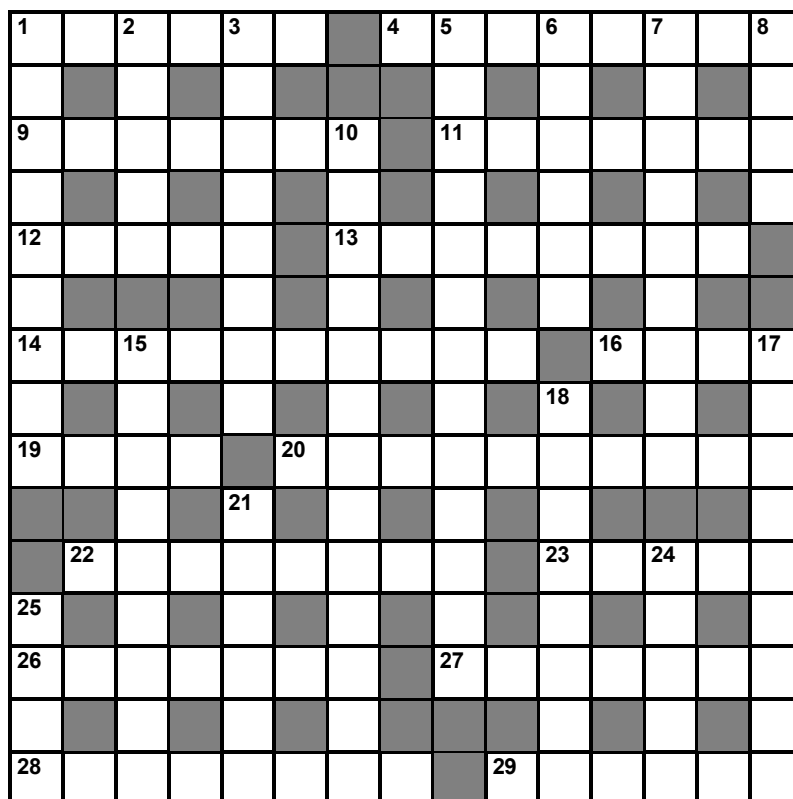


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ACROSS

- 1 Sprig of basil to enhance stew? (6)
- 4 Pressure in fast event on gamer's first game (4-4)
- 9 Small pieces of offal, thin slices (7)
- 11 Frightened one in particular (7)
- 12 Energy generated in productive German state (5)
- 13 A defender, cut down, consumes tablets (8)
- 14 Recording engineer ultimately makes changes to slurs (10)
- 16 A small flyer is keeping busy (2,2)
- 19 Series of tests to perform check (4)
- 20 Secure map in empty bottle with carpenter's tool? (5,5)
- 22 Explosive gathering retreated inside a mausoleum (4,4)
- 23 Detective in hospital bed recalled question (5)
- 26 Head of old nail, hammered into a piece of wood, is turning around (7)
- 27 Letter "R" missing from anagram of reptiles (7)
- 28 Country runners try following cars (8)
- 29 Downgraded charge only affected serious crime? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Gets on leading fairground entertainment (9)
- 2 A politician, I suspect, doesn't have one (5)
- 3 Lock-up containing pusher giving up US marshal (8)
- 5 Useless right in effect, one on line (13)
- 6 Mastermind, one acknowledged in class (6)
- 7 The Corrs, a rocky music group (9)
- 8 Makes fun of people generally (4)
- 10 Investigate dodderly old German, one spreading dirt (13)
- 15 "Silence! Silence! Get the better of gutless warden"? (5,4)
- 17 Disloyalty in connection with pain suffered in struggle (9)
- 18 Fury and ill-feeling about source of deal, perhaps (8)
- 21 Correspondence implicated ladies' man with missing DNA (6)
- 24 Clothing passed up to a slow African climber (5)
- 25 Depressed area's never-ending depression? (4)