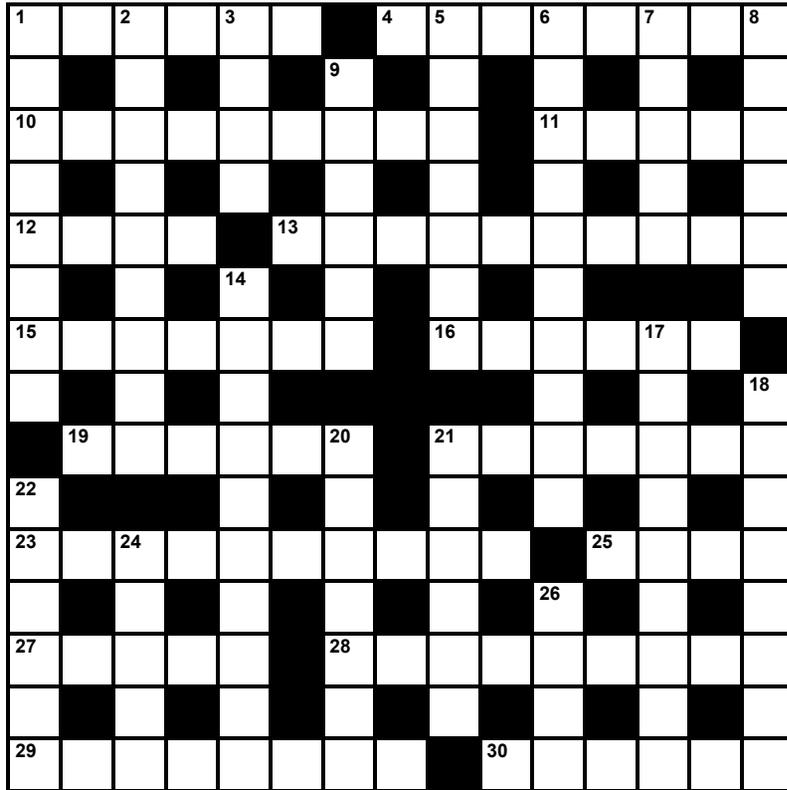


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Across

- 1 Large snake which is found on a fire engine (6)
- 4 Premier centre judges airline (8)
- 10 Surprisingly be scholar to a degree (9)
- 11 Irritating writer cut short by broadcaster (5)
- 12 After tonight's opener Stewart put his foot down (4)
- 13 Film's sad state (4,6)
- 15 To a degree, engineers' spirits return when receiving gold (7)
- 16 Ordnance in appalling condition aboard ship (6)
- 19 Controversial decree to withdraw (6)
- 21 Sluices failing a degree (7)
- 23 To a degree, it's appropriate to restrain hen and hare fighting (10)
- 25 Order Kansas to back Asian city (4)
- 27 Troops return after nurse left sign up (5)
- 28 Called it a variation in local usage (9)
- 29 Show team confused to a degree (8)
- 30 Possibly McKenzie family embraces the Spanish victor (6)

Down

- 1 50 hoodlums head off for seafood (8)
- 2 Director has a month to give a speech for a degree (9)
- 3 Reportedly employ sheep (4)
- 5 Married woman carrying teas brewed to a degree (7)
- 6 Answer about to worry Labour leader again and again (10)
- 7 Scientist hates laboratories, except some (5)
- 8 Put obstacles in the way of my site being hacked (6)
- 9 Hard worker right to replace base of lavatory (6)
- 14 Wear sample tailored by an electromagnetic equation (7,3)
- 17 6 played theme which could limit vote turnout (9)
- 18 Look into Livingstone possibly supporting a quiet city in Israel (8)
- 20 East Asian country is home to key spiny creature (7)
- 21 First to carry cross over capital's high point (6)
- 22 Bids for the opposite of honours, we hear (6)
- 24 Counter-offensive finally stops damage to women's quarters (5)
- 26 Insignificant lake (4)