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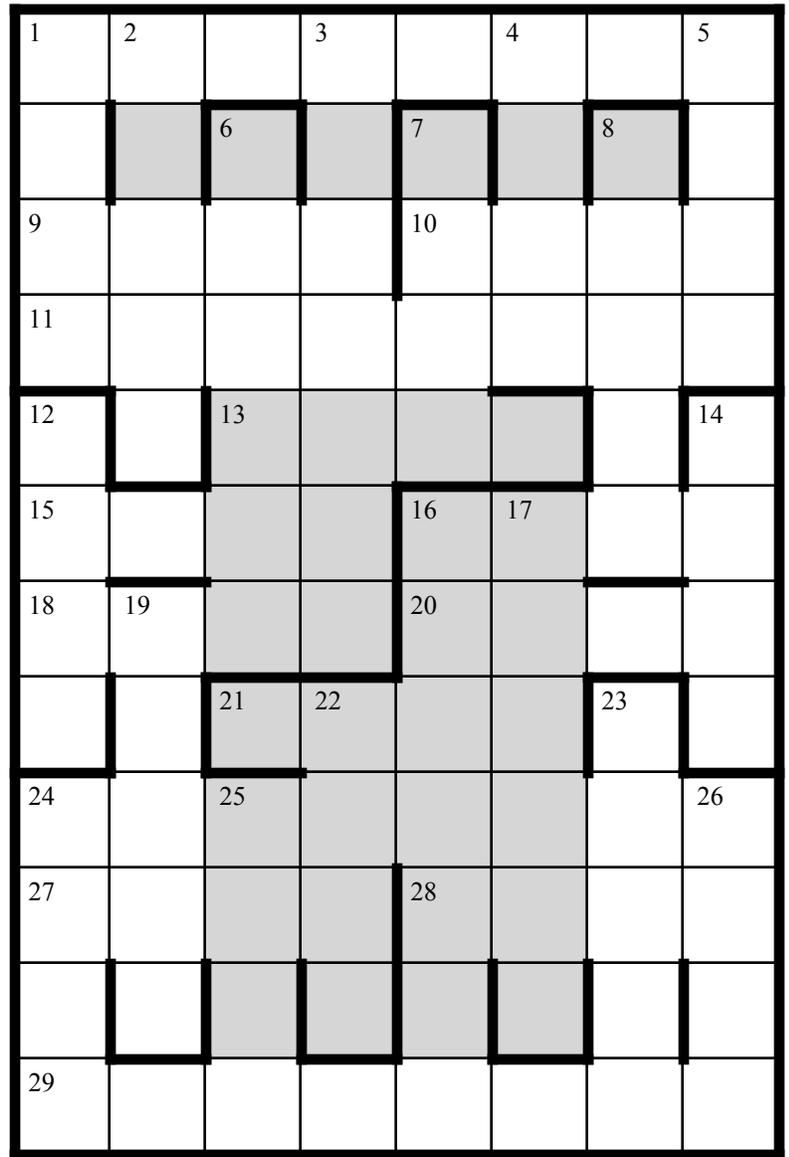
In 14 clues, the letter sequence the wordplay produces omits one letter. Circle all these letters in the grid; then read the topmost circled letter in each column, right to left, and the bottommost circled letter in each column, left to right, to produce a sequence of words. Also, for each such clue, if nth letter of the answer is omitted, circle the nth letter of the clue; these letters, in clue order, will say what to write above each column. Then two items displayed prominently on the page, the text shown in the upper set of shaded letters, the sequence of words you produced earlier, and the text above the grid, will all be examples of things named prominently in the lower set of shaded letters.

ACROSS

1. Outspoken folks who rob Pittsburgh athletes (8)
9. Four out of forty-three eels like very wide shoes (4)
10. Hesitant remark initially echoes in this place (4)
11. Offered a poetic lament in the British style about Arnaz, who was once on everyone's TV set (8)
13. Club-tossing coin-conjuror Jillette (4)
15. One work played by twice as many people as expected (4)
16. The 3rd day of suet-cooking (4, *abbr.*)
18. Rein thrashed about (2 2)
20. Slam vacuous, unsatisfactory porn (4)
21. Soft flesh of whirling blue TV alien (4)
24. Oath-givers should be toasting people (8)
27. Kiss actor Gregory (4)
28. Norma's middle name, in a Sally Field movie, is a word that follows "Dies" in a hymn (4)
29. Where yachts might be encountering space after traveling around! (8)

DOWN

1. Perverse reactions to mice forming a kind of ball at an arcade (4)
2. Sing about Charlie's lymphocyte (1 4)
3. One who explains a former lover — for example, Peter — stripping (7)
4. The First Lady's late hours (4)
5. Grain yield is discussed (4)
6. Doctor that carries sword up and down more (6)



7. Mostly-porcelain item on your head (4)
8. Erstwhile actress Dunne or actress Russo (5)
12. Cut some text from *Edward I* (4)
14. In Spain, where the sun goes up St. Elmo's nose (4)
16. Russian empress, queen, soldier, or worker from the south has Indian clothing (7)
17. Bums re-remixed brownish colors (6)
19. Type of jug that's less archaic (5)
22. Say, Huron lady north of Alaska (4)
23. Woman's undergarment on English/Danish astronomer Tycho (5)
24. Overturned charts describing canned meat (4)
25. One scientific prefix meaning "outside East Connecticut" (4)
26. Observes bishoprics (4)