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**ACROSS**

- 1 Energy put into helping character (10)
- 6 Part of rigging a boxing contest (4)
- 9 Part of forecast or, maybe, violent weather (5)
- 10 A feature of stage management is coming down (9)
- 12 Medic is unsettled after recording outbreaks of disease (9)
- 13 A little peripheral (a terminal) in the future (5)
- 14 Keeps track of returned and unwanted mail (4)
- 15 Prisoner's right to read (8)
- 18 "Honestly" taken completely a different way? (2,3,3)
- 20 One trimmed wax plant with showy flowers (4)
- 24 Start working as an actor (5)
- 25 Writer occupied by language originally used in crime material (9)
- 26 Wild animal is attached to large, conventional post (5,4)
- 27 Radical one sacrificed in bizarre ritual (5)
- 28 Lose fragment right away (4)
- 29 Paper re-filed with auditors turned up again? (10)

**DOWN**

- 1 Skin problems are reportedly connected to remains (6)
- 2 One wearing rings may be misleading people (7)
- 3 Harden a metal containing nitrogen that's volatile (13)
- 4 Sit up holding hat, for example (4,2)
- 5 Leader from overseas calling for exclusion (8)
- 7 Fast runner, missing the start, connected computer equipment (7)
- 8 Noticed rose, for example, growing outside pruned garden (8)
- 11 Representation of Christ purely about heart of God? (4,9)
- 16 Giant loss accepted by company linked with America (8)
- 17 Barrier is secure in criminal quarter (8)
- 19 Seaport shifted over and above what is required (2,5)
- 21 Security is transparently thin around vacant lot? (7)
- 22 Dose of medicine, if knocked back, could be a shot in the arm (6)
- 23 Cheque writer picked up pay (6)