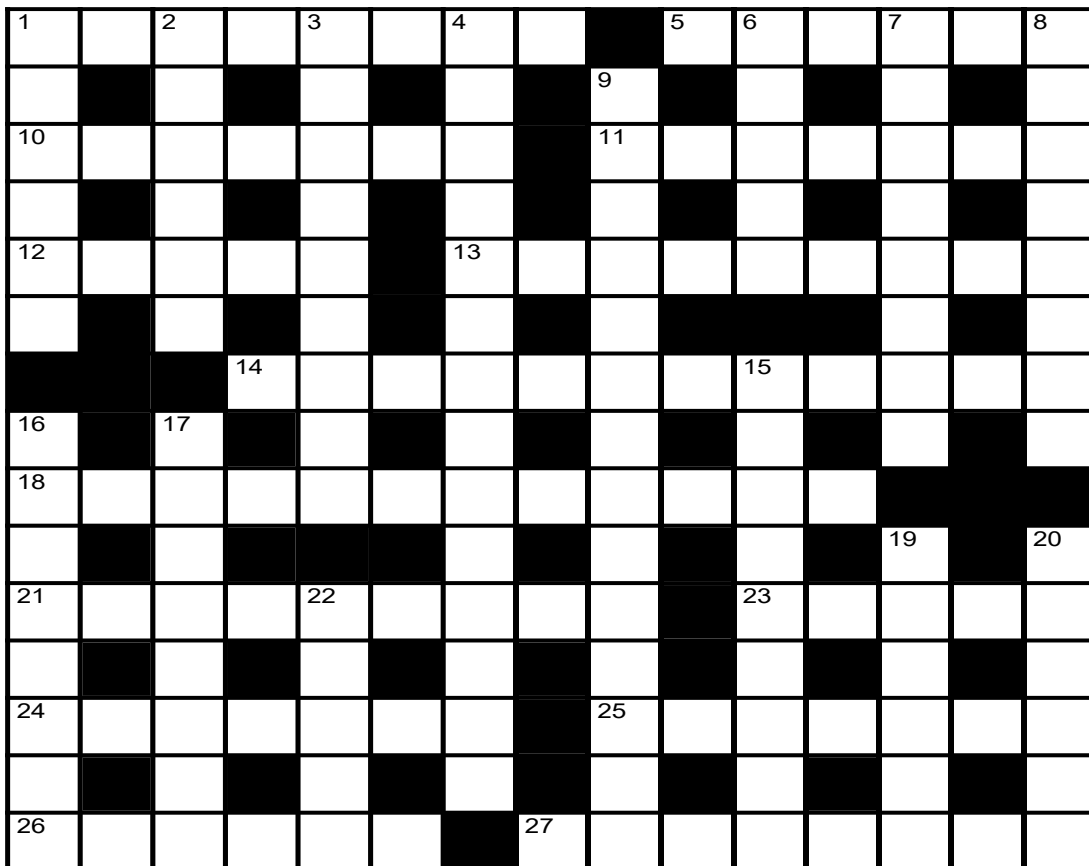




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ONSTAGE 1



ACROSS

- 1 Worry after daughter gets weird, black tattoo (8)
5 Wait for lift (4,2)
10 Escort going around very seedy European city (7)
11 Ordered perch, one right for little bird (7)
12 Star's sex appeal saving film (5)
13 Romped on trip with hot person of round body shape (9)
14 What masseur might do to socialise? (3,9)
18 Runs wild in rebellion? That's expected (12)
21 Drain filled with rubbish and extremely huge pile of discarded materials (9)
23 An augur's dwelling (5)
24 Medics in emergency checking back, parts of knee joint (7)
25 Re watery fluid accumulating in back (7)
26 Stylish maiden cleared litter in flat (6)
27 Mostly unwell, tackling unknown issue affecting the whole body (8)

