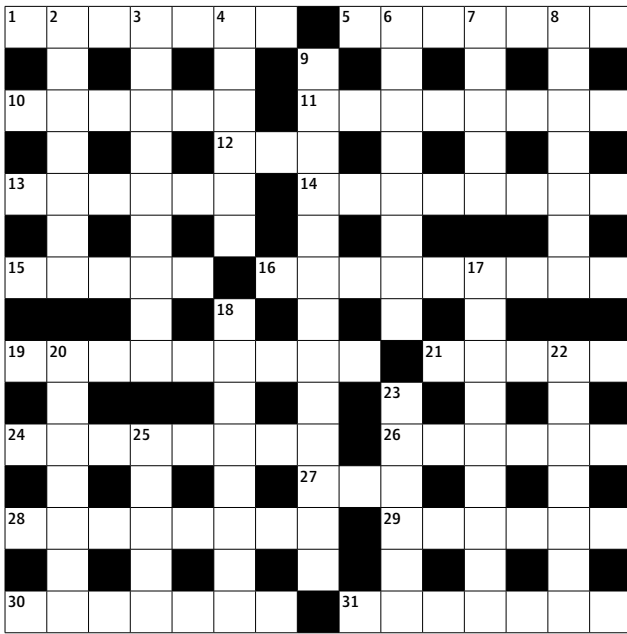


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Seven theme clues require 9 25 20 inserted to reach the solution to be entered in the grid

Across

- Remove clothing to loud music (7)
- Play about with complete collection (7)
- Two articles on a type of coat (6)
- African princes uncoil lazily – obese, even (4,4)
- Leading person of fashion, looking back (3)
- Where doctor would go to dig beneath the surface in state of anxiety (2,4)
- Gangster grabs every other top layer, making one cross (4,4)
- Boatman's modest clothing (5)
- Resumes obscure, useless legal measures (9)
- Every other neat clue? (9)
- See 25
- Acts of government constraining extremes of unrest by society (8)
- Struggle against Daesh taken on by others (6)
- Part of the Arctic environment (3)
- 28,20 A lover fears them: her last tender quivering embraces, sweetheart (4,4,7)
- Novices going the wrong way by mistake (4-2)
- Report of Treasury for Halfwits is libel (7)
- Heartlessly pursued type of fabric (7)

Down

- F-stop used on images, first of Turkish gents (7)
- Rectify a dry condition there all round (9)
- Present debate (6)
- Float around in sea, stormy recently (2,2,4)
- Boy who goes before Italian pope (5)
- Experimental clothing worn a lot (3,4)
- Arranging characters of pleasing habit in new fashion (13)
- Boatman may be found here initially? (9)
- Pi and nu: letters sent back, not stopping on in going away (8)
- See 28
- Twice this might express doubt about clothing (7)
- Italian sauce used around start of Ramadan fast (6)
- 25,21 Quality to suit aristocrat, backed by independent European Commission in article (5-5)

Solution No. 27,123

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