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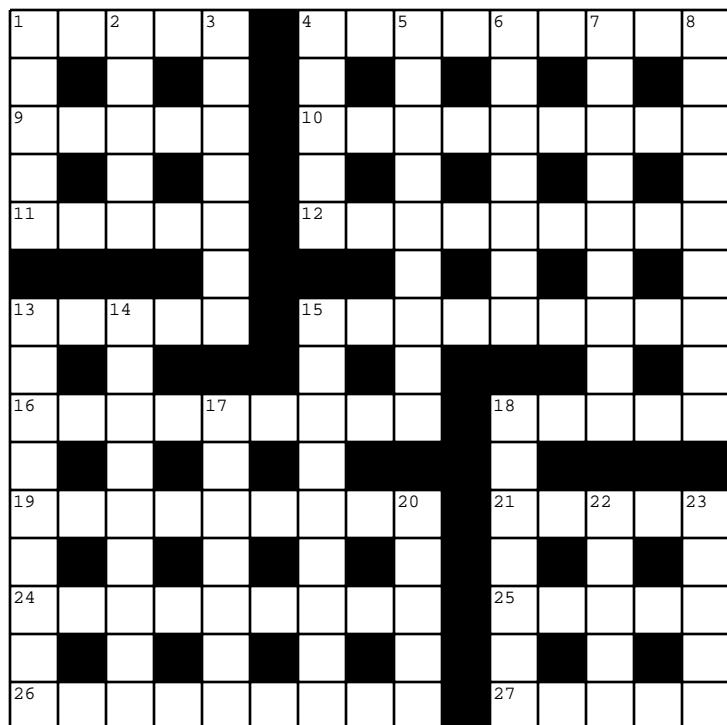
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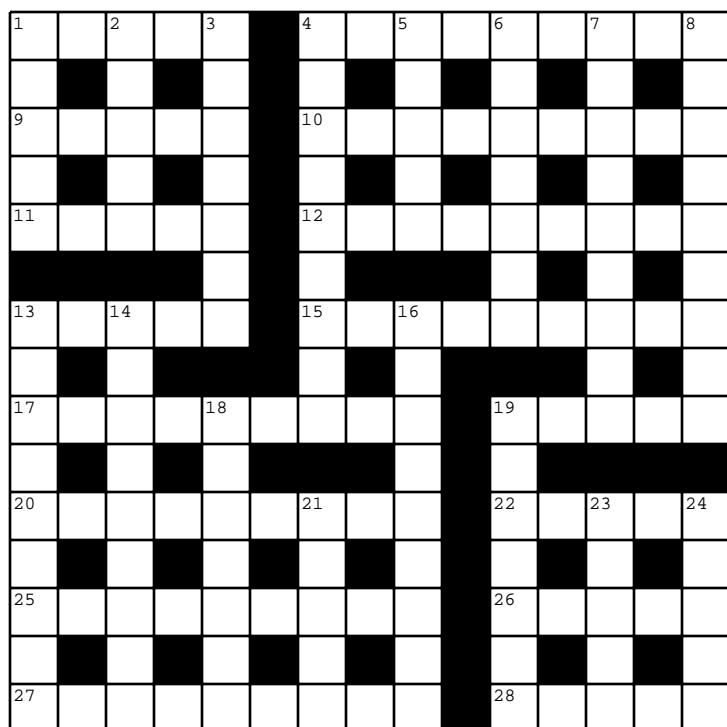
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| 4. EXCLAIMED  | 2. BLEST      |
| 9. GREEN      | 3. MONSOON    |
| 10. SCRATCHED | 4. EASES      |
| 11. OUTDO     | 5. CHROMATIC  |
| 12. SYMMETRIC | 6. ANTWERP    |
| 13. OFTEN     | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 15. ANTIPASTI | 8. DEDUCTIVE  |
| 16. ENIGMATIC | 13. OVERSPEND |
| 18. ALIKE     | 14. TRIMARANS |
| 19. STAGGERED | 15. ALTERNATE |
| 21. THREW     | 17. MAGGOTS   |
| 24. ELABORATE | 18. ARTISAN   |
| 25. STICK     | 20. DEEDS     |
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| 27. NESTS     | 23. WAKES     |



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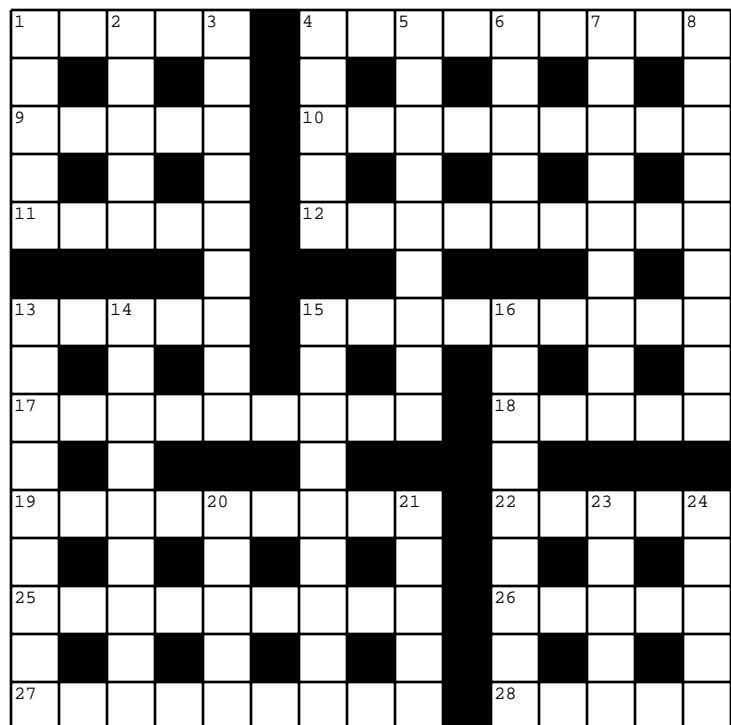
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| 1. LOGIC      | 1. LUIGI      |
| 4. ARTIFACTS  | 2. GENES      |
| 9. INNER      | 3. CORNEAS    |
| 10. SYMMETRIC | 4. ASSYRIANS  |
| 11. ISSUE     | 5. TEMPI      |
| 12. RHINOCERI | 6. FREMONT    |
| 13. MENUS     | 7. CARPENTER  |
| 15. ARISTOTLE | 8. SACRILEGE  |
| 17. DONALDSON | 13. MIDDLEMAN |
| 19. NURSE     | 14. NONEVENTS |
| 20. LAVISHEST | 16. IGNITIONS |
| 22. TACIT     | 18. LUSTFUL   |
| 25. MANIFESTO | 19. NOTICES   |
| 26. CAMEO     | 21. EASES     |
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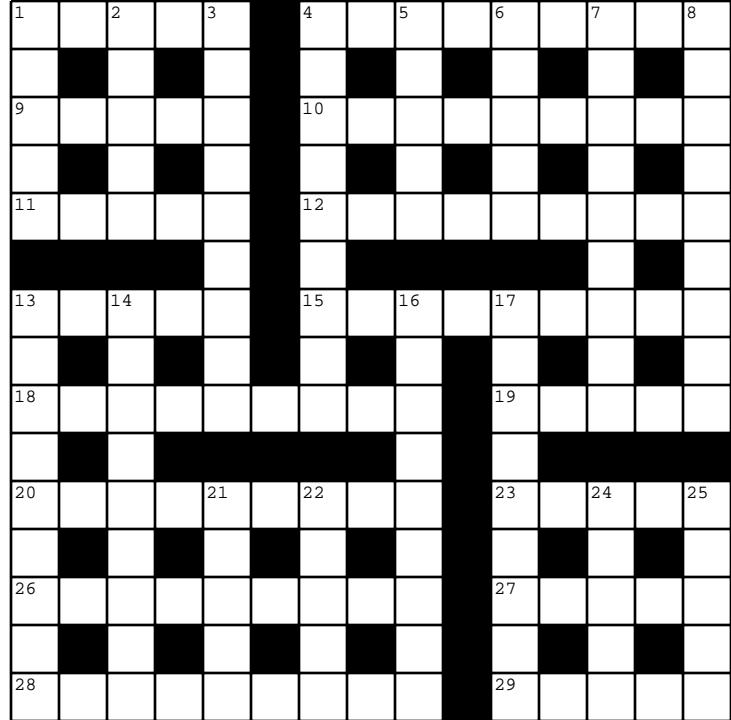
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| 1. SLIPS      | 1. SNAIL      |
| 4. REWRITTEN  | 2. IDIOM      |
| 9. ALIEN      | 3. SANITARIA  |
| 10. MAELSTROM | 4. RAMPS      |
| 11. LIMIT     | 5. WHEREUPON  |
| 12. STEVENSON | 6. ISSUE      |
| 13. MOTOR     | 7. THRESHERS  |
| 15. CAPABLEST | 8. NOMINATES  |
| 17. RADIATION | 13. MORATORIA |
| 18. COSTS     | 14. TEDIOUSLY |
| 19. TOOTHIES  | 15. CRITERION |
| 22. POLKA     | 16. BACKPACKS |
| 25. RESTATING | 20. HEATH     |
| 26. CRUMB     | 21. TOGAS     |
| 27. ANYTHINGS | 23. LAURI     |
| 28. SHIFT     | 24. ABBOT     |



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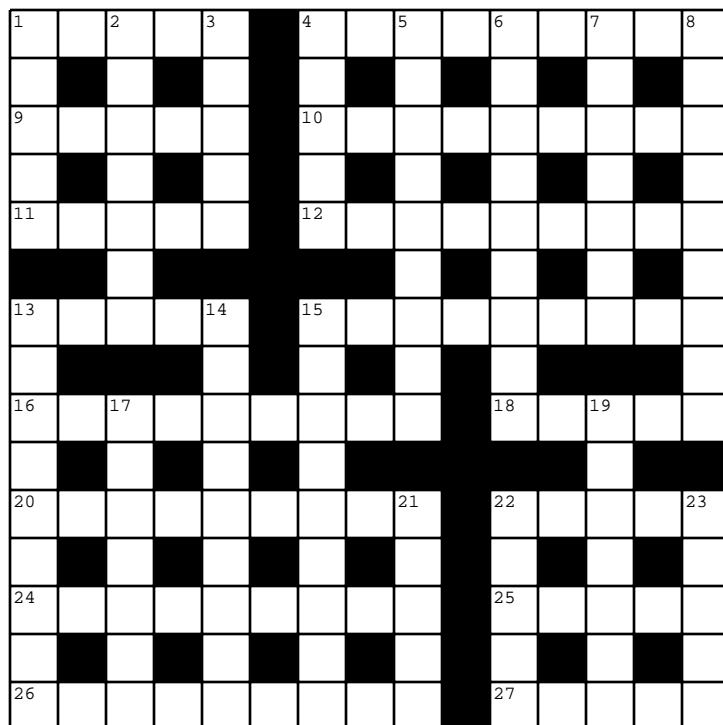
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| 1. BLURB      | 1. BELOW       |
| 4. INNKEEPER  | 2. USERS       |
| 9. LIEGE      | 3. BREAKFAST   |
| 10. AFORESAID | 4. INAUDIBLE   |
| 11. WESAK     | 5. NOOKS       |
| 12. DISMANTLE | 6. ENEMA       |
| 13. SCHWA     | 7. PRACTICAL   |
| 15. BACKPACKS | 8. REDRESSES   |
| 18. MIDSTREAM | 13. SYMBIOSSES |
| 19. RULES     | 14. HIDEAWAYS  |
| 20. INAMORATA | 16. COMPANION  |
| 23. CLIFF     | 17. PAROCHIAL  |
| 26. SPAGHETTI | 21. OCHOA      |
| 27. IDEAL     | 22. ALTAI      |
| 28. SASSANIAN | 24. IDEAS      |
| 29. LOSES     | 25. FOLKS      |



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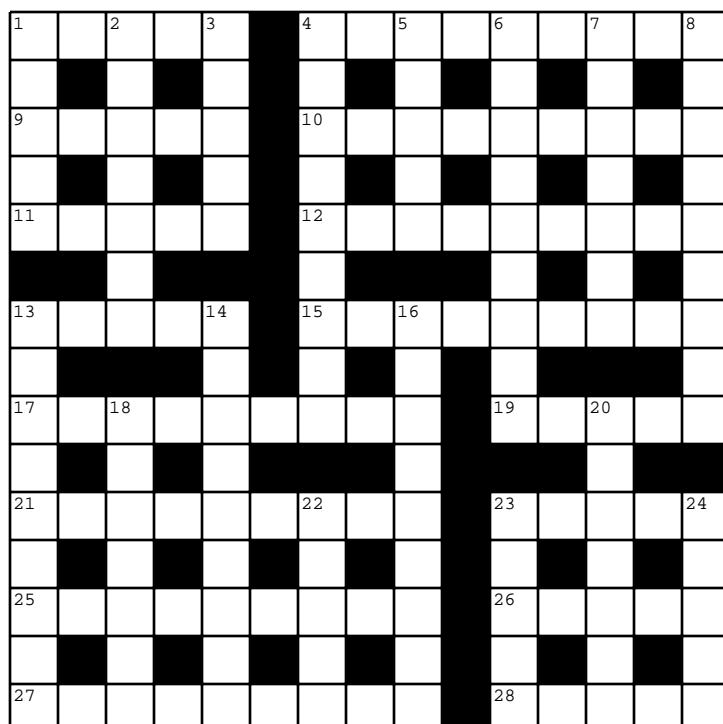
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| 1. BRIEF      | 1. BASRA      |
| 4. IMBECILIC  | 2. INANEST    |
| 9. SNAFU      | 3. FOUND      |
| 10. EXCITABLE | 4. ILENE      |
| 11. AMEND     | 5. BACKFIRED  |
| 12. EFFECTING | 6. CATACLYSM  |
| 13. DITCH     | 7. LOBBIED    |
| 15. MARTYRDOM | 8. CLERGYMAN  |
| 16. SUSTAINED | 13. DISHONEST |
| 18. MOURN     | 14. HEARTBURN |
| 20. OBLATIONS | 15. MENDOCINO |
| 22. ARGUE     | 17. SPLICER   |
| 24. EXCLUSIVE | 19. UPGRADE   |
| 25. TOAST     | 21. SHEDS     |
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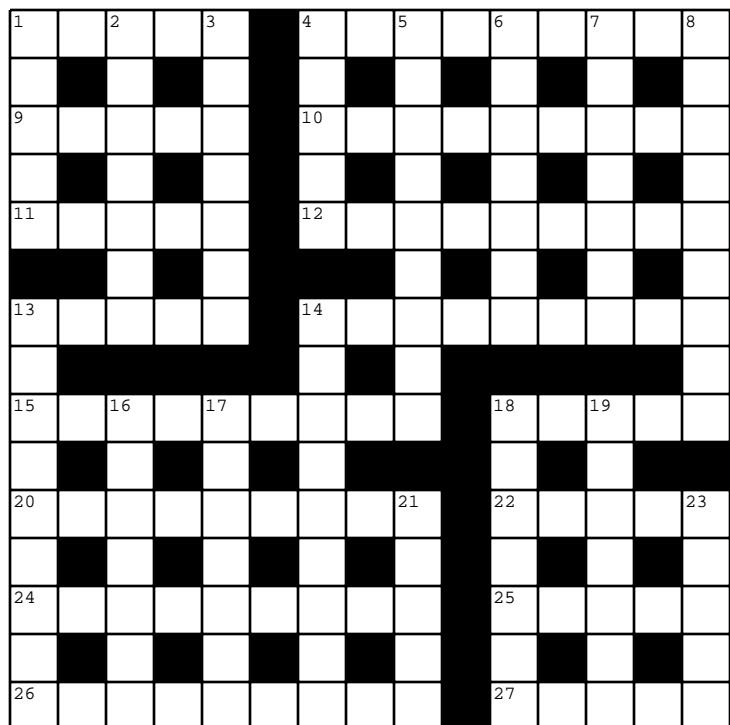
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| 4. PILCOMAYO  | 2. TEDIOUS    |
| 9. RADIO      | 3. ROOMS      |
| 10. NEGOTIATE | 4. PENINSULA  |
| 11. SHOWS     | 5. LOGOS      |
| 12. NASTINESS | 6. OUTFIELDS  |
| 13. UNSET     | 7. ARACELI    |
| 15. UNWILLING | 8. OVERSIGHT  |
| 17. BRILLIANT | 13. UNBLOCKED |
| 19. SHOOT     | 14. TALISMANS |
| 21. OBFUSCATE | 16. WITNESSES |
| 23. MOTIF     | 18. INFANTS   |
| 25. KANGAROOS | 20. OCTAVES   |
| 26. RAVES     | 22. ABOVE     |
| 27. DISASTERS | 23. MERGE     |
| 28. ESSAY     | 24. FUSSY     |



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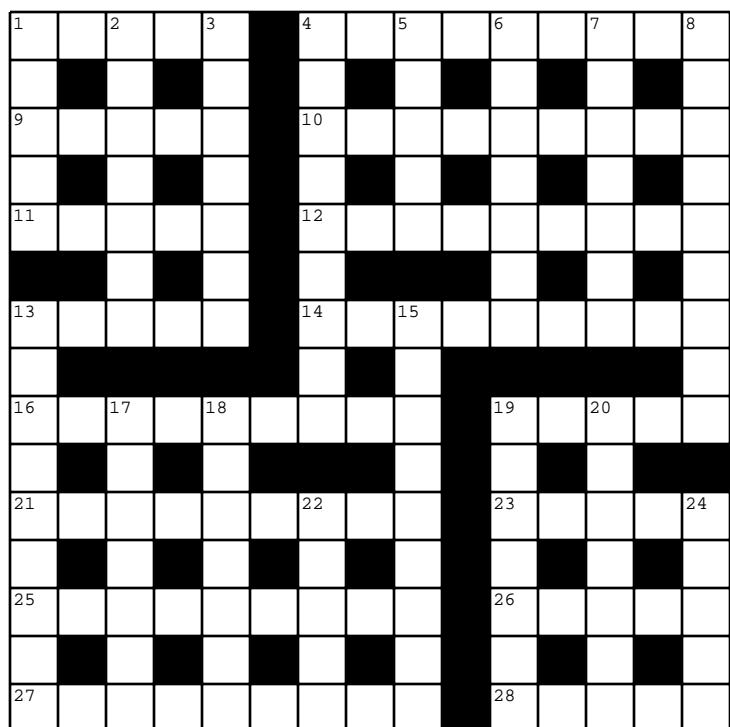
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| 4. HANDBOOKS  | 2. BLOSSOM    |
| 9. VIOLA      | 3. YEARNED    |
| 10. ACCOUNTED | 4. HEAVE      |
| 11. ARSON     | 5. NUCLEUSES  |
| 12. EYELINERS | 6. BRUTISH    |
| 13. ARMED     | 7. OUTWEAR    |
| 14. DISCHARGE | 8. SIDESTEPS  |
| 15. ESCAPISTS | 13. AMETHYSTS |
| 18. DARES     | 14. DISTORTER |
| 20. HONEYCOMB | 16. CONTAIN   |
| 22. INPUT     | 17. PSYCHIC   |
| 24. SPAGHETTI | 18. DAILIES   |
| 25. ICIER     | 19. REPLIED   |
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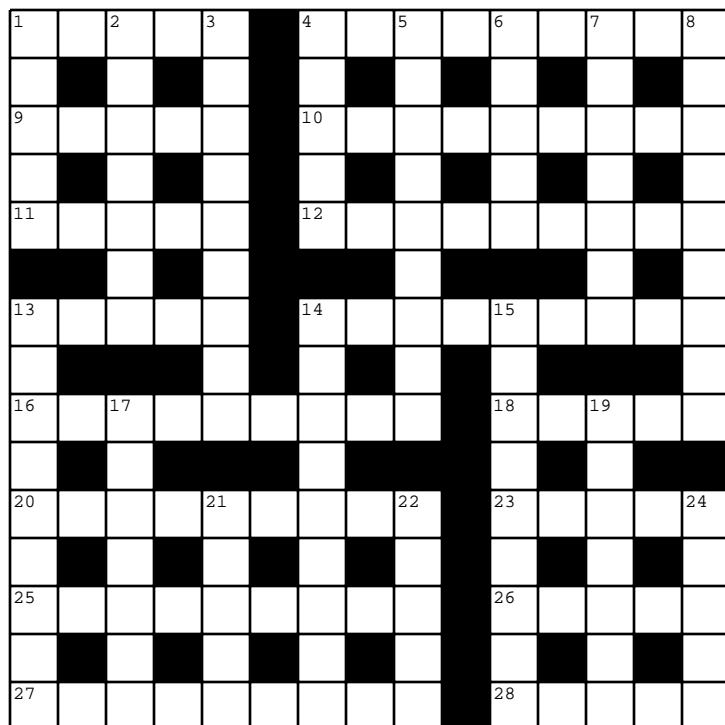
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| 9. EDGES      | 3. CASINGS    |
| 10. TRIATHLON | 4. OUTSPREAD  |
| 11. SHEEN     | 5. NAILS      |
| 12. POSTNATAL | 6. RETINAL    |
| 13. HATES     | 7. HILLTOP    |
| 14. EUCALYPTI | 8. PENALTIES  |
| 16. YESTERDAY | 13. HAYSTACKS |
| 19. BACKS     | 15. CRYBABIES |
| 21. TARANTULA | 17. SURGEON   |
| 23. LASTS     | 18. EUNUCHS   |
| 25. CRESCENDI | 19. BOLIVIA   |
| 26. VIOLA     | 20. CASTOFF   |
| 27. SONGSTERS | 22. ULNAE     |
| 28. AWFUL     | 24. SMALL     |



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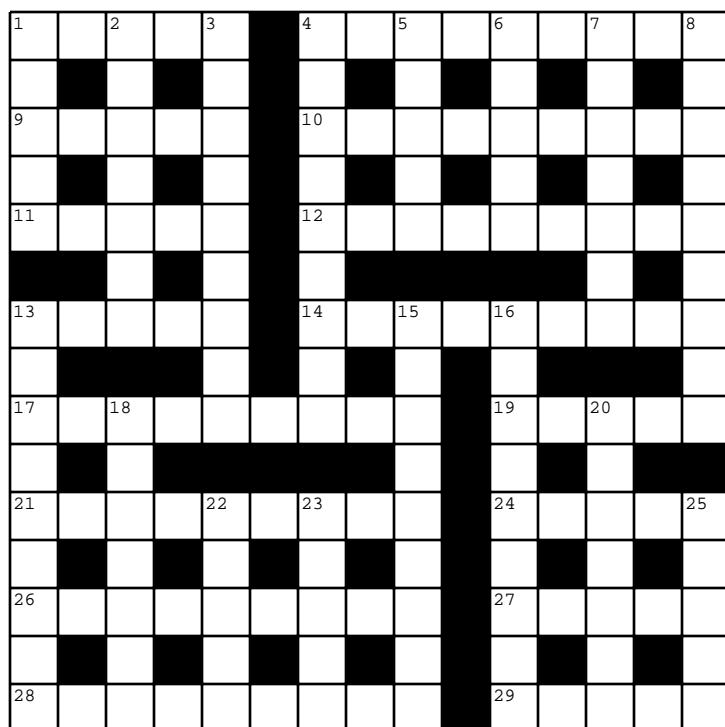
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BASTE      |
| 4. AMBULANCE  | 2. STAMINA    |
| 9. STAIR      | 3. CARCASSES  |
| 10. STUPEFIED | 4. AISLE      |
| 11. ELISA     | 5. BOUNTIFUL  |
| 12. EXTRICATE | 6. LOEWI      |
| 13. DEALS     | 7. NAIPAUL    |
| 14. PUFFBALLS | 8. ENDLESSLY  |
| 16. ANCESTRAL | 13. DIAPHRAGM |
| 18. DELAY     | 14. PORTFOLIO |
| 20. HONORIFIC | 15. BEDRIDDEN |
| 23. INFER     | 17. CONTACT   |
| 25. ATAHUALPA | 19. LIFTING   |
| 26. DRIES     | 21. ROUGH     |
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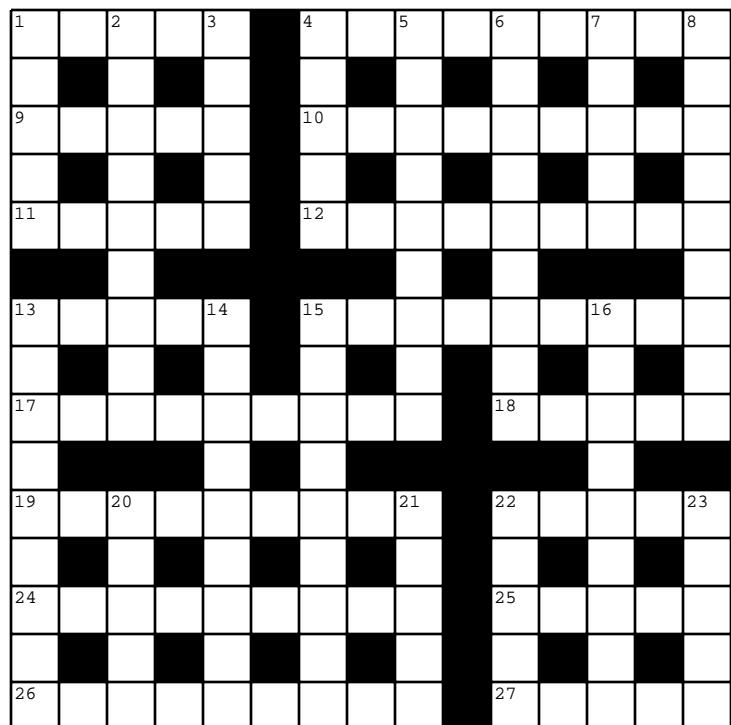
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| 4. GYMNASIUM  | 2. EXECUTE    |
| 9. SHEEP      | 3. PEPPERONI  |
| 10. ASTRAKHAN | 4. GHANAIANS  |
| 11. YOURE     | 5. MATED      |
| 12. AUDITORIA | 6. APART      |
| 13. CREDO     | 7. INHERIT    |
| 14. ALLOCATED | 8. MANHANDLE  |
| 17. INTRINSIC | 13. CLIMACTIC |
| 19. ELOPE     | 15. LICORICES |
| 21. ALLIGATOR | 16. CRESCENDI |
| 24. CLEAN     | 18. TALKERS   |
| 26. THEORETIC | 20. OVERSEE   |
| 27. NASTY     | 22. GARBO     |
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| 29. ITEMS     | 25. NOYES     |



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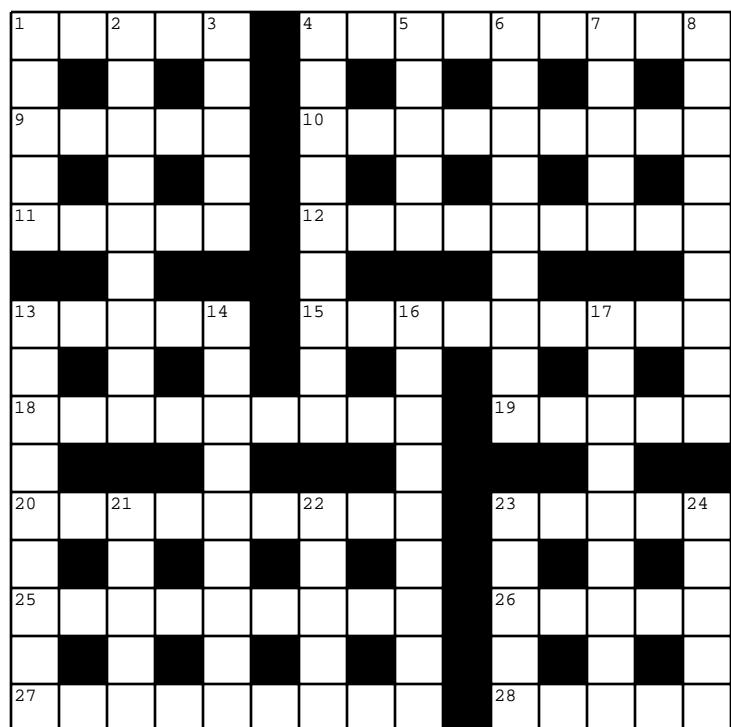
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| 4. BEHEADING  | 2. AMERICANS  |
| 9. CLEAN      | 3. MINDS      |
| 10. BELITTLED | 4. BEBOP      |
| 11. TRIES     | 5. HILARIOUS  |
| 12. PARTRIDGE | 6. AFTERNOON  |
| 13. GUARD     | 7. IDLED      |
| 15. PROPOSALS | 8. GODDESSES  |
| 17. ABSOLUTES | 13. GRADUALLY |
| 18. NICKS     | 14. DELIRIUMS |
| 19. UNDERTOOK | 15. POTPOURRI |
| 22. SENDS     | 16. ASCENDING |
| 24. LACQUERED | 20. DECOR     |
| 25. OWING     | 21. KODAK     |
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| 27. LAGER     | 23. SUGAR     |



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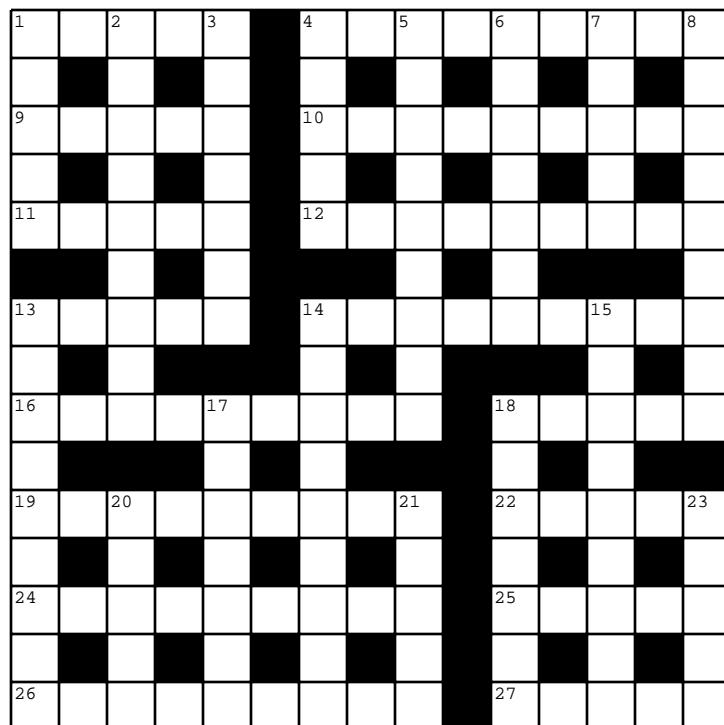
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| 4. CELEBRATE  | 2. OCCUPYING  |
| 9. CACAO      | 3. GROWS      |
| 10. NARROWING | 4. CONSTRUCT  |
| 11. DOPES     | 5. LARGE      |
| 12. TREASURER | 6. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 13. TRINA     | 7. AVIOR      |
| 15. UNDERLINE | 8. EAGERNESS  |
| 18. AUGMENTED | 13. TRANSFORM |
| 19. PACKS     | 14. ALEJANDRA |
| 20. SYNTACTIC | 16. DEDICATED |
| 23. EDICT     | 17. INCLINING |
| 25. OVERDRAFT | 21. NEEDS     |
| 26. ELISA     | 22. TIARA     |
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| 28. ANGEL     | 24. TRAIL     |



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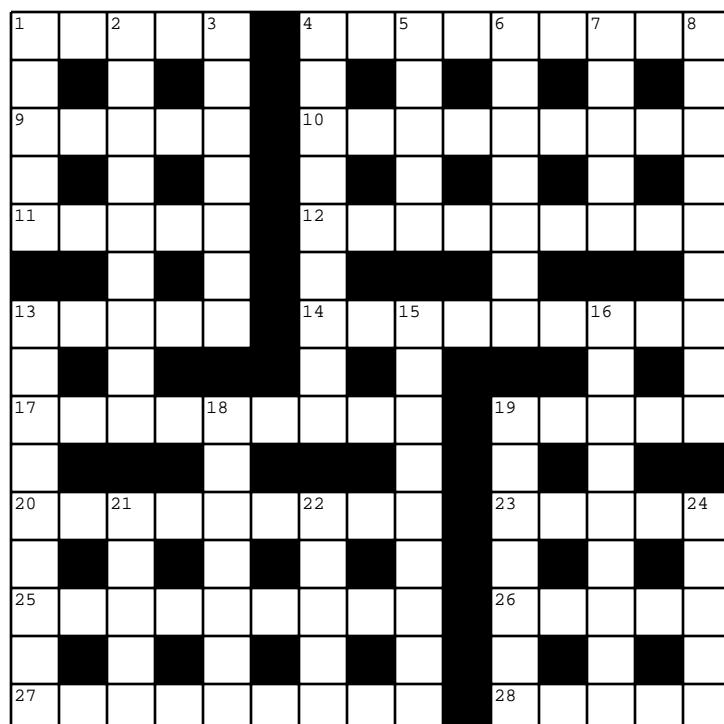
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| 4. EUCALYPTI  | 2. BELEAGUER  |
| 9. LILTS      | 3. DISLIKE    |
| 10. APENNINES | 4. EXAMS      |
| 11. SWAMI     | 5. CHEMICALS  |
| 12. SRIVIJAYA | 6. LENTILS    |
| 13. GAUZE     | 7. PANDA      |
| 14. CLASSICAL | 8. INSTALLED  |
| 16. UPRISINGS | 13. GRUMBLERS |
| 18. BROAD     | 14. CONCIERGE |
| 19. BALLERINA | 15. CLOCKWORK |
| 22. TOKEN     | 17. STEPSON   |
| 24. EAVESDROP | 18. BATTLED   |
| 25. LOOKS     | 20. LIVER     |
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| 27. DIKES     | 23. NESTS     |



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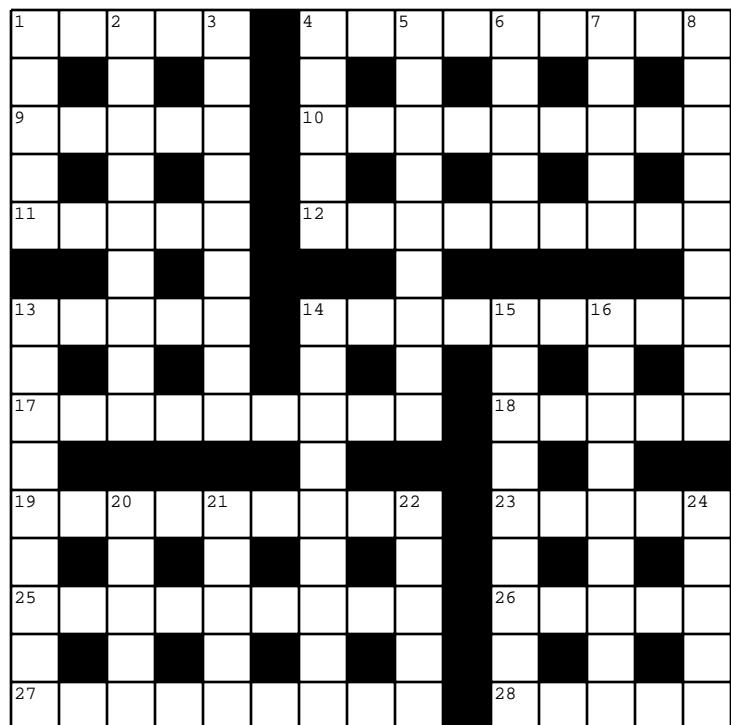
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| 4. TRUNCATED  | 2. INTERCEDE  |
| 9. FETCH      | 3. SCHEMES    |
| 10. OBDURATES | 4. TOOTHACHE  |
| 11. HAREM     | 5. UNDER      |
| 12. HERIBERTO | 6. CARIBOU    |
| 13. ITEMS     | 7. TUTOR      |
| 14. COMMUTING | 8. DISLODGES  |
| 17. OVERSEERS | 13. INORGANIC |
| 19. SAFES     | 15. MISERABLE |
| 20. GODMOTHER | 16. INFURIATE |
| 23. AORTA     | 18. SCOTTIE   |
| 25. NIGHTCLUB | 19. SCALLOP   |
| 26. LEACH     | 21. DOGMA     |
| 27. CHAPERONE | 22. HELLO     |
| 28. PRESS     | 24. ASHES     |



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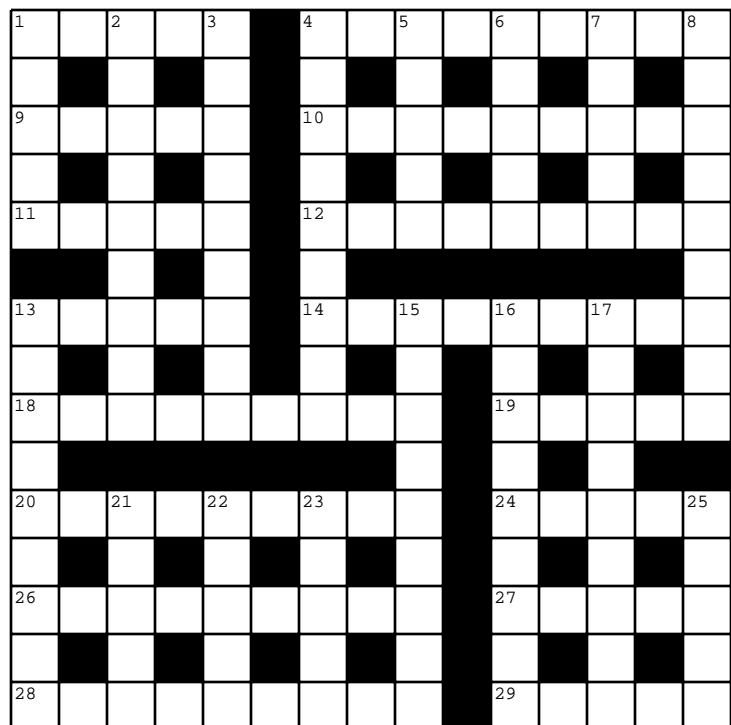
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| 1. DECOY      | 1. DIRAC      |
| 4. MICROCHIP  | 2. CONTINUED  |
| 9. RENAL      | 3. YELLOWEST  |
| 10. STRAGGLER | 4. MUSIC      |
| 11. CHINO     | 5. CURRICULA  |
| 12. COINTREAU | 6. OUGHT      |
| 13. SAUCE     | 7. HALVE      |
| 14. BLUBBERED | 8. PERSUADED  |
| 17. AUDITORIA | 13. STAMPEDES |
| 18. EMBED     | 14. BIRTHRATE |
| 19. PUBLISHED | 15. BREATHING |
| 23. TOUGH     | 16. REBOUNDED |
| 25. DIPLOMATA | 20. BIPED     |
| 26. INDIA     | 21. ICONS     |
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| 28. GIDDY     | 24. HEAVY     |



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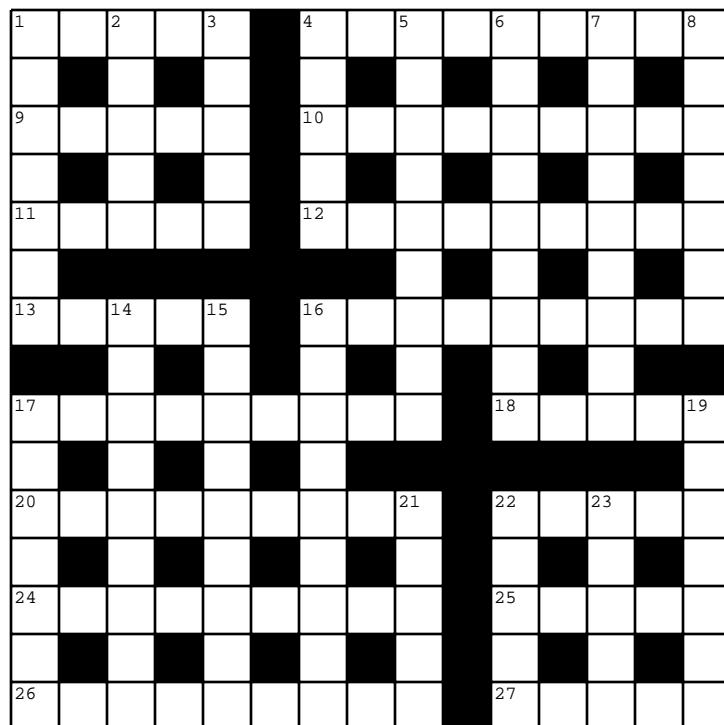
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| 4. ASTROTURF  | 2. MANOEUVRE  |
| 9. OWNER      | 3. CORKSCREW  |
| 10. ALUMINIUM | 4. AVAILABLE  |
| 11. REEFS     | 5. TRULY      |
| 12. LAYPERSON | 6. OLIVE      |
| 13. LIVER     | 7. UNITS      |
| 14. BIRDCAGES | 8. FEMINISTS  |
| 18. FREEWHEEL | 13. LIFETIMES |
| 19. IVIES     | 15. RELIEVING |
| 20. TABLEWARE | 16. CLIMACTIC |
| 24. ASSET     | 17. GLISSANDO |
| 26. MAHARISHI | 21. BAHAI     |
| 27. TANGO     | 22. ENROL     |
| 28. SPIELBERG | 23. AISLE     |
| 29. COOKS     | 25. TOOLS     |



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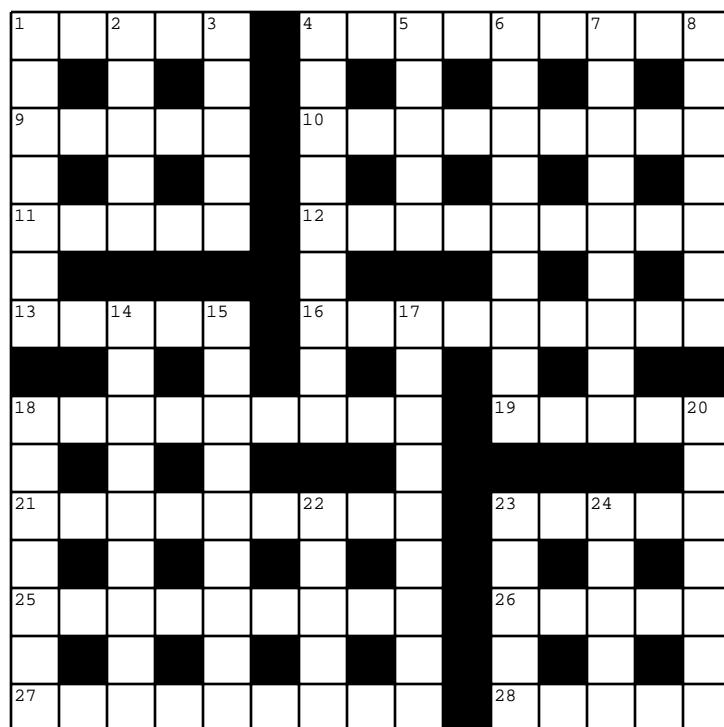
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| 1. DIALS      | 1. DEMISED    |
| 4. MAKESHIFT  | 2. ACORN      |
| 9. MAORI      | 3. SMILE      |
| 10. GODMOTHER | 4. MAGIC      |
| 11. SENSE     | 5. KIDNAPPED  |
| 12. CLAMBERED | 6. SLOBBERED  |
| 13. DYING     | 7. INHERITED  |
| 16. APPARATUS | 8. TIRADES    |
| 17. MISHAPPED | 14. INSURANCE |
| 18. DIDNT     | 15. GLAMOROUS |
| 20. NARCOTICS | 16. AMPLIFIER |
| 22. BEBOP     | 17. MINIMUM   |
| 24. MENDOCINO | 19. TAPPING   |
| 25. STYLI     | 21. STORM     |
| 26. MAELSTROM | 22. BOSSY     |
| 27. YOUNG     | 23. BAYOU     |



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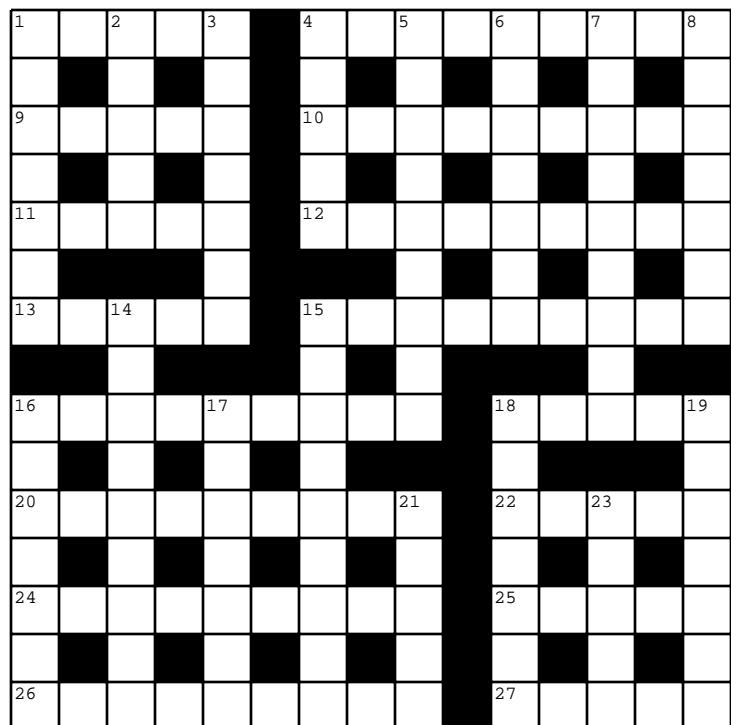
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| 9. TALLY      | 3. ROYAL      |
| 10. PERSIMMON | 4. IMPROMPTU  |
| 11. SPOOL     | 5. EGRET      |
| 12. OSTEOPATH | 6. PRISONERS  |
| 13. SPARE     | 7. RUMMAGING  |
| 16. PAMPERING | 8. SANDHOG    |
| 18. BARBECUED | 14. ARRANGING |
| 19. SIGMA     | 15. ELECTIVES |
| 21. LENGTHENS | 17. MODESTEST |
| 23. LUCKY     | 18. BOLOGNA   |
| 25. GRIEVANCE | 20. ANYBODY   |
| 26. CACAO     | 22. ERNIE     |
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| 28. SHINY     | 24. CACTI     |



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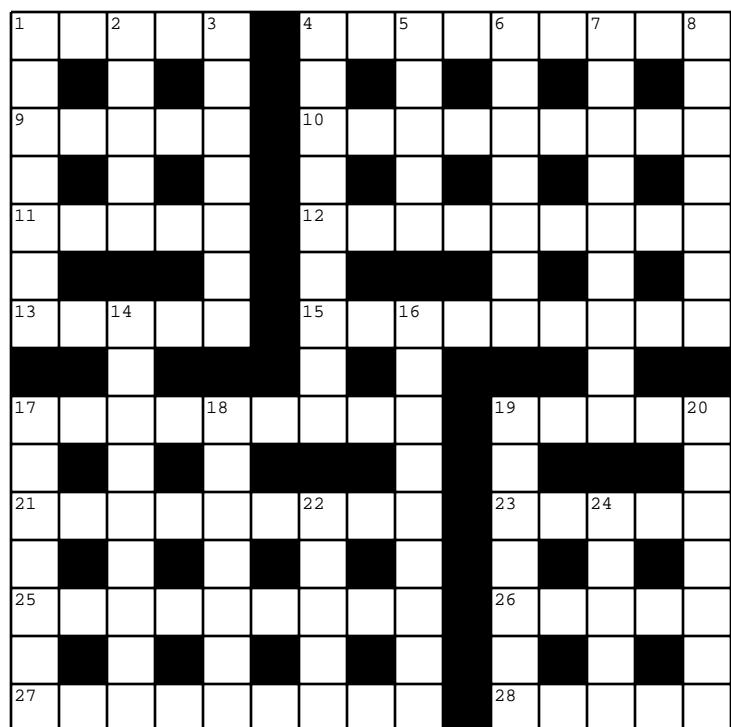
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| 4. ENDORSING  | 2. INPUT      |
| 9. UPPER      | 3. FOREIGN    |
| 10. PASSPORTS | 4. EXPOS      |
| 11. TUTSI     | 5. DESCRIBES  |
| 12. SERENGETI | 6. RIPENED    |
| 13. CHAIN     | 7. ISRAELITE  |
| 15. EMBEDDING | 8. GASSING    |
| 16. PITTANCES | 14. ANTELOPES |
| 18. WHERE     | 15. EUCLIDEAN |
| 20. SALARYING | 16. PASTEUR   |
| 22. LLAMA     | 17. ARRAYED   |
| 24. EMPHYSEMA | 18. WALLABY   |
| 25. ALIBI     | 19. ERASING   |
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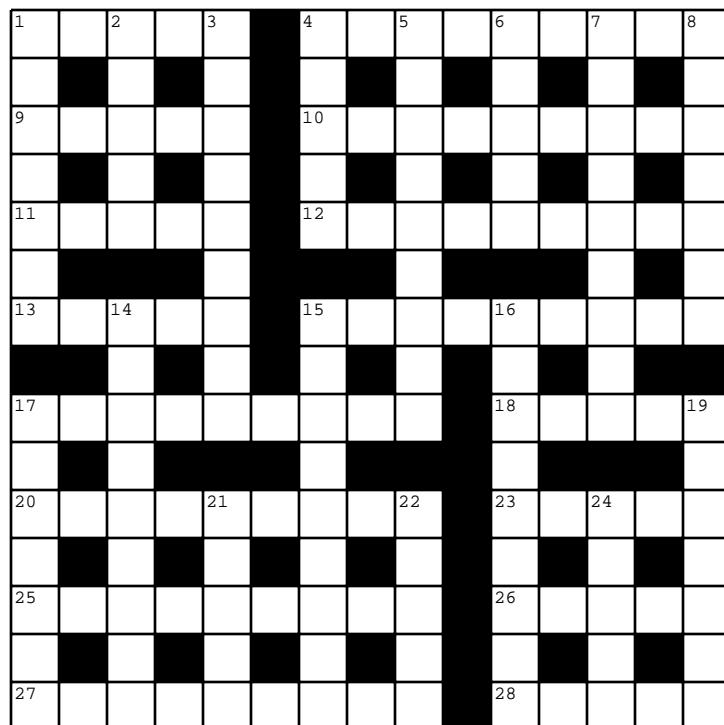
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| 1. THONG       | 1. THEREOF    |
| 4. EPIDERMIS   | 2. ORGAN      |
| 9. EAGER       | 3. GIRLISH    |
| 10. GODDAMNED  | 4. EIGHTEENS  |
| 11. ENNUI      | 5. INDEX      |
| 12. TAXPAYERS  | 6. EMANATE    |
| 13. FAITH      | 7. MANNERISM  |
| 15. EPIDEMICS  | 8. SADISTS    |
| 17. ABSCESSSES | 14. INSTANCES |
| 19. KHMER      | 16. INSTRUCTS |
| 21. SHADOWIER  | 17. ABSTAIN   |
| 23. CAKED      | 18. EPOCHAL   |
| 25. ALCOHOLIC  | 19. KICKOFF   |
| 26. ORATE      | 20. REDHEAD   |
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| 28. FRIED      | 24. KHAKI     |



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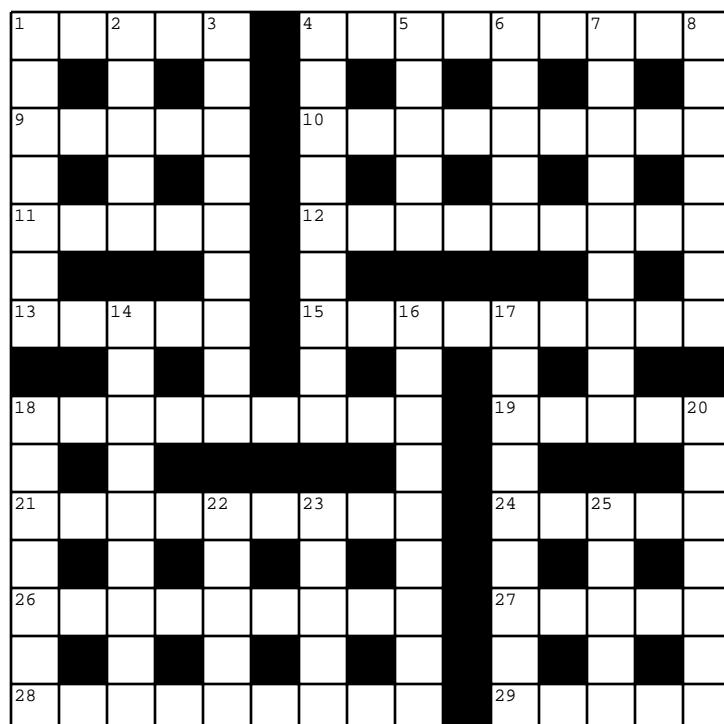
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| 4. DEFECTIVE  | 2. COLOR      |
| 9. BULGE      | 3. AMERICANA  |
| 10. SUCCUMBED | 4. DISCS      |
| 11. TORSI     | 5. FACTORIES  |
| 12. SNORKELER | 6. CHUNK      |
| 13. SALSA     | 7. IMBALANCE  |
| 15. CHICKENED | 8. ENDURED    |
| 17. CAMPAIGNS | 14. LAMBRUSCO |
| 18. CHEWS     | 15. CIGARILLO |
| 20. MORATORIA | 16. KICKBACKS |
| 23. BOMBS     | 17. COMEDIC   |
| 25. DISTILLER | 19. SUSPECT   |
| 26. CYCLE     | 21. TAILS     |
| 27. CROSSROAD | 22. ACRID     |
| 28. SHOOT     | 24. MACHO     |



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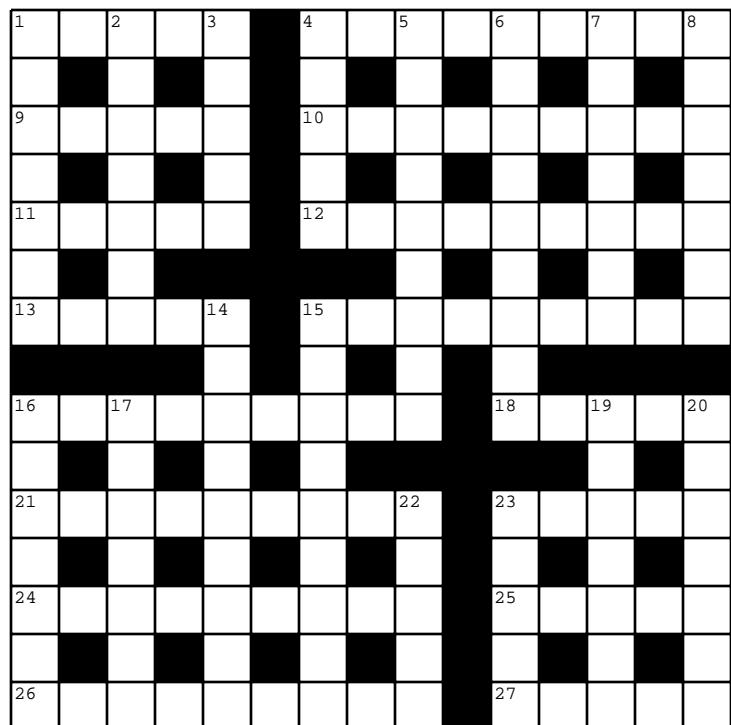
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| 1. BASIL      | 1. BABBLLED   |
| 4. PONYTAILS  | 2. STYLI      |
| 9. BAYOU      | 3. LEUKAEMIA  |
| 10. EGGBEATER | 4. PRETENDED  |
| 11. LEILA     | 5. NEGEV      |
| 12. EAVESDROP | 6. TEEMS      |
| 13. DREAM     | 7. INTERRUPT  |
| 15. DISSOLUTE | 8. SCRUPLE    |
| 18. APPLAUDED | 14. EXPRESSES |
| 19. NOTED     | 16. SEDENTARY |
| 21. CLERGYMAN | 17. OWNERSHIP |
| 24. RUMBA     | 18. ARCHAIC   |
| 26. AUSTRALIA | 20. DIALECT   |
| 27. HOUSE     | 22. GARBO     |
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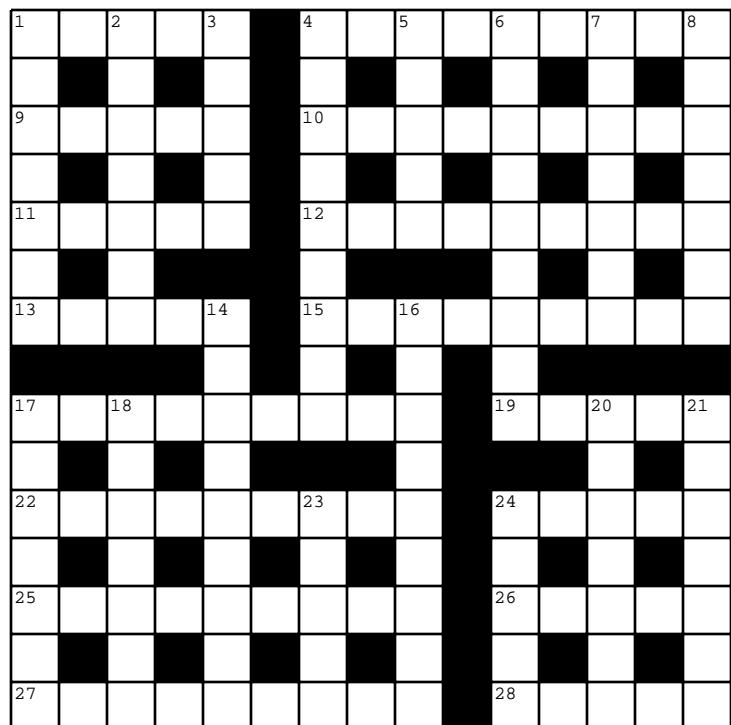
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| 4. BACKDATES  | 2. REDDENS    |
| 9. PODIA      | 3. WRAPS      |
| 10. TSIMSHIAN | 4. BATHE      |
| 11. ITEMS     | 5. CLIPBOARD  |
| 12. EMBELLISH | 6. DISPLAYED  |
| 13. GUSTS     | 7. TBILISI    |
| 15. ANALYSING | 8. SANDHOG    |
| 16. OBDURATED | 14. SERMONING |
| 18. DITTO     | 15. ANTIPASTI |
| 21. IMPROMPTU | 16. ORIGAMI   |
| 23. BORED     | 17. DEPOSIT   |
| 24. ABSCISSAS | 19. TARGETS   |
| 25. SWEAR     | 20. ORDERED   |
| 26. INTEGRITY | 22. UNSAY     |
| 27. CASED     | 23. BASIC     |



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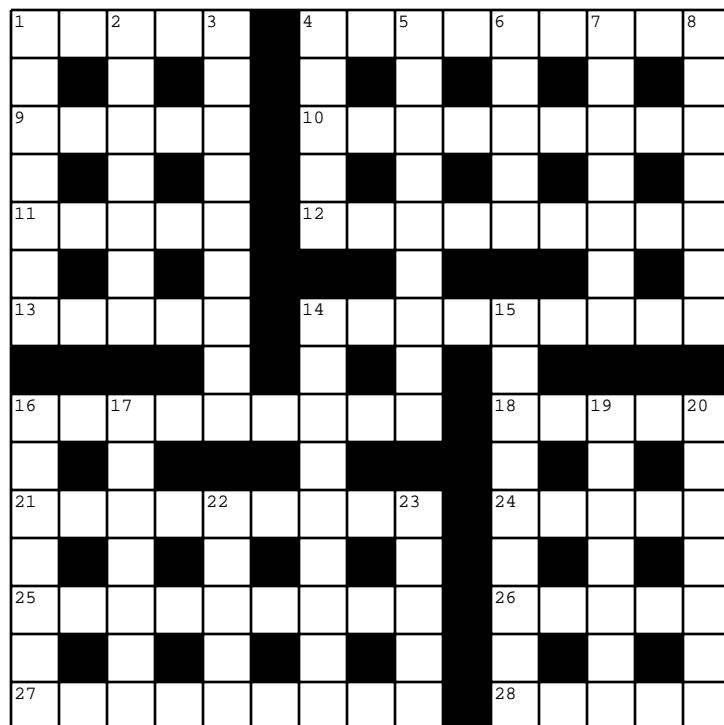
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| 9. TROOP      | 3. SUPER      |
| 10. ANEURYSMS | 4. CRAFTSMEN  |
| 11. CHAIR     | 5. IDEAS      |
| 12. TOSCANINI | 6. CURVATURE  |
| 13. SEEKS     | 7. DASHIKI    |
| 15. MEASURING | 8. SASSING    |
| 17. POMERANIA | 14. SHROUDING |
| 19. EBBED     | 16. APARTHEID |
| 22. OBSCUREST | 17. PROVERB   |
| 24. CYNIC     | 18. MISSION   |
| 25. ELIMINATE | 20. BANNERS   |
| 26. AHEAD     | 21. DECADES   |
| 27. BENIGHTED | 23. EXACT     |
| 28. NOSES     | 24. CHAIN     |



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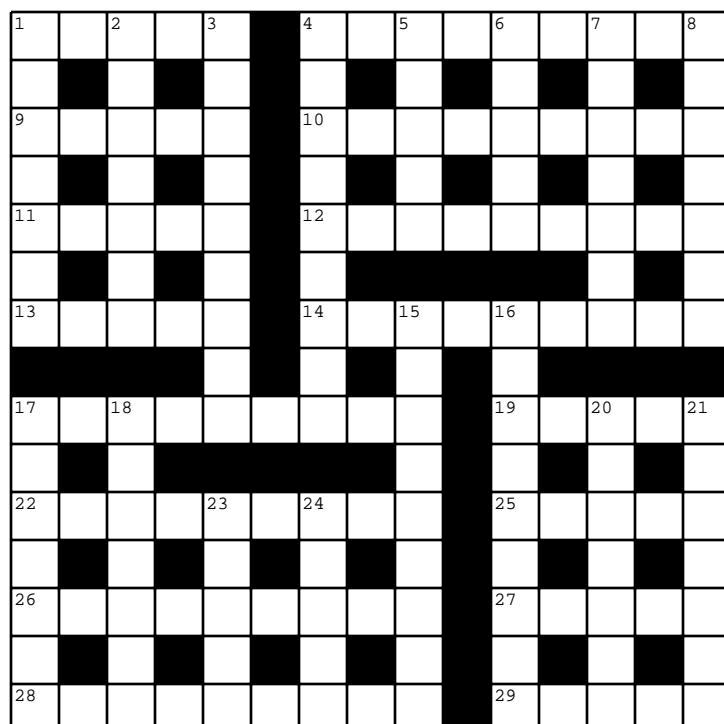
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| 4. UNDERLAIN  | 2. REACTOR    |
| 9. TRASH      | 3. MAHARISHI  |
| 10. PETROLEUM | 4. UNPIN      |
| 11. LATER     | 5. DETECTION  |
| 12. NECTARINE | 6. RHODA      |
| 13. YARDS     | 7. ADELINE    |
| 14. BRIGHTEST | 8. NUMBEST    |
| 16. CAPRICORN | 14. BLOWTORCH |
| 18. RAISE     | 15. HARVESTED |
| 21. ABROGATES | 16. CLASSIC   |
| 24. ECHOS     | 17. PARVENU   |
| 25. SLENDERER | 19. INHABIT   |
| 26. TABBY     | 20. ESSAYED   |
| 27. COURTSHIP | 22. GODOT     |
| 28. DATED     | 23. STRIP     |



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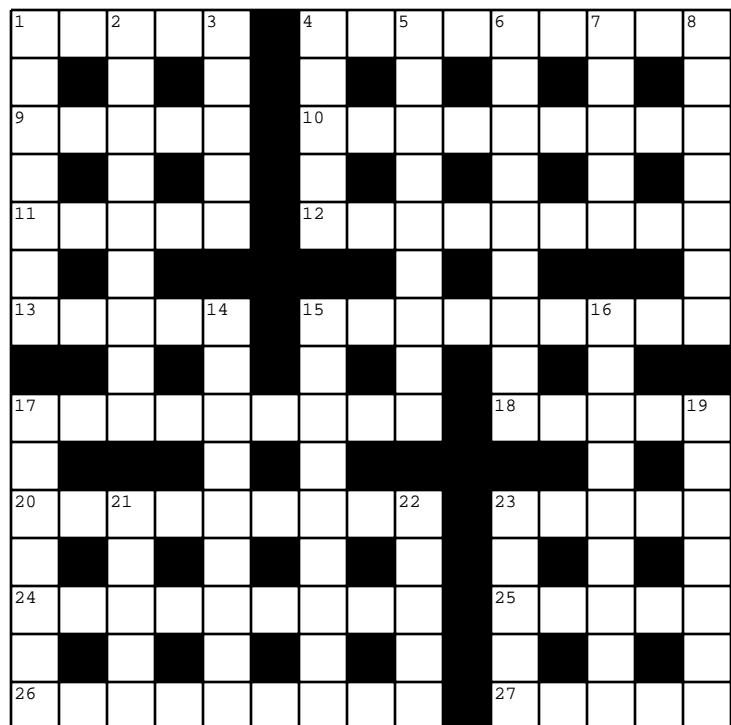
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| 9. DIMER      | 3. DARKLIEST  |
| 10. RENOUNCED | 4. CARTRIDGE  |
| 11. CANAL     | 5. MINED      |
| 12. REDEFINES | 6. BLUFF      |
| 13. STAGE     | 7. COCONUT    |
| 14. DEDICATES | 8. SADISTS    |
| 17. BLUNTNES  | 15. DESIGNATE |
| 19. ENEMY     | 16. CHEERIEST |
| 22. BEHOLDING | 17. BOBBINS   |
| 25. REYNA     | 18. UNHEARD   |
| 26. INAMORATA | 20. ELYSIAN   |
| 27. EVIAN     | 21. YEARNED   |
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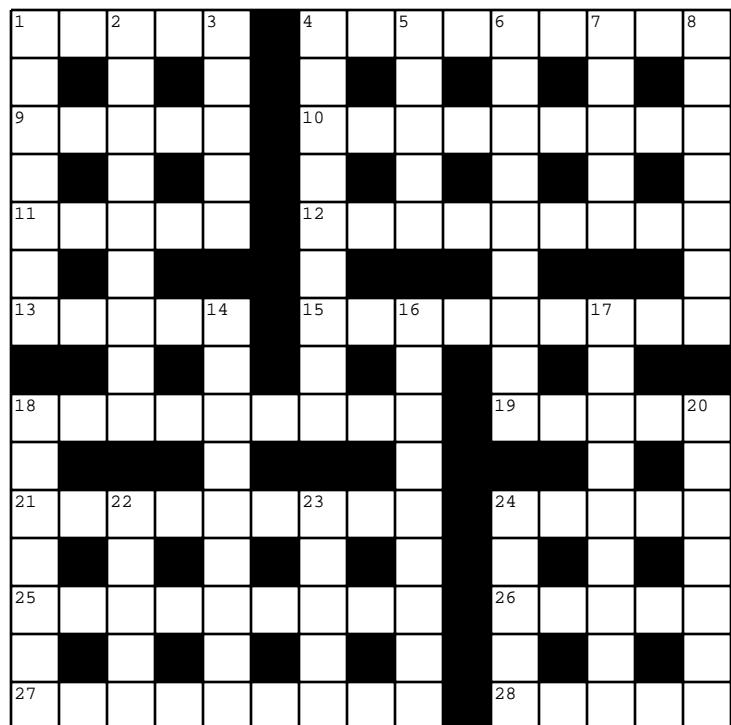
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| 4. DEHYDRATE  | 2. TERSENESS  |
| 9. AORTA      | 3. SHARP      |
| 10. CORMORANT | 4. DACHA      |
| 11. SLEEP     | 5. HARMONICA  |
| 12. ABORIGINE | 6. DOOHICKEY  |
| 13. DREAM     | 7. ABACI      |
| 15. DRINKABLE | 8. EXTREME    |
| 17. NOSTALGIA | 14. MEASLIEST |
| 18. YACHT     | 15. DIGNIFIES |
| 20. GRUELLING | 16. BACHELORS |
| 23. HYENA     | 17. NEGATED   |
| 24. TOILETING | 19. TRANSIT   |
| 25. ICONS     | 21. USING     |
| 26. DIGITISED | 22. GAGED     |
| 27. UNSET     | 23. HAIKU     |



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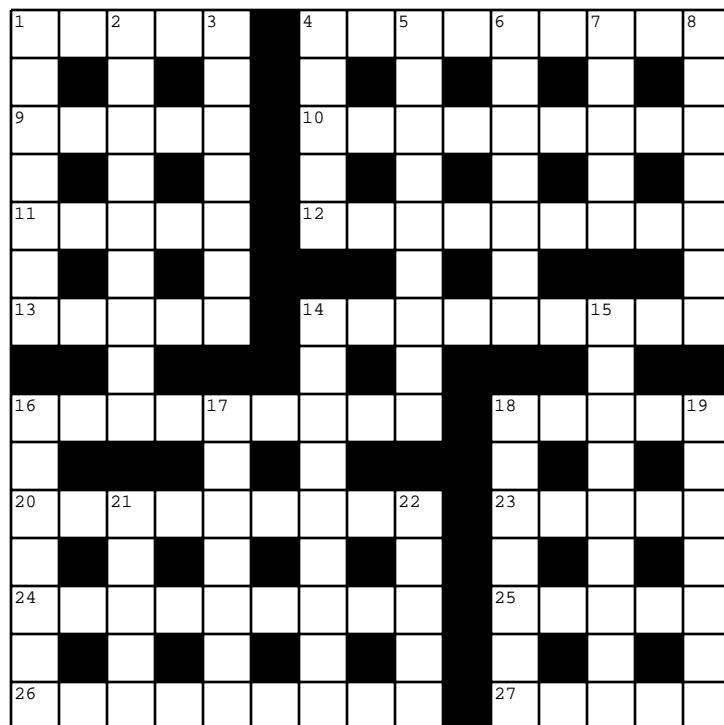
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| 9. GROUP      | 3. HOPED       |
| 10. COMPLETER | 4. EUCALYPTI   |
| 11. ACCHED    | 5. GAMOW       |
| 12. LOWERCASE | 6. TOLERANCE   |
| 13. TATTY     | 7. EXTRA       |
| 15. PLAINTIFF | 8. HERSELF     |
| 18. INSULTING | 14. YELLOWWEST |
| 19. EDITS     | 16. ANGUISHED  |
| 21. POTPOURRI | 17. INITIATED  |
| 24. HAIKU     | 18. IMPUGNS    |
| 25. GIBBERISH | 20. SAUTEED    |
| 26. LITRE     | 22. TABOO      |
| 27. SHORTENED | 23. REIGN      |
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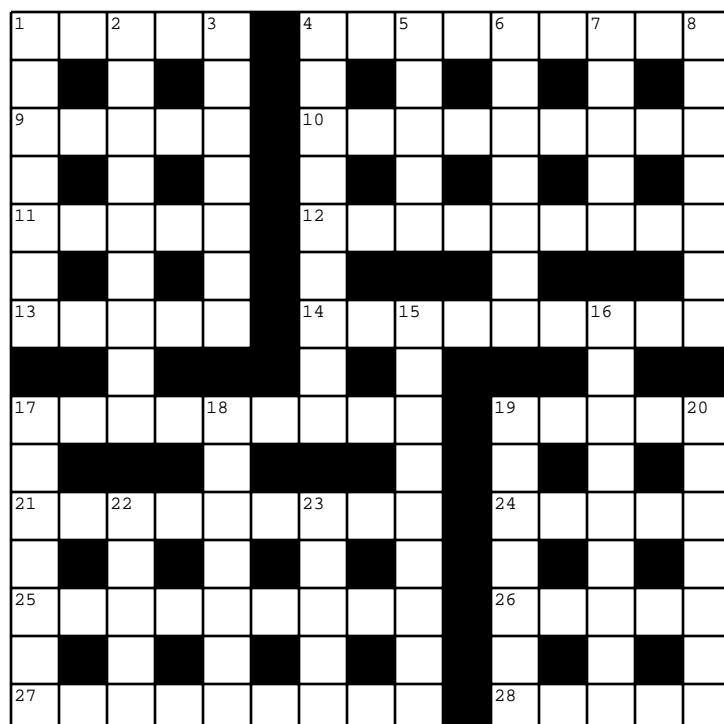
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| 4. BACKBONES  | 2. BANDWIDTH  |
| 9. ANNOY      | 3. ODYSSEY    |
| 10. BULLFROGS | 4. BOBBI      |
| 11. FAWNS     | 5. CELSIUSES  |
| 12. IMITATIVE | 6. BUFFALO    |
| 13. DADDY     | 7. NAOMI      |
| 14. CUSTOMERS | 8. SYSTEMS    |
| 16. BOHEMIANS | 14. CHAMELEON |
| 18. FRUIT     | 15. EMULATORS |
| 20. GUTENBERG | 16. BUGBEAR   |
| 23. ROADS     | 17. MANAGED   |
| 24. EVERGREEN | 18. FIREMAN   |
| 25. MAORI     | 19. TESTIFY   |
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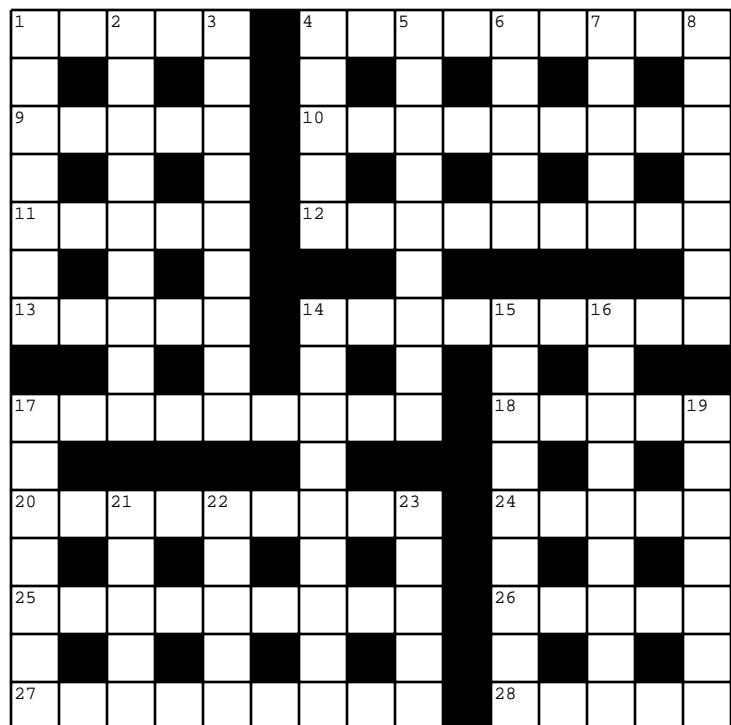
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| 4. BANISHING  | 2. ANCHOVIES  |
| 9. VICAR      | 3. AEROSOL    |
| 10. LIBERALLY | 4. BELATEDLY  |
| 11. ROOMS     | 5. NOBLE      |
| 12. THEREFORE | 6. SURGEON    |
| 13. STILL     | 7. IGLOO      |
| 14. DIAGNOSIS | 8. GEYSERS    |
| 17. DISOBeyed | 15. AUDIENCES |
| 19. OBESE     | 16. SKEDADDLE |
| 21. ENDURANCE | 17. DRESSED   |
| 24. EMACS     | 18. BURSTED   |
| 25. STRATEGIC | 19. ONESELF   |
| 26. ELDER     | 20. ENSURED   |
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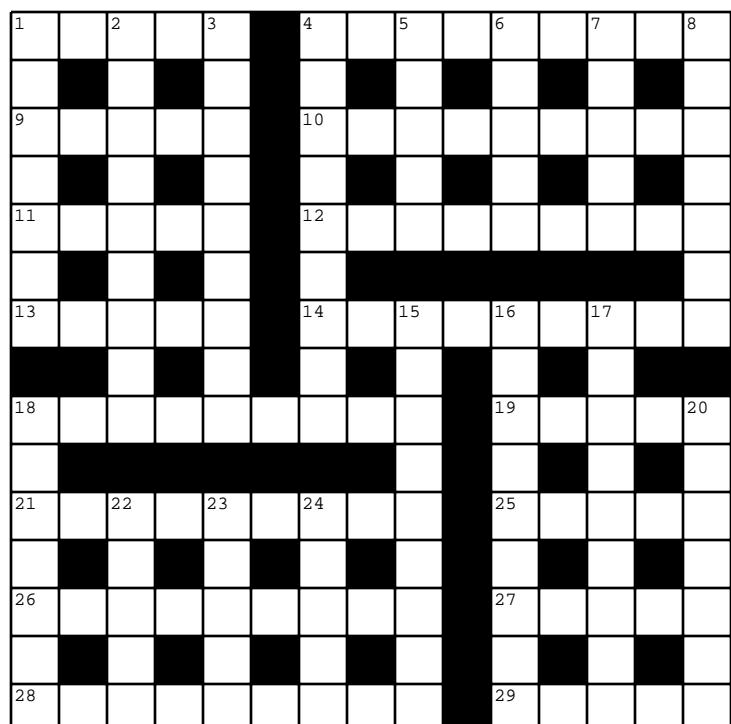
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| 4. REDEVELOP  | 2. PISTACHIO  |
| 9. BASED      | 3. HYDRAULIC  |
| 10. PUBLICIZE | 4. RIPER      |
| 11. CLARA     | 5. DEBRIEFED  |
| 12. REINSTATE | 6. VEILS      |
| 13. ETHEL     | 7. LEILA      |
| 14. DIFFERENT | 8. PRESENT    |
| 17. SHOWCASED | 14. DESPERADO |
| 18. EXCEL     | 15. ELEGANTLY |
| 20. NINETIETH | 16. ENCOUNTER |
| 24. ABUZZ     | 17. SYNAPSE   |
| 25. PORCELAIN | 19. LIZARDS   |
| 26. TUTOR     | 21. NURSE     |
| 27. EVERYBODY | 22. TEENY     |
| 28. YARDS     | 23. HANDY     |



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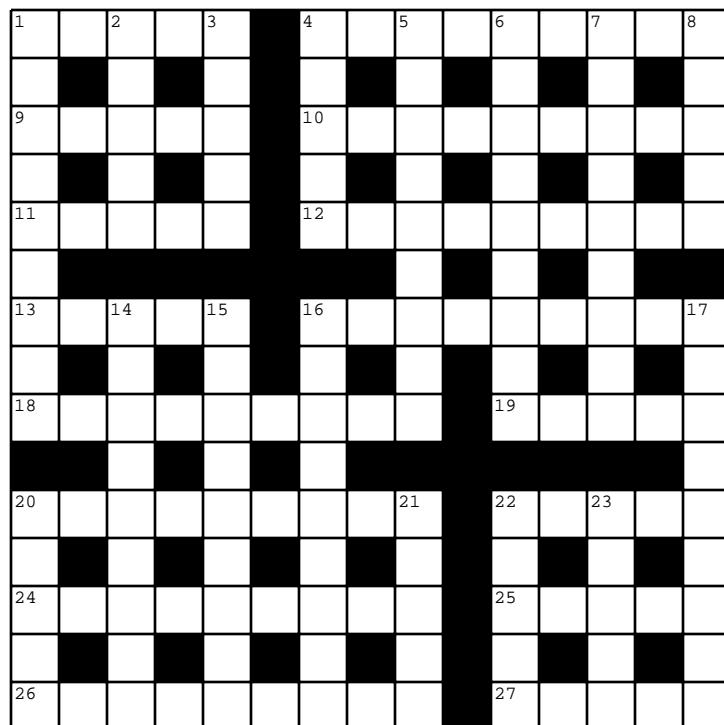
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| 4. UNDERWENT  | 2. DRIVELLED  |
| 9. ALIBI      | 3. IDIOMATIC  |
| 10. DIACRITIC | 4. UNDERLAIN  |
| 11. DREAM     | 5. DRAWS      |
| 12. RESISTANT | 6. RARES      |
| 13. SPLIT     | 7. EXTRA      |
| 14. AUTOCRACY | 8. TACITLY    |
| 18. MEDICINAL | 15. TELLERING |
| 19. REACH     | 16. CORKSCREW |
| 21. CLEARANCE | 17. AMATERASU |
| 25. SHEEN     | 18. MACUMBA   |
| 26. MAHARISHI | 20. HONEYED   |
| 27. READY     | 22. ETHIC     |
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| 29. WOULD     | 24. NISEI     |



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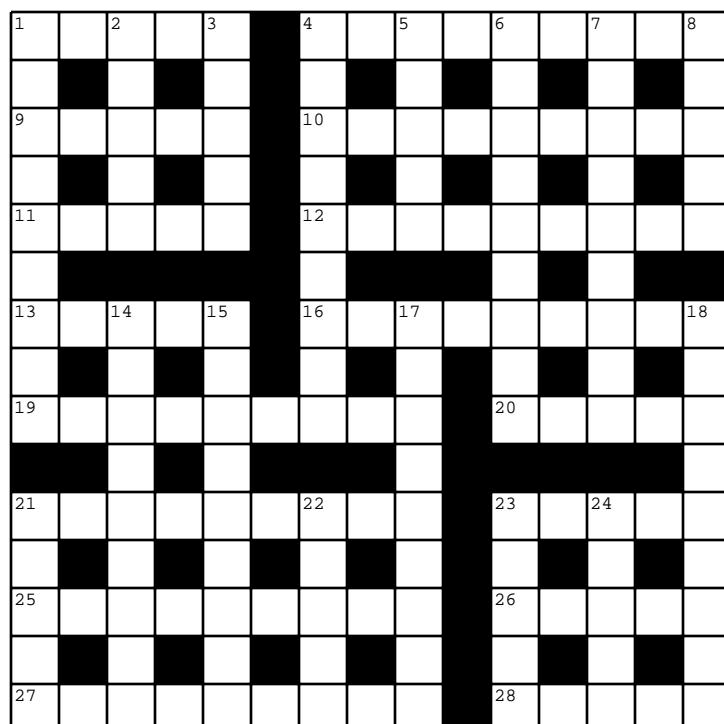
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| 4. BUDDHISMS  | 2. ACING      |
| 9. LYING      | 3. LAGER      |
| 10. NOSEBLEED | 4. BENDS      |
| 11. WAGER     | 5. DISMISSED  |
| 12. SAINTLIER | 6. HABITABLE  |
| 13. BEACH     | 7. SPECIALLY  |
| 16. BASEBALLS | 8. SEDER      |
| 18. EXTRACTED | 14. ATTENTION |
| 19. EGYPT     | 15. HEARTLESS |
| 20. SANITISES | 16. BATHSHEBA |
| 22. POSES     | 17. SATISFIES |
| 24. PRICELESS | 20. SEPAL     |
| 25. QUASI     | 21. SUSIE     |
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| 27. EARNS     | 23. STAIR     |



