

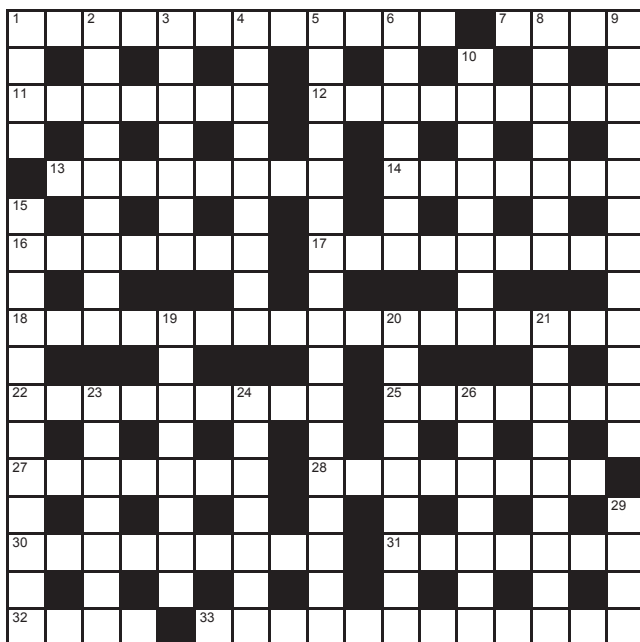
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- 1 Pioneer ecologist who wrote *Silent Spring* (6,6)
- 7 Bony structure of the foot between the heel and toes (4)
- 11 Instrument used in ancient times for scraping oil or sweat off the skin (7)
- 12 A plant of the genus *Ranunculus* with bright yellow flowers (9)
- 13 A mosslike growth on rose bushes produced by a gall wasp (8)
- 14 Large aquatic plant-eating mammal, also called sea cow (7)
- 16 One of the longest rivers in South America, rising in south-east Venezuela (7)
- 17 The brightest star in the constellation Piscis Austrinus (9)
- 18 Novel by Muriel Spark that won the 1965 James Tait Black Memorial Prize (3,10,4)
- 22 A sweet sparkling wine from northern Italy (9)
- 25 1964 heist movie starring Melina Mercouri and Maximilian Schell (7)
- 27 Ring-shaped (7)
- 28 Philosopher lampooned in Aristophanes' play *The Clouds* (8)
- 30 Breed of small long-haired dog originating in Tibet (5,4)
- 31 Aromatic plant of the parsley family; also called baldmoney (7)
- 32 A bunker or other hollow on a golf course (4)
- 33 US state whose official motto is *Montani Semper Liberi* (4,8)

DOWN

- 1 The third major Pleistocene glaciation in Alpine Europe (4)
- 2 A White Friar (9)
- 3 Cretan-born Spanish painter (1541–1614) (2,5)
- 4 A transparent flammable plastic made from camphor and nitrocellulose (9)
- 5 Leader of two Antarctic expeditions, in 1901–04 and in 1910–13 (6,6,5)
- 6 That point at which any condition is most favourable (7)
- 8 A soft unsalted Italian cheese resembling cottage cheese (7)
- 9 A diminished susceptibility to physical stimuli (12)
- 10 French prime minister 1936–37, 1938, 1946–47 (4,4)
- 15 An early John Steinbeck novel set in Monterey, California (8,4)
- 19 Capital of the French department of Cantal (8)
- 20 Island at the mouth of the St Lawrence River in Quebec (9)
- 21 King of Argos who led the Greek army in the Trojan war (9)
- 23 A symbolic circular figure representing the universe in various religions (7)
- 24 An apothecaries' weight of 20 grains (7)
- 26 A thin coating of gold, silver or other metal (7)
- 29 One of the two bones in the human forearm (4)



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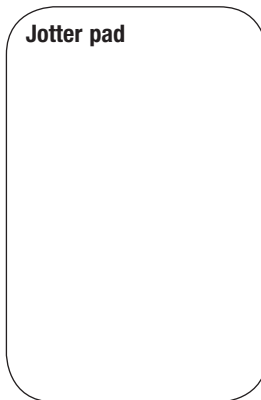
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Jotter pad



Solution Polymath 683

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