

# Crossword 17,293 Set by BASILISK

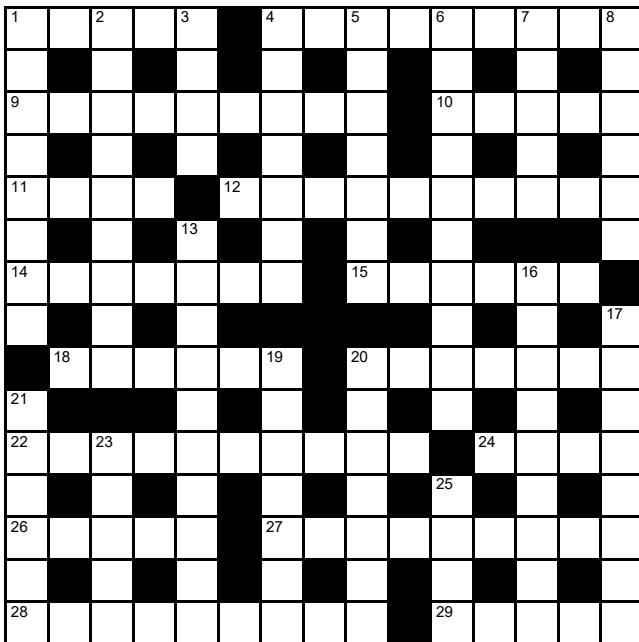
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## ACROSS

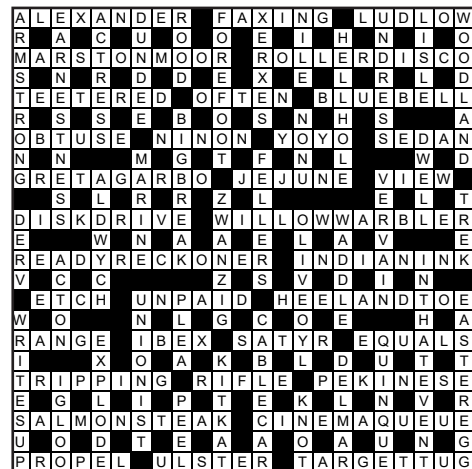
- 1/10** Russia thinks taking sides damaged leader (5,5)  
**4** One who led series of Schoenberg or Bach events (9)  
**9** Contributors to Pride who won a historic victory (9)  
**10** See 1  
**11** In the end, Argentina had to triumph around here (4)  
**12** See 26  
**14** Shower here beginning to ease distressed state (7)  
**15** Cook catches fish here (6)  
**18** Scare a Republican away from extremist position (6)  
**20** See 25 Down  
**22** Competition initially weakens currency following warning signs (6,4)  
**24** What limits stagflation in current time has gone (4)  
**26/12** Politician resigned, having dropped ecstasy with wicked author's child (5,10)  
**27** Character in *The Crown's* opening line? (9)  
**28** Dictator's dropped cuts and measures to curb aggression? (9)  
**29** Support unpopular leader (5)

## DOWN

- 1** Excluded third of students were first to smash bottles (5,3)  
**2** Cause of breathlessness affected rest home residents primarily (9)  
**3** American former president leads retail empire (4)  
**4** Discharge almost rips huge opening in Nord Stream 2? (3,4)  
**5** Took stock, determined to control south-east's borders (7)  
**6** Not for or against advanced search engine suppressing result of leak? (10)  
**7** Pursues senior politician close to business (5)  
**8** Hostile northerner snubbed somebody — somebody like Charles... (6)  
**13** ...torn asunder — that union unravelled (6,4)  
**16** USA sure to supply material goods for partnership (9)  
**17** Broadcaster abruptly cuts elements of satirical show? (8)  
**19** Article about summit reduced to that (7)  
**20** Hospital sign conveying source of registrar's worries (7)  
**21** Small salary for metal workers (6)  
**23** Expert's piece about case for vaccine (5)  
**25/20A** Politician's dull party has wine box (4,7)



## Solution 17,286



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