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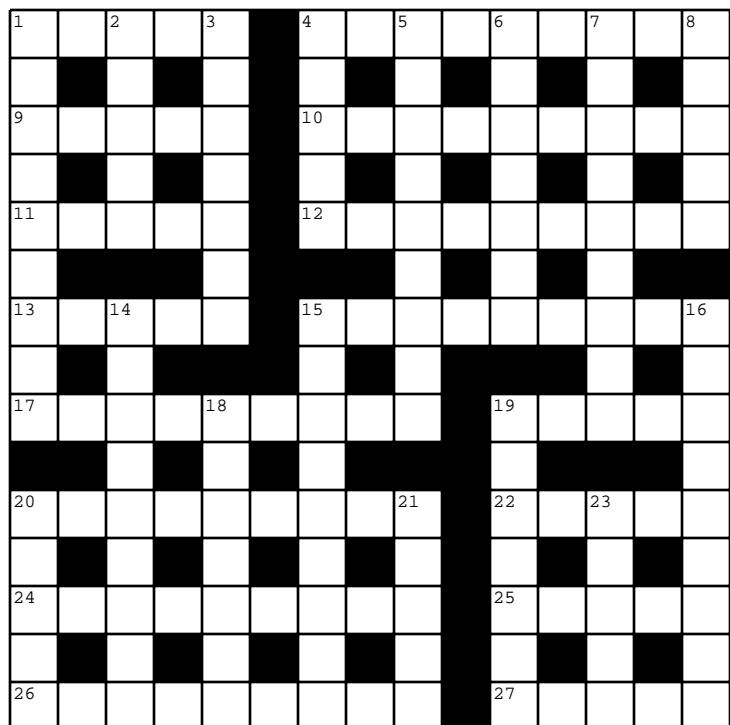
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| 4. FORECASTS  | 2. GREAT      |
| 9. LEERS      | 3. RISES      |
| 10. REUNIFIED | 4. FORETASTE  |
| 11. RATES     | 5. ROUTE      |
| 12. TRENCHANT | 6. COINCIDES  |
| 13. TEARS     | 7. SPIRALLED  |
| 16. SCHEDULER | 8. SADAT      |
| 19. DOORSTEPS | 14. ABORTIONS |
| 20. SIDED     | 15. SUSPENDED |
| 21. ROTTENEST | 17. HESITATES |
| 23. CHINA     | 18. RADIATING |
| 25. BROADCAST | 21. RABBI     |
| 26. ABACI     | 22. ERATO     |
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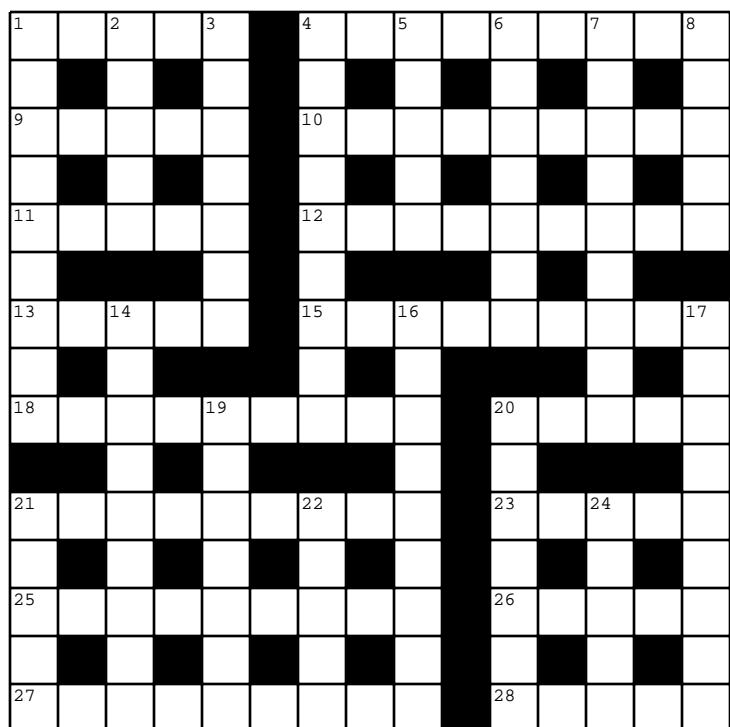
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| 4. COMMENCED  | 2. CALYX      |
| 9. GALAS      | 3. DESTROY    |
| 10. GUTIERREZ | 4. CAGED      |
| 11. BOXER     | 5. MOTIVATES  |
| 12. DEVIATION | 6. EYELASH    |
| 13. AMPLY     | 7. CORRIDORS  |
| 15. WATCHWORD | 8. DOZEN      |
| 17. CELIBATES | 14. PULVERIZE |
| 19. TASKS     | 15. WITHDRAWN |
| 20. BLESSEDER | 16. DISTORTED |
| 22. OUTDO     | 18. BASHFUL   |
| 24. CHIEFTAIN | 19. TOOTING   |
| 25. INPUT     | 20. BUCKS     |
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| 27. GREED     | 23. TEPEE     |



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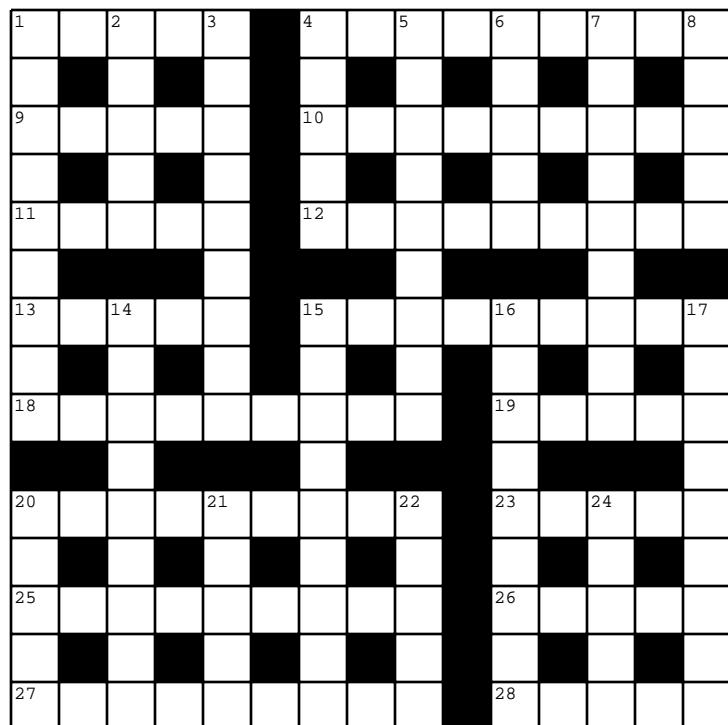
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| 4. CROOKEDER  | 2. AMADO      |
| 9. READY      | 3. KEYWORD    |
| 10. SANITISES | 4. CASANOVAS  |
| 11. PHOTO     | 5. OWNER      |
| 12. NORTHWEST | 6. KETCHUP    |
| 13. OPTED     | 7. DISBELIEF  |
| 15. VIEWPOINT | 8. RESET      |
| 18. FORETASTE | 14. TARGETING |
| 20. OFFER     | 16. EMERGENCY |
| 21. PRESUMING | 17. TURNROUND |
| 23. GAMER     | 19. TAUTEST   |
| 25. CHIPEWYAN | 20. ORGANIC   |
| 26. NAURU     | 21. PACED     |
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| 28. CREED     | 24. MAUVE     |



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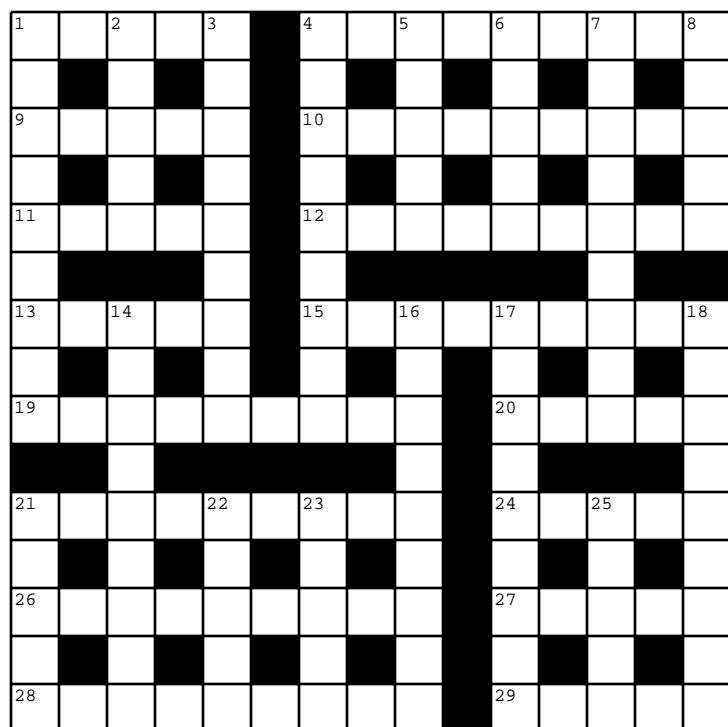
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BOOMERANG  |
| 4. APPLAUSED  | 2. SPACE      |
| 9. OHARA      | 3. CEAUSESCU  |
| 10. EXERCISES | 4. ABEAM      |
| 11. EVENS     | 5. PREGNANCY  |
| 12. MINSTRELS | 6. ASCOT      |
| 13. AIDES     | 7. DISBELIEF  |
| 15. BANDAGING | 8. DOSES      |
| 18. GRADUALLY | 14. DIALECTAL |
| 19. OFFER     | 15. BILINGUAL |
| 20. PNEUMONIA | 16. ABORTIONS |
| 23. TORSI     | 17. GARNISHED |
| 25. ASTROTURF | 20. PSALM     |
| 26. OPRAH     | 21. MAORI     |
| 27. MULTIPLEX | 22. AFFIX     |
| 28. SOLID     | 24. RURAL     |



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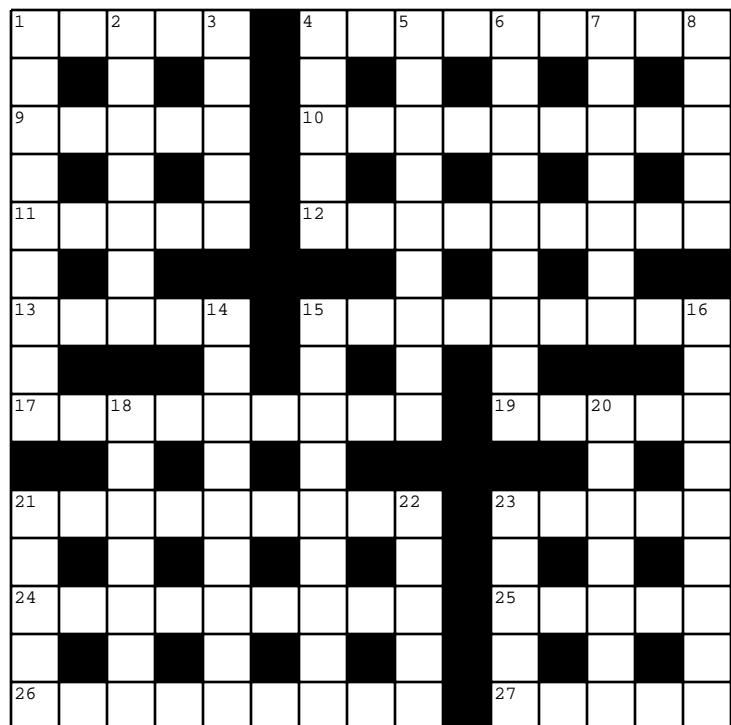
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| 4. CASTIGATE  | 2. ARCED      |
| 9. OCCUR      | 3. HOROSCOPE  |
| 10. INITIATES | 4. COINCIDED  |
| 11. DUDES     | 5. SAINT      |
| 12. CATNAPPED | 6. IBIZA      |
| 13. RADIO     | 7. AUTOPILOT  |
| 15. DISTILLER | 8. EASED      |
| 19. DESCENDED | 14. DISGUSTED |
| 20. ULTRA     | 16. SEDUCTIVE |
| 21. HEURISTIC | 17. INUKTITUT |
| 24. TOOLS     | 18. REASSURED |
| 26. POTPOURRI | 21. HOPES     |
| 27. TIGER     | 22. ICONS     |
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| 29. TUNED     | 25. ORGAN     |



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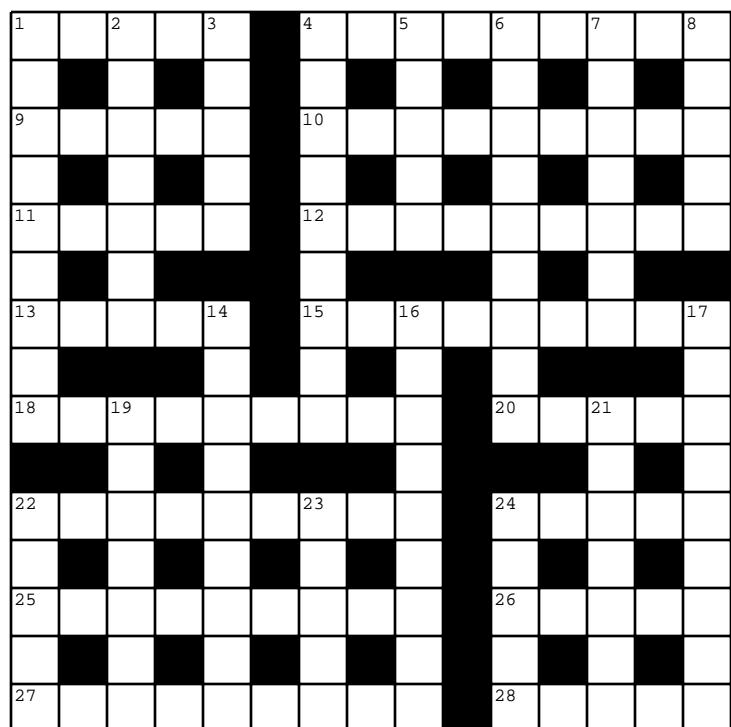
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| 4. SABOTAGES  | 2. SCHOOLS    |
| 9. ETHIC      | 3. KICKS      |
| 10. DUNGEONED | 4. SEDER      |
| 11. COOKS     | 5. BUNDESTAG  |
| 12. REENACTED | 6. THESAURUS  |
| 13. ISSUE     | 7. GENETIC    |
| 15. SATIRICAL | 8. SIDED      |
| 17. GLIMPSING | 14. EXPLOITED |
| 19. START     | 15. SRIVIJAYA |
| 21. APHRODITE | 16. LETTERING |
| 23. SCENE     | 18. INHABIT   |
| 24. REBUTTALS | 20. ACEVEDO   |
| 25. UTERI     | 21. ARROW     |
| 26. WITHDRAWN | 22. ESSEN     |
| 27. ALONG     | 23. SCUBA     |



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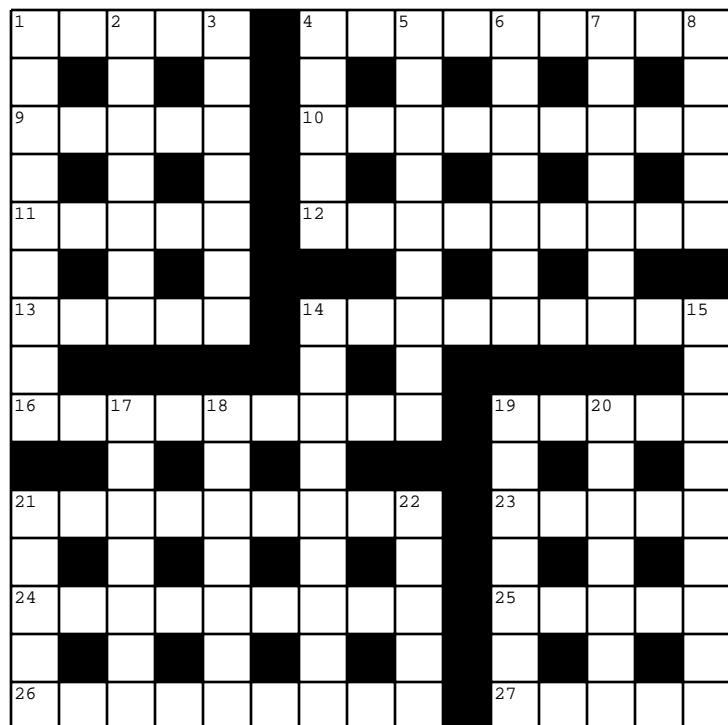
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| 9. LEMON      | 3. SINCE      |
| 10. APERTURES | 4. SPAGHETTI  |
| 11. THERE     | 5. OBEYS      |
| 12. HOSTILITY | 6. CATFISHES  |
| 13. DITTO     | 7. CARDIAC    |
| 15. TOOTHACHE | 8. SASSY      |
| 18. YELLOWING | 14. ODOMETERS |
| 20. SCARF     | 16. ORGANIZED |
| 22. LAYPERSON | 17. ENFORCING |
| 24. RIGOR     | 19. LAYETTE   |
| 25. GUTIERREZ | 21. ALGENIB   |
| 26. FUNGI     | 22. LIGHT     |
| 27. TREASURED | 23. SORER     |
| 28. DEBUG     | 24. REFED     |



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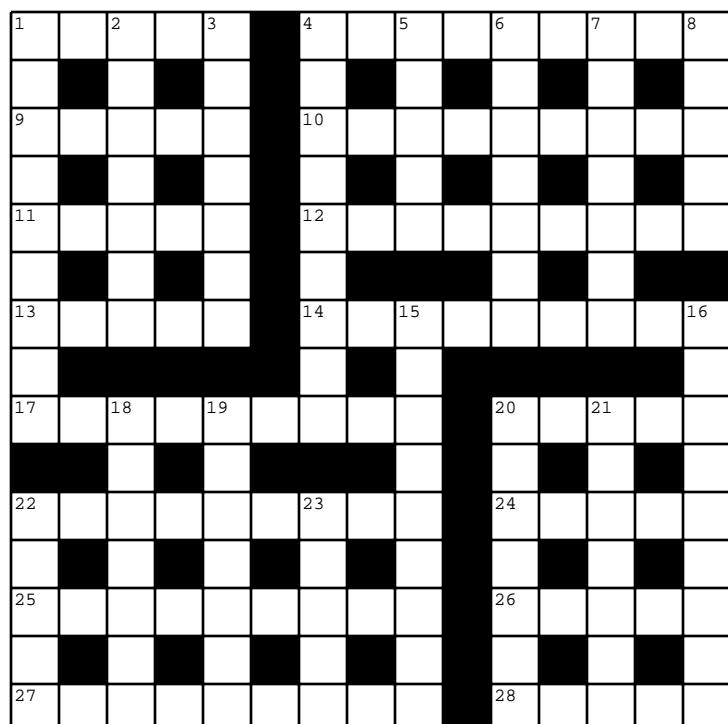
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| 1. HEADS      | 1. HYDRAULIC  |
| 4. ORCHESTRA  | 2. ANAGRAM    |
| 9. DRAWL      | 3. SOLIDER    |
| 10. DESECRATE | 4. ORDER      |
| 11. ACRID     | 5. CASHIERED  |
| 12. REITERATE | 6. EXCRETA    |
| 13. LAMER     | 7. THALAMI    |
| 14. BARBARIAN | 8. ADELE      |
| 16. COMPELLED | 14. BALLERINA |
| 19. BROOM     | 15. NUMERICAL |
| 21. MENDELEEV | 17. MONITOR   |
| 23. OUTER     | 18. EYEBROW   |
| 24. INTERVIEW | 19. BLOOMER   |
| 25. MUSIC     | 20. OBTUSER   |
| 26. SCREWBALL | 21. MAINS     |
| 27. RURAL     | 22. VOWEL     |



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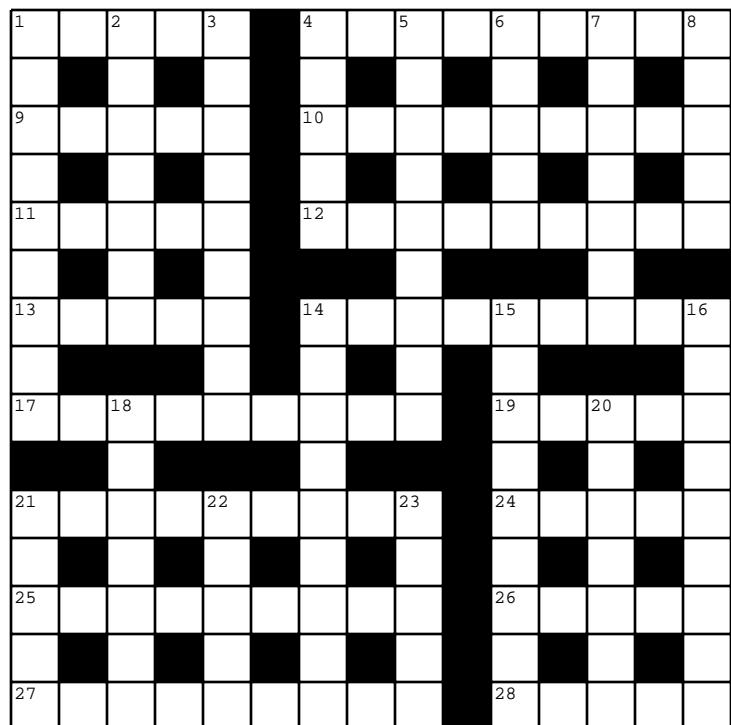
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| 1. OFFER      | 1. OWNERSHIP  |
| 4. EXCUSABLE  | 2. FATALLY    |
| 9. NATTY      | 3. RHYTHMS    |
| 10. UMBILICAL | 4. ENUMERATE  |
| 11. RALPH     | 5. CUBIC      |
| 12. ENCIRCLES | 6. SPLURGE    |
| 13. HAYES     | 7. BACILLI    |
| 14. ACADEMICS | 8. ELLIS      |
| 17. PRECEDENT | 15. ASTERISKS |
| 20. HADED     | 16. SIDESTEPS |
| 22. GHOSTLIER | 18. EMOTION   |
| 24. NODES     | 19. ENTITLE   |
| 25. PAINTINGS | 20. HANDFUL   |
| 26. FICHE     | 21. DEDUCTS   |
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| 28. LASTS     | 23. IONIC     |



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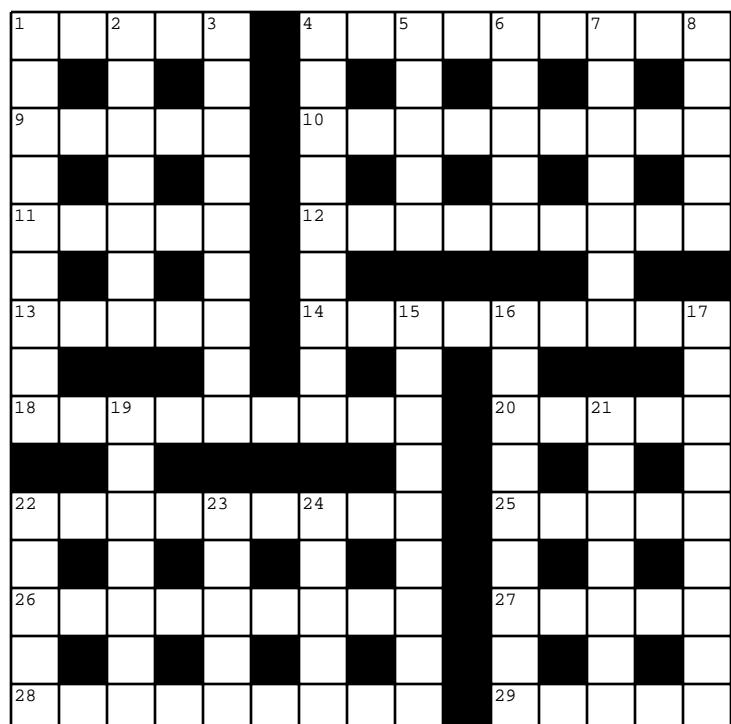
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| 4. CLASSROOM  | 2. SYMPTOM    |
| 9. RUMBA      | 3. AMATERASU  |
| 10. MODERNIZE | 4. CAMEO      |
| 11. BATHE     | 5. ADDRESSEE  |
| 12. OVERBEARS | 6. SCRUB      |
| 13. TAMRA     | 7. ORIGAMI    |
| 14. GESTURING | 8. MEETS      |
| 17. COAGULATE | 14. GLADIATOR |
| 19. IBIZA     | 15. UNIFORMLY |
| 21. INTERVIEW | 16. GRASSIEST |
| 24. OMITS     | 18. ARTICLE   |
| 25. INCUBATOR | 20. IDIOTIC   |
| 26. METRE     | 21. IDIOT     |
| 27. TREASURES | 22. ROBES     |
| 28. YACHT     | 23. WARNS     |



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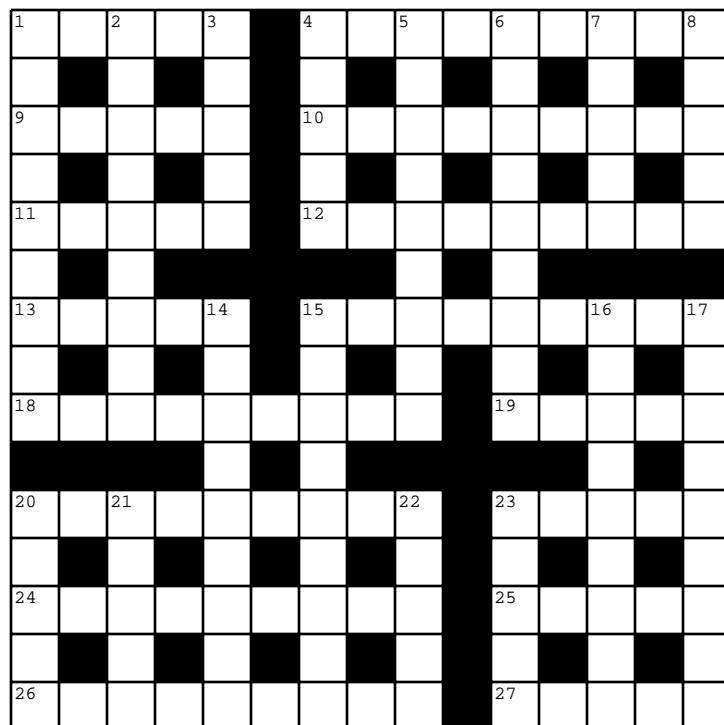
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| 9. RANDI      | 3. FLIMSIEST  |
| 10. OBSTRUCTS | 4. PROGRAMED  |
| 11. JERKS     | 5. IBSEN      |
| 12. RANCOROUS | 6. CARGO      |
| 13. AIMEE     | 7. PICCOLO    |
| 14. MACINTOSH | 8. EASES      |
| 18. APTITUDES | 15. CUSTOMARY |
| 20. GIVEN     | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 22. PIZZICATO | 17. HONEYCOMB |
| 25. TANGY     | 19. TIZZIES   |
| 26. PRISCILLA | 21. VANUATU   |
| 27. LLANO     | 22. POPPA     |
| 28. ASSUREDLY | 23. INCUR     |
| 29. BLURB     | 24. AILED     |



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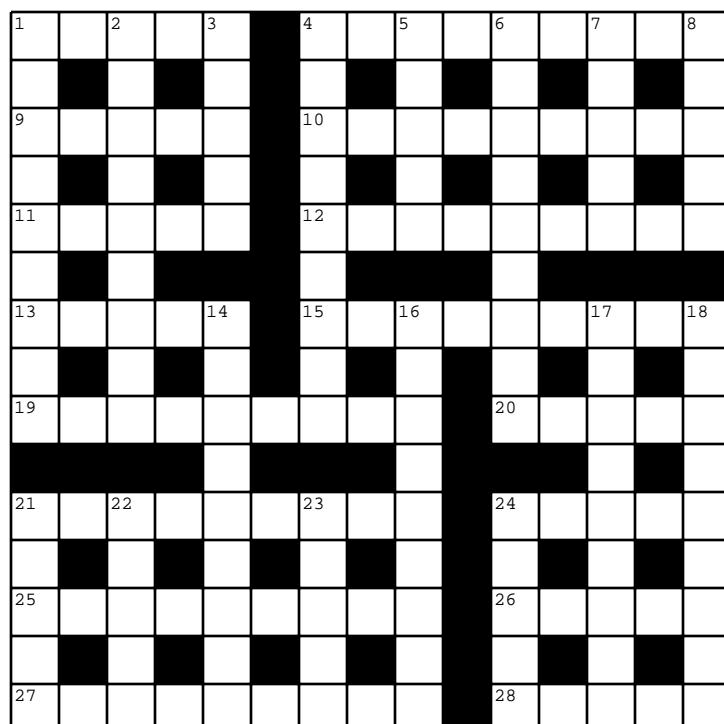
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| 1. SAFER      | 1. SUBMERGED  |
| 4. OGBOMOSHO  | 2. FIXATIONS  |
| 9. BUXOM      | 3. ROMAN      |
| 10. FROTHIEST | 4. OFFED      |
| 11. EATEN     | 5. BOOMERANG  |
| 12. DREAMER   | 6. MAHARAJAH  |
| 13. GLORY     | 7. SIEGE      |
| 15. READJUSTS | 8. OCTET      |
| 18. DESERTING | 14. YARDSTICK |
| 19. HALES     | 15. RHINOCERI |
| 20. ACCUSTOMS | 16. SELECTING |
| 23. RECTA     | 17. SUSTAINED |
| 24. PROFITEER | 20. ASPIC     |
| 25. CAIRN     | 21. CROCI     |
| 26. CRINKLING | 22. SHRUG     |
| 27. PAGED     | 23. RECAP     |



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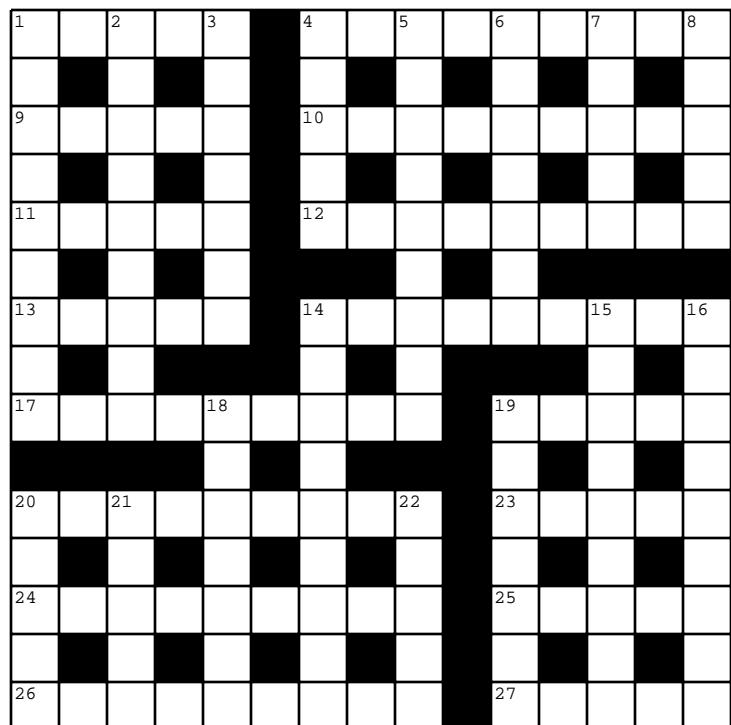
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| 4. GENEALOGY  | 2. ENNOBLING  |
| 9. SANTA      | 3. PRAYS      |
| 10. INDIGENCE | 4. GLISSANDI  |
| 11. ABBES     | 5. NODES      |
| 12. SUSPENDED | 6. AGGREGATE  |
| 13. NOISE     | 7. OWNED      |
| 15. NARRATING | 8. YIELD      |
| 19. DIGESTIVE | 14. ESSENTIAL |
| 20. ENTER     | 16. REENTRIES |
| 21. DEPENDANT | 17. INTERNALS |
| 24. TORSI     | 18. GARRISONS |
| 25. PIZZICATI | 21. DEPOT     |
| 26. GUANO     | 22. PIZZA     |
| 27. TRAILWAYS | 23. ASAMA     |
| 28. TASKS     | 24. TIGHT     |



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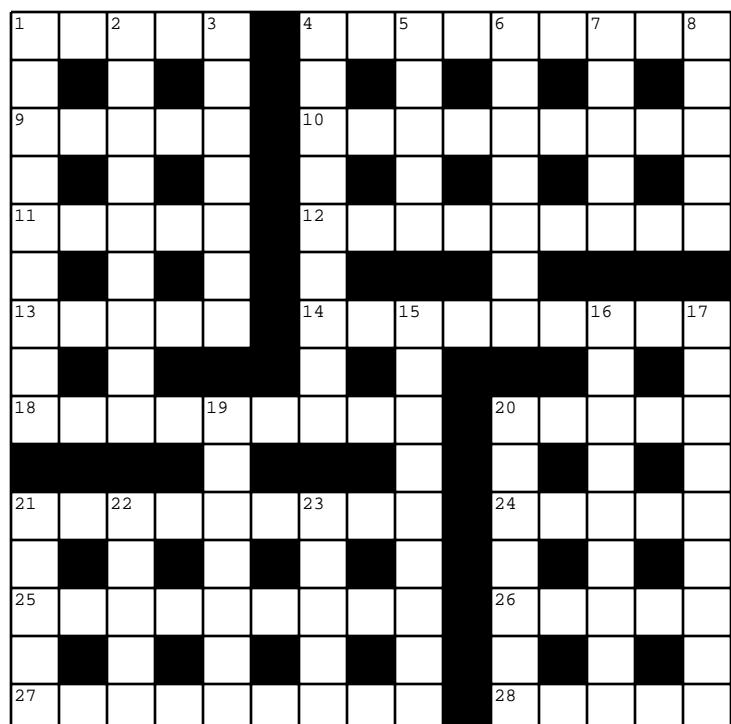
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| 1. ERROR      | 1. ECCENTRIC  |
| 4. DRAUGHTED  | 2. REFERENDA  |
| 9. CAFES      | 3. RASHERS    |
| 10. BANKNOTES | 4. DEBRA      |
| 11. NERVE     | 5. ANNOTATES  |
| 12. ALTITUDES | 6. GENETIC    |
| 13. RANTS     | 7. TOTED      |
| 14. CATACLYSM | 8. DOSES      |
| 17. CHASTISES | 14. CASTANEDA |
| 19. MELVA     | 15. YELLOWEST |
| 20. CASTAWAYS | 16. MEandered |
| 23. LLOYD     | 18. TRANSIT   |
| 24. TROUSSEAU | 19. MALACCA   |
| 25. CLEAR     | 20. CATER     |
| 26. RACETRACK | 21. STOIC     |
| 27. ACTED     | 22. SNUCK     |



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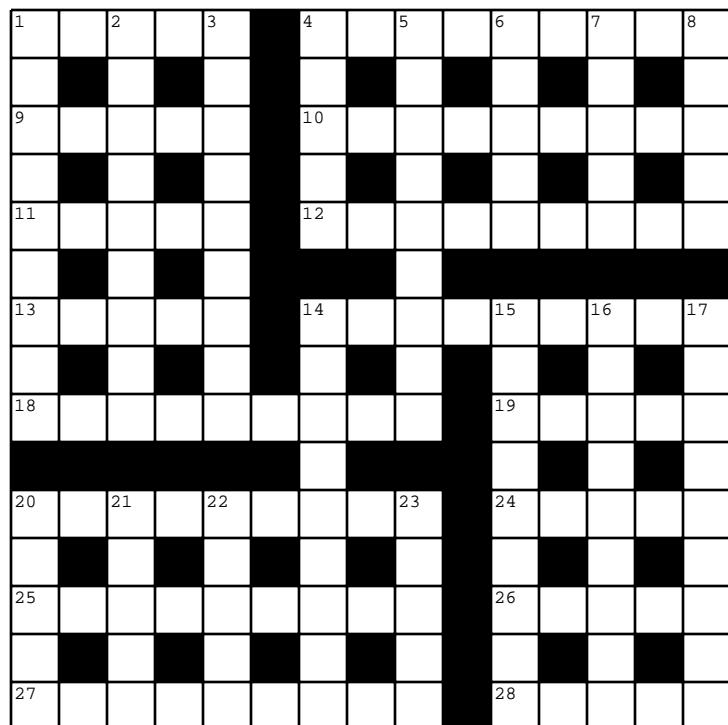
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| 1. DOSED      | 1. DEBRIEFED  |
| 4. FOOTNOTES  | 2. STRATEGIC  |
| 9. BORED      | 3. DIDEROT    |
| 10. SHOWPIECE | 4. FISHERMAN  |
| 11. INTER     | 5. OZONE      |
| 12. ELECTORAL | 6. NAPHTHA    |
| 13. FIGHT     | 7. THEIR      |
| 14. MASCARAED | 8. SHELL      |
| 18. DOCTRINES | 15. SUSPICION |
| 20. TYPES     | 16. APPENDAGE |
| 21. GLISSANDI | 17. DISMISSAL |
| 24. GENII     | 19. ROSELLA   |
| 25. EUCALYPTI | 20. TOGGLES   |
| 26. LEANS     | 21. GREAT     |
| 27. TARPAULIN | 22. INCUR     |
| 28. SMELL     | 23. NEPAL     |



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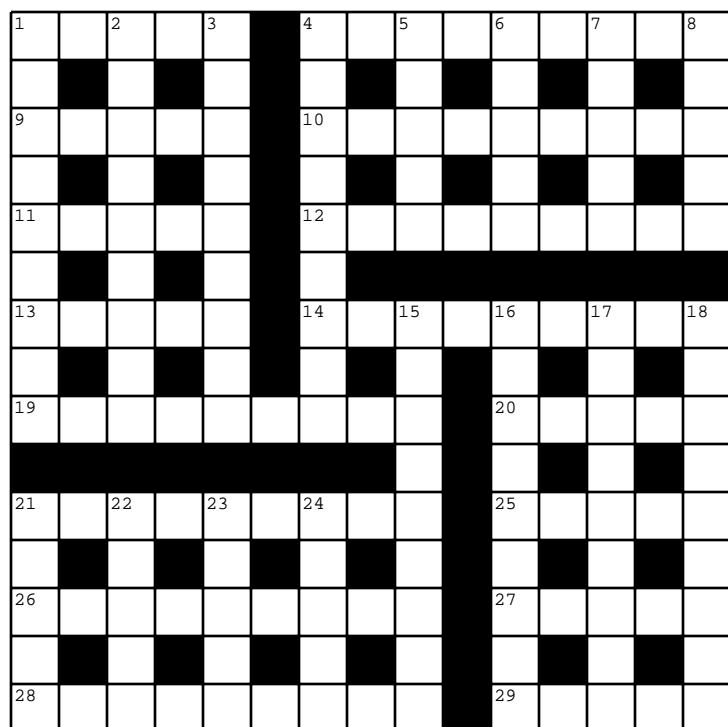
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. GIFTS      | 1. GENTLEMEN  |
| 4. DISAFFECT  | 2. FORTNIGHT  |
| 9. NORTH      | 3. SCHEDULER  |
| 10. ARMADILLO | 4. DWARF      |
| 11. LINED     | 5. SIMILARLY  |
| 12. FALSETTOS | 6. FUDGE      |
| 13. MOGUL     | 7. ECLAT      |
| 14. SCREWIEST | 8. THOUS      |
| 18. NATURALLY | 14. SPLENDOUR |
| 19. RUPEE     | 15. WORLDWIDE |
| 20. PNEUMONIA | 16. EMPIRICAL |
| 24. DARLA     | 17. THESAURUS |
| 25. UNDERTOOK | 20. PLUTO     |
| 26. INCUR     | 21. ENDUE     |
| 27. OVERTHREW | 22. MERIT     |
| 28. ELLIS     | 23. ASKEW     |



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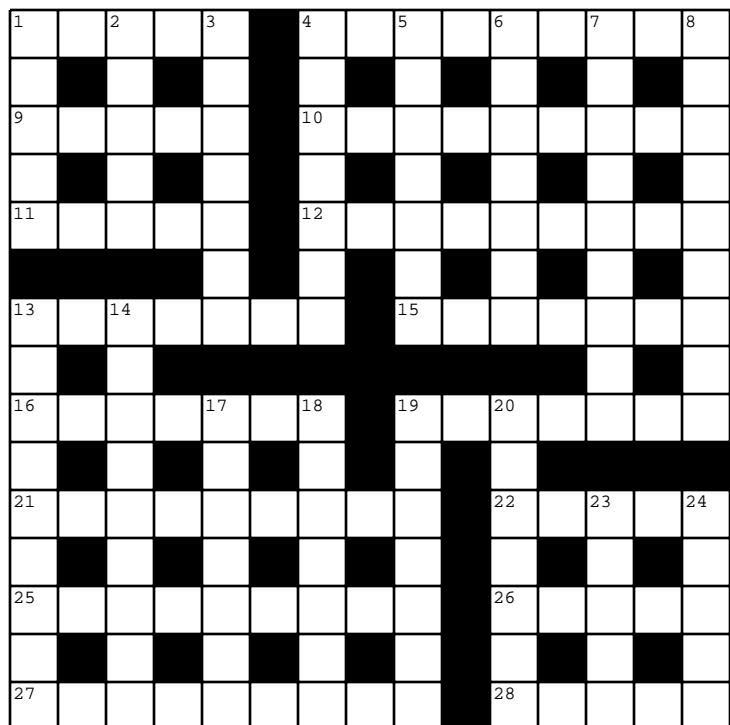
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| 4. AFTERGLOW  | 2. MANIFESTO  |
| 9. OWNER      | 3. SURPRISES  |
| 10. TRIANGLES | 4. ALTERABLE  |
| 11. DEFER     | 5. TWIST      |
| 12. RATIONALE | 6. RINGO      |
| 13. HOSTS     | 7. LELIA      |
| 14. BANDOLEER | 8. WASTE      |
| 19. TROUSSEAU | 15. NAUSEATES |
| 20. EXCEL     | 16. OVERTHREW |
| 21. NECTARINE | 17. EUCALYPTI |
| 25. TULSA     | 18. RELEARNED |
| 26. CRUMMIEST | 21. NICKS     |
| 27. RIPEN     | 22. CHURN     |
| 28. SANITISES | 23. ADMIT     |
| 29. WEIRD     | 24. IDEAS     |



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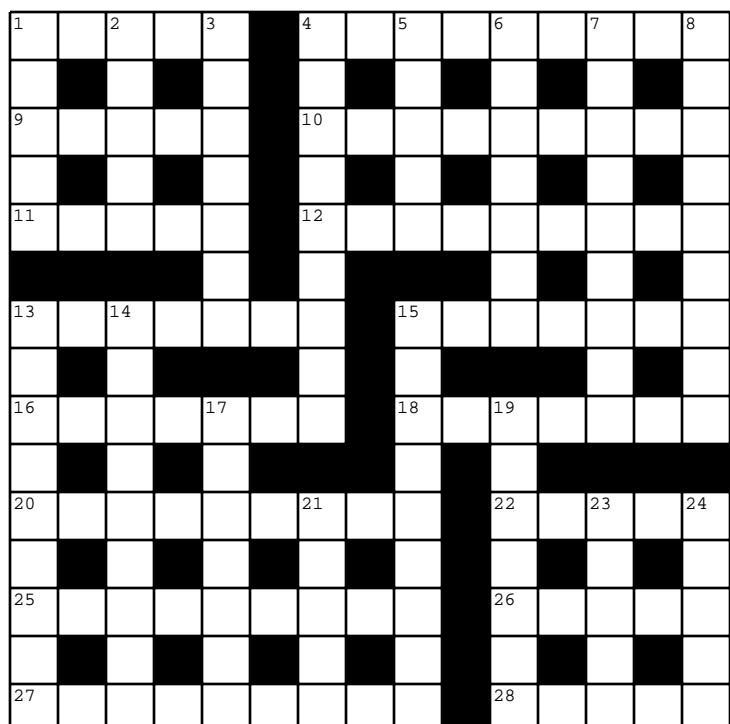
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| 1. CRAMP      | 1. COMMA      |
| 4. REPUTABLE  | 2. ALTAI      |
| 9. METRO      | 3. PROVISO    |
| 10. SERENGETI | 4. RESERVE    |
| 11. ALIBI     | 5. PARTNER    |
| 12. RANSACKED | 6. TANKARD    |
| 13. MICROBE   | 7. BREAKFAST  |
| 15. RADIATE   | 8. EVILDOERS  |
| 16. SILKENS   | 13. MISSHAPEN |
| 19. DEMOTES   | 14. COLONIZER |
| 21. HONEYCOMB | 17. ELYSIAN   |
| 22. SNACK     | 18. STORAGE   |
| 25. PIZZICATI | 19. DABBING   |
| 26. CURIO     | 20. MUSICAL   |
| 27. NIRENBERG | 23. AGREE     |
| 28. LEERS     | 24. KNOWS     |



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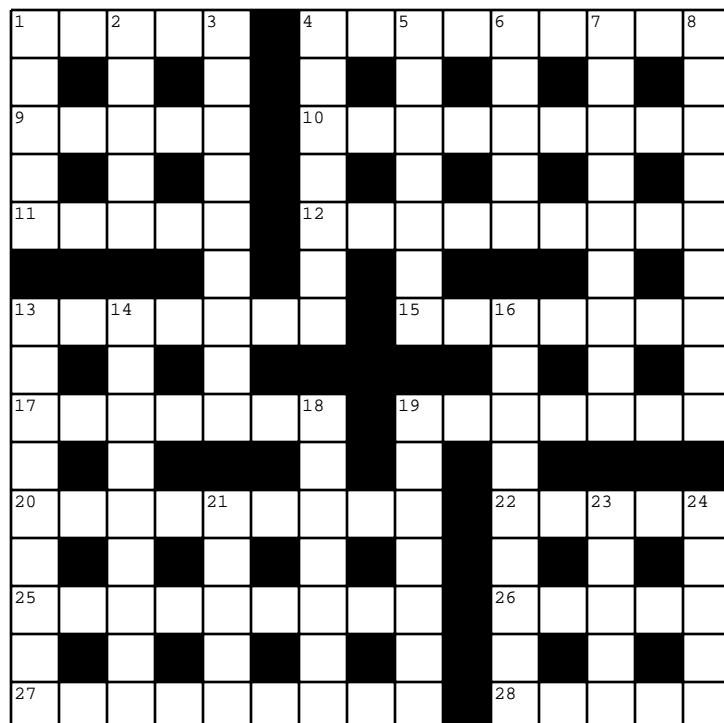
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| 1. CILIA      | 1. COLIC      |
| 4. DEATHBEDS  | 2. LEGAL      |
| 9. LOGIC      | 3. ARCHAIC    |
| 10. SOLEMNIZE | 4. DISCREDIT  |
| 11. CELIA     | 5. ATLAS      |
| 12. RESPECTED | 6. HIMSELF    |
| 13. POLICED   | 7. EXISTENCE  |
| 15. OFFENCE   | 8. SPEEDIEST  |
| 16. LEFTEST   | 13. POLEMICAL |
| 18. EERIEST   | 14. LIFELINES |
| 20. MELODRAMA | 15. OPERATORS |
| 22. GROUP     | 17. ENDORSE   |
| 25. CONTRALTO | 19. REGIMENT  |
| 26. MAGIC     | 21. ALLIE     |
| 27. LISTENERS | 23. OUGHT     |
| 28. NOTES     | 24. PICKS     |



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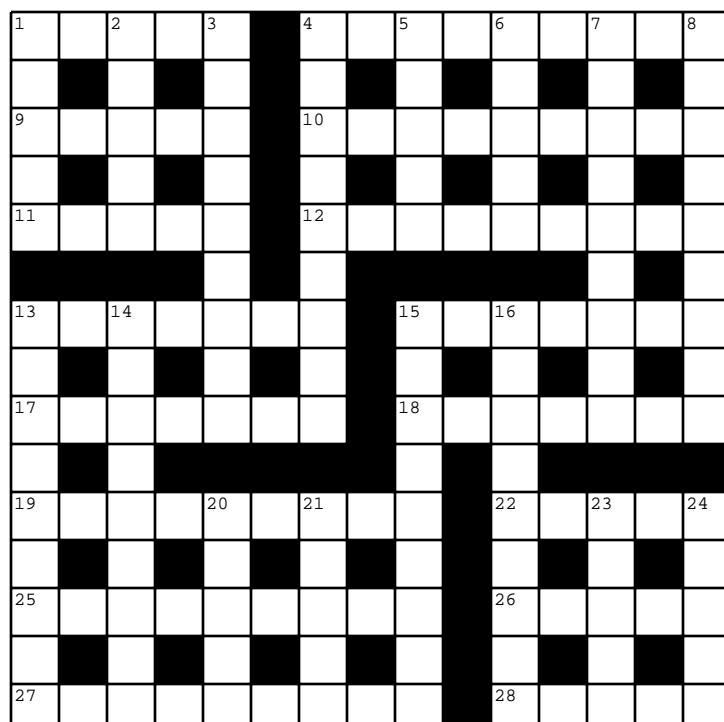
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| 1. THUMB      | 1. TRACK      |
| 4. MINEFIELD  | 2. UNITY      |
| 9. ARISE      | 3. BREAKDOWN  |
| 10. LICORICES | 4. MALIGNS    |
| 11. KAYAK     | 5. NUCLEIC    |
| 12. GUERRILLA | 6. FUROR      |
| 13. MIRRORS   | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 15. CHAMPED   | 8. DASTARDLY  |
| 17. LACONIC   | 13. MELBOURNE |
| 19. HAPPILY   | 14. RECHERCHE |
| 20. OPERATION | 16. AMPUTATES |
| 22. TOPIC     | 18. CHIANTI   |
| 25. RECREANTS | 19. HONESTY   |
| 26. TRICK     | 21. AGENT     |
| 27. ELECTRIFY | 23. PRIME     |
| 28. SHEDS     | 24. CAKES     |



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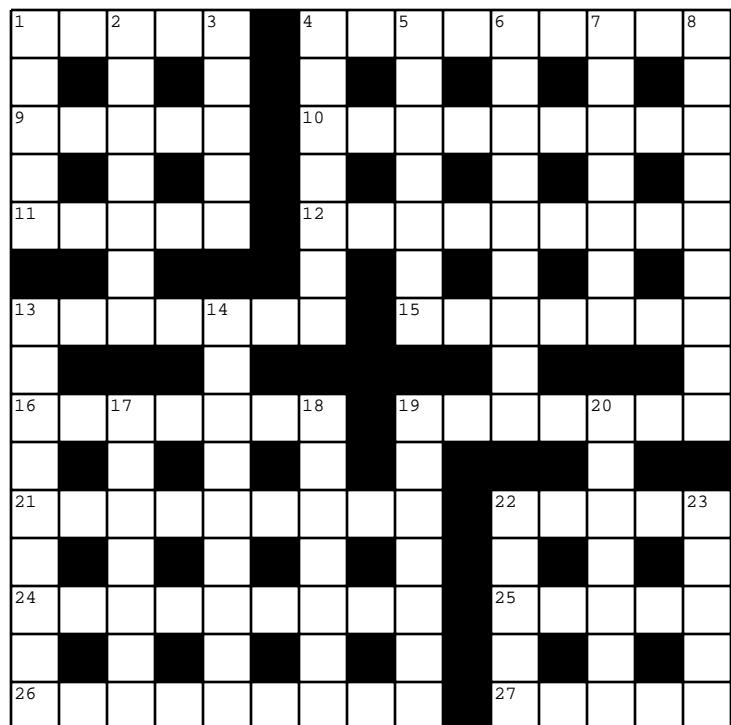
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| 4. CARDSHARP  | 2. CARPI      |
| 9. MORON      | 3. ANNABELLE  |
| 10. ANNOUNCER | 4. CHARCOALS  |
| 11. CLIMB     | 5. RONDA      |
| 12. CEAUSESCU | 6. SHUNS      |
| 13. ESTELLA   | 7. ANCESTRAL  |
| 15. CLEARED   | 8. PERSUADED  |
| 17. CALLERS   | 13. EXCLAIMED |
| 18. INVALID   | 14. TELLTALES |
| 19. ANTIPASTI | 15. CRIMINALS |
| 22. SPLIT     | 16. ENVISAGED |
| 25. MILLENNIA | 20. PRESS     |
| 26. GRASP     | 21. SENSE     |
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| 28. DATES     | 24. TAPES     |



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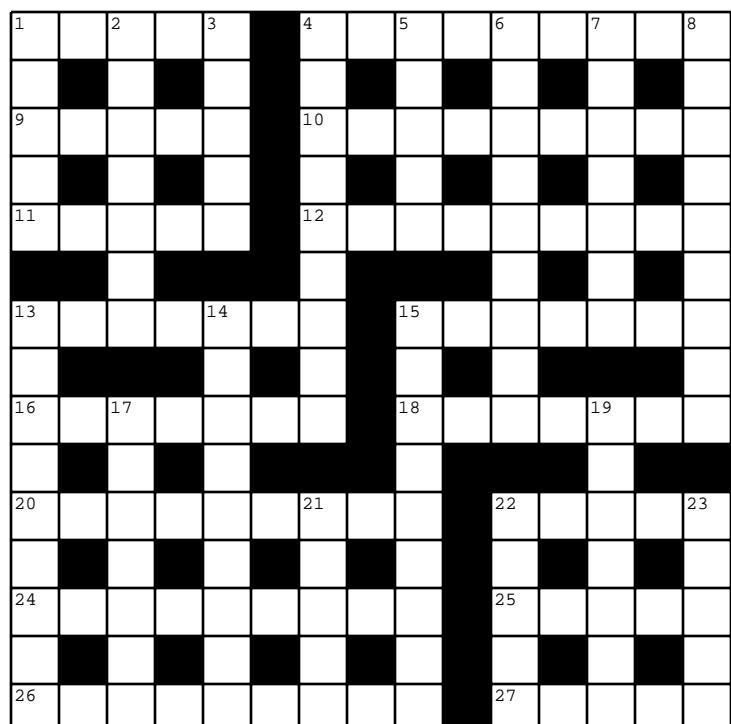
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. BLURB      | 1. BOOZE      |
| 4. OMBUDSMEN  | 2. UNEQUAL    |
| 9. OMEGA      | 3. BRAKE      |
| 10. GRUESOMER | 4. ONGOING    |
| 11. ELUDE     | 5. BOUNCES    |
| 12. INCOGNITO | 6. DESIGNATE  |
| 13. SELLING   | 7. MEMLING    |
| 15. SPANGLE   | 8. NARROWEST  |
| 16. DWARFED   | 13. SEDUCTION |
| 19. ELEMENT   | 14. INFLUENCE |
| 21. CREDULOUS | 17. ADEPTER   |
| 22. UNCLE     | 18. DUODENA   |
| 24. INTENSELY | 19. ESSAYED   |
| 25. SHOES     | 20. ENCLOSE   |
| 26. NURSEMAID | 22. UPSET     |
| 27. THESE     | 23. ENSUE     |



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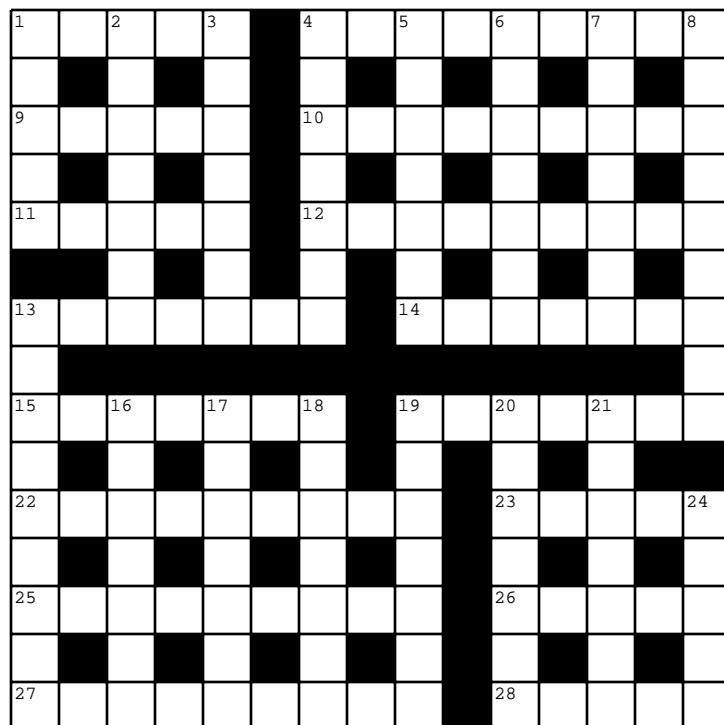
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| 1. COMIC      | 1. CALMS      |
| 4. SLOUCHIER  | 2. MODULES    |
| 9. LODGE      | 3. CHEST      |
| 10. REHASHING | 4. STRETCHES  |
| 11. SPLIT     | 5. OTHER      |
| 12. TERMINATE | 6. CASTIGATE  |
| 13. BESEECH   | 7. IMITATE    |
| 15. NEAREST   | 8. REGRETTED  |
| 16. NUANCES   | 13. BANISTERS |
| 18. PRESSED   | 14. ENCIRCLED |
| 20. SATIRICAL | 15. NAPALMING |
| 22. LOCAL     | 17. ARTICLE   |
| 24. EUCALYPTI | 19. SECTORS   |
| 25. NOOSE     | 21. CAPRI     |
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| 27. NASTY     | 23. LEERY     |



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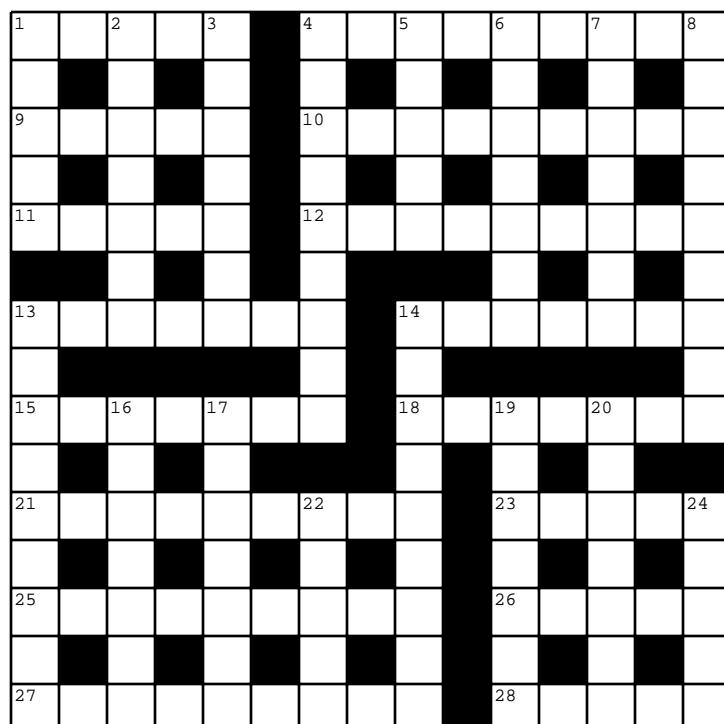
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. SAKAI      | 1. SCRUB      |
| 4. ALLIANCES  | 2. KHARKOV    |
| 9. ROADS      | 3. INSIDES    |
| 10. REMINISCE | 4. AERATED    |
| 11. BIKE      | 5. LAMBAST    |
| 12. TRANSPORT | 6. AMNESIA    |
| 13. ADVISED   | 7. CASTOFF    |
| 14. TRAFFIC   | 8. SKEPTICAL  |
| 15. AVOCADO   | 13. ANARCHISM |
| 19. CONICAL   | 16. OCTOPUS   |
| 22. CATACLYSM | 17. ALCYONE   |
| 23. PALED     | 18. OLYMPIA   |
| 25. IMPROMPTU | 19. COMPUTE   |
| 26. THUMB     | 20. NAPHTHA   |
| 27. MISBEHAVE | 21. CALCULI   |
| 28. AXING     | 24. DEBUG     |



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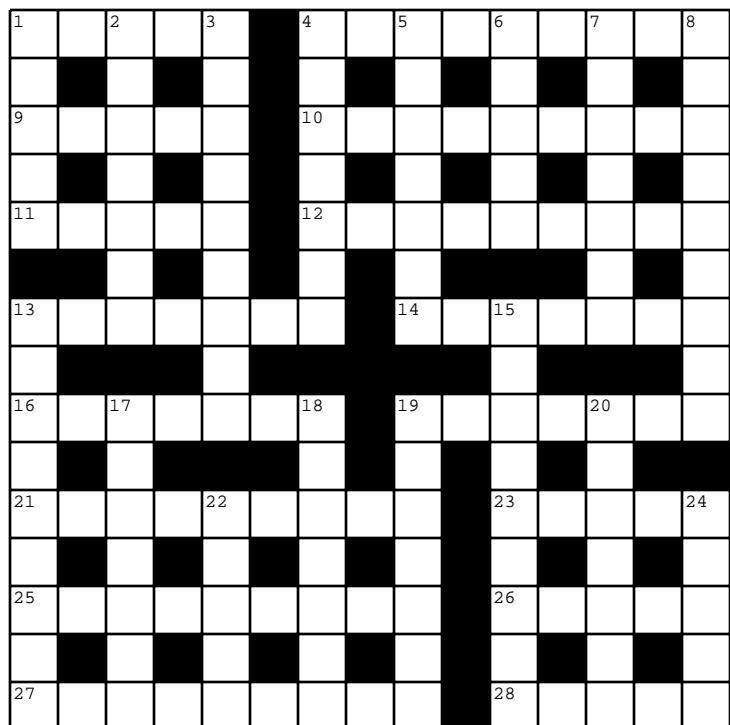
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| 9. ICING      | 3. BUGATTI    |
| 10. ASSERTION | 4. ANARCHIST  |
| 11. FAULT     | 5. ARSON      |
| 12. CONSORTIA | 6. CARDOZO    |
| 13. TERMINI   | 7. IDIOTIC    |
| 14. BRONCHI   | 8. MENTALITY  |
| 15. EXPLOIT   | 13. THEORETIC |
| 18. AUDIBLY   | 14. BLACKJACK |
| 21. RACETRACK | 16. PACHECO   |
| 23. VALVE     | 17. OUTBACK   |
| 25. THERAVADA | 19. DEVELOP   |
| 26. LUIGI     | 20. BALMIER   |
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| 28. PARKS     | 24. EVILS     |



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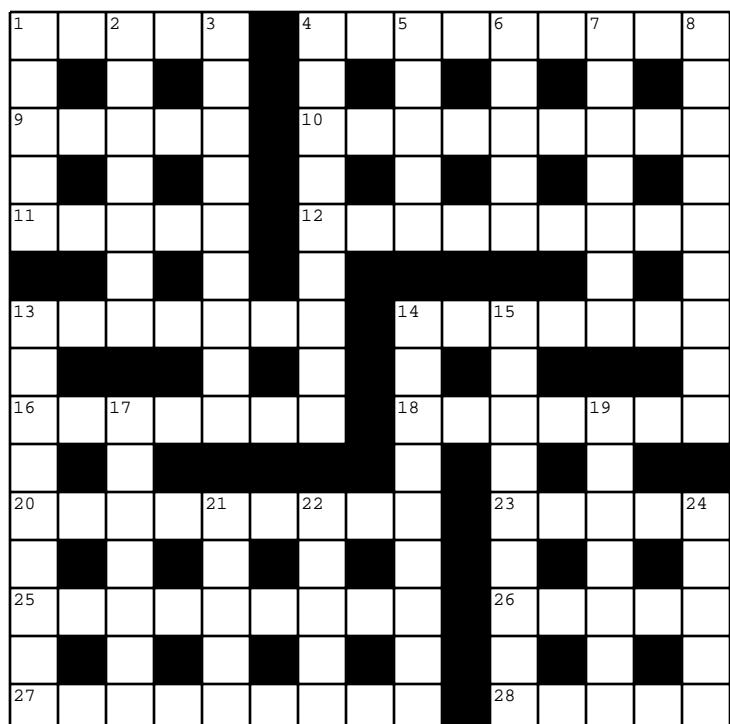
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| 1. ALBUM      | 1. AISLE      |
| 4. BEDSPREAD  | 2. BRAVADO    |
| 9. SNAFU      | 3. MAUSOLEUM  |
| 10. SOCIALIST | 4. BISECTS    |
| 11. ERATO     | 5. DECORUM    |
| 12. CURRYCOMB | 6. PEARY      |
| 13. FLOWERS   | 7. EPISODE    |
| 14. MADNESS   | 8. DATABASES  |
| 16. INHUMAN   | 13. FLIGHTIER |
| 19. ESCAPES   | 15. DOCUDRAMA |
| 21. HAMSTRUNG | 17. HIMSELF   |
| 23. DHOTI     | 18. NOURISH   |
| 25. ITEMIZING | 19. ENGAGED   |
| 26. AVOID     | 20. PRONOUN   |
| 27. REFRESHED | 22. TRIBE     |
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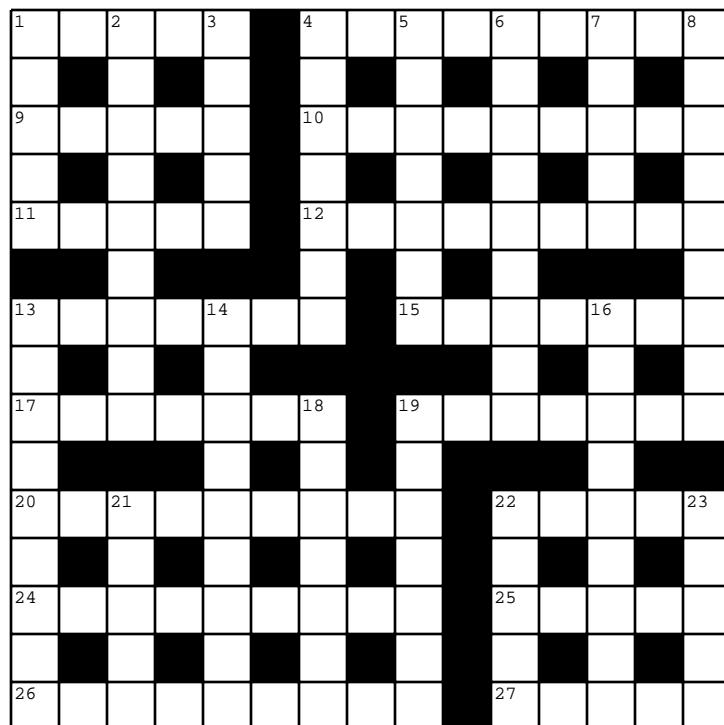
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| 9. INNER      | 3. IRREGULAR  |
| 10. SURCHARGE | 4. DISMISSES  |
| 11. USING     | 5. SIRED      |
| 12. INDICATOR | 6. ETHIC      |
| 13. BOGGLES   | 7. AERATES    |
| 14. GREASED   | 8. OVERRIDES  |
| 16. REWARDS   | 13. BIRTHRATE |
| 18. DEVOTES   | 14. GODFATHER |
| 20. HARMONICA | 15. EAVESDROP |
| 23. SORER     | 17. WIRETAP   |
| 25. AFTERMATH | 19. TERMINI   |
| 26. RAIDS     | 21. OARED     |
| 27. EXPEDITER | 22. INAPT     |
| 28. PAINT     | 24. RESET     |



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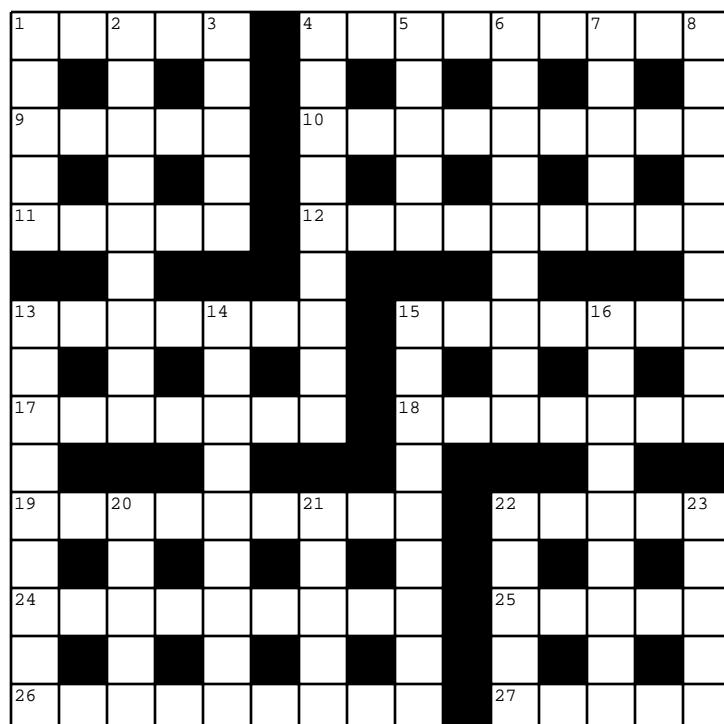
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| 4. SEDIMENTS  | 2. UNCEASING  |
| 9. COCCI      | 3. ALIEN      |
| 10. THEODORIC | 4. SATISFY    |
| 11. SLAIN     | 5. DUELLED    |
| 12. SULTANATE | 6. MEDIAEVAL  |
| 13. CHIEFLY   | 7. NORMA      |
| 15. DIVIDED   | 8. SUCCEEDED  |
| 17. LIGHTER   | 13. COLLISION |
| 19. DELETED   | 14. FATALISTS |
| 20. INDOLENCE | 16. DATABASES |
| 22. CUBES     | 18. RANSACK   |
| 24. INTESTATE | 19. DIESELS   |
| 25. ASSET     | 21. DATUM     |
| 26. NAMESAKES | 22. CLASH     |
| 27. HOSTS     | 23. SITES     |



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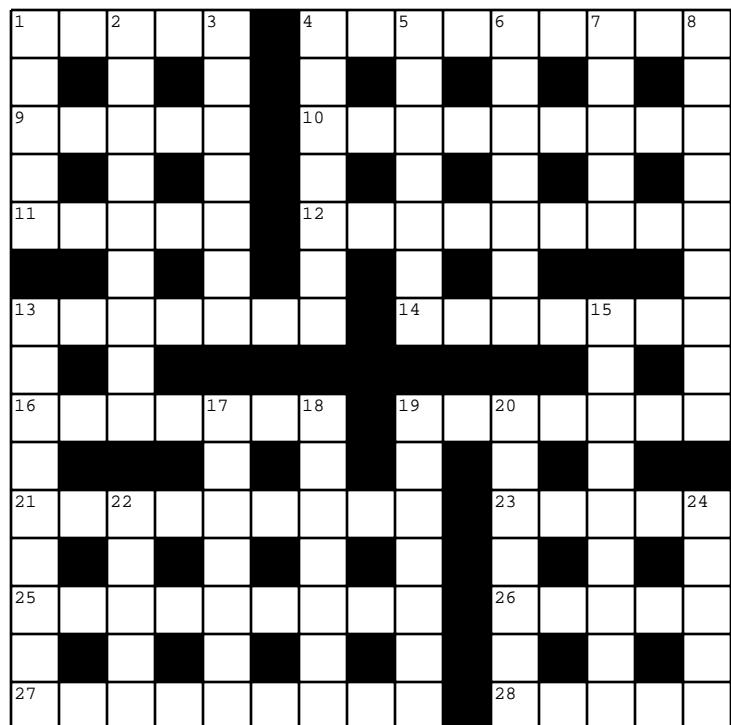
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| 9. SCREW      | 3. TOWNS      |
| 10. LANDOWNER | 4. COLLEAGUE  |
| 11. SIDES     | 5. NONCE      |
| 12. EXERCISES | 6. CROTCHETY  |
| 13. IMAGING   | 7. LINKS      |
| 15. AMERICA   | 8. YAROSLAVL  |
| 17. THEATRE   | 13. INTERVALS |
| 18. ABYSMAL   | 14. INTEGRATE |
| 19. RECOGNISE | 15. AGAMEMNON |
| 22. RATES     | 16. IMMATURES |
| 24. ANIMATION | 20. CHINO     |
| 25. HURST     | 21. IDIOM     |
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| 27. BASIN     | 23. SATIN     |



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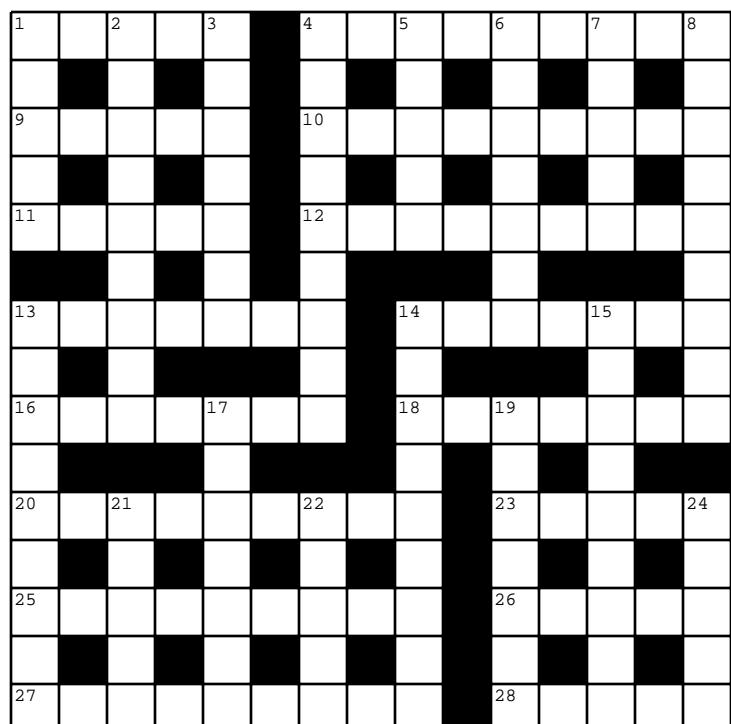
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| 4. PEPPERONI  | 2. REPROGRAM  |
| 9. PEPSI      | 3. ORIGAMI    |
| 10. TROUSSEAU | 4. POTABLE    |
| 11. KRONA     | 5. PROVERB    |
| 12. BLEARIES  | 6. ENSURES    |
| 13. AIRLINE   | 7. OBESE      |
| 14. BISCUIT   | 8. INUKTITUT  |
| 16. NOMADIC   | 13. ANNOUNCES |
| 19. COMMENT   | 15. UNEARTHED |
| 21. UNDERTAKE | 17. DORKIER   |
| 23. NURSE     | 18. CHARGES   |
| 25. CUNNINGER | 19. CLEARED   |
| 26. REHAB     | 20. MONARCH   |
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| 28. HIDED     | 24. EMBED     |



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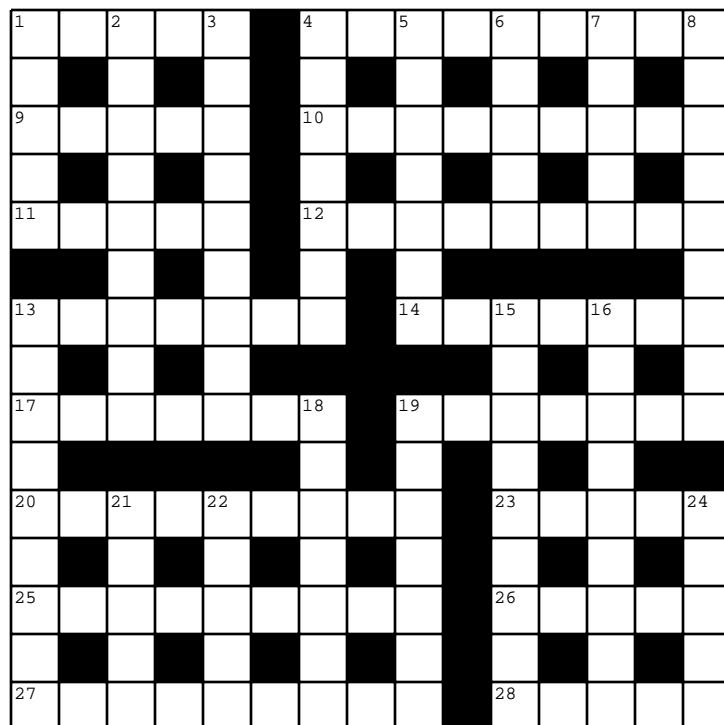
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| 9. GENRE      | 3. CHEESES    |
| 10. DESDEMONA | 4. CODIFYING  |
| 11. GATES     | 5. RUSSO      |
| 12. FROSTIES  | 6. INERTIA    |
| 13. COLOSSI   | 7. OZONE      |
| 14. IMAGINE   | 8. APARTHEID  |
| 16. ERASING   | 13. CHECKMATE |
| 18. LABELED   | 14. ILLOGICAL |
| 20. KAOHSIUNG | 15. ILLEGIBLY |
| 23. TIGHT     | 17. INSPECT   |
| 25. AUTHENTIC | 19. BATHTUB   |
| 26. TUBAE     | 21. OUTRE     |
| 27. ELECTORAL | 22. UTTER     |
| 28. BUYER     | 24. THEIR     |



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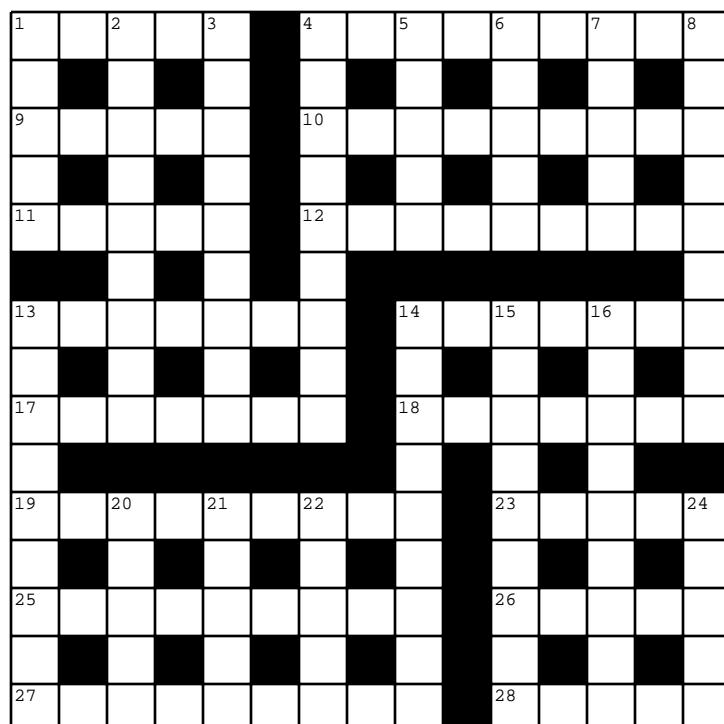
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| 4. CIGARETTE  | 2. EAVESDROP  |
| 9. NEVER      | 3. BARTHOLDI  |
| 10. LAUNDERER | 4. COLLIED    |
| 11. BUSCH     | 5. GAUNTER    |
| 12. INTENTION | 6. RADON      |
| 13. CURDLED   | 7. TORSI      |
| 14. REFUGEE   | 8. EHRENBERG  |
| 17. APPOINT   | 13. CLAPPERED |
| 19. WARNING   | 15. FIREPROOF |
| 20. PERFORMER | 16. GLISSANDO |
| 23. POSES     | 18. TEMPERA   |
| 25. RHINOCERI | 19. WARLIKE   |
| 26. OWNED     | 21. RAILS     |
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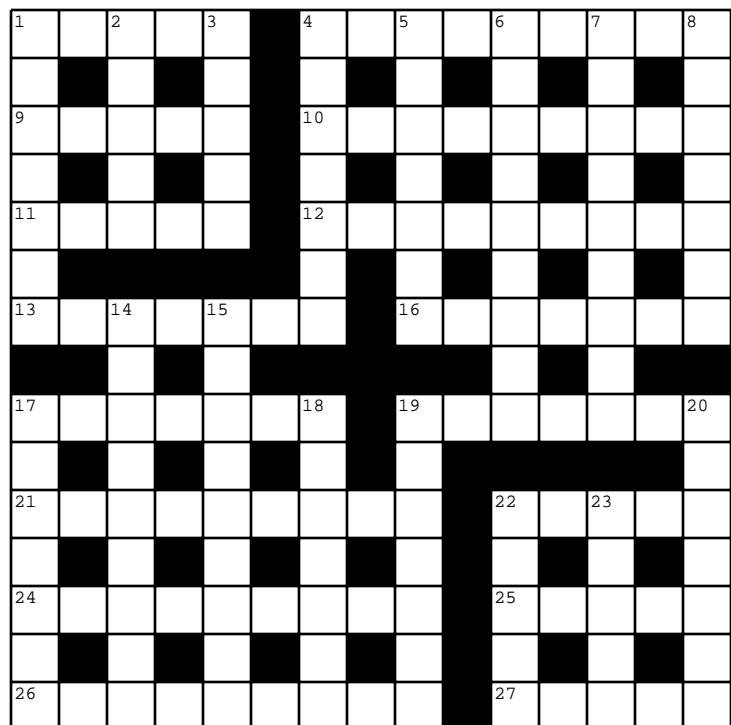
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| 9. ENTER      | 3. NORTHWARD  |
| 10. NEOLOGISM | 4. VANDALISM  |
| 11. NORTH     | 5. RHONE      |
| 12. ALEJANDRO | 6. EBOLA      |
| 13. ANASAZI   | 7. ILIAD      |
| 14. INCOMES   | 8. SUMMONSES  |
| 17. KINGDOM   | 13. AWKWARDER |
| 18. ERRANDS   | 14. IDEALIZED |
| 19. APPRAISAL | 15. CARTWHEEL |
| 23. WHELP     | 16. MENDELEEV |
| 25. DOMINGUEZ | 20. PUMPS     |
| 26. ELECT     | 21. ANNIE     |
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| 28. LIVES     | 24. PATHS     |



