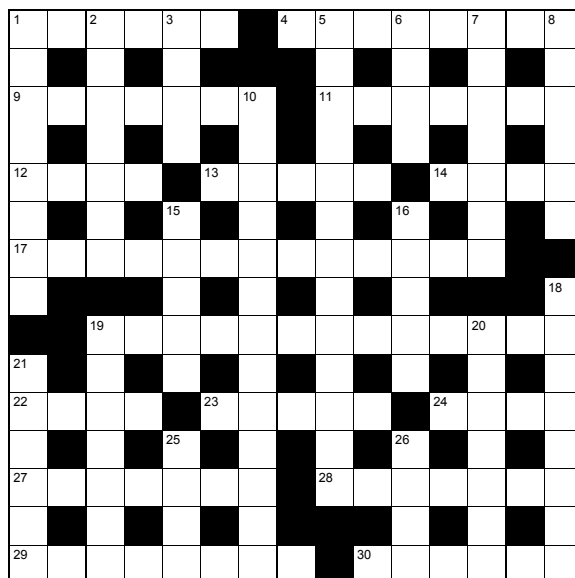


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ACROSS

- 1 Flexible tree possibly includes one (6)
- 4 Delightful prince (8)
- 9 Spa got alternative power as temporary measure (7)
- 11 Giving away nothing but obsolete vessel (7)
- 12 Neat tequila is drunk initially – why, you say? (4)
- 13 Turner that can be viewed from both sides (5)
- 14 Gave birth to dull person (4)
- 17 Part of the Caribbean populated by chaste women? (6,7)
- 19 50 invest in city carelessly and without thinking (13)
- 22 Publicity fellows turned up first (4)
- 23 Surprisingly nitre is unreactive (5)
- 24 Most put up with him (4)
- 27 Ilona staggered across road first perhaps (7)
- 28 Some electricity is present (7)
- 29 Law a yob broke outside university city in Africa (8)
- 30 Glamorous former lover with old nervous habit (6)

DOWN

- 1 Optimistic for certain (8)
- 2 Working as a monk is? (2,5)
- 3 Close for the evening mostly (4)
- 5 Run on flower power? (13)
- 6 Gather some mature apricots (4)
- 7 Sinful rascal promises to pay (7)
- 8 Look, a goose! (6)
- 10 Supply given to friend for the time being (13)
- 15 Drunk gives gratuities at start of year (5)
- 16 One accepting fine is unsuitable (5)
- 18 Python broadcast I see sounded mesmerising (8)
- 19 Unbeliever elected by Castro (7)
- 20 Ask earnestly for new net rate (7)
- 21 Pal somehow gets round doctor, showing confidence (6)
- 25 Be aware of speaker's refusal (4)
- 26 Vintage unknown – that's the essential point (4)

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SOLUTION

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ACROSS

1 pliant. 4 charming. 9 stop-gap. 11 dead-pan. 12 tidy. 13 rotor. 14 bore. 17 Virgin Islands. 19 instinctively. 22 puff. 23 inert. 24 Stan. 27 ordinal. 28 current. 29 Bulawayo. 30 exotic.

DOWN

1 positive. 2 in order. 3 nigh. 5 hydroelectric. 6 reap. 7 impious. 8 gander. 10 provisionally. 15 tipsy. 16 unfit. 18 hypnotic. 19 infidel. 20 entreat. 21 aplomb. 25 know. 26 crux.