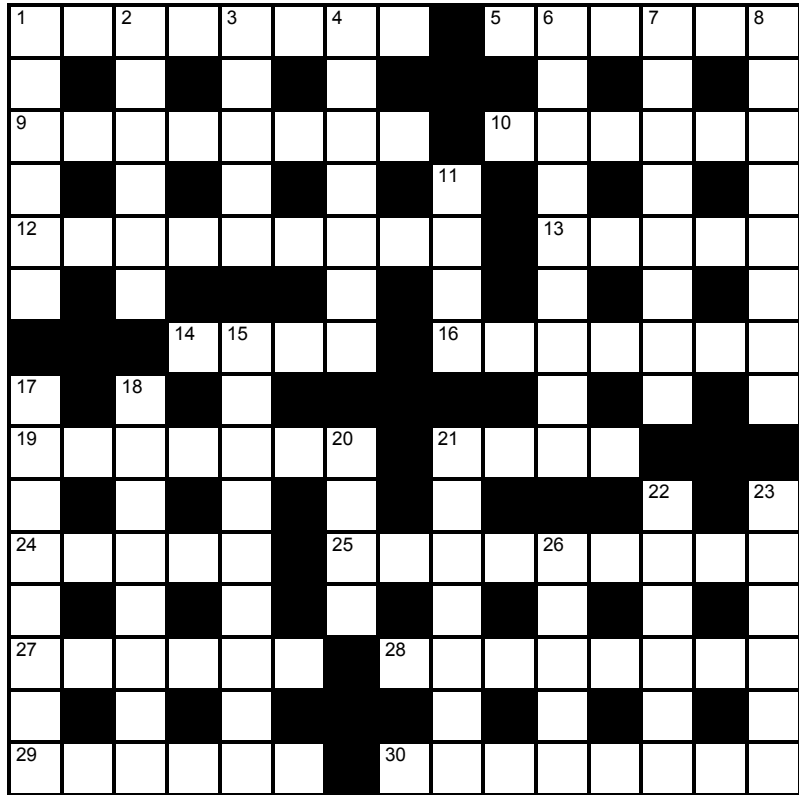


**Across**

- 1 Certainly tense, you are caught in fat (2,2,4)
- 5 Compelling mother to get a ruler (6)
- 9 Among gracious black ducks the king, as I see it (2,2,4)
- 10 Show half-dead old northerner (6)
- 12 Taking steps here leads to swimming through a northern river (9)
- 13 Prepared to follow when it's advantageous (5)
- 14 Amateur on about sort of tennis court (4)
- 16 Papa about to compete with trailer (7)
- 19 Presumably against short stretch (7)
- 21 Time Robin and Doris were seen on screen (4)
- 24 After midday, leader of extra-terrestrials reveals who lives on Jupiter (5)
- 25 Castor oil mixed with iodine not a legal agent (9)
- 27 Grim character to copy ringleader again (6)
- 28 Never turn into meat! (2,2,4)



- 29 Snack sales assistant starts playing order back (6)
- 30 You might say wire seat is uncomfortable (2,2,4)

**Down**

- 1 Need to drink? Hand in this ticket (either end) (6)
- 2 Deplore Belgium putting extinct bird into space (6)
- 3 Be in pain, almost, when not drunk (5)
- 4 Many birdies to be had here, possibly, as McIlroy swallows endless Cokes (7)
- 6 American Forces' Sweetheart drops notes but receives rousing applause finally in a routine way (9)
- 7 Reportedly India needs help to replace a third of soft paper (2,2,4)
- 8 Film dog wearing a dress will get on with things very enthusiastically (2,2,4)
- 11 Key circuit causes panic (4)
- 15 Ladies possibly sense wild inaccuracy (9)
- 17 Needle active marines imprisoned in America - they're very angry! (2,2,4)
- 18 Refusal to enter note on weapon which will be ineffective? (2,2,4)
- 20 Breathe noisily or talk quietly! (4)
- 21 Weakens and papers over instruments (7)
- 22 To take big steps is a way to go on (6)
- 23 To stop moving is liberating 7 (6)
- 26 Look into edited hit (5)