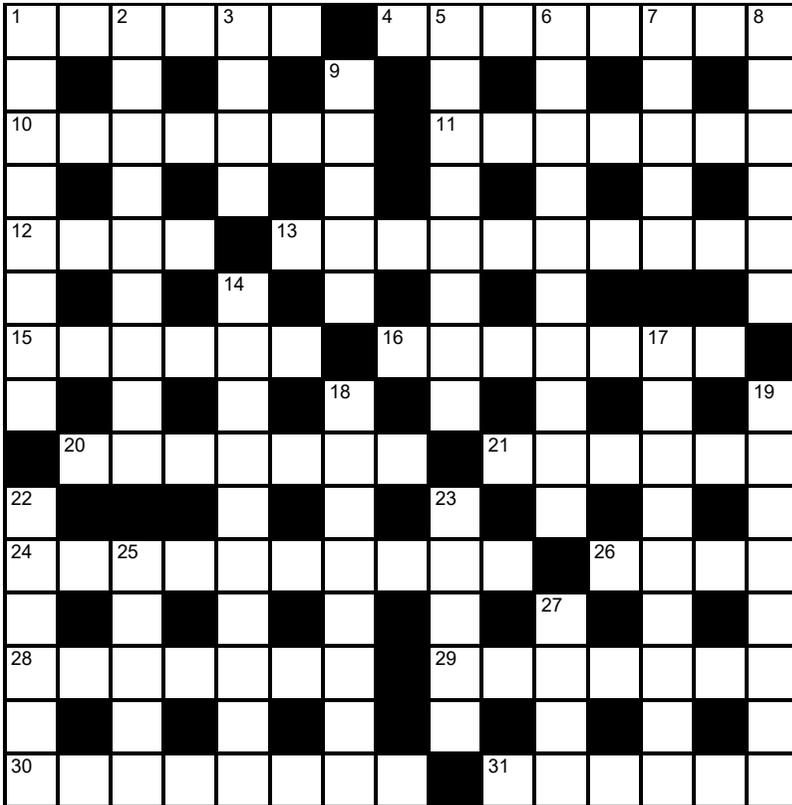


CROSSWORD

No 17,409 Set by MOO



ACROSS

- 1 Laugh about Charlie encountering moose heading west (6)
- 4 Shop in communist hands is given back (8)
- 10 Express Robespierre's objections to taking power (3-4)
- 11 Happiness of aunt perhaps when going topless (7)
- 12 I run backwards in space (4)
- 13 Ceasefire broken by mutinous uncle's aggression (10)
- 15 Mistakes in Pliny the Elder's writings? (6)
- 16 Pursue troubled king, one with illegitimate claim (7)
- 20 Rebellious US agent backing island colonist (7)
- 21 Transfer Chinese academic (4,2)
- 24 Such music disturbing Eton cleric (10)
- 26 Spirit of writer taking one to a different place (4)
- 28 Report of a republican imprisoned by northern judge (7)
- 29 Fish eaten by harbour (7)
- 30 East End institution reportedly allowed to serve food (8)
- 31 Disheartened student becoming increasingly thin (6)

DOWN

- 1 Calls about article on American islands (8)
- 2 Hall providing training for Tories? (9)
- 3 Female abandoning one instrument for another (4)
- 5 Charles's mum in tax trouble (8)
- 6 One focused on net profit? (10)
- 7 Announced downfall of the monarchy (5)
- 8 Jenny's an idiot (6)
- 9 Have mercy on redundant royal (5)
- 14 Perverted priests at English night club act (10)
- 17 I wondered about getting a winter warmer (9)
- 18 Free from sin, as many popes were (8)
- 19 Observer in toilet with royal couple (8)
- 22 Go slowly round a hut (4-2)
- 23 Sunak seduced by Paris Hilton (5)
- 25 Dictator's sinister observation post (5)
- 27 Steal heroin from fence (4)

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Solution 17,406

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Solution 17,407

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