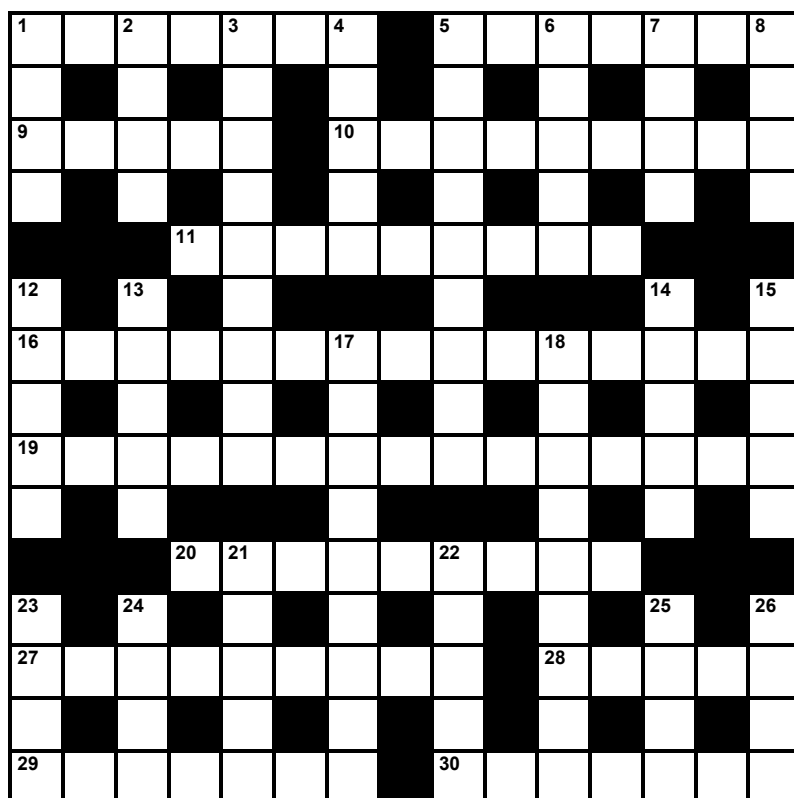


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Across

- 1/5/11/19** Search for food after pair of yokels replaced country's leader and unexpectedly sent her the order for immediate appearance of buses? (3,4,3,4,4,5,4,5,2,4)
- 9** Breath pause in American performance of paean (5)
- 10** Reacting to beast and former dictator with considerable energy (9)
- 11** See 1
- 16** Initially retrieve only one piece of jewellery left in bond before Silvio's first period of debauchery (7,8)
- 19** See 1
- 20** I'm buttery, meltingly soft, silvery metal (9)
- 27** Town is complete after accepting formerly oppositionist sides back (9)
- 28** Material part unfortunately crashed (5)
- 29** Improves performance with air drink? (5,2)

- 30** Liberated female in space vacated by Silkwood, perhaps (3,4)

Down

- 1/8** Almost long for pudding from the past (5,3)
- 2** Bone appearing in regular full-on war (4)
- 3** Air Canada has first to replace a revamped Animal Class (9)
- 4/22** Choice of leading characters in "*Harlem Nights*" gripped by disease and Irish detective novel! (5,5)
- 5** Artificial hair standing on end for loud fascists without number (6,3)
- 6/21** To mention thanks to upstanding relations is something politicians can do to make themselves unpopular (5,5)
- 7** Superficial rubbish pointlessly turned over (4)
- 8** See 1

- 12** See 14
- 13** Bad mark for type of 6, reportedly (5)
- 14/12** Aerobic fun involves newsreader (5,5)
- 15** As Heston's lost a lot of weight, there's a series in England (or Australia) (5)
- 17** March surprises even Meryl, perhaps (5,4)
- 18** American crazy to shorten lease for dish (3,6)
- 21** See 6
- 22** See 4
- 23/26** Clubs bag, up to a point, is luggage (8)
- 24** Maybe what boxers try to do to turn heads (4)
- 25** Pit where former miners' leader loses breathing equipment (4)
- 26** See 23