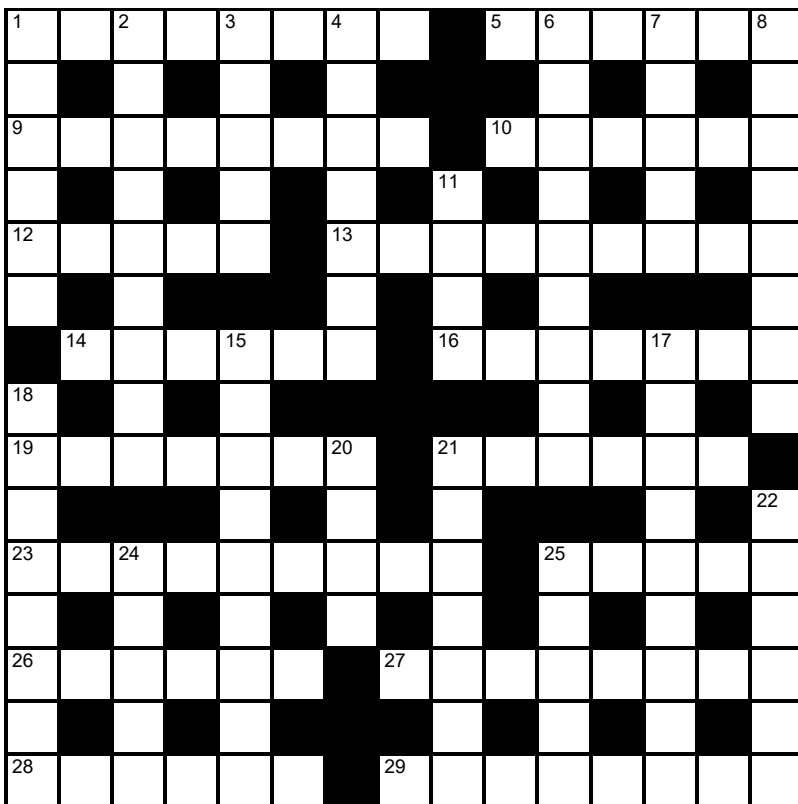


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ACROSS

- 1 Ground radar screens five in a thousand to find nocturnal creature (8)
- 5 Please spread out (6)
- 9 Everything I entered in free form isn't fiction (4,4)
- 10 An officer's scale (1,5)
- 12 For a start, keep faith (5)
- 13 Extra pounds do no harm to old city (5,4)
- 14 Lead to centre of Greek and Latin translation (6)
- 16 Heart hospital admitted it's not so clever (7)
- 19 Loves to eat free range plant (7)
- 21 Eddy or Teddy's heading in to cause annoyance (6)
- 23 Musician left in school toilet (5,4)
- 25 Some attraction in Los Angeles after setback (5)
- 26 Look about the same desire (6)
- 27 For one in trouble, pity an African (8)
- 28 Drifts and splatters? (6)
- 29 Did this in 15: difficult riddle about puzzle centre (8)

DOWN

Solution 17,969

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JOTTER PAD

- 1/18 A rare laborious result is a rare sight (6,8)
- 2 Start off somewhere in Norfolk seen developing traffic awareness (4,5)
- 3 Criminal's not in the building (5)
- 4 No judge supported by America? End of trial! (7)
- 6 Right after battle, sleep with someone offering wine (9)
- 7 Crazy journey! I say you are to go and have fun (5)
- 8 Some make a mistake starting to excavate garden feature (8)
- 11/21 Giant Marvel comic could be used in a fish & chip shop (4,7)
- 15 Save for this diary, any author's intro should be edited (1,5,3)
- 17 What retailer does is freeze (4,5)
- 18 See 1 down
- 20 Love to hear boyfriend's instrument (4)
- 21 See 11
- 22 Not allowed to listen to the Sex Pistols? (6)
- 24 Reject rising King Edward? (5)
- 25 Best map a gem (5)



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