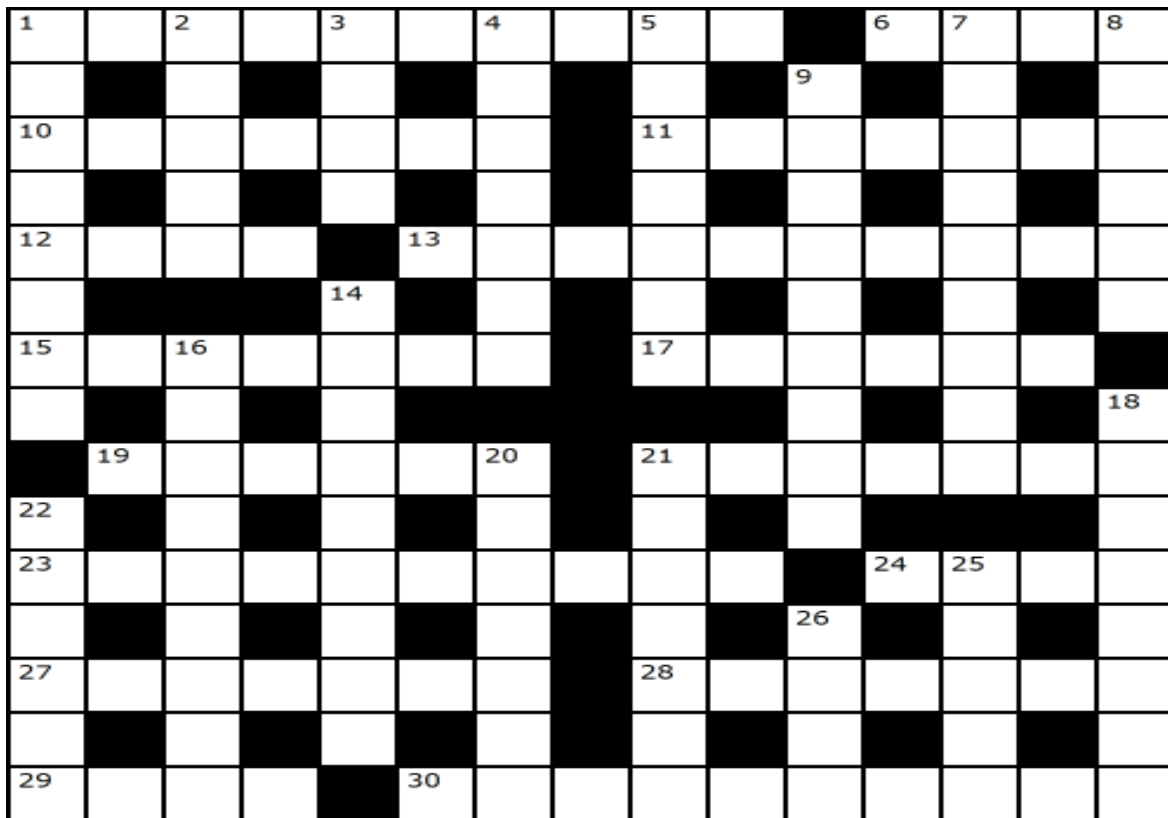
DOWN

- 1 Troublesome issue after director's neglect (6)
2 Display topless entertainment on live broadcast (6)
3 Fit of shivering right after a little lad's bitten by insect or bug (9)
4 Leader of America recklessly increases levy - unpleasant thing that must be accepted (1,9,4)
6 Dislike leader of party abandoning stand (5)
7 Left frustrated finally by ridiculous red tape (8)
8 Pick up pouch containing tea (8)
9 Detectives entering a building to break up ultimately noisy rave (4,5,5)
15 Keen to check popular scribe's latest feature (9)
16 Dumbest US crackpot wants head of Tesla included (8)
17 Row after star wants billion for part (8)
19 Philosophical doctrine in sermon is magnificent (6)
20 Medic worried about onset of rosacea affecting the skin (6)
22 Models in gang endlessly consuming ecstasy (5)



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ONSTAGE 2



ACROSS

- 1 Decent boss sadly not quite top of the table (6-4)
6 Very old lady repulsed prophet (4)
10 A bunch of physicists oddly lauded for closing plant (7)
11 A resident in ancient city getting recalled? (7)
12 Diamonds possibly the smart thing to wear (4)
13 Rivals meet, reorganising event for surfers (10)
15 Writer yet to be paid is making beastly noise (7)
17 Mark hit disc on the radio (6)
19 Admire old monarch, always looking back (6)
21 Fool head spy with crooked ideals (7)
23 After shedding skin, snake swallows organ in no time at all (10)
24 Language of ancient city ultimately intrigued you (4)
27 A pair of supporters following the rules (7)
28 Fan of royal times importing eastern garments (7)
29 Romantic prospect danced at first then had meal (4)
30 Host or MC loudly outlining something that holds water (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 Very helpful spirit stops a mess getting out of control (8)
2 Prickly types start to complain before first part of play (5)
3 Standard tip from nudism? (4)
4 Buzzer with high-pitched noise making a sound (7)
5 Holy man and love god securing tablet for speakers (7)
7 Curriculum system dispensed by Spooner's particular way of communicating (5,4)
8 Weak individual beginning to spend hour with independent parliamentarian (6)
9 Sum up rotten pieties put about by order (9)
14 Elders and ivy cultivated in various ways (9)
16 Suitor and horseman each losing head in dark time (9)
18 Reworked commercial entirely written by editor (8)
20 Put in code, hacking PC entry (7)
21 Huge mafia member swapping billions for number (7)
22 Old European duke was after a bite? (6)
25 Greek character hiding in large animal (5)
26 Federal agent pulled back curtain now and then (4)