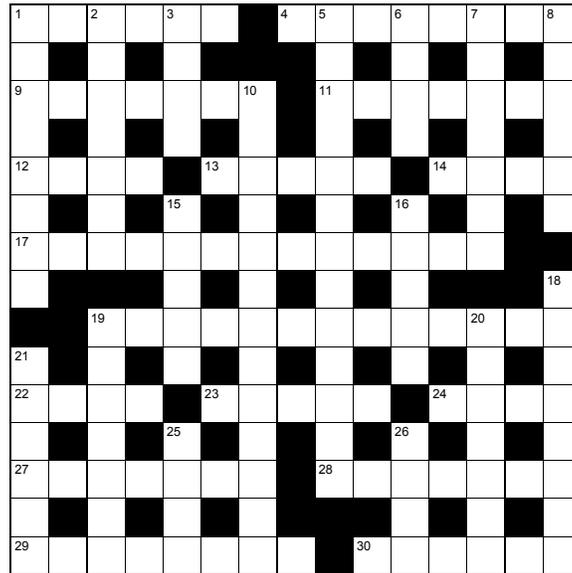


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ACROSS

- 1 Attempt to go after friend is worthless (6)
- 4 It's a blue shift, and appropriate (8)
- 9 Perhaps Caesar heard of royal dynasty (7)
- 11 Senior member performed, restraining desire (7)
- 12 Animal returned for grass (4)
- 13 Races off in alarm (5)
- 14 Staff morale's initially excellent (4)
- 17 Disgraced boxer may be found here? (2,3,8)
- 19 Pleasant chief is upset by insult (4,2,3,4)
- 22 Captain found in America habitually (4)
- 23 Southern island offers diving (5)
- 24 Right time for anger (4)
- 27 I am finished with old way of painting (7)
- 28 English bird on a lake is unchanging (7)
- 29 Film director achieves success, acquiring second franchise finally (8)
- 30 Newspaper boss tried zero changes (6)

DOWN

- 1 Picture of parrot ruined it (8)
- 2 Constant unit of brightness? (7)
- 3 Smuggled dollars chiefly and another currency (4)
- 5 But leader then goes off to get very drunk (5,3,5)
- 6 Starts to think of yearly Shakespeare plays (4)
- 7 Pop group takes a long time to wrap up (7)
- 8 French pupil joins northern team (6)
- 10 Award for winner getting first clue in this puzzle? (8,5)
- 15 Vehicle carrying Ed Wood (5)
- 16 Poet establishing university in port (5)
- 18 Be derisive about healthy retailer (8)
- 19 Fluid for cleaning locks (7)
- 20 Opposed to renovation of Santiago mostly (7)
- 21 One bear's suffering from disease (6)
- 25 Goddess lives twice (4)
- 26 It's crazy taking drug with alcoholic drink (4)

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SOLUTION

1	P	A	L	T	R	Y		4	S	U	I	6	T	A	B	L	8	E
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ACROSS

1 paltry. 4 suitable. 9 Romanov. 11 doyenne. 12 reed. 13 scare. 14 mace. 17 in the doghouse. 19 slap in the face. 22 Ahab. 23 scuba. 24 rage. 27 impasto. 28 eternal. 29 Scorsese. 30 editor.

DOWN

1 portrait. 2 lambert. 3 rand. 5 under the table. 6 toys. 7 bandage. 8 eleven. 10 Victoria Cross. 15 cedar. 16 Auden. 18 jeweller. 19 shampoo. 20 against. 21 rabies. 25 Isis. 26 mead.