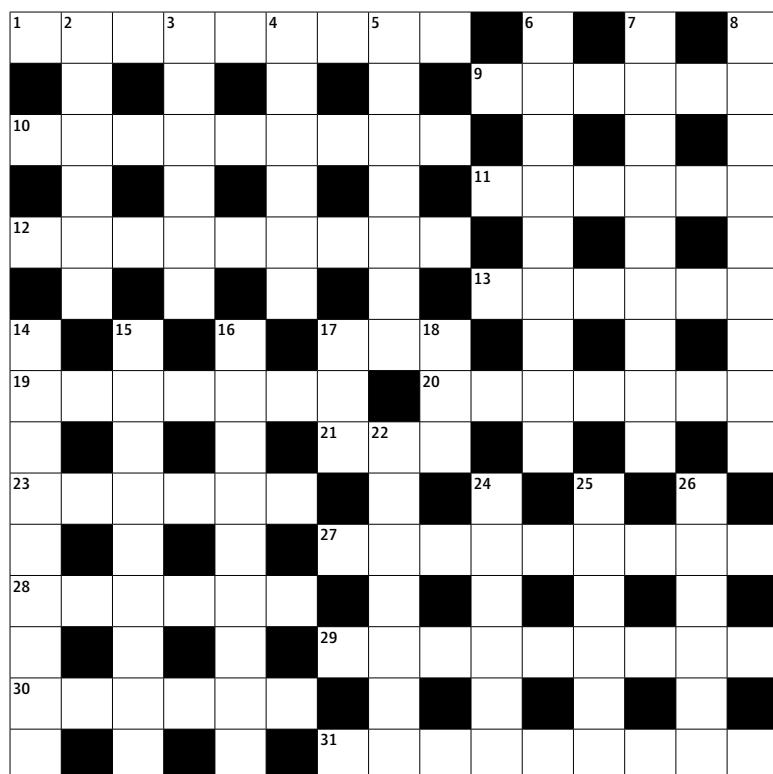


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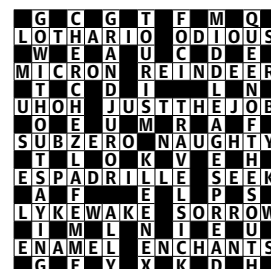
Across

- 1 Turk who served rum in jars, say (9)
- 9 Dramatic scenes, initially, having some impact on election (3,3)
- 10 Briefly mad about it in heated state (9)
- 11 View outside broadcast, back in pavilion (6)
- 12 Wet area damages bit of bridge across lake (9)
- 13 Tiny border in middle part of Irish plan (6)
- 17 Musical ability that's central throughout rehearsal clearly heard (3)
- 19 Annoying person necessitating change of earplug (7)
- 20 Awfully sorry about return of weekend letters? Special deliveries (7)
- 21 Vote for one of two in fairly violent exchange, we hear (3)
- 23 Held by fine performance as it happens (2,4)
- 27 Cuts food in way that's right in summer months (9)
- 28 Raw recruit that is seen by castle (6)
- 29 Get me and you, finally, organised more than before (9)
- 30 Getting, since believing? (6)
- 31 Seating put back around piano – time for some music (9)

Down

- 2 Primate turned up to perform christening each year (6)
- 3 Crowd suddenly arriving and occupying plant (6)
- 4 Only fish left – chippy's closing (6)
- 5 Fix radius on out-and-out circular construction (7)
- 6 A doctor agitated over check for instrument (9)
- 7 Proceeded cautiously about live broadcast turned into fiction (9)
- 8 Break down style in art and poems, differently (9)
- 14 Philosophical attitude shown as a monk is leading mass (9)
- 15 Historic vessel is liable to sink with fellow aboard (9)
- 16 Meeting places for judge and working groups set outside court (9)
- 17 Period starts or ends in Europe, remember – also Asia or Africa (3)
- 18 Whiskey or port (3)
- 22 Raised purchase price, ultimately screening available website (7)
- 24 Key man on board is run into a lot (6)
- 25 Release granny, say, from trunk? No thanks! (6)
- 26 Very bad part – character in Romeo and Juliet (6)

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