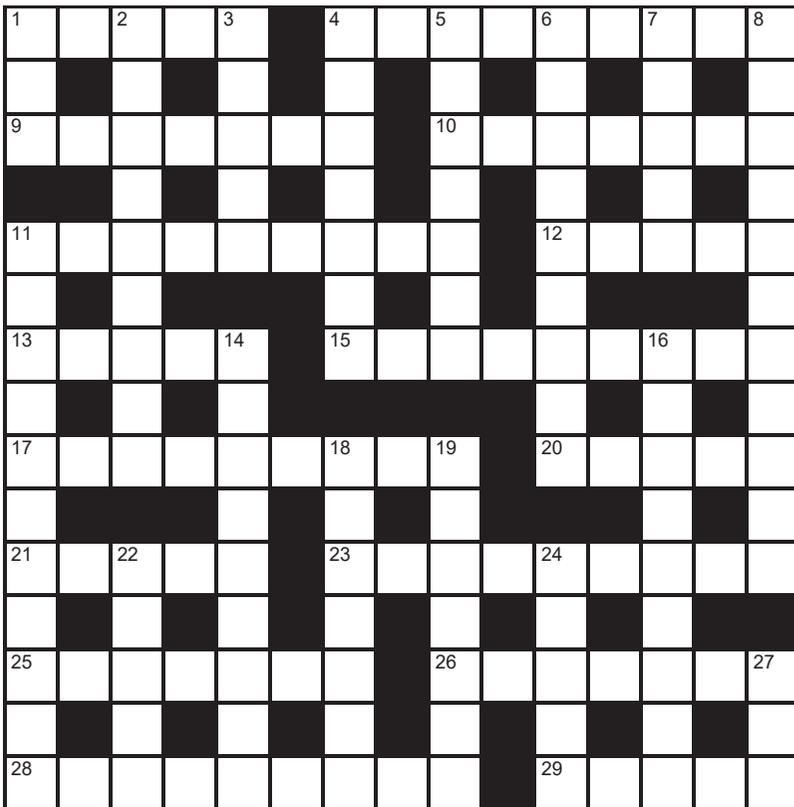


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ACROSS

- 1 Animal that may prowl around — it is silent (5)
- 4 Case of wine with fine mixture (9)
- 9 Country song featuring American artist at the end (7)
- 10 Diplomat is endlessly offensive and extremely hostile (7)
- 11 One opinion survey in Ohio trashed ordinary citizens (3,6)
- 12 Pin back a climbing plant (5)
- 13 Slow movement of large, mythical ship (5)
- 15 Cherished gift, almost certainly diamonds (9)
- 17 Go tumbling over a dune (9)
- 20 Spirit ultimately dominates every local pub (5)
- 21 Not so free-spirited, and less socially exuberant to begin with (5)
- 23 Fish visible in small window (9)
- 25 Be as good as guy friend with no daughter (7)
- 26 Medicine reportedly associated with our group (7)
- 28 Completely lifeless toad needs shifting (5-4)
- 29 Journey taking in good Costa? (5)

DOWN

- 1 The first items of toiletries everybody always leaves in a bag? (3)
- 2 Dishonourably discharged head cries out (9)
- 3 Trunk fastens in the middle... ish (5)
- 4 Tech device having enough power to block potentially harmful Trojans at the outset (7)
- 5 Understand each line involved in ascent (7)
- 6 Rich groups of elite celebs — ones who believe in destiny (9)
- 7 Piece of really crackly material (5)
- 8 Obvious thing laptops do (4-3-4)
- 11 Potential outcomes from certain cognitive biases could be off the scale (4,7)
- 14 After taking place, openly declare how old you are, typically (2,7)
- 16 Banished supporter had admitted to tending to vote Republican (9)
- 18 Disgusting old book connected with chaotic spectacle (7)
- 19 Cooked on a hot plate, but not initially peppered (7)
- 22 Dance at a bar in state of oblivion (5)
- 24 Recluse, single, in Lancaster on vacation (5)
- 27 Is sure, from time to time, to make a legal claim (3)

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