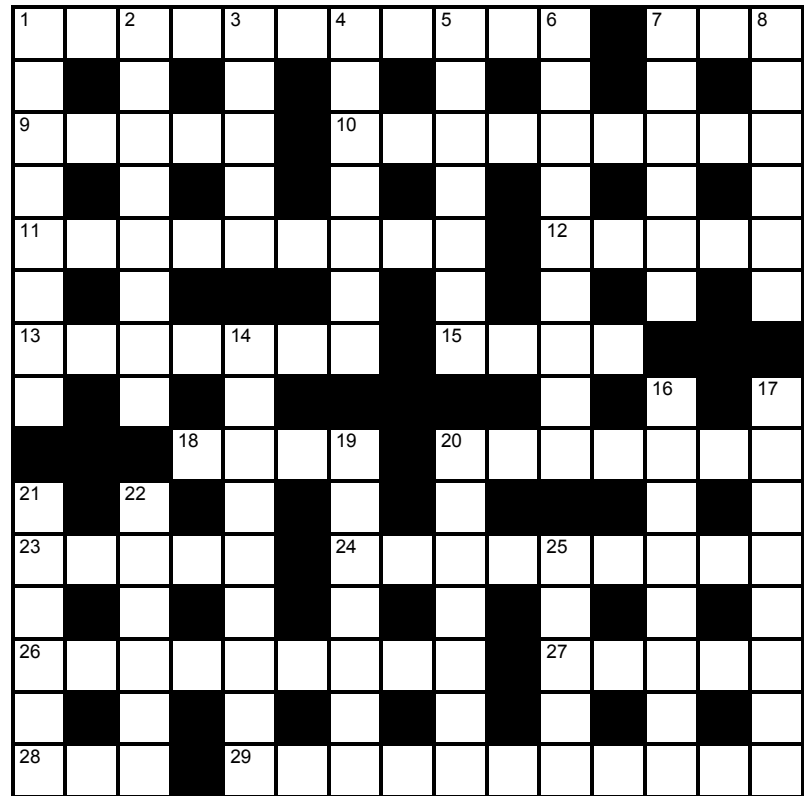


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**Across**

- 1 Fifty-fifty chance of Lisa slipping on parrot mucus (2,4,2,3)
- 7 Coming back from college, one is substantially dilute (3)
- 9 A bunch of these can create impact in game (5)
- 10 Northwestern town where Remains go after partial veto (9)
- 11 Trouble at mill, primarily due to head of accounting working without supervision (9)
- 12 Religious opinion held by one expressing disbelief at Wakefield church revival (5)



- 13 Wrote novel after cold: new high point for northern city (2,5)
- 15 Informant is rank amateur (4)
- 18 Margaret Atwood's literary bestseller originally involved this, but there's no sign of it in Gilead (4)
- 20 Ultimate rescue: lose one cat, gain setter (7)
- 23 Good cobbler goes back to making last (5)
- 24 Seen 26 in park (9)
- 26 Teen magazine wrote about bitter age (5,4)
- 27 Man seen around hospital in northwestern city (5)
- 28 Doctor reported you in online game (3)

- 29 In half a day, ten knocked up! (11)

**Down**

- 1 Pledge to return note before borrowing without necessary principal (8)
- 2 Priestly: one that gets thanks from fly (8)
- 3 One of America's top ten mistakes: it's taken out and shot (5)
- 4 One who judges members of legal profession, head down, practicing rite ... (7)
- 5 ... and seen cavorting in northwestern suburb (7)
- 6 T' triumph! (4,5)

- 7 Strung-out infantry (6)

- 8 He fibs about northeast maintaining proportion (6)

- 14 A paperback set in the middle of nowhere, one northern city (9)

- 16 Any sound gents in offensive building? (8)

- 17/21 For crossword Muppets, Miss Piggy's head may lead to nosebleeds (8,6)

- 19 Swear at 9 from northeastern city? Spooner says they are used to "Shoot!" (7)

- 20 Mature setter finally issued correction (7)

- 21 See 17

- 22 Checked the server was online, hoping Edgar hadn't erased the contents (6)

- 25 First newsreader to grow up up north is in a show, carrying a bat and fencing (5)