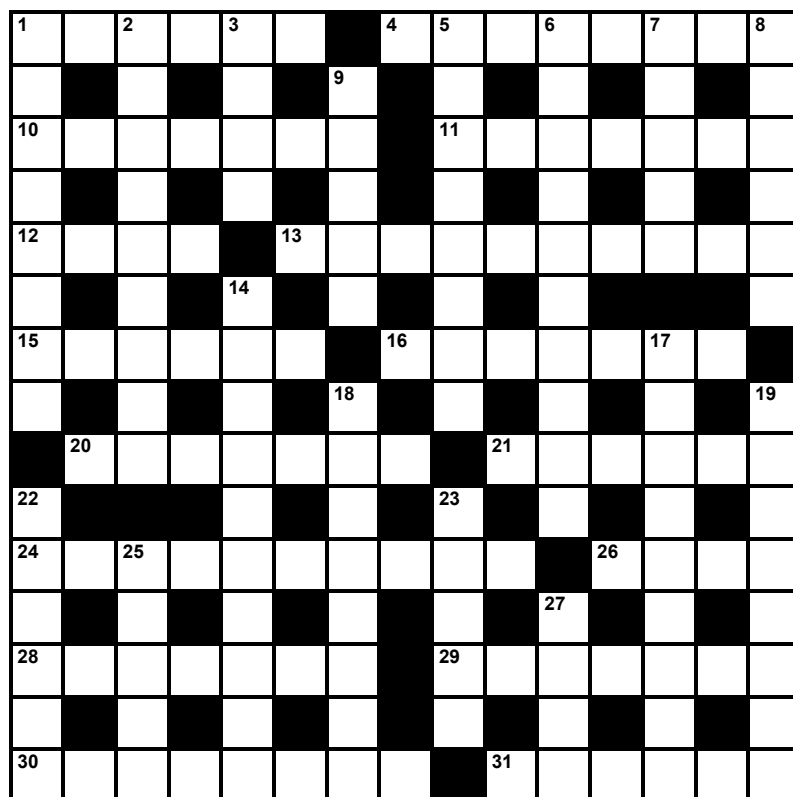


A fond farewell *by* Imlache

The residents of various States are Democratic members of the House or Senate who won't be there next year. Most are retiring, but one hopes to make the House to Senate leap.

Across

- 1 Some questions I'm pleased are easy (6)
 4 Marylander Kardashian's back with full body (to go downhill, probably) (8)
 10 Leave too little experience (7)
 11 Commander returns some more red roses (7)
 12 Californian much respected initially (4)
 13 Note a child is clever and open to persuasion (10)
 15 Former partner of listener's weird and unfamiliar (6)
 16 Marylander journalist has sketch reflecting on strangeness in physics (7)
 20 Substitute to damage reputations around the Fargo area (5-2)
 21 Key song for star (6)
 24 It's not very often a 1920s anarchist backs away from a lion going round (10)
 26 Half backing greedier Nevadan (4)
 28 Opera singer very quietly managed a Ring (7)
 29 Digging out the origin of technical sport (7)
 30 Resort in Louisiana's against wise man's comeback (3,5)



31 Republican messenger from God's a New Yorker (6)

Down

- 1 Changed order as second offense taken went first (8)
 2 Washingtonian with millions of conspiracy theories about cat being embarrassed to get up (9)
 3 Singer's large rescue boat (4)
 5 Old TV cop's golf club team (8)
 6 Powerless to keep study

institute absolutely truthful (10)

- 7 Quiet Polish former President (5)
 8 New Yorker lives above rising jet (6)
 9 Old South African carries cross for Californian (5)
 14 Biggest bit of matted hair, no less (5,5)
 17 Very loud Howard presides over fine mess with gravity (9)
 18 Quick suggestion: orange juice or sake are tops for Texan (8)

- 19 Extravagant friend blocked by staff supported by inspector general (8)
 22 Piece of code on line (6)
 23 What about pictures of planet? (5)
 25 Californian's 100 programs (5)
 27 One review badly upset wine-growing area (4)