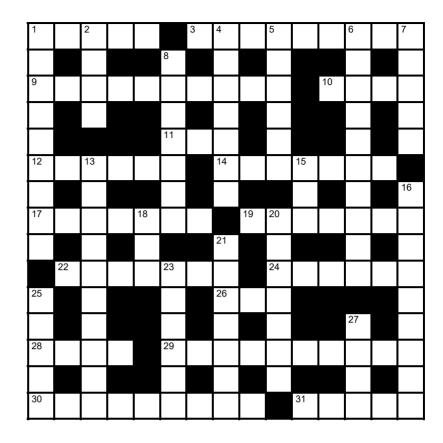
Across

- 1 Erma left modern-day novel for a fool (5)
- 3 Movie director removed interior at unkown hour -4:00? Earlier? (2,7)
- 9 Cossack rat returns when short news broadcast reaches central Azerbaijan (5,5)
- 10 Dragon having removed first attacker, is selfsatisfied (4)
- 11 Greek character leaves exercise for language class (3)
- 12 Moisten carelessly having taken drug - it's personal (6)
- 14 Stuff guts with fiery filling and it creates more wind! (7)
- 17 Shaggy is held in gun-shy Lorna's heart (7)
- 19 Thousand degree is relative? (7)
- 22 Fruit of papal document by expert (7)
- 24 A ghost from Dundee! (6)
- **26** Grassland in Middle America (3)



- 28 Odd orphan starts liking a gemstone (4)
- 29 Birds found in a diner? (10)
- 30 Odd farmer Nicky is holding that Spanish how often? (9)
- 31 Go mad about opinion (5)

Down

- 1 Well known heavyweight returned gold before formal acknowledgemen ts (9)
- 2 Returning stockrider obviously has a point (4)
- 4 Hair gel applied to explorer (7)

- 5 Even Sheila struts, oddly something is missing! (6)
- 6 It's the end Ron damaged badly (10)
- 7 Dress fabric South Africa exported for newspaper, perhaps? (5)
- 8 They will encourage someone, a gambler possibly (7)
- 13 Disguise square Edam carefully (10)
- 15 Regular Theban beverage (3)

- 16 King takes a long time to face a Shadow Warrior(9)
- 18 Bird not starting to cry (3)
- 20 Insects remain when dog and rook leave berries (3,4)
- 21 Plaice swimming around gurnard initially in the open sea (7)
- 23 Immediately positioned on church (2,4)
- 25 Expert belongs to the evidence (5)
- 27 Stolen goods found in Volkswagen (4)