

## NTSPP - 044 by Prolixic

### Across

**1** Confuse the Spanish for shellfish (6)

**4** A state line's not hostile (8)

**9** Crisp range packaging released (6)

**10** Overwrought if centre's destroyed (8)

**12** Tricks hospital after leader quits (4)

**13** Doctor nearly arrived with books for cure (10)

**15** Have a tantrum over new cooker (5)

**16** Country welcomes king and its former president (6)

**20** Mother leaves curry for each new person in East Asia (6)

**21** In imitation of stern queen (5)

**24** Over-regulated secure investments (4-6)

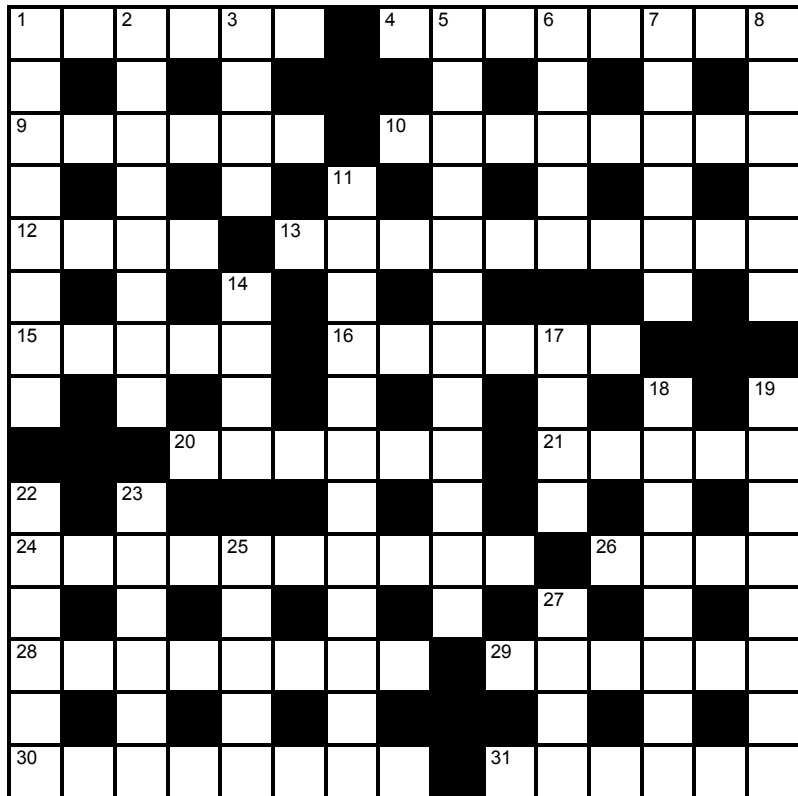
**26** I leave capital seat (4)

**28** Arcane Central American on broken toes (8)

**29** Superficial profile about the Italian (6)

**30** Avoid team's reflective sulk (8)

**31** Engineers supplied ease (6)



### Down

**1** Service area killing (8)

**2** Special vintage can finally repay study (8)

**3** Indian messengers fail to start for ages (4)

**5** One wielding a stick perhaps scarred minor dreadfully (6,6)

**6** Against Georgia's party line (5)

**7** Stronger ale consumed by abstainer. Just the opposite (6)

**8** Mention supporting old charge (6)

**11** I believed art represented thinking transaction (4) (12)

**14** Setter's second note (4)

**17** Heartless leading cleric's horse (4)

**18** Poison's a complex protein (8)

**19** Karma men take in for defence (8)

**22** m-material lifted to become visible (6)

**23** Old man cracked nut (6)

**25** The media may be regularly perverse over a hint of scandal (5)

**27** Girl's on-line