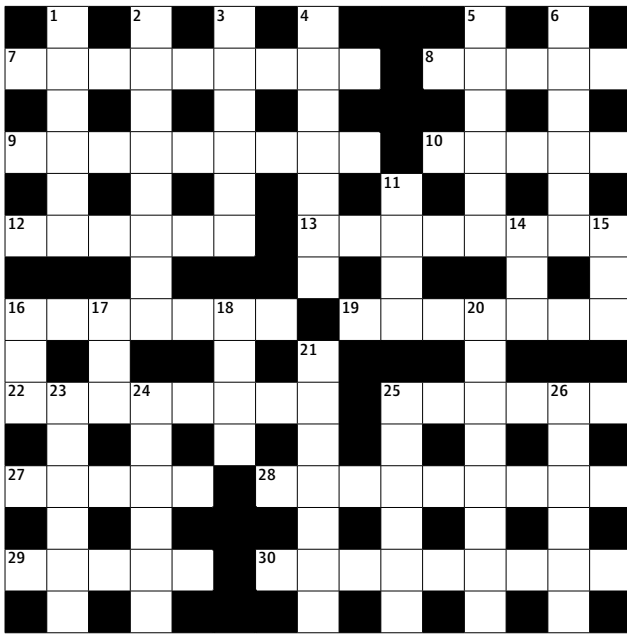


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Across

- 7 Kennedy famously meeting Castro in crisis – no sign of thaw? (4,5)
 8 President opening Gettysburg Address with passion (5)
 9 Gods here reflect the head of state on high, my fate, my beginning (2,7)
 10 Perhaps Bush shredded his letters about the end of the USSR (5)
 12 Constituents of Adams once produced fruit (6)
 13 Perhaps Reagan lost his head in office? (8)
 16 Sails hauled tight on boat of Florida president (4,3)
 19 President losing his cool but triumphed without getting the bird (7)
 22 Clinton reputedly with wanton harlot says: "I have to pay?" (8)
 25 President: no hesitation getting on the box (6)
 27 President laid bare? (5)
 28 Boatman caught in delicate illumination (9)
 29 Lack of clarity in speech by president (5)
 30 Start to salivate about bun (chocolate?) seen in window (6,3)

Down

- 1 I keep saying this femme fatale has no power (6)
 2 My abilities sell tragic content in satire (5,3)
 3 Boatman's spirit seen in colour of president (6)

- 4 Revolution in USA! Try supporting last to give mouth (7)
 5 Alternatively, dressed down with a flower (6)
 6 Clue for Northern Ireland, taking its place (2,4)
 11 Bottoms up! It's a reason to fill your glass (4)
 14,21 "It's important to maintain trust", Eisenhower said on diplomacy (3,7)
 15,17 One in temporary accommodation (6)
 16 Flower seen in autumn in US, with leaf's first drop (3)
 17 See 15
 18 President might introduce ads to create trends or reach family men? (4)
 20 Unexpectedly agile FDR becomes president (8)
 21 See 14
 23 President, one in role of a nation's leader: he does magic? (3,3)
 24 Not wholly macho, overworked president (6)
 25 Perhaps Lincoln led servant from the bottle (6)
 26 Fool, foolishly hoaxed (6)

Solution No. 26,614

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