

## April 2017 Slot 3 by Lexi Conner

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### Across

- 1 Noisily harasses birds (6)
- 5 Went along with troubled sad teens (8)
- 9 Friend follows bachelor, mostly fed up (9)
- 10 Circumference of a 0.5g piece (5)
- 11 She is absorbed by the manuscript (4)
- 12 Struggle to retract some silly assertions (5)
- 14 Elephant treks all over the place including Ugandan capital (6)
- 15 Singer very keen to return (4)
- 17 State gets half payment (4)
- 18 Foremost aquanaut managed to leave boat in good nick (4)
- 19 Game shows make use of the web (4)
- 20 Tiny quantity not acceptable to the upper classes in the past (4)
- 22 Little Amy regularly discloses a romantic relationship (4)
- 24 Saudi Arabia supports quite a few Israelis! (6)
- 25 Strike caught rugby player (5)
- 27 In contrast with this casual shirt: a homburg, say! (4)
- 28 Warning to be vigilant (5)
- 29 Expertise exhibited by two company departments is identifying a common disease (9)
- 30 Contrive to fashion a trapdoor (8)

- 31 Animal manure contains shot (6)

### Down

- 2 Conventional designer laid into art (11)
- 3 Restore check on condition (9)
- 4 It is cut down, still outside: that's a fact (9)
- 5 Claimed member drenched in grog, initially denied (7)
- 6 Not all pesticides are brought back to be destroyed (6)
- 7 Ali falls off otherwise suitable waves (5)
- 8 Addicts try avoiding the odd simple song (5)
- 13 Collection in garage got damaged... (11)
- 16 ...and French Pulitzer Prize winner breaks up plot as promised (9)
- 17 Paring away time while catching last of the Scots' piping (9)
- 21 Late ABC broadcaster accepts prank as meaningless talk (7)
- 23 Drawing of a small vessel (6)
- 25 Malfunction causes carbon outbreak (5)
- 26 A certain amount of bowling fast at the end is noticeable (5)