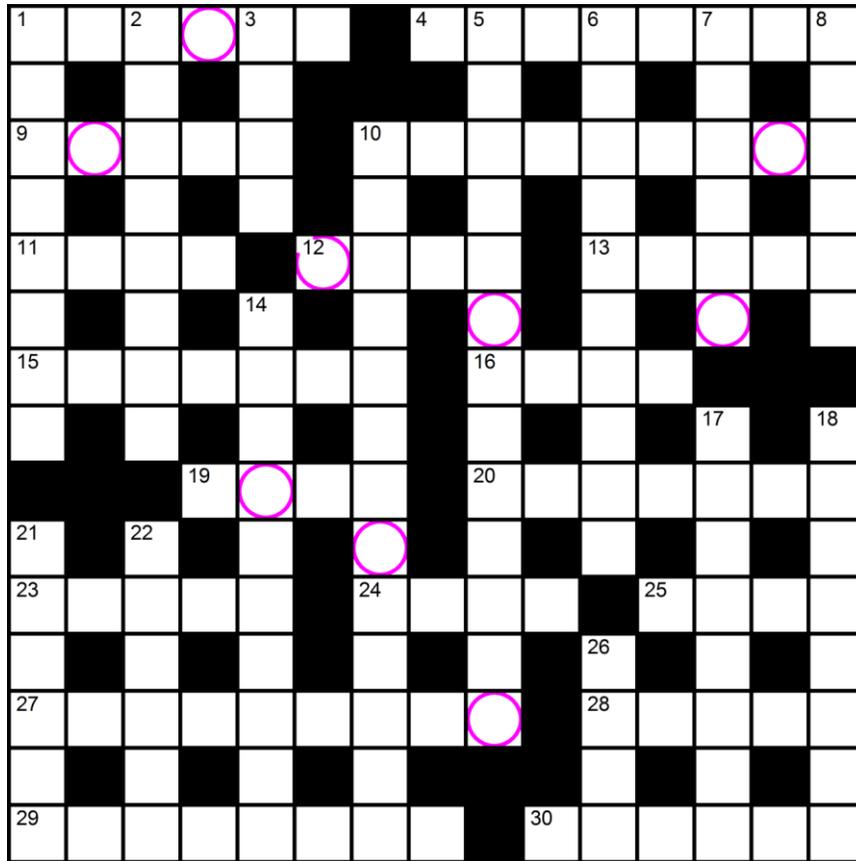


Easy



The theme of this puzzle is indicated by the one to whom it is dedicated—Katie. No adjustments are necessary for any entries; each of the ten theme words is described by a term revealed as circled letters are read from right to left, bottom to top.

ACROSS

1. Rear-facing fellow to move in Sinuous fashion coat (6)
4. Missing Latin transported from Alberta to Iowa (8)
9. Hide green stuff during hearing (5)
10. Authority confident certain gang member, terrorist leader captured (9)
11. Remarkably, government prosecutor makes bubbly beverage (4)
12. Disembowel, hold onto large excess (4)
13. Delightful—replacing carbon with sulfur makes it dark (5)
15. Makes mistakes getting around turbulent sea with rubbers out (7)
16. Look back to first sign of fixed payments for services (4)
19. Soft mineral imbued with some vital characteristics (4)
20. Runaway paces nervously in front of electrical engineer (7)
23. Call out signal line (5)
24. Twice, one leads large wading bird (4)
25. Pimple I get from tubular pasta (4)
27. Dingo Bill trained portending evil (3-6)
28. Attractive one sliced remainder of pastry after giving away first piece (5)
29. Individual with keen sight had retained key overland from Pacific coast to Atlantic shore (8)
30. Break faith with Chandler after wager (6)

DOWN

1. Overabundances of crosses around self-starting financial regulator's back-filing (8)
2. Unspoiled, pastoral curve Diana negotiated (8)
3. "Paradise" where alternate expression of humor banned—that's not odd? (4)
5. Charred dinner might be benign for turf (5,8)
6. Practicality of one-time gym class followed by pass before mid-morning—see why? (10)
7. Beginning of thoughtless report, uttering illogical, superficial message—just saying (6)
8. Yes, yes, it's a primate (6)
10. Temperance faces slicer if unruly (4-9)
14. Marine predator to perceive casing of one half of instrument for measuring wind direction (3,7)
17. Chip, a very fast runner, takes a left instead of a right (8)
18. Removal of uniform provides relief? (8)
21. Keep quiet about French (who second motion to compact) (6)
22. Chicken to squawk expression of pain (6)
26. Essence of sumac never produces skin eruption (4)