

Alchemi 224 *by Alchemi*

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 long-dead 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 misses 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)

