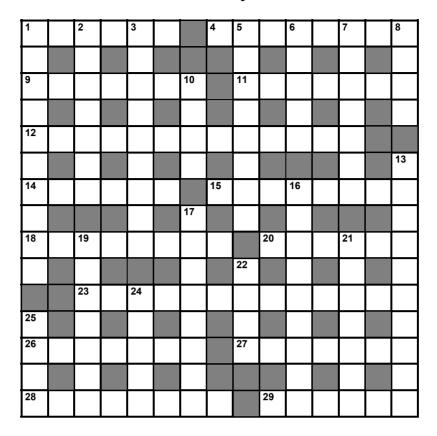
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ACROSS

- 1 Make a mess of popular baked treat (6)
- 4 Finalist in gymnastics performed a somersault and fell? (8)
- 9 Orange-yellow rice mostly prepared in a cooker (7)
- 11 Sports official not in best condition may be turned down (7)
- 12 Recalcitrant is in navy vessel to speak about commotion (13)
- 14 They are associated with visiting time, in theory (6)
- **15** Joyful song about good fairground entertainment (8)
- **18** Seepage, ultimately discovered in laundry, ruined flooring (8)
- **20** Notice, at different times, playground equipment (6)
- 23 Old probes interfered with stable vital sign (5.8)
- **26** Head of organisation, wearing costume, is drunk (3,2,2)
- 27 Powerful machines, seen out of sync, should be filled with spirit (7)
- **28** Disciplinarian shortened additional register of wanted people (8)
- 29 Powerful right claimed in academic work (6)

DOWN

- 1 Important base in Gulf affected by damage (10)
- 2 Payment securing mineral deposits is divine (7)
- **3** In part of the Caribbean, hot air on the rise is warmer (9)
- 5 Monitor session on computer system, one booted up (8)
- **6** Members of Thai family turned around a criminal organisation (5)
- 7 Sound of classes at school dies down (7)
- **8** Decorated part of a wall constructed, in the end, with difficulty (4)
- 10 Divided fraction of constant or number (4)
- 13 Pilot handling criminal without making a mistake (10)
- 16 Neglect ruined this grove (9)
- 17 It is identified following one funny heart problem (8)
- 19 Newcomer at centre of bitterness is an argumentative person (7)
- 21 Attractive person breaks up about fellow lacking in fun (7)
- 22 Live on banks of river, next to a hillside (4)
- **24** Butcher's stock is substandard and all reduced (5)
- 25 Shape beneficial to male (4)