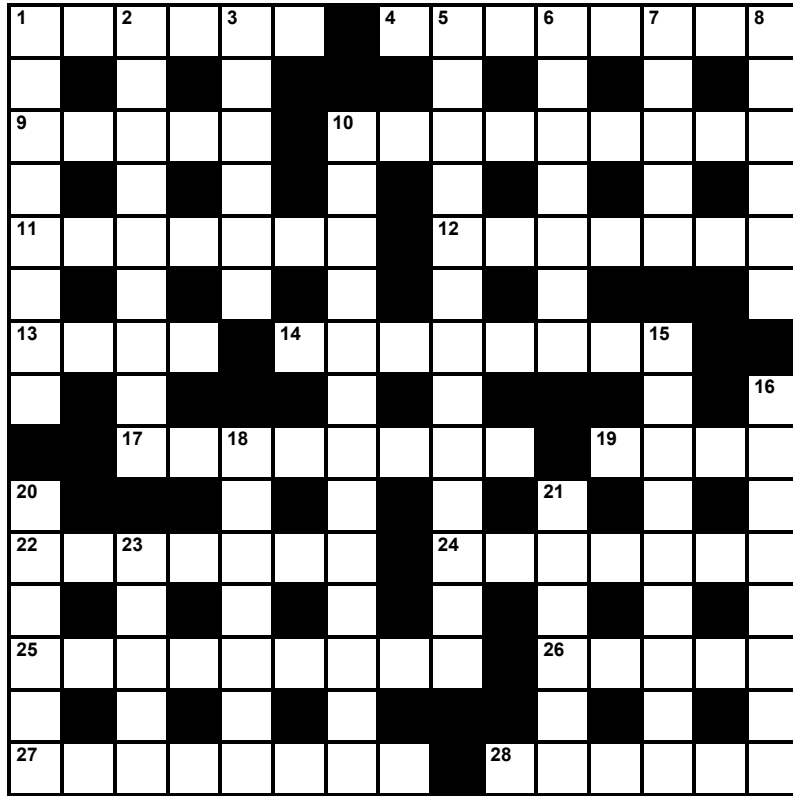


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Across

- 1** Organisations smell stamps (6)
- 4** Murders preceding ring getting stolen outside branch (8)
- 9** Piece of land where vehicle has to go backwards in races (5)
- 10** Function in smoother Spanish city (9)
- 11** Almost claim the criminal is acting with integrity (7)
- 12** Remove all mention that old joke ends in devastating punchline (7)
- 13** Emperor once took gold back to New England (4)

- 14** Conservative politicians' core backs tanks (8)
- 17** Roly's partner understood receiving line was multilingual (8)
- 19** See 23 Down
- 22** Particle explodes, obliterating piano concert (7)
- 24** Rotten circle keeping artist against ostentation (7)
- 25** Food and drink left unfinished after game (9)
- 26** Weighed down Osama's second follower (5)
- 27** Rubber donkey found in French river (8)

- 28** Cheerful and relaxed, though regularly burdened with axes (6)

Down

- 1** Birds find bird in pieces (8)
- 2** Hated awkwardly bringing up actor's role in extremely dangerous situation (9)
- 3** Apprenticeship's lure (6)
- 5** Drunk foreign butler showing clumsiness (6,7)
- 6** Being more on the ball, one allowing others to take part accepts change (7)
- 7** Look over study of days in the past (5)
- 8** Shorter trees worried rebel leader (6)

- 10** Marketing photographs of horse races (7,6)
- 15** Put the question of a missing total and the French vamoose (9)
- 16** Artist keeps far too much Asian money before turning everything over to lawyer (8)
- 18** Allowed to chop up herbivore's last salad (7)
- 20** Those leading drug research apparently could have made an eighth of an ounce (6)
- 21** Prison guard seeing trouble in top half (6)
- 23/19** Forces wet mixture into wrinkles (5,4)