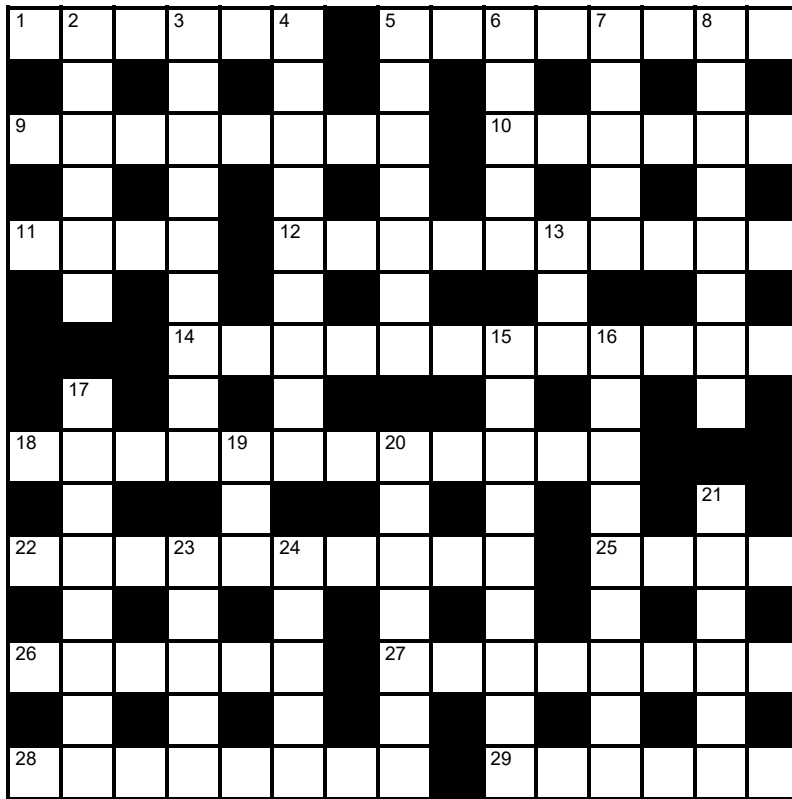


*Clues to characters mentioned in a certain comic song lack further definition*



**Across**

- 1 Wrinkled dessert with evenly crisped filling (6)
- 5 Rings go missing from training establishment, say the Spanish (8)
- 9 Very old ruse almost takes in one idiot (8)
- 10 Unpleasant fellow ingested too many drugs with migrant (6)
- 11 Finally sack worker (4)
- 12 Patient facilities a doctor cut in America (10)
- 14 Isn't tweeting appalling? (12)

- 18 New money to encourage doctor (12)
- 22 Man behind curtain with old letter belonging to lightweight (6,2,2)
- 25 Hockey umpires make excellent leaders (4)
- 26 Range depleted flyers' energy by half (6)
- 27 Very mischievous goddesses accept credit (8)
- 28 Stops French director being surrounded by children (8)
- 29 Secret exercise partly reflecting city (6)

**Down**

- 2 Lessons are in German and not looked at (6)
- 3 Saw two rats mess around and begin fighting (5,1,3)
- 4 Remove blemish on group from the south (9)
- 5 Big cask strange people heave here (7)
- 6 What's up with setter? (5)
- 7 Finish with space to dress in (3,2)
- 8 Big film featuring Moore possibly all over the place (8)
- 13 Promotions boys left out (3)

- 15 Zone One abandoned since the explosion (9)
- 16 Terrible red wine heart-breaking (5-4)
- 17 Her pilot bungled landings here (8)
- 19 Time to hear from us (3)
- 20 Official employment society denies (7)
- 21 A mark for each English measure (6)
- 23 Religious leader has adult books to put up with (5)
- 24 Music causing friction? No way! (5)