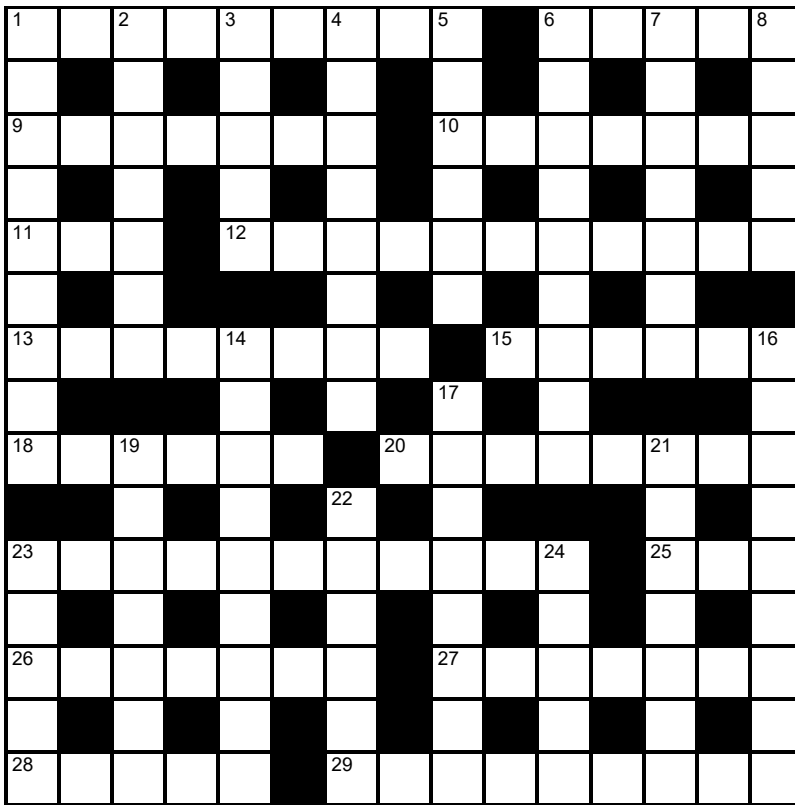


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ACROSS

- 1 Holding carbon, a scholar prepared sketches (9)
- 6 Top players understand both sides of darts (5)
- 9 Travelling from Northern Europe, heads of murderous armies usurp Rome's capital (7)
- 10 Increasingly irritated as a result of broken earring (7)
- 11 Belt out Billy Idol's number ones (3)
- 12 Frightening article worn by rector put away (11)
- 13 Lads stripped before match to get fit (8)
- 15 Attitudes concerning women getting ejected from golf course? (6)
- 18 Wimbledon champion returning with the wrong end of racket — he's good at this! (6)
- 20 Turn, turn... I'm turning left twice (8)
- 23 Ousting the leaders of elitist splinter group spreading false insinuations (11)
- 25 Brutish monster with clubs going after soldiers (3)
- 26 In addition, you listen out for instrument (7)
- 27 Paperwork — Solomon's first social security payment — is on the counter (7)
- 28 Bangladesh's eastern border as designated by NATO (5)
- 29 Hip essay about the ending of Dylan's 'Like a Rolling Stone'? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Letter from prisoner carried by boy soldier (9)
- 2 A third character *in* wardrobe, and second one *on* wardrobe (7)
- 3 One in *Police Academy* film carrying around diamonds (5)
- 4 A clergyman served egg eats 100?! That's right (8)
- 5 Spiritual healer and phoney bloke sharing money (6)
- 6 In parts of the home counties, good husbands tend new leaves (9)
- 7 Omission of badly-written lines crowding the contents of biog (7)
- 8 One captivated by kids' programme? (5)
- 14 Comprehensive article in *Le Figaro* on Ravel is rewritten (9)
- 16 Pick league's top 2 within division (9)
- 17 Spirited Russian, with 5-0 crushing, goes ahead of American (8)
- 19 Abandon maniac electing to spurn institute (7)
- 21 One performing in Madness when heavy metal became popular? (4,3)
- 22 Seats located among numerous tall sunflowers (6)
- 23 Cry out, moving up and down? (5)
- 24 Save money by investing millions in waste management facility (5)

Solution 18,170

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