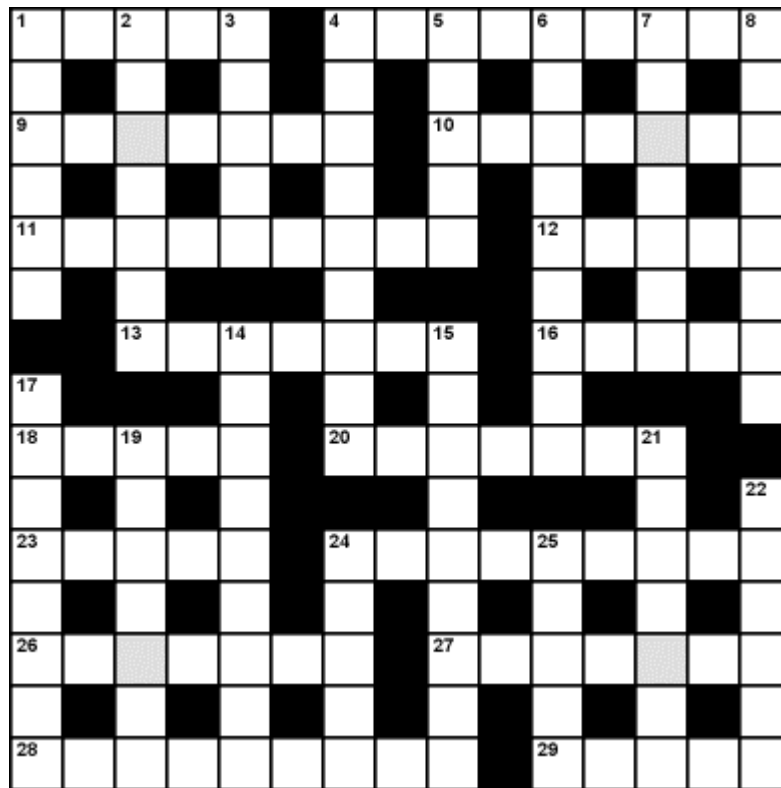


Each clue contains an extra word, the first letters of which identify squares in the grid to be shaded.
When completed, the shaded squares (including the four already provided) contain a message.



Across

- 1 Was in charge of Baptist church's style of dressing (5)
- 4 Pack one's blade carelessly in retreat (9)
- 9 Shrewdly tactful X-ray snapshot captures old drunk (7)
- 10 Thus far, father goes after attorney with drink (4,3)
- 11 Frilly border surrounding St. Peter's impressive entrance, note, and cellar (4,5)
- 12 Single virgin, while sexy, heartless and fresh (5)
- 13 Eponymous Greek character takes in unendingly bleak picture (7)
- 16 Top story: Telephone company eventually starting to improve average performance (5)
- 18 Boy isn't running backwards near a vertex (5)
- 20 Finds another purpose for keeping grainy blue picture puzzles (7)
- 23 Close off heavy molded wall footing (5)
- 24 Build up true belief about perfume, for the most part (9)
- 26 Delightful aliens agilely dancing around club (7)
- 27 Tract of nearby pasture left out (7)
- 28 Kennedy's holding snare with first of distinctly odd four-footed creatures (9)
- 29 Extract Western portion of secret nickel deposit underground (5)

Down

- 1 Spread like cheap wine, once (6)
- 2 Explicit lines in lively tunes – there's nothing to it? (4,3)
- 3 In vile joint, a couple of turkeys ask for money (3,2)
- 4 Again stage “Time Out”, young reporter's entertaining retrospective for Floridian NFLer (9)
- 5 National prestige of troupe mentioned (5)
- 6 Supports friends riding wild steed, obviously (9)
- 7 Meet nightly behind silly dope's place (7)
- 8 Per Rev. Spooner, taste England's sausage and pretend to sing (3-5)
- 14 Actresses Lucille, Victoria and Moran with a dancer (9)
- 15 Elongated shaded areas around wing covered ribs? (9)
- 17 Nervous to the extreme, one rattled tenor cut siesta short (8)
- 19 You'll make clear where de body is? (7)
- 21 Embattled financial institution to back urban baseball diamond (7)
- 22 Dingy, second-rate western hat (6)
- 24 Cut to graphic section of a long poem (5)
- 25 Cover one relative of a European raccoon (5)