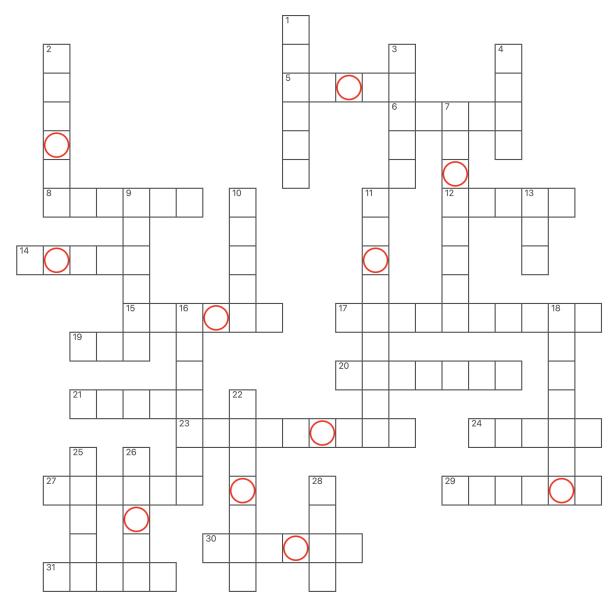
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ACROSS

- 5 a region's native plant life
- 6 essential military training
- 8 little bit of wisdom or gold
- 12 one of baseball's "corners"
- 14 soft, lustrous finish
- 15 tinned cookware
- 17 chart-topping book
- 19 lowest cardinal number
- 20 deep, enthusiastic affection
- 21 music genre from the Deep South
- 23 gleaming; shimmering
- 24 repeating elliptical trajectory
- 27 twisted filaments
- 29 creative plan or pattern
- 30 hardest substance in the human body
- 31 the stuff you shouldn't sweat

DOWN

- 1 exotic wildlife expedition
- 2 mid-century living room, or treasure
- 3 a strong rope, or telegram
- 4 how to prepare a snowball
- 7 used to make, mend, or join
- 9 southern Balkan country
- 10 waves deposit debris here
- 11 durable material for art, baking, and dentistry
- 13 can symbolize both love and anger
- 16 ironed or squeezed
- 18 often worn in pairs
- 22 natural compounds essential to leather and wine
- 25 magically attract or delight
- 26 precious, polished ornament
- 28 diving end of the pool