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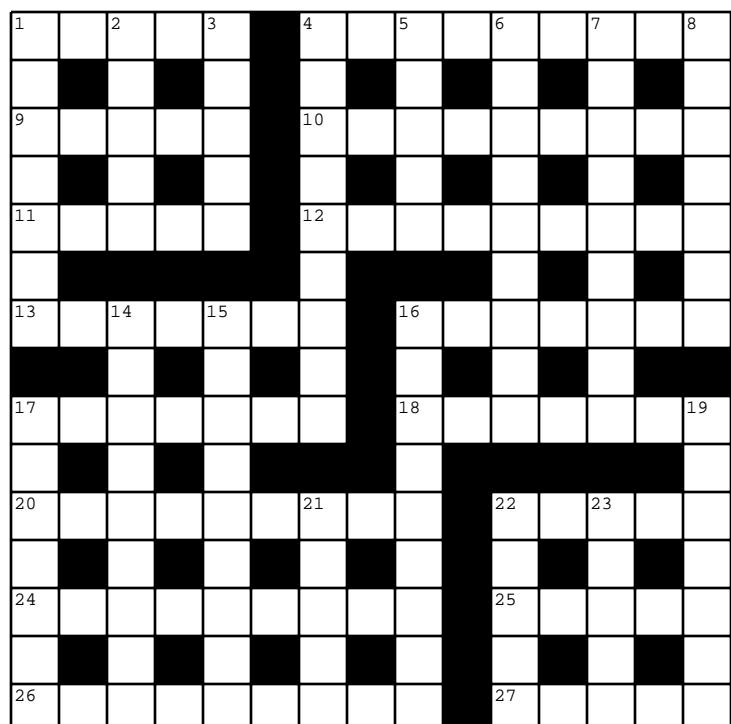
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| 4. KIDNAPPER  | 2. NOBLE      |
| 9. TABLE      | 3. OBEYS      |
| 10. NAUSEATED | 4. KINDRED    |
| 11. OPENS     | 5. DRUDGES    |
| 12. RIGMAROLE | 6. AMERASIAN  |
| 13. STUNNED   | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 16. STIRRED   | 8. REDHEAD    |
| 17. DROUGHT   | 14. UNOPPOSED |
| 19. PANTIES   | 15. NIGHTMARE |
| 21. INPUTTING | 17. DRIVING   |
| 22. OFFAL     | 18. TRIFLES   |
| 24. INSTALLED | 19. PAGODAS   |
| 25. CELLO     | 20. SALOONS   |
| 26. GODDESSES | 22. OCCUR     |
| 27. REEDS     | 23. FALSE     |



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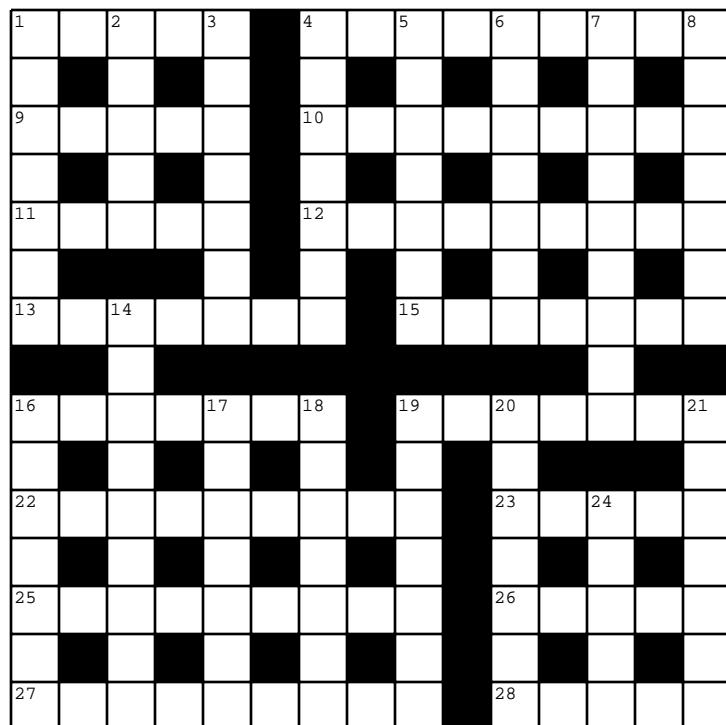
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| 9. KHAKI      | 3. DRINK      |
| 10. OVULATING | 4. GOODNIGHT  |
| 11. NANAK     | 5. EQUIP      |
| 12. NAPALMING | 6. STALLIONS  |
| 13. SCALING   | 7. BRITISHER  |
| 16. CLOTHED   | 8. ENGAGED    |
| 17. SKILLET   | 14. AGITATION |
| 18. DESTROY   | 15. ILLUSIONS |
| 20. CLASSICAL | 16. CUDDLIEST |
| 22. SATIN     | 17. SUCCOUR   |
| 24. OLIGOCENE | 19. YANKING   |
| 25. RABBI     | 21. CREPE     |
| 26. RENASCENT | 22. SCREW     |
| 27. WRONG     | 23. TABOO     |



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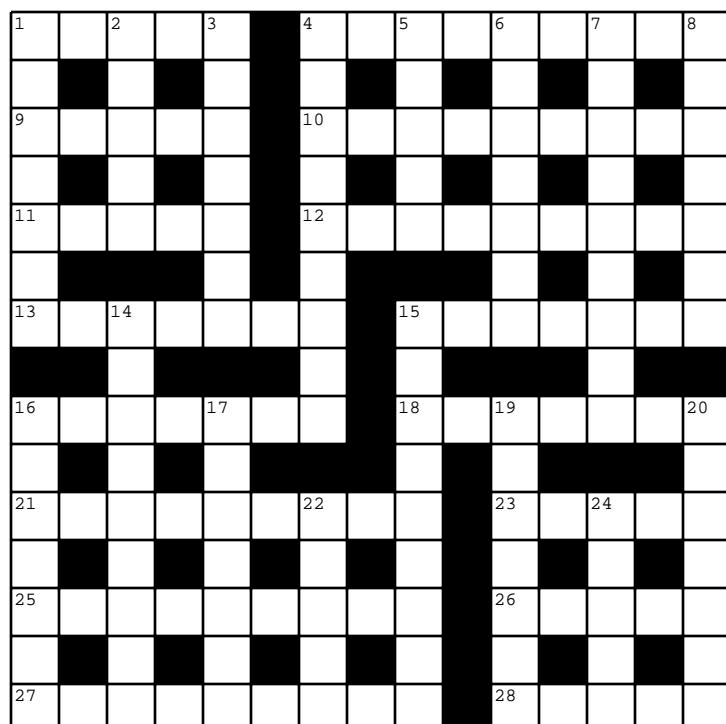
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| 4. LUFTWAFFE  | 2. COMIC      |
| 9. LAMER      | 3. TERMINI    |
| 10. WHOLESALE | 4. LOWDOWN    |
| 11. COCCI     | 5. FLOWERS    |
| 12. OVERTIMES | 6. WREATHE    |
| 13. AUCTION   | 7. FLAMMABLE  |
| 15. STEUBEN   | 8. EMERSON    |
| 16. DEMOUNT   | 14. COMMUNITY |
| 19. WHEREIN   | 16. DRESSER   |
| 22. EXUBERANT | 17. UTENSIL   |
| 23. DENIM     | 18. THALAMI   |
| 25. SHIPSHAPE | 19. WITNESS   |
| 26. ROMAN     | 20. ENDURES   |
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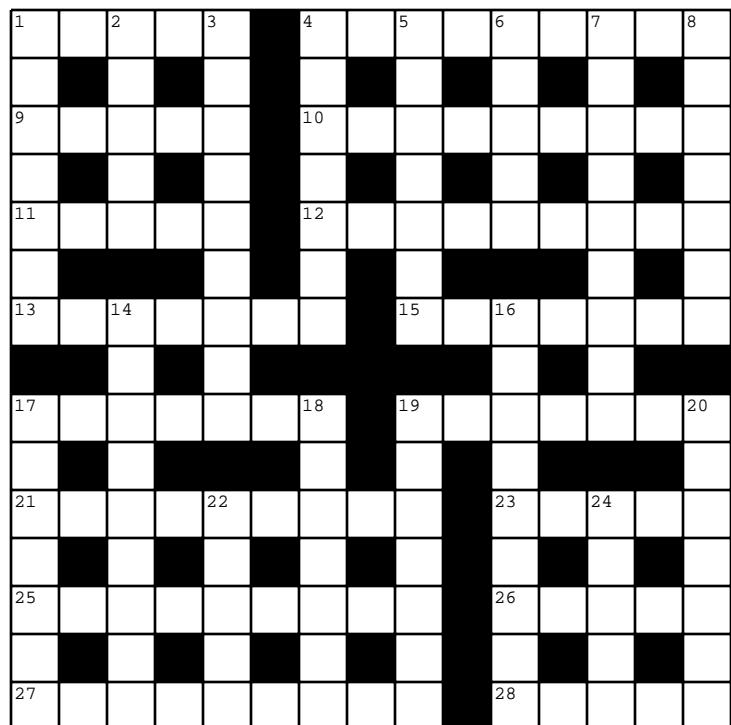
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| 9. CAROM      | 3. CAMERAE    |
| 10. EQUALISER | 4. FREESTYLE  |
| 11. UNDER     | 5. SCUFF      |
| 12. SAFEGUARD | 6. ILLEGAL    |
| 13. TRAGEDY   | 7. NOSTALGIA  |
| 15. OBLIGES   | 8. DERIDES    |
| 16. HOTCAKE   | 14. ATTACKERS |
| 18. UNCLASP   | 15. OVULATING |
| 21. NICARAGUA | 16. HANDCAR   |
| 23. HUMOR     | 17. AFRICAN   |
| 25. CRESCENDI | 19. CAHOKIA   |
| 26. KICKS     | 20. PHRASED   |
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| 28. AVOID     | 24. MACHO     |



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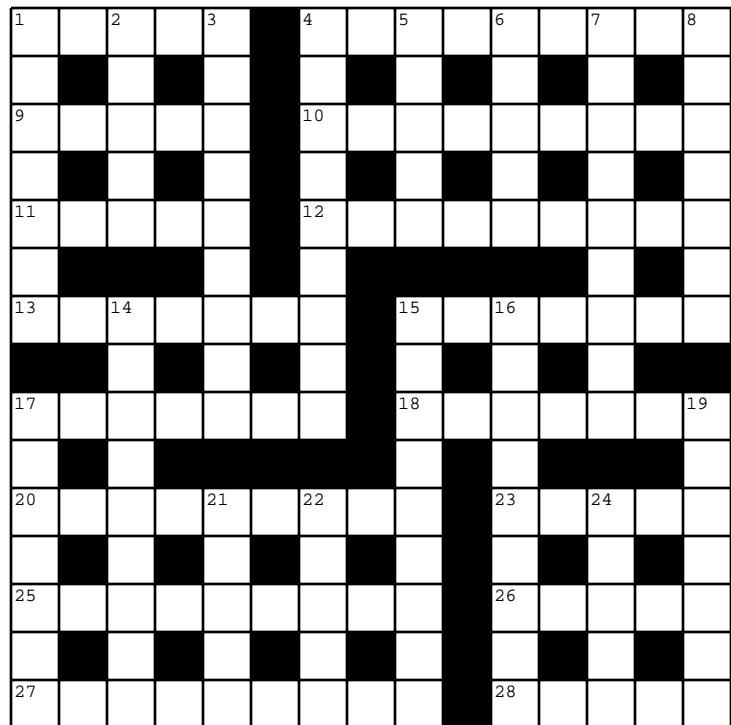
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| 4. RHEUMIEST  | 2. RUING      |
| 9. REIGN      | 3. HANDCUFFS  |
| 10. SCINTILLA | 4. RESTFUL    |
| 11. MAGIC     | 5. EPITAPH    |
| 12. FLAMINGOS | 6. MITZI      |
| 13. HOPEFUL   | 7. ENLIGHTEN  |
| 15. HABITAT   | 8. TRANSIT    |
| 17. DRESSES   | 14. PREFERRED |
| 19. TITANIC   | 16. BUTTERCUP |
| 21. LIEBERMAN | 17. DILEMMA   |
| 23. ENSUE     | 18. SAMPANS   |
| 25. MARMALADE | 19. TANDEMS   |
| 26. CHEAT     | 20. CHEETAH   |
| 27. ADDRESSES | 22. ERASE     |
| 28. PINCH     | 24. SKEIN     |



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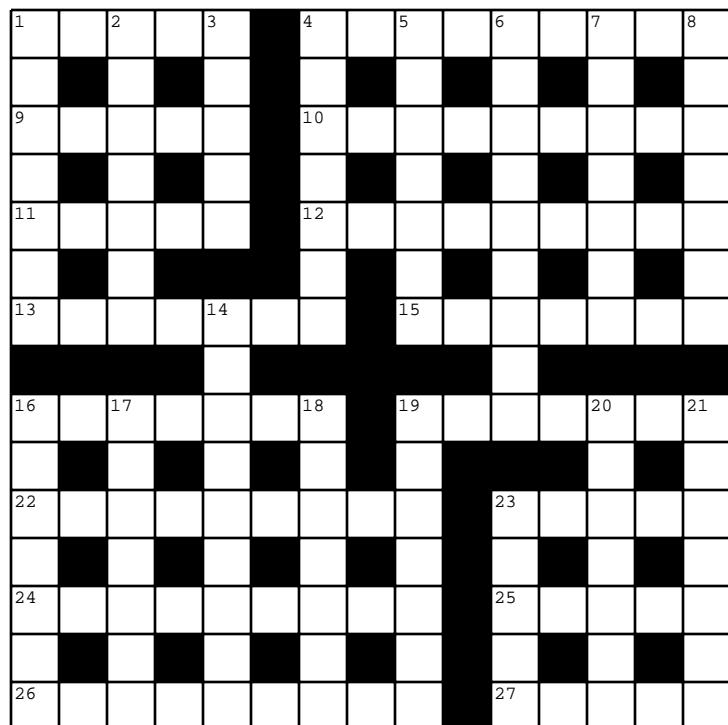
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| 4. ANTELOPES  | 2. BAYOU      |
| 9. CRYPT      | 3. METABOLIC  |
| 10. DISCOURSE | 4. AUDITORIA  |
| 11. PLUMB     | 5. TESSA      |
| 12. TRAFALGAR | 6. LEOLA      |
| 13. SECULAR   | 7. PARAGRAPH  |
| 15. DEFEATS   | 8. SIERRAS    |
| 17. PANACEA   | 14. CENOTAPHS |
| 18. FARTHER   | 15. DIFFICULT |
| 20. POTPOURRI | 16. FIREBOMBS |
| 23. BIKE      | 17. PAPRIKA   |
| 25. IMPROMPTU | 19. RADICAL   |
| 26. MEDIC     | 21. OZONE     |
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| 28. SKULL     | 24. KUDZU     |



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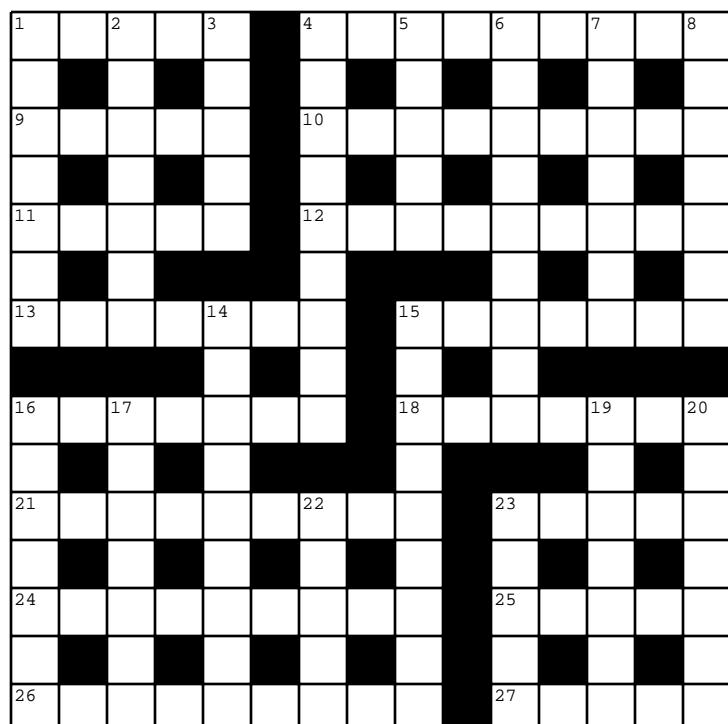
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| 4. DESCENDED  | 2. RAINBOW    |
| 9. OWING      | 3. MAGIC      |
| 10. FLATBOATS | 4. DEFAULT    |
| 11. CUBIC     | 5. SMASHED    |
| 12. UNHELPFUL | 6. EMBOLISMS  |
| 13. SAWDUST   | 7. DWARFER    |
| 15. DESTROY   | 8. DISPLAY    |
| 16. BOULDER   | 14. UNDERLIES |
| 19. BASHING   | 16. BECOMES   |
| 22. CLEARASIL | 17. UNEARTH   |
| 23. DEPTH     | 18. ROSSINI   |
| 24. MORTIFIED | 19. BULLDOG   |
| 25. ARSON     | 20. IMPOSES   |
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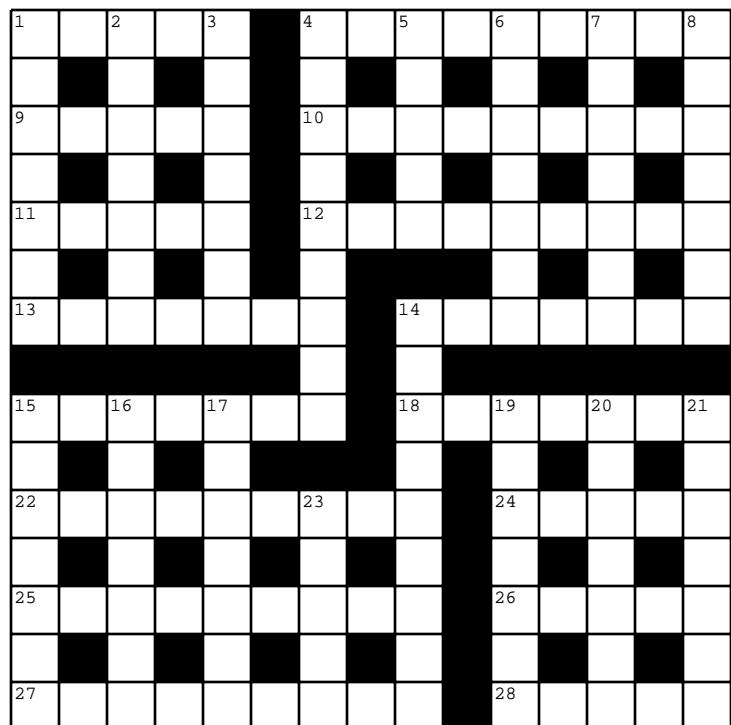
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| 10. SPRINGIER | 4. DISMISSAL  |
| 11. LEMON     | 5. LYRIC      |
| 12. INCREASED | 6. VENEERING  |
| 13. SADDLES   | 7. REISSUE    |
| 15. STIPEND   | 8. DERIDED    |
| 16. CAPITAL   | 14. LETHARGIC |
| 18. REGULAR   | 15. SERGEANTS |
| 21. AVALANCHE | 16. CHANCES   |
| 23. METER     | 17. PLACEBO   |
| 24. CLERGYMAN | 19. LATRINE   |
| 25. ELIZA     | 20. REREADS   |
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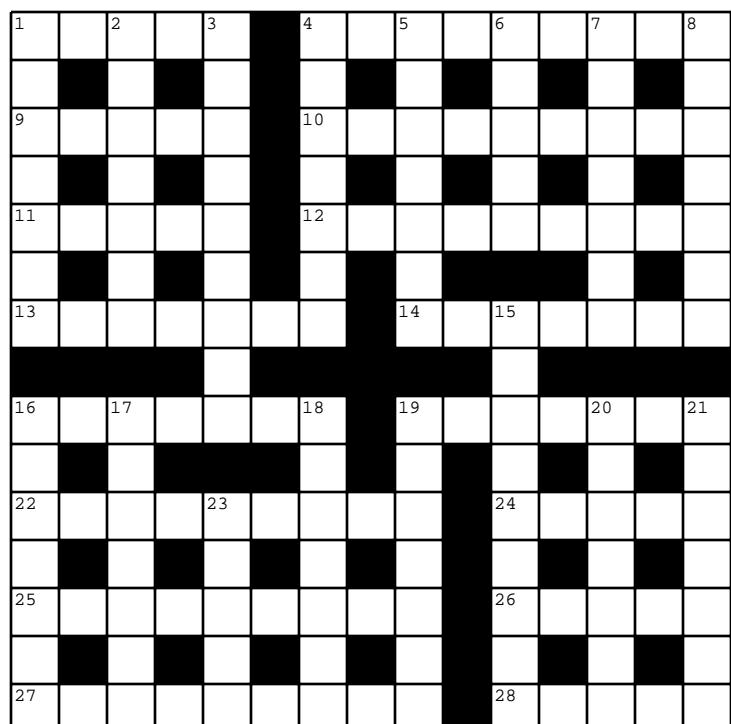
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| 4. TELEPHONE  | 2. ARCHAIC    |
| 9. CECIL      | 3. CALCULI    |
| 10. RAGGEDEST | 4. TORMENTED  |
| 11. SNAFU     | 5. LOGIC      |
| 12. ENCHILADA | 6. PREMIUM    |
| 13. RECEIPT   | 7. OPERATE    |
| 14. TEMPEST   | 8. EXTRACT    |
| 15. SLOGGED   | 14. TURNROUND |
| 18. ROSETTA   | 15. SIKHISM   |
| 22. KIDNAPPER | 16. OEDIPUS   |
| 24. EXPEL     | 17. GRANOLA   |
| 25. IMPROMPTU | 19. SHERIFF   |
| 26. IRONY     | 20. TAPIOCA   |
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| 28. FLASH     | 23. PUPIL     |



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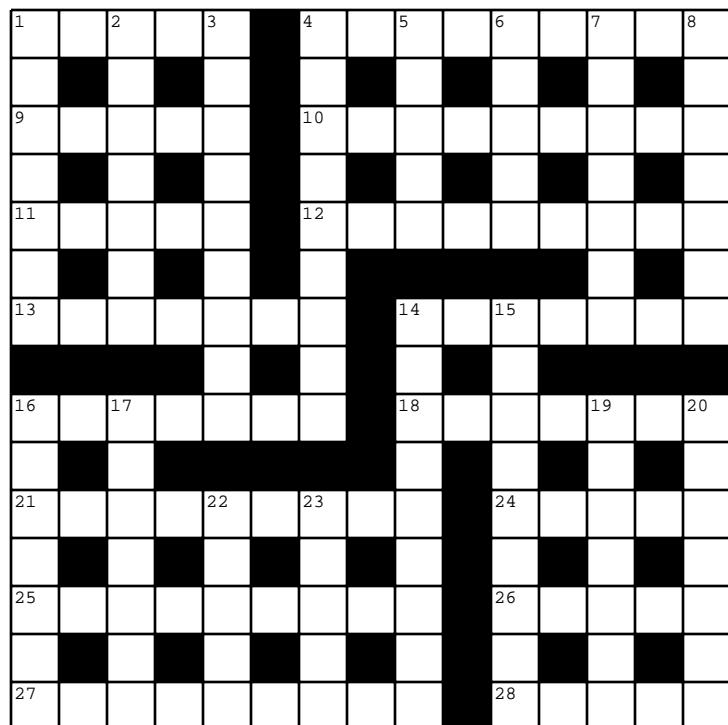
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| 9. NAURU      | 3. SQUADRONS  |
| 10. AESTHETIC | 4. DIAGRAM    |
| 11. HIDED     | 5. CASSAVA    |
| 12. REASSURED | 6. ECHOS      |
| 13. PERFORM   | 7. SATIRES    |
| 14. ACCUSER   | 8. DECODER    |
| 16. CLASSED   | 15. CAFETERIA |
| 19. DEFEATS   | 16. CASHIER   |
| 22. SHOWCASED | 17. ABORTED   |
| 24. TRAIN     | 18. DISDAIN   |
| 25. INTRICATE | 19. DODDERS   |
| 26. REEKS     | 20. ARACELI   |
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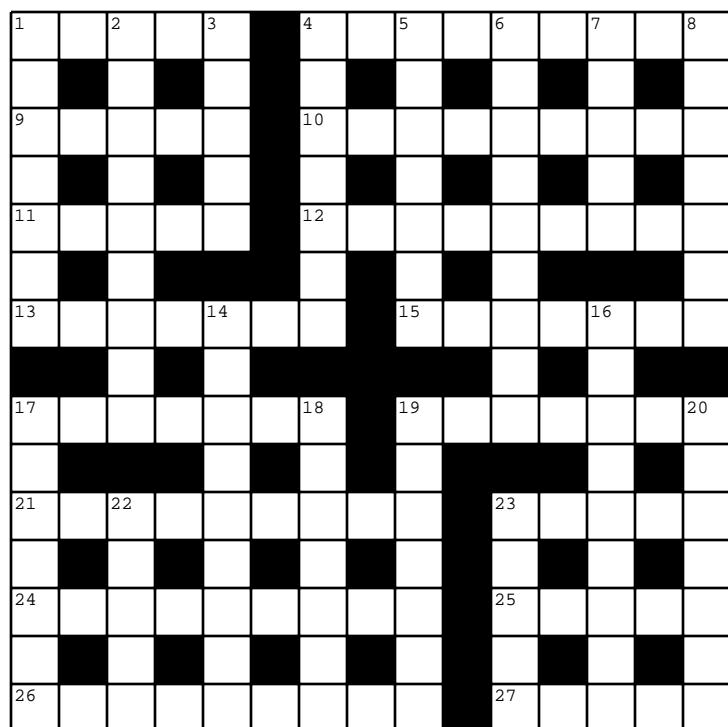
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| 4. SACRISTAN  | 2. AVOCADO    |
| 9. OZONE      | 3. SCEPTICAL  |
| 10. BUMBLEBEE | 4. SUBSCRIBE  |
| 11. EXACT     | 5. COMMA      |
| 12. CLASSICAL | 6. IDLES      |
| 13. BRONCHI   | 7. TOBACCO    |
| 14. COMMONS   | 8. NEEDLES    |
| 16. DIVULGE   | 14. CHATTIEST |
| 18. ASCETIC   | 15. MECHANISM |
| 21. ARCHITECT | 16. DRAFTED   |
| 24. ANNUL     | 17. VECTORS   |
| 25. THORAZINE | 19. TENSION   |
| 26. IDIOM     | 20. COLUMNS   |
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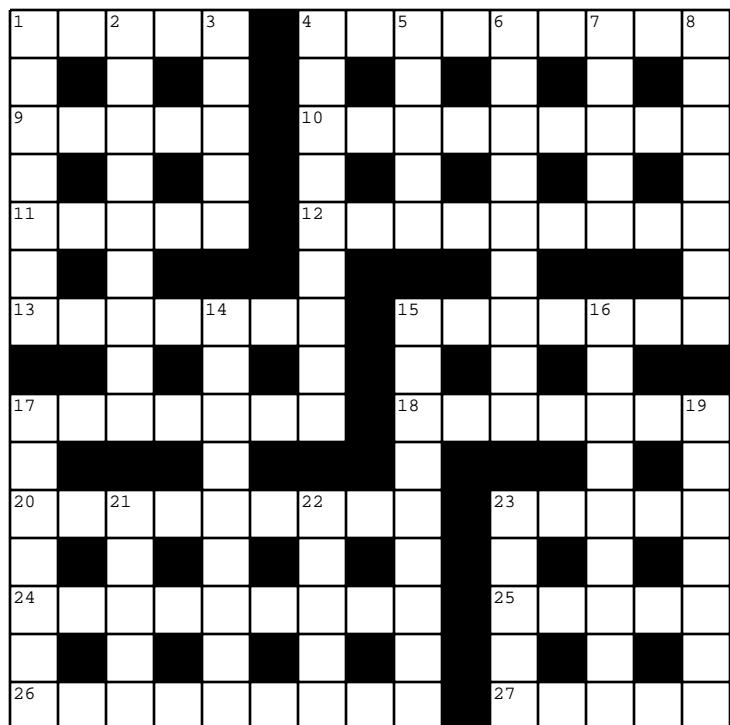
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| 9. SHOOK      | 3. TAKEN      |
| 10. ORIENTING | 4. EVOLVED    |
| 11. CANON     | 5. HAIRIER    |
| 12. VOICELESS | 6. BUNDESTAG  |
| 13. SUSPEND   | 7. TWICE      |
| 15. RETURNS   | 8. DIGESTS    |
| 17. ABSCESS   | 14. EXERCISED |
| 19. ANGUISH   | 16. RHINOCERI |
| 21. GAMECOCKS | 17. ALGEBRA   |
| 23. FLOOR     | 18. SICKEST   |
| 24. BANISTERS | 19. ASSISTS   |
| 25. UTERI     | 20. HURTING   |
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| 27. DYING     | 23. FOUND     |



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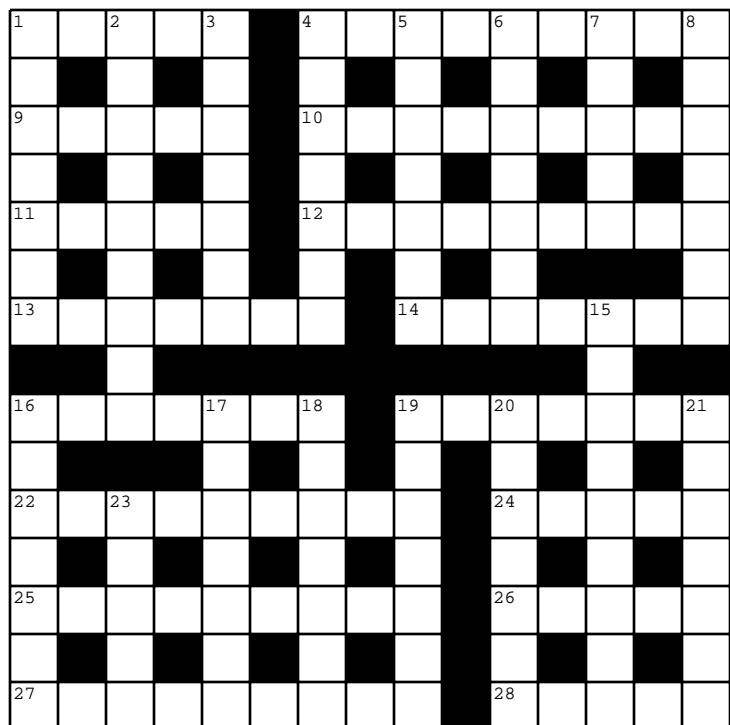
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| 1. EMBED      | 1. ENQUIRE    |
| 4. STEADICAM  | 2. BLAMELESS  |
| 9. QUASI      | 3. DRILL      |
| 10. CHIPMUNKS | 4. SUCCEEDED  |
| 11. IDEAL     | 5. EXILE      |
| 12. EXERCYCLE | 6. DOMICILES  |
| 13. EMERGED   | 7. CYNIC      |
| 15. RELABEL   | 8. MISDEAL    |
| 17. INSTEAD   | 14. GREEDIEST |
| 18. INSOFAR   | 15. REINDEERS |
| 20. VALIDATED | 16. BUFFALOES |
| 23. SHARP     | 17. INVITES   |
| 24. TANGERINE | 19. RIPOSTE   |
| 25. ROOMS     | 21. LINEN     |
| 26. SANITISES | 22. TAILS     |
| 27. WASTE     | 23. SCREW     |



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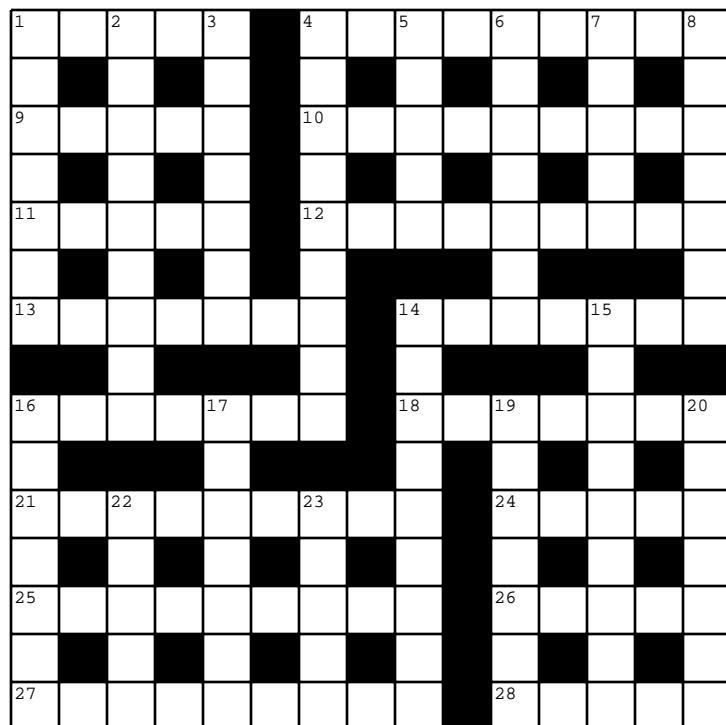
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| 1. COMMA      | 1. CINCHED    |
| 4. GLADDENED  | 2. MANIFESTO  |
| 9. NINJA      | 3. ANALYST    |
| 10. MEANWHILE | 4. GUMDROP    |
| 11. HEFTY     | 5. AMASSES    |
| 12. RISKINESS | 6. DOWNIER    |
| 13. DESKTOP   | 7. NAIVE      |
| 14. SCRIPTS   | 8. DRESSES    |
| 16. FLOTSAM   | 15. PORTFOLIO |
| 19. INTERIM   | 16. FIREMEN   |
| 22. REFRAINED | 17. SHAPIRO   |
| 24. GIFTS     | 18. MENELIK   |
| 25. MULTIPLEX | 19. INDEXED   |
| 26. IDLER     | 20. TAGGING   |
| 27. NETWORKED | 21. MUSKRAT   |
| 28. GHOST     | 23. FILET     |



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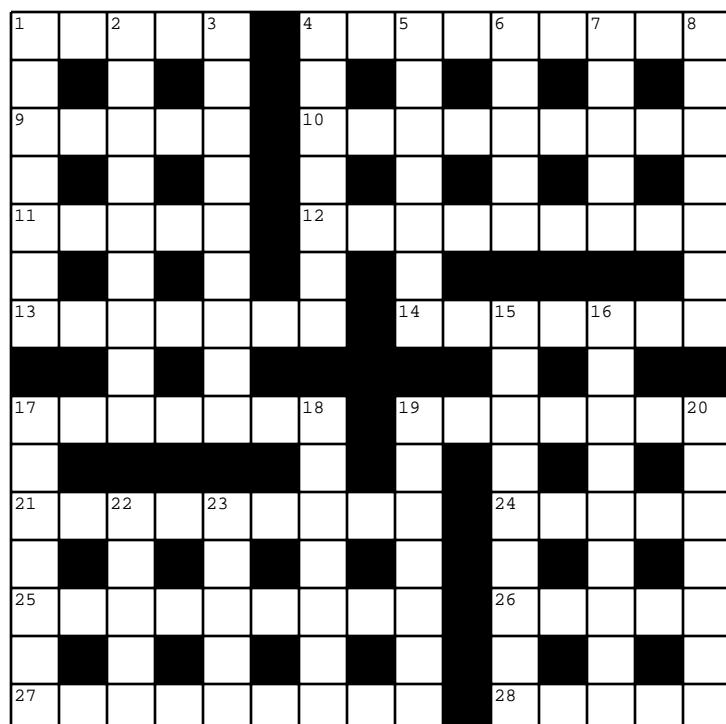
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| 1. SHAKA      | 1. SARCASM    |
| 4. FRANCISCO  | 2. ALCOHOLIC  |
| 9. RACKS      | 3. ABSENTS    |
| 10. OFFENSIVE | 4. FLOWERPOT  |
| 11. ASHEN     | 5. AWFUL      |
| 12. ENLISTEES | 6. CANASTA    |
| 13. MILKSOP   | 7. SLIDE      |
| 14. EXAMINE   | 8. OVERSEE    |
| 16. JACKPOT   | 14. EXPLOITED |
| 18. PROMPTS   | 15. IMPROMPTU |
| 21. CONTRALTO | 16. JACKALS   |
| 24. EBOLA     | 17. PORRIMA   |
| 25. ASSAILANT | 19. ONESELF   |
| 26. EXPEL     | 20. SCARLET   |
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| 28. FRUIT     | 23. LEARN     |



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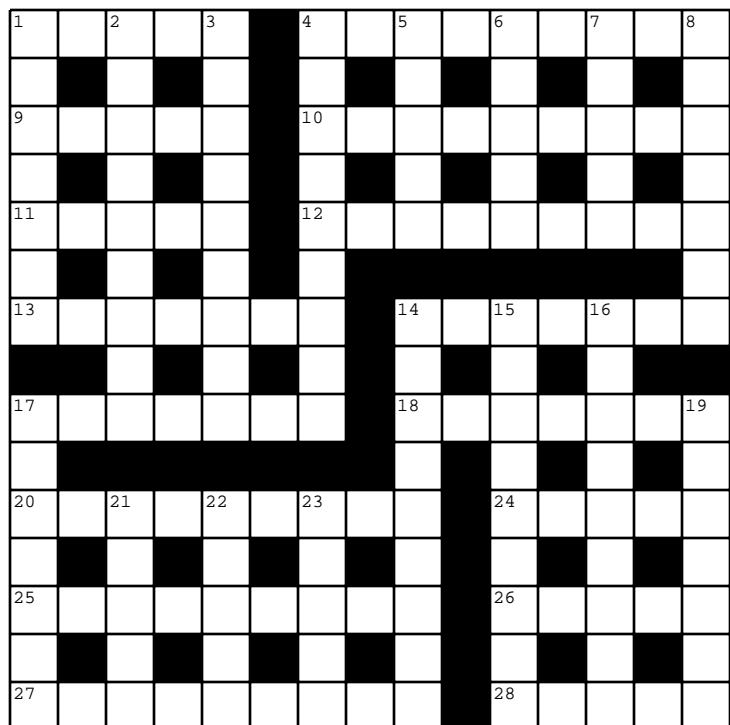
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| 1. MAMIE      | 1. MUSTANG    |
| 4. BEDRIDDEN  | 2. MENAGERIE  |
| 9. SUNUP      | 3. EXPLETIVE  |
| 10. BESIEGING | 4. BABYISH    |
| 11. ANGLE     | 5. DISTURB    |
| 12. INUKTITUT | 6. INEPT      |
| 13. GIRLISH   | 7. DRIFT      |
| 14. BLABBED   | 8. NEGATED    |
| 17. ONESELF   | 15. ARTHRITIC |
| 19. ENTITLE   | 16. BETROTHAL |
| 21. EAVESDROP | 17. OREGANO   |
| 24. RIOTS     | 18. FORESEE   |
| 25. ANTIPASTI | 19. EMPTIES   |
| 26. TAHOE     | 20. EASTERS   |
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| 28. CELLS     | 23. SUPER     |



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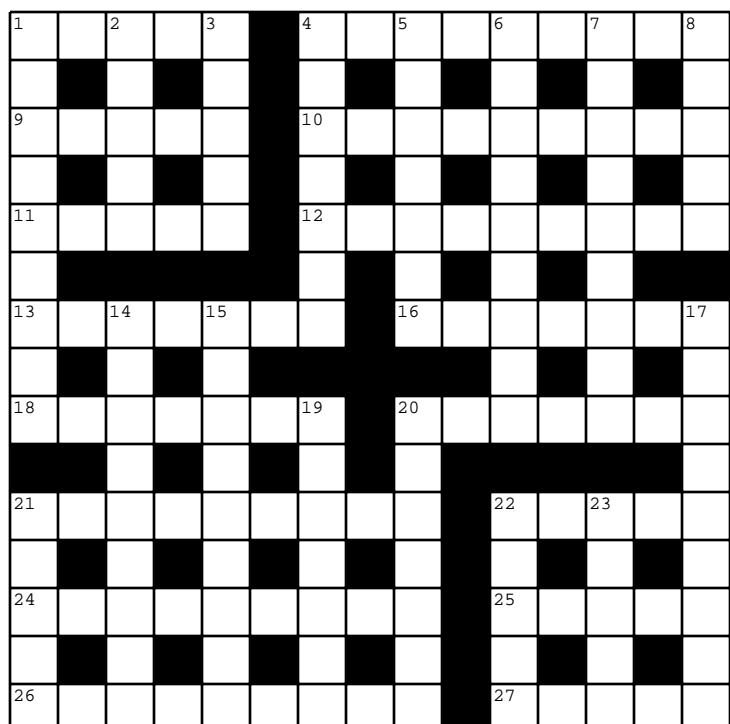
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| 1. HAVOC      | 1. HUBBUBS    |
| 4. ACTIVATED  | 2. VERTEBRAL  |
| 9. BARON      | 3. CONTINUUM  |
| 10. HEPATITIS | 4. ATHABASCA  |
| 11. UTERI     | 5. TAPER      |
| 12. BARTHOLDI | 6. VETCH      |
| 13. SHROUDS   | 7. TOTAL      |
| 14. CONFUSE   | 8. DESTINE    |
| 17. DILEMMA   | 14. CHEERIEST |
| 18. ENGINED   | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 20. CAPACITOR | 16. UNNATURAL |
| 24. TITLE     | 17. DECIDES   |
| 25. DETECTIVE | 19. DRESSES   |
| 26. LURKS     | 21. PATTY     |
| 27. SKYROCKET | 22. CACAO     |
| 28. BELLS     | 23. THINK     |



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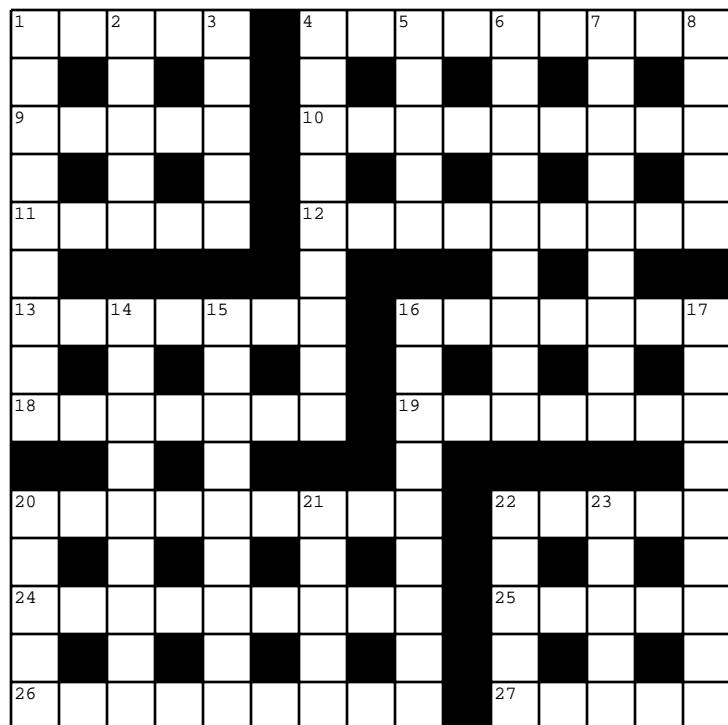
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| 1. PAGED      | 1. PEBBLIEST  |
| 4. CLASSICAL  | 2. GAYER      |
| 9. BAYOU      | 3. DRUGS      |
| 10. LAUNCHERS | 4. COLOGNE    |
| 11. LORDS     | 5. ADULATE    |
| 12. GRAPHICAL | 6. SACCHARIN  |
| 13. ENTITLE   | 7. CRESCENDO  |
| 16. ERRANDS   | 8. LYSOL      |
| 18. TRANSIT   | 14. TRANSPORT |
| 20. HANGOUT   | 15. TESTAMENT |
| 21. MASSACRED | 17. SITUATING |
| 22. TAMRA     | 19. TORNADO   |
| 24. STONEWALL | 20. HUDDLES   |
| 25. CROCI     | 21. MUSIC     |
| 26. CITATIONS | 22. TACIT     |
| 27. THING     | 23. MAORI     |



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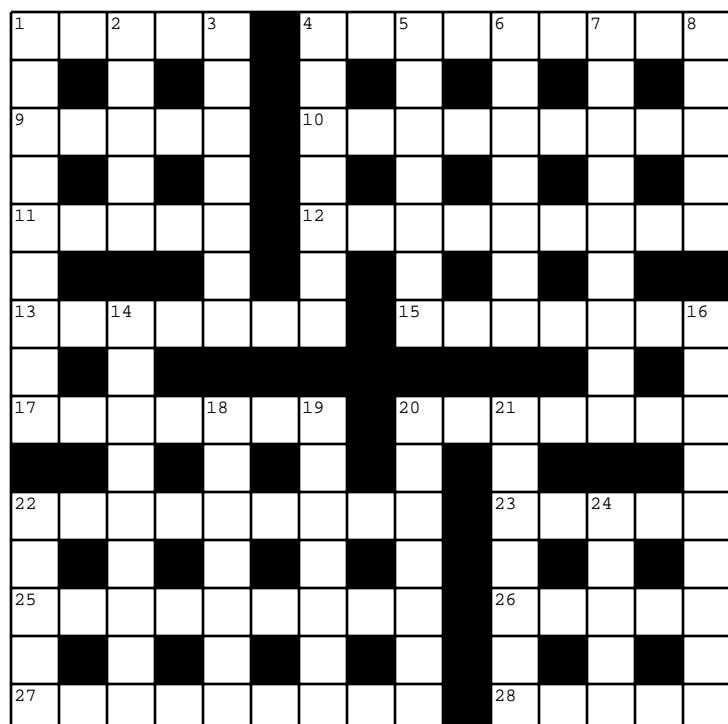
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| 4. EFFECTIVE  | 2. CAKES      |
| 9. NIKON      | 3. LINES      |
| 10. PERTURBED | 4. EMPRESSES  |
| 11. SISES     | 5. FARCE      |
| 12. ELECTRODE | 6. COURTSHIP  |
| 13. ARRESTS   | 7. IMBROGLIO  |
| 16. APHELIA   | 8. ENDUE      |
| 18. ENSURES   | 14. RESOURCES |
| 19. EMPLOYS   | 15. SCREAMING |
| 20. BRUTALITY | 16. ACETYLENE |
| 22. EXAMS     | 17. ASSISTING |
| 24. SACRIFICE | 20. BASED     |
| 25. CHILI     | 21. IBIZA     |
| 26. DESIGNATE | 22. EXCEL     |
| 27. LYING     | 23. ALIBI     |



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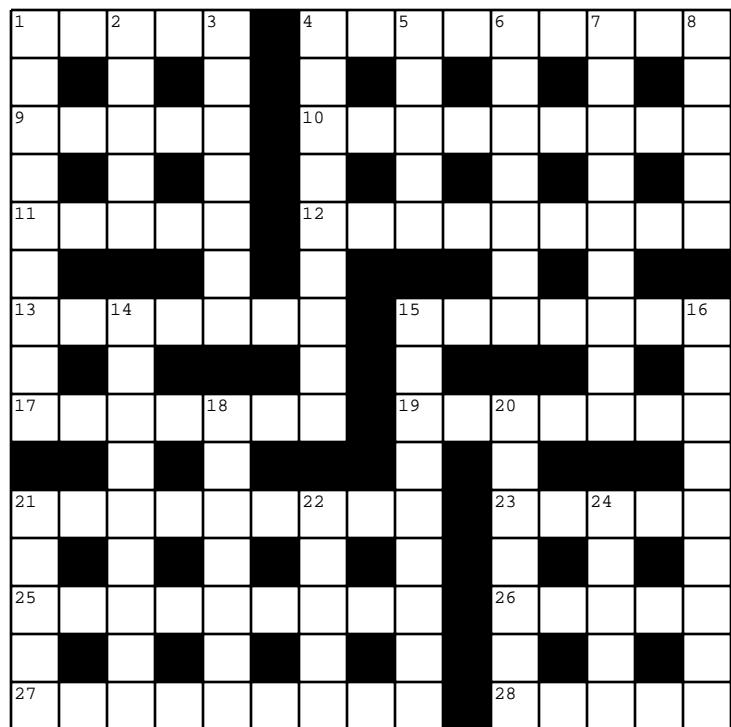
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| 9. RONDA      | 3. GRAPHIC    |
| 10. SABOTAGED | 4. CASTLED    |
| 11. YOUTH     | 5. EMBARGO    |
| 12. LORGNETTE | 6. RETINAE    |
| 13. DEDUCED   | 7. NIGHTMARE  |
| 15. OPERAND   | 8. ENDUE      |
| 17. MARIBEL   | 14. DIRECTION |
| 20. SHAKEUP   | 16. DIPLOMATA |
| 22. SACCHARIN | 18. BEHOOVE   |
| 23. PIANO     | 19. LARGEST   |
| 25. RHINOCERI | 20. SINKING   |
| 26. ALOHA     | 21. ALPHARD   |
| 27. BUNDESTAG | 22. SCRUB     |
| 28. DOGMA     | 24. ALONG     |



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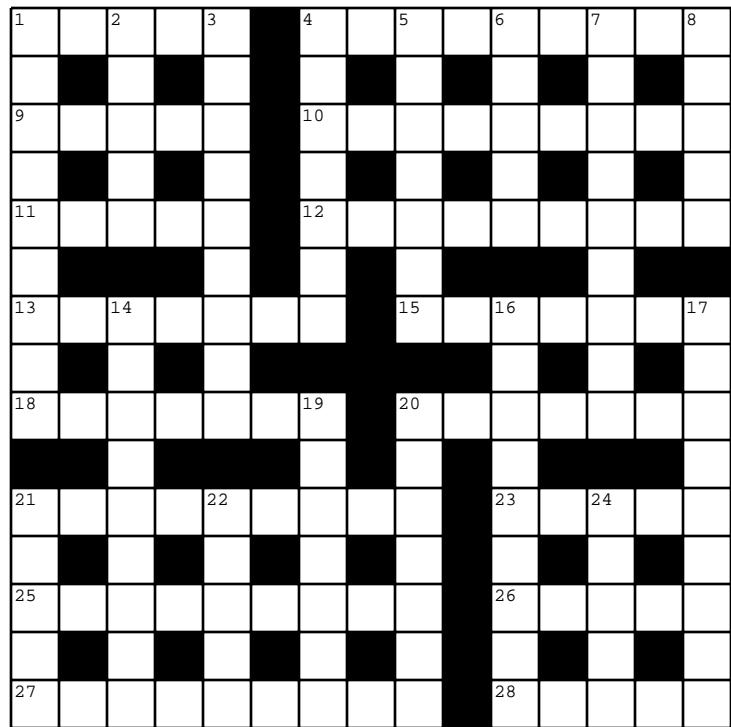
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| 1. BASSO      | 1. BLESSEDER  |
| 4. STAMPEDED  | 2. SASHA      |
| 9. EASEL      | 3. OBLIGED    |
| 10. SENTENCES | 4. SASSAFRAS  |
| 11. SLANG     | 5. AUNTS      |
| 12. ABSTAINED | 6. PREFACE    |
| 13. DECODER   | 7. DECENCIES  |
| 15. SHERIFF   | 8. DOSED      |
| 17. RENAMES   | 14. CONQUERED |
| 19. DRESSER   | 15. SEDENTARY |
| 21. ECUADORAN | 16. FORESTALL |
| 23. CUBES     | 18. MEDIATE   |
| 25. BARRACUDA | 20. EXCRETA   |
| 26. ELIZA     | 21. ELBOW     |
| 27. WEDNESDAY | 22. ROUND     |
| 28. ANGEL     | 24. BRING     |



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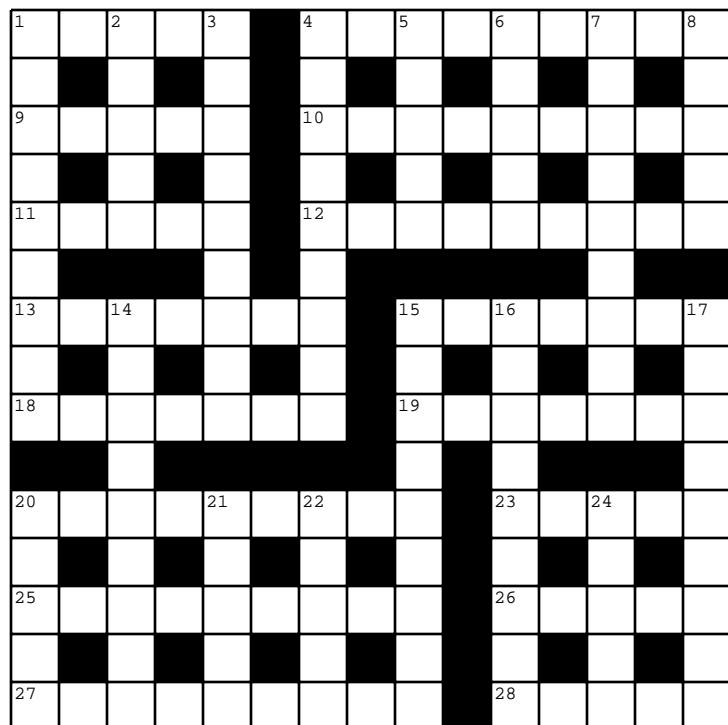
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| 1. SCRUB      | 1. SEMIFINAL  |
| 4. BANKRUPTS  | 2. RERAN      |
| 9. MERER      | 3. BURNISHES  |
| 10. LITERALLY | 4. BALCONY    |
| 11. FUNGI     | 5. NETTLES    |
| 12. OILCLOTHS | 6. RURAL      |
| 13. NAUGHTY   | 7. POLITBURO  |
| 15. SUCCUMB   | 8. STYES      |
| 18. LOTUSES   | 14. ULTIMATES |
| 20. PERSONA   | 16. CORKSCREW |
| 21. NUMBERING | 17. BRAINWASH |
| 23. SPURN     | 19. SCIATIC   |
| 25. ATTEMPTED | 20. PAGODAS   |
| 26. RECTA     | 21. NYASA     |
| 27. ABSTRACTS | 22. ELMER     |
| 28. WITCH     | 24. UNCUT     |



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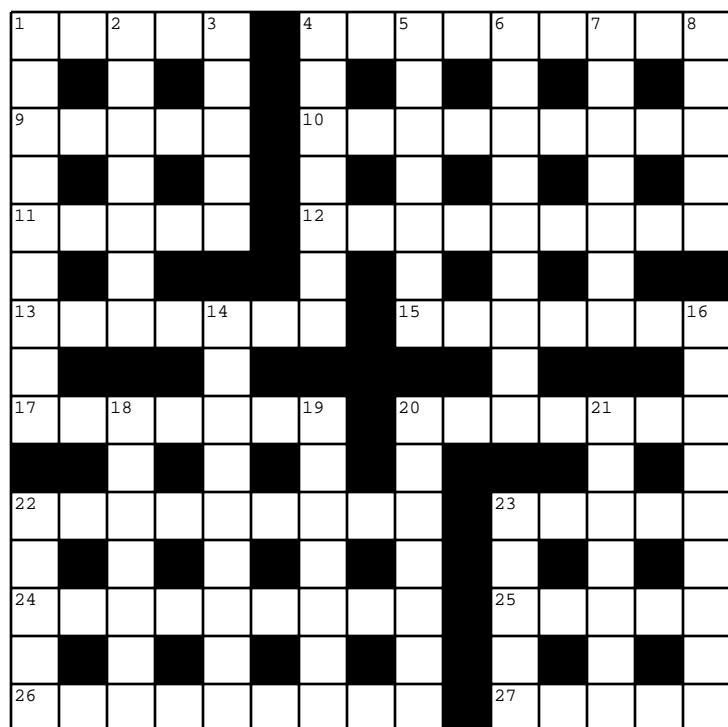
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| 1. OPTIC      | 1. OVERRIDES  |
| 4. ANCESTRAL  | 2. THROB      |
| 9. ERROR      | 3. CORRIDORS  |
| 10. BANKRUPTS | 4. ARBITRARY  |
| 11. RABBI     | 5. CANAL      |
| 12. TELETHON  | 6. STRUT      |
| 13. DIPLOMA   | 7. REPRODUCE  |
| 15. PERTURB   | 8. LISTS      |
| 18. SATISFY   | 14. PETTICOAT |
| 19. REFLECT   | 15. PARALLELS |
| 20. SPIRITUAL | 16. REFRESHES |
| 23. ELLEN     | 17. BOTANICAL |
| 25. KNOWLEDGE | 20. SAKHA     |
| 26. HAVOC     | 21. INLET     |
| 27. ATTITUDES | 22. UNDID     |
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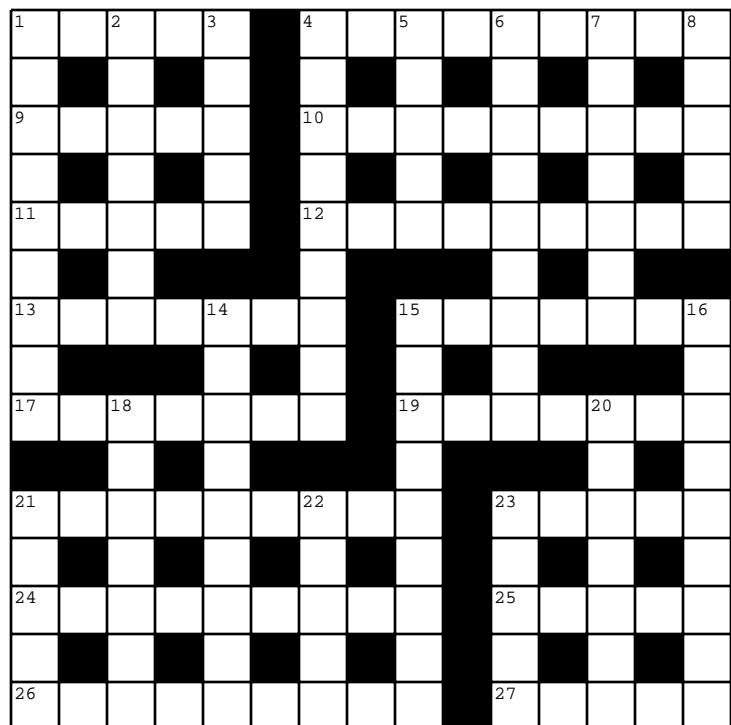
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| 4. DRUGGISTS  | 2. RESUMES    |
| 9. RISES      | 3. BUSES      |
| 10. MOUSINESS | 4. DAMMING    |
| 11. BUMPS     | 5. USURPED    |
| 12. IMPASSIVE | 6. GLISSANDI  |
| 13. LASHING   | 7. SPECIAL    |
| 15. DANGLED   | 8. SUSIE      |
| 17. DOLEFUL   | 14. INFORMING |
| 20. FAIREST   | 16. DETAILING |
| 22. CIGARETTE | 18. LIGHTED   |
| 23. RABBI     | 19. LATISHA   |
| 24. INTRINSIC | 20. FLEECED   |
| 25. CARPI     | 21. EMBARGO   |
| 26. BODYGUARD | 22. CLIMB     |
| 27. ALONG     | 23. RECTA     |



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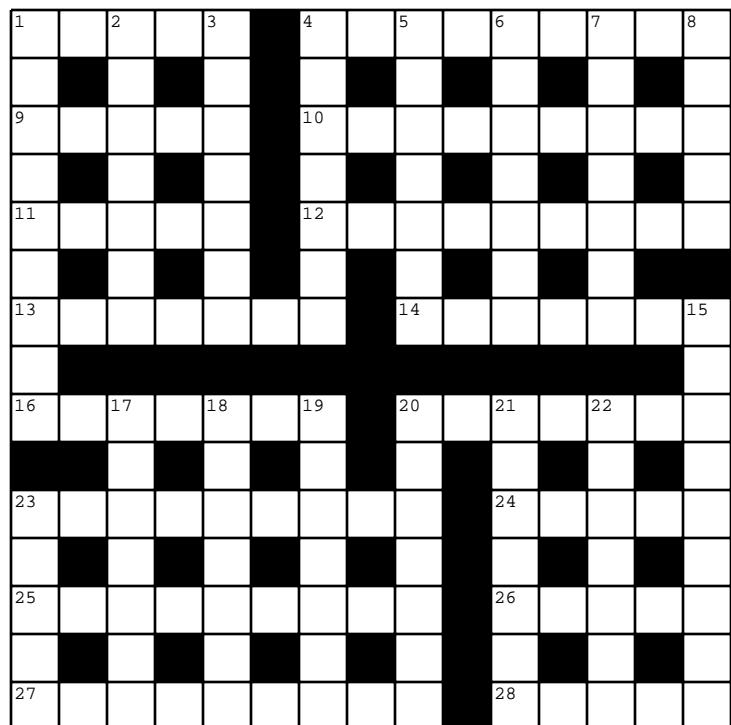
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| 4. BOMBARDED  | 2. UNBLOCK    |
| 9. COBRA      | 3. BOARD      |
| 10. GARRISONS | 4. BEGRUDGES  |
| 11. CHORD     | 5. MARIA      |
| 12. UNANIMOUS | 6. ABILITIES  |
| 13. INKLING   | 7. DROPOUT    |
| 15. TAINTED   | 8. DISCS      |
| 17. GARAGES   | 14. INGESTING |
| 19. ASSUMED   | 15. TRANSFERS |
| 21. REDESIGNS | 16. DEDICATES |
| 23. TOPIC     | 18. RADICAL   |
| 24. VACCINATE | 20. MAPPING   |
| 25. IDIOT     | 21. RIVER     |
| 26. RELIGIONS | 22. GUANO     |
| 27. URGES     | 23. THIEU     |



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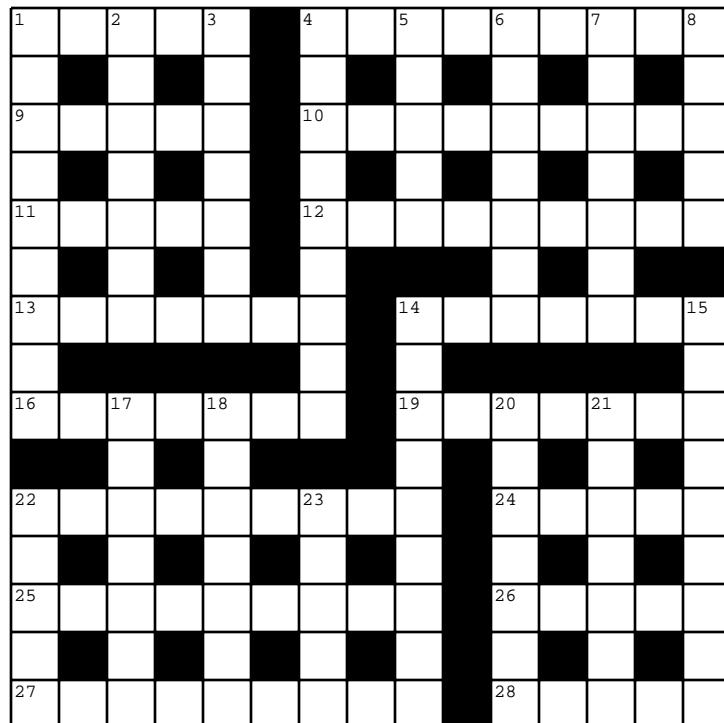
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| 4. ASPHALTED  | 2. AMMONIA    |
| 9. HUMAN      | 3. TANGELO    |
| 10. CHRISTENS | 4. ACCUSES    |
| 11. RANGE     | 5. PERTURB    |
| 12. SQUELCHES | 6. ABSOLVE    |
| 13. JEALOUS   | 7. TEETHED    |
| 14. BREADTH   | 8. DOSES      |
| 16. SEAWEED   | 15. HOTTENTOT |
| 20. COCKPIT   | 17. AQUATIC   |
| 23. FRUSTRATE | 18. EXTREME   |
| 24. ALONE     | 19. DEAFEST   |
| 25. BITTEREST | 20. CREATED   |
| 26. INEPT     | 21. CZARINA   |
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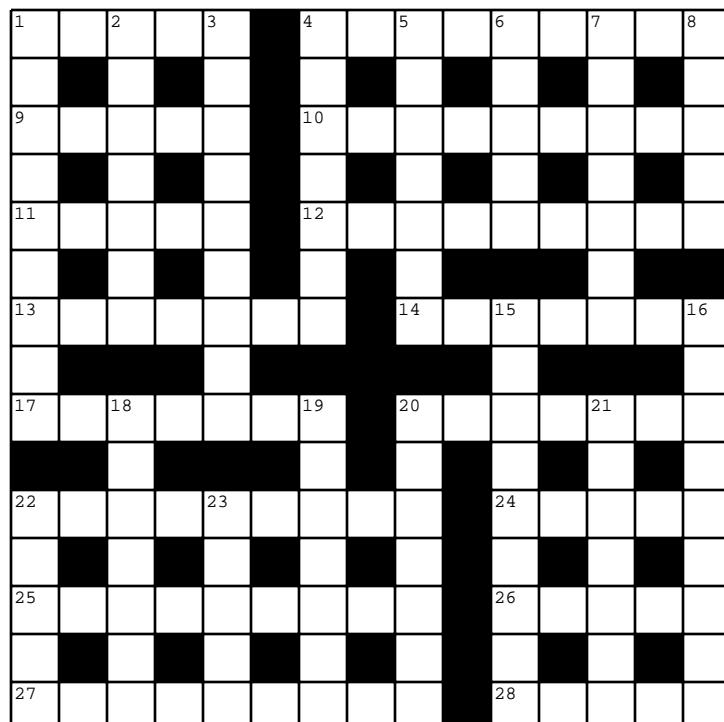
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| 1. MERED      | 1. MENDELEEV  |
| 4. COSIGNERS  | 2. REPENTS    |
| 9. NAPPY      | 3. DAYTIME    |
| 10. ARGENTINA | 4. CHASTENED  |
| 11. ENNUI     | 5. SEGUE      |
| 12. TEETERING | 6. GINSENG    |
| 13. EASTERN   | 7. EDIFICE    |
| 14. MAGNETO   | 8. SLANG      |
| 16. VISITED   | 14. MOBILIZES |
| 19. BICYCLE   | 15. OVERSEERS |
| 22. WONDERFUL | 17. SYNAPSE   |
| 24. PIPES     | 18. THERESA   |
| 25. ALPHERATZ | 20. CAPPING   |
| 26. IMAGE     | 21. CAPTAIN   |
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| 28. GENES     | 23. FLAME     |



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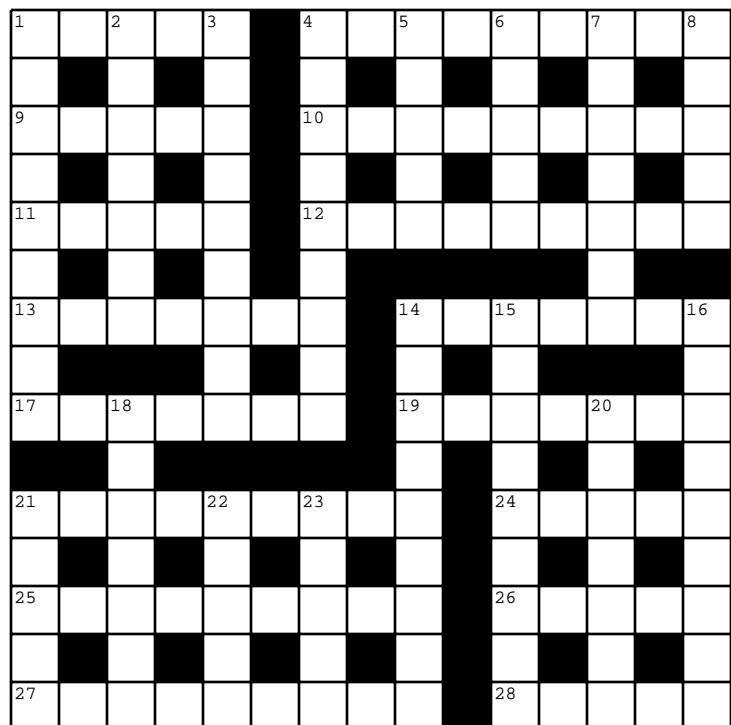
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| 4. LIPSTICKS  | 2. GODUNOV    |
| 9. MEDIA      | 3. SPAGHETTI  |
| 10. THROTTLED | 4. LETHALS    |
| 11. LUNCH     | 5. PERTURB    |
| 12. AQUARIUMS | 6. TUTOR      |
| 13. INVITES   | 7. CALCULI    |
| 14. BAILIFF   | 8. SIDES      |
| 17. TOURISM   | 15. INDICATOR |
| 20. UNDERGO   | 16. FOOLISHLY |
| 22. RHAPSODIC | 18. UNAWARE   |
| 24. CACTI     | 19. MEDIATE   |
| 25. AMATERASU | 20. UNCOUTH   |
| 26. TOUGH     | 21. RECOUPS   |
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| 28. RISKY     | 23. SHEET     |



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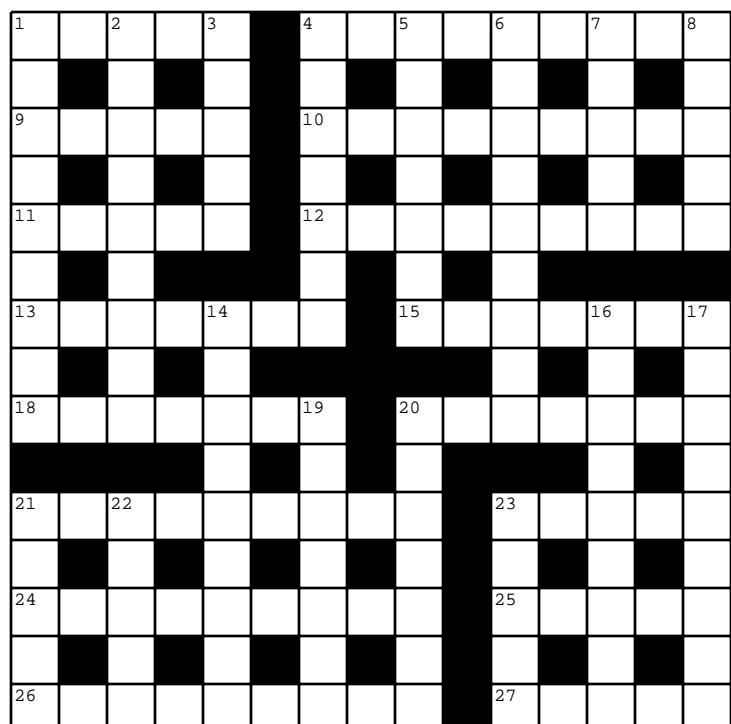
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| 4. ABANDONED  | 2. NEUTRON    |
| 9. THUMB      | 3. IMBROGLIO  |
| 10. DISMANTLE | 4. ADDRESSEE  |
| 11. LARGO     | 5. AISLE      |
| 12. ELECTORAL | 6. DEALT      |
| 13. SINGLES   | 7. NATURAL    |
| 14. BEHOLDS   | 8. DWELL      |
| 17. SUPPOSE   | 14. BESIEGING |
| 19. SUNLAMP   | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 21. PRONOUNCE | 16. SAPPHIRES |
| 24. YOUTH     | 18. PROMPTS   |
| 25. PEPPERONI | 20. AQUATIC   |
| 26. OUTER     | 21. PAPER     |
| 27. RESOLVING | 22. ONEIL     |
| 28. BACKS     | 23. NAOMI     |



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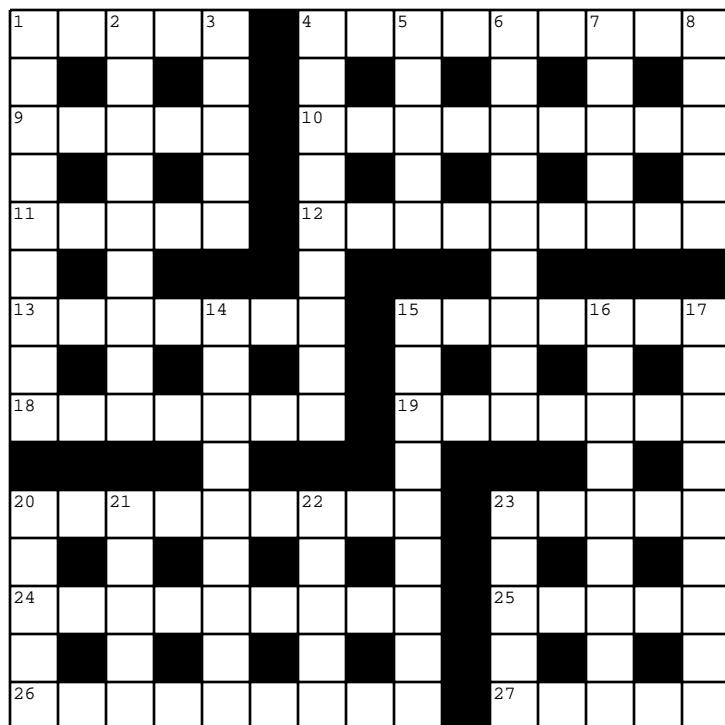
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| 1. HAVOC       | 1. HUMPBACKS  |
| 4. RETAINING   | 2. VENTRICLE  |
| 9. MANNA       | 3. CHART      |
| 10. AMUSEMENT  | 4. REALIZE    |
| 11. BERET      | 5. TRUSTED    |
| 12. INTERESTS  | 6. INEBRIATE  |
| 13. COCAINE    | 7. IDEAS      |
| 15. DIAGRAM    | 8. GATES      |
| 18. SLEEPING   | 14. IDIOMATIC |
| 20. STEPPED    | 16. REPUGNANT |
| 21. BASEMENTS  | 17. MEDICALLY |
| 23. MAGIC      | 19. GENUINE   |
| 24. NIGHTTIME  | 20. SUSPECT   |
| 25. CRAWL      | 21. BONED     |
| 26. DIRECTTEST | 22. SUGAR     |
| 27. APTLY      | 23. MECCA     |



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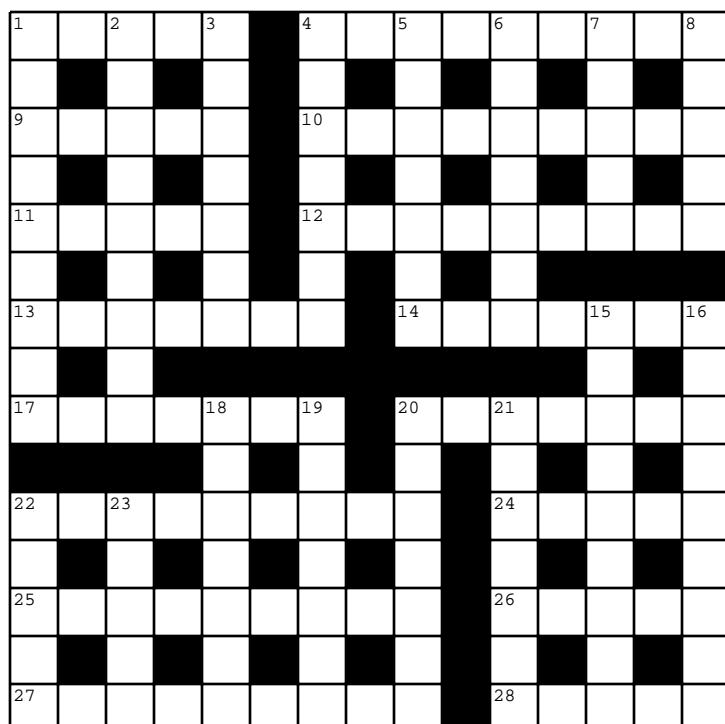
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| 4. OFFENSIVE  | 2. ADDITIONS  |
| 9. LADEN      | 3. SENSE      |
| 10. ANNOTATED | 4. ORANGUTAN  |
| 11. TITLE     | 5. FUNGI      |
| 12. GLITTERED | 6. NOTATIONS  |
| 13. VIOLENT   | 7. INTER      |
| 15. PRODUCT   | 8. ENDED      |
| 18. SESSION   | 14. EDITORIAL |
| 19. GESTURE   | 15. PEGASUSES |
| 20. JAMBOREES | 16. UNUSUALLY |
| 23. CAUSE     | 17. THEREUPON |
| 24. MILLINERS | 20. JUMBO     |
| 25. POLYP     | 21. MELEE     |
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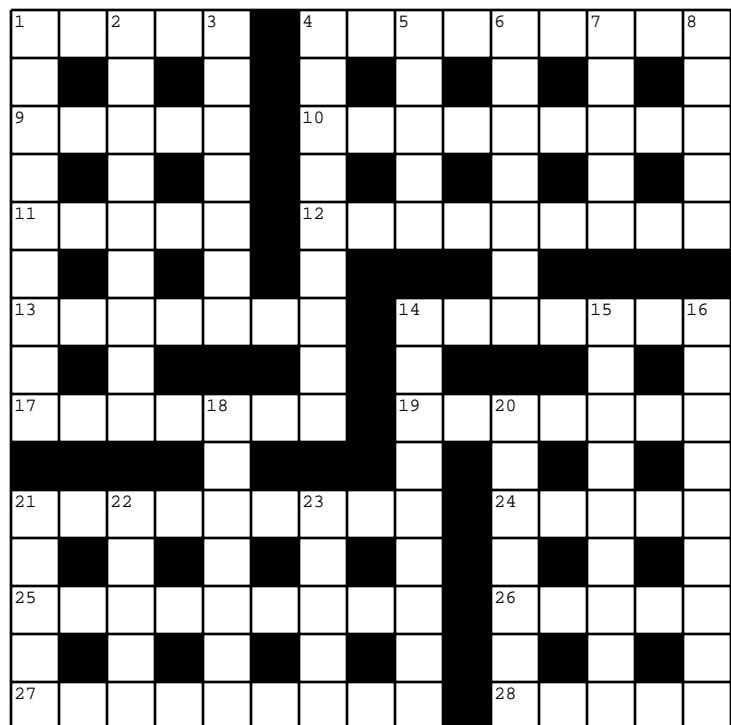
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| 4. MEGAPHONE  | 2. FLAGSTONE  |
| 9. READS      | 3. SUSPECT    |
| 10. CONSENSUS | 4. MACRAME    |
| 11. ENSUE     | 5. GENETIC    |
| 12. ATTRACTED | 6. PREVAIL    |
| 13. APOSTLE   | 7. ONSET      |
| 14. COLOSSI   | 8. EASED      |
| 17. ELEGIACT  | 15. SPAGHETTI |
| 20. INSTANT   | 16. INTERPRET |
| 22. BOOTSTRAP | 18. INSIDER   |
| 24. ABHOR     | 19. CAROLYN   |
| 25. ARMADILLO | 20. IMPROVE   |
| 26. LATER     | 21. SWALLOW   |
| 27. HINDRANCE | 22. BEACH     |
| 28. WRIST     | 23. OSMAN     |



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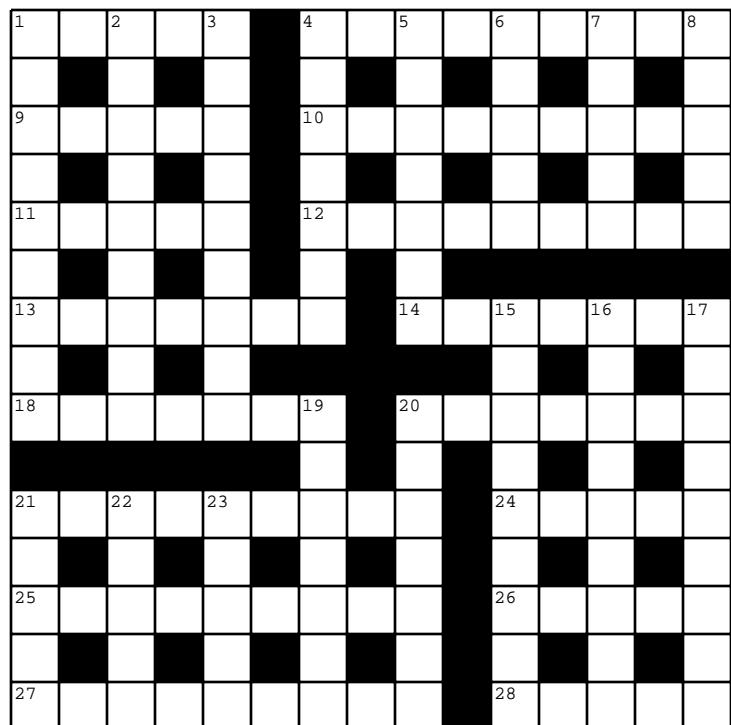
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| 4. BRAGGARTS  | 2. FOOLISHER  |
| 9. STORM      | 3. REMOTER    |
| 10. NICKNAMES | 4. BUNDESTAG  |
| 11. EDICT     | 5. ALCOA      |
| 12. EPAULETTE | 6. GENTLER    |
| 13. INHERIT   | 7. REMIT      |
| 14. MARTINI   | 8. SUSIE      |
| 17. FURLONG   | 14. MAELSTROM |
| 19. EXCERPT   | 15. IRREGULAR |
| 21. BACKYARDS | 16. INTERPRET |
| 24. NIGER     | 18. OXYMORA   |
| 25. EMBROIDER | 20. CONFIRM   |
| 26. IDLER     | 21. BLESS     |
| 27. SOCIALISM | 22. CUBIC     |
| 28. MERIT     | 23. RADII     |



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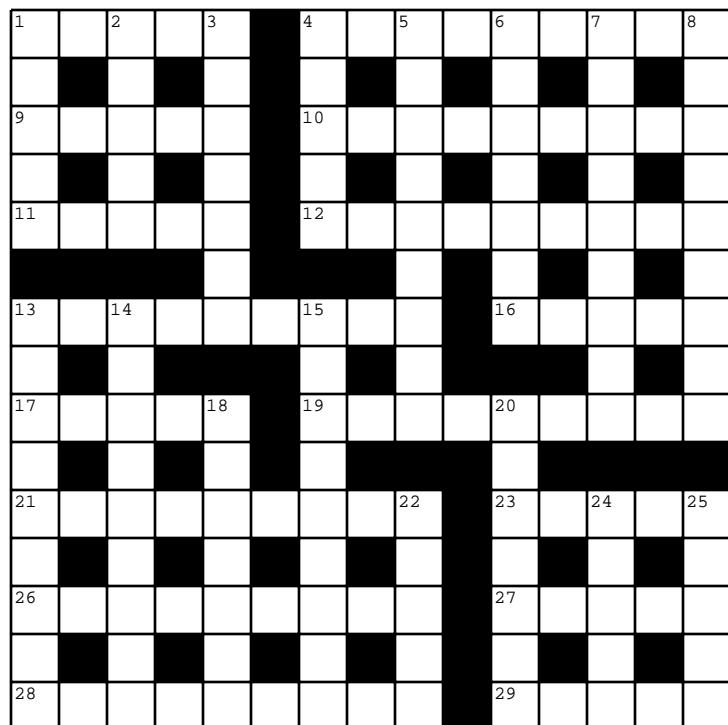
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| 4. TRANSMITS  | 2. DISGUSTED  |
| 9. NOSES      | 3. DESPERADO  |
| 10. UNRESTING | 4. TRUMPET    |
| 11. YOURE     | 5. ACROBAT    |
| 12. PUBLISHER | 6. SUSHI      |
| 13. OUTCAST   | 7. IRISH      |
| 14. TOBACCO   | 8. SUGAR      |
| 18. BEDROOM   | 15. BUTTERNUT |
| 20. ESTELLE   | 16. COLLECTOR |
| 21. BOOTSTRAP | 17. OVERDOSES |
| 24. EMEND     | 19. MARTINA   |
| 25. INCOGNITO | 20. EXPLOIT   |
| 26. NOTES     | 21. BUILT     |
| 27. TERMAGANT | 22. OCCUR     |
| 28. TIRES     | 23. SIGMA     |



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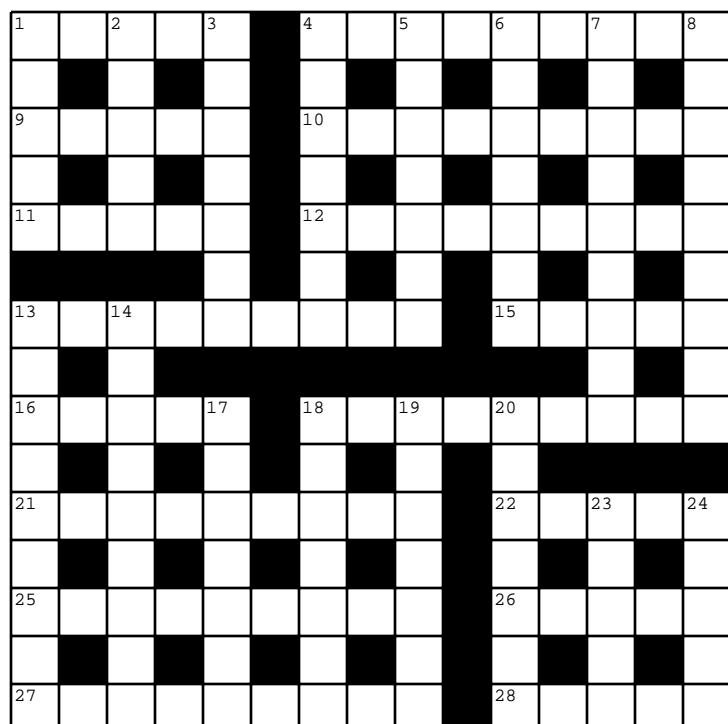
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| 1. AROMA      | 1. AMBER      |
| 4. LIFESTYLE  | 2. OARED      |
| 9. BURST      | 3. ASTRIDE    |
| 10. VERTEBRAE | 4. LIVEN      |
| 11. RADII     | 5. FORBIDDEN  |
| 12. NAILBRUSH | 6. SHERBET    |
| 13. COALESCED | 7. YARMULKES  |
| 16. TAKEN     | 8. ELEPHANTS  |
| 17. NORMA     | 13. CONVINCED |
| 19. MINIBUSES | 14. AGRIPPINA |
| 21. IMPORTANT | 15. COMMANDOS |
| 23. AGREE     | 18. AFRICAN   |
| 26. COINCIDED | 20. BLANKED   |
| 27. KUDZU     | 22. TIDED     |
| 28. DIAGNOSED | 24. RADIO     |
| 29. DROOP     | 25. EQUIP     |



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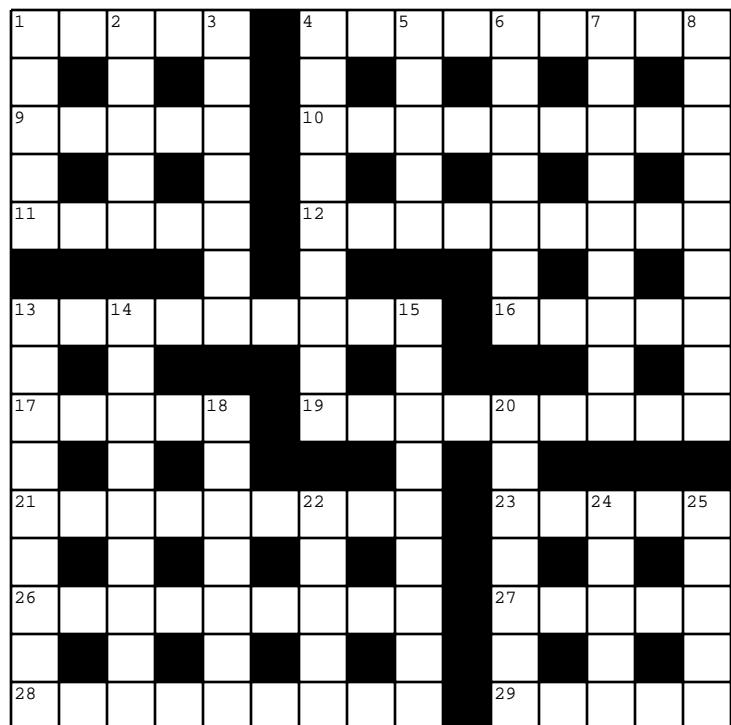
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| 4. GEOGRAPHY  | 2. TEENY      |
| 9. USERS      | 3. DISRUPT    |
| 10. ISOTROPIC | 4. GRIDDLER   |
| 11. BAYOU     | 5. OPOSSUM    |
| 12. DISMALEST | 6. REREADS    |
| 13. MIDSTREAM | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 15. STORM     | 8. YACHTSMAN  |
| 16. USAGE     | 13. MOUNTAINS |
| 18. ANIMATION | 14. DIALLINGS |
| 21. TELEGRAMS | 17. ENGORGE   |
| 22. KHAKI     | 18. AGAINST   |
| 25. IGNORANCE | 19. INSTEAD   |
| 26. ADDLE     | 20. AWKWARD   |
| 27. SUSPECTED | 23. AUDIO     |
| 28. DROLL     | 24. IDEAL     |



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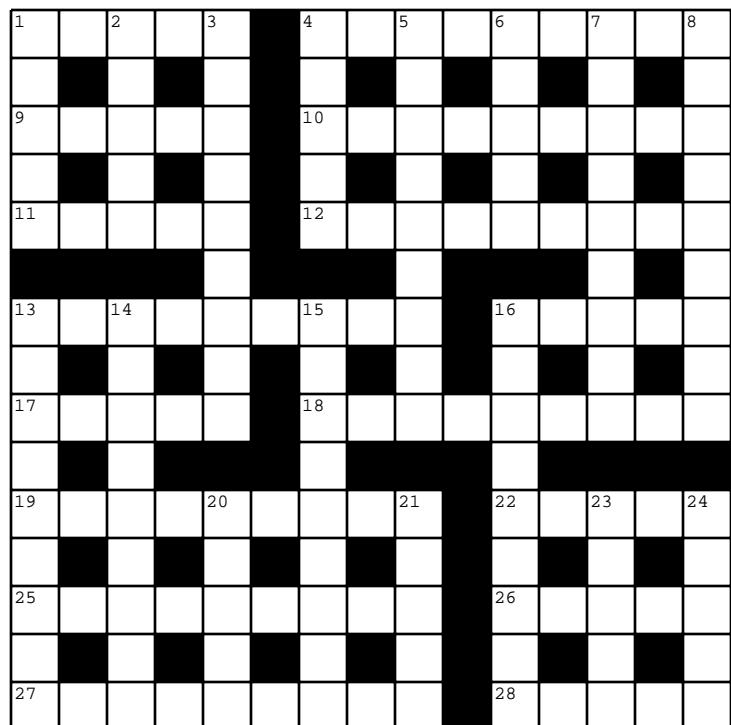
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| 4. FOUNDERED  | 2. DHOTI      |
| 9. ICONS      | 3. UNSTUCK    |
| 10. REPUBLICS | 4. FURTHERED  |
| 11. HAIKU     | 5. UPPER      |
| 12. HERBIVORE | 6. DEBRIEF    |
| 13. FLICKERED | 7. RHINOCERI  |
| 16. FEELS     | 8. DISPERSES  |
| 17. RISES     | 13. FORWARDED |
| 19. DIETARIES | 14. INSTANCES |
| 21. ANARCHISM | 15. DREAMIEST |
| 23. DODGE     | 18. SUCCOUR   |
| 26. DOCTORATE | 20. AUDITOR   |
| 27. THING     | 22. IMAGE     |
| 28. DISORIENT | 24. DRIER     |
| 29. RARER     | 25. EAGER     |



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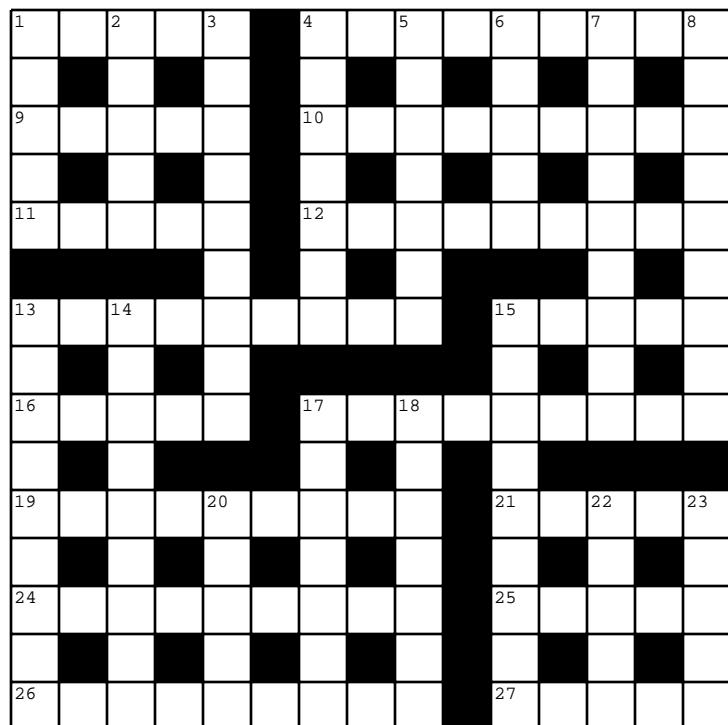
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| 4. BETHLEHEM  | 2. MEADE      |
| 9. CRAMP      | 3. APPRAISAL  |
| 10. SPORTSMAN | 4. BASTE      |
| 11. EDEMA     | 5. TROUSSEAU  |
| 12. ENSHROUDS | 6. LATER      |
| 13. AEROSPACE | 7. HAMMURABI  |
| 16. USAGE     | 8. MINISTERS  |
| 17. ANVIL     | 13. APATHETIC |
| 18. CRUMBLIES | 14. REVERSION |
| 19. HARANGUED | 15. ACCOUNTED |
| 22. APRON     | 16. UNBIASSED |
| 25. TAILGATED | 20. NIGEL     |
| 26. SPLIT     | 21. DUDED     |
| 27. CONCLUDED | 23. RULES     |
| 28. DOSED     | 24. NOTED     |



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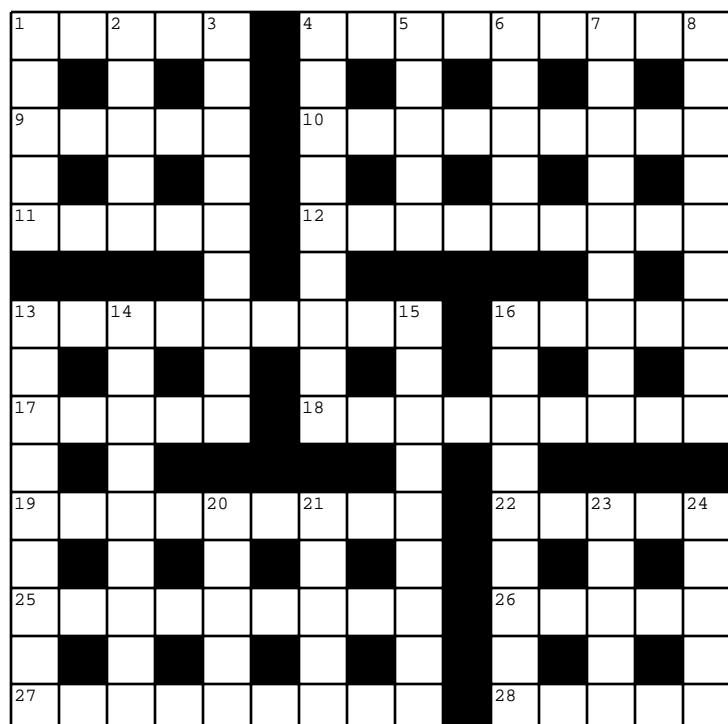
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| 1. CHIEF      | 1. CESAR      |
| 4. ABSCESSED  | 2. ICAHN      |
| 9. STAIR      | 3. FORSWEARNS |
| 10. SHIRRINGS | 4. ASSIGNS    |
| 11. RENEW     | 5. SHINNED    |
| 12. GENERATOR | 6. ERROR      |
| 13. APPRAISED | 7. SANITARIA  |
| 15. MIRED     | 8. DISCREDIT  |
| 16. TAPES     | 13. ARTIFICES |
| 17. OVERDRAFT | 14. PAPERGIRL |
| 19. FORGETFUL | 15. MIDSUMMER |
| 21. UNIFY     | 17. OFFINGS   |
| 24. CHIPMUNKS | 18. ENLISTS   |
| 25. MINOR     | 20. ELMER     |
| 26. SCLEROSIS | 22. INNER     |
| 27. RARES     | 23. YARDS     |



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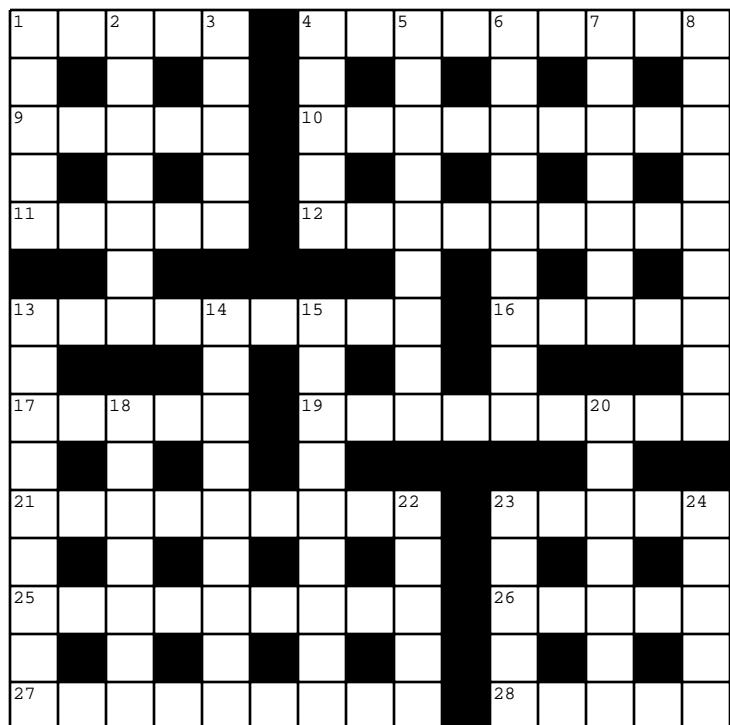
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| 4. COURSHIP   | 2. LEVEE      |
| 9. HAVOC      | 3. SUCCESSOR  |
| 10. UNMANLIER | 4. CHURCHMAN  |
| 11. NIECE     | 5. UNMAN      |
| 12. CANVASSER | 6. TANIA      |
| 13. HANDSOMER | 7. HAILSTONE  |
| 16. IRONY     | 8. PORTRAYED  |
| 17. RARER     | 13. HARNESSED |
| 18. NOSEBLEED | 14. NURSEMAID |
| 19. ELEMENTAL | 15. RESOLVING |
| 22. CHILD     | 16. IMBECILIC |
| 25. SPAGHETTI | 20. ETHIC     |
| 26. LOOSE     | 21. TUTSI     |
| 27. DEDUCTING | 23. ICONS     |
| 28. COSTS     | 24. DEEDS     |



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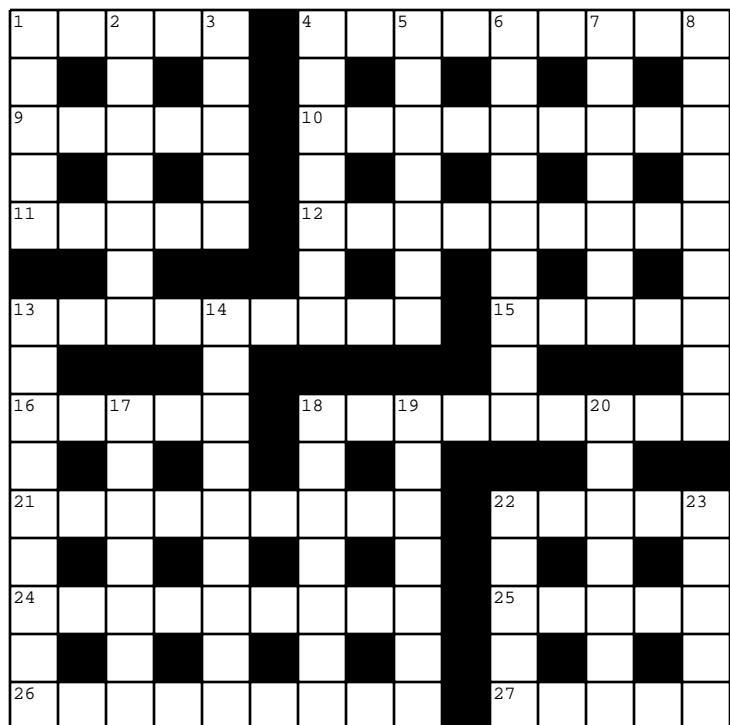
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| 1. FEELS      | 1. FIRES      |
| 4. BEDRIDDEN  | 2. EMBALMS    |
| 9. RABBI      | 3. SHIPS      |
| 10. RESONATOR | 4. BIRTH      |
| 11. SOLES     | 5. DISPLAYED  |
| 12. HOLLERITH | 6. INNKEEPER  |
| 13. BASICALLY | 7. DETAILS    |
| 16. PASTE     | 8. NORTHWEST  |
| 17. OCHOA     | 13. BIORHYTHM |
| 19. UNDERWENT | 14. CEAUSESCU |
| 21. HILLSIDES | 15. LAUNDERED |
| 23. NOOSE     | 18. HOLDERS   |
| 25. TREASURED | 20. EVOLVES   |
| 26. SAVES     | 22. SIDED     |
| 27. MISGUIDED | 23. NASAL     |
| 28. LOSES     | 24. EASES     |



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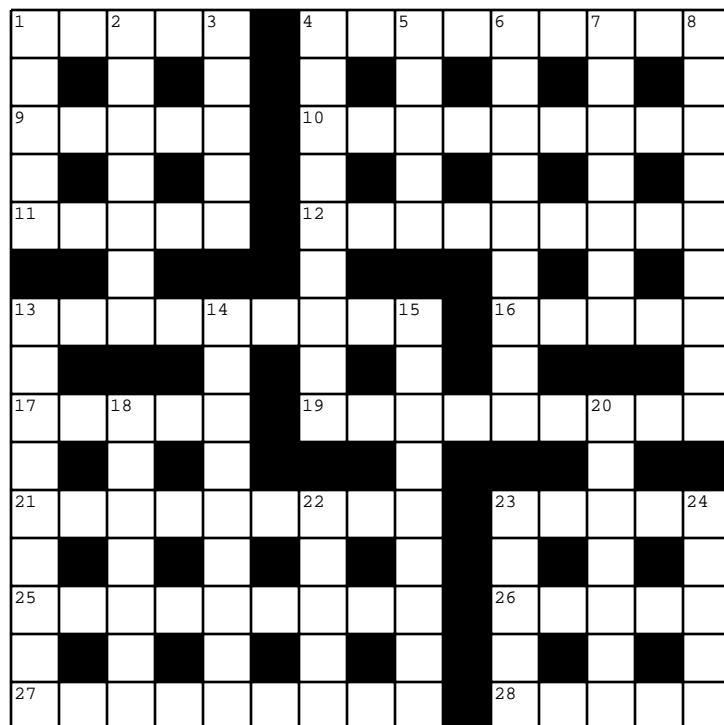
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| 4. GLORIFIED  | 2. BEETLED    |
| 9. UTERI      | 3. SAILS      |
| 10. AFFECTION | 4. GRANDMA    |
| 11. HALTS     | 5. OFFLOAD    |
| 12. DOOLITTLE | 6. ITCHINESS  |
| 13. BODYGUARD | 7. IDIOTIC    |
| 15. EMCEE     | 8. DENSENESS  |
| 16. WIDER     | 13. BEWILDERS |
| 18. FORESKINS | 14. GERMINATE |
| 21. LUBRICANT | 17. DEBATER   |
| 22. ASHEN     | 18. FRAGILE   |
| 24. EXTRADITE | 19. ROTTENS   |
| 25. ALBUM     | 20. INHIBIT   |
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| 27. DATES     | 23. NAMES     |



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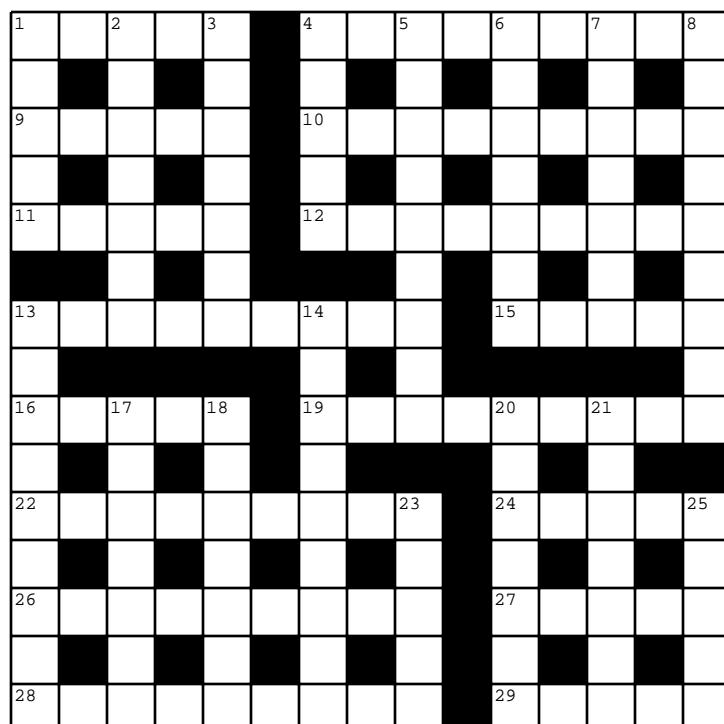
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| 1. HINTS      | 1. HUFFS      |
| 4. GLIMPSING  | 2. NEAREST    |
| 9. FLAME      | 3. STEMS      |
| 10. REELECTED | 4. GARNISHED  |
| 11. SEEKS     | 5. ITEMS      |
| 12. INSURANCE | 6. PREORDAIN  |
| 13. CATFISHES | 7. INTENDS    |
| 16. ASSES     | 8. GODDESSES  |
| 17. NEGEV     | 13. CONTRAILS |
| 19. DECANTERS | 14. INVERTING |
| 21. REARRANGE | 15. SUCCESSOR |
| 23. ABHOR     | 18. GLACIER   |
| 25. INITIATES | 20. ECHOING   |
| 26. SHIED     | 22. NATAL     |
| 27. STRAGGLER | 23. ASSET     |
| 28. TIGER     | 24. RADAR     |



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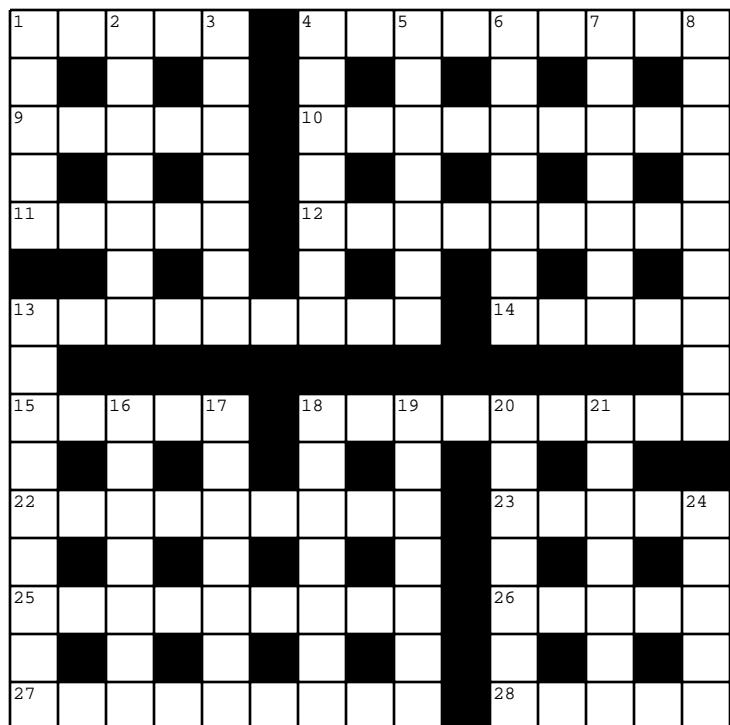
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| 4. DISTRACTS  | 2. PLASTIC    |
| 9. ASAMA      | 3. REALIZE    |
| 10. REIMBURSE | 4. DARED      |
| 11. MITZI     | 5. SHIPSHAPE  |
| 12. DESCRIBED | 6. ROBERTA    |
| 13. ORCHESTRA | 7. CARIBOU    |
| 15. ACUTE     | 8. SPEEDIEST  |
| 16. FALLS     | 13. OFFICIALS |
| 19. TREATMENT | 14. TATTOOING |
| 22. CARNIVORE | 17. LARAMIE   |
| 24. TWANG     | 18. STIMULI   |
| 26. ARMOURIES | 20. TATTLES   |
| 27. LUIGI     | 21. EXAMINE   |
| 28. SEEMINGLY | 23. ESSAY     |
| 29. SHELF     | 25. GRIEF     |



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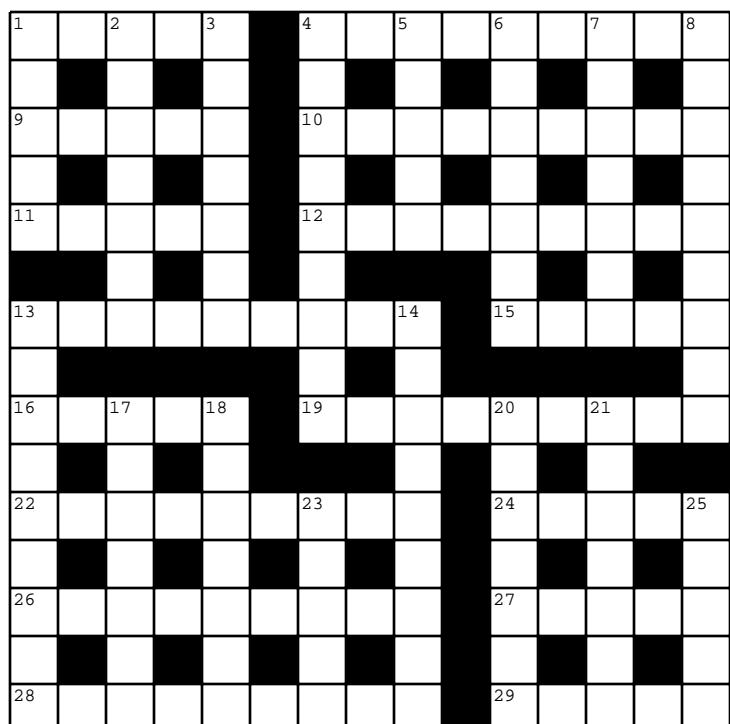
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| 4. CONESTOGA  | 2. STERILE    |
| 9. CHEAP      | 3. REPLICA    |
| 10. ASPIRATED | 4. CLAIMED    |
| 11. HEIDI     | 5. NAPHTHA    |
| 12. METHADONE | 6. SARCASM    |
| 13. ALEXANDRA | 7. OUTLOOK    |
| 14. MAKES     | 8. ADDRESSEE  |
| 15. QUERY     | 13. ACQUIRING |
| 18. RECOGNIZE | 16. EXCRETA   |
| 22. INCAPABLE | 17. YAPPING   |
| 23. RATES     | 18. RUBBISH   |
| 25. ITEMIZING | 19. CHENGDU   |
| 26. ENNUI     | 20. GORIEST   |
| 27. GUANGZHOU | 21. INTENDS   |
| 28. TASKS     | 24. SPIES     |



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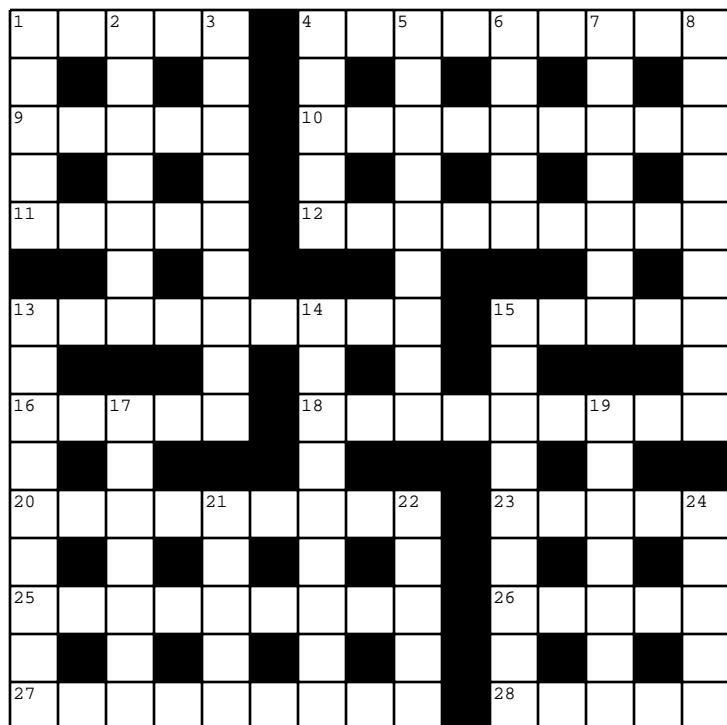
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| 4. ILLOGICAL  | 2. CHEKHOV    |
| 9. CREDO      | 3. AROUSES    |
| 10. AQUARIUMS | 4. IRASCIBLE  |
| 11. ECHOS     | 5. LAURI      |
| 12. CRITICISE | 6. GARNISH    |
| 13. INVISIBLE | 7. CRUCIAL    |
| 15. HALVE     | 8. LISTENERS  |
| 16. DISCS     | 13. INDOCHINA |
| 19. EMIGRATES | 14. EVIDENTLY |
| 22. COMMITTEE | 17. SYMPTOM   |
| 24. SPASM     | 18. STIRRER   |
| 26. INTERRUPT | 20. RESTORE   |
| 27. OTHER     | 21. TEACHES   |
| 28. ADMIRABLY | 23. THUMB     |
| 29. EASEL     | 25. MURAL     |



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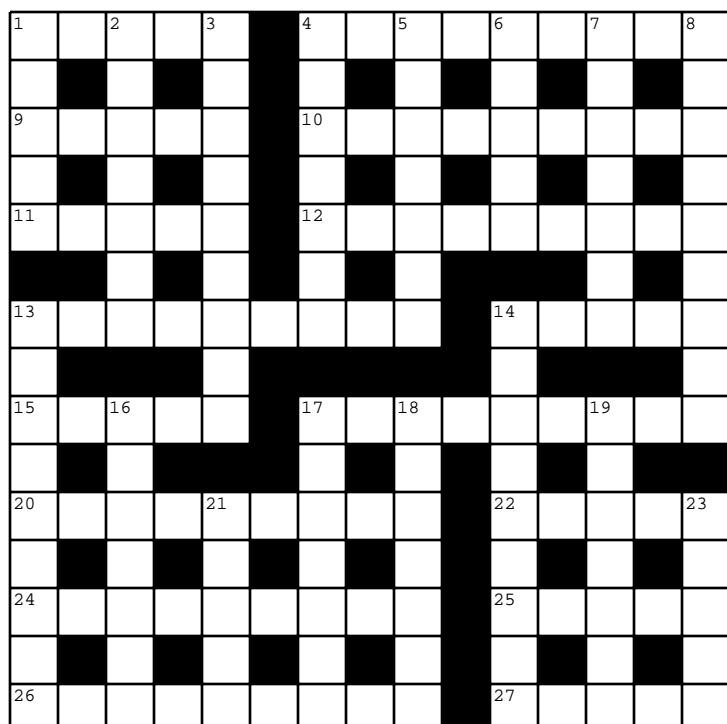
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| 1. RECTA      | 1. RETCH      |
| 4. CRITICISM  | 2. CLEAVER    |
| 9. TREAT      | 3. ARTICHOKE  |
| 10. DISTANCES | 4. CODES      |
| 11. HAVOC     | 5. INSTILLED  |
| 12. SPIRITUAL | 6. IRAQI      |
| 13. SORROWFUL | 7. INCLUDE    |
| 15. ARENT     | 8. MISTLETOE  |
| 16. QUEUE     | 13. SEQUENCER |
| 18. ADDICTIVE | 14. FLATTENED |
| 20. ENERGETIC | 15. ALCOHOLIC |
| 23. HOPES     | 17. EVENEST   |
| 25. CRESCENDO | 19. IMPORTS   |
| 26. LORDS     | 21. GECKO     |
| 27. RETRODDEN | 22. CROWN     |
| 28. COSTS     | 24. SISES     |



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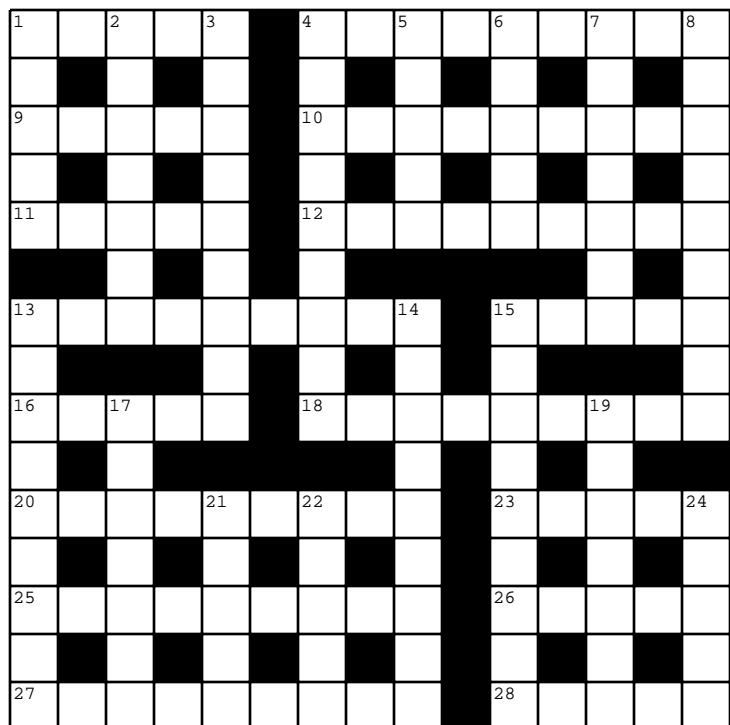
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| 4. SUBLLEASES | 2. ORATION    |
| 9. STAIR      | 3. PERPETUAL  |
| 10. MACHINIST | 4. SAMURAI    |
| 11. RAISE     | 5. BACKLOG    |
| 12. RELATIONS | 6. EXIST      |
| 13. CONSUMING | 7. SPINOZA    |
| 14. ABACI     | 8. SATISFIES  |
| 15. MABEL     | 13. COMPENDIA |
| 17. CONTRIVES | 14. ABRUPTEST |
| 20. EQUALISER | 16. BOUNCED   |
| 22. PARES     | 17. CASUALS   |
| 24. DOCUDRAMA | 18. NARRATE   |
| 25. EKING     | 19. VERTIGO   |
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| 27. TOOLS     | 23. SAGAS     |



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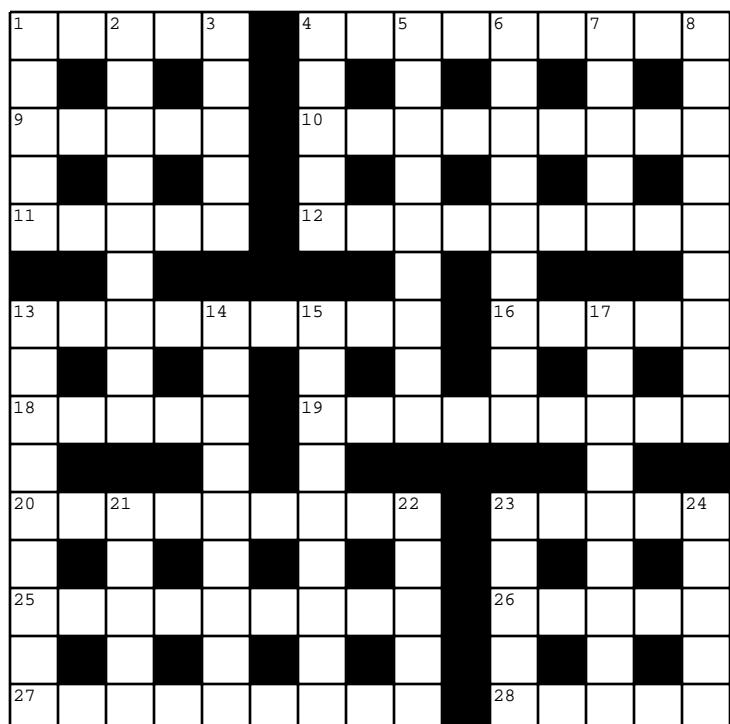
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| 1. HAKKA      | 1. HUGER      |
| 4. MILWAUKEE  | 2. KINGDOM    |
| 9. GENET      | 3. AFTERWARD  |
| 10. TIMESCALE | 4. METEORITE  |
| 11. RADAR     | 5. LIMIT      |
| 12. OUTSPOKEN | 6. ALSOP      |
| 13. SUMMARIZE | 7. KHARKOV    |
| 15. NOVEL     | 8. ETERNALLY  |
| 16. ARCED     | 13. SPASMODIC |
| 18. EMERGENCY | 14. ELEGANTLY |
| 20. MILLENNIA | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 23. TOUCH     | 17. CELESTA   |
| 25. DISCREDIT | 19. NEUTRON   |
| 26. LYRIC     | 21. EERIE     |
| 27. CHAYEFSKY | 22. NODES     |
| 28. BONUS     | 24. HACKS     |



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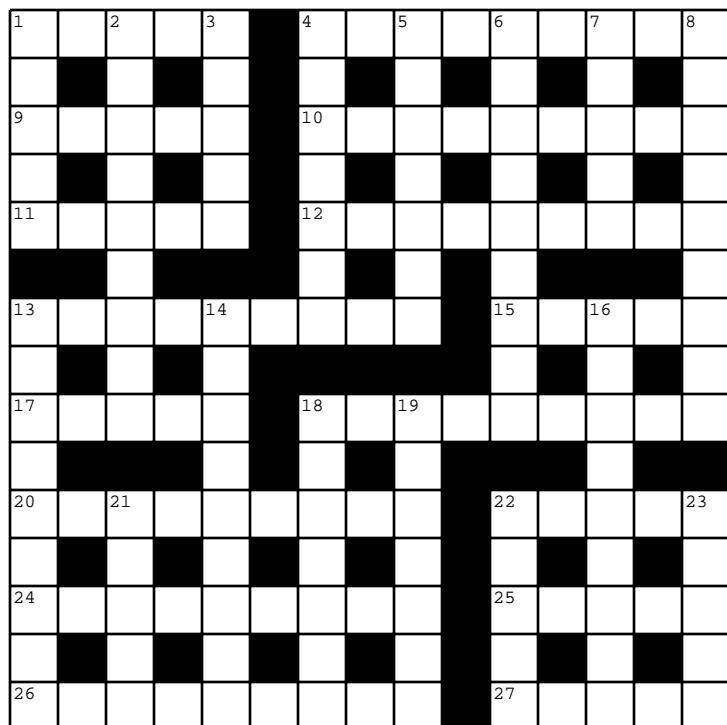
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| 1. UPSET      | 1. UNDER      |
| 4. VEHICULAR  | 2. SITUATING  |
| 9. DETOX      | 3. TAXES      |
| 10. REDEEMERS | 4. VERBS      |
| 11. REAMS     | 5. HYDRAULIC  |
| 12. SNATCHING | 6. CRESCENDO  |
| 13. PRINCIPAL | 7. LOEWI      |
| 16. NIMBI     | 8. RESIGNING  |
| 18. RIGHT     | 13. PARENTAGE |
| 19. RECKONING | 14. CATARACTS |
| 20. NONPROFIT | 15. PORTFOLIO |
| 23. CABIN     | 17. MAILBOXES |
| 25. AVUNCULAR | 21. NAURU     |
| 26. FIXED     | 22. TERMS     |
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| 28. SASSY     | 24. NODDY     |



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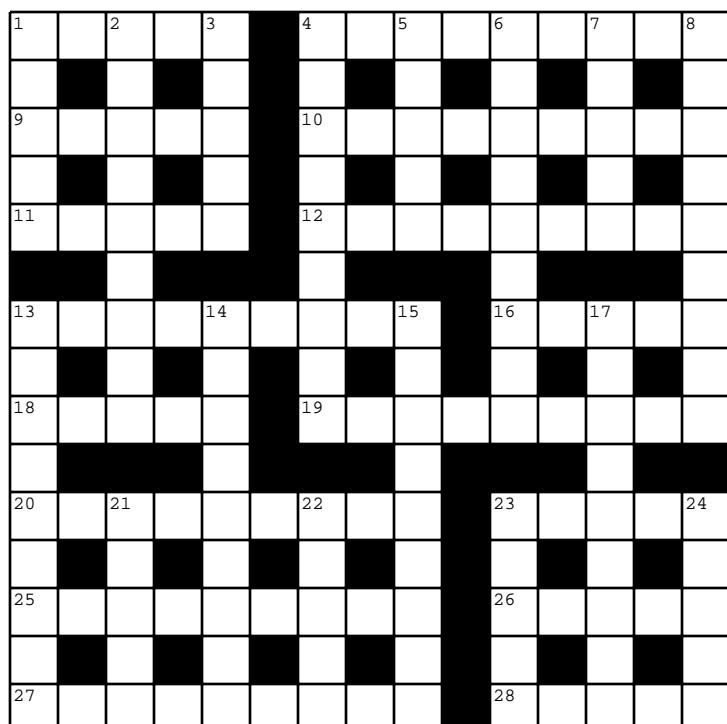
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| 1. EQUIP      | 1. EASEL      |
| 4. KILOWATTS  | 2. UNRESTING  |
| 9. SCRAP      | 3. PAPER      |
| 10. EMIGRATED | 4. KNEECAP    |
| 11. LASER     | 5. LEISURE    |
| 12. CRUCIBLES | 6. WORRISOME  |
| 13. PRINCIPLE | 7. TOTAL      |
| 15. OUTDO     | 8. SIDESHOWS  |
| 17. SIGNS     | 13. PASSENGER |
| 18. OMELETTES | 14. CASCADING |
| 20. EUCHARIST | 16. TITILLATE |
| 22. ATLAS     | 18. ORIGAMI   |
| 24. GALLIVANT | 19. ENTITLE   |
| 25. SHARE     | 21. COLIC     |
| 26. RECOGNISE | 22. AISLE     |
| 27. ELECT     | 23. SPENT     |



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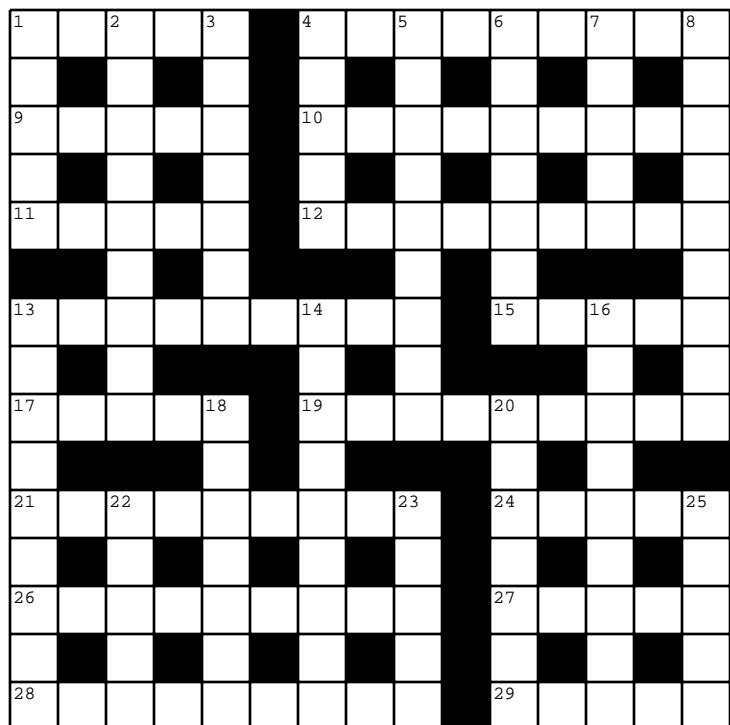
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| 1. USING      | 1. UNITS      |
| 4. HALFPENCE  | 2. INITIATES  |
| 9. IBIZA      | 3. GOALS      |
| 10. RHAPSODIC | 4. HARMONICA  |
| 11. SHIPS     | 5. LEADS      |
| 12. OBSTINACY | 6. PESSIMIST  |
| 13. ESTABLISH | 7. NADIA      |
| 16. INEPT     | 8. ENCRYPTED  |
| 18. NESTS     | 13. ENNOBLING |
| 19. APARTHEID | 14. BASEBALLS |
| 20. BILLBOARD | 15. HEADDRESS |
| 23. PLAIN     | 17. ELEVATORS |
| 25. INDELIBLE | 21. LADEN     |
| 26. NOOKS     | 22. AMBLE     |
| 27. GANGSTERS | 23. PANEL     |
| 28. LOSES     | 24. NOSES     |



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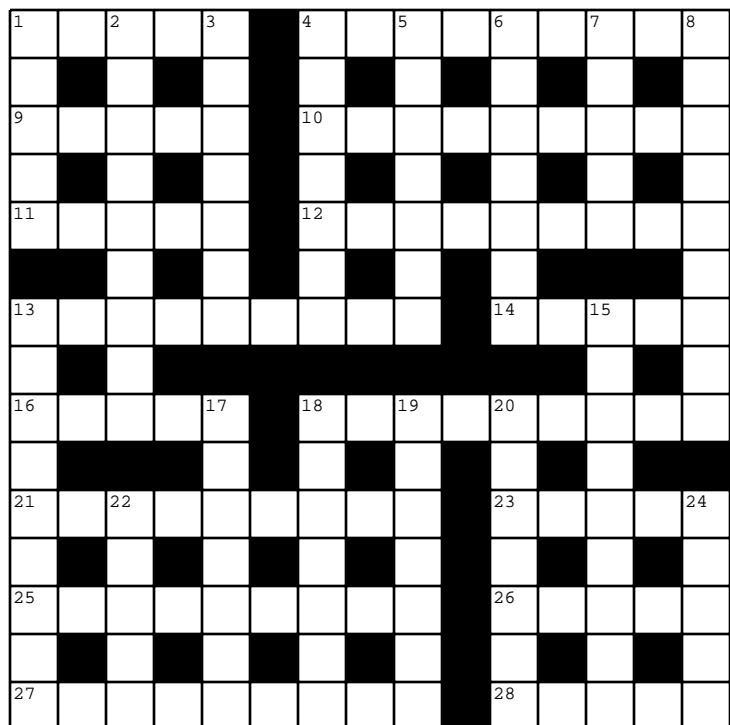
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| 1. SCREW      | 1. SAHIB      |
| 4. EXPRESSES  | 2. RHINOCERI  |
| 9. HAIKU      | 3. WOULDNT    |
| 10. DIESELING | 4. ENDED      |
| 11. BLOOD     | 5. PREVIEWED  |
| 12. DAINTIEST | 6. EJECTED    |
| 13. OVERTHREW | 7. SHINE      |
| 15. DANCE     | 8. SIGHTREAD  |
| 17. ERICK     | 13. OVERBEARS |
| 19. MEDICATED | 14. REMBRANDT |
| 21. BOOTSTRAP | 16. NOTATIONS |
| 24. LATCH     | 18. KASHMIR   |
| 26. ABDOMINAL | 20. COLOSSI   |
| 27. SCOUR     | 22. ODDLY     |
| 28. SKYWRITER | 23. POLAR     |
| 29. ISSUE     | 25. HORSE     |



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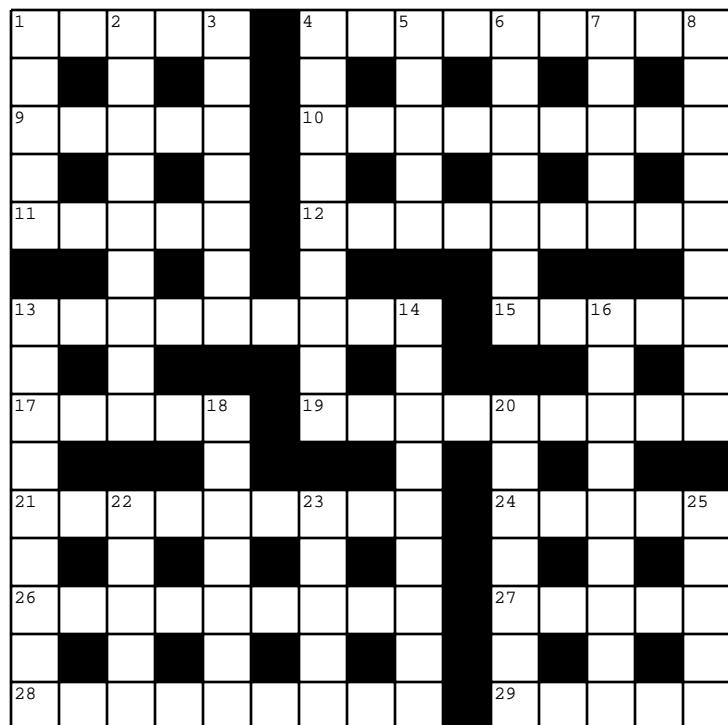
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| 1. GUANO      | 1. GRAPH      |
| 4. ALGORITHM  | 2. ANAEROBIC  |
| 9. AMAZE      | 3. OVERSEE    |
| 10. AMNESTIED | 4. ARACELI    |
| 11. HEROS     | 5. GINSENG    |
| 12. ELEMENTAL | 6. RESPECT    |
| 13. JABBERING | 7. TWIST      |
| 14. TENET     | 8. MODULATES  |
| 16. RACKS     | 13. JURIDICAL |
| 18. THESAURUS | 15. NIRENBERG |
| 21. DIARRHOEA | 17. SPRUCER   |
| 23. DENSE     | 18. TROUNCE   |
| 25. CRESCENDI | 19. ERASING   |
| 26. THETA     | 20. AUDITOR   |
| 27. LEDERBERG | 22. AHEAD     |
| 28. RIGHT     | 24. EXACT     |



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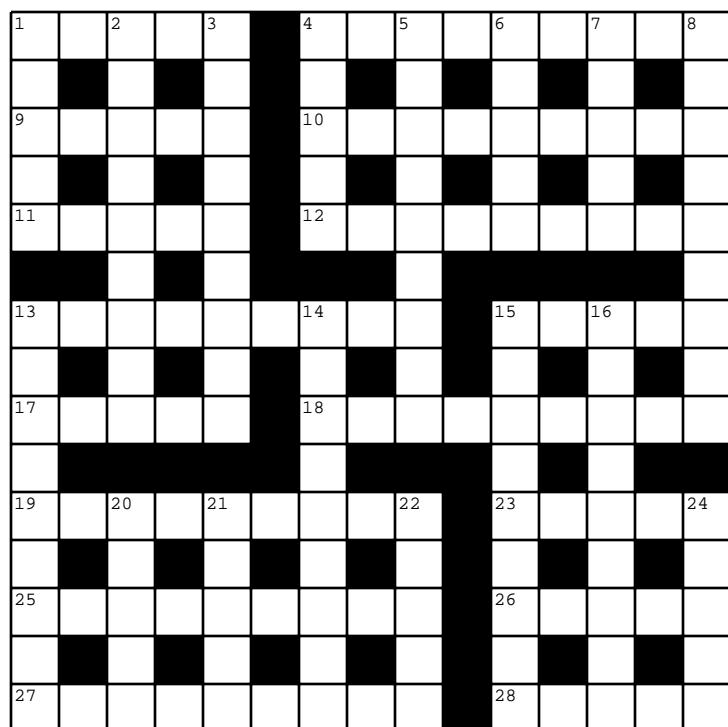
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| 1. MICAH      | 1. MEANS      |
| 4. ESPERANTO  | 2. CONSORTIA  |
| 9. ARNEB      | 3. HIBACHI    |
| 10. VACILLATE | 4. EAVESDROP  |
| 11. STOIC     | 5. PECAN      |
| 12. SUNBATHED | 6. RELEASE    |
| 13. MATRIARCH | 7. NEATH      |
| 15. EMMYS     | 8. OVERDOSED  |
| 17. SHARP     | 13. MUSTACHES |
| 19. PUBLISHED | 14. HABITABLE |
| 21. ABRUPTEST | 16. MAHARISHI |
| 24. FARSI     | 18. PAPAYAS   |
| 26. HONEYCOMB | 20. INFORMS   |
| 27. RESET     | 22. RANDI     |
| 28. SHIPSHAPE | 23. EBOLA     |
| 29. STIRS     | 25. IOTAS     |



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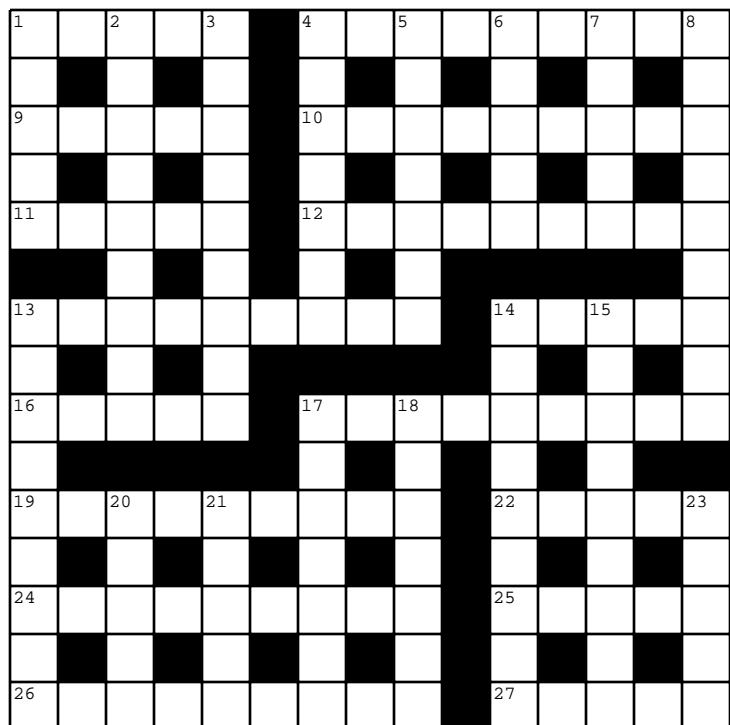
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| 1. COPED       | 1. CARED      |
| 4. CLIMACTIC   | 2. PROGRAMME  |
| 9. ROOMS       | 3. DISCREDIT  |
| 10. WITHDRAWN  | 4. COWER      |
| 11. DIRER      | 5. INTRINSIC  |
| 12. RHINOCERI  | 6. AUDIO      |
| 13. COMEEDOWNS | 7. TRACE      |
| 15. CABLE      | 8. CENTIPEDE  |
| 17. THEFT      | 13. CATECHISM |
| 18. ENCOURAGE  | 14. WHEREUPON |
| 19. CLAMMIES   | 15. COUNTERED |
| 23. TREES      | 16. BEAVERING |
| 25. IMPROMPTU  | 20. APPAL     |
| 26. RAIDS      | 21. MAORI     |
| 27. MILLIONTH  | 22. TOUCH     |
| 28. DOGMA      | 24. SASHA     |



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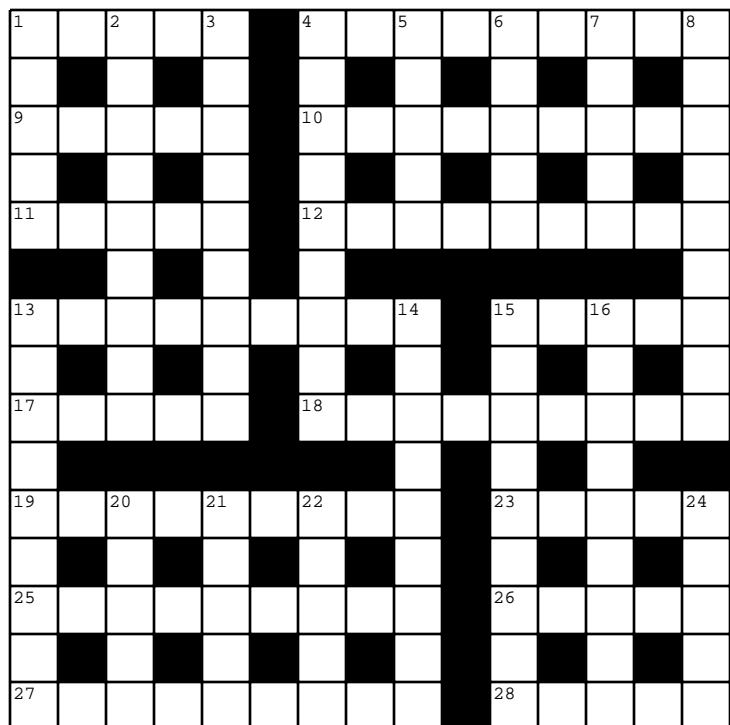
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| 1. CUBIC       | 1. CABLE      |
| 4. PHENOMENA   | 2. BARRICADE  |
| 9. BARON       | 3. CONDENSED  |
| 10. RETHOUGHT  | 4. PURPOSE    |
| 11. ELITE      | 5. EXTREME    |
| 12. OVERSLEEP  | 6. OBOES      |
| 13. BRASSIERE  | 7. EAGLE      |
| 14. LOCAL      | 8. AUTOPILOT  |
| 16. SPEND      | 13. BESTOWING |
| 17. DIRECTTEST | 14. LACERATES |
| 19. ORGANIZES  | 15. CRESCENDI |
| 22. ROCKS      | 17. DAZZLED   |
| 24. IRREGULAR  | 18. RESORTS   |
| 25. TANGO      | 20. GARBO     |
| 26. GLOTTIDES  | 21. NIGHT     |
| 27. SPIES      | 23. SPOTS     |



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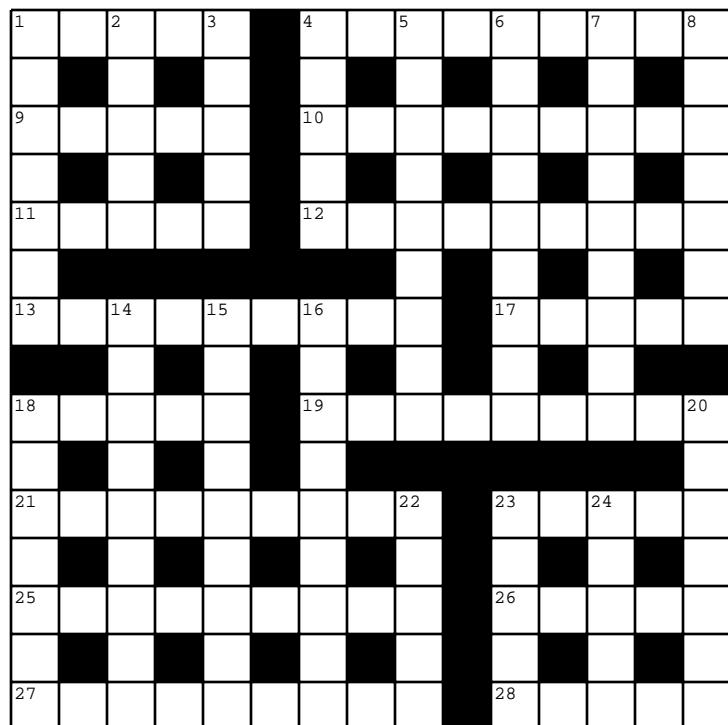
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| 1. RECAP       | 1. ROBOT      |
| 4. NIGHTCLUB   | 2. CYCLOTRON  |
| 9. BUCKS       | 3. POSITIONS  |
| 10. SATIRICAL  | 4. NOSTALGIA  |
| 11. TROUT      | 5. GATES      |
| 12. ASSAILANT  | 6. TORSI      |
| 13. FURLOUGHHS | 7. LUCIA      |
| 15. COPED      | 8. BELATEDLY  |
| 17. RANTS      | 13. FERRETING |
| 18. ADVERSITY  | 14. SEVENTEEN |
| 19. ECUADORAN  | 15. CURRICULA |
| 23. INKED      | 16. PRICKLIER |
| 25. IRASCIBLE  | 20. URALS     |
| 26. USING      | 21. DACHA     |
| 27. GESTATION  | 22. RABBI     |
| 28. AORTA      | 24. DOGMA     |



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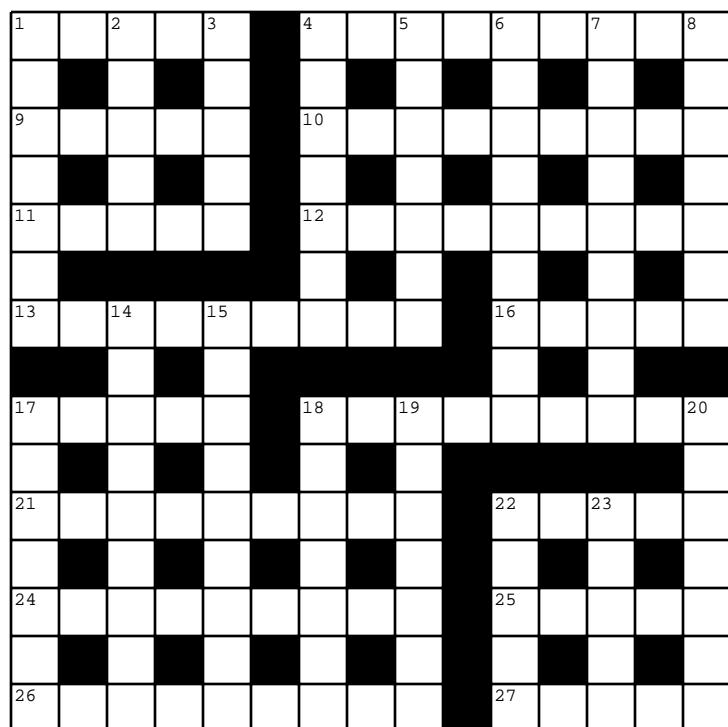
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BLATANT    |
| 4. NOSEBLEED  | 2. SWAMI      |
| 9. ALANA      | 3. CHARM      |
| 10. DISPARAGE | 4. NUDGE      |
| 11. AXIOM     | 5. SUSPENDED  |
| 12. EXEMPTING | 6. BLASPHEME  |
| 13. TABULATED | 7. EXAMINERS  |
| 17. EMEND     | 8. DREDGED    |
| 18. CROON     | 14. BLOWTORCH |
| 19. ADDRESSES | 15. LENGTHIER |
| 21. ALTITUDES | 16. TEARDROPS |
| 23. BIDES     | 18. CHANDRA   |
| 25. DORMITORY | 20. SASSIER   |
| 26. CELLI     | 22. STYES     |
| 27. APHORISMS | 23. BACKS     |
| 28. STAIR     | 24. DELIA     |



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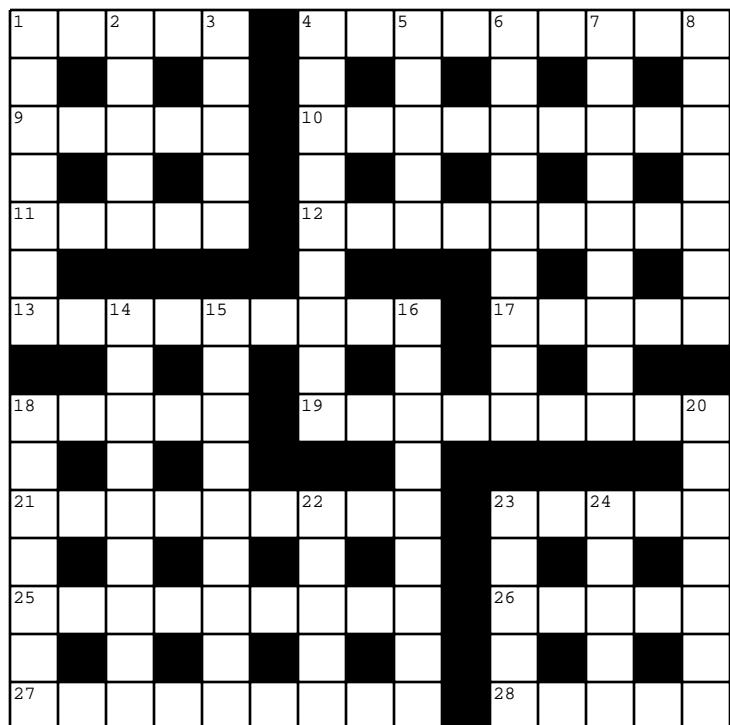
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| 4. CAVALIERS  | 2. OUTER      |
| 9. TOTAL      | 3. AGLOW      |
| 10. REHEARSED | 4. CEREBRA    |
| 11. SCREW     | 5. VEHICLE    |
| 12. BACKFIRES | 6. LEAPFROGS  |
| 13. STAIRCASE | 7. ENSHRINED  |
| 16. OINKS     | 8. SADISTS    |
| 17. SUCRE     | 14. ANCIENTER |
| 18. FIRESIDES | 15. RHEOSTATS |
| 21. OVERSPEND | 17. SHOWOFF   |
| 22. BLOOM     | 18. FREEING   |
| 24. OSTRACIZE | 19. REDDEST   |
| 25. ANGEL     | 20. SIMPLER   |
| 26. FORESIGHT | 22. BLAME     |
| 27. ENTER     | 23. OUGHT     |



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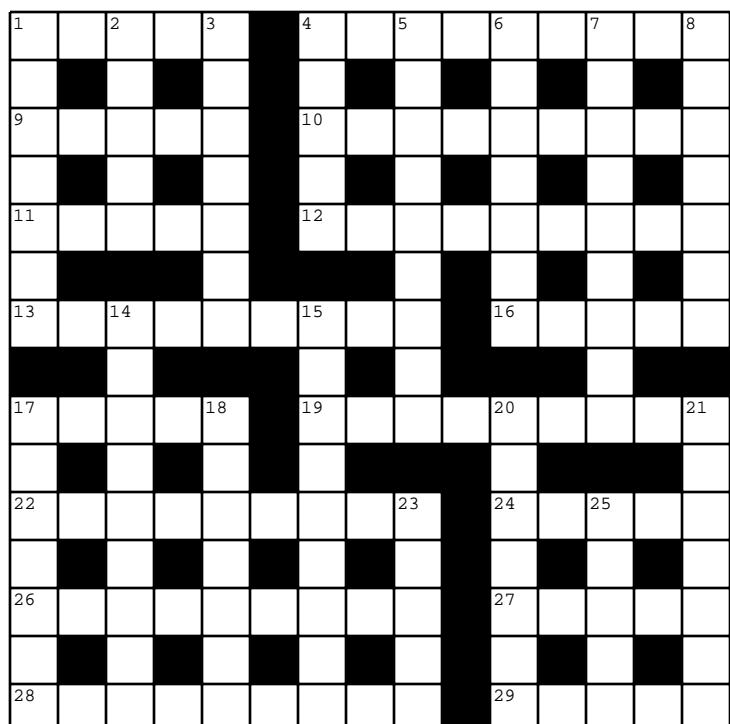
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| 1. REEFS      | 1. RESTFUL    |
| 4. ILLOGICAL  | 2. EDITS      |
| 9. SPILL      | 3. SILLY      |
| 10. SECTIONED | 4. INSULTING  |
| 11. FUSSY     | 5. LACED      |
| 12. LODESTONE | 6. GLISSANDI  |
| 13. LISTENING | 7. CONDORCET  |
| 17. NECKS     | 8. LADDERS    |
| 18. LAMED     | 14. SEMBLANCE |
| 19. GLADIATOR | 15. ENDLESSLY |
| 21. MILLENNIA | 16. GUARANTEE |
| 23. TROOP     | 18. LEMURIA   |
| 25. RENASCENT | 20. REPAIRS   |
| 26. CROCI     | 22. NIECE     |
| 27. ACETYLENE | 23. TACIT     |
| 28. TESTS     | 24. OBOES     |



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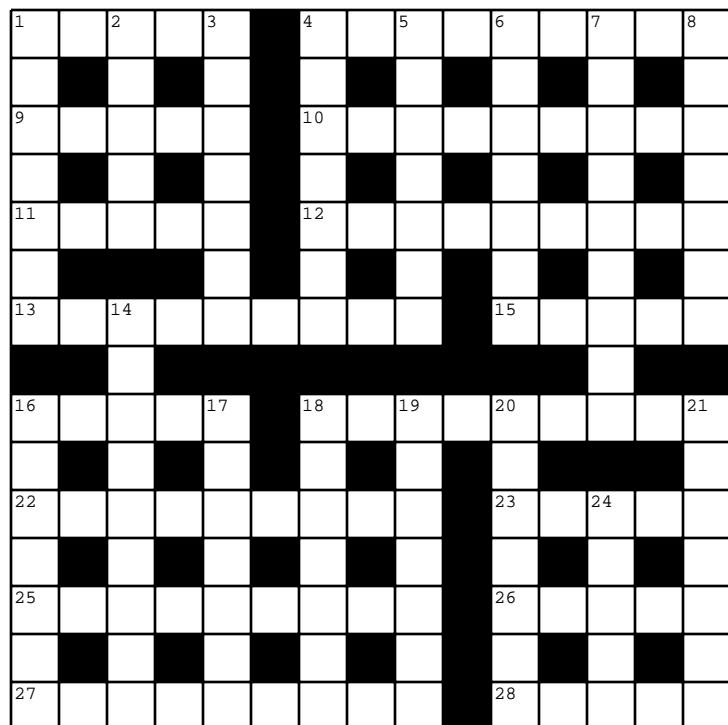
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| 4. KICKBACKS  | 2. BASIC      |
| 9. ROSIE      | 3. OVERRAN    |
| 10. REARRANGE | 4. KERBS      |
| 11. NICER     | 5. CEAUSESCU  |
| 12. SUSTAINED | 6. BARMAID    |
| 13. PEKINESES | 7. CANONICAL  |
| 16. DICED     | 8. SPEEDED    |
| 17. VERBS     | 14. KARAMAZOV |
| 19. UNUSUALLY | 15. SQUIRMIER |
| 22. SYMMETRIC | 17. VISIBLE   |
| 24. INTEL     | 18. SEEINGS   |
| 26. BYZANTINE | 20. UNIFIED   |
| 27. IRAQI     | 21. YELPING   |
| 28. EAVESDROP | 23. CREEP     |
| 29. DOING     | 25. TRACI     |



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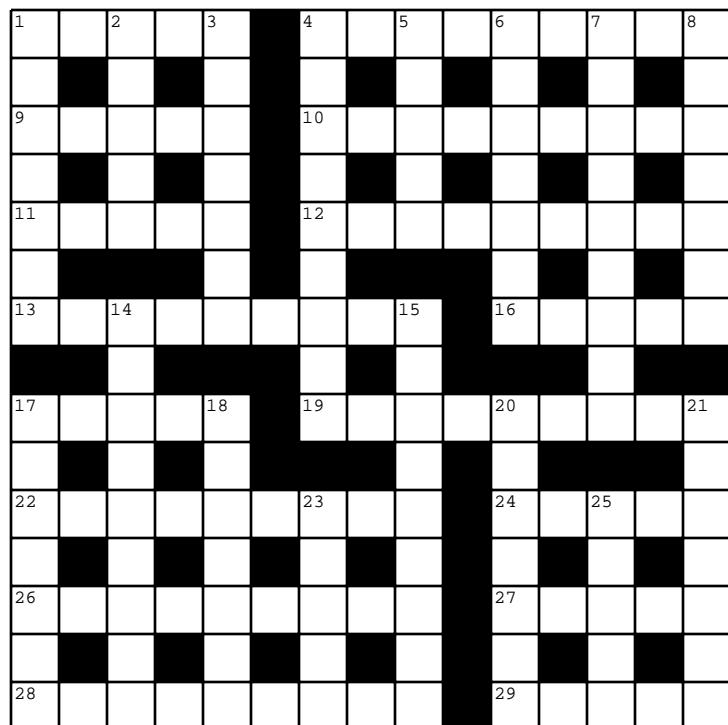
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| 1. CRUMB      | 1. CANASTA    |
| 4. PRACTICED  | 2. UNDER      |
| 9. NODAL      | 3. BOLOGNA    |
| 10. ALGEBRAIC | 4. PLAIDED    |
| 11. SHRUG     | 5. ALGEBRA    |
| 12. DEBRIEFED | 6. TABBING    |
| 13. ALEXANDRA | 7. CHAUFFEUR  |
| 15. GLENS     | 8. DECADES    |
| 16. LOPES     | 14. EXPLOITED |
| 18. EMPOWERED | 16. LIBRIUM   |
| 22. BOOKCASES | 17. SECURER   |
| 23. ALBUM     | 18. EASIEST   |
| 25. INTERFERE | 19. POSSESS   |
| 26. PLUGS     | 20. WRAPPER   |
| 27. MODERATES | 21. DEMISED   |
| 28. RABID     | 24. BLURB     |



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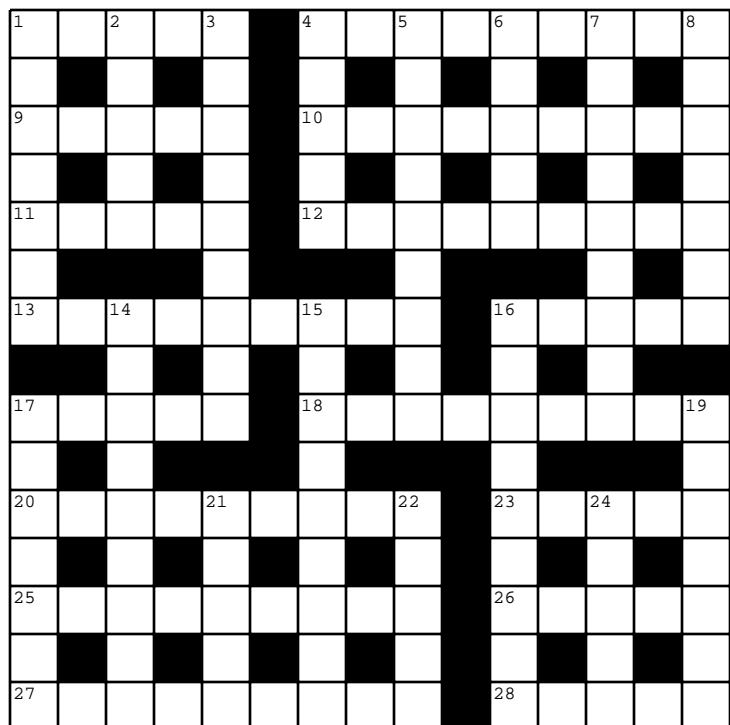
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|---------------|---------------|
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| 4. NOVELISTS  | 2. IBIZA      |
| 9. PRIOR      | 3. BOROUGH    |
| 10. GENTLEMEN | 4. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 11. AMARU     | 5. VENUE      |
| 12. THERAVADA | 6. LILIANA    |
| 13. NUTSHELLS | 7. SIMPATICO  |
| 16. ALIAS     | 8. SUNDAES    |
| 17. APART     | 14. TRADITION |
| 19. BOOKSTORE | 15. SHOWCASED |
| 22. CLIMACTIC | 17. ARCHAIC   |
| 24. ETHIC     | 18. TRAINEE   |
| 26. ALIENATES | 20. SKEPTIC   |
| 27. TENET     | 21. EXCITES   |
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| 29. CLUES     | 25. HINDU     |



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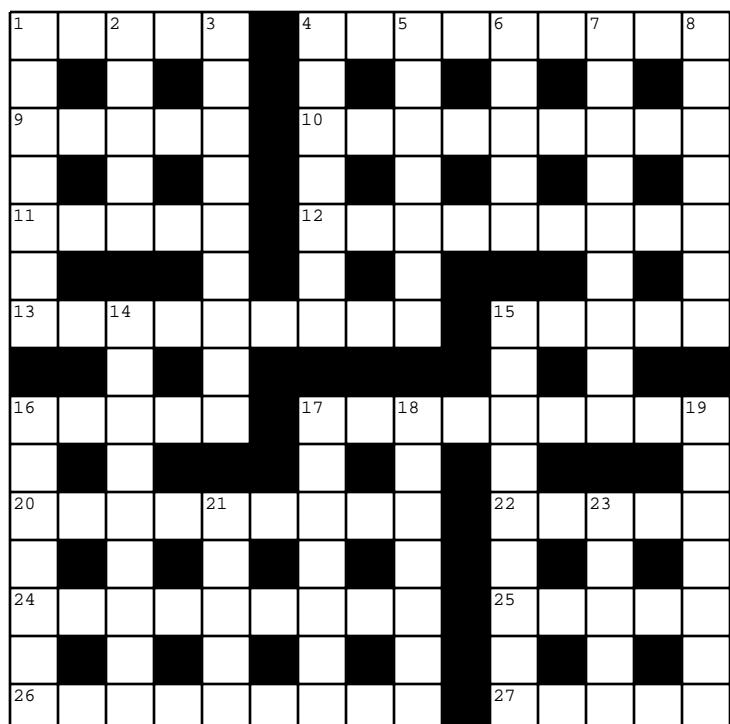
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| 1. ENEMA      | 1. ENEMATA    |
| 4. COINCIDES  | 2. EDICT      |
| 9. EXIST      | 3. ASTERISKS  |
| 10. HOTHOUSED | 4. COHAN      |
| 11. AFTER     | 5. INTRINSIC  |
| 12. NEIGHBORS | 6. CLOTH      |
| 13. ADHESIVES | 7. DISLOCATE  |
| 16. PLAYS     | 8. SADISTS    |
| 17. EARLS     | 14. HEREABOUT |
| 18. DECENTEST | 15. VIDEODISC |
| 20. TRANSPORT | 16. PENINSULA |
| 23. NAURU     | 17. ESTRADA   |
| 25. ADORATION | 19. TAUTEST   |
| 26. USAGE     | 21. STAFF     |
| 27. ARTIFACTS | 22. TENDS     |
| 28. ALLOT     | 24. UDALL     |



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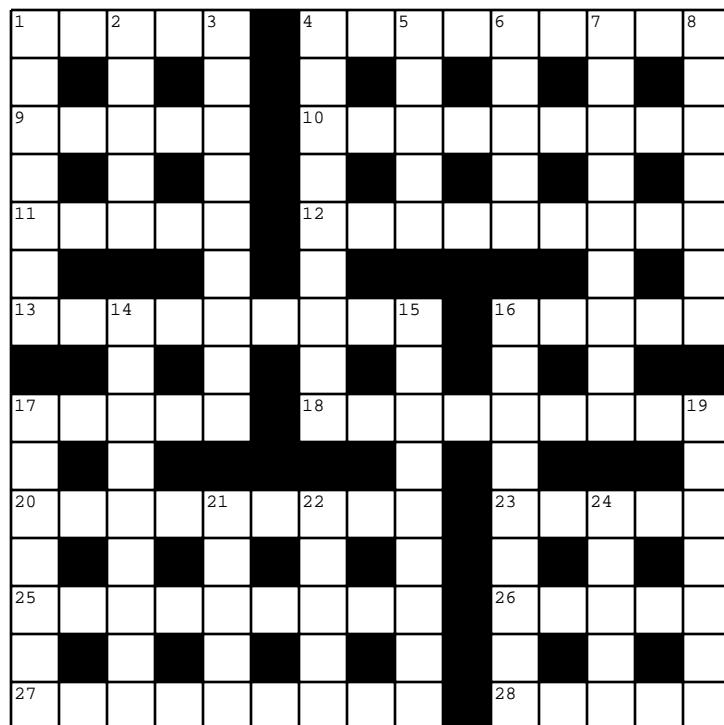
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| 1. ALONG      | 1. ALLEGRO    |
| 4. BOOKSHELF  | 2. OVERT      |
| 9. LIEGE      | 3. GREEDIEST  |
| 10. DIAGNOSES | 4. BEDLAMS    |
| 11. GATED     | 5. ORACLED    |
| 12. ALLOWANCE | 6. SINEW      |
| 13. OPPRESSED | 7. ESSENTIAL  |
| 15. MAINS     | 8. FASTENS    |
| 16. DIDNT     | 14. PEDALLING |
| 17. ATAHUALPA | 15. MAUSOLEUM |
| 20. RELATIONS | 16. DERIVED   |
| 22. OPERA     | 17. APOGEES   |
| 24. VOICELESS | 18. ASSISTS   |
| 25. EFFIE     | 19. AMATEUR   |
| 26. DIGRESSES | 21. THERE     |
| 27. MINOR     | 23. ELFIN     |



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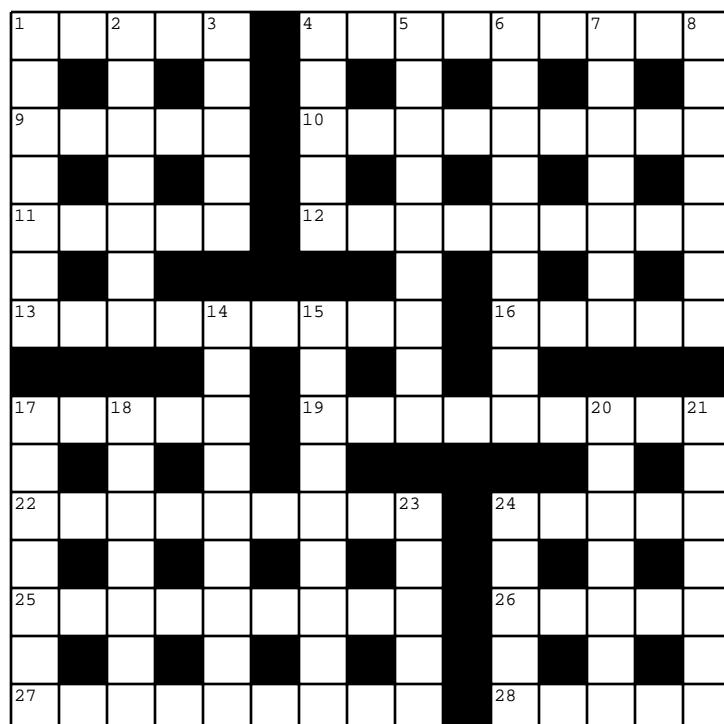
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. DISCO      | 1. DISTURB    |
| 4. CALLIOPES  | 2. SINKS      |
| 9. SENSE      | 3. OVERTAKES  |
| 10. NUMBSKULL | 4. CONSORTIA  |
| 11. UNSET     | 5. LEMME      |
| 12. OVERCROWD | 6. ISSAC      |
| 13. BRACKETED | 7. PLUTOCRAT  |
| 16. ERROR     | 8. SOLIDER    |
| 17. GAPES     | 14. AMPUTATED |
| 18. ACTIVATES | 15. DETERRING |
| 20. OUTNUMBER | 16. EAVESDROP |
| 23. STEAM     | 17. GOODALL   |
| 25. ANTIPASTI | 19. SOMEONE   |
| 26. RHINO     | 21. UPPER     |
| 27. LEDERBERG | 22. BASTE     |
| 28. PLANE     | 24. ELIZA     |



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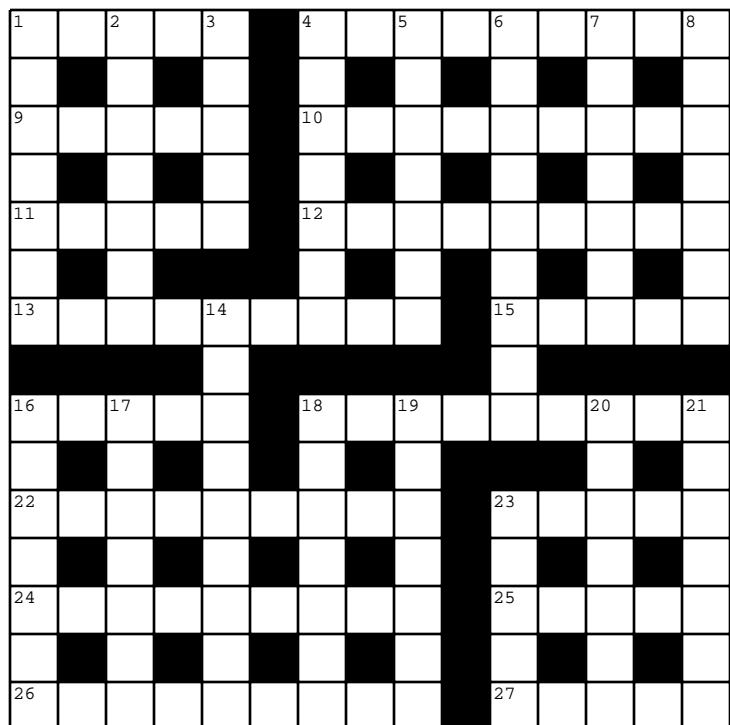
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| 4. RICOCHETS  | 2. OUTCOME    |
| 9. EXTRA      | 3. PEACE      |
| 10. METAMUCIL | 4. RIMED      |
| 11. ELOPE     | 5. CATACLYSM  |
| 12. DECLINING | 6. COMMITTED  |
| 13. FREQUENCY | 7. ETCHING    |
| 16. TOGAS     | 8. SILAGES    |
| 17. CASED     | 14. UNDEFINED |
| 19. REMEDYING | 15. NARRATIVE |
| 22. MAINFRAME | 17. COMPACT   |
| 24. AMIGO     | 18. STINGER   |
| 25. ARGENTINA | 20. IDIOTIC   |
| 26. OCTET     | 21. GHOSTED   |
| 27. TIREDNESS | 23. EXAMS     |
| 28. RACED     | 24. AMOUR     |



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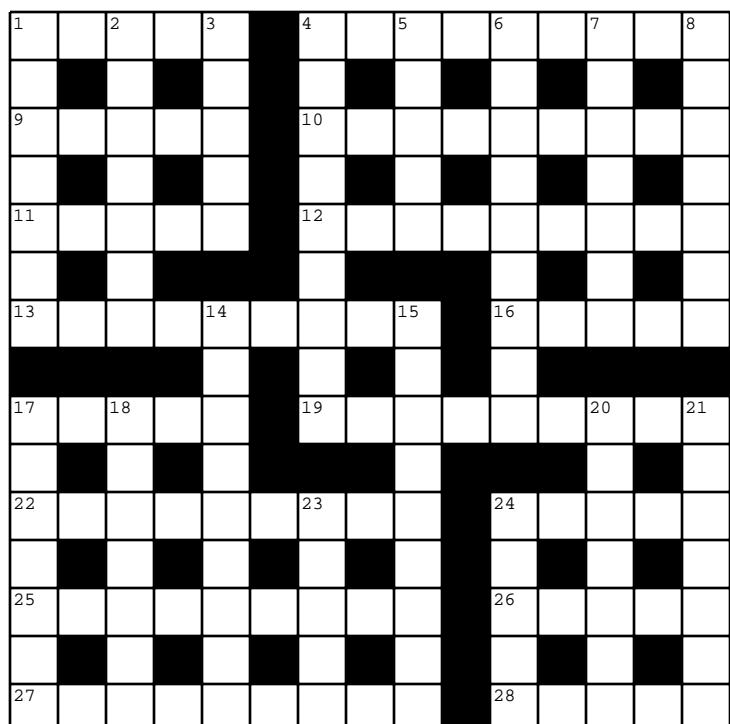
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. SUPER      | 1. SEAFOOD    |
| 4. FABRICATE  | 2. PAINFUL    |
| 9. ADIEU      | 3. ROUND      |
| 10. ADOPTIONS | 4. FLAKIER    |
| 11. OFFED     | 5. BROWSED    |
| 12. INSERTION | 6. INTERESTS  |
| 13. DELIVERED | 7. ABODING    |
| 15. SEGUE     | 8. ESSENCE    |
| 16. TOPIC     | 14. VACATIONS |
| 18. MAKESHIFT | 16. TOTEMIC   |
| 22. TRACTABLE | 17. PLATEAU   |
| 23. IMPLY     | 18. MCBRIDE   |
| 24. MNEMONICS | 19. KNESSET   |
| 25. ONION     | 20. IMPLIED   |
| 26. CLUMSIEST | 21. TRYINGS   |
| 27. SIDES     | 23. ICONS     |



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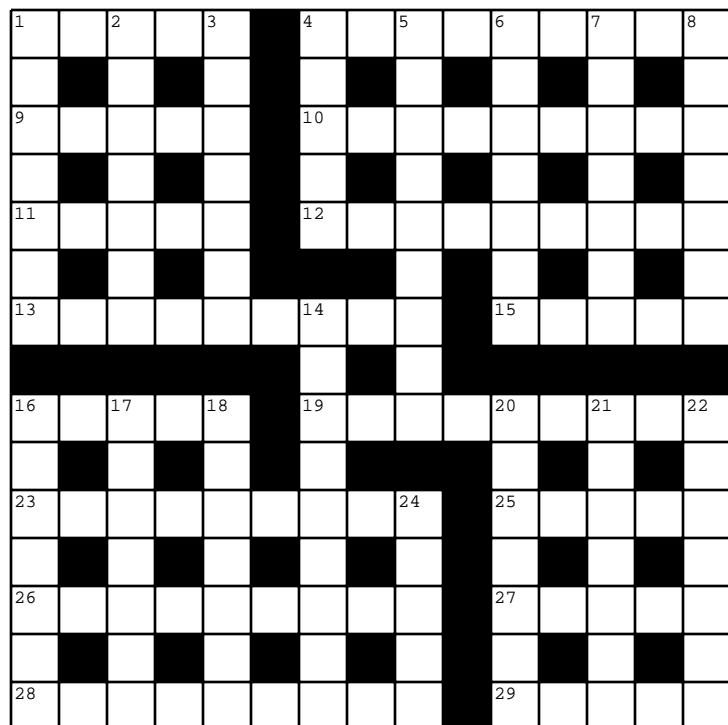
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| 1. ARENA      | 1. ASSISTS    |
| 4. SERVANTED  | 2. EXECUTE    |
| 9. SWEEP      | 3. ALPHA      |
| 10. EMPLOYEES | 4. SCENARIOS  |
| 11. SAUNA     | 5. RIPER      |
| 12. ARRANGING | 6. AMOUNTING  |
| 13. SPECIFIED | 7. TREVINO    |
| 16. ICONS     | 8. DESIGNS    |
| 17. CATER     | 14. IRRITATED |
| 19. SAFEGUARD | 15. DEFLECTED |
| 22. MOUSTACHE | 17. COMEDIC   |
| 24. AMPLY     | 18. TSUNAMI   |
| 25. DRAFTIEST | 20. APPLIES   |
| 26. BEIGE     | 21. DRYNESS   |
| 27. CHILDHOOD | 23. CREDO     |
| 28. MISTS     | 24. ALBUM     |



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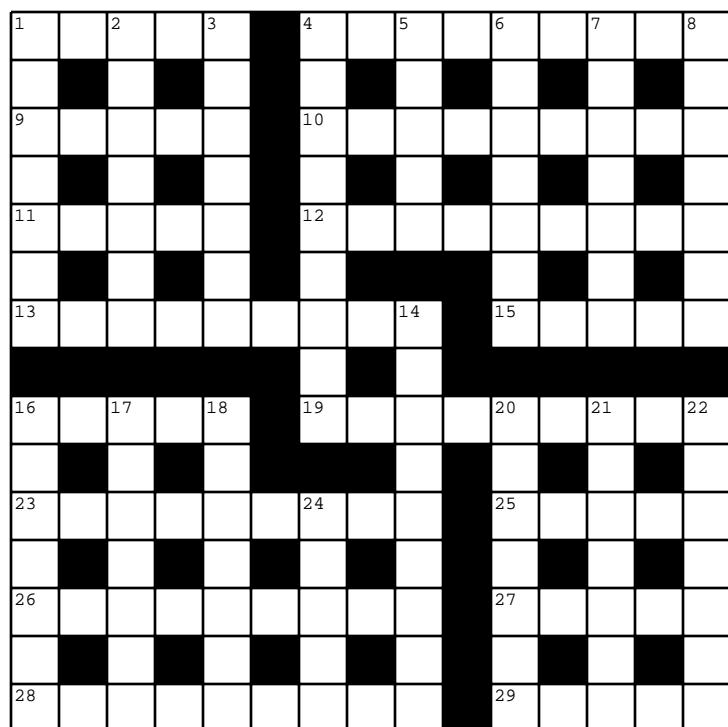
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| 1. STOIC      | 1. SARCASM   |
| 4. DISMEMBER  | 2. ORATION   |
| 9. REALM      | 3. COMPOSE   |
| 10. LUDICROUS | 4. DELTA     |
| 11. AMIGO     | 5. SEDATIVES |
| 12. ANTIDOTES | 6. ENCODED   |
| 13. MENDELEEV | 7. BOOSTER   |
| 15. DARES     | 8. RESISTS   |
| 16. CRUMB     | 14. EARTHIES |
| 19. RESERVING | 16. CRAVATS  |
| 23. ABOLISHES | 17. UTOPIAN  |
| 25. HUFFS     | 18. BRIGHTS  |
| 26. ALIGHIERI | 20. REHEATS  |
| 27. ALCOA     | 21. INFECTS  |
| 28. SINUSITIS | 22. GESTATE  |
| 29. SUSIE     | 24. SPIES    |



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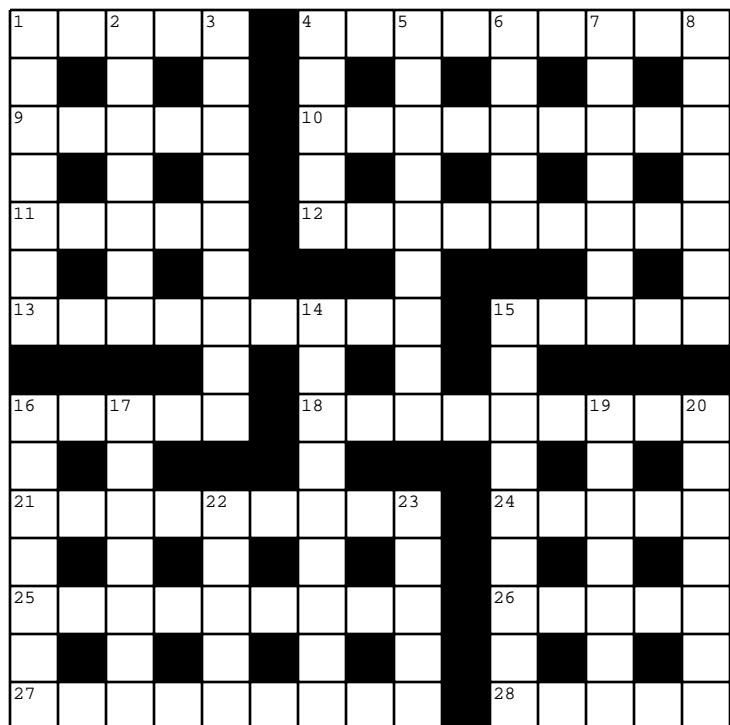
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| 4. PRINCIPLE  | 2. RAMRODS    |
| 9. MOMMA      | 3. ANALYSE    |
| 10. CANTALOUP | 4. POCKETING  |
| 11. AGONY     | 5. IONIC      |
| 12. EUCLIDEAN | 6. CLARION    |
| 13. DISBELIEF | 7. PROVERB    |
| 15. NOBLE     | 8. EXPENSE    |
| 16. ETHIC     | 14. FORMATIVE |
| 19. GARGOYLES | 16. ENGAGED   |
| 23. GONORRHEA | 17. HANKIES   |
| 25. ENNUI     | 18. CHRISTI   |
| 26. GLISSANDI | 20. OPERATE   |
| 27. ABEAM     | 21. LENIENT   |
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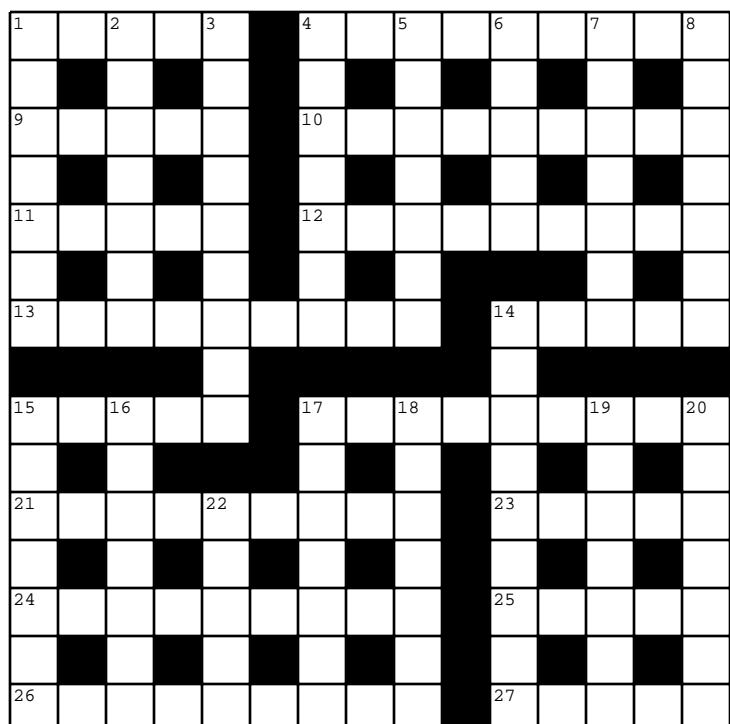
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| 4. NICKNAMES  | 2. HOTTEST    |
| 9. OUTDO      | 3. ANONYMITY  |
| 10. INAUGURAL | 4. NAIVE      |
| 11. CHEWY     | 5. CLASSICAL  |
| 12. ENSCONCED | 6. NEGRO      |
| 13. INTRINSIC | 7. MOROCCO    |
| 15. CLOSE     | 8. SPLODGE    |
| 16. FORTY     | 14. SCHMOOZES |
| 18. HELPFULLY | 15. COFFEEPOT |
| 21. ARMSTRONG | 16. FRANKEL   |
| 24. EQUAL     | 17. REMARRY   |
| 25. KARAMAZOV | 19. LOUELLA   |
| 26. POLIO     | 20. YELLOWS   |
| 27. LAYPERSON | 22. TEMPE     |
| 28. TEAKS     | 23. GIVEN     |



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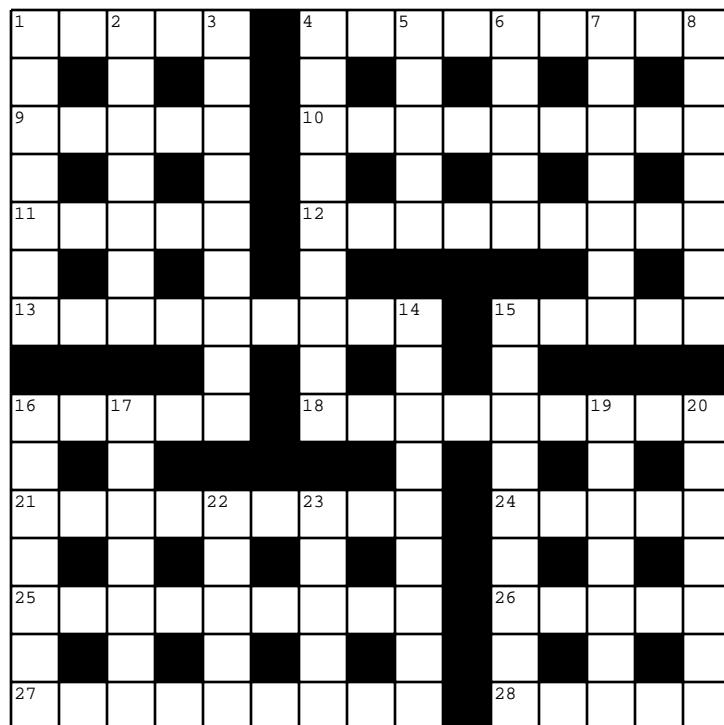
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| 4. DATABASED  | 2. REUNION    |
| 9. BLURB      | 3. PUBLISHES  |
| 10. DERRIERES | 4. DADDIES    |
| 11. ALIBI     | 5. THRILLS    |
| 12. ILLOGICAL | 6. BRING      |
| 13. SYNTHESIS | 7. SIROCCO    |
| 14. IRONY     | 8. DISPLAY    |
| 15. RACES     | 14. IMBROGLIO |
| 17. ATHABASCA | 15. RECLAIM   |
| 21. CUNNINGER | 16. CINEMAS   |
| 23. OPIUM     | 17. ANGULAR   |
| 24. ARMADILLO | 18. HARLOTS   |
| 25. LUPIN     | 19. SNIPPET   |
| 26. MASSACRES | 20. ALMANAC   |
| 27. OPTIC     | 22. INDIA     |



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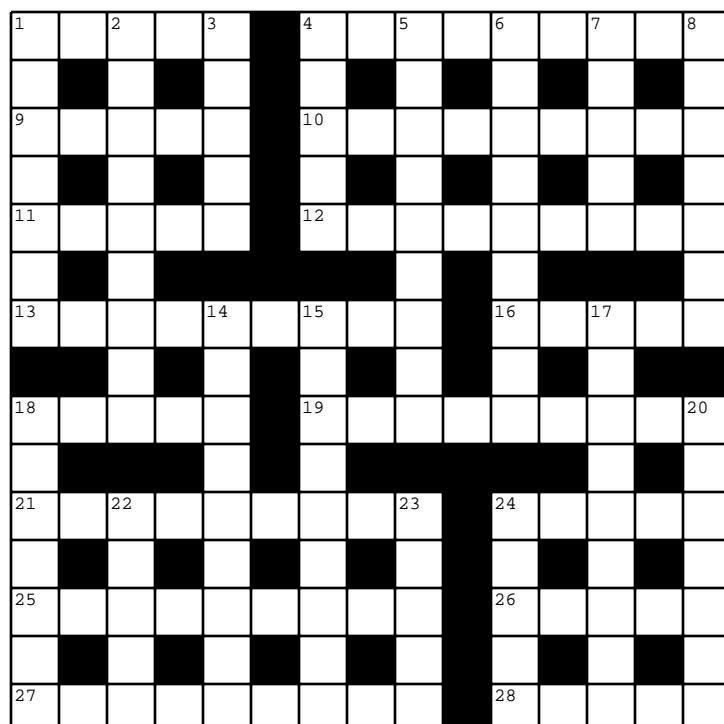
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| 4. MISERABLE  | 2. REPLICA    |
| 9. ASPEN      | 3. MENAGERIE  |
| 10. LIGATURES | 4. MILLIONTH  |
| 11. BRING     | 5. SAGAS      |
| 12. INSERTION | 6. ROTOR      |
| 13. REARRANGE | 7. BURRITO    |
| 15. GNOME     | 8. ESSENCE    |
| 16. ANGLE     | 14. EMBARRASS |
| 18. HOBNOBBED | 15. GROUNDHOG |
| 21. TRICKSTER | 16. AUTUMNS   |
| 24. NEGEV     | 17. GLIMMER   |
| 25. MEMORANDA | 19. BUGATTI   |
| 26. HATED     | 20. DIVIDES   |
| 27. SPRINKLES | 22. KORAN     |
| 28. GRIPS     | 23. TONAL     |



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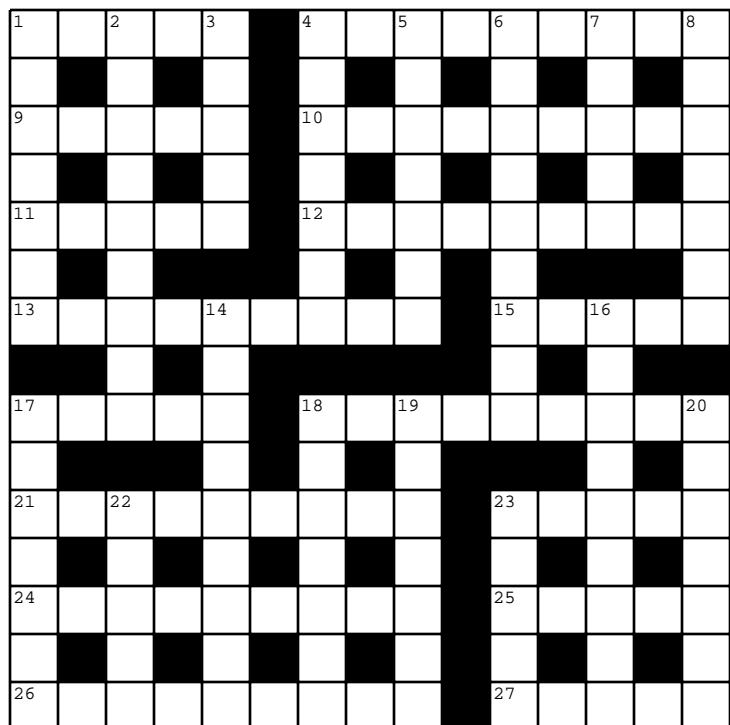
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| 4. PRODUCERS  | 2. PIGGYBACK  |
| 9. NEGEV      | 3. RIVAL      |
| 10. INCIDENCE | 4. PAINS      |
| 11. LOYAL     | 5. ORCHESTRA  |
| 12. SPEARMINT | 6. UNDERTOOK  |
| 13. NEARLIEST | 7. ENNUI      |
| 16. OARED     | 8. SWEATED    |
| 18. LIKES     | 14. LISTENING |
| 19. THANKLESS | 15. EXTRACTED |
| 21. TEMPERATE | 17. REEDUCATE |
| 24. TRUNK     | 18. LATISHA   |
| 25. SERVIETTE | 20. SUKARNO   |
| 26. BLAIR     | 22. MORAL     |
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| 28. DIEGO     | 24. TUBED     |



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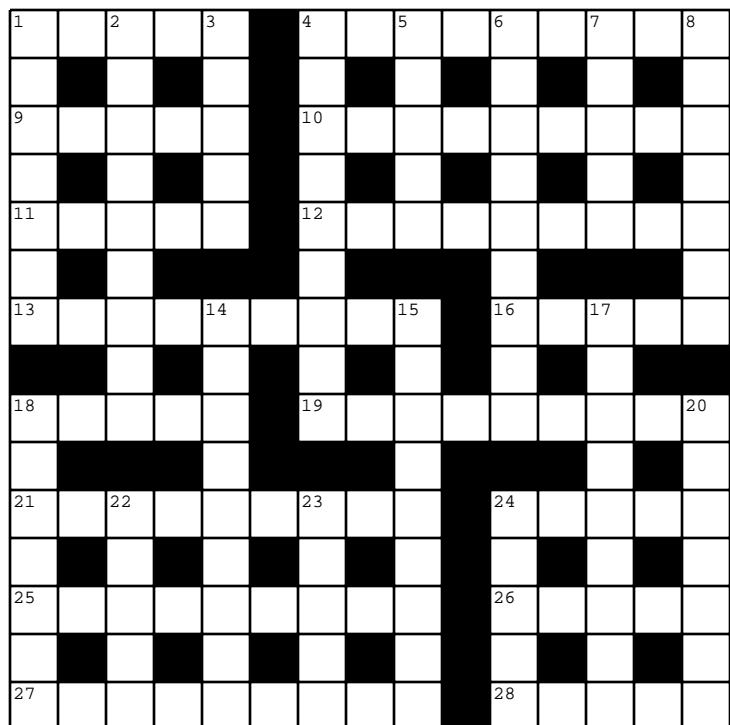
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| 4. SARCASTIC  | 2. CONTRACTS  |
| 9. BANAL      | 3. AGLOW      |
| 10. ACCOMPANY | 4. SPANGLE    |
| 11. THROW     | 5. RICHEST    |
| 12. GUERRILLA | 6. ADMIRABLE  |
| 13. DECENTEST | 7. TRAIL      |
| 15. BUSHY     | 8. CRYBABY    |
| 17. WISER     | 14. NARCOTICS |
| 18. CABLEGRAM | 16. SHRIVELED |
| 21. IMPLORING | 17. WHISTLE   |
| 23. NOVEL     | 18. CHICANO   |
| 24. TERMINATE | 19. BUGGERS   |
| 25. SOLVE     | 20. MALLETS   |
| 26. EMISSIONS | 22. PARSI     |
| 27. NODES     | 23. NISAN     |



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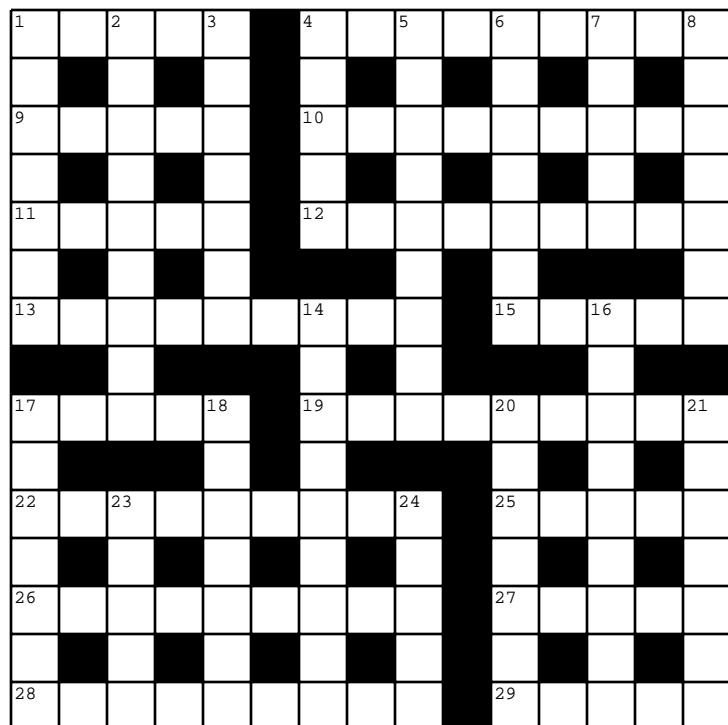
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| 4. ALGEBRAIC  | 2. RAMPAGING  |
| 9. LEMMA      | 3. BLAME      |
| 10. SHUDDERED | 4. ABSTAINED  |
| 11. IMAGE     | 5. GLUES      |
| 12. ABSCISSAE | 6. BEDRIDDEN  |
| 13. HAIRLINES | 7. ACRES      |
| 16. DECKS     | 8. CADGERS    |
| 18. EAGLE     | 14. LIEBERMAN |
| 19. DIMENSION | 15. SAMUELSON |
| 21. TRACEABLE | 17. CLIMACTIC |
| 24. GRASP     | 18. EATABLE   |
| 25. BIGAMISTS | 20. NEPHEWS   |
| 26. LITRE     | 22. ANGST     |
| 27. EXTENSION | 23. BASSI     |
| 28. NICKS     | 24. GOLAN     |



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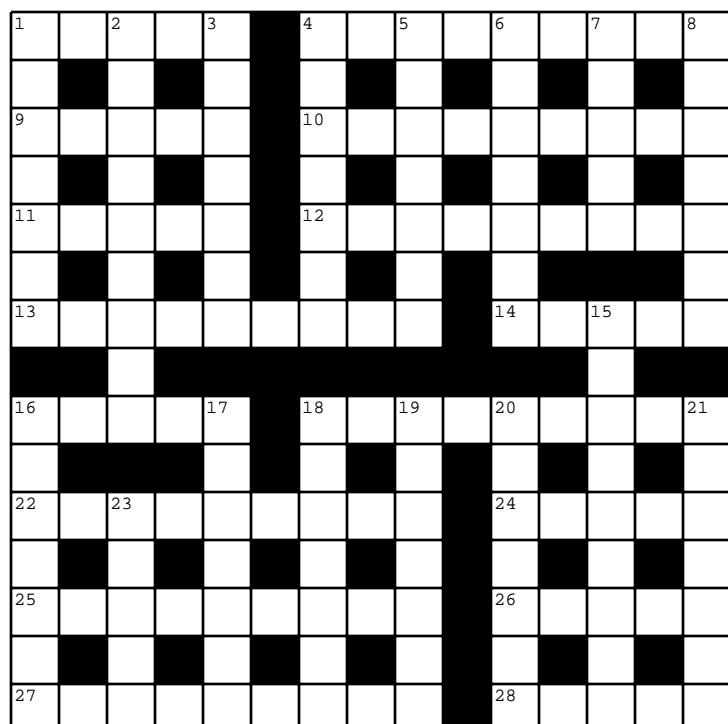
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| 1. CUBED      | 1. CADENZA    |
| 4. SIMULATED  | 2. BUNDESTAG  |
| 9. DENEBO     | 3. DEBRIEF    |
| 10. ANNOYANCE | 4. SNAFU      |
| 11. NOEMI     | 5. MANIFESTO  |
| 12. UNFOUNDED | 6. LAYOUTS    |
| 13. ARTIFACTS | 7. TONED      |
| 15. SIDED     | 8. DREADED    |
| 17. NEGRO     | 14. CONCLUDED |
| 19. NEOPHYTES | 16. DETECTION |
| 22. NIGHTCLUB | 17. NONZERO   |
| 25. BUCKS     | 18. OUTDOOR   |
| 26. EMBROIDER | 20. HOBBLED   |
| 27. LOIRE     | 21. SYSTEMS   |
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| 29. DINES     | 24. BURNS     |



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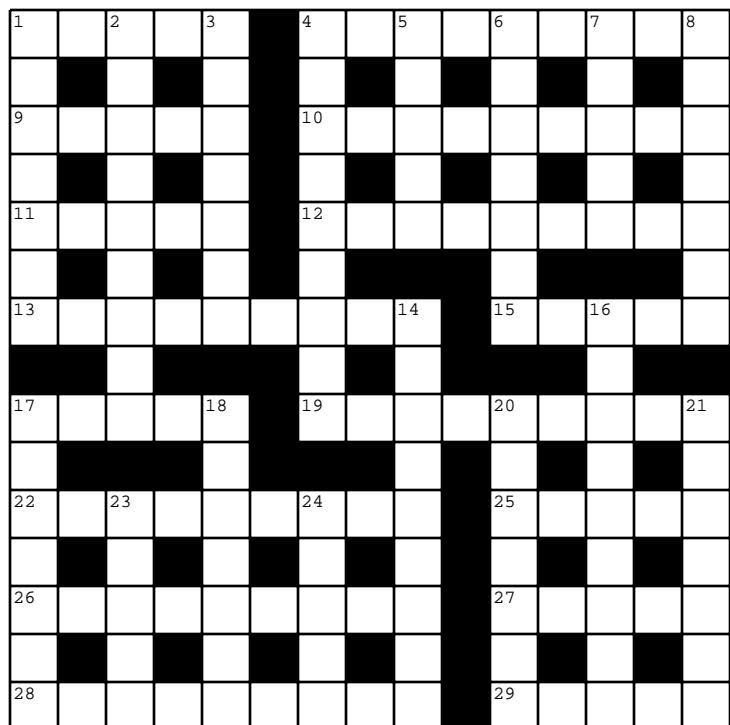
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| 4. ASCENDANT  | 2. BULLFIGHT  |
| 9. TALON      | 3. LANDSAT    |
| 10. MUTSUHITO | 4. ARMSFUL    |
| 11. TIFFS     | 5. CUTICLE    |
| 12. FICTIONAL | 6. NOURISH    |
| 13. BAGATELLE | 7. ALIEN      |
| 14. HOBBY     | 8. TROLLEY    |
| 16. ENTER     | 15. BUNDESTAG |
| 18. ABANDONED | 16. EXHIBIT   |
| 22. HAIRLINES | 17. RELIEVE   |
| 24. GLEAM     | 18. ANNUALS   |
| 25. BUDGETARY | 19. ASSAYED   |
| 26. ALTER     | 20. DOGMATA   |
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| 28. ANGER     | 23. INDIA     |



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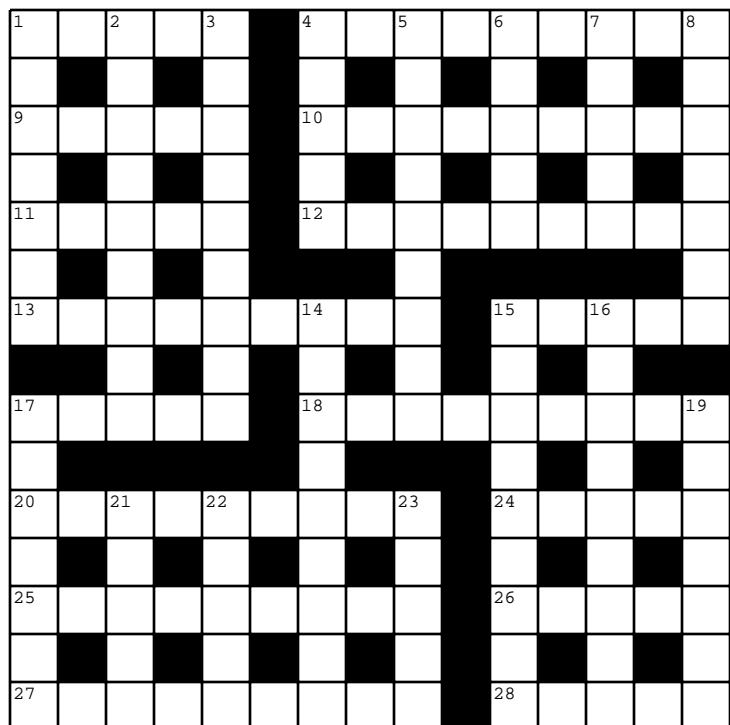
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| 1. PURGE      | 1. PAPRIKA    |
| 4. ELOPEMENT  | 2. RHINOCERI  |
| 9. PAINS      | 3. ESSAYED    |
| 10. INITIATES | 4. ENIGMATIC  |
| 11. IRONY     | 5. OMITS      |
| 12. MASTICATE | 6. ELITIST    |
| 13. ANECDOTAL | 7. EXTRA      |
| 15. TACKS     | 8. TESTERS    |
| 17. CHIPS     | 14. LULLABIES |
| 19. CELEBRATE | 16. CLASSICAL |
| 22. AUDITORIA | 17. CLASSIC   |
| 25. NASAL     | 18. SATCHEL   |
| 26. SPAGHETTI | 20. BENEFIT   |
| 27. FACES     | 21. ENLISTS   |
| 28. CONCLUDES | 23. DRAWN     |
| 29. TILES     | 24. RATED     |



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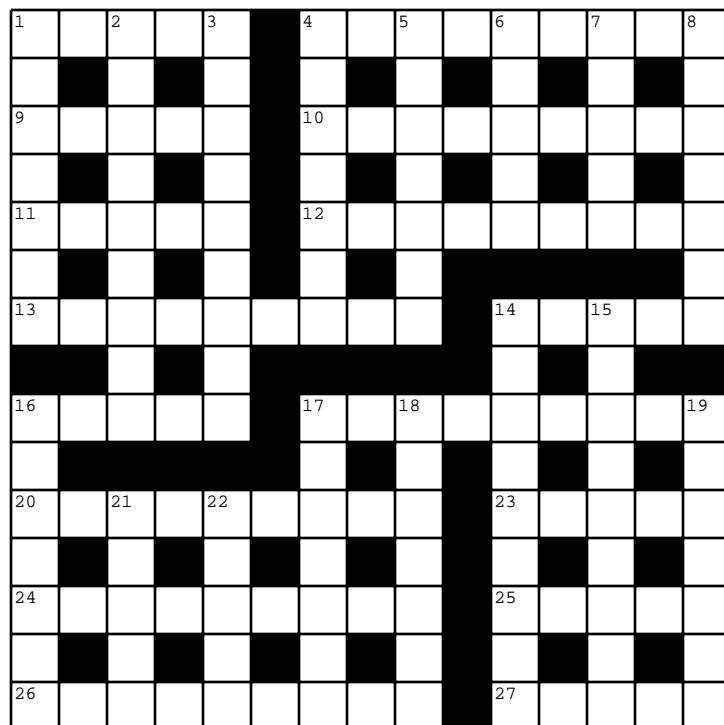
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| 4. RECTANGLE  | 2. INTERCEDE  |
| 9. OCTET      | 3. SITUATION  |
| 10. APPEASING | 4. REAMS      |
| 11. AORTA     | 5. CAPARISON  |
| 12. SERENGETI | 6. AGAIN      |
| 13. CHEMICALS | 7. GLIDE      |
| 15. BATCH     | 8. ENGLISH    |
| 17. CLEAN     | 14. ACADEMIES |
| 18. ANNOUNCES | 15. BRUNETTES |
| 20. OBSCUREST | 16. TECHNIQUE |
| 24. ENNUI     | 17. CHOICER   |
| 25. COLLISION | 19. SPIDERS   |
| 26. TOQUE     | 21. SELIM     |
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| 28. SEEKS     | 23. TENSE     |



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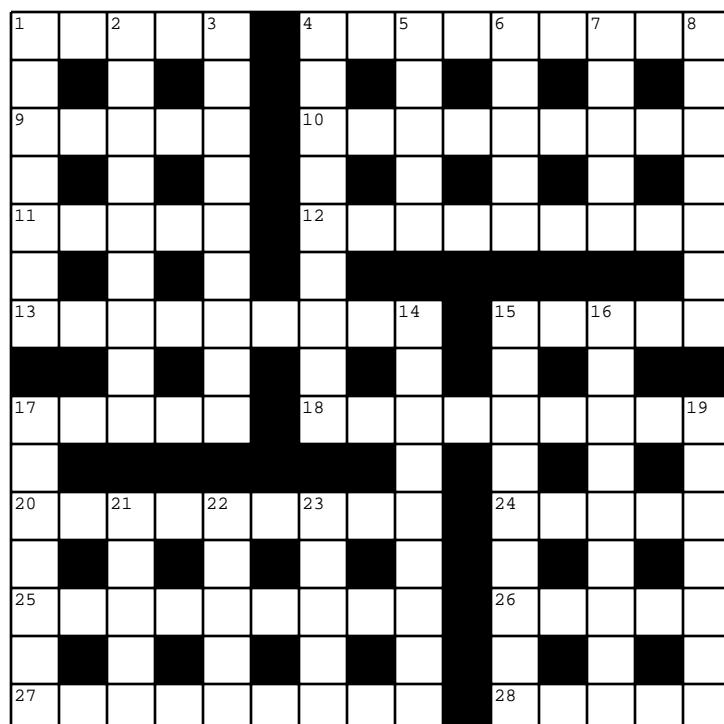
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. PRIMP      | 1. PHALLIC    |
| 4. BUTTERCUP  | 2. ISINGLASS  |
| 9. ALIBI      | 3. PRINCIPAL  |
| 10. CRESCENDO | 4. BACKING    |
| 11. LOGIC     | 5. TREMBLE    |
| 12. IMBALANCE | 6. EXCEL      |
| 13. CHAMPAGNE | 7. CANON      |
| 14. UNMAN     | 8. PROTEIN    |
| 16. NASAL     | 14. UNHAPPIER |
| 17. SPAGHETTI | 15. METHODIST |
| 20. ADULTERER | 16. NEARING   |
| 23. PROOF     | 17. SCRATCH   |
| 24. IMPLANTED | 18. ACRIDER   |
| 25. ICIER     | 19. INFERNO   |
| 26. GODFATHER | 21. UPPED     |
| 27. RATIO     | 22. TIARA     |



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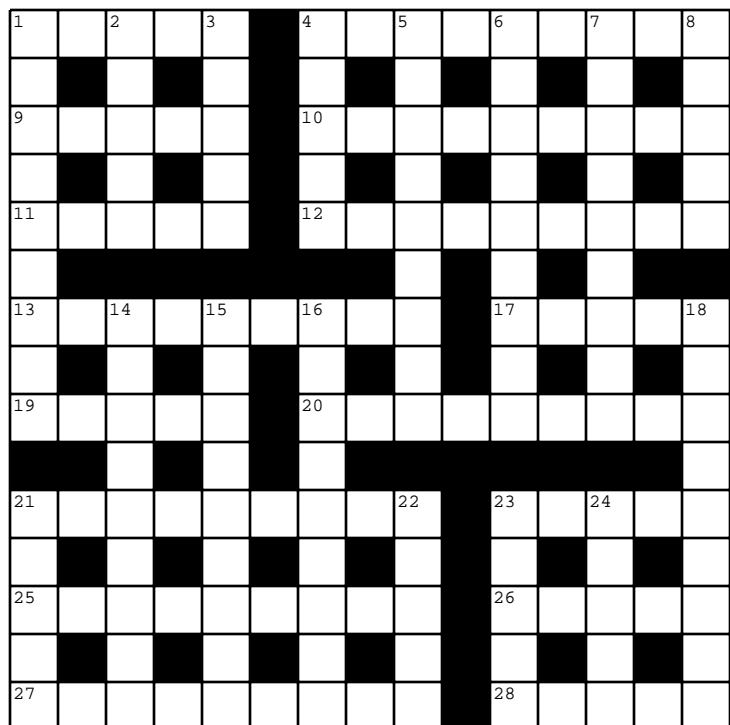
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| 4. ENERGISER  | 2. BASEMENTS  |
| 9. ISSUE      | 3. TWENTIETH  |
| 10. CATECHISM | 4. EUCALYPTI  |
| 11. ADMIT     | 5. EATEN      |
| 12. LANDOWNER | 6. GECKO      |
| 13. INNKEEPER | 7. SCION      |
| 15. ADDED     | 8. RUMORED    |
| 17. BUSCH     | 14. REDUCTION |
| 18. INDONESIA | 15. AMNESTIED |
| 20. LETHARGIC | 16. DISMISSED |
| 24. STICK     | 17. BOLOGNA   |
| 25. GLISSANDI | 19. ASKANCE   |
| 26. IBSEN     | 21. TWIST     |
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| 28. DODGE     | 23. GENII     |



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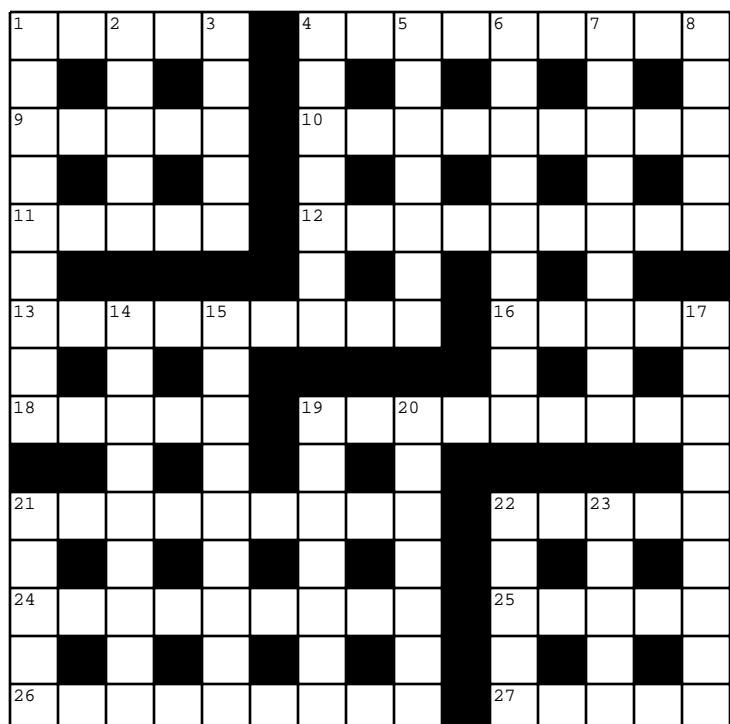
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| 4. KIDNAPPED  | 2. QUOTA      |
| 9. AROMA      | 3. EXACT      |
| 10. BACKDATED | 4. KABOB      |
| 11. CRAFT     | 5. DECATHLON  |
| 12. BATHROOMS | 6. ALDERAMIN  |
| 13. EDITORIAL | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 17. MARKS     | 8. DUDES      |
| 19. THING     | 14. INITIATES |
| 20. TENANTING | 15. ORGANISED |
| 21. SCIENTIST | 16. INTUITION |
| 23. LILLE     | 18. SEGREGATE |
| 25. ATTESTING | 21. STAIR     |
| 26. KINDA     | 22. TOGAE     |
| 27. RESIDENCE | 23. LIKED     |
| 28. DENSE     | 24. LINEN     |



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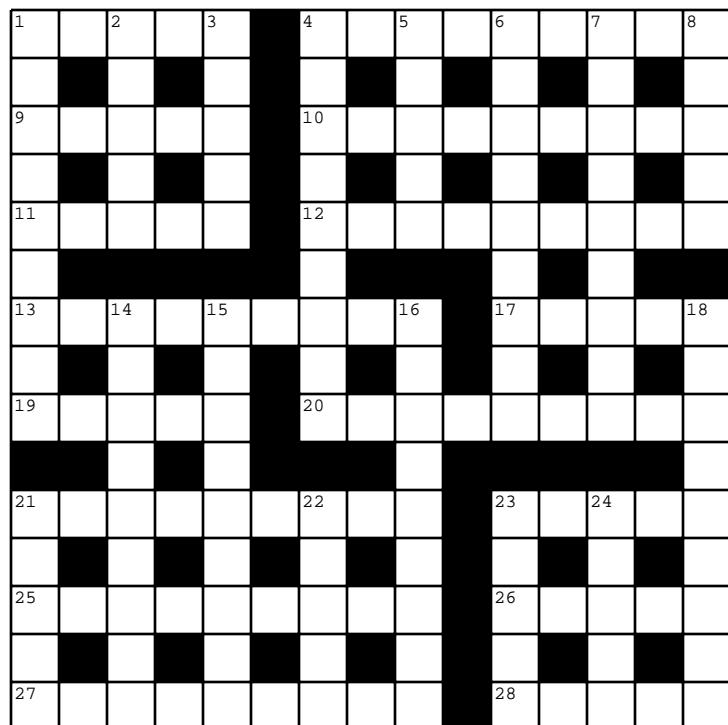
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| 4. TRANSSHIP  | 2. REMIT      |
| 9. NIMBI      | 3. WAITS      |
| 10. AGGREGATE | 4. TRACHEA    |
| 11. SITES     | 5. ANGORAS    |
| 12. HERODOTUS | 6. STEADICAM  |
| 13. OFFICIALS | 7. HEARTBURN  |
| 16. CRUMB     | 8. PRESS      |
| 18. MERGE     | 14. FORGOTTEN |
| 19. ZSIGMONDY | 15. CLEANSERS |
| 21. ABOUNDING | 17. BOYCOTTED |
| 22. RHINO     | 19. ZWINGLI   |
| 24. OUTWEIGHS | 20. INGESTS   |
| 25. CLIPT     | 21. AROMA     |
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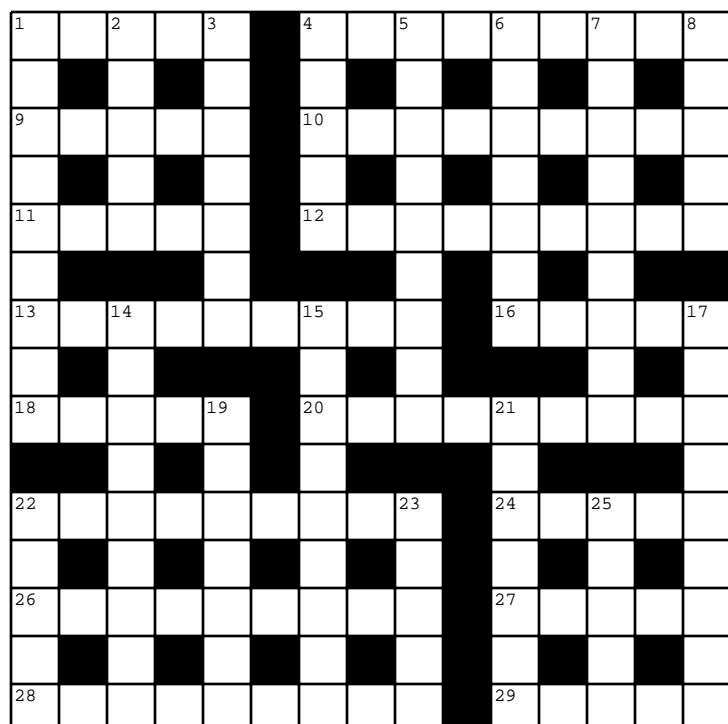
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| 4. IMPEACHED  | 2. GOING      |
| 9. TYING      | 3. ARGUE      |
| 10. UPRISINGS | 4. INUKTITUT  |
| 11. EAGLE     | 5. PURGE      |
| 12. TREVELYAN | 6. AUSTEREST  |
| 13. INHERITED | 7. HONEYCOMB  |
| 17. EPOCH     | 8. DYSON      |
| 19. GAMMA     | 14. HOMICIDES |
| 20. TIMETABLE | 15. REACTIONS |
| 21. DECATHLON | 16. DOMINICAN |
| 23. LLAMA     | 18. HIERARCHY |
| 25. VIDEODISC | 21. DAVAO     |
| 26. BASIC     | 22. LUIGI     |
| 27. OBSESSION | 23. LABOR     |
| 28. REPLY     | 24. ALSOP     |



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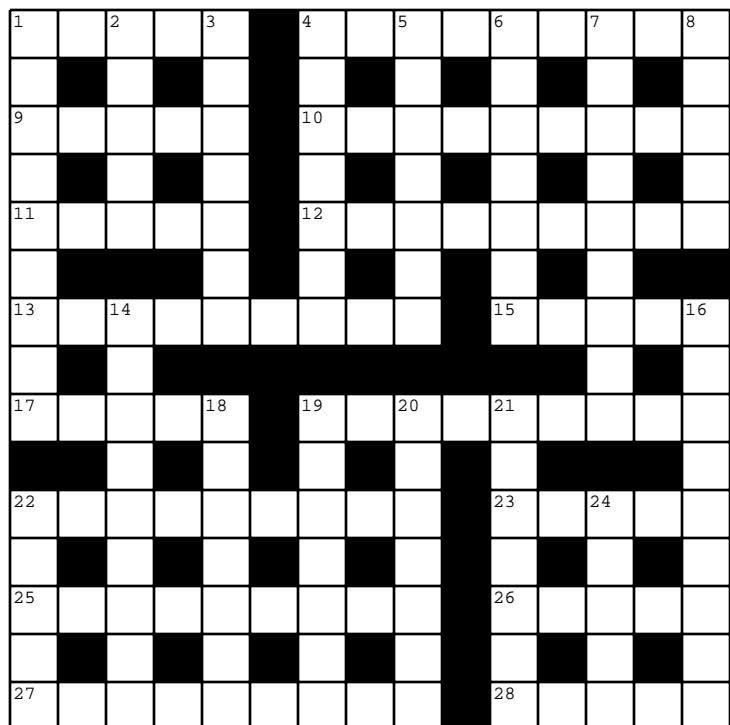
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| 4. REDESIGNS  | 2. LISTS      |
| 9. SUSHI      | 3. TWIDDLE    |
| 10. CESSATION | 4. RECTA      |
| 11. EASED     | 5. DESCENDED  |
| 12. AMETHYSTS | 6. SLASHED    |
| 13. SUCCEEDED | 7. GLISSANDI  |
| 16. DANCE     | 8. SINKS      |
| 18. DELVE     | 14. COLONIZES |
| 20. SEDUCTION | 15. DISLOCATE |
| 22. HONEYCOMB | 17. ENNOBLING |
| 24. BLURB     | 19. ELYSIAN   |
| 26. PIZZICATI | 21. COBBLER   |
| 27. LOEWI     | 22. HYPER     |
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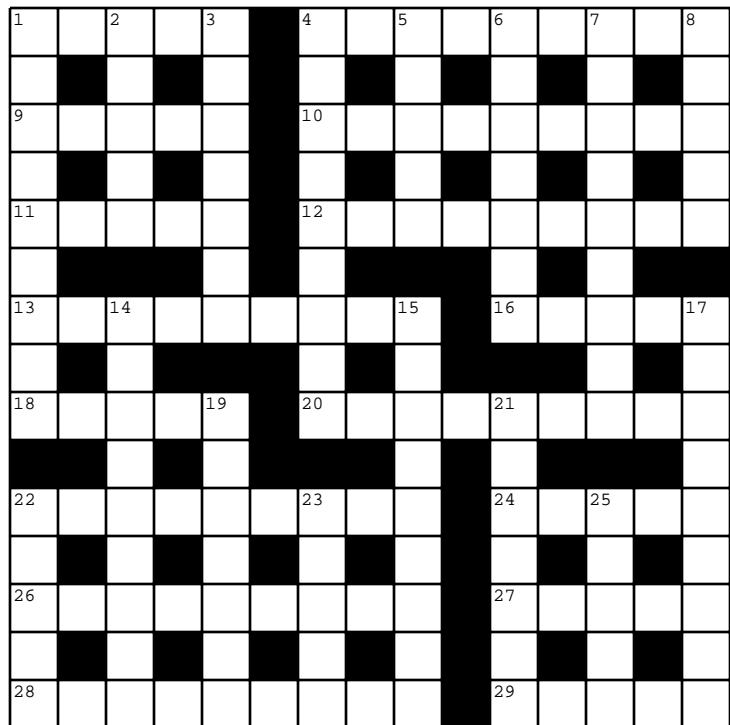
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| 1. FIFES      | 1. FORWARDED  |
| 4. RUTABAGAS  | 2. FOLIO      |
| 9. RELAY      | 3. SHYSTER    |
| 10. EVERGREEN | 4. REENTRY    |
| 11. ADOPT     | 5. TEENIER    |
| 12. TWITTERED | 6. BUGATTI    |
| 13. DESTROYER | 7. GUERRILLA  |
| 15. IGLOO     | 8. SANED      |
| 17. DUCKS     | 14. SOCIALIST |
| 19. INDIGNANT | 16. OUTGROWTH |
| 22. EVACUATES | 18. SQUALOR   |
| 23. SUGAR     | 19. INTENDS   |
| 25. MAINLANDS | 20. DESISTS   |
| 26. RENEW     | 21. GASTRIC   |
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| 28. CATCH     | 24. GENET     |



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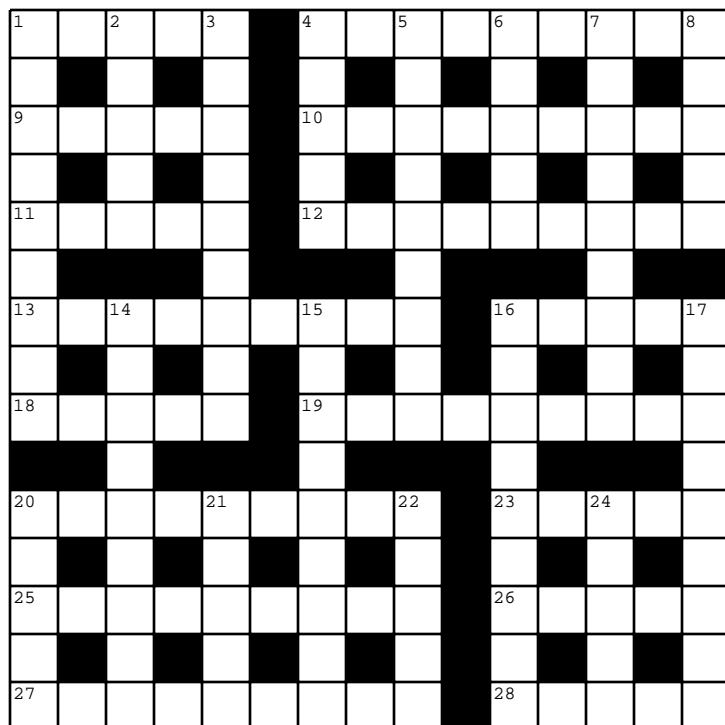
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| 4. LYRICISTS  | 2. SAUCE      |
| 9. ACUTE      | 3. DRESSES    |
| 10. TRIBUTARY | 4. LETHARGIC  |
| 11. KEEPS     | 5. RHINO      |
| 12. ABOLISHED | 6. CRUCIAL    |
| 13. ENVISAGED | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 16. LETUP     | 8. SKYED      |
| 18. DONUT     | 14. VANGUARDS |
| 20. CRUMBLIER | 15. DRUGSTORE |
| 22. GOULASHES | 17. PURCHASED |
| 24. LEACH     | 19. TRAFFIC   |
| 26. PORTFOLIO | 21. BELLHOP   |
| 27. HOOKS     | 22. GUPTA     |
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| 29. PAGED     | 25. AMONG     |



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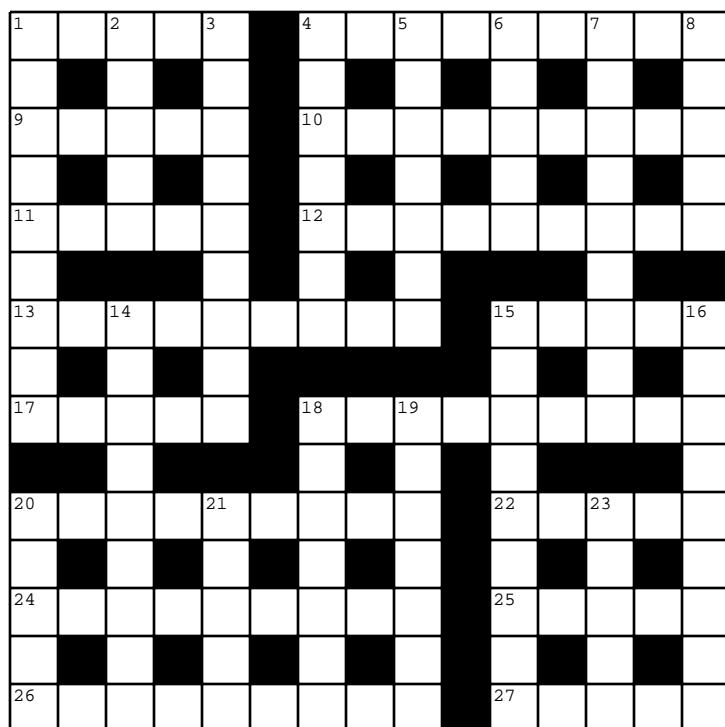
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. MOODS      | 1. MAUSOLEUM  |
| 4. TYPECASTS  | 2. OWING      |
| 9. USING      | 3. SIGHTSEER  |
| 10. PROCREATE | 4. TOPIC      |
| 11. OUGHT     | 5. PROFESSOR  |
| 12. CHERISHES | 6. CARPI      |
| 13. EPIDERMIS | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 16. BATCH     | 8. STEMS      |
| 18. METER     | 14. INTERVIEW |
| 19. MORTALITY | 15. MEMORANDA |
| 20. CORKSCREW | 16. BEARDSLEY |
| 23. DEALT     | 17. HAYSTACKS |
| 25. GLISSANDO | 20. CAGED     |
| 26. LYRIC     | 21. SISES     |
| 27. DOWNSTATE | 22. WROTE     |
| 28. YELLS     | 24. AURAL     |



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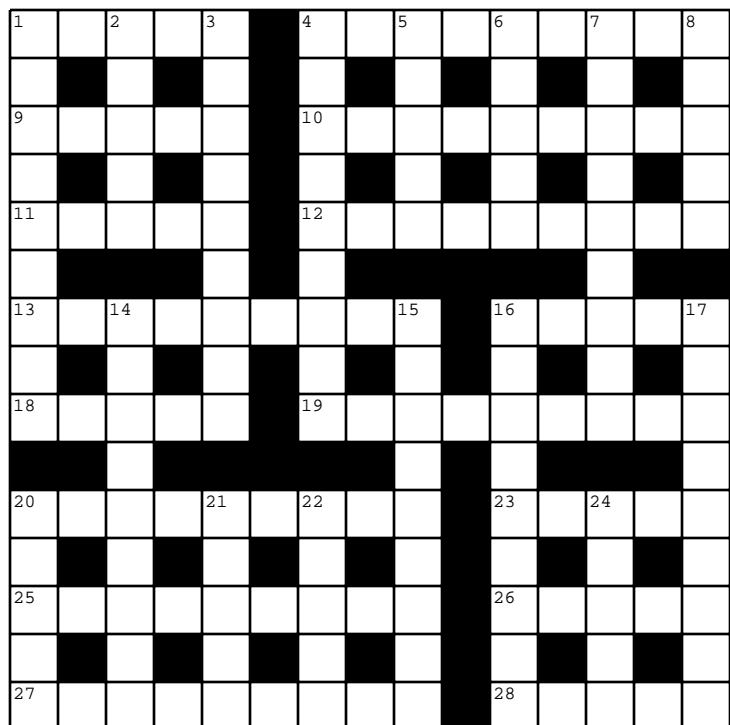
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. DROOP      | 1. DISREPAIR  |
| 4. PRACTICAL  | 2. ORLON      |
| 9. SALVO      | 3. PROFITEER  |
| 10. MAELSTROM | 4. PUMICES    |
| 11. ENNUI     | 5. AVERAGE    |
| 12. CHAMELEON | 6. TASTE      |
| 13. ADDRESSEE | 7. CORREGGIO  |
| 15. LOGIC     | 8. LEMON      |
| 17. REFER     | 14. DEFEATING |
| 18. DIPHTHONG | 15. LITTERBUG |
| 20. CRAFTSMAN | 16. CIGARETTE |
| 22. ELMER     | 18. DAMPENS   |
| 24. THIRTIETH | 19. PUNCHED   |
| 25. BEFIT     | 20. CATER     |
| 26. REGRESSED | 21. TITLE     |
| 27. GUIDE     | 23. MUFTI     |



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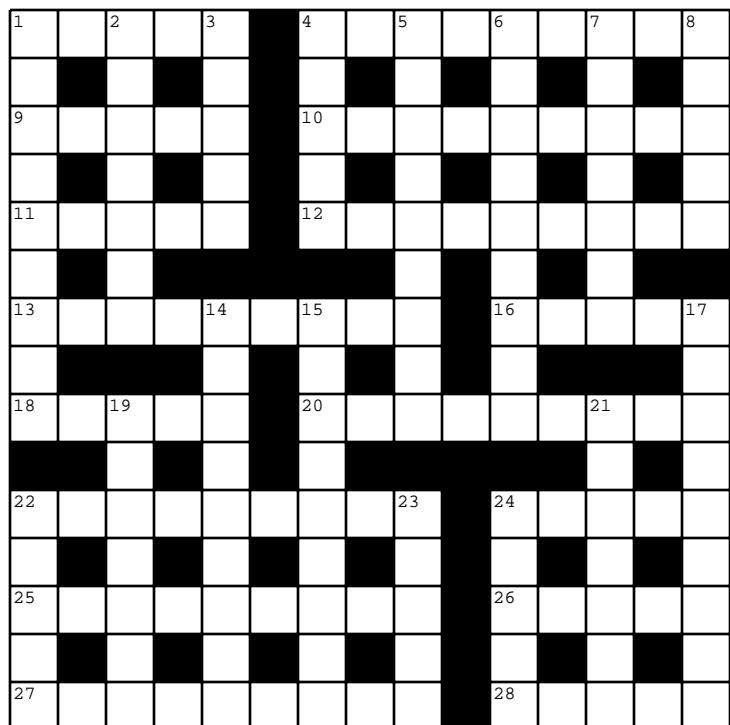
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. ALCOA      | 1. ALLAHABAD  |
| 4. DIAGNOSED  | 2. CANON      |
| 9. LINEN      | 3. ANNOUNCER  |
| 10. STEADFAST | 4. DYSPEPSIA  |
| 11. HINDU     | 5. ADELE      |
| 12. EYELASHES | 6. NADIA      |
| 13. BOOKCASES | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 16. ANTIC     | 8. DATES      |
| 18. DEFER     | 14. OFFENDERS |
| 19. ANTIQUING | 15. SATISFIED |
| 20. CONTRIVES | 16. ACQUITTAL |
| 23. INCUR     | 17. CIGARETTE |
| 25. CRESCENDI | 20. COCCI     |
| 26. TEMPT     | 21. RECTA     |
| 27. INSTALLED | 22. VINYL     |
| 28. LITRE     | 24. COMET     |



Grid #160: 5-5-5-9-9-7-5-5

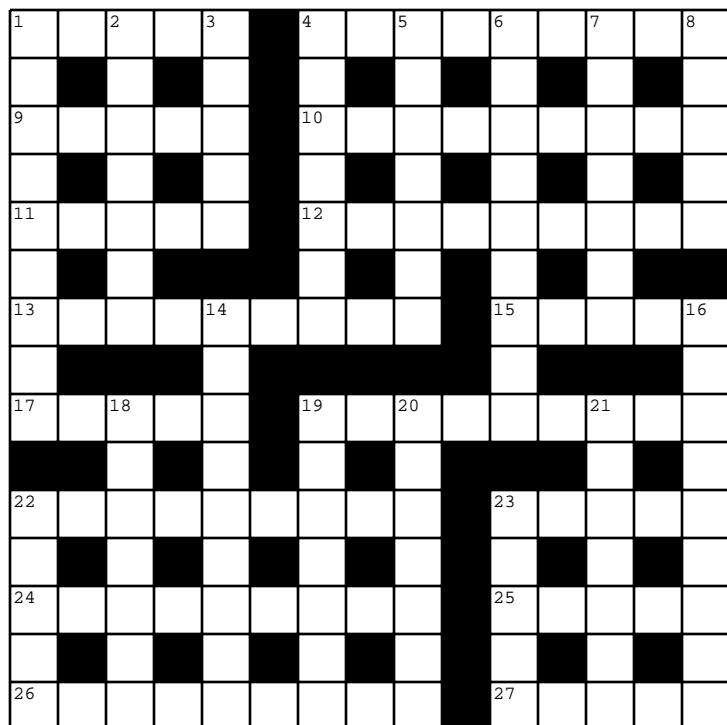
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| 1. ROMAN      | 1. RAPACIOUS  |
| 4. PROBABLES  | 2. MAUDLIN    |
| 9. PLUMB      | 3. NOBLE      |
| 10. NEGATIVED | 4. PANIC      |
| 11. CALVE     | 5. ORGANISER  |
| 12. CONSPIRED | 6. ANTIPASTO  |
| 13. OBNOXIOUS | 7. LEVERED    |
| 16. SIDES     | 8. SIDED      |
| 18. SPELL     | 14. XYLOPHONE |
| 20. FORGOTTEN | 15. OFFSPRING |
| 22. SANDPAPER | 17. SENSATION |
| 24. COBRA     | 19. EUNUCHS   |
| 25. ANCHOVIES | 21. TABLING   |
| 26. ALIBI     | 22. STAMP     |
| 27. PASSENGER | 23. RISER     |
| 28. ARGON     | 24. CLARA     |



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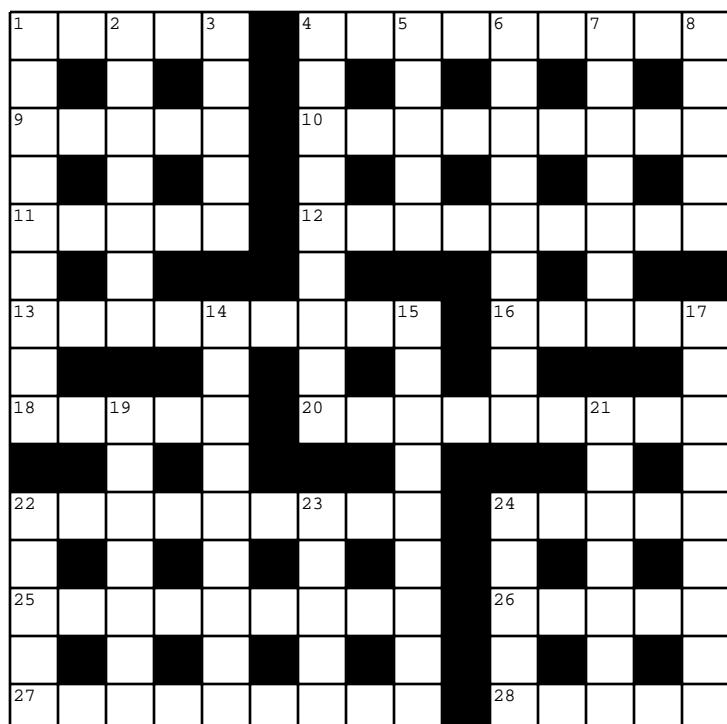
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. ETHIC      | 1. ENDEAVOUR  |
| 4. CABLECAST  | 2. HOORAYS    |
| 9. DHOTI      | 3. CHILD      |
| 10. LOLLIPOPS | 4. CALCULI    |
| 11. AWARD     | 5. BULLDOG    |
| 12. UNDERRATE | 6. EMIGRANTS  |
| 13. OBSERVING | 7. ANORAKS    |
| 15. NOSES     | 8. TASTE      |
| 17. ROUTE     | 14. REEDUCATE |
| 19. SHIPSHAPE | 16. SCENARIOS |
| 22. CIRCULARS | 18. UPRIGHT   |
| 23. PHYLA     | 19. SWAHILI   |
| 24. SIGNALING | 20. INSIGHT   |
| 25. NIMBI     | 21. ABYSMAL   |
| 26. EXTREMIST | 22. CASTE     |
| 27. HOLDS     | 23. PINCH     |



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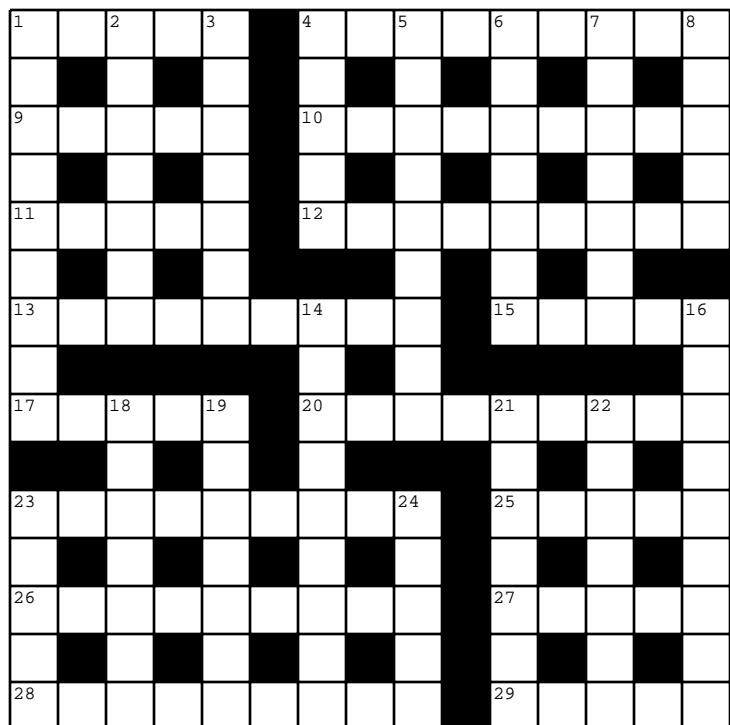
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| 4. POTENTIAL  | 2. KAYAKED    |
| 9. STYLI      | 3. EVILS      |
| 10. LITIGATED | 4. PALEOZOIC  |
| 11. MAKES     | 5. TITLE      |
| 12. OVERTAKEN | 6. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 13. LUDICROUS | 7. INTAKES    |
| 16. LASTS     | 8. LADEN      |
| 18. ROUGH     | 14. COHERENCE |
| 20. CRUMBLIER | 15. SOUNDNESS |
| 22. INHERITED | 17. STRETCHES |
| 24. DEPOT     | 19. UNHEARD   |
| 25. DRAINPIPE | 21. IMPOUND   |
| 26. BRUSH     | 22. INDIA     |
| 27. ADDRESSES | 23. TRIPS     |
| 28. SIDES     | 24. DEBTS     |



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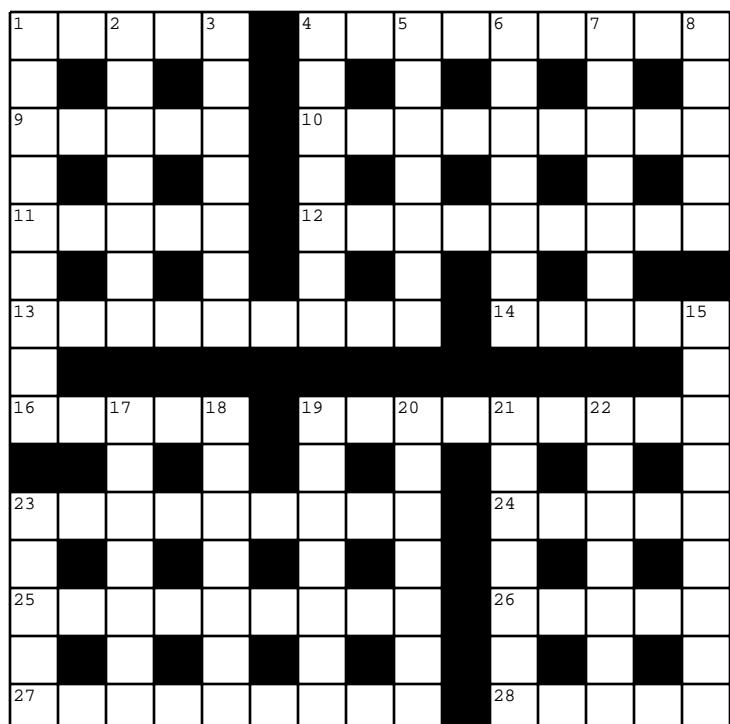
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| 1. LILAC      | 1. LANGUAGES  |
| 4. ADMIRABLY  | 2. LATVIAN    |
| 9. NITER      | 3. CORNEAL    |
| 10. COMMITTEE | 4. ALCOA      |
| 11. UNITE     | 5. MEMBRANES  |
| 12. AIRLIFTED | 6. RAINIER    |
| 13. GENTLEMAN | 7. BATHTUB    |
| 15. RABID     | 8. YIELD      |
| 17. STOIC     | 14. MEASURING |
| 20. AESTHETIC | 16. DECREASED |
| 23. SOURDOUGH | 18. OVULATE   |
| 25. RUBLE     | 19. CADUCEI   |
| 26. ANARCHISM | 21. HERETIC   |
| 27. TACKS     | 22. TOBACCO   |
| 28. SEEMINGLY | 23. SEALS     |
| 29. CLOUD     | 24. HOMEY     |



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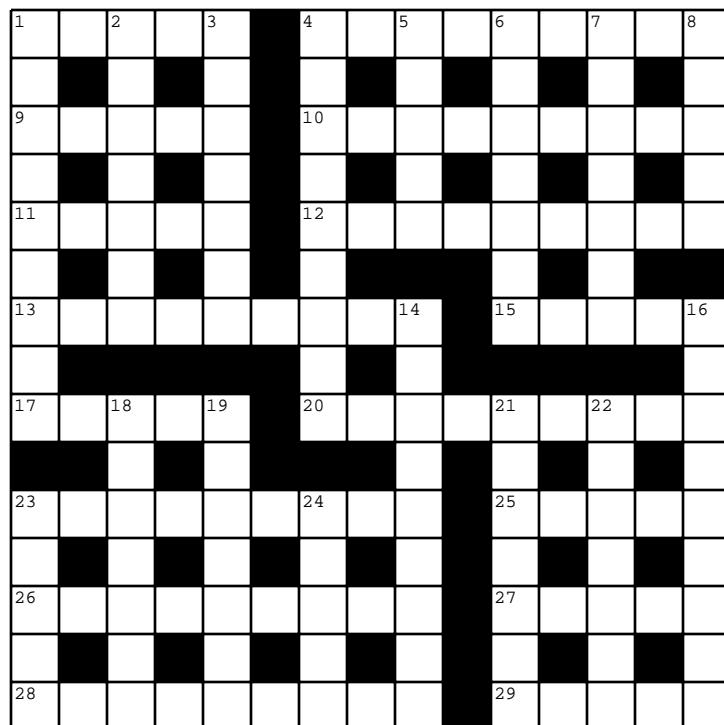
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| 1. PEACE      | 1. PROSECUTE  |
| 4. ATROCIOUS  | 2. ANDIRON    |
| 9. OLDER      | 3. EARSHOT    |
| 10. UNMANNING | 4. AQUIFER    |
| 11. EARTH     | 5. REMOVAL    |
| 12. FAVOURITE | 6. CENTURY    |
| 13. UNNATURAL | 7. OLIVIER    |
| 14. YARDS     | 8. SEGUE      |
| 16. EARLY     | 15. SAGEBRUSH |
| 19. ACTIONING | 17. REVENGE   |
| 23. CAVALCADE | 18. YELLING   |
| 24. THROB     | 19. ANAHEIM   |
| 25. MANLINESS | 20. TREASON   |
| 26. AMARU     | 21. OUTBACK   |
| 27. CLERGYMAN | 22. INROADS   |
| 28. KUSCH     | 23. COMIC     |



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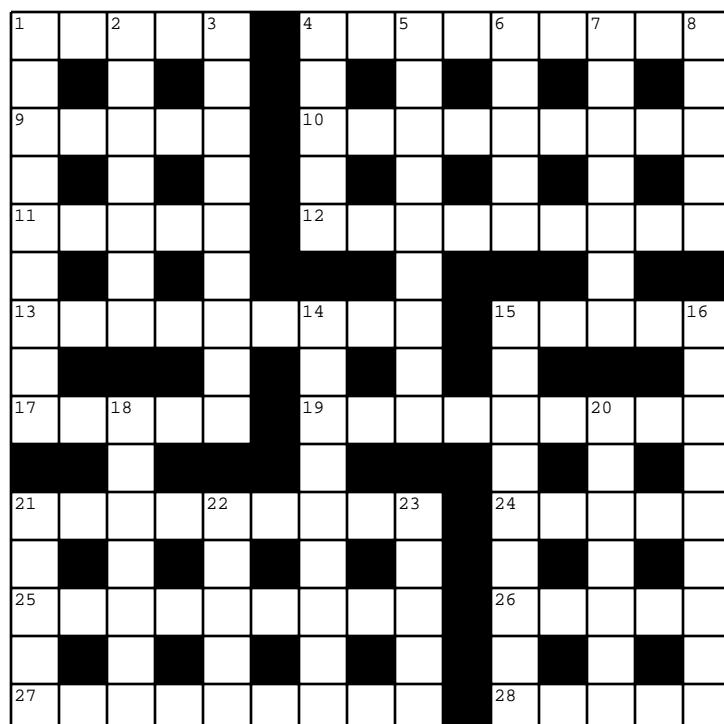
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| 1. EKING      | 1. ENVELOPED  |
| 4. AESTHETIC  | 2. IGNITES    |
| 9. VENOM      | 3. GUMDROP    |
| 10. UNDERLIES | 4. ABUNDANCE  |
| 11. LATER     | 5. SEDAN      |
| 12. DUNGEONED | 6. HERSELF    |
| 13. POSTPONED | 7. THINNER    |
| 15. FORMS     | 8. CASED      |
| 17. DEBTS     | 14. DRUMSTICK |
| 20. EQUIPMENT | 16. SITUATION |
| 23. STOWAWAYS | 18. BRONCHI   |
| 25. NUBIA     | 19. SWALLOW   |
| 26. EUCALYPTI | 21. PENISES   |
| 27. STYLI     | 22. EMBRYOS   |
| 28. SHIPWRECK | 23. SHEDS     |
| 29. SUSAN     | 24. AMPLE     |



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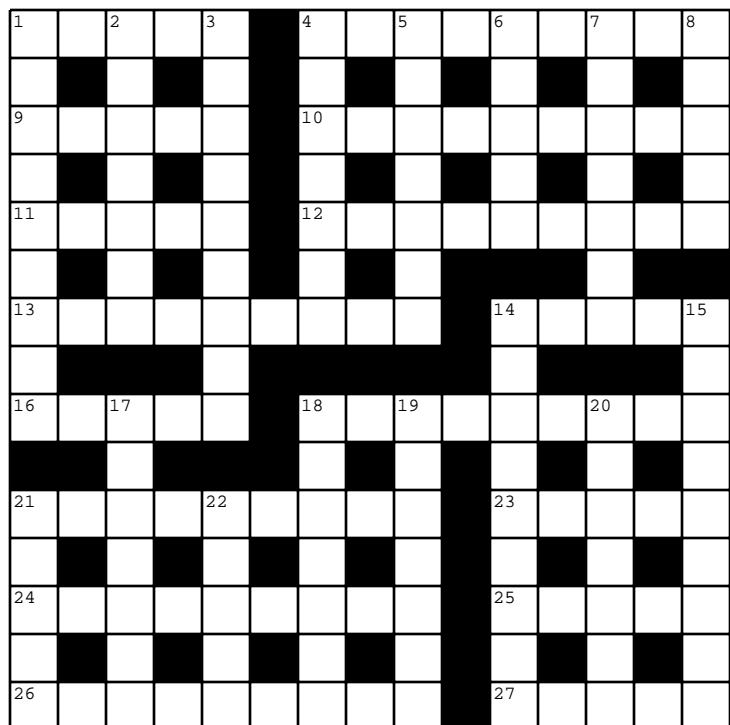
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| 4. ONIONSKIN  | 2. PERTURB    |
| 9. OGRES      | 3. DYSLEXICS  |
| 10. SATURATED | 4. ONSET      |
| 11. REUSE     | 5. INTRINSIC  |
| 12. TSITSIHAR | 6. NARCS      |
| 13. PUBLISHES | 7. KETCHUP    |
| 15. PEPSI     | 8. NUDE       |
| 17. YEARS     | 14. HALEAKALA |
| 19. LACERATED | 15. PAROCHIAL |
| 21. BRAINWASH | 16. INDECENCY |
| 24. COMIC     | 18. ANASAZI   |
| 25. AMATERASU | 20. TOMCATS   |
| 26. ICAHN     | 21. BLAIR     |
| 27. REITERATE | 22. NIECE     |
| 28. LUSTY     | 23. HOUSE     |



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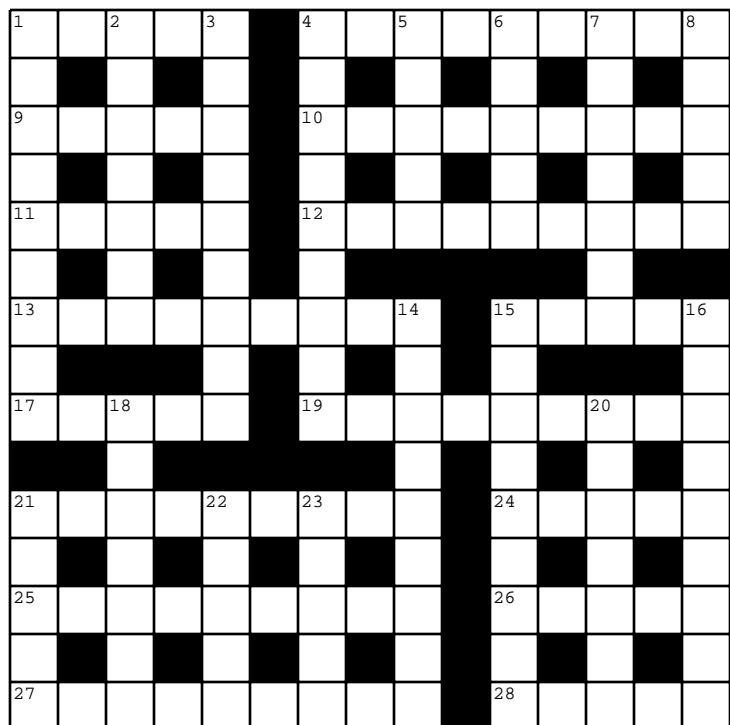
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| 1. NABOB      | 1. NORMALITY  |
| 4. SOMETIMES  | 2. BAPTISM    |
| 9. REPLY      | 3. BOYCOTTED  |
| 10. IMBECILES | 4. SCISSOR    |
| 11. AMIGO     | 5. MOBILES    |
| 12. SALESGIRL | 6. TACKS      |
| 13. IMMATURES | 7. MILLION    |
| 14. ENNUI     | 8. SISAL      |
| 16. YIELD     | 14. EMINENCES |
| 18. RETRIEVED | 15. INDELIBLE |
| 21. STIFFENER | 17. EDITING   |
| 23. ENROL     | 18. RUNDOWN   |
| 24. AGITATORS | 19. THRUSTS   |
| 25. CLIMB     | 20. VERTIGO   |
| 26. MAGAZINES | 21. SPASM     |
| 27. SWORE     | 22. FRANZ     |



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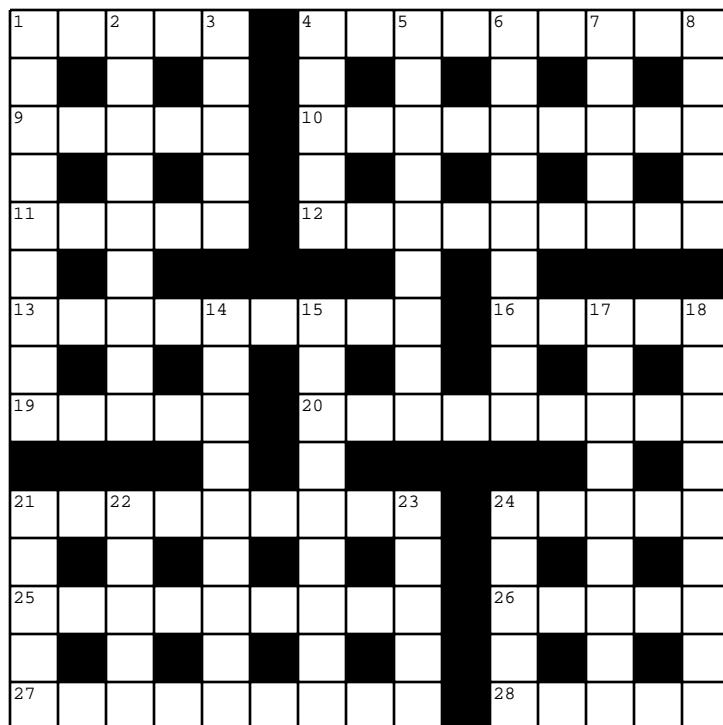
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. BAHIA      | 1. BANKRUPTS  |
| 4. ENCIRCLES  | 2. HIBACHI    |
| 9. NABOB      | 3. AMBIENCES  |
| 10. COMEDIANS | 4. EUCALYPTI  |
| 11. ROCHE     | 5. COMET      |
| 12. LITERALLY | 6. RADAR      |
| 13. PRINCIPLE | 7. LEAFLET    |
| 15. CITED     | 8. SASSY      |
| 17. SCABS     | 14. ESSENTIAL |
| 19. INSTRUCTS | 15. CORKSCREW |
| 21. CHANGCHUN | 16. DESCRIBES |
| 24. STEER     | 18. ARACELI   |
| 25. CRESCENDI | 20. CHEKHOV   |
| 26. REHAB     | 21. COCKS     |
| 27. SPIRITUAL | 22. GUCCI     |
| 28. WIVES     | 23. HINDU     |



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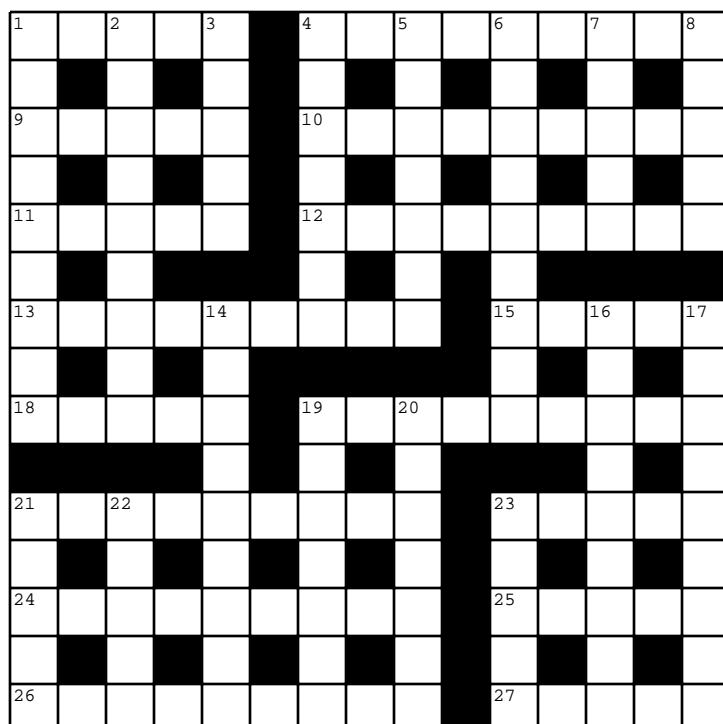
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. REFER      | 1. RECOLLECT  |
| 4. BUFFALOES  | 2. FORBIDDEN  |
| 9. CARDS      | 3. RESTS      |
| 10. NEURALGIA | 4. BONED      |
| 11. LAIRS     | 5. FLUTTERED  |
| 12. DETRACTED | 6. AVALANCHE  |
| 13. ENDEAVOUR | 7. OUGHT      |
| 16. CHEEP     | 8. STAND      |
| 19. TONES     | 14. ABSORBING |
| 20. ENDLESSLY | 15. OPERATION |
| 21. HIBERNATE | 17. ECSTASIES |
| 24. QUASI     | 18. PHYSICALS |
| 25. ROUTINIZE | 21. HORDE     |
| 26. ANITA     | 22. BRUTE     |
| 27. EMERGENCY | 23. ENEMY     |
| 28. LASTS     | 24. QUAIL     |



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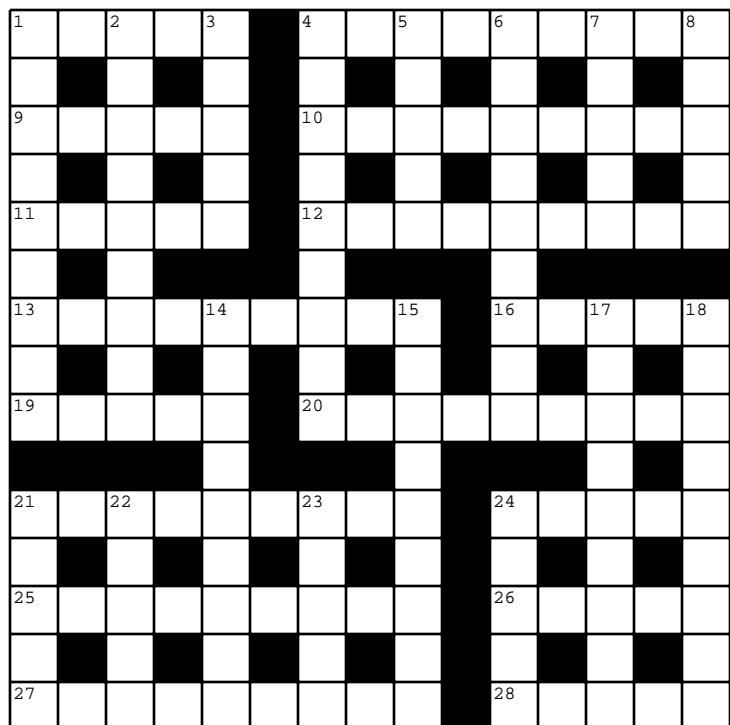
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| 4. DIOCESANS  | 2. WONDERFUL  |
| 9. RENDS      | 3. SISES      |
| 10. SKETCHIER | 4. DASHIKI    |
| 11. OBEYS     | 5. OVERSEE    |
| 12. INSULTING | 6. EUCALYPTI  |
| 13. INFANTILE | 7. ALIBI      |
| 15. POWER     | 8. SHRUG      |
| 18. ALLOW     | 14. NEWSPAPER |
| 19. CADDIEING | 16. WEIGHTIER |
| 21. RECAPTURE | 17. REGARDING |
| 23. OTHER     | 19. CRUNCHY   |
| 24. BACKPACKS | 20. DRESSER   |
| 25. LUIGI     | 21. RABID     |
| 26. DESTROYER | 22. COCKS     |
| 27. SPRIG     | 23. OGLES     |



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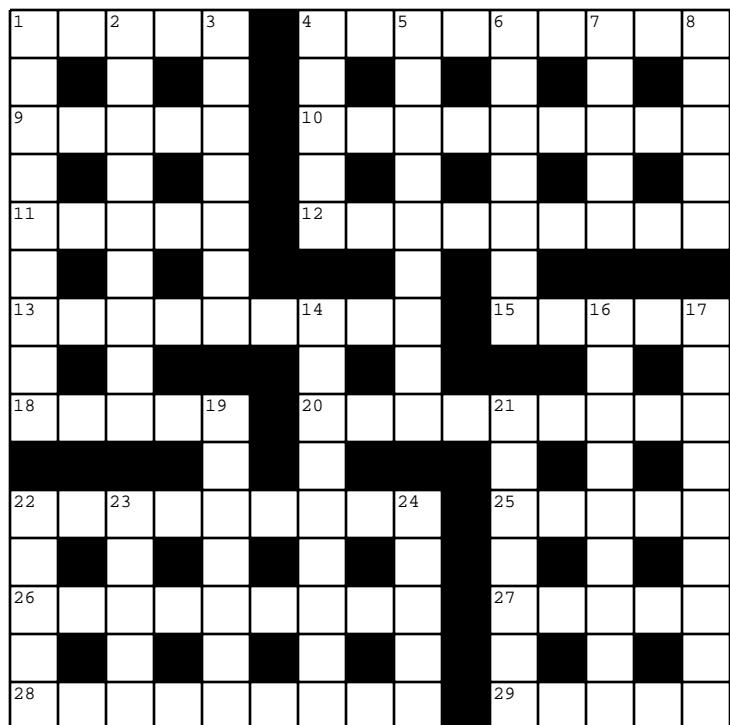
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. CAKES      | 1. CLERGYMEN  |
| 4. DOWNFALLS  | 2. KARAMAZOV  |
| 9. ERRED      | 3. SEDER      |
| 10. SCROUNGED | 4. DISBELIEF  |
| 11. GAMER     | 5. WORST      |
| 12. EXTRACTED | 6. FEUDALISM  |
| 13. MEZZANINE | 7. LIGHT      |
| 16. ICONS     | 8. SIDED      |
| 19. NEVER     | 14. AEROSPACE |
| 20. FLAMMABLE | 15. EJACULATE |
| 21. TROUSSEAU | 17. OMBUDSMAN |
| 24. MEDAL     | 18. SMELLIEST |
| 25. NOSTALGIA | 21. TENET     |
| 26. LEMME     | 22. OLSEN     |
| 27. TENNESSEE | 23. EDGES     |
| 28. DONUT     | 24. MULED     |



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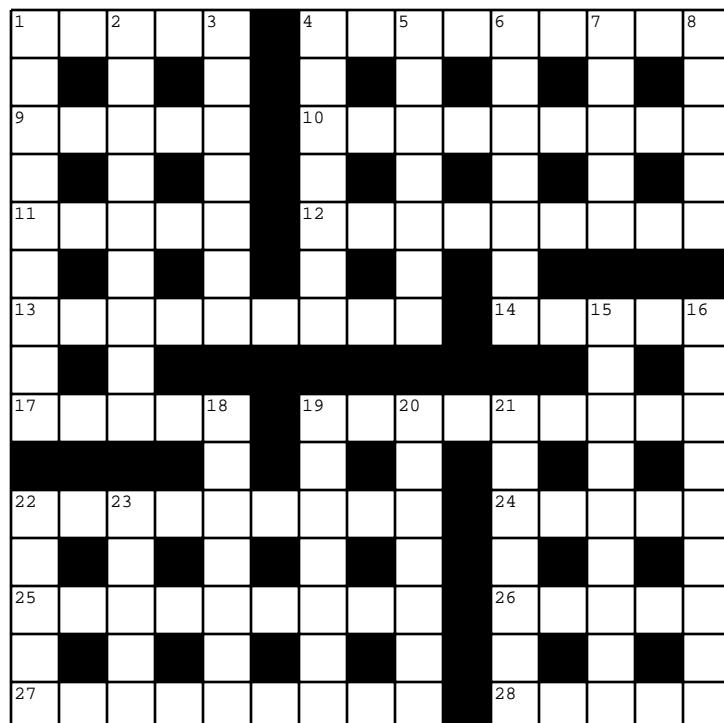
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| 1. MAMBO      | 1. MACINTOSH  |
| 4. NAKEDNESS  | 2. MEMORANDA  |
| 9. COMET      | 3. OUTWEAR    |
| 10. ENDEARING | 4. NEEDS      |
| 11. NURSE     | 5. KIDNAPPED  |
| 12. STATEMENT | 6. DEALERS    |
| 13. OWNERSHIP | 7. EXILE      |
| 15. SAMES     | 8. SIGHT      |
| 18. HEAVY     | 14. HOBOGLIN  |
| 20. BEDRIDDEN | 16. MEDALLIST |
| 22. LISSAJOUS | 17. SANDSTORM |
| 25. PULLS     | 19. YEARNED   |
| 26. SPRINKLED | 21. IMPOSED   |
| 27. SEIKO     | 22. LOSER     |
| 28. RESIDENTS | 23. SORTS     |
| 29. DATUM     | 24. SIDES     |



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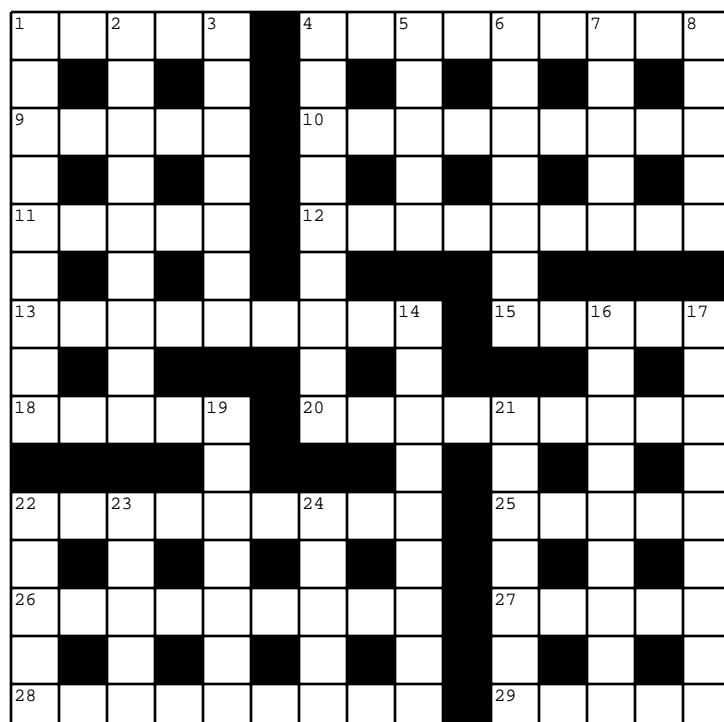
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. EMBED      | 1. EMPHYSEMA  |
| 4. ALBANIANS  | 2. BLEARIES   |
| 9. PIECE      | 3. DRESSER    |
| 10. ACTIVATES | 4. ANALYST    |
| 11. YARNS     | 5. BETIDED    |
| 12. YODELLERS | 6. NOVELLA    |
| 13. EXECRATED | 7. ARTIE      |
| 14. APPLE     | 8. SISES      |
| 17. ALTAR     | 15. PREDICTOR |
| 19. DAUGHTERS | 16. ESSAYISTS |
| 22. JEANNETTE | 18. RANCHER   |
| 24. LAITY     | 19. DETOURS   |
| 25. FAITHFULS | 20. UTENSIL   |
| 26. DATES     | 21. HOLIDAY   |
| 27. YGGDRASIL | 22. JIFFY     |
| 28. YARDS     | 23. ACING     |



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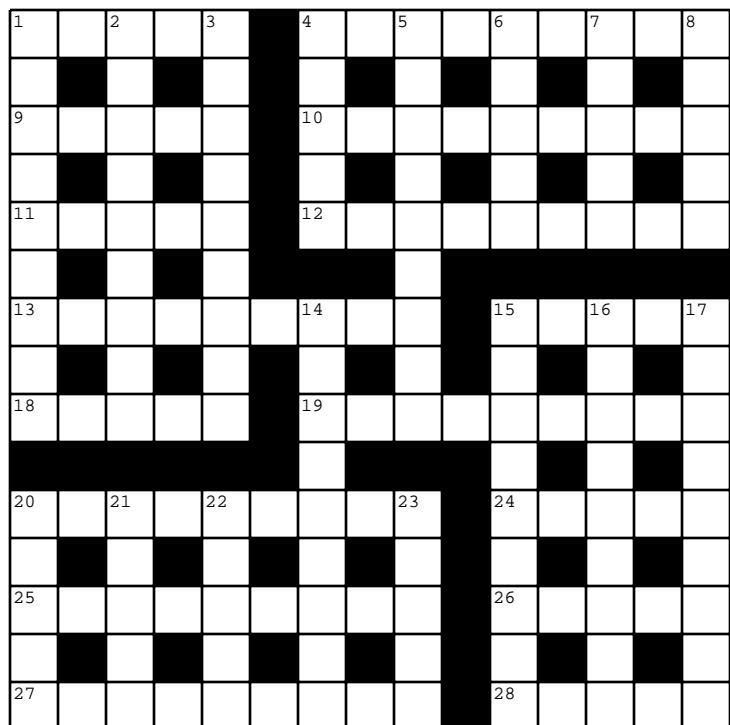
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| 1. SIGNS      | 1. SHADOWIER  |
| 4. ABSCONDED  | 2. GEOMETRIC  |
| 9. AMOUR      | 3. SERVANT    |
| 10. RELATIONS | 4. ACROBATIC  |
| 11. OMEGA     | 5. SALTS      |
| 12. BASEMENTS | 6. OPTIMAL    |
| 13. IRRITATED | 7. DROWN      |
| 15. LITRE     | 8. DOSES      |
| 18. RACED     | 14. DAUGHTERS |
| 20. CRUSADING | 16. TRIATHLON |
| 22. TELEGRAPH | 17. ENGROSSED |
| 25. MOTTO     | 19. DIGGING   |
| 26. COMMINGLE | 21. ADMIRAL   |
| 27. ROLES     | 22. TACKS     |
| 28. STRUGGLES | 23. LAMER     |
| 29. LINED     | 24. ANGEL     |



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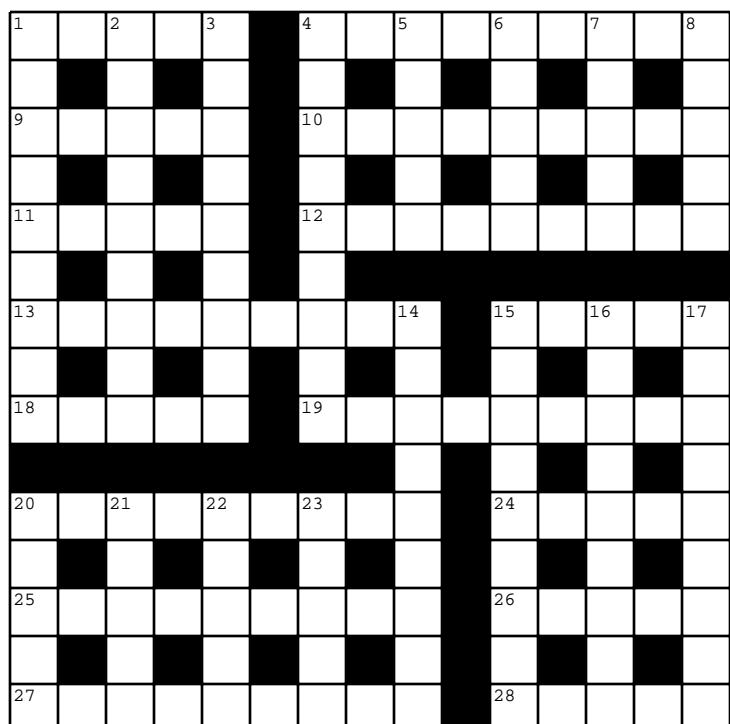
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| 4. BOOKSTORE  | 2. BLESSEDER  |
| 9. SHERI      | 3. TRICYCLED  |
| 10. INSERTING | 4. BRIEF      |
| 11. ESSAY     | 5. OBSERVERS  |
| 12. FORETASTE | 6. STRUT      |
| 13. INDELIBLE | 7. OMITS      |
| 15. MIAMI     | 8. EAGLE      |
| 18. FIRED     | 14. BARBECUED |
| 19. RESOURCED | 15. MOULDIES  |
| 20. COCKINESS | 16. AUCTIONED |
| 24. DOING     | 17. INDIGNITY |
| 25. MANNEQUIN | 20. COMIC     |
| 26. ENNUI     | 21. CANON     |
| 27. CONCLUDES | 22. IDEAL     |
| 28. TODAY     | 23. SINGS     |



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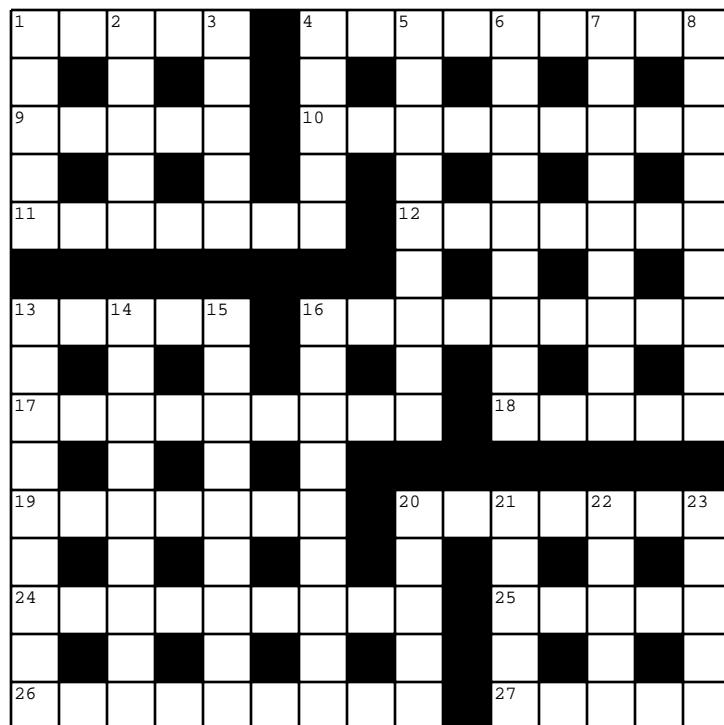
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| 4. UNDERLAYS  | 2. BOTANISTS  |
| 9. EATEN      | 3. CONSULATE  |
| 10. CIVILIZED | 4. UNCHANGED  |
| 11. CANTU     | 5. DUVET      |
| 12. ASTERISKS | 6. RULER      |
| 13. NOSTALGIA | 7. ADZES      |
| 15. EARNS     | 8. SIDES      |
| 18. ISSUE     | 14. ACOUSTICS |
| 19. DROPPINGS | 15. EMPIRICAL |
| 20. MANIFESTS | 16. RENDITION |
| 24. RAISE     | 17. SUSPECTED |
| 25. METACARPI | 20. MIMED     |
| 26. CLIPT     | 21. NOTES     |
| 27. DISASTERS | 22. FOCUS     |
| 28. LINED     | 23. SPREE     |



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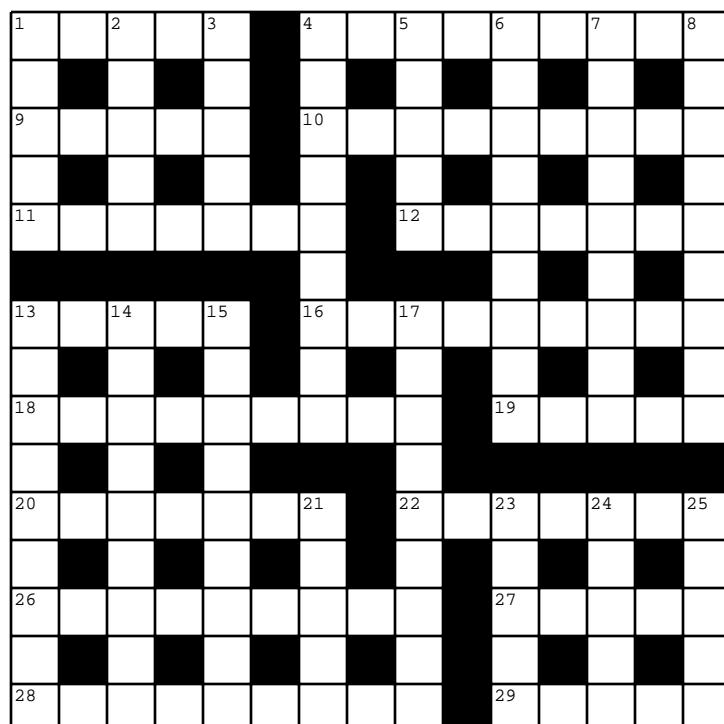
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| 1. TIMED      | 1. TOPIC      |
| 4. INCAPABLE  | 2. MOPED      |
| 9. PEPSI      | 3. DEIGN      |
| 10. DISENGAGE | 4. INDIA      |
| 11. CADENZA   | 5. COSMOLOGY  |
| 12. OVERDUE   | 6. PONDEROUS  |
| 13. RECAP     | 7. BRANDYING  |
| 16. GEOLOGIST | 8. ELEVENTHS  |
| 17. CONGRUITY | 13. RECHERCHE |
| 18. SAGAS     | 14. CENTIPEDE |
| 19. ENIGMAS   | 15. PARAMECIA |
| 20. COCKPIT   | 16. GLISSANDI |
| 24. CRESCENDO | 20. CROWN     |
| 25. VIOLA     | 21. CAVES     |
| 26. ELEVATION | 22. PHOTO     |
| 27. SPOIL     | 23. TRAIL     |



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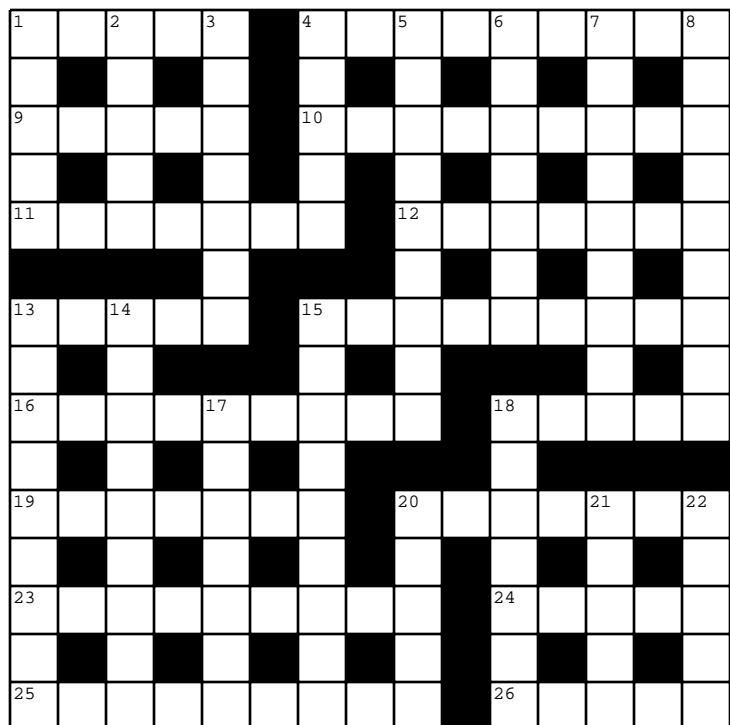
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| 4. HOUSEWIFE  | 2. CHAMP      |
| 9. GEARS      | 3. SISES      |
| 10. ATTITUDES | 4. HEARTACHE  |
| 11. TYPESET   | 5. ULTRA      |
| 12. ANARCHY   | 6. ENTRAPPED  |
| 13. CABLE     | 7. INDUCTEES  |
| 16. CHEAPNESS | 8. ESSAYISTS  |
| 18. MENDELEEV | 13. COMMUTERS |
| 19. DISCS     | 14. BANKRUPTS |
| 20. UPRIGHT   | 15. EMERGENCE |
| 22. STRIKER   | 17. ENVISAGED |
| 26. EXPANDING | 21. TWIST     |
| 27. LYRIC     | 23. RULED     |
| 28. SUSPECTED | 24. KIROV     |
| 29. DIVED     | 25. RACED     |



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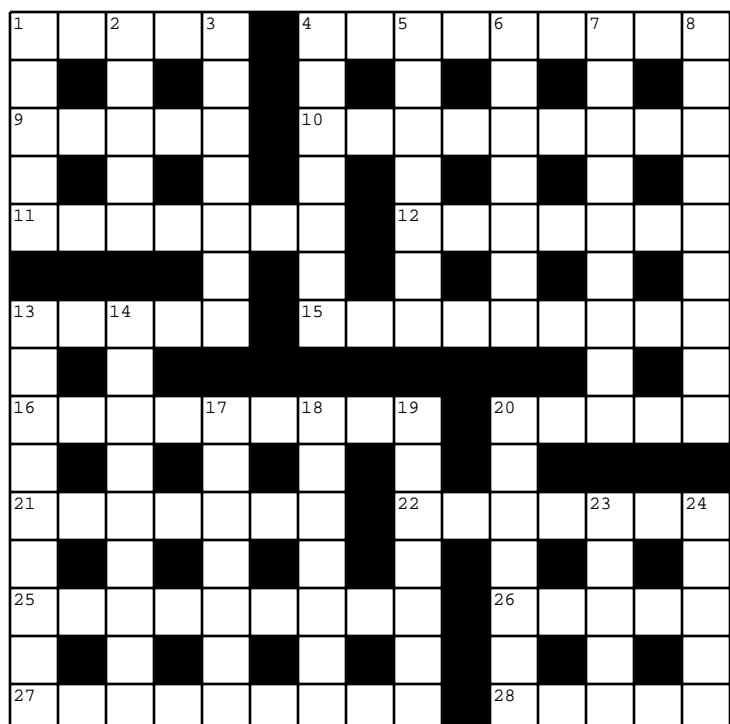
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| 1. CUBIC      | 1. CECIL       |
| 4. EXCHANGED  | 2. BLURB       |
| 9. CRUMB      | 3. CABARET     |
| 10. SUSTAINED | 4. EASEL       |
| 11. LIBERAL   | 5. COSTARRED   |
| 12. ACANTHI   | 6. ANASAZI     |
| 13. GAUNT     | 7. GENITALIA   |
| 15. AIRFIELDS | 8. DIDRIKSON   |
| 16. UPSTARTED | 13. GRUESOMER  |
| 18. GRAIN     | 14. UNSCATCHED |
| 19. SCALLOP   | 15. ANTIPASTI  |
| 20. UNTAMED   | 17. AELFRIC    |
| 23. MAHARISHI | 18. GATEWAY    |
| 24. WANNA     | 20. UNION      |
| 25. REDUCTION | 21. MANIC      |
| 26. YACHT     | 22. DEALT      |



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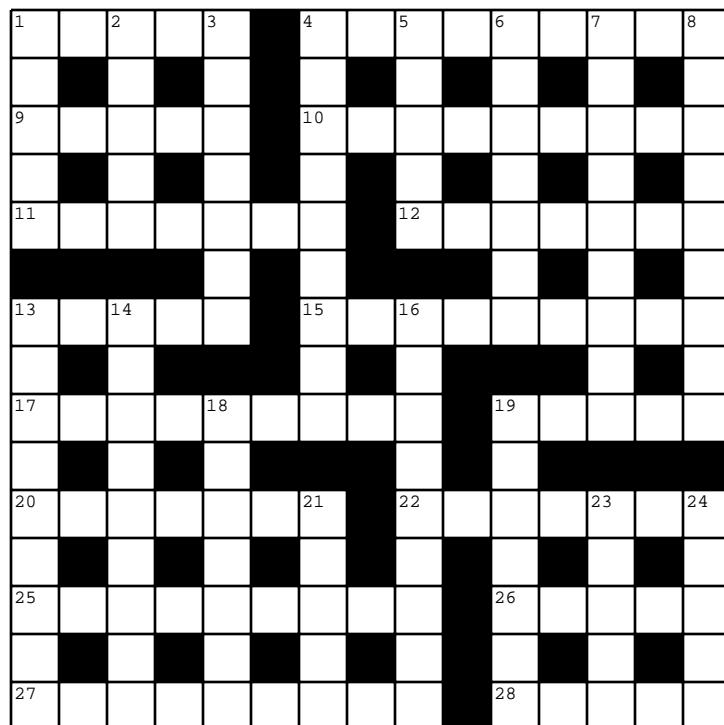
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| 1. BRAVO      | 1. BELLS      |
| 4. DEFLECTED  | 2. ADMIT      |
| 9. LIMIT      | 3. OUTLINE    |
| 10. ACETYLENE | 4. DRAGGED    |
| 11. SETTING   | 5. FREDRIC    |
| 12. RAIDERS   | 6. ELYSIUM    |
| 13. UNCLE     | 7. THEREFORE  |
| 15. DECOMPOSE | 8. DRESSIEST  |
| 16. DIPLOMATA | 13. UNDERPAID |
| 20. AGENT     | 14. CUPBOARDS |
| 21. ROOSTED   | 17. OCTAGON   |
| 22. HAMMOCK   | 18. ADDENDA   |
| 25. ARROGANCE | 19. ATHLETE   |
| 26. NINNY     | 20. ALMANAC   |
| 27. DISENGAGE | 23. OWNER     |
| 28. CURED     | 24. KEYED     |



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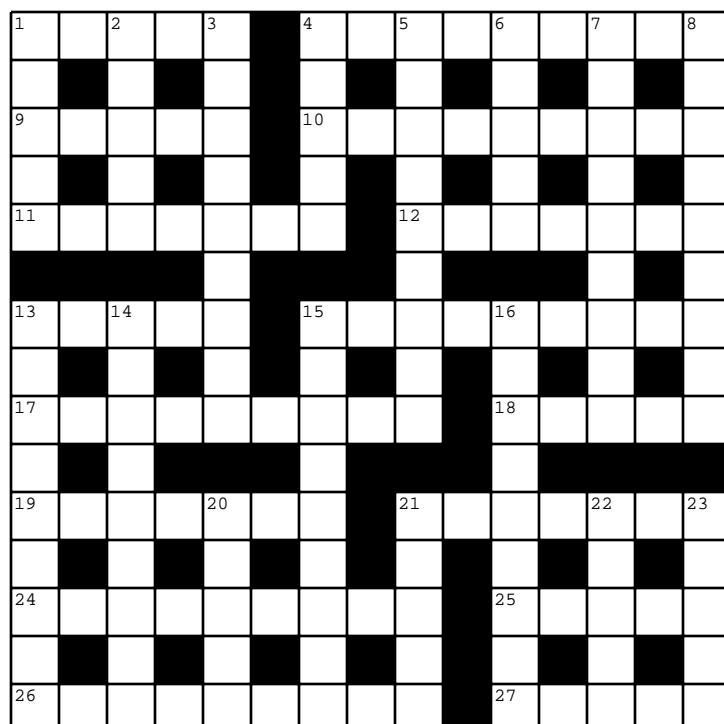
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| 1. LUCRE      | 1. LOYAL      |
| 4. FIBONACCI  | 2. CHURN      |
| 9. YOUNG      | 3. EIGHTHS    |
| 10. DOWNRIGHT | 4. FIDUCIARY  |
| 11. LUNATIC   | 5. BAWLS      |
| 12. STIRRER   | 6. NERDIER    |
| 13. MARTS     | 7. CIGARILLO  |
| 15. AUSTRALIA | 8. INTERFACE  |
| 17. LIFESTYLE | 13. MELODRAMA |
| 19. CHOSE     | 14. REFRESHED |
| 20. DEEJAYS   | 16. SKEPTICAL |
| 22. THEREOF   | 18. STADIUM   |
| 25. ATHEISTIC | 19. CLEARER   |
| 26. RHINO     | 21. SATIN     |
| 27. ABDOMINAL | 23. EKING     |
| 28. RIGHT     | 24. FLOAT     |



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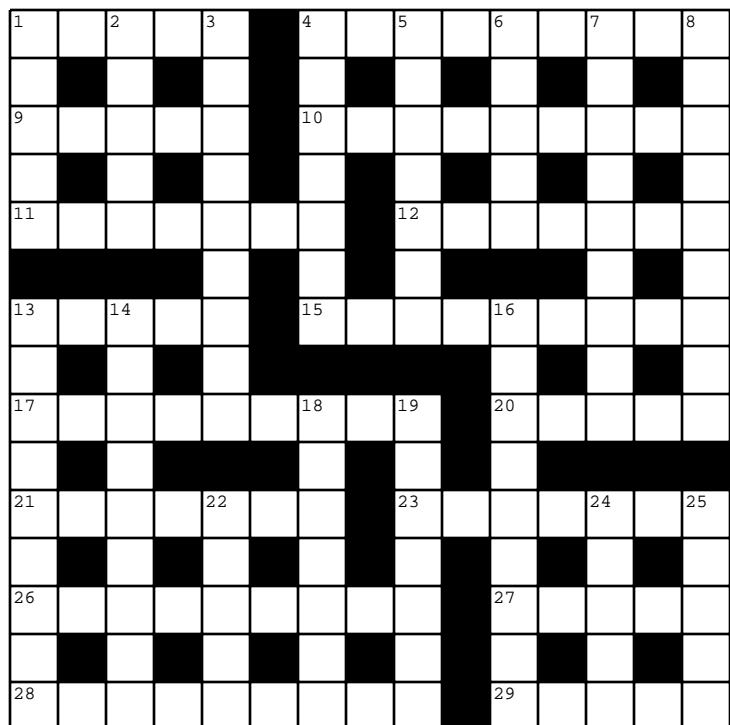
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| 4. APOCYPHRA  | 2. ICONS      |
| 9. BOOST      | 3. BUTTERNUT  |
| 10. SWELLHEAD | 4. ARSON      |
| 11. CISTERN   | 5. OVERNIGHT  |
| 12. NICHOLE   | 6. RELIC      |
| 13. WOMAN     | 7. PHENOMENA  |
| 15. ENGRAVERS | 8. ADDRESSEE  |
| 17. INUKTITUT | 13. WHITEWASH |
| 18. AMAZE     | 14. MOUSETRAP |
| 19. ELEVATE   | 15. EXTREMIST |
| 21. CARDIAC   | 16. ANAEROBIC |
| 24. AGRIPPINA | 20. ASPIC     |
| 25. BANJO     | 21. CRASH     |
| 26. HOPSCOTCH | 22. INNER     |
| 27. CURSE     | 23. CLONE     |



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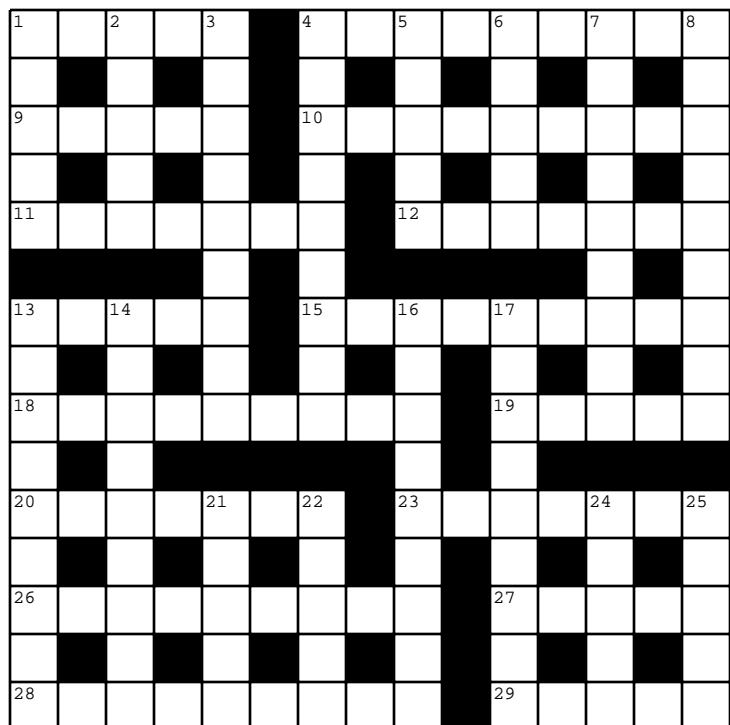
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| 1. BUSED      | 1. BINDS      |
| 4. FACTORIES  | 2. SWAMP      |
| 9. NEARS      | 3. DYSPEPSIA  |
| 10. DISREPAIR | 4. FIDGETS    |
| 11. SUPREME   | 5. CASSAVA    |
| 12. ALLEGRO   | 6. ONEIL      |
| 13. EMMYS     | 7. INAUGURAL  |
| 15. STANDARDS | 8. SERIOUSLY  |
| 17. VANDALISM | 13. ENVELOPED |
| 20. SALLY     | 14. MONOGRAMS |
| 21. LIGHTEN   | 16. DISMALEST |
| 23. DRACHMA   | 18. IGNITES   |
| 26. PRAGMATIC | 19. MEDICAL   |
| 27. ENNUI     | 22. TEMPI     |
| 28. DISMISSAL | 24. HENRI     |
| 29. THING     | 25. AGING     |



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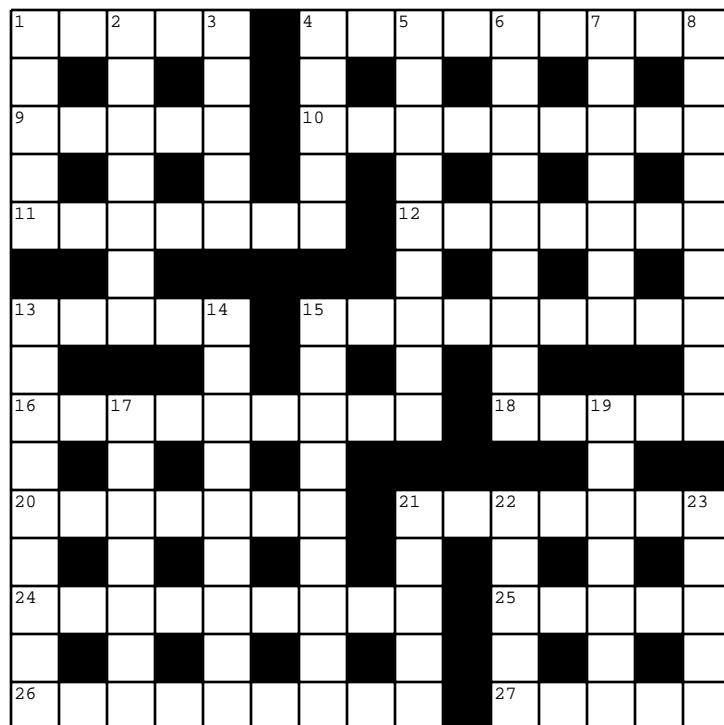
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| 1. RADII      | 1. RECTA      |
| 4. UNCANNIER  | 2. DEBAR      |
| 9. CABIN      | 3. INNOVATOR  |
| 10. HYPNOTISM | 4. UNHELPFUL  |
| 11. ARRIVAL   | 5. COPIES     |
| 12. SUSTAIN   | 6. NOOKS      |
| 13. DIGIT     | 7. IMITATING  |
| 15. FIREFLIES | 8. REMINISCE  |
| 18. AUSTRALIA | 13. DIAGNOSES |
| 19. ANGLE     | 14. GESTATION |
| 20. NEARING   | 16. READJUSTS |
| 23. JUJITSU   | 17. FLAPJACKS |
| 26. SPINSTERS | 21. ISSUE     |
| 27. CHILI     | 22. GEESE     |
| 28. SENSELESS | 24. THIEU     |
| 29. SLUNG     | 25. USING     |



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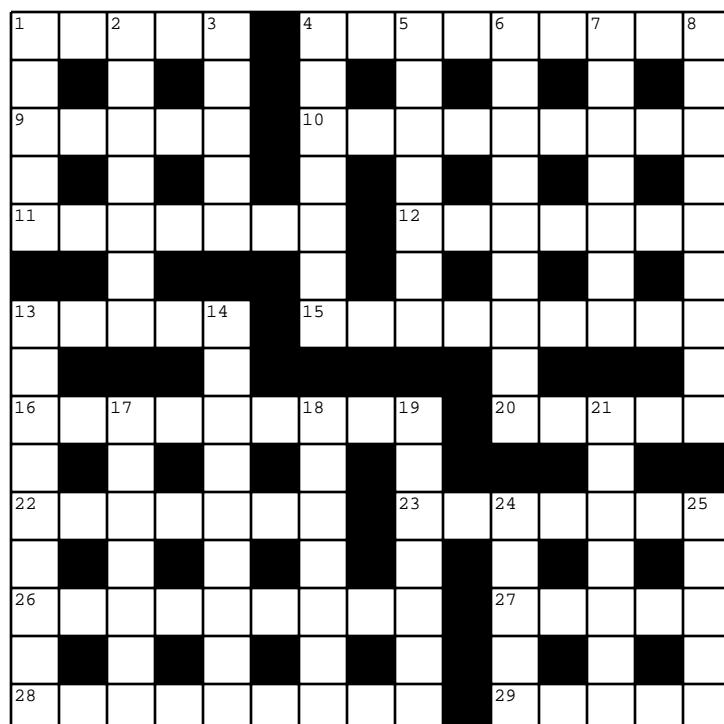
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. DUDES      | 1. DITCH      |
| 4. COUNTRIES  | 2. DREAMED    |
| 9. THESE      | 3. SWEET      |
| 10. VACCINATE | 4. COVER      |
| 11. HAMSTER   | 5. UNCHANGED  |
| 12. ANASAZI   | 6. TRIMARANS  |
| 13. OLDER     | 7. IZANAGI    |
| 15. BEGGARING | 8. SEEMINGLY  |
| 16. EXPEDITED | 13. OPERATION |
| 18. SANDY     | 14. REDUNDANT |
| 20. AMOUNTS   | 15. BATHSHEBA |
| 21. TYPICAL   | 17. PROLONG   |
| 24. IDOLATERS | 19. NICKING   |
| 25. UNITS     | 21. TASTE     |
| 26. NIGHTMARE | 22. PLUMB     |
| 27. BIGOT     | 23. LISZT     |



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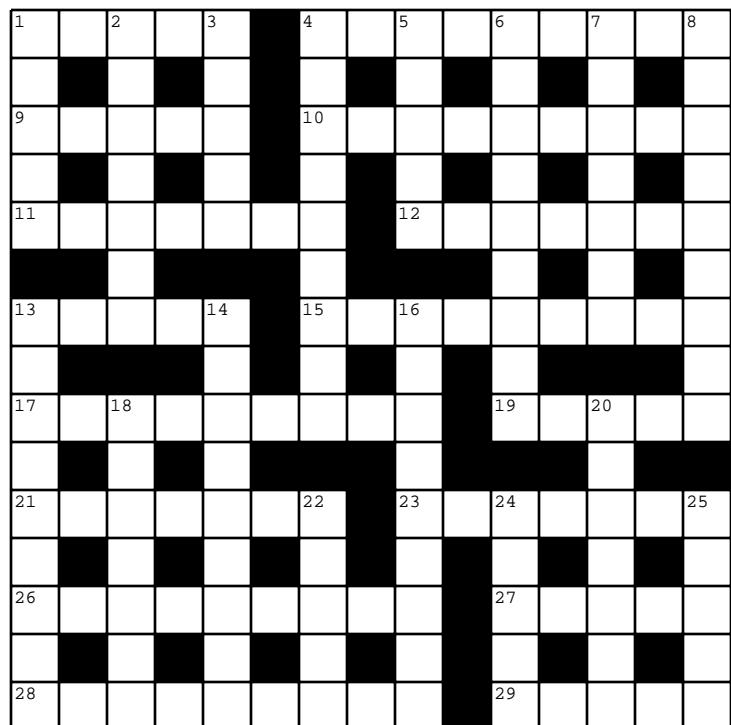
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| 1. LIMBO      | 1. LACED      |
| 4. PARAGRAPH  | 2. MAILMAN    |
| 9. CLIFF      | 3. OFFER      |
| 10. IMPELLING | 4. PAINTED    |
| 11. DEMERIT   | 5. REPLIED    |
| 12. INSTALL   | 6. GOLDSMITH  |
| 13. RENDS     | 7. ANIMALS    |
| 15. DIDRIKSON | 8. HIGHLANDS  |
| 16. SEPARATED | 13. RESOURCED |
| 20. HACKS     | 14. SARTORIAL |
| 22. UNKNOWN   | 17. POKIEST   |
| 23. AMAZING   | 18. TENSION   |
| 26. CREDITING | 19. DRAGGED   |
| 27. VIDEO     | 21. CHILDES   |
| 28. DATELINED | 24. ANVIL     |
| 29. LASTS     | 25. GROWS     |



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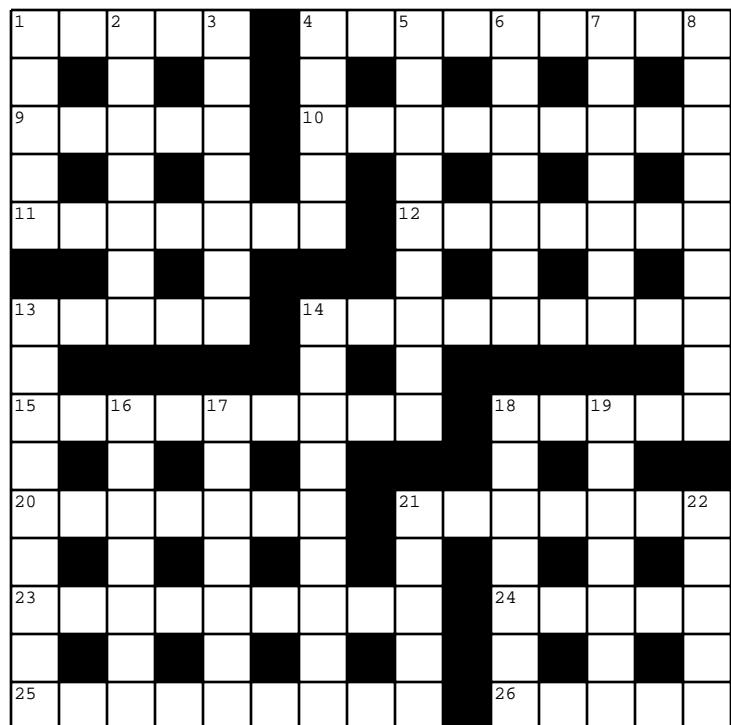
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| 1. ADELA      | 1. ANTIC      |
| 4. CALLIOPES  | 2. EDUARDO    |
| 9. THUMB      | 3. ALBUM      |
| 10. ANCESTRAL | 4. CHAPLAINS  |
| 11. CARAMEL   | 5. LOCKS      |
| 12. SADDEST   | 6. INSIDIous  |
| 13. SHOPS     | 7. PARVENU    |
| 15. INTRODUCE | 8. SPLATTERS  |
| 17. DYSPEPSIA | 13. SADDENING |
| 19. SUITS     | 14. SPEEDBOAT |
| 21. ECUADOR   | 16. TEARDROPS |
| 23. DEFAMES   | 18. STUMBLE   |
| 26. IMBROGLIO | 20. IMMORAL   |
| 27. GERMS     | 22. RILKE     |
| 28. GREATNESS | 24. FIGHT     |
| 29. TALES     | 25. SISES     |



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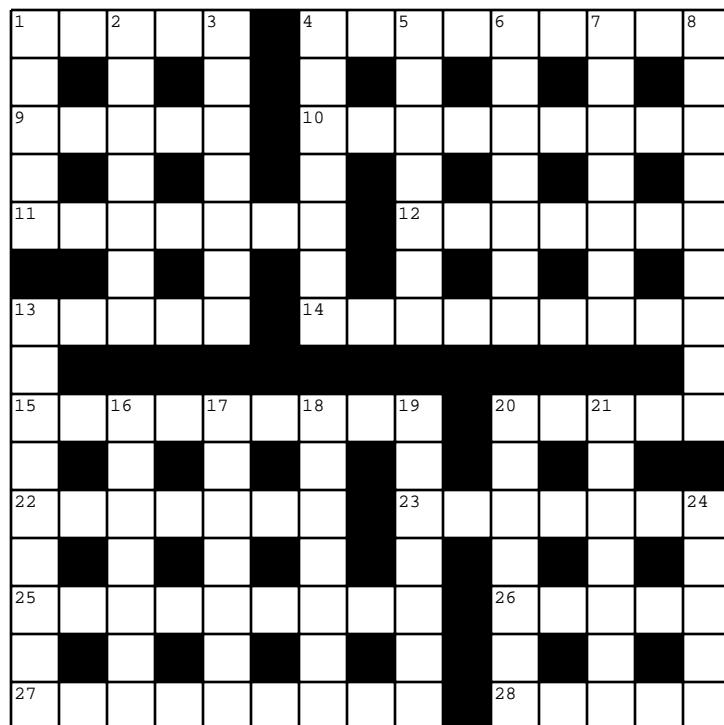
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| 1. BLIMP      | 1. BELCH      |
| 4. AUDACIOUS  | 2. INTEGER    |
| 9. LATIN      | 3. PENALTY    |
| 10. DEVASTATE | 4. AIDED      |
| 11. HAGGLED   | 5. DEVIATION  |
| 12. ABOLISH   | 6. CASTOFF    |
| 13. DIRTY     | 7. OCARINA    |
| 14. CHIEFTAIN | 8. STEPHANIE  |
| 15. CRAFTSMAN | 13. DOCUDRAMA |
| 18. SMILE     | 14. COMPLAINT |
| 20. DECIMAL   | 16. ACCEPTS   |
| 21. GENETIC   | 17. TUMBREL   |
| 23. ASPERSION | 18. SANDMAN   |
| 24. MARKS     | 19. INTERIM   |
| 25. ABSOLUTES | 21. GENES     |
| 26. NAMES     | 22. COSTS     |



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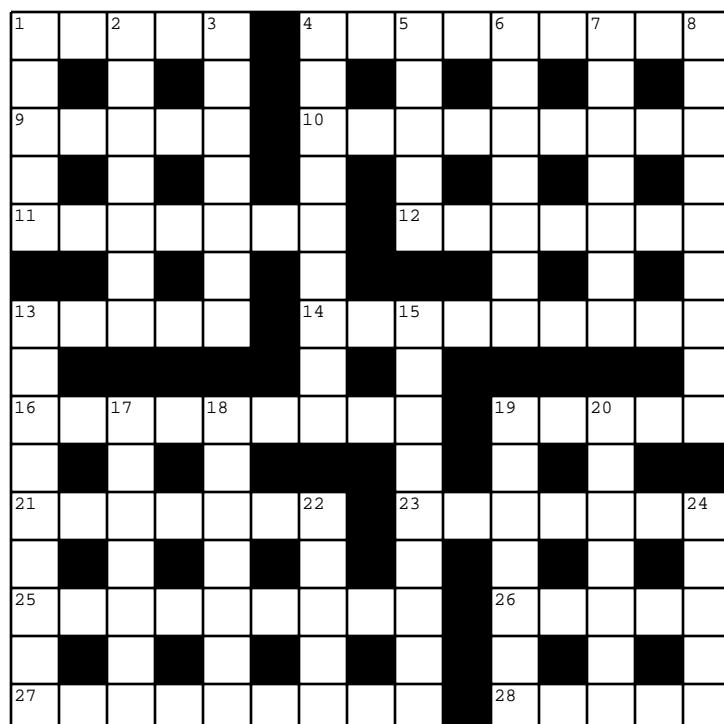
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| 1. CRIME      | 1. CRAMP      |
| 4. ENTRANCED  | 2. ISOLATE    |
| 9. ALONG      | 3. EIGHTHS    |
| 10. PRINTOUTS | 4. EMPORIA    |
| 11. PLASTER   | 5. TRIVIAL    |
| 12. IRISHER   | 6. ANTEING    |
| 13. ITEMS     | 7. CRUSHED    |
| 14. ALLEGEDLY | 8. DESTROYER  |
| 15. NOSTALGIA | 13. INNKEEPER |
| 20. FIBER     | 16. SUCCEED   |
| 22. EXCRETE   | 17. AWESOME   |
| 23. ISLAMIC   | 18. GEEZERS   |
| 25. PHENOMENA | 19. ANIMALS   |
| 26. ISSUE     | 20. FULFILL   |
| 27. REDRESSES | 21. BEMUSES   |
| 28. LISTS     | 24. CHESS     |



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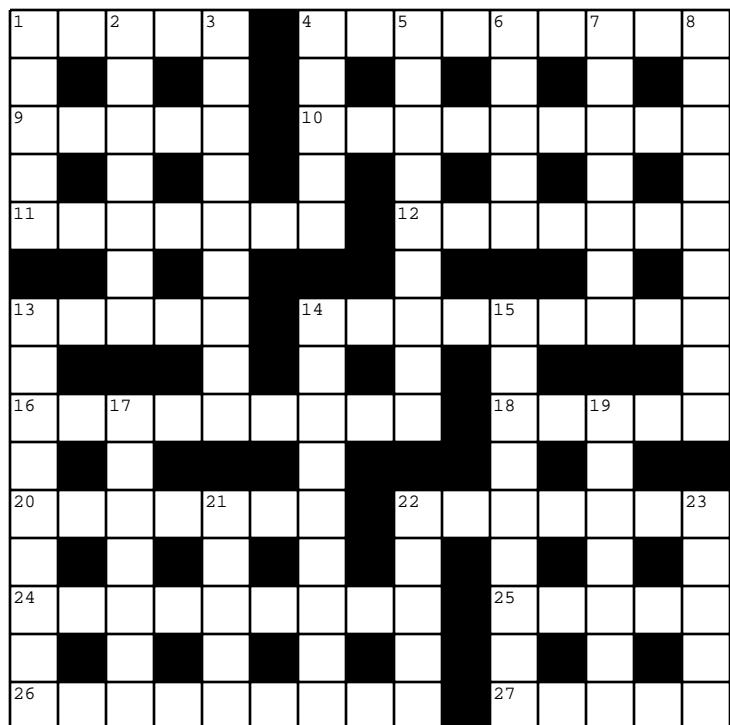
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| 4. HYDRAULIC  | 2. ABRIDGE    |
| 9. SCRAM      | 3. GUMDROP    |
| 10. DEBATABLE | 4. HEDGEROWS  |
| 11. ENDORSE   | 5. DEBUG      |
| 12. GENERIC   | 6. ATTUNED    |
| 13. SLEEP     | 7. LIBERIA    |
| 14. OVERDRAWN | 8. CRESCENDI  |
| 16. ACQUIESCE | 13. SPAGHETTI |
| 19. BAHAI     | 15. EXERCISES |
| 21. HEATHER   | 17. QUAKING   |
| 23. COUPLET   | 18. INHUMAN   |
| 25. TRIMMINGS | 19. BLUBBER   |
| 26. BUYER     | 20. HALCYON   |
| 27. INGENIOUS | 22. RINGO     |
| 28. RENEW     | 24. THROW     |



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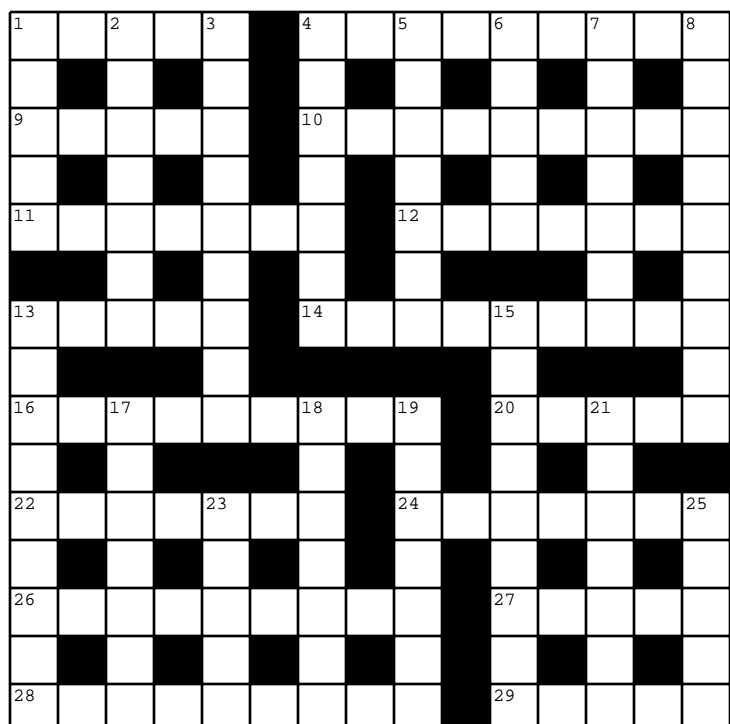
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| 1. PLUMB      | 1. PUBIC      |
| 4. EXCALIBUR  | 2. UNIFORM    |
| 9. BUILD      | 3. BEDRIDDEN  |
| 10. IMPEACHES | 4. EXITS      |
| 11. CRONIES   | 5. CUPBOARDS  |
| 12. OCTAVIO   | 6. LEAST      |
| 13. NAMED     | 7. BEHAVED    |
| 14. GARLANDED | 8. RESPONDED  |
| 16. GERANIUMS | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. SIDED     | 14. GRUESOMER |
| 20. TUSSLES   | 15. ASSESSING |
| 22. CASTOFF   | 17. RESCUER   |
| 24. LEUKAEMIA | 19. DIORAMA   |
| 25. IRATE     | 21. LEAKY     |
| 26. BARNYARDS | 22. CLASS     |
| 27. GLASS     | 23. FEEDS     |



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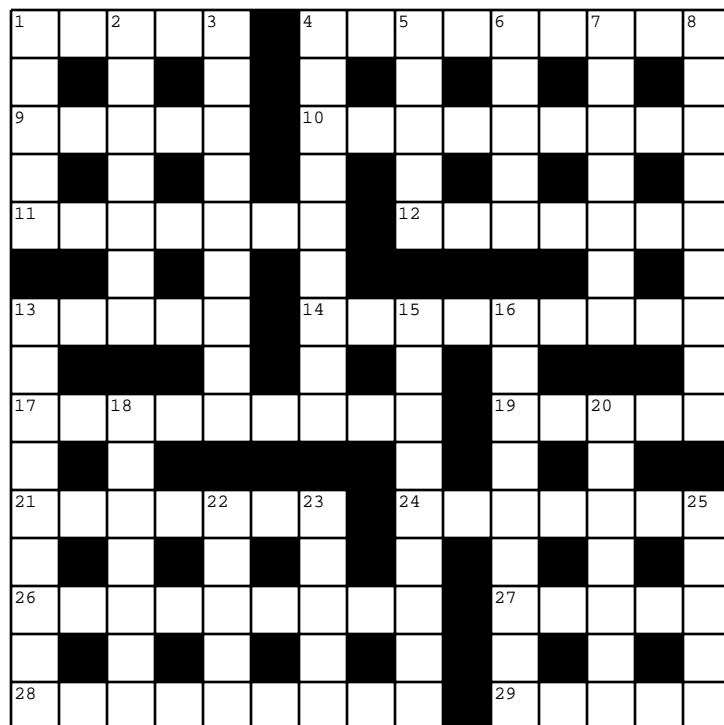
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| 1. CURVE      | 1. COBRA      |
| 4. SUBATOMIC  | 2. REGULAR    |
| 9. BOGUS      | 3. EASYGOING  |
| 10. OUTRIGGER | 4. SHOWOFF    |
| 11. ALLEGRO   | 5. BATISTA    |
| 12. SPARROW   | 6. TRINA      |
| 13. CARPI     | 7. MAGHREB    |
| 14. FLAMMABLE | 8. CARTWHEEL  |
| 16. BRAGGARTS | 13. CABLEGRAM |
| 20. NAVAL     | 15. MENDELEEV |
| 22. ENCODES   | 17. ACCUSER   |
| 24. SHELLAC   | 18. RESTFUL   |
| 26. RESHUFFLE | 19. SUSPEND   |
| 27. EDITS     | 21. VALVING   |
| 28. MARSHALED | 23. DOUGH     |
| 29. VAGUE     | 25. CASTE     |



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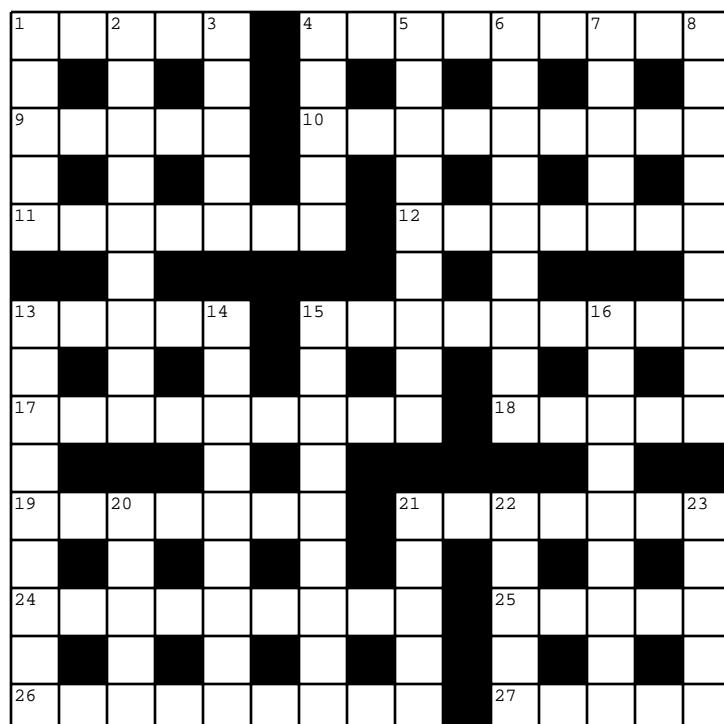
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| 1. MUSIC      | 1. MACHO      |
| 4. MARGARITA  | 2. SHORTEN    |
| 9. CHOIR      | 3. CURIOSER   |
| 10. SHIPWRECK | 4. MISERABLY  |
| 11. OUTDOOR   | 5. RAIDS      |
| 12. SINATRA   | 6. ASWAN      |
| 13. MINES     | 7. INERTIA    |
| 14. BILLBOARD | 8. AWKWARDER  |
| 17. DESTROYED | 13. MIDDLEMAN |
| 19. TIGER     | 15. LUDICROUS |
| 21. LARAMIE   | 16. BOTANICAL |
| 24. CONFUSE   | 18. SERENES   |
| 26. MANIFESTO | 20. GLUTTON   |
| 27. CATER     | 22. MUFTI     |
| 28. NASTINESS | 23. ENSUE     |
| 29. LANDS     | 25. EARNS     |



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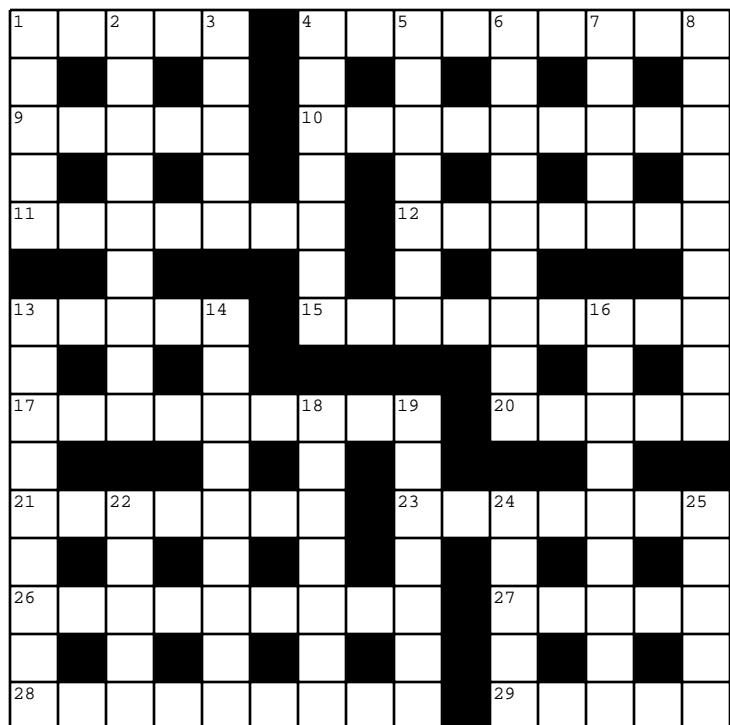
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| 1. ABORT      | 1. ALTOS      |
| 4. DEPOSITED  | 2. ORGANIZES  |
| 9. TIGER      | 3. THREE      |
| 10. FOOTPATHS | 4. DOFFS      |
| 11. SINNERS   | 5. PROCESSOR  |
| 12. EROTICA   | 6. SOPHOCLES  |
| 13. FAZED     | 7. TUTSI      |
| 15. MISPLACED | 8. DISCARDED  |
| 17. MESSENGER | 13. FEMININES |
| 18. SOUND     | 14. DIESELING |
| 19. NOIEST    | 15. MIGHTIEST |
| 21. WAIVING   | 16. CRUCIFORM |
| 24. NEGLIGEES | 20. SIGMA     |
| 25. IRONY     | 21. WISER     |
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| 27. RUMOR     | 23. GAYER     |



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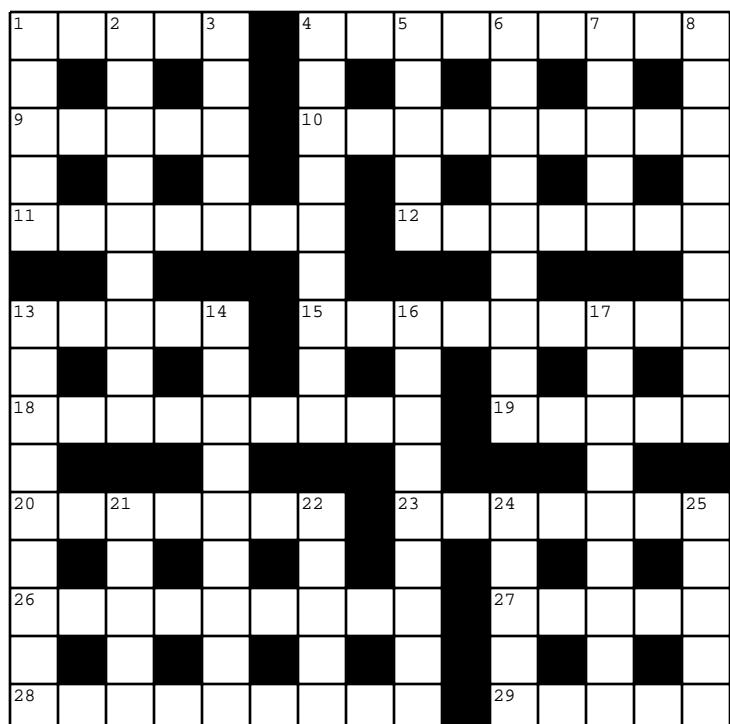
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| 1. MOMMA      | 1. MAMIE      |
| 4. BATHROBES  | 2. MARIJUANA  |
| 9. MORAL      | 3. ALLAY      |
| 10. LAUREATES | 4. BULLDOG    |
| 11. ENJOYED   | 5. TRUCKER    |
| 12. KETCHUP   | 6. REENTRIES  |
| 13. GOALS     | 7. BATCH      |
| 15. GERMICIDE | 8. SISYPHEAN  |
| 17. ORANGUTAN | 13. GLORIFIED |
| 20. SATIN     | 14. SIGNIFIED |
| 21. ITALIAN   | 16. INTERFACE |
| 23. RECORDS   | 18. TANKARD   |
| 26. IMPLICATE | 19. NURSERY   |
| 27. CLANG     | 22. ASPIC     |
| 28. DECIDEDLY | 24. CACHE     |
| 29. ELECT     | 25. SIGHT     |



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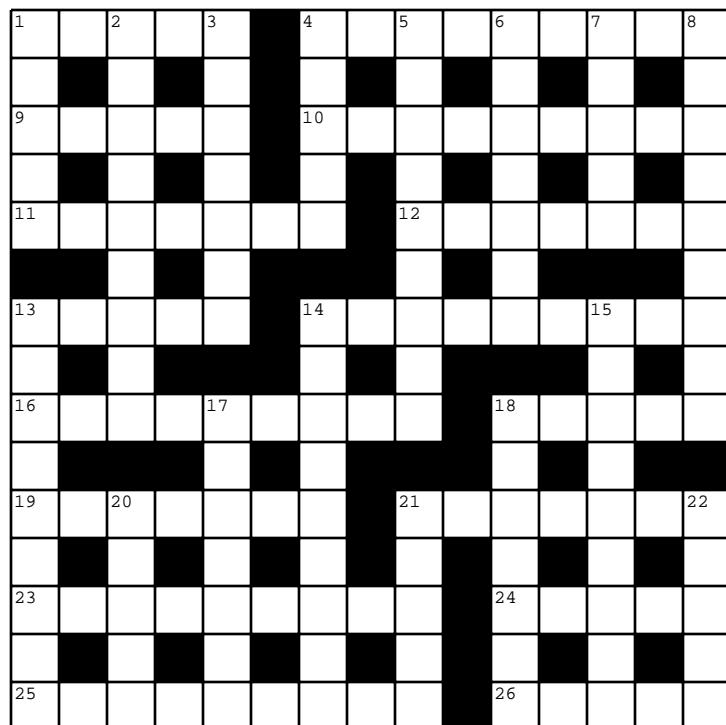
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| 1. CHEER      | 1. CASED      |
| 4. BLOCKADES  | 2. EVAPORATE  |
| 9. SHALL      | 3. ROLLS      |
| 10. UNGODLIER | 4. BOULDERED  |
| 11. DROWSED   | 5. OUGHT      |
| 12. TRAINEE   | 6. KIDNAPPED  |
| 13. AWARE     | 7. DEIGN      |
| 15. RECEPTION | 8. SERGEANTS  |
| 18. BLESSEDER | 13. AMBITIONS |
| 19. DROPS     | 14. ENSEMBLES |
| 20. TRIMMED   | 16. CARTRIDGE |
| 23. RESTING   | 17. IDOLIZING |
| 26. OBSOLETED | 21. IBSEN     |
| 27. SHIRT     | 22. DITTO     |
| 28. SANDSTONE | 24. SISES     |
| 29. SIGNS     | 25. GATES     |



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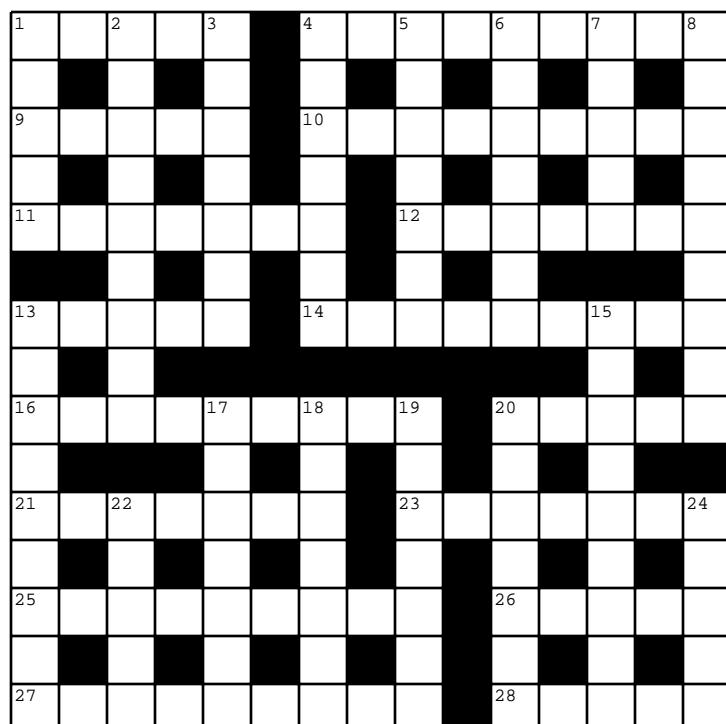
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| 1. SHAME      | 1. SNIFF      |
| 4. CRESCENDO  | 2. ALGORITHM  |
| 9. INGOT      | 3. ESTATES    |
| 10. NOVELETTE | 4. CANDY      |
| 11. FIRSTLY   | 5. ENVISAGED  |
| 12. SUPPLER   | 6. CALYPSO    |
| 13. BITES     | 7. NATAL      |
| 14. ENGROSSED | 8. OVERRIDES  |
| 16. WOMANKIND | 13. BOWLEGGED |
| 18. BANDS     | 14. EXISTENCE |
| 19. EXHIBIT   | 15. SANATORIA |
| 21. DILUTES   | 17. NABISCO   |
| 23. GLISSANDI | 18. BULLDOG   |
| 24. DARTS     | 20. HAIRS     |
| 25. DISCOVERS | 21. DRIPS     |
| 26. GRASS     | 22. SISES     |



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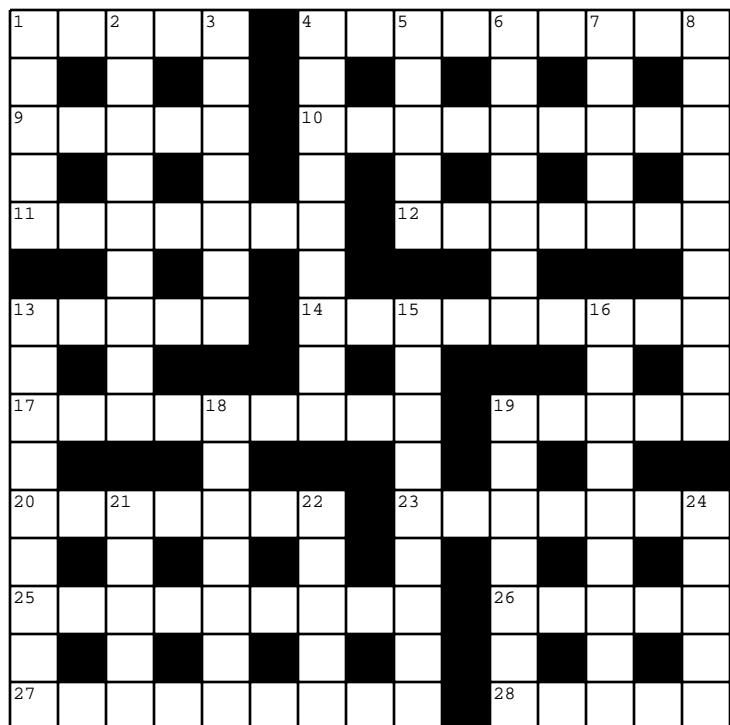
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| 1. POLIO      | 1. PATHS      |
| 4. METABOLIC  | 2. LANDSLIDE  |
| 9. TENSE      | 3. OBELISK    |
| 10. BACTERIUM | 4. MUBARAK    |
| 11. SASSIER   | 5. TACITUS    |
| 12. TANGELO   | 6. BRENNAN    |
| 13. CLICK     | 7. LOIRE      |
| 14. KISANGANI | 8. COMMOTION  |
| 16. EXERCISED | 13. CREATURES |
| 20. OSMAN     | 15. ARMADILLO |
| 21. TROUSER   | 17. CASTOFF   |
| 23. WHEEDLE   | 18. SURREAL   |
| 25. RHINOCERI | 19. DOWDIES   |
| 26. ECLAT     | 20. ONESELF   |
| 27. SCAFFOLDS | 22. ORIYA     |
| 28. FLOUR     | 24. EATER     |



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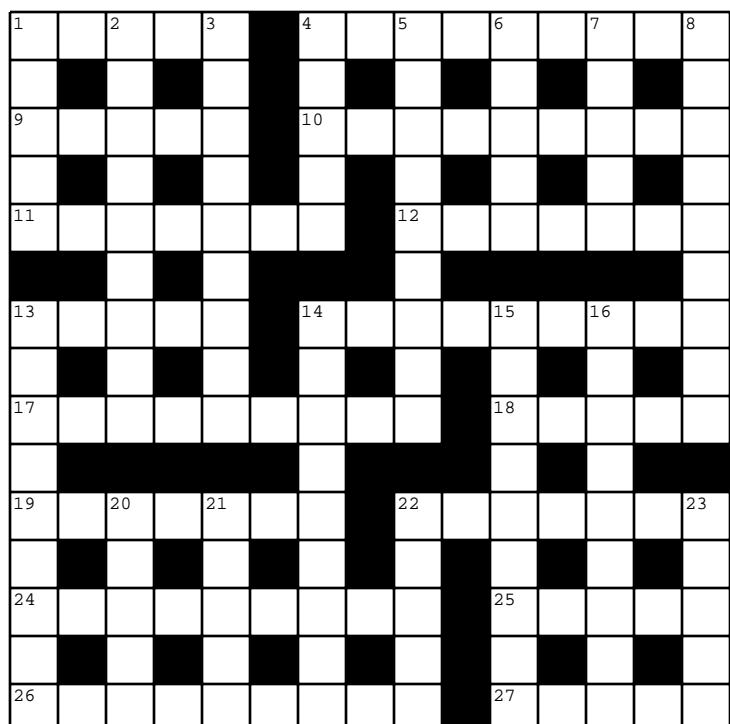
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| 1. BASED      | 1. BLURB      |
| 4. MACINTOSH  | 2. SUPERNOVA  |
| 9. UNPIN      | 3. DINETTE    |
| 10. REDUCTION | 4. MARGARITA  |
| 11. BIRETTA   | 5. CODED      |
| 12. DRESSER   | 6. NUCLEAR    |
| 13. QUOTE     | 7. OMITS      |
| 14. INSCRIBED | 8. HUNDREDTH  |
| 17. AMATERASU | 13. QUADRUPED |
| 19. NINTH     | 15. SCUFFLING |
| 20. RECEIPT   | 16. BUNDESTAG |
| 23. FAUCETS   | 18. EPISODE   |
| 25. POTPOURRI | 19. NEUTRON   |
| 26. RATIO     | 21. CATER     |
| 27. DARKENING | 22. TORSI     |
| 28. NIGHT     | 24. SHORT     |



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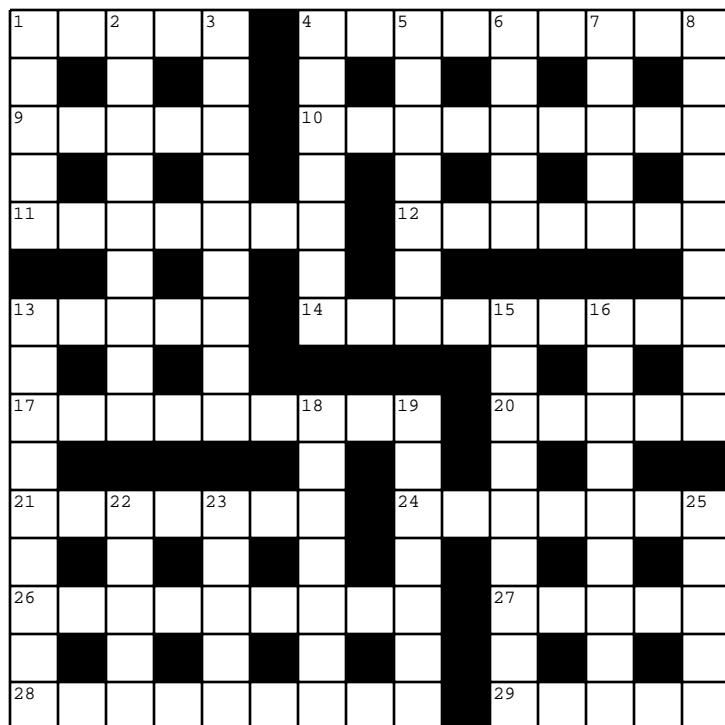
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| 1. MOMMA      | 1. MUJIB      |
| 4. COMPASSED  | 2. MENDELEEV  |
| 9. JANIE      | 3. ANECDOTAL  |
| 10. HOSPITALS | 4. COHAN      |
| 11. BRENDAN   | 5. MISGUIDED  |
| 12. UNIQUER   | 6. ALIBI      |
| 13. ARENT     | 7. SNAFU      |
| 14. UNDEFINED | 8. DISCREDIT  |
| 17. DEVELOPED | 13. AUDIENCES |
| 18. NIGHT     | 14. UNPOPULAR |
| 19. ENVELOP   | 15. FINANCIAL |
| 22. WINSTON   | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 24. CENTRALER | 20. VONDA     |
| 25. IDLES     | 21. LURED     |
| 26. SLANDERED | 22. WIRED     |
| 27. LIBEL     | 23. NASAL     |



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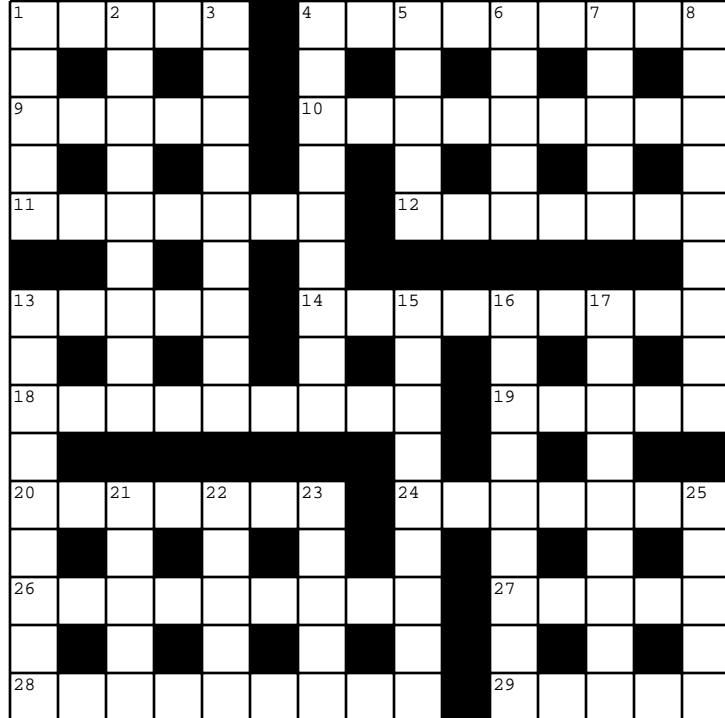
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| 1. BINDS      | 1. BASIC      |
| 4. DISBELIEF  | 2. NATURALLY  |
| 9. SATYR      | 3. STRANGEST  |
| 10. TROPICANA | 4. DETECTS    |
| 11. CHRONIC   | 5. SCORPIO    |
| 12. PREMIUM   | 6. EXILE      |
| 13. SOLVE     | 7. IRAQI      |
| 14. SPOKESMAN | 8. FRAGMENTS  |
| 17. KEYSTROKE | 13. SIKKIMESE |
| 20. POLLING   | 15. EMPOWERED |
| 21. INBUILT   | 16. MILLENNIA |
| 24. NOWHERE   | 18. OFTENER   |
| 26. EMBRYONIC | 19. EUNUCHS   |
| 27. RANDI     | 22. BEBOP     |
| 28. EXPOSURES | 23. IDYLS     |
| 29. DEATH     | 25. EDITH     |



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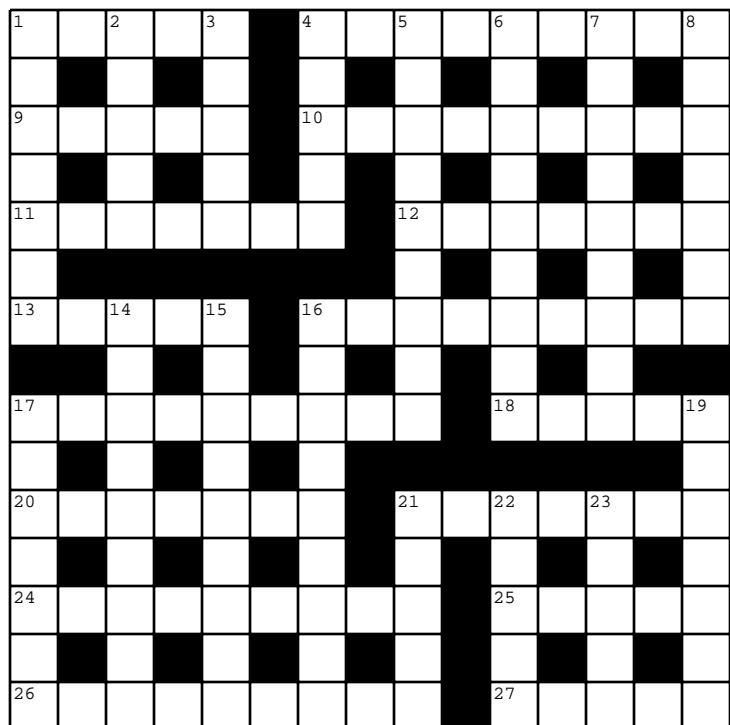
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BIBLE      |
| 4. CANDIDATE  | 2. SANATORIA  |
| 9. BANAL      | 3. COLLAPSED  |
| 10. UNWELCOME | 4. COURTESAN  |
| 11. ENTRANT   | 5. NEWER      |
| 12. RADIATE   | 6. IDLED      |
| 13. CURES     | 7. AROMA      |
| 14. STRICTEST | 8. ELEMENTAL  |
| 18. ABANDONED | 13. CHATTIEST |
| 19. CIVIL     | 15. REDEFINES |
| 20. TYPESET   | 16. COCKROACH |
| 24. FORESEE   | 17. EAVESDROP |
| 26. ENLIGHTEN | 21. POLKA     |
| 27. AGREE     | 22. SIGNS     |
| 28. TRANSFERS | 23. TITLE     |
| 29. HAPPY     | 25. ENEMY     |



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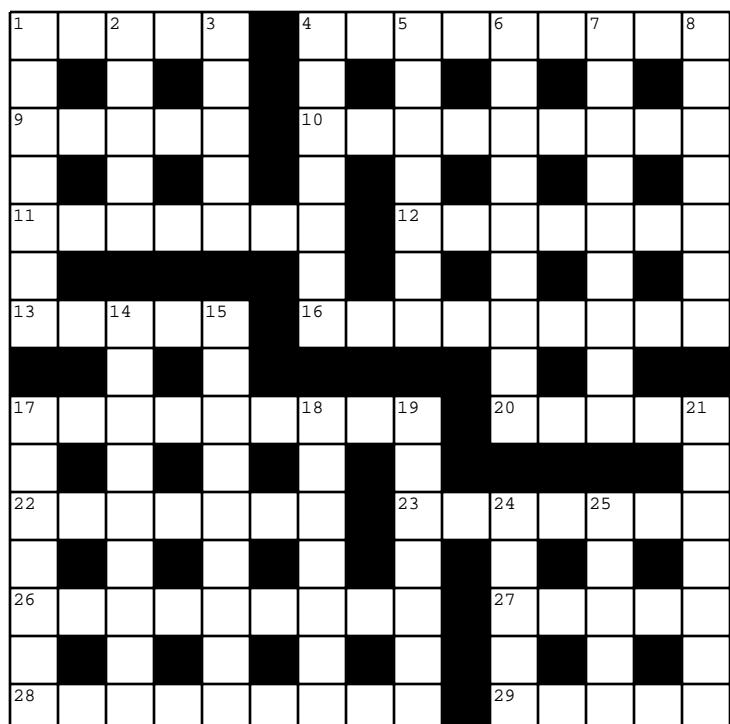
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| 1. CHAMP      | 1. CABLING    |
| 4. CHARACTER  | 2. ABACI      |
| 9. BRAWN      | 3. PINCH      |
| 10. THIMBLING | 4. CATER      |
| 11. IRISHER   | 5. ABILITIES  |
| 12. INTENSE   | 6. ARBITRATE  |
| 13. GRAVE     | 7. TRIANGLES  |
| 16. SPIRALLED | 8. RAGWEED    |
| 17. FOUNTAINS | 14. AQUAPLANE |
| 18. EASED     | 15. ESTABLISH |
| 20. CAPABLY   | 16. SHIPYARDS |
| 21. NOVELTY   | 17. FUCHSIA   |
| 24. SPANIARDS | 19. DAYTIME   |
| 25. COCCI     | 21. NOSES     |
| 26. AMETHYSTS | 22. VOCAL     |
| 27. LEAVE     | 23. LUCIA     |



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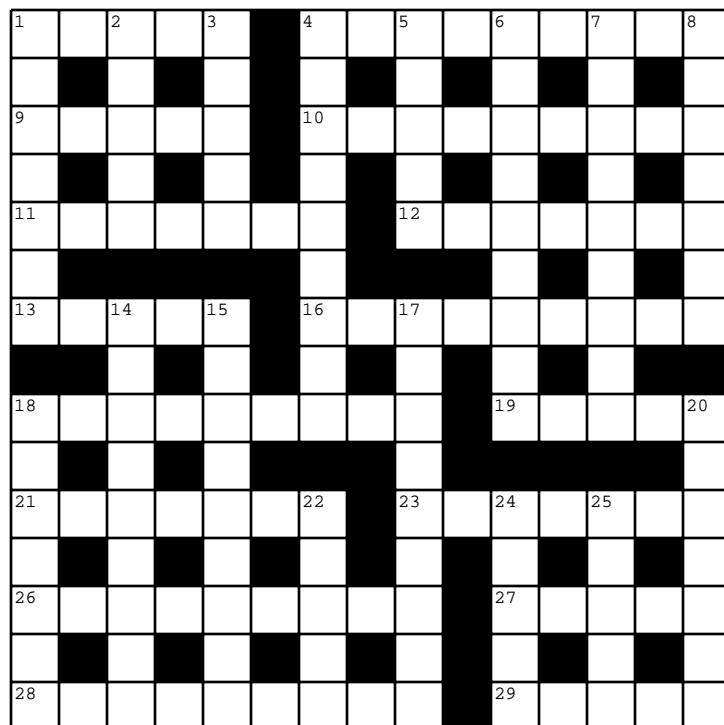
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| 4. PRACTICAL  | 2. TROOP      |
| 9. CROCI      | 3. RAISE      |
| 10. ELECTRONS | 4. PLEASED    |
| 11. DEPRESS   | 5. ABELSON    |
| 12. SCOTTIE   | 6. TATTOOING  |
| 13. DOING     | 7. CHORTLING  |
| 16. DENSITIES | 8. LISTENS    |
| 17. AMPERSAND | 14. IMPRISONS |
| 20. GAGED     | 15. GARNISHES |
| 22. FAILING   | 17. ALFALFA   |
| 23. PLANTED   | 18. ANGELIA   |
| 26. LOOPHOLES | 19. DEPOSIT   |
| 27. HAVOC     | 21. DEDUCES   |
| 28. ASSISTANT | 24. ASHEN     |
| 29. NOTES     | 25. TEVET     |



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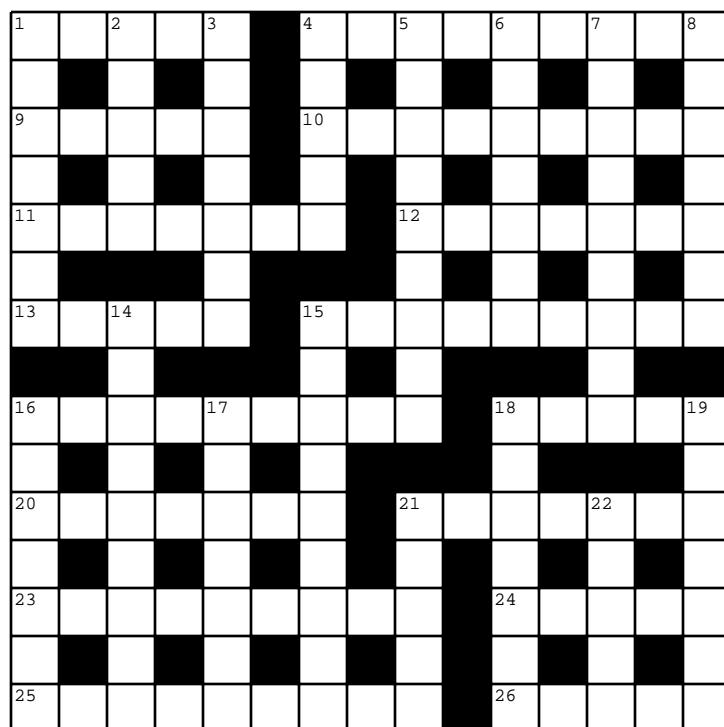
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| 1. BRAVO      | 1. BASKING    |
| 4. DRUNKARDS  | 2. AWAIT      |
| 9. SCARF      | 3. OFFER      |
| 10. CONDUCTED | 4. DECOMPOSE  |
| 11. INTERIM   | 5. URNED      |
| 12. DIZZIES   | 6. KLUTZIEST  |
| 13. GLORY     | 7. RETRIEVES  |
| 16. OURSELVES | 8. SADISTS    |
| 18. CRUSADERS | 14. OVULATING |
| 19. TESTS     | 15. YEARNINGS |
| 21. SCANNER   | 17. ROSENBERG |
| 23. NOVICES   | 18. CUSTARD   |
| 26. ALIENABLE | 20. SUSPECT   |
| 27. LEASE     | 22. RABBI     |
| 28. DIGESTING | 24. VALVE     |
| 29. EIGHT     | 25. CLANG     |



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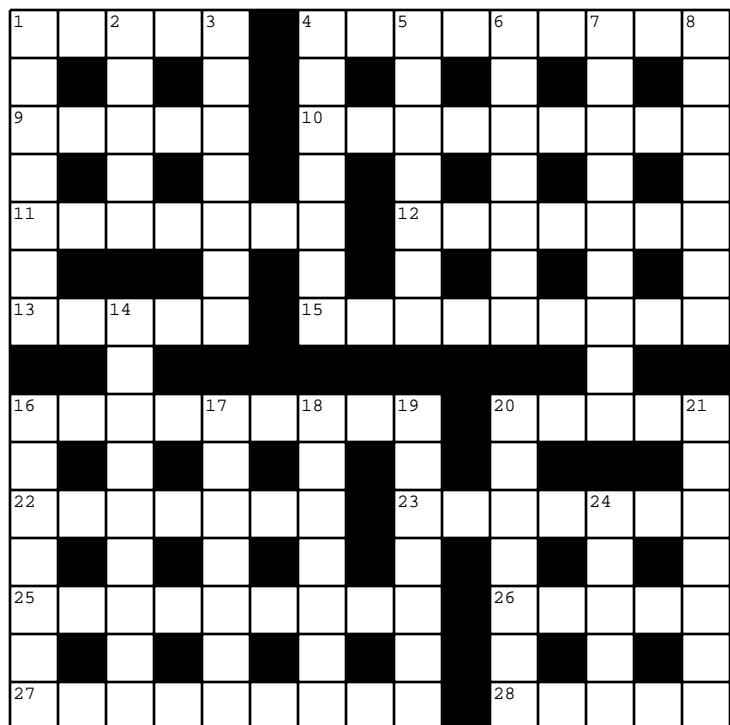
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| 1. DROOP      | 1. DESKTOP    |
| 4. ENTRAPPED  | 2. OFFER      |
| 9. SOFTY      | 3. PAYOFFS    |
| 10. HARVESTED | 4. ECHOS      |
| 11. TARIFFS   | 5. THROBBING  |
| 12. BEDROLL   | 6. AGENDAS    |
| 13. PICKS     | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 15. UNINSURED | 8. DIDDLED    |
| 16. WHIRLIGIG | 14. CLIMACTIC |
| 18. ALIBI     | 15. UNGODLIER |
| 20. CHARMED   | 16. WICHITA   |
| 21. PHRASES   | 17. LAMENTS   |
| 23. INTENTION | 18. APRICOT   |
| 24. CLUBS     | 19. INSISTS   |
| 25. ANCESTRAL | 21. PANEL     |
| 26. TELLS     | 22. SKULL     |



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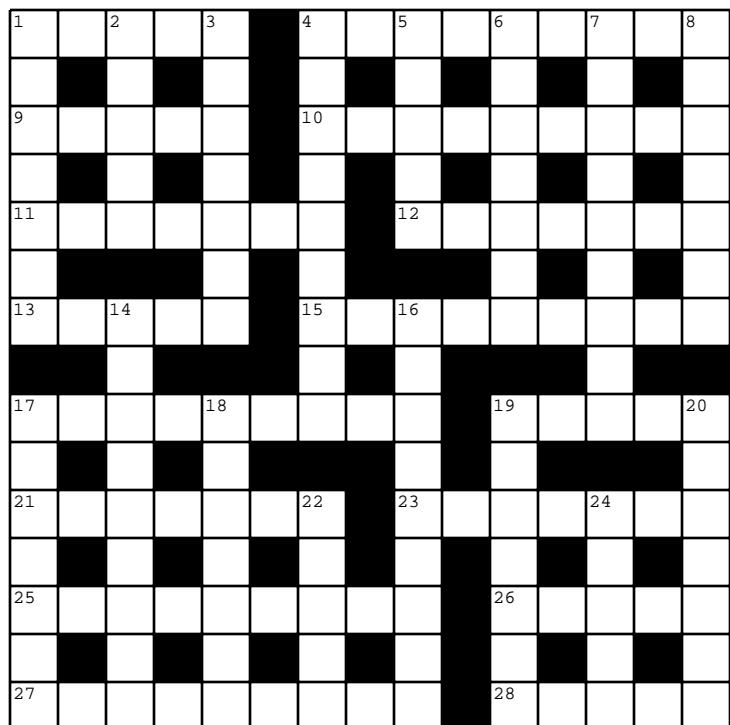
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| 1. FIFES      | 1. FLUFFED    |
| 4. INTERACTS  | 2. FICHE      |
| 9. UNCLE      | 3. SEETHED    |
| 10. PROSECUTE | 4. IMPENDS    |
| 11. FRESHEN   | 5. TROOPER    |
| 12. PRIVIER   | 6. REEFING    |
| 13. DARED     | 7. CRUCIALLY  |
| 15. STRUGGLED | 8. SHEARED    |
| 16. EMBOSsing | 14. REBINDING |
| 20. GAYER     | 16. EXPECTS   |
| 22. PONTIFF   | 17. SUICIDE   |
| 23. ANASAZI   | 18. INFILCT   |
| 25. CRITICISM | 19. GRAMMAR   |
| 26. DEALS     | 20. GRANDMA   |
| 27. SUGGESTER | 21. REISSUE   |
| 28. AGILE     | 24. ABACI     |



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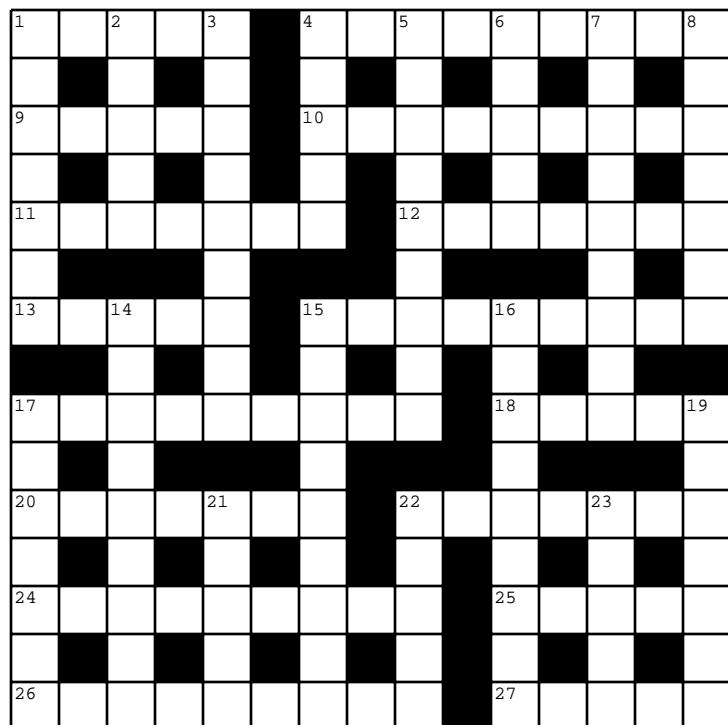
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| 1. MUJIB      | 1. MIRACLE    |
| 4. PUREBREDS  | 2. JUANA      |
| 9. REACT      | 3. BUTTERY    |
| 10. RELIGIONS | 4. PIROUETTE  |
| 11. CHATEAU   | 5. ROLES      |
| 12. STIMULI   | 6. BEGUILLE   |
| 13. EMPTY     | 7. EVOLUTION  |
| 15. TRAVELING | 8. SASSING    |
| 17. APARTMENT | 14. PRACTICES |
| 19. DENSE     | 16. AUTOCRATS |
| 21. HITACHI   | 17. ACHIEVE   |
| 23. CLAMMED   | 18. TACKIER   |
| 25. ENCHILADA | 19. DUALISM   |
| 26. INTER     | 20. ENDURES   |
| 27. ENSHRINES | 22. ICAHN     |
| 28. MILES     | 24. METAL     |



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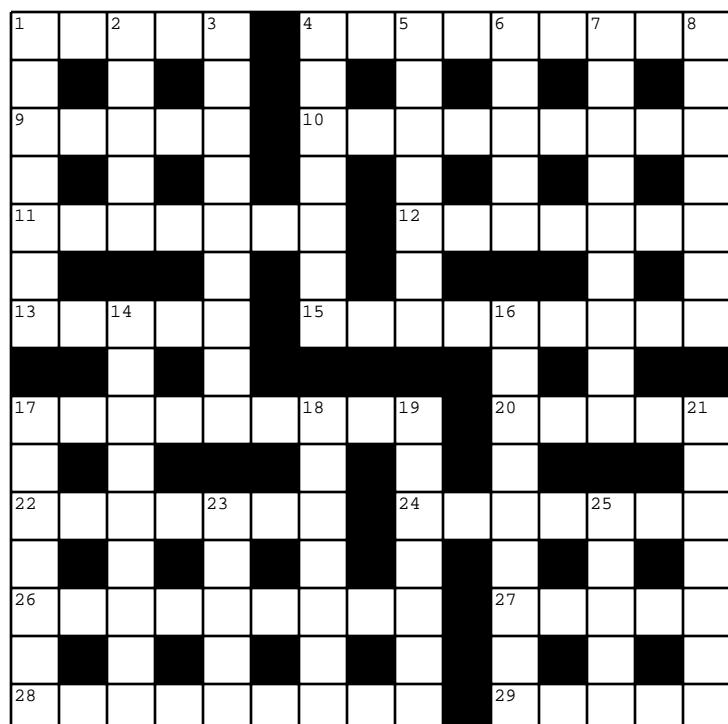
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. BATED      | 1. BATHTUB    |
| 4. INTERACTS  | 2. TRUER      |
| 9. THUMB      | 3. DUBROVNIK  |
| 10. PARADIGMS | 4. IMPEL      |
| 11. TURMOIL   | 5. TARPAULIN  |
| 12. ANDORRA   | 6. REDID      |
| 13. BACON     | 7. CIGARETTE  |
| 15. CELIBATES | 8. SASHAYS    |
| 17. BREAKDOWN | 14. CAESAREAN |
| 18. OMEGA     | 15. CROSSBEAM |
| 20. WHARVES   | 16. BOOMERANG |
| 22. OVERALL   | 17. BEWITCH   |
| 24. TWENTIETH | 19. ALLUDES   |
| 25. AVOID     | 21. VOTES     |
| 26. HANDSOMER | 22. OTHER     |
| 27. GRABS     | 23. ALOHA     |



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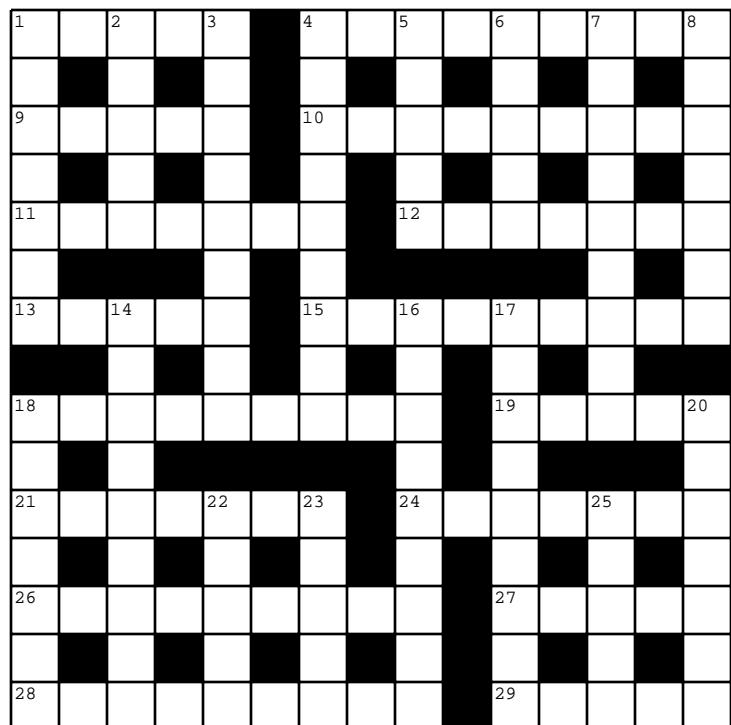
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| 4. DECLAIMED  | 2. SCRUB      |
| 9. CARTS      | 3. YESTERDAY  |
| 10. SURCHARGE | 4. DISTURB    |
| 11. TABLEAU   | 5. CARIBOU    |
| 12. BURSTED   | 6. ABHOR      |
| 13. EMBED     | 7. MORATORIA  |
| 15. BOULDERED | 8. DREADED    |
| 17. ANALYSING | 14. BEAVERING |
| 20. STAFF     | 16. DESIRABLE |
| 22. THEILER   | 17. ALTERED   |
| 24. BIRTHED   | 18. ISRAELI   |
| 26. RHINOCERI | 19. GABLING   |
| 27. BLADE     | 21. FIDGETY   |
| 28. DEGRADING | 23. LEOLA     |
| 29. ENTRY     | 25. HEART     |



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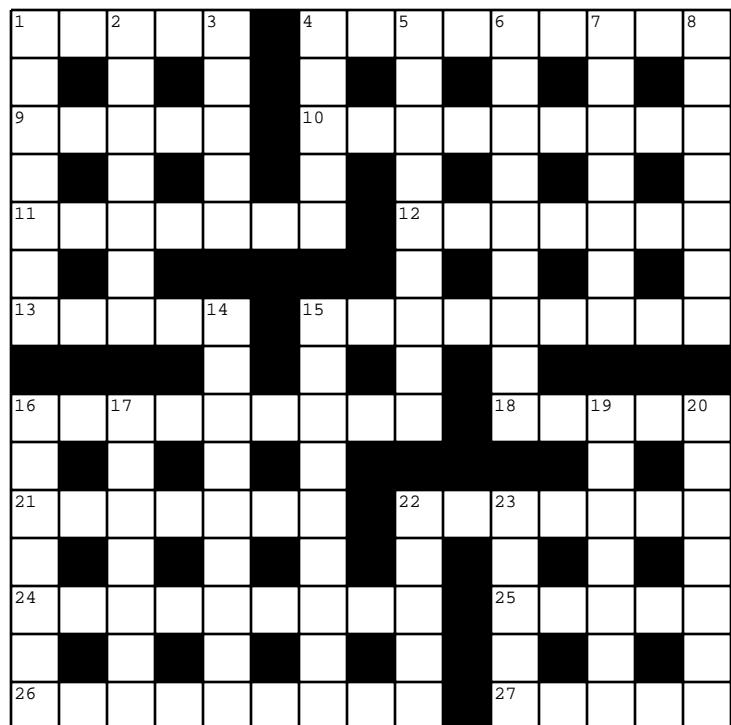
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| 1. FAUNA      | 1. FATEFUL    |
| 4. FOOLISHER  | 2. USING      |
| 9. TYING      | 3. ALGORITHM  |
| 10. REASSURED | 4. FORESIGHT  |
| 11. FIGURES   | 5. OPALS      |
| 12. SHEBELI   | 6. ISSUE      |
| 13. LIGHT     | 7. HORSESHOE  |
| 15. GODMOTHER | 8. RUDDIER    |
| 18. AUTOMATIC | 14. GATHERING |
| 19. ELECT     | 16. DOCUMENTS |
| 21. CHEDDAR   | 17. OVERSLEEP |
| 24. MISTAKE   | 18. ACCEPTS   |
| 26. PRIVATION | 20. THEATRE   |
| 27. EXIST     | 22. DEALT     |
| 28. SIGHTLESS | 23. RAISE     |
| 29. PAUSE     | 25. ADIEU     |



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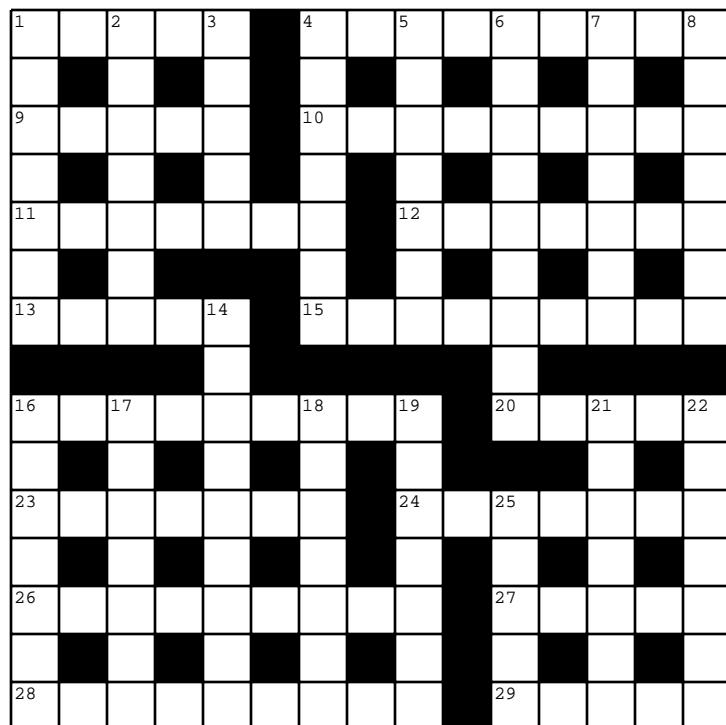
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| 1. BLIMP      | 1. BUMBLED    |
| 4. JUDGMENTS  | 2. INVOKES    |
| 9. MOVIE      | 3. POETS      |
| 10. NARROWEST | 4. JUNTA      |
| 11. LAKISHA   | 5. DEROGATED  |
| 12. GABBIER   | 6. MOONBEAMS  |
| 13. DOSES     | 7. NEEDING    |
| 15. ESTRANGED | 8. SUTURED    |
| 16. MISHAPPED | 14. SCALLOPED |
| 18. SQUAD     | 15. EXPANSION |
| 21. GREMLIN   | 16. MUGGIER   |
| 22. STAMINA   | 17. SIERRAS   |
| 24. IRRUPTION | 19. UTILITY   |
| 25. ALIGN     | 20. DRAINED   |
| 26. RESIDENCE | 22. SENSE     |
| 27. HAYED     | 23. ABASH     |



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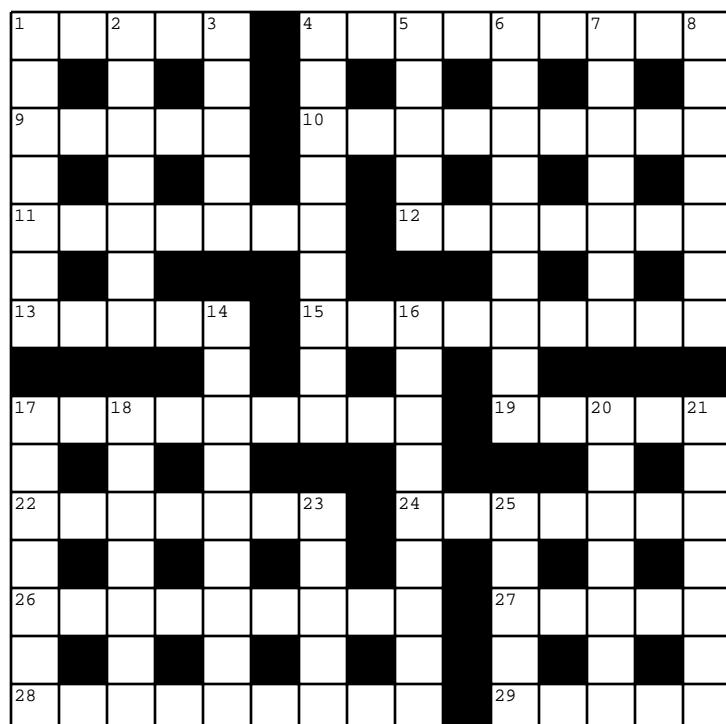
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| 1. MAGIC      | 1. MARABOU    |
| 4. PTOLEMAIC  | 2. GABBING    |
| 9. RABBI      | 3. CRIED      |
| 10. OBSTINACY | 4. PROGRAM    |
| 11. BLINDER   | 5. ONSAGER    |
| 12. GOOiest   | 6. EPILOGUED  |
| 13. URGED     | 7. ARACELI    |
| 15. MARSUPIAL | 8. CRYSTAL    |
| 16. COINCIDES | 14. DECLINING |
| 20. DATED     | 16. COLLATE   |
| 23. LEFTISM   | 17. INFERO    |
| 24. INSURER   | 18. DAMPEST   |
| 26. ADROITEST | 19. SPITTED   |
| 27. HEIDI     | 21. TERMINI   |
| 28. ELONGATED | 22. DARTING   |
| 29. BEING     | 25. SAHIB     |



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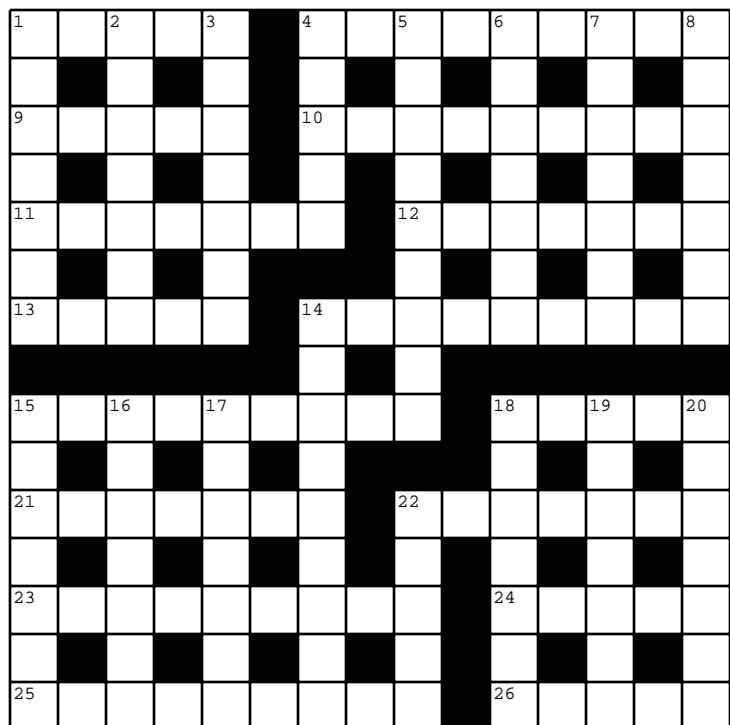
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| 1. COMIC      | 1. CYCLING    |
| 4. ALLOCATED  | 2. MAUDLIN    |
| 9. CRUMB      | 3. CUBIC      |
| 10. OBSTACLES | 4. ABORTIONS  |
| 11. ILLICIT   | 5. LISTS      |
| 12. SLIMIER   | 6. CLARINETS  |
| 13. GENES     | 7. TALKING    |
| 15. OUTWEIGHS | 8. DESERTS    |
| 17. DICKERSON | 14. SHEPHERDS |
| 19. STORM     | 16. TENACIOUS |
| 22. TEETHES   | 17. DETECTS   |
| 24. CREATOR   | 18. CLEANED   |
| 26. CONTRALTO | 20. OPTIMUM   |
| 27. LYMPH     | 21. MARCHER   |
| 28. SIDESTEPS | 23. SOLVE     |
| 29. ELMER     | 25. ELLIE     |



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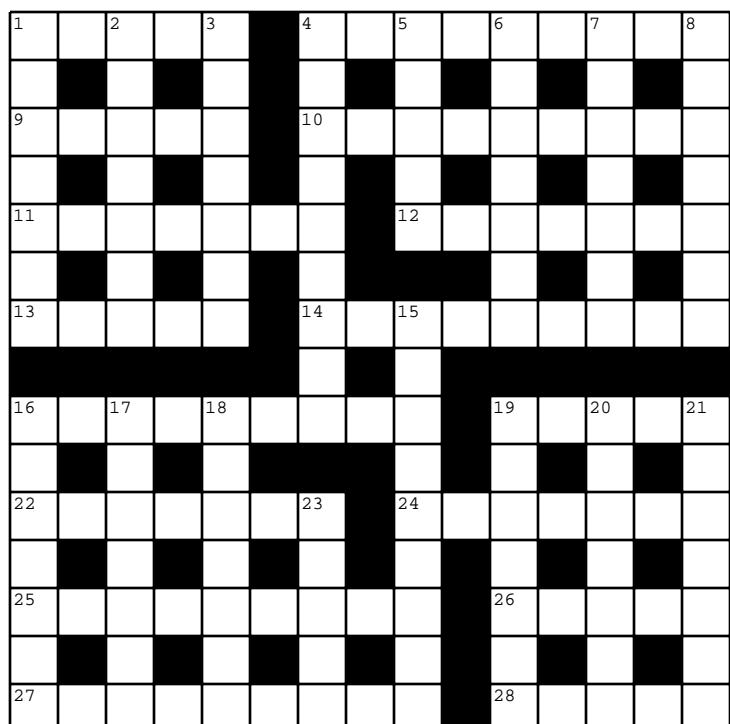
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. AWAKE      | 1. ARTISTS    |
| 4. BEFRIENDS  | 2. ADMIRAL    |
| 9. TIMER      | 3. ENRAGES    |
| 10. LAUNCHERS | 4. BELLS      |
| 11. SCRUGGS   | 5. FOUNTAINS  |
| 12. TBILISI   | 6. INCLINE    |
| 13. SOLES     | 7. NEEDING    |
| 14. HEIDEGGER | 8. SASSIER    |
| 15. MAGAZINES | 14. HANGOVERS |
| 18. AVOID     | 15. MENACED   |
| 21. NONZERO   | 16. GENESSES  |
| 22. BRIDGES   | 17. ZIEGLER   |
| 23. COSTLIES  | 18. ANIMISM   |
| 24. IBIZA     | 19. ONGOING   |
| 25. DISTRUSTS | 20. DISTANT   |
| 26. MIGHT     | 22. BYTES     |



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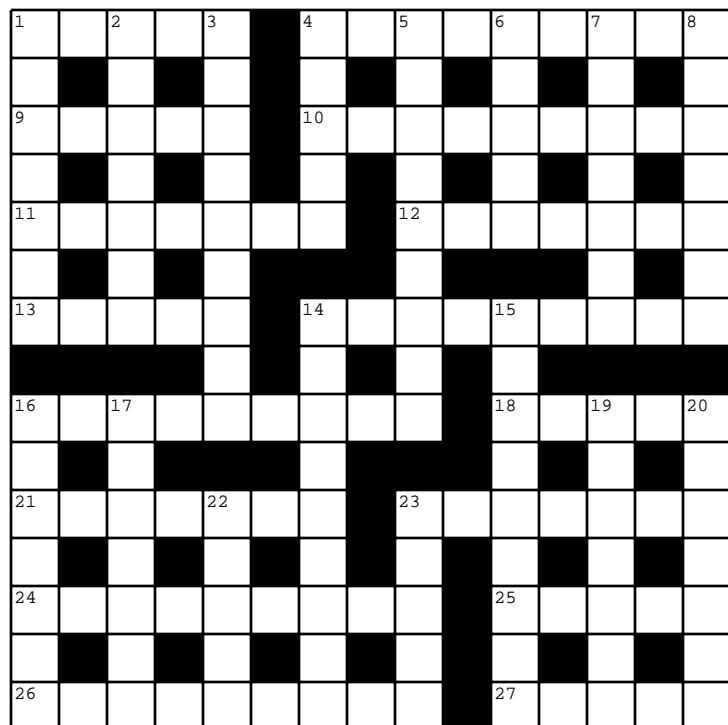
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| 4. CAMPANILI  | 2. MARTINI    |
| 9. NERVE      | 3. DEEPEST    |
| 10. OVERHEADS | 4. CROSSBOWS  |
| 11. TOILETS   | 5. MEETS      |
| 12. STERILE   | 6. ACHIEVE    |
| 13. PAINT     | 7. ITALICS    |
| 14. OPPRESSED | 8. INSTEAD    |
| 16. AGGRESSOR | 15. PAROCHIAL |
| 19. NAPPY     | 16. ASSUMES   |
| 22. SENATOR   | 17. GINGHAM   |
| 24. COMBINE   | 18. EUTERPE   |
| 25. MAHARISHI | 19. NUMERIC   |
| 26. RATED     | 20. POINTER   |
| 27. SIMMENTAL | 21. YIELDED   |
| 28. CARED     | 23. RESET     |



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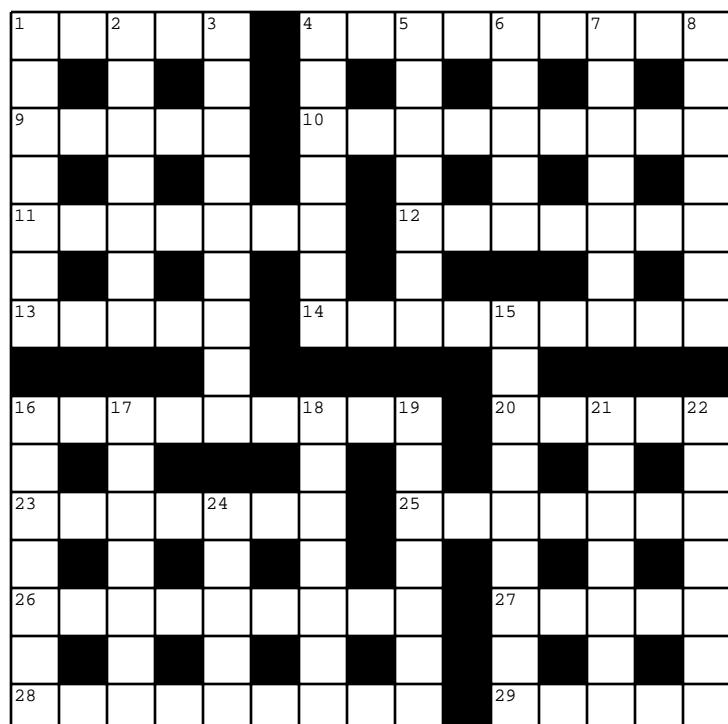
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| 1. ANTES      | 1. APHASIA    |
| 4. GREENHORN  | 2. TERMINI    |
| 9. HORSE      | 3. SEEMINGLY  |
| 10. INCORRECT | 4. GOING      |
| 11. SLIDING   | 5. ENCHILADA  |
| 12. ITERATE   | 6. NERVE      |
| 13. APING     | 7. OPERATE    |
| 14. HEAVINESS | 8. NUTMEGS    |
| 16. EMPHYSEMA | 14. HIERARCHY |
| 18. TASHA     | 15. INTERVALS |
| 21. BONANZA   | 16. EMBROIL   |
| 23. PURSUIT   | 17. PONTIFF   |
| 24. OLIGARCHS | 19. STUDIED   |
| 25. ALIAS     | 20. ARTISAN   |
| 26. LIFESTYLE | 22. NEARS     |
| 27. SEDAN     | 23. PASTE     |



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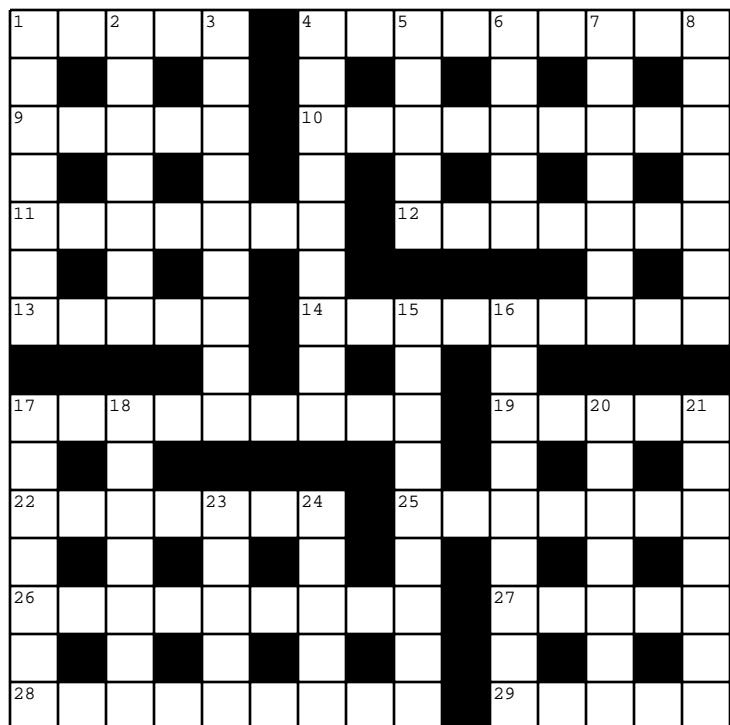
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| 4. BLOSSOMED  | 2. MOUSERS    |
| 9. USUAL      | 3. ILLNESSES  |
| 10. REENLISTS | 4. BIRETTA    |
| 11. REELECT   | 5. OPENEST    |
| 12. EARLIER   | 6. SOLAR      |
| 13. LOSES     | 7. MESTIZO    |
| 14. ARTICHOKE | 8. DESERVE    |
| 16. CROSSINGS | 15. CHARCOALS |
| 20. ASIDE     | 16. COHABIT   |
| 23. HEFTIER   | 17. OFFENCE   |
| 25. DICTATE   | 18. NERVOUS   |
| 26. BUNGALOWS | 19. SADISTS   |
| 27. ALIEN     | 21. IMAGINE   |
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| 29. SPELL     | 24. INAPT     |



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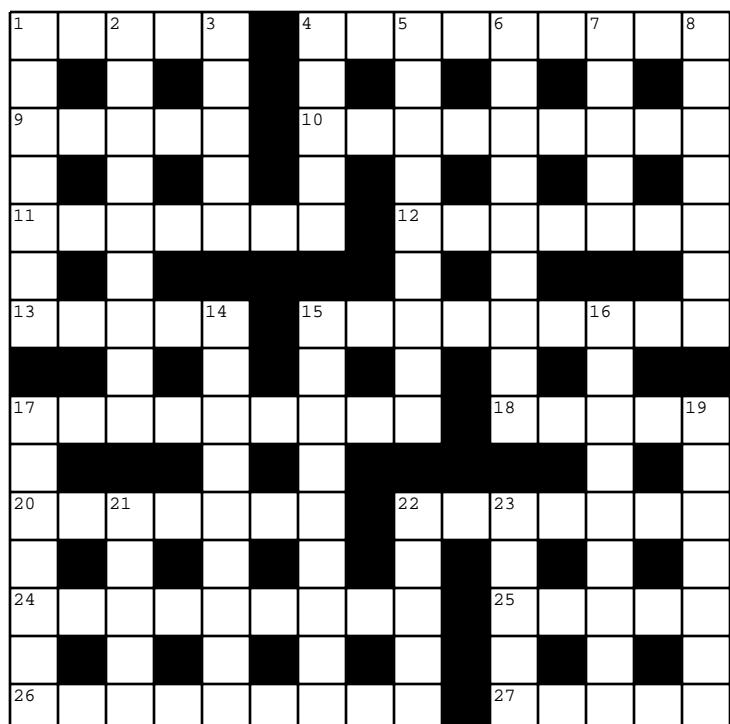
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| 4. GRADUATED  | 2. MULATTO    |
| 9. NYLON      | 3. CONGRUENT  |
| 10. OVERTHREW | 4. GLOOMIEST  |
| 11. INTERIM   | 5. ARENA      |
| 12. ARACELI   | 6. ULTRA      |
| 13. GLOVE     | 7. TORPEDO    |
| 14. EDUCATORS | 8. DOWDIES    |
| 17. IRRITATED | 15. UNDERSELL |
| 19. LOXED     | 16. ALLEGEDLY |
| 22. VALISES   | 17. INVERSE   |
| 25. REGIONS   | 18. RELATES   |
| 26. RATIONALE | 20. XIONGNU   |
| 27. DOGMA     | 21. DISEASE   |
| 28. ESSENTIAL | 23. SHOON     |
| 29. YOURE     | 24. STACI     |



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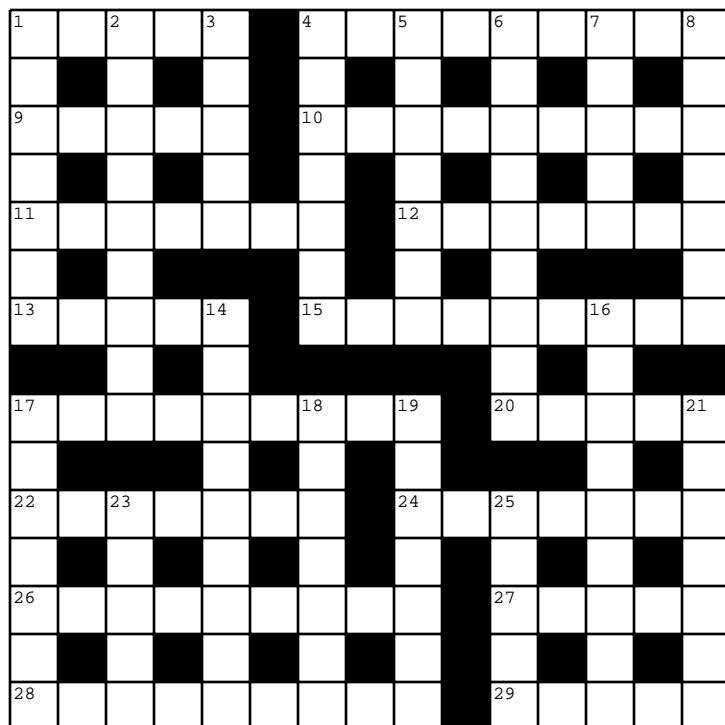
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| 9. MOMMA      | 3. GUARD      |
| 10. XYLOPHONE | 4. FIXED      |
| 11. INVADED   | 5. RELISHING  |
| 12. SHEBELI   | 6. OPPRESSED  |
| 13. GIBES     | 7. THOSE      |
| 15. THIRSTIER | 8. NEEDIER    |
| 17. PREPARING | 14. SPAGHETTI |
| 18. DRESS     | 15. THIRTIETH |
| 20. CROCHET   | 16. INELEGANT |
| 22. BARTERS   | 17. PACIFIC   |
| 24. FLEETNESS | 19. SYSTEMS   |
| 25. HEAVE     | 21. OVERT     |
| 26. CATFISHES | 22. BUSES     |
| 27. BATHS     | 23. REHAB     |



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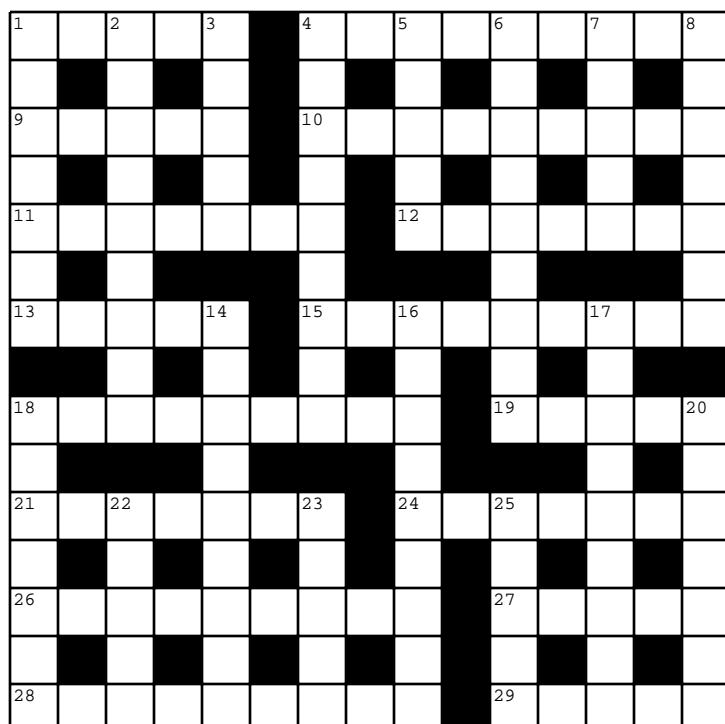
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| 1. TOPIC      | 1. TAVERNS    |
| 4. NEIGHBOUR  | 2. PAWNSHOPS  |
| 9. VOWEL      | 3. COLOR      |
| 10. CASANOVAS | 4. NUCLEIC    |
| 11. RESERVE   | 5. INSULAR    |
| 12. LOYALER   | 6. HONEYCOMB  |
| 13. SLOPE     | 7. ORVAL      |
| 15. CORPORALS | 8. RESORTS    |
| 17. POSTPONES | 14. EXPRESSED |
| 20. BESOM     | 16. ASSERTION |
| 22. SHEBELI   | 17. PESETAS   |
| 24. UNFURLS   | 18. NAIVEST   |
| 26. TRANSIENT | 19. SAUNTER   |
| 27. UNIFY     | 21. MISTYPE   |
| 28. SPEEDSTER | 23. ERASE     |
| 29. DENSE     | 25. FOUND     |



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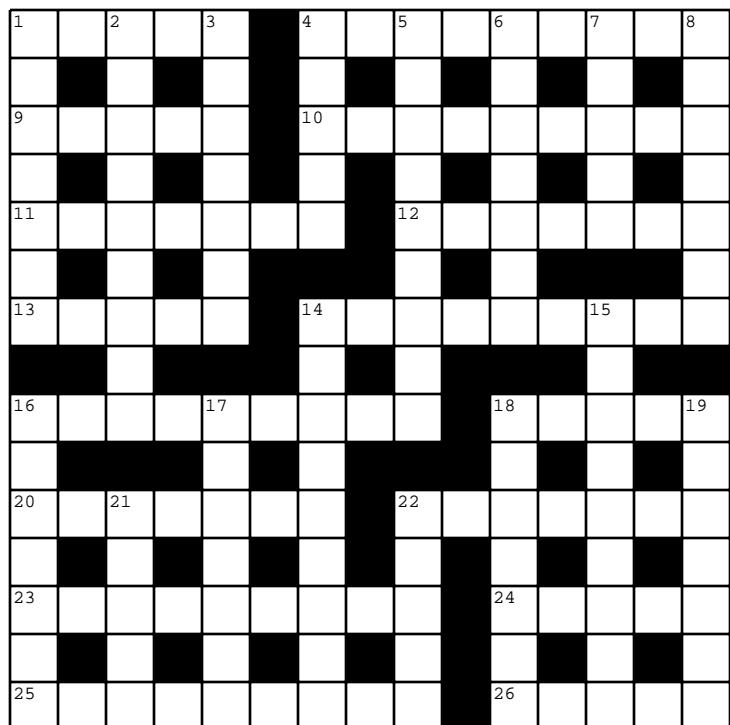
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| 4. TALLCHIEF  | 2. ABRIDGING  |
| 9. MORAL      | 3. POLLS      |
| 10. REFLECTOR | 4. TARANTULA  |
| 11. ADDISON   | 5. LIFTS      |
| 12. SUKARNO   | 6. CHECKERED  |
| 13. EVILS     | 7. INTER      |
| 15. UNDERTOOK | 8. FORSOOK    |
| 18. ALGEBRAIC | 14. SUBDIVIDE |
| 19. DISCS     | 16. DECEPTION |
| 21. CRANIUM   | 17. OBSCURING |
| 24. PENGUIN   | 18. ACCEPTS   |
| 26. PIZZICATI | 20. SENIORS   |
| 27. RHINO     | 22. ANZAC     |
| 28. SECRETION | 23. MIAMI     |
| 29. SAGAS     | 25. NORMS     |



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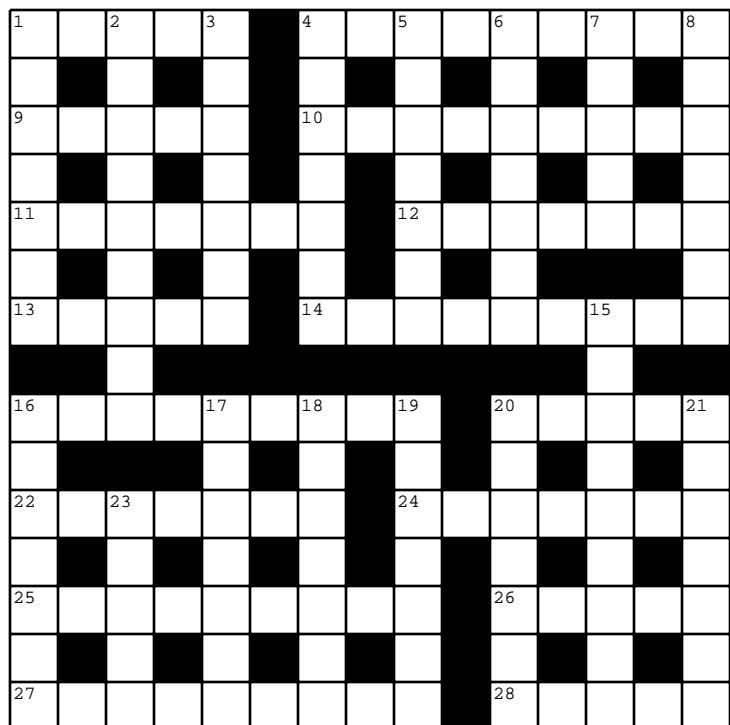
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| 1. DROVE      | 1. DEFAMES    |
| 4. IMBECILIC  | 2. OVERNIGHT  |
| 9. FREER      | 3. ENRAGES    |
| 10. CHINATOWN | 4. INCUR      |
| 11. MANAGER   | 5. BLIZZARDS  |
| 12. ZHIVAGO   | 6. CRANIUM    |
| 13. SIGNS     | 7. LEOLA      |
| 14. BAROMETER | 8. CANDOUR    |
| 16. OUTSKIRTS | 14. BERNOULLI |
| 18. FENCE     | 15. TINDERBOX |
| 20. LORENZO   | 16. OBLIGES   |
| 22. ICEBERG   | 17. KINETIC   |
| 23. GENITALIA | 18. FREEDOM   |
| 24. DEBUT     | 19. EIGHTHS   |
| 25. SELECTIVE | 21. RENAL     |
| 26. MIXES     | 22. INANE     |



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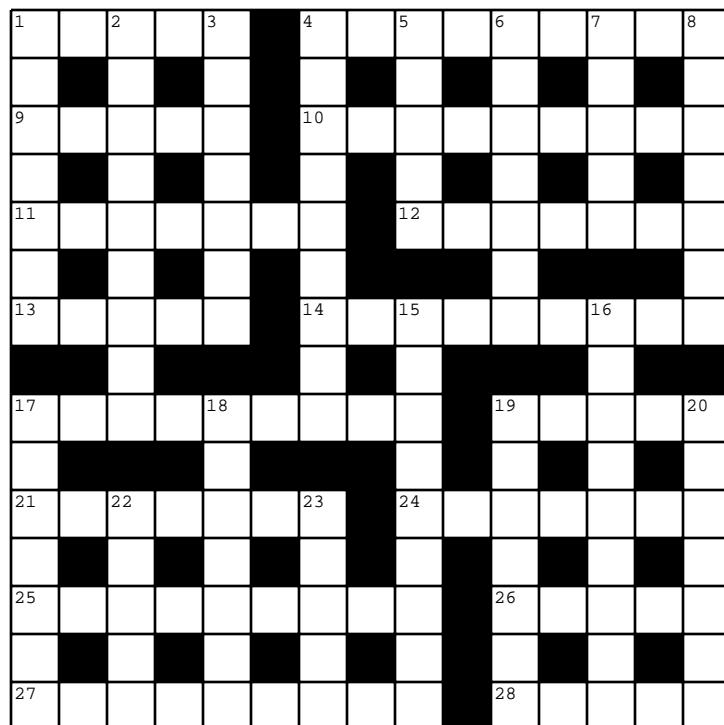
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| 4. PASSBOOKS  | 2. HUNDREDTH  |
| 9. HINDU      | 3. CRUMBLE    |
| 10. ARMADILLO | 4. PLAGUED    |
| 11. MARABOU   | 5. SAMURAI    |
| 12. ROOSTER   | 6. BEDROCK    |
| 13. DODGE     | 7. OWLET      |
| 14. DRINKABLE | 8. SCOURGE    |
| 16. BEHOLDING | 15. BARRACUDA |
| 20. LORDS     | 16. BAGGAGE   |
| 22. GODUNOV   | 17. LANTERN   |
| 24. AWKWARD   | 18. INVITED   |
| 25. AUTHENTIC | 19. GLANCES   |
| 26. NOUNS     | 20. LIKENED   |
| 27. EUMENIDES | 21. SADISTS   |
| 28. DRAGS     | 23. DATUM     |



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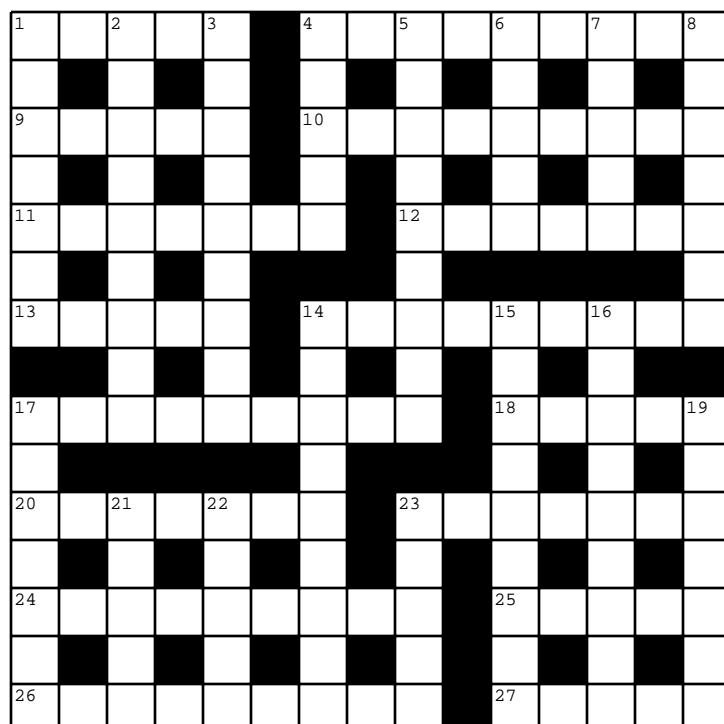
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| 1. HUFFS      | 1. HOARDER    |
| 4. SIDESHOWS  | 2. FINISHING  |
| 9. ANNOY      | 3. SKYCAPS    |
| 10. ORIGINATE | 4. SHORTFALL  |
| 11. DISTANT   | 5. DRIVE      |
| 12. EDUCATE   | 6. STIMULI    |
| 13. RAILS     | 7. OHARA      |
| 14. AMAZINGLY | 8. SCENERY    |
| 17. NIGHTCLUB | 15. AMBIGUOUS |
| 19. PANIC     | 16. GENTLEMEN |
| 21. MINIBUS   | 17. NOMADIC   |
| 24. GALILEE   | 18. TABLETS   |
| 25. DESPERADO | 19. PALATES   |
| 26. TEMPT     | 20. CREATES   |
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| 28. SINKS     | 23. SNAFU     |



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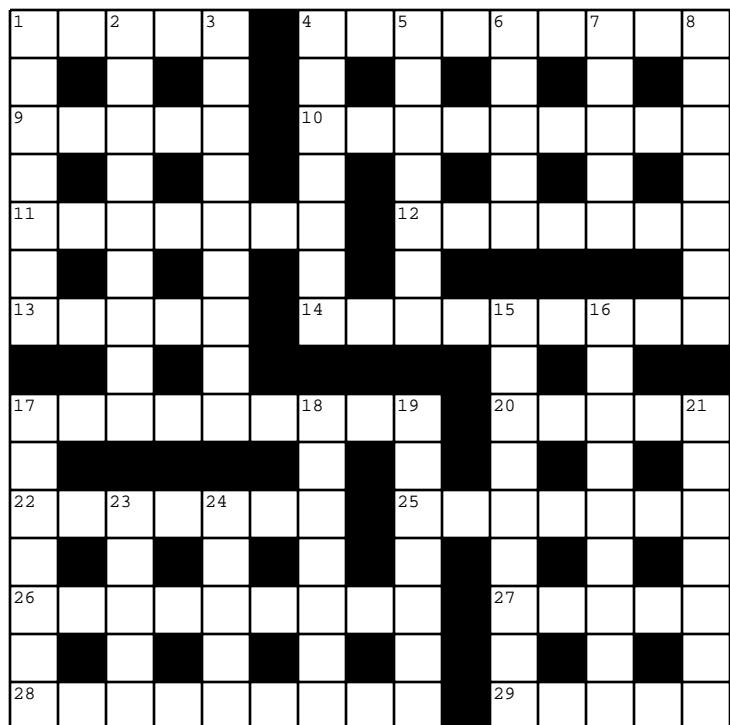
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| 4. HIBERNATE  | 2. MENAGERIE  |
| 9. ANNIE      | 3. AMERICANA  |
| 10. FOOTNOTES | 4. HUFFS      |
| 11. DOGGIES   | 5. BIOGRAPHY  |
| 12. REWRITE   | 6. RENEW      |
| 13. ATRIA     | 7. ALTAI      |
| 14. EXPEDIENT | 8. EASIEST    |
| 17. HIERARCHY | 14. EXCELLENT |
| 18. SHELF     | 15. DISPARATE |
| 20. RESTFUL   | 16. ELECTRODE |
| 23. CHAOTIC   | 17. HARMFUL   |
| 24. FORTALEZA | 19. FACTORY   |
| 25. AMOCO     | 21. SHRUG     |
| 26. LOGARITHM | 22. FLAIR     |
| 27. EVERY     | 23. CHARM     |



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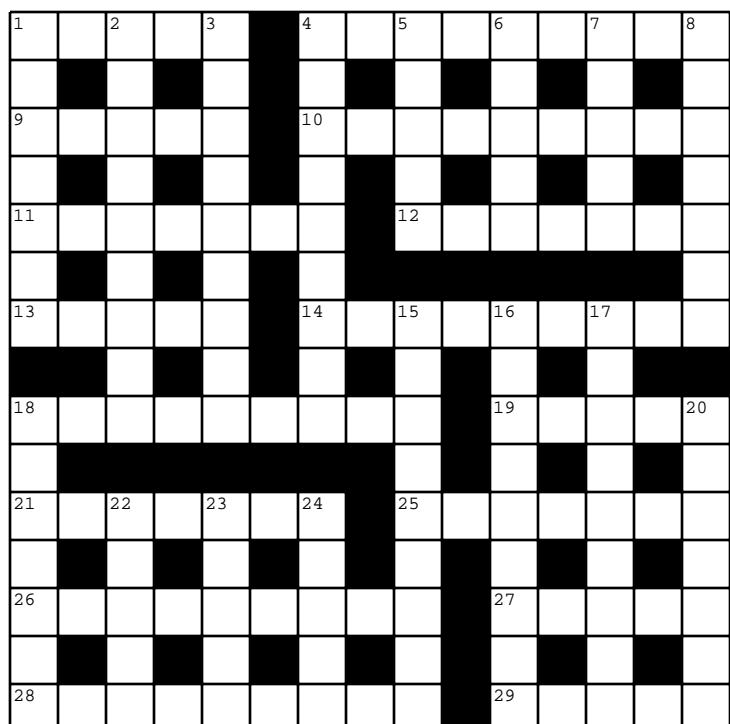
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| 1. ALBUM      | 1. ANCHORS    |
| 4. PARTITION  | 2. BRASSIEST  |
| 9. CRAWL      | 3. MILLENNIA  |
| 10. OFFENDING | 4. PROVERB    |
| 11. OBSCENE   | 5. REFUSAL    |
| 12. SURFACE   | 6. INNER      |
| 13. SKEIN     | 7. IBIZA      |
| 14. BULLFIGHT | 8. NEGLECT    |
| 17. ENTRAPPED | 15. FIFTEENTH |
| 20. FLUNG     | 16. GRUESOMER |
| 22. ELECTOR   | 17. ELECTRA   |
| 25. CHELSEA   | 18. PURSUES   |
| 26. TARANTULA | 19. DICTATE   |
| 27. NAMED     | 21. GRANDLY   |
| 28. ADDRESSEE | 23. ERRED     |
| 29. HURRY     | 24. TENSE     |



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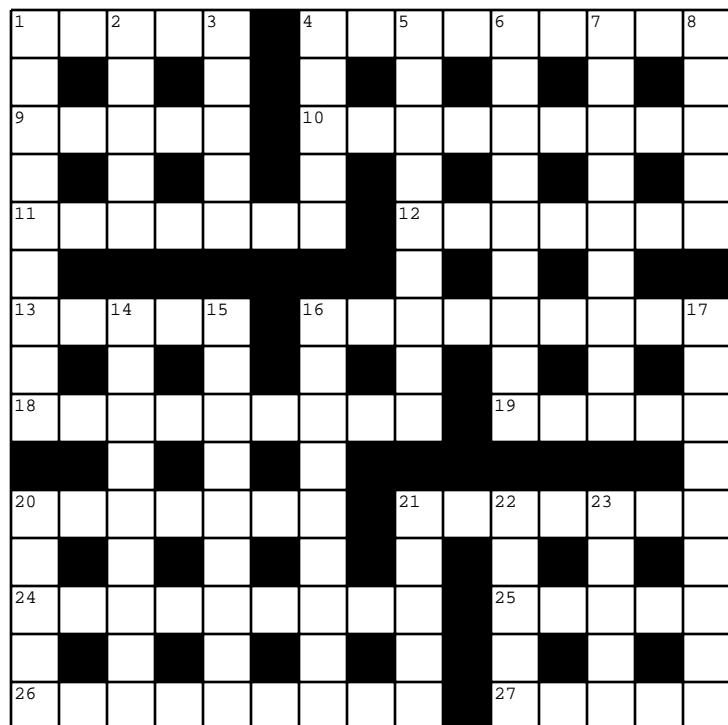
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| 4. DEPRESSES  | 2. CENTRALER  |
| 9. TANGO      | 3. TROMBONES  |
| 10. SOCIALISM | 4. DISTURBED  |
| 11. MARABOU   | 5. PACES      |
| 12. SCORPIO   | 6. ERATO      |
| 13. COLON     | 7. SKIMP      |
| 14. BRIEFCASE | 8. SOMEONE    |
| 18. FIRESIDES | 15. INSPIRING |
| 19. RAGES     | 16. FORTHWITH |
| 21. ACCEPTS   | 17. ALGEBRAIC |
| 25. INHABIT   | 18. FIANCEE   |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 20. SETTERS   |
| 27. INANE     | 22. CLEAR     |
| 28. EHRENBERG | 23. PECAN     |
| 29. HACKS     | 24. SINCE     |



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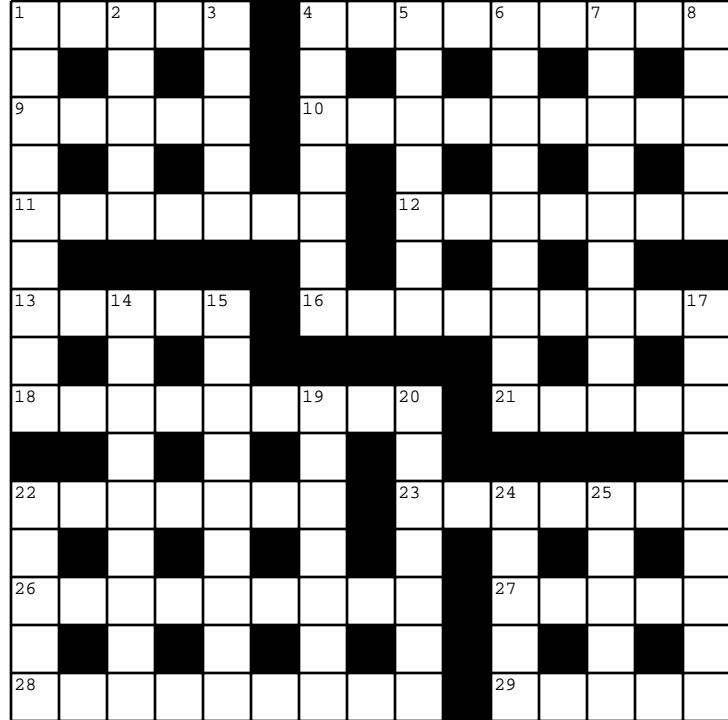
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| Across         | Down          |
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| 1. SHRUB       | 1. SOPHISTRY  |
| 4. TRAILERED   | 2. ROUND      |
| 9. PLUMB       | 3. BIBLE      |
| 10. BOTANICAL  | 4. TUBES      |
| 11. INDEEDS    | 5. AUTOPILOT  |
| 12. PAHLAVI    | 6. LINCHPINS  |
| 13. THUMB      | 7. RECTANGLE  |
| 16. WILLINGLY  | 8. DELHI      |
| 18. YELLOWWEST | 14. UNLOCKING |
| 19. SHELL      | 15. BOOKCASES |
| 20. BICYCLE    | 16. WOEBEGONE |
| 21. PROVISO    | 17. YELLOWING |
| 24. BRIMSTONE  | 20. BUBER     |
| 25. IRAQI      | 21. PRESS     |
| 26. REGISTERS  | 22. OWING     |
| 27. GREGG      | 23. IRATE     |



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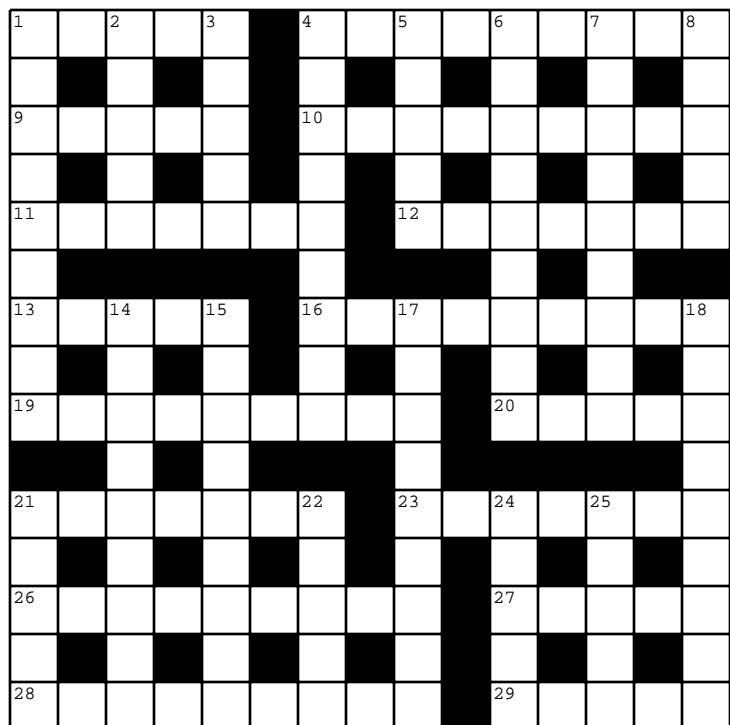
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| 4. EVOLUTION  | 2. ISSUE      |
| 9. DISCO      | 3. ALONE      |
| 10. CONFIDENT | 4. EXCUSES    |
| 11. CHEWERS   | 5. OMNIBUS    |
| 12. BEATIFY   | 6. URINATING  |
| 13. IDIOM     | 7. ITEMIZING  |
| 16. SUSPICION | 8. NATTY      |
| 18. GENERATOR | 14. INNOCENCE |
| 21. GAGES     | 15. MERCHANTS |
| 22. ALCOHOL   | 17. NOSEBLEED |
| 23. SUCCUMB   | 19. TALLINN   |
| 26. PENANCING | 20. RESIGNS   |
| 27. CACHE     | 22. AMPED     |
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| 29. SPEED     | 25. UNCLE     |



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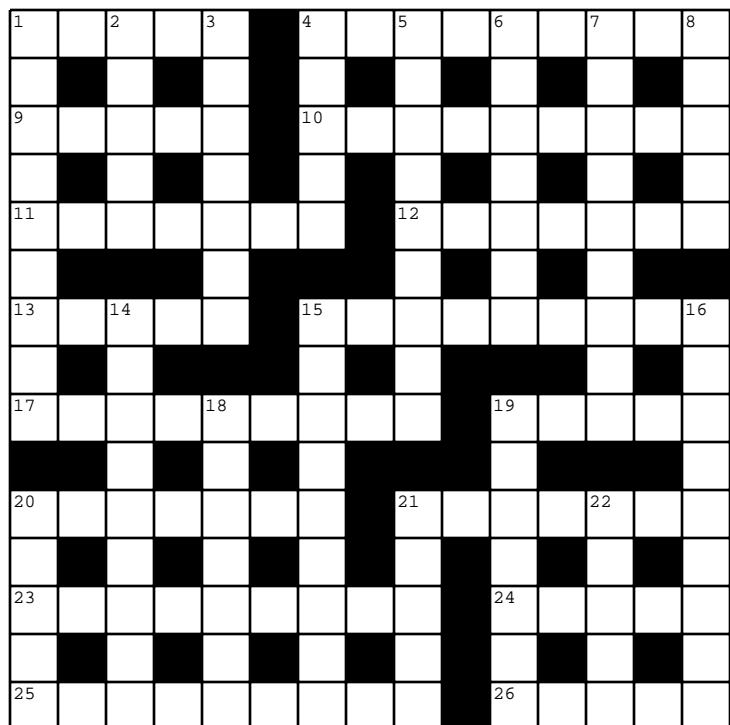
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| 1. DEBTS      | 1. DECEASING  |
| 4. AIRMAILED  | 2. BLIMP      |
| 9. CHIEF      | 3. SAFER      |
| 10. OBJECTION | 4. AVOIDANCE  |
| 11. ASPIRED   | 5. RAJAH      |
| 12. HOLDUPS   | 6. ACCOLADED  |
| 13. INANE     | 7. LEISURELY  |
| 16. NAKEDNESS | 8. DUNES      |
| 19. GENUINELY | 14. ANNOUNCED |
| 20. DRYLY     | 15. ELIMINATE |
| 21. LOUSIER   | 17. KEYSTROKE |
| 23. TERMINI   | 18. SKYDIVERS |
| 26. BOCCACCIO | 21. LIBRA     |
| 27. GAFFE     | 22. RACES     |
| 28. ADDRESSEE | 24. RAGED     |
| 29. DARNS     | 25. INFER     |



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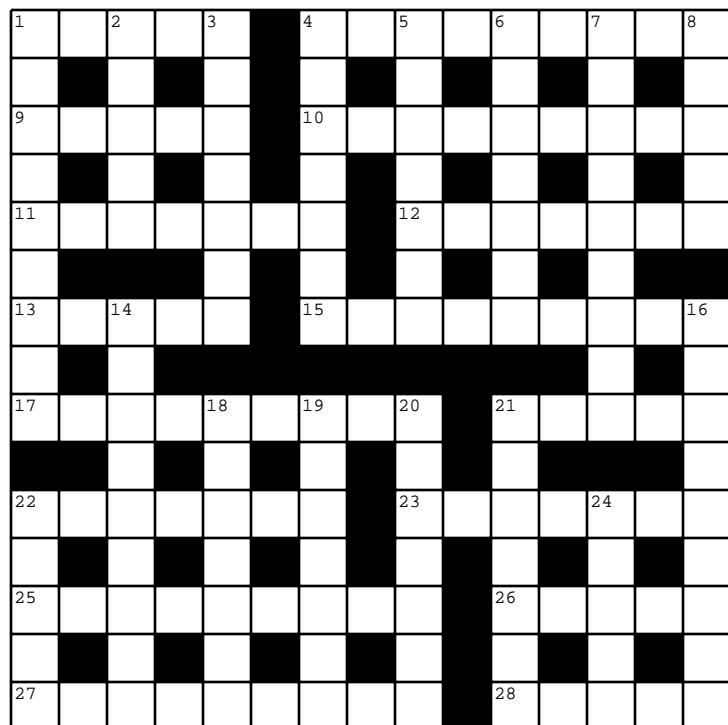
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| 1. GRUEL      | 1. GEOMETRIC  |
| 4. LIPSTICKS  | 2. ULTRA      |
| 9. OPTIC      | 3. LOCATES    |
| 10. CONFRONTS | 4. LUCKY      |
| 11. EXACTLY   | 5. PANHANDLE  |
| 12. ALIMONY   | 6. TERMINI    |
| 13. READS     | 7. CONSORTIA  |
| 15. MIDWINTER | 8. SASSY      |
| 17. CLAUDETTE | 14. AGAMEMNON |
| 19. ALARM     | 15. MATHEWSON |
| 20. TEENAGE   | 16. REMINISCE |
| 21. OVERRUN   | 18. DWARFER   |
| 23. MANIFESTO | 19. AGEINGS   |
| 24. NICKS     | 20. TEMPI     |
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| 26. SHARE     | 22. RECTA     |



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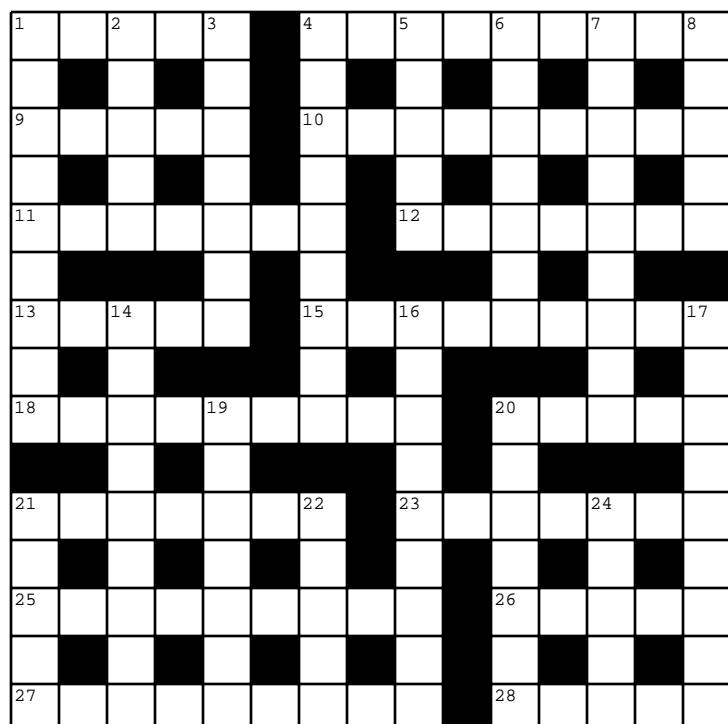
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. BERRA      | 1. BIRDCAGES  |
| 4. MISPLACES  | 2. REBEL      |
| 9. RABBI      | 3. ARIDEST    |
| 10. SWEETENED | 4. MISLEAD    |
| 11. COLLEGE   | 5. SIERRAS    |
| 12. RESCIND   | 6. LATASHA    |
| 13. GREAT     | 7. CENTIPEDE  |
| 15. DISMALEST | 8. SIDED      |
| 17. SUCCOURED | 14. ESCALATOR |
| 21. STEER     | 16. TARPAULIN |
| 22. MOLOTOV   | 18. OUTWORN   |
| 23. MAHATMA   | 19. REVERSE   |
| 25. POTPOURRI | 20. DAMPING   |
| 26. RURAL     | 21. SCHERZO   |
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| 28. ONION     | 24. TORSI     |



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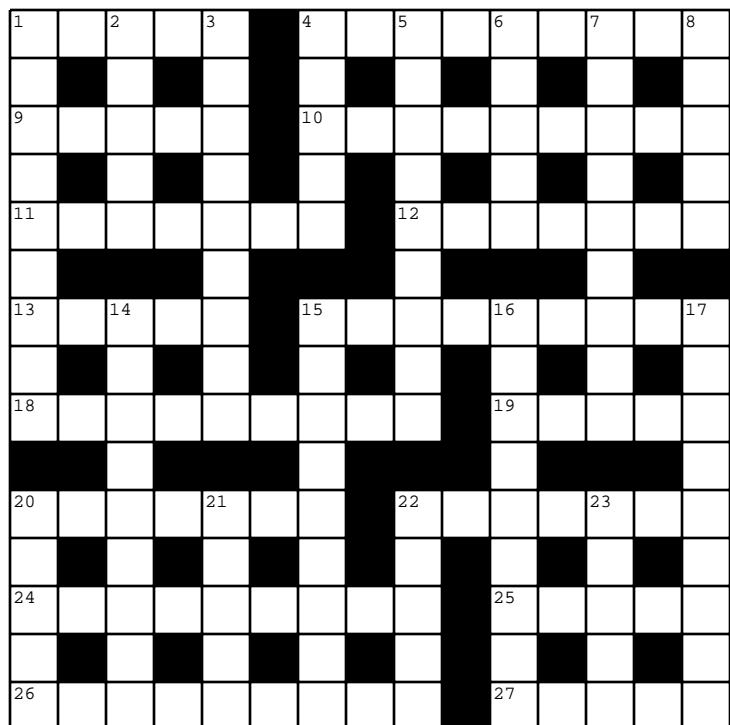
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| 4. HEREAFTER  | 2. CYNIC      |
| 9. SONIC      | 3. FACTUAL    |
| 10. RESEMBLED | 4. HORSESHOE  |
| 11. EXCLUDE   | 5. RISES      |
| 12. SCORPIO   | 6. ARMHOLE    |
| 13. DRILL     | 7. TELEPHOTO  |
| 15. HOUSEWORK | 8. RADIO      |
| 18. DISAPPEAR | 14. INSPECTED |
| 20. CHOSE     | 16. UNRUFFLED |
| 21. ACETONE   | 17. KEEPSAKES |
| 23. FLEECES   | 19. PROTEGE   |
| 25. CATHEDRAL | 20. CHECKUP   |
| 26. KNOCK     | 21. ALCOA     |
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| 28. PARKS     | 24. CHOIR     |



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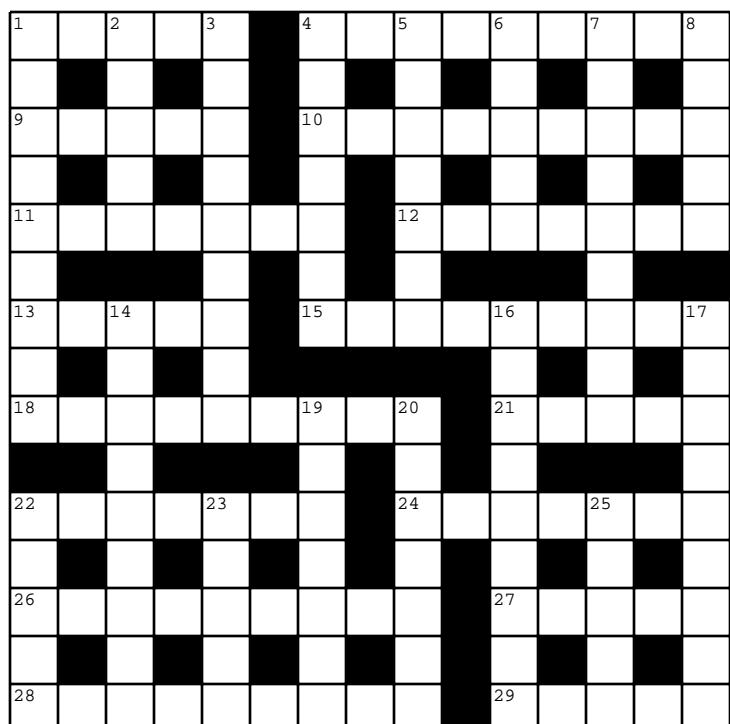
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| 1. METER      | 1. MISINFORM  |
| 4. SEPTEMBER  | 2. TREES      |
| 9. STEAM      | 3. REMAINDER  |
| 10. PERSUADED | 4. SAPPY      |
| 11. NASTILY   | 5. PERCEIVES  |
| 12. ECLAIRS   | 6. EQUAL      |
| 13. OARED     | 7. BADMINTON  |
| 15. ADVOCATED | 8. RIDES      |
| 18. MAHARAJAS | 14. REHEARSED |
| 19. NINJA     | 15. ABJECTING |
| 20. CLASSIC   | 16. CONDORCET |
| 22. SHOWMAN   | 17. DIAGNOSIS |
| 24. ASSESSING | 20. CHAIR     |
| 25. CUFFS     | 21. SISES     |
| 26. REDESIGNS | 22. SAGAS     |
| 27. TWINS     | 23. MUFTI     |



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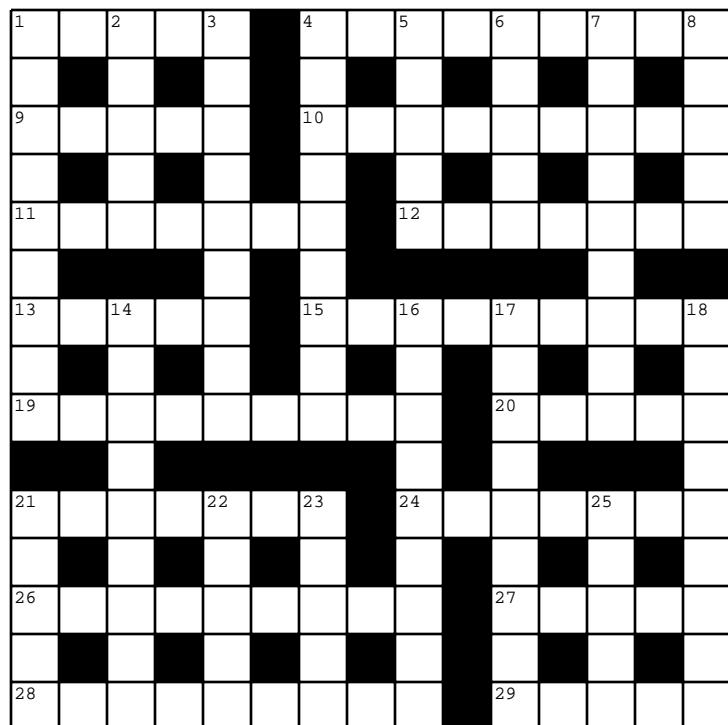
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| 1. MUJIB      | 1. MOLECULES  |
| 4. HOMEMAKER  | 2. JACKS      |
| 9. LACED      | 3. BEDRIDDEN  |
| 10. SWALLOWED | 4. HOSANNA    |
| 11. CUSHION   | 5. MEANDER    |
| 12. DESIRED   | 6. MALLS      |
| 13. LINED     | 7. KHWARIZMI  |
| 15. AURANGZEB | 8. REDID      |
| 18. SCIENTIST | 14. NOISELESS |
| 21. ICIER     | 16. NEIGHBOUR |
| 22. EMERGES   | 17. BARITONES |
| 24. EXHAUST   | 19. INSPECT   |
| 26. DREAMIEST | 20. THEATRE   |
| 27. OCEAN     | 22. ENDED     |
| 28. DISMANTLE | 23. GAMMA     |
| 29. RAIDS     | 25. UTERI     |



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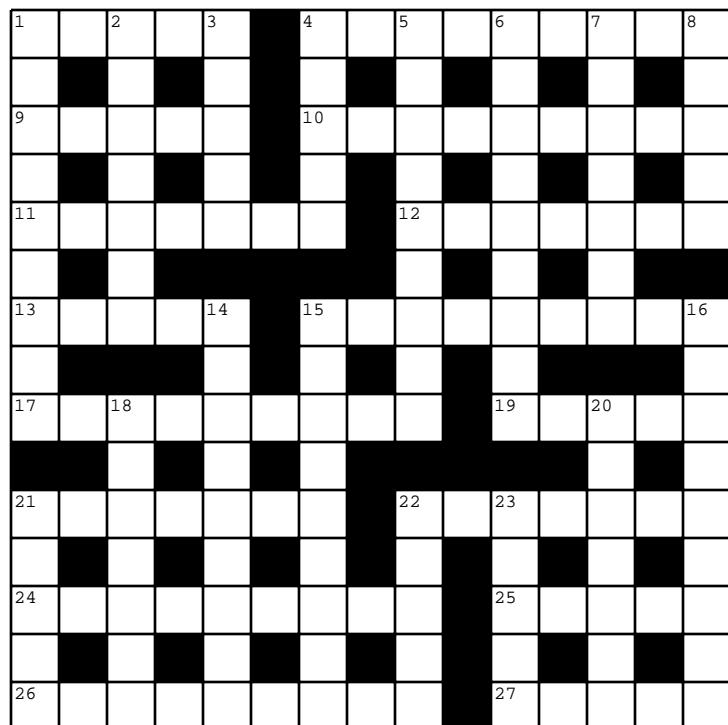
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| 1. ACTED      | 1. AYATOLLAH  |
| 4. BOOKSHELF  | 2. TRIAL      |
| 9. ACIDS      | 3. DYSPEPSIA  |
| 10. AGREEMENT | 4. BEAUTIFUL  |
| 11. OILIEST   | 5. OARED      |
| 12. DESCEND   | 6. STEMS      |
| 13. LAJOS     | 7. ELEMENTAL  |
| 15. FANTASTIC | 8. FATED      |
| 19. HYDRAULIC | 14. JUDGEMENT |
| 20. TALON     | 16. NECESSITY |
| 21. AVERAGE   | 17. ANTELOPES |
| 24. SOLUBLE   | 18. CONSENSUS |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 21. ALCOA     |
| 27. PAGES     | 22. ACCRA     |
| 28. ACTUALITY | 23. ENNUI     |
| 29. SALES     | 25. BAGEL     |



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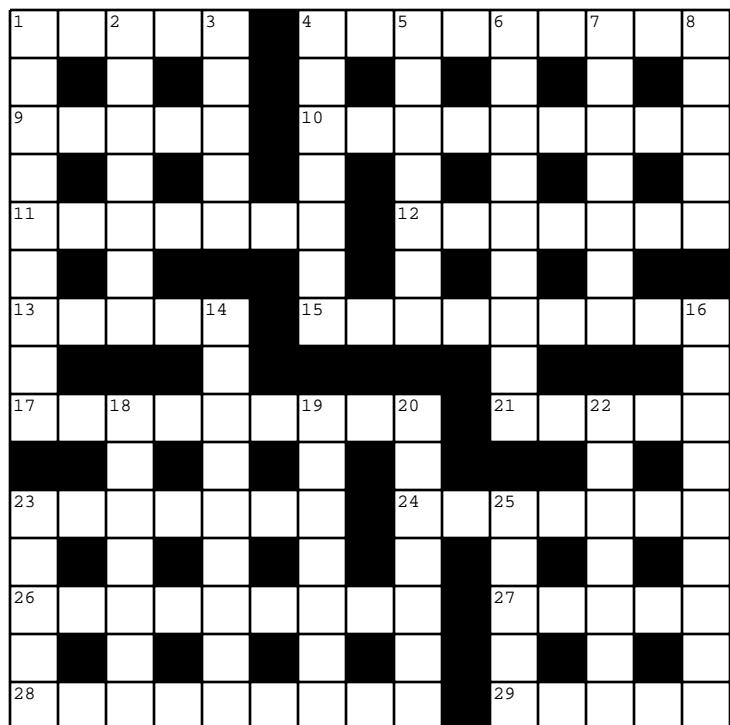
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| 1. IDEAL      | 1. IRASCIBLE  |
| 4. AVAILABLE  | 2. EMBARGO    |
| 9. ALBUM      | 3. LUMPS      |
| 10. REDUCTION | 4. ACRES      |
| 11. CORPSES   | 5. ABDUCTING  |
| 12. COTTAGE   | 6. LOCATIONS  |
| 13. BLOOD     | 7. BRIGADE    |
| 15. PRISONERS | 8. ERNIE      |
| 17. EMPLOYING | 14. DROPPINGS |
| 19. SCUBA     | 15. PRIMROSED |
| 21. CHOPPER   | 16. SHAGGIEST |
| 22. GIGGING   | 18. PROUDER   |
| 24. INDONESIA | 20. UNIQUER   |
| 25. MAUVE     | 21. CHIEF     |
| 26. FIRESIDES | 22. GOALS     |
| 27. WORST     | 23. GAMOW     |



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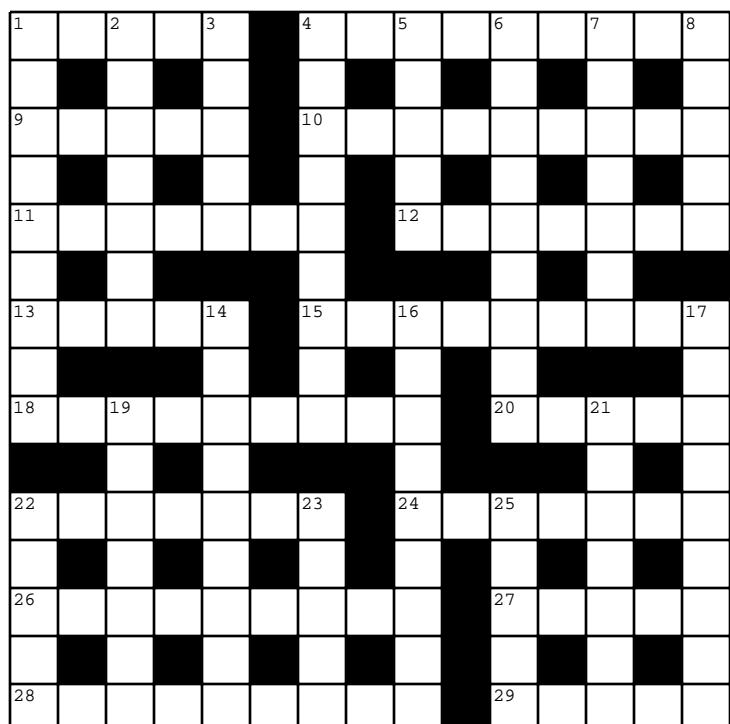
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| 4. DATABASES  | 2. ANGLING    |
| 9. NEGEV      | 3. RIVER      |
| 10. SCREAMING | 4. DUSTMEN    |
| 11. EPIGRAM   | 5. TIRADES    |
| 12. DENTIST   | 6. BRAINWASH  |
| 13. SIGNS     | 7. SHINING    |
| 15. NOSTALGIA | 8. SIGHT      |
| 17. STRUCTURE | 14. SOCIALISM |
| 21. HEART     | 16. AUTOMATIC |
| 23. CHAGALL   | 18. READOUT   |
| 24. UNBOSOM   | 19. UGLIEST   |
| 26. PROMINENT | 20. ERUPTED   |
| 27. ONSET     | 22. ASSISTS   |
| 28. AUTOMATED | 23. COPRA     |
| 29. MUSIC     | 25. BLOOM     |



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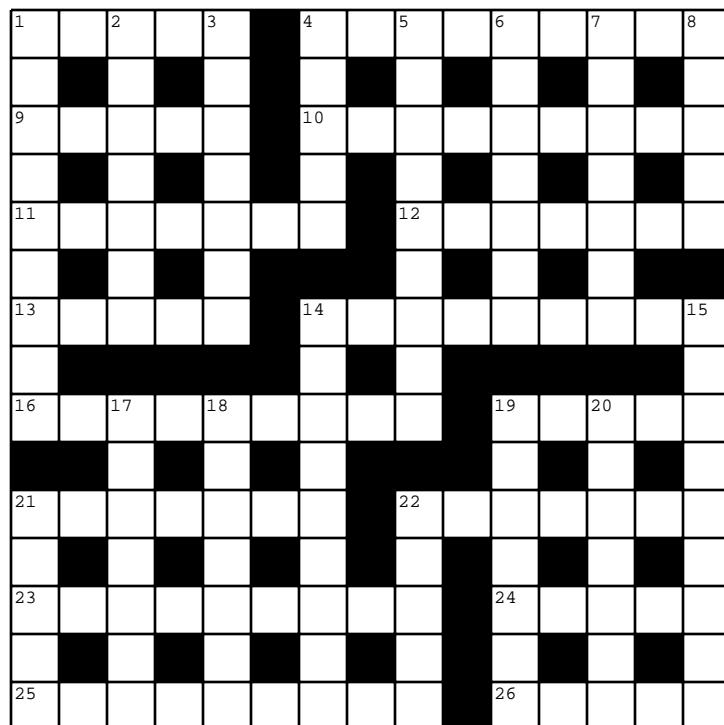
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| 4. GRANDSONS  | 2. OVERALL    |
| 9. ARENA      | 3. FLASH      |
| 10. IDIOMATIC | 4. GLISSANDI  |
| 11. TEACHES   | 5. ALIAS      |
| 12. SIGNALS   | 6. DEMAGOGUE  |
| 13. COLON     | 7. OUTCAST    |
| 15. NAVIGATED | 8. SECTS      |
| 18. STARTLING | 14. NATIONALS |
| 20. EVENT     | 16. VAGUENESS |
| 22. LIMBOED   | 17. DETERRENT |
| 24. ELECTOR   | 19. ADMIRAL   |
| 26. MARMALADE | 21. EXTENDS   |
| 27. BINGE     | 22. LEMMA     |
| 28. ALLUSIONS | 23. DRACO     |
| 29. WASNT     | 25. ELBOW     |



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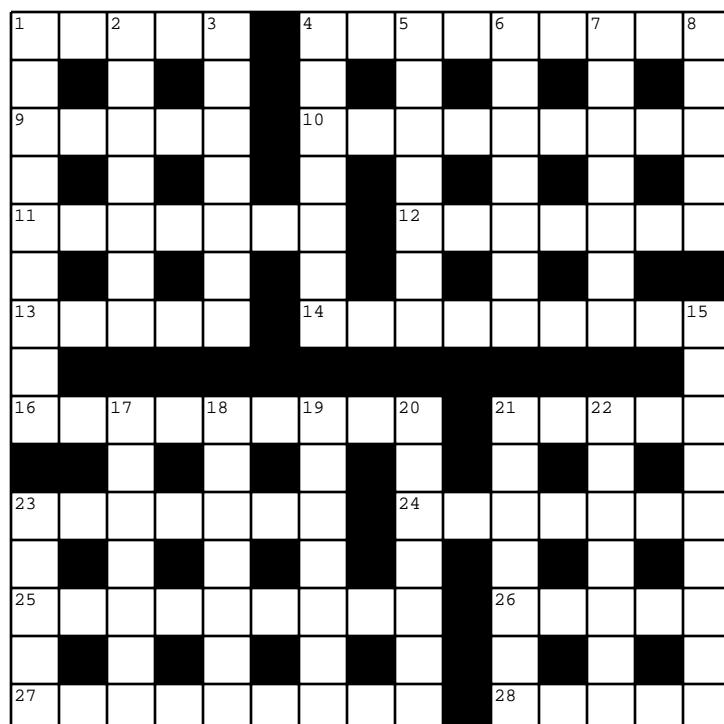
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| 1. SWISH      | 1. SCEPTICAL  |
| 4. CONVERGED  | 2. INJURES    |
| 9. ENJOY      | 3. HEYDAYS    |
| 10. FORWARDER | 4. CAFES      |
| 11. THREATS   | 5. NORTHERLY  |
| 12. HOSANNA   | 6. ELAPSED    |
| 13. CASTS     | 7. GODUNOV    |
| 14. DAREDEVIL | 8. DARLA      |
| 16. LIABILITY | 14. DRINKABLE |
| 19. HAIKU     | 15. LEUKAEMIA |
| 21. PARTOOK   | 17. AIRDROP   |
| 22. AUGUSTA   | 18. IMOGENE   |
| 23. AGREEABLE | 19. HAGGARD   |
| 24. AXIOM     | 20. ISSUING   |
| 25. APPREHEND | 21. PLAZA     |
| 26. DOGMA     | 22. AMEND     |



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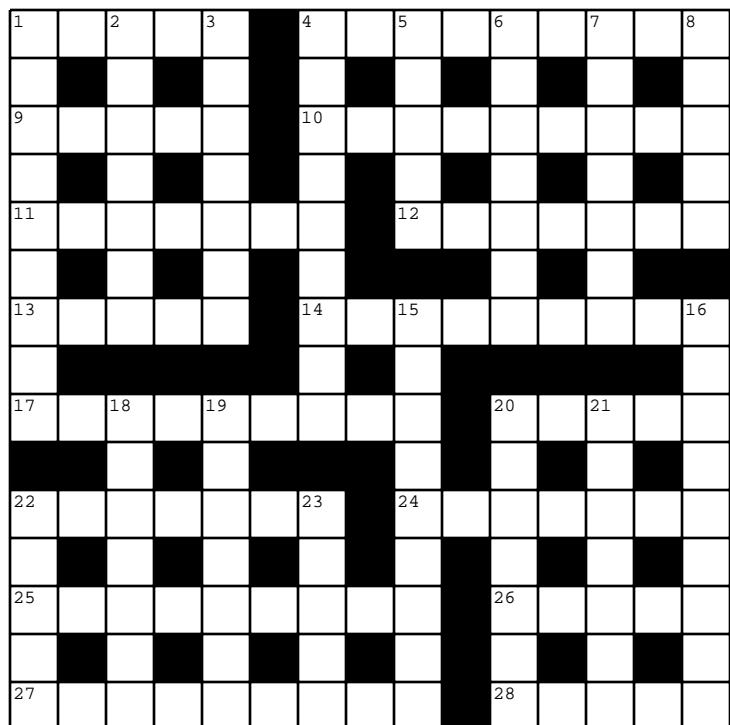
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| 4. BOMBARDED  | 2. RINGLET    |
| 9. RENEW      | 3. BAWDIER    |
| 10. LAXATIVES | 4. BELLHOP    |
| 11. SELFISH   | 5. MAXILLA    |
| 12. LANYARD   | 6. ANTONYM    |
| 13. INTER     | 7. DEVIANT    |
| 14. PRAGMATIC | 8. DOSED      |
| 16. NIGHTCLUB | 15. CHASTISED |
| 21. SAMBA     | 17. GRENADA   |
| 23. FREMONT   | 18. THOUGHT   |
| 24. DEMERIT   | 19. LOTUSES   |
| 25. ANALGESIC | 20. BODICES   |
| 26. HEIRS     | 21. SOMEHOW   |
| 27. CHASTISES | 22. MARTINI   |
| 28. WEIRD     | 23. FRANC     |



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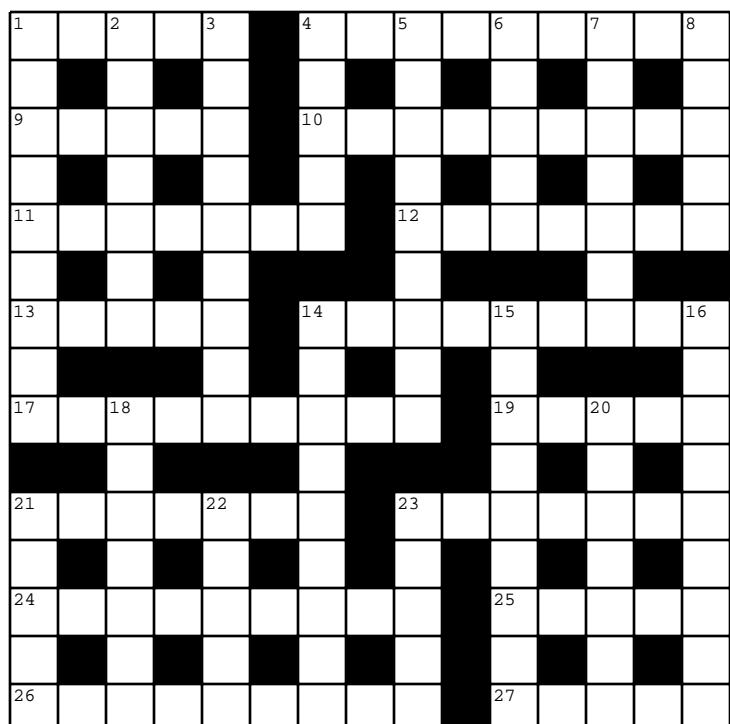
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| 4. DESIGNING  | 2. BOLOGNA    |
| 9. TYLER      | 3. EARLENE    |
| 10. MARQUISES | 4. DEMITASSE  |
| 11. NEGLECT   | 5. SCREW      |
| 12. WEASELS   | 6. GOULASH    |
| 13. IMAGE     | 7. INSPECT    |
| 14. SPAGHETTI | 8. GASES      |
| 17. EHRENBERG | 15. ALGEBRAIC |
| 20. KICKS     | 16. INSURANCE |
| 22. VIBRANT   | 18. ROBERTA   |
| 24. BRYNNER   | 19. NEARING   |
| 25. CURRICULA | 20. KAYAKED   |
| 26. KLEIN     | 21. CONDEMN   |
| 27. ANALGESIC | 22. VACUA     |
| 28. DENSE     | 23. TAUTS     |



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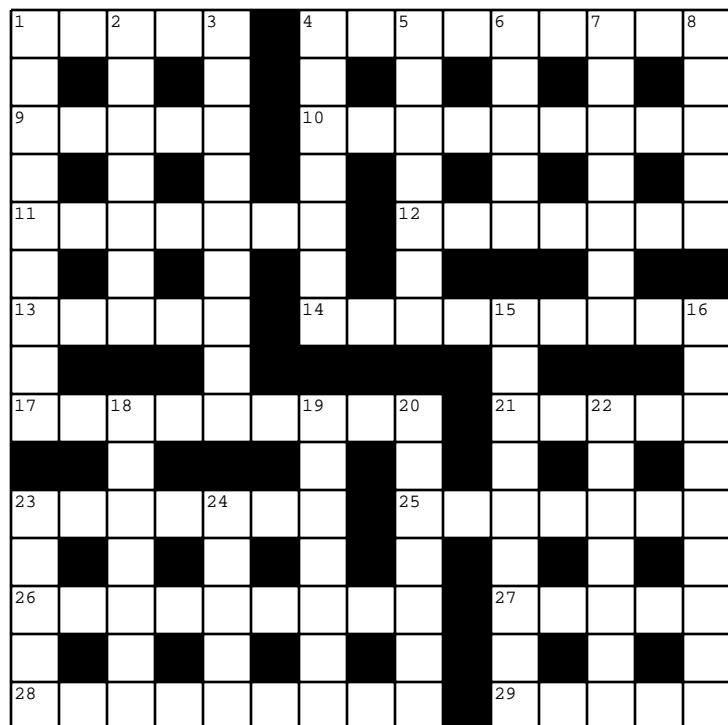
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| 1. MAIZE      | 1. MENDELEEV  |
| 4. COMMENCED  | 2. IMPEDED    |
| 9. NAPES      | 3. ELSEWHERE  |
| 10. TARGETING | 4. CITED      |
| 11. ENDOWED   | 5. MARIGOLDS  |
| 12. GRAVELY   | 6. ENEMA      |
| 13. ENDUE     | 7. CHIMERA    |
| 14. MELODRAMA | 8. DOGGY      |
| 17. VARIETIES | 14. MAINLANDS |
| 19. FORUM     | 15. DEFEATISM |
| 21. GENITAL   | 16. ARMADILLO |
| 23. GLANCED   | 18. RENAMED   |
| 24. MEMORANDA | 20. RACIEST   |
| 25. IDEAL     | 21. GAMMA     |
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| 27. MOTTO     | 23. GRAVE     |



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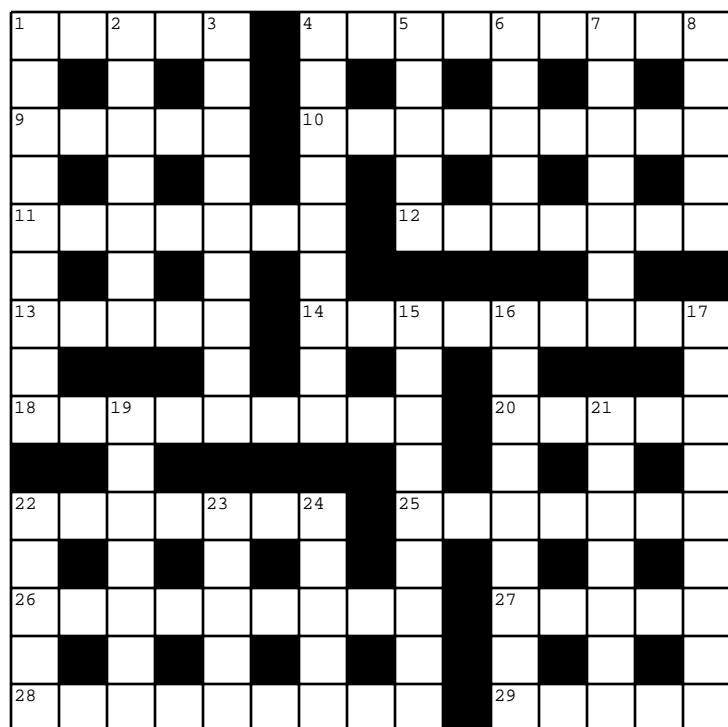
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| 1. BIPED      | 1. BLESSEDER  |
| 4. KIPPERING  | 2. PATCHES    |
| 9. ESTES      | 3. DESTROYED  |
| 10. CHRISTIAN | 4. KICKOFF    |
| 11. SCHERZO   | 5. PERTURB    |
| 12. UPDATED   | 6. EASED      |
| 13. DUSTY     | 7. IDIOTIC    |
| 14. FIBONACCI | 8. GONAD      |
| 17. RESIDENTS | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 21. GODOT     | 16. INTERVIEW |
| 23. CORNCOB   | 18. SPRITES   |
| 25. OBTUSER   | 19. NEBULAE   |
| 26. AUTOPILOT | 20. SHORTER   |
| 27. LUIGI     | 22. DISTILL   |
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| 29. BELOW     | 24. COPSE     |



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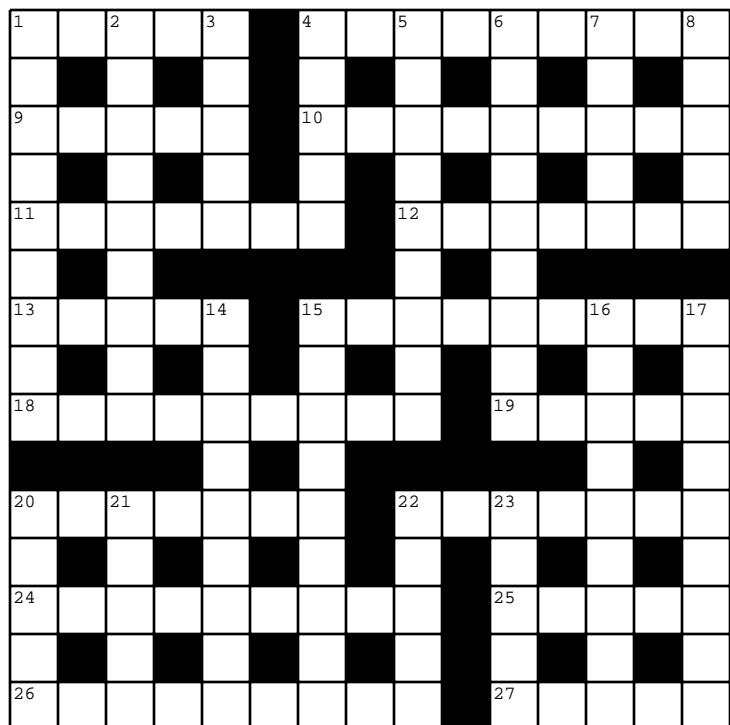
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| 1. REALM      | 1. RESISTORS   |
| 4. PROVISION  | 2. AVARICE     |
| 9. SMALL      | 3. MELODRAMA   |
| 10. PROLOGUES | 4. PEPPERONI   |
| 11. SWINDLE   | 5. OBOES       |
| 12. SAYINGS   | 6. IRONY       |
| 13. OMEGA     | 7. IGUANAS     |
| 14. ORGANISER | 8. NESTS       |
| 18. SENSATION | 15. GENERATES  |
| 20. GRAPH     | 16. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 22. DEBASES   | 17. REHEARSSES |
| 25. ROTUNDA   | 19. NABBING    |
| 26. BRILLIANT | 21. AMNESIA    |
| 27. LASTS     | 22. DUBHE      |
| 28. EAGERNESS | 23. SOLAR      |
| 29. BEANS     | 24. SHAPE      |



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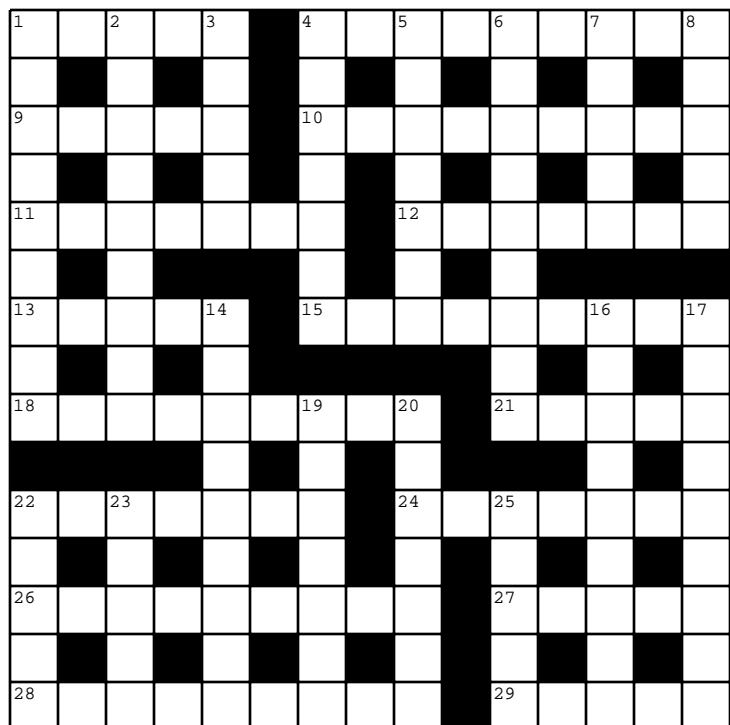
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| 1. TEETH      | 1. TASTELESS  |
| 4. RECYCLING  | 2. EXERCISED  |
| 9. SPEED      | 3. HIDES      |
| 10. CREAMIEST | 4. RACES      |
| 11. EXCUSES   | 5. CREATURES  |
| 12. TELLERS   | 6. COMPLAINS  |
| 13. ESSAY     | 7. ILENE      |
| 15. CURRICULA | 8. GATES      |
| 18. SIDELINES | 14. YELLOWEST |
| 19. SIDES     | 15. CONNECTOR |
| 20. COMPOSE   | 16. UNDRESSED |
| 22. HASTENS   | 17. ASSISTANT |
| 24. INSPECTED | 20. CLIMB     |
| 25. PASHA     | 21. MASAI     |
| 26. BLISTERED | 22. HIDED     |
| 27. AUDIT     | 23. SEPIA     |



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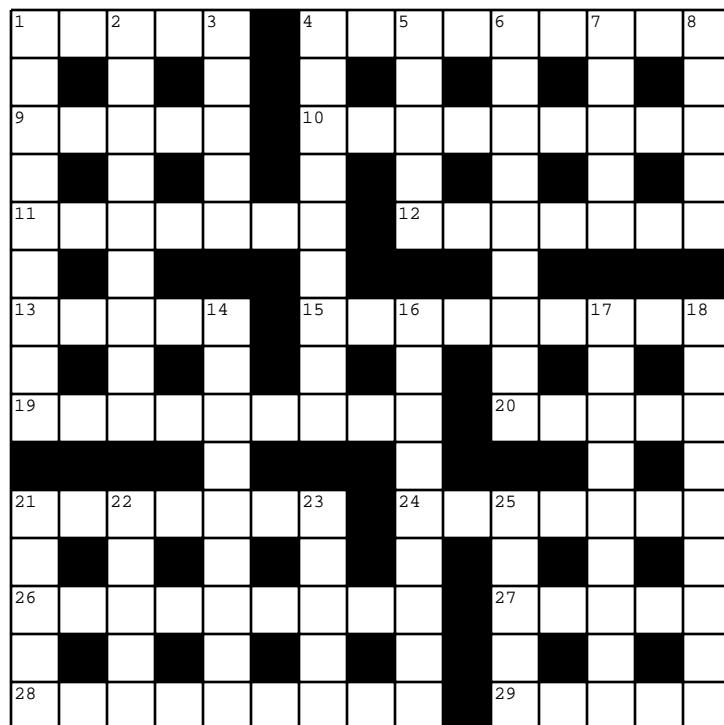
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| 1. ARROW      | 1. ACCEPTING  |
| 4. BECOMINGS  | 2. REOPENING  |
| 9. CROWN      | 3. WINES      |
| 10. ADJOURNED | 4. BRAIDED    |
| 11. PRESSED   | 5. CAJOLES    |
| 12. LEOPARD   | 6. MAUSOLEUM  |
| 13. ICIER     | 7. NINJA      |
| 15. DISMEMBER | 8. SIDED      |
| 18. GIGABYTES | 14. REBELLING |
| 21. MANIA     | 16. BANKNOTES |
| 22. MEDULLA   | 17. REASSURES |
| 24. IMPENDS   | 19. TRACHEA   |
| 26. ANGUISHED | 20. SWINDLE   |
| 27. ENTER     | 22. MIAMI     |
| 28. INTEGRATE | 23. DIGIT     |
| 29. SISES     | 25. POETS     |



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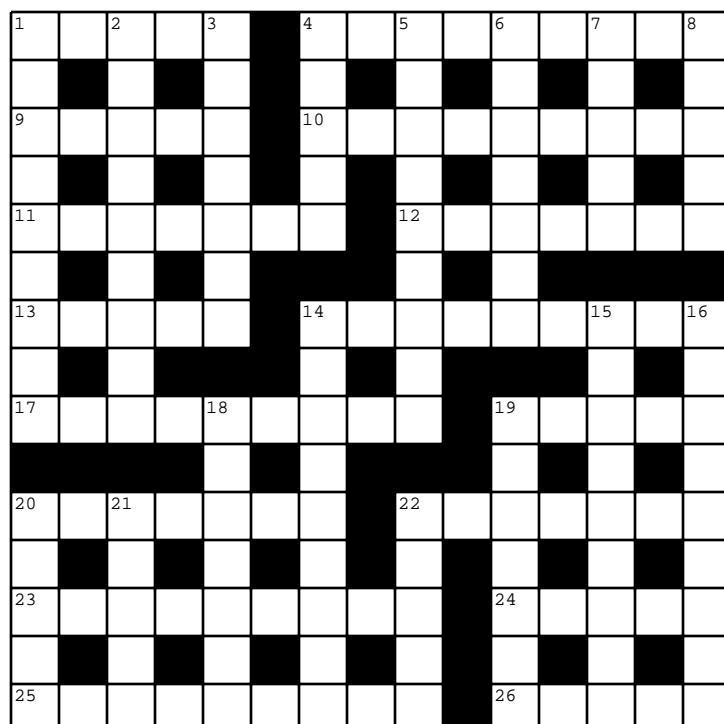
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| 1. BRING      | 1. BLUBBERED  |
| 4. KEYNOTING  | 2. INCLUSIVE  |
| 9. UNCLE      | 3. GREAT      |
| 10. WEARINESS | 4. KHWARIZMI  |
| 11. BLUNTER   | 5. YEARS      |
| 12. SYSTEMS   | 6. OMISSIONS  |
| 13. RAINS     | 7. ILENE      |
| 15. ZOOLOGIST | 8. GASES      |
| 19. DEEPENING | 14. SWEEPINGS |
| 20. SUPER     | 16. ORGANIZES |
| 21. COCKPIT   | 17. IMPRESSES |
| 24. NEGLECT   | 18. THROTTLED |
| 26. DOMINGUEZ | 21. CIDER     |
| 27. BASIL     | 22. COMMA     |
| 28. REASSURES | 23. TRUER     |
| 29. EASED     | 25. GABLE     |



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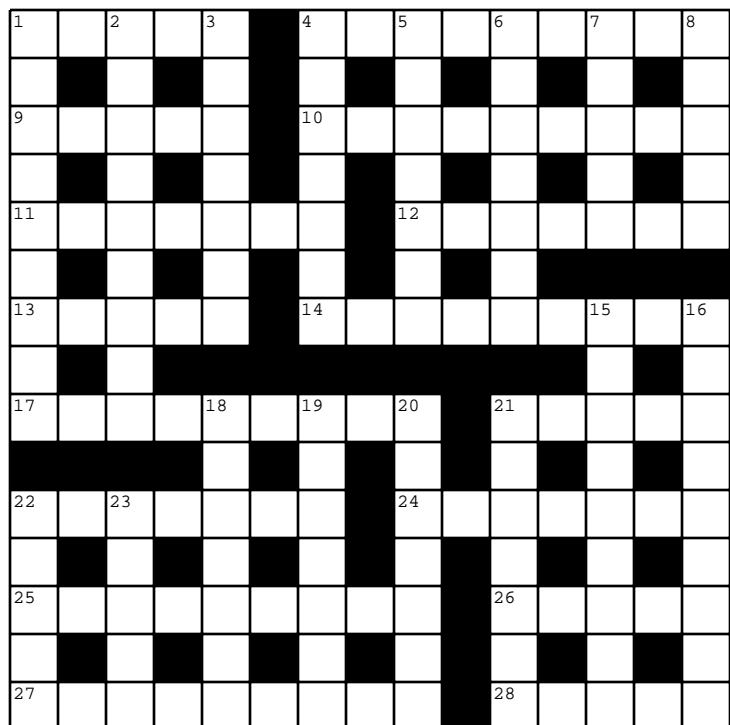
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| 1. SIGNS      | 1. SHORTHAND   |
| 4. FAITHFULS  | 2. GENITALIA   |
| 9. OWNER      | 3. SERENED     |
| 10. INTENSELY | 4. FAILS       |
| 11. TETANUS   | 5. INTERNALS   |
| 12. REBUILD   | 6. HANDBAG     |
| 13. AILED     | 7. UTERI       |
| 14. ANALGESIA | 8. SKYED       |
| 17. DRAWBACKS | 14. ACCORDING  |
| 19. NAPES     | 15. SOPORIFIC  |
| 20. BANALER   | 16. ABSCESSSES |
| 22. UNNERVE   | 18. BELLIES    |
| 23. DIGNIFIED | 19. NONSTOP    |
| 24. TIFFS     | 20. BUDGE      |
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| 26. PACKS     | 22. UNDID      |



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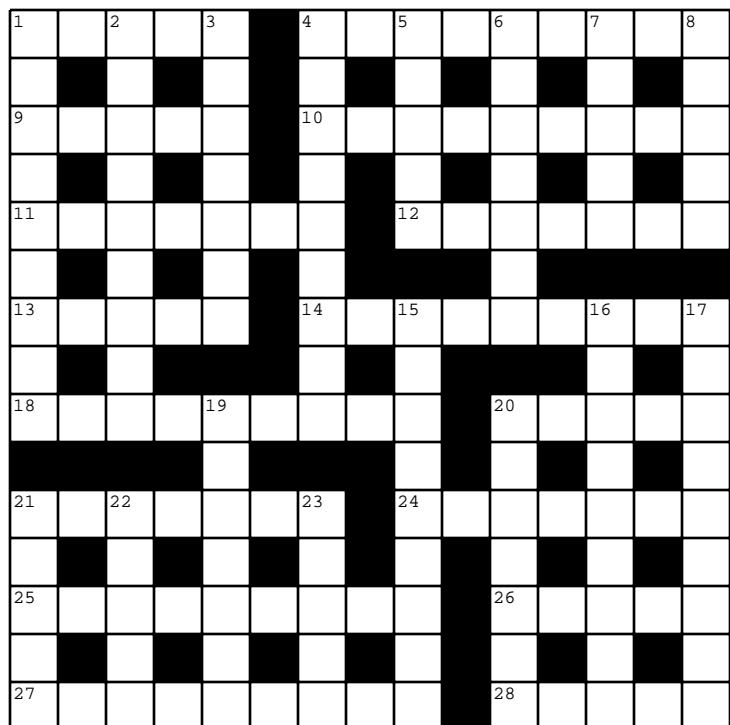
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| 1. FIGHT      | 1. FORSWEARS  |
| 4. FIREPROOF  | 2. GONORRHEA  |
| 9. RENAL      | 3. TALLIED    |
| 10. ESPIONAGE | 4. FLEDGED    |
| 11. WARPING   | 5. REPLICA    |
| 12. INEXACT   | 6. PROVERB    |
| 13. ACCHED    | 7. OHARA      |
| 14. DRAWBACKS | 8. FLEET      |
| 17. STAMMERER | 15. CLEANLIER |
| 21. SHEBA     | 16. SHATTERED |
| 22. DEDUCED   | 18. MICHEAL   |
| 24. CABINET   | 19. REDDEST   |
| 25. MENDELEEV | 20. RECOVER   |
| 26. ICIER     | 21. SUBSIST   |
| 27. SIMULATOR | 22. DUMBS     |
| 28. TIRED     | 23. DENIM     |



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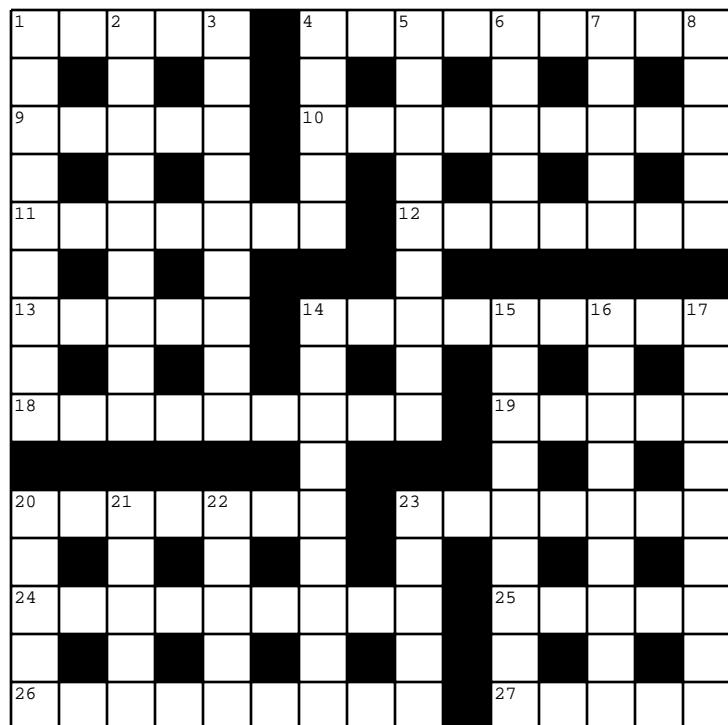
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| 1. LOGAN      | 1. LOINCLOTH  |
| 4. FLAPJACKS  | 2. GLANDULAR  |
| 9. INAPT      | 3. NOTICES    |
| 10. REDUCTION | 4. FORBIDDEN  |
| 11. CADUCEI   | 5. ARDOR      |
| 12. ROZELLE   | 6. JACUZZI    |
| 13. OGLES     | 7. CHILL      |
| 14. DEBRIEFED | 8. SINCE      |
| 18. HARDLINER | 15. BIRTHMARK |
| 20. AMIGA     | 16. FLIGHTIER |
| 21. BAHAMAS   | 17. DIAGNOSES |
| 24. HEATHEN   | 19. LAMENTS   |
| 25. PENINSULA | 20. ANAEMIA   |
| 26. MAILS     | 21. BIPED     |
| 27. DRUMSTICK | 22. HINDU     |
| 28. ACRES     | 23. SAUDI     |



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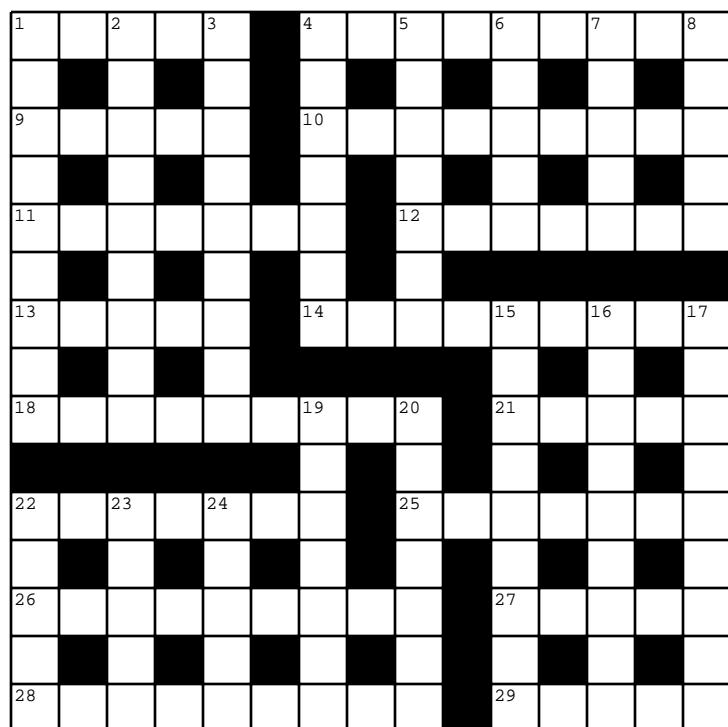
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BUTTERCUP  |
| 4. FRACTIONS  | 2. SANDPAPER  |
| 9. TANIA      | 3. CEAUSESCU  |
| 10. LIPSTICKS | 4. FILED      |
| 11. EXPOSED   | 5. APPLAUSED  |
| 12. ALLERGY   | 6. TOTAL      |
| 13. COPIES    | 7. OCCUR      |
| 14. UNDERPAID | 8. SISSY      |
| 18. PERSUADED | 14. UNDERPASS |
| 19. AMASS     | 15. REAPPEARS |
| 20. LOBSTER   | 16. AMATERASU |
| 23. SUPREME   | 17. DISBELIEF |
| 24. GLASSWARE | 20. LOGIC     |
| 25. ABACI     | 21. BLAIR     |
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| 27. STUFF     | 23. SEEKS     |



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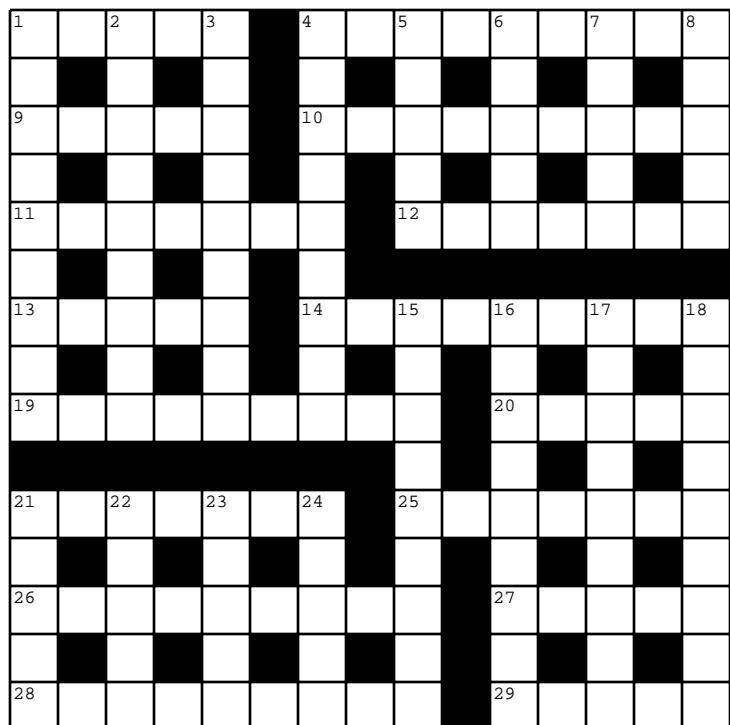
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| 1. CUBIC      | 1. COMPOSING  |
| 4. ALLOCATED  | 2. BELLICOSE  |
| 9. MELON      | 3. CANVASSER  |
| 10. ORGANIZER | 4. ABOLISH    |
| 11. ORIGAMI   | 5. LIGHTER    |
| 12. TALLYHO   | 6. CANAL      |
| 13. ICONS     | 7. TIZZY      |
| 14. HEREABOUT | 8. DARIO      |
| 18. GUERRILLA | 15. AMATERASU |
| 21. AMEND     | 16. OVERSLEEP |
| 22. CABLING   | 17. TIDEWATER |
| 25. OVERSAW   | 19. LIGHTLY   |
| 26. INUKTITUT | 20. ADOPTED   |
| 27. ARENT     | 22. CRISP     |
| 28. PORTRAYED | 23. BLUER     |
| 29. UPPER     | 24. INTER     |



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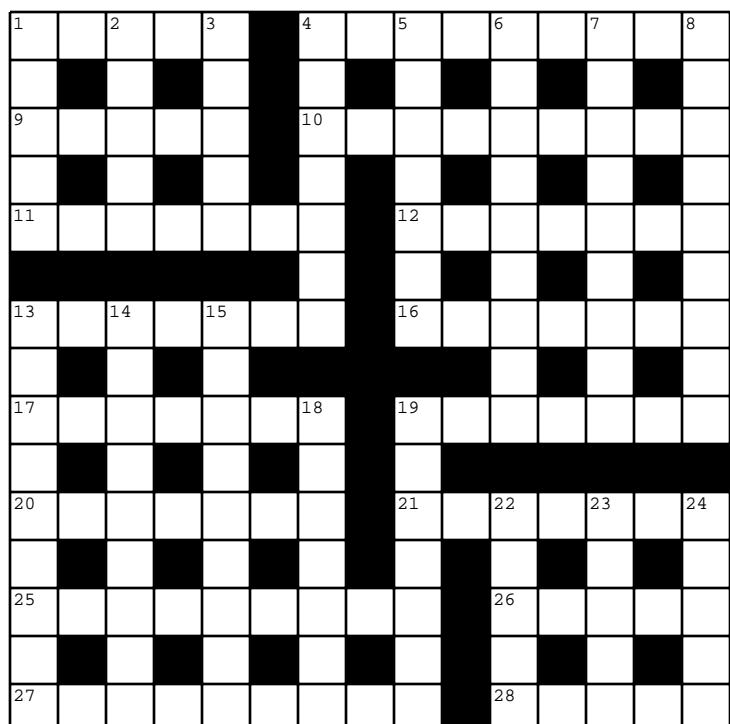
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| 1. RARES      | 1. RECOMMEND  |
| 4. CARPETBAG  | 2. RHAPSODIC  |
| 9. CHAIN      | 3. SENTIENCE  |
| 10. NOMINALLY | 4. CONFOUNDS  |
| 11. MESTIZO   | 5. ROMAN      |
| 12. NEIGHED   | 6. ENNUI      |
| 13. ELDON     | 7. BELCH      |
| 14. NEWSFLASH | 8. GUYED      |
| 19. DUCHESSES | 15. WASHCLOTH |
| 20. NESTS     | 16. FINGERTIP |
| 21. DEBATED   | 17. ASSAULTER |
| 25. CAESURA   | 18. HISTAMINE |
| 26. DESPERADO | 21. DIDNT     |
| 27. TUTSI     | 22. BASTE     |
| 28. TWENTIETH | 23. THEFT     |
| 29. PURGE     | 24. DRAPE     |



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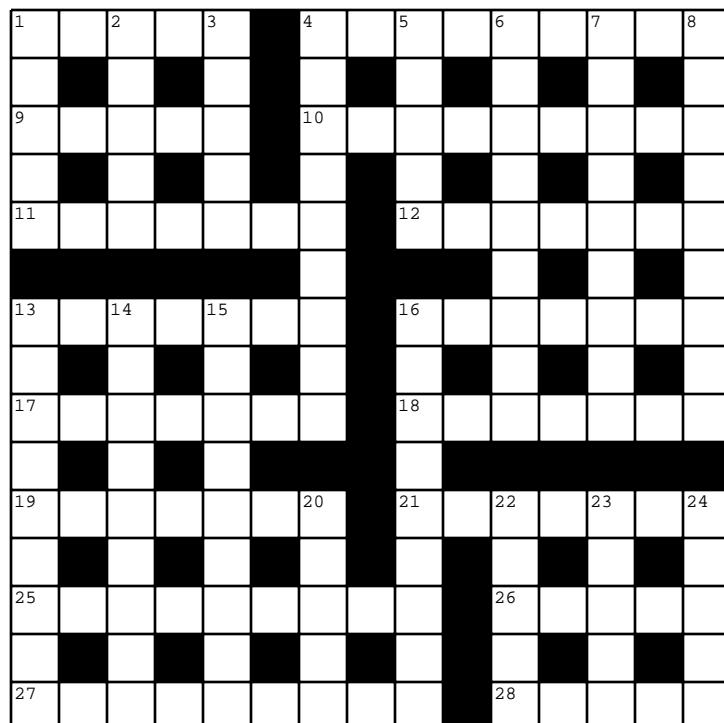
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| 1. SAVES      | 1. SUPER      |
| 4. REPRIMAND  | 2. VINYL      |
| 9. PENCE      | 3. SPELT      |
| 10. PTOLEMAIC | 4. RAPISTS    |
| 11. RELATES   | 5. PROPOSE    |
| 12. OUTWEAR   | 6. IDENTICAL  |
| 13. TRANCES   | 7. AMATERASU  |
| 16. ENCHANT   | 8. DECORATES  |
| 17. MOTORED   | 13. TIMETABLE |
| 19. COLOURS   | 14. ARTHRITIC |
| 20. TURNOFF   | 15. CORPOREAL |
| 21. EXHALED   | 18. DEFICIT   |
| 25. BUTTERCUP | 19. CHEAPER   |
| 26. THEIR     | 22. HOTEL     |
| 27. ESCALATOR | 23. LEEKS     |
| 28. LASTS     | 24. DARES     |



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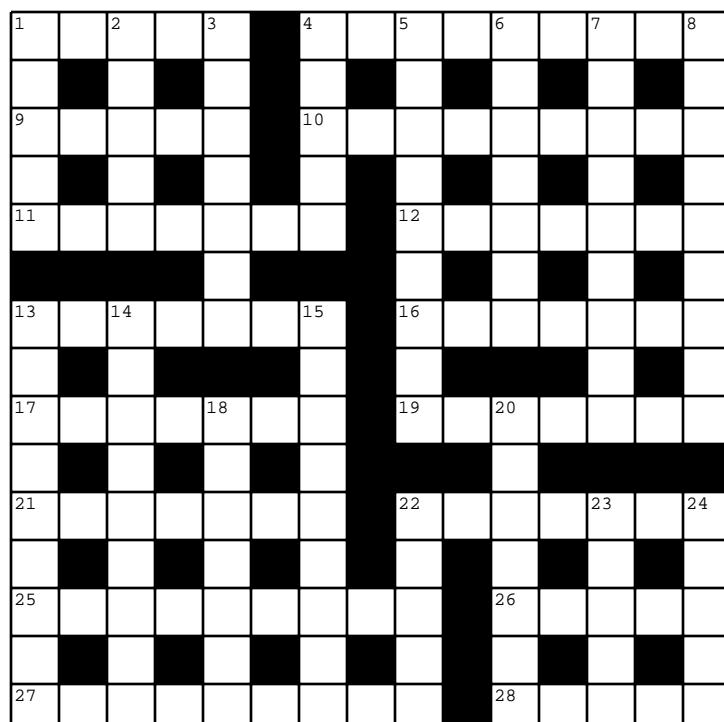
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| 1. DRAMA      | 1. DEBUG      |
| 4. AESTHETIC  | 2. ARMED      |
| 9. BAMBI      | 3. ALIEN      |
| 10. TROUSSEAU | 4. ACTIVATED  |
| 11. GODUNOV   | 5. SNOOP      |
| 12. PLAUDIT   | 6. HISTAMINE  |
| 13. IMPLANT   | 7. TREADMILL  |
| 16. BRITISH   | 8. COURTSHIP  |
| 17. ORACLED   | 13. ISOTROPIC |
| 18. OVERLAP   | 14. PLAUSIBLE |
| 19. ROSARIO   | 15. ALLERGIST |
| 21. MAHATMA   | 16. BOOKMARKS |
| 25. PUBLISHER | 20. OTHER     |
| 26. PHOTO     | 22. HOPES     |
| 27. CREATURES | 23. TOOLS     |
| 28. SUSIE     | 24. AWOKE     |



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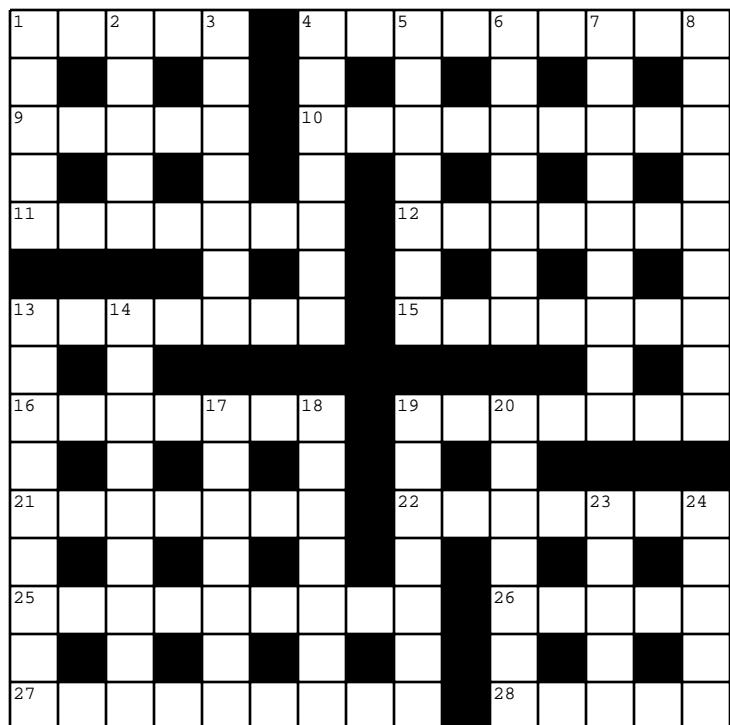
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| 4. SCINTILLA  | 2. PAGER      |
| 9. LOGIC      | 3. LACQUER    |
| 10. HOLOCAUST | 4. SAHIB      |
| 11. PERTURB   | 5. ILLOGICAL  |
| 12. GALILEO   | 6. TACKLER    |
| 13. NATURED   | 7. LOUDLIES   |
| 16. CARMELO   | 8. ASTROLOGY  |
| 17. WILHELM   | 13. NEWSPAPER |
| 19. LIGHTLY   | 14. TALISMANS |
| 21. PASSION   | 15. DOMINICAN |
| 22. PLINTHS   | 18. EXISTED   |
| 25. PRACTICAL | 20. GLIMPSE   |
| 26. PANEL     | 22. PULSE     |
| 27. RESIDENCE | 23. TENET     |
| 28. ENTER     | 24. SOLAR     |



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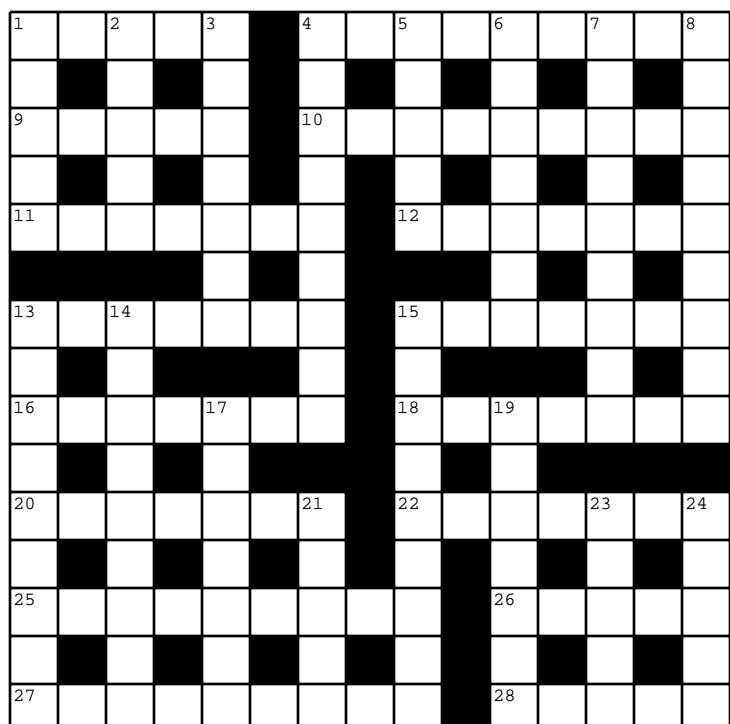
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| 1. CACAO      | 1. CUBIC      |
| 4. PARACLETE  | 2. CHILD      |
| 9. BRIEF      | 3. OFFICER    |
| 10. ANNOUNCER | 4. PLACING    |
| 11. CADUCEI   | 5. RANKINE    |
| 12. INSULIN   | 6. COUNSEL    |
| 13. DISHRAG   | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 15. ECLIPSE   | 8. EHRENBERG  |
| 16. SANDBAG   | 13. DISMISSED |
| 19. FOPPING   | 14. SANTAYANA |
| 21. IDAHOAN   | 17. BROTHEL   |
| 22. BATHTUB   | 18. GENETIC   |
| 25. SPAGHETTI | 19. FABRICS   |
| 26. LOOSE     | 20. PATELLA   |
| 27. DEADLOCKS | 23. TOOTH     |
| 28. ACCHED    | 24. BREED     |



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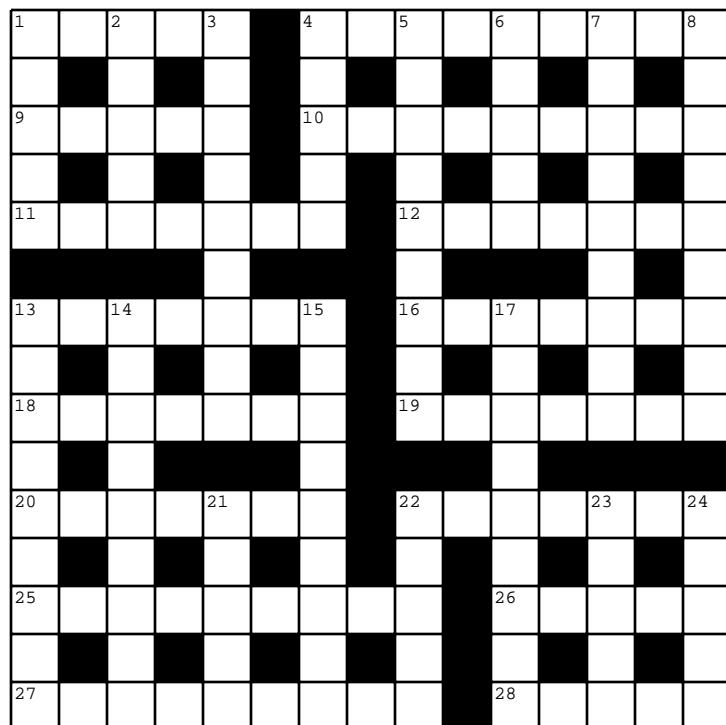
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. BLURB      | 1. BELOW      |
| 4. ACCOLADES  | 2. UTTER      |
| 9. LATIN      | 3. BANSHEE    |
| 10. TREATISES | 4. ANTIPASTI  |
| 11. WORSHIP   | 5. CREEL      |
| 12. LARAMIE   | 6. LATERAN    |
| 13. PACKETS   | 7. DISEMBARK  |
| 15. CONGAED   | 8. SUSPENDED  |
| 16. ISRAELI   | 13. PRIMROSED |
| 18. INVOKED   | 14. CARDSHARP |
| 20. ROSTRUM   | 15. CRIPPLING |
| 22. PATIENT   | 17. EARSHOT   |
| 25. SPAGHETTI | 19. VETERAN   |
| 26. RAVES     | 21. METRO     |
| 27. DIPHTHONG | 23. EAVES     |
| 28. NESTS     | 24. TASKS     |



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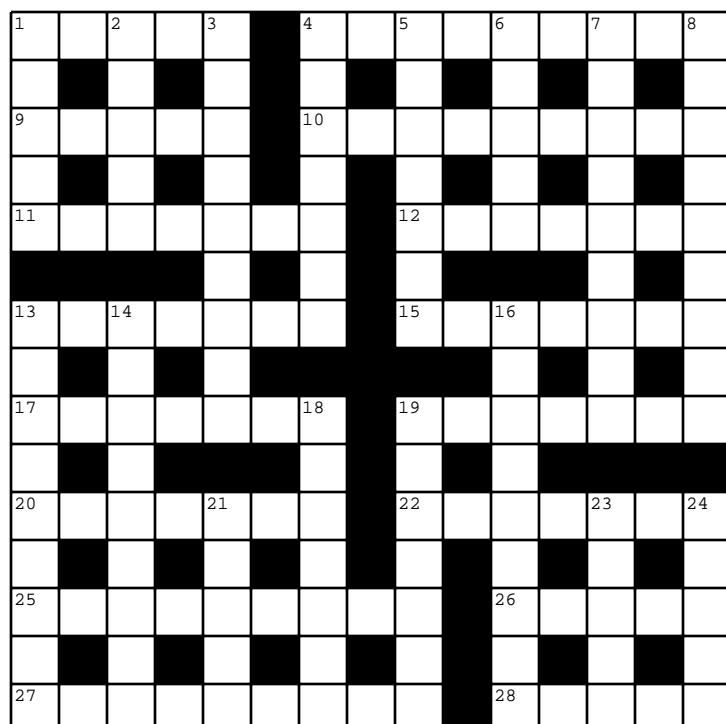
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| 1. KINDA      | 1. KAYAK      |
| 4. TERRIFIED  | 2. NOUNS      |
| 9. YOURE      | 3. AMERICANA  |
| 10. INSIDIOUS | 4. TYING      |
| 11. KISSING   | 5. RESETTING  |
| 12. TAXIING   | 6. INDEX      |
| 13. CASSAVA   | 7. IDOLIZING  |
| 16. IMAGINE   | 8. DISAGREED  |
| 18. NORMAND   | 13. CONFIRMED |
| 19. GARAGED   | 14. SCRATCHES |
| 20. INTENSE   | 15. ADDRESSEE |
| 22. RESIDES   | 17. ABRASIVES |
| 25. MAHARISHI | 21. NARCS     |
| 26. VISTA     | 22. RAILS     |
| 27. DISASTERS | 23. DISCO     |
| 28. SCOPE     | 24