



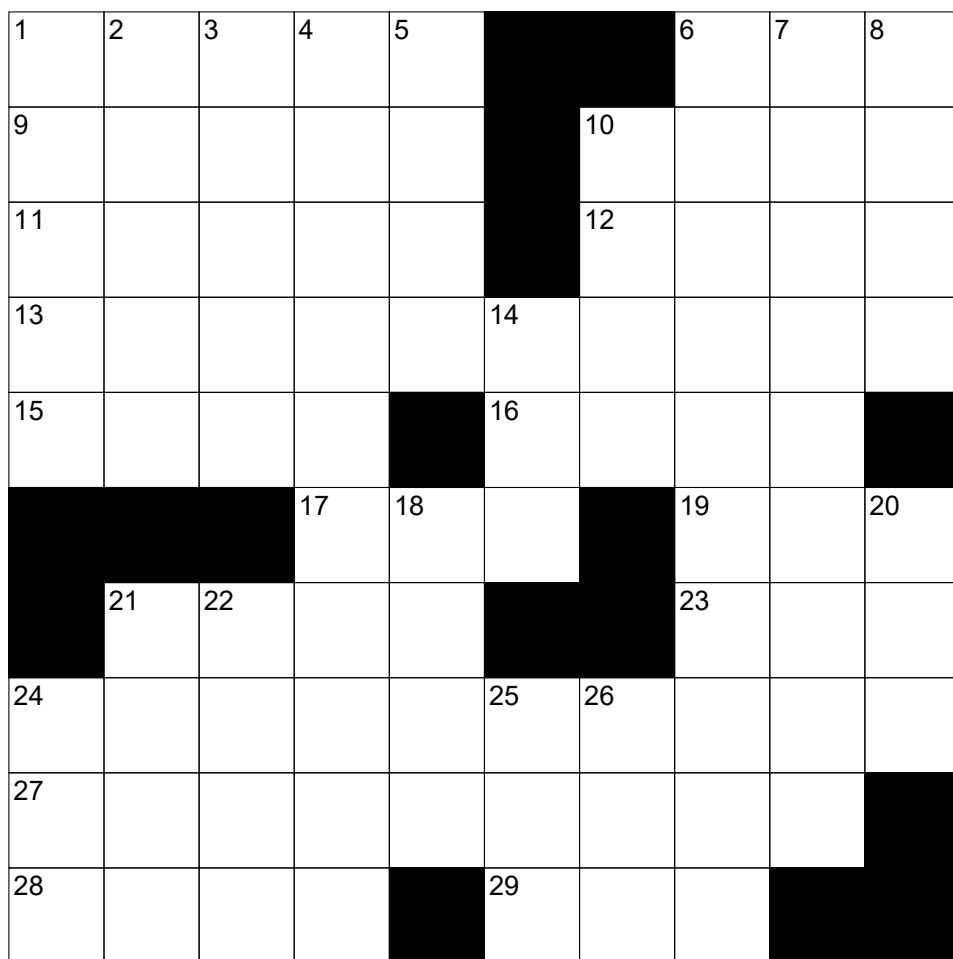
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ACROSS

- 1 Minnesota ____ (2025 Professional Women's Hockey League champions)
- 6 Org. whose national standards include "Welcome All Families" and "Speak Up for Every Child"
- 9 School period when students may pick sides
- 10 Pot pie vent
- 11 "We're in the same boat"
- 12 "Look at my awesomeness!"
- 13 Optimistic to a fault
- 15 Publicity that makes something sound so freakin' awesome
- 16 So freakin' awesome
- 17 High point of a baseball player's uniform
- 19 Word pronounced with a long E rather than a schwa when emphasizing uniqueness
- 21 This is just a guess!
- 23 Crow "Yo!"
- 24 Comment of excitement (or exhaustion) as a second overtime gives way to a third
- 27 Al that recently said to me, "Terrific choice. TACOS would have been one of my top picks."
- 28 Has the right to call something "mine, all mine"
- 29 Nickname of a U.S. president or casual abbreviation of a U.S. state

DOWN

- 1 A royal one can't be beat
- 2 Off one's game after the offseason, say
- 3 Available as a draft pick?



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- 4 They're filled with round numbers?
- 5 To whom the question "Were you the one with the hammer?" is directed in Douglas Adams's "Life, the Universe, and Everything"
- 6 Apt advice for how to approach an ice hockey game?
- 7 Document detailing the highs and lows of a week at the beach
- 8 Just barely
- 10 How-to segment
- 14 "You betcha!"
- 18 Name that might give off subliminal vibes of competence at a job interview
- 20 Apt word found in "Feeling sheepish, are we?"
- 21 Visual half of a kindergartener's presentation
- 22 Arctic ____ (pole-to-pole migrator that may travel over 1.5 million miles in its lifetime)
- 24 Number of Professional Women's Hockey League seasons, so far
- 25 Bit of a bit of time
- 26 Evidence that one can manage, briefly