: it moves quickly.

17 MISER

No-t (in) MIS-t-ER = MISER: Fagin (from "Oliver Twist").

19 IRE

GREEN-LAND (IRELAND) = IRE: anger.

20 SH(R)UB

"Bush" confused himself (SH-UB) about you-r last letter (R) = SHRUB: bush.

21 GREE-NL-AND

Unfinished Gree-k (GREE) Dutch (NL) and (AND) = GREENLAND: Danish island.

23 OUT-DO

Garden party maybe, a "do" outside (OUT DO) = OUTDO: better.

25 TELEGRAPH

"Get her pal" sorted = TELEGRAPH: send a message to.

28 GUARDROOM

Confuse "our dog" and "ram" = GUARDROOM: where the soldier's positioned.

29 ALI-BI

After Mohammed (ALI) there will be one (BI) gives = ALIBI: his excuse.

30 DE'S-ERVE

Can Germany's (DE'S) poor "ever (ERVE) = DESERVE: be worthy.

31 T(EAR-G)AS

Sat back (T-AS) and held the new "gear" (EARG) = TEAR GAS: used to keep the peace.

Down

1 ENTRE-AT

After the first c-entre (ENTRE) at the end (AT) = ENTREAT: really ask.

2 CORNFLOUR

Used when styling "for no curl" = CORNFLOUR: thickener.

3 M-US-I-C

1,000 (M) for America (US) only 1 (I) for Cork (C) is = MUSIC: the score.

4 SCI-FI

If (IF) I see (IC) a second (S) = IFICS, coming back = SCI-FI: like "E.T." (the film).

5 APPLE TREE

Said to have been "a paltry", so I hear = APPLE TREE: inspiration for Newton.

6 RO(SC)OM-MON

[Into the room (RO-OM) goes a barrister (SC) = ROSCOM] by Monday (MON) = ROSCOMMON: out west.

7 AM-I-GO

Am I (AM I) to go after (GO) = AMIGO: my pal.

8 S(WE-ARE)R

In sister (S-R) we are (WE ARE) = SWEARER: just like Father Jack (from "Father Ted").

14 E(MBROIDE)R

Into Her Majesty (E-R) to get the "bromide" mixture (MBROIDE) = EMBROIDER: use a needle.

15 TIGHT-ROPE

Used to tie up drinks perhaps (TIGHT -ROPE) = TIGHTROPE: this is before "walker".

16 ER-R

Right (R) about (RE) = RRE, the wrong way = ERR: to do wrong.

18 S(E-AFAR)ING

Sing about (S-ING) the East, so far away (E AFAR) = SEAFARING: on a boat.

20 S(PONG)ED

Desmond, 'Des', returns (S-ED) clutching the old video game (PONG) = SPONGED: really absorbed.

22 DAH-LIAS

"Had" to turn around (DAH) and "sail" back (LIAS) for = DAHLIAS: the flowers.

24 TRA-PS

Arthur, 'Art', reverses (TRA) the last words (PS) and = TRAPS: they stop the game.

26 LIMIT

s-LIMI-es-T no-ses (delete the "ses" in slimies) to get the = LIMIT: bound.

27 GHANA

Held by af-GHAN A-gitators = GHANA: republic.

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