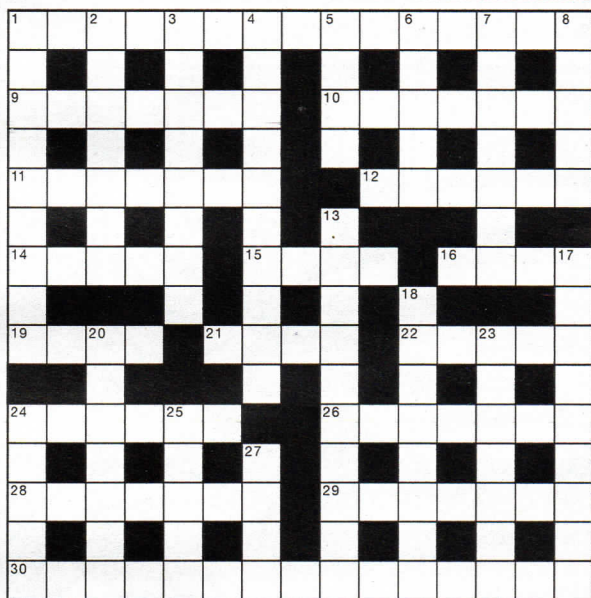


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ACROSS

- 1** (and **15** across and **19** across and **21** across and **18** down) Proverb suggesting that it is best not to rely on others to accomplish tasks (2,3,4,1,5,4,4,2,2,8)
9 Temper, outburst (7)
10 Ground, country, landscape (7)
11 Decaying (7)
12 Fifth-century king of the Huns (6)
14 First name linking the actresses Handl, Papas and Dunne (5)
15 See **1** across
16 A third of the school year (4)

- 19** See **1** across
21 See **1** across
22 Church instrument (5)
24 Silver-white metallic element with a faint pinkish tinge (6)
26 Rubbish (7)
28 Caribbean island linked with Antigua (7)
29 How U2's David Evans is better known (3,4)
30 Actually (2,1,6,2,4)

DOWN

- 1** In which a person is questioned and evaluated (9)
2 The longest river in China (7)
3 Held up in the air (8)
4 Terrible battle or war (10)

- 5** Art gallery founded in 1897 (4)
6 Cards used by fortune-tellers (5)
7 Create, think up (7)
8 Italy's major seaport (5)
13 Ringleader, inciter (10)
17 Sticky mixture

- of small pieces of dried fruit (9)
18 See **1** across
20 African country which has Monrovia as its capital (7)
23 Nana (7)
24 Deadly snake (5)
25 1944 film noir (5)
27 27th president of the United States (surname) (4)

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