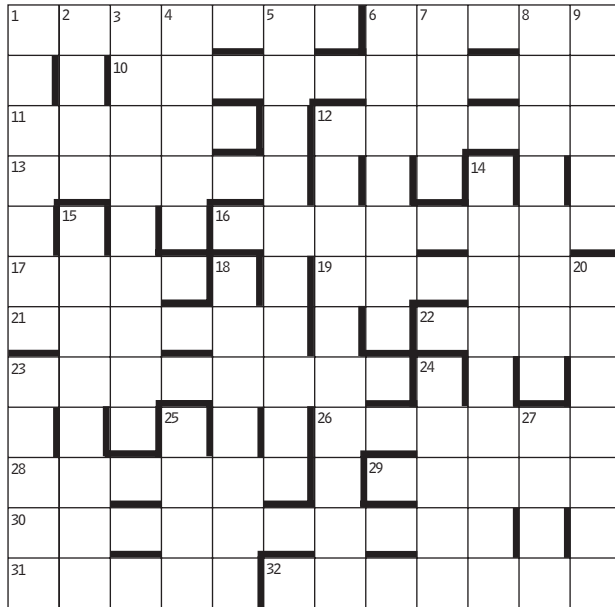


AZED No. 2,165 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 1 Academy briefly make fun of pathetic fool (7)
 6 Gap-filler in (fleeting) fashion? Scotch preferred (5)
 *10 Not working (10, 3 words)
 11 Mull, according to the locals? Some nonsense about loch (5)
 12 Toppers'll get drunk thus? (6)
 13 Mark a length of timber cut for gum resin (6)
 16 Malleable old fool wielded cloth in wet place (8)
 17 One in blue, but appearing regularly in scarlet? (4)
 19 Platform's humourless face (6)
 21 Sort of snowmobile like this grips child getting on briefly (6)
 22 Loose covers will be seen to keep this dry (4)
 23 Chap having to work with a head covering (8)
 26 Lucky thing ma got rid of children's mark on ground (6)
 28 Early Catholic hymn, half cut but with melody included (6)
 29 Brendan's fellow was such a conventional type, without front (5)
 30 Vocalize about Group Four's underwater activity (10, 2 words)
 31 Formal utterance about nothing a boy deflected (5)
 32 Blind alley without vegetation skirting pit (7, 2 words)

AZED 2,162 Solution & notes

G	O	S	S	I	B	B	H	A	K	T	I
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R	E	E	F	E	D	I	N	L	I	E	R

Across 1, Goss + IB; 11, u in riparian; ref. *Wind in the Willows*; 13, lin plea; 17, P + lait (Fr. = milk); 20, e.g. in drees; 21, over in lat; 24, hols + t; ref. Gustav H.; 25, (Cassius) Clay + more; 30, comp. anag.; ref. Marisa Robles, Spanish-born harpist; 32, twal inbred + a; 33, e in defer (rev.); 34, i.e. one who lies in.

Down 1, comp. anag.; 6, B + irk i.e.; 8, ide in lank (rev.); 10, inters tellar (qv); 19, a + (j) et in vite, & lit.; 22, p in a Lied; Fledermaus (Ger.) = bat; 23, I + i in that (all rev.); 27, reede(r); 29, sere(in).

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DOWN

- 1 Junior teacher, might one suppose? Somewhat restrained formerly (7)
 2 Soft drink, one taken after depression (4)
 3 Male binding bird by way of thin cord (9)
 4 'Black' (offensive) used in colloquialism, untutored (5)
 5 Part of shell structure – study feature primed with runny oil (10)
 6 Dandy holding on to antique shoe appendage (7)
 7 Desert dunes? There's a sense of sad loss with soak absent (4)
 8 Nothing in arrêt moved court to apply to the past (8)
 9 Not a bowler's wicket? Worry about that – this team member's vicious! (5)
 12 Distaught over pupil's driving (10)
 14 'Customers right', refrain among heads of chain-store enterprise (9)
 15 Lassie's to assume a married alias: Balm of Gilead? (8)
 18 Pole in difficulty producing old dagger (7)
 20 Playing e.g. L. Hoard he wouldn't have a clue (7)
 23 Comfortable sum cunningly invested in well! (5)
 24 Chow may end up in this batter (5)
 25 See *Women in Love* for this alcoholic (4)
 27 Age lost in use of derricks for some fish newly landed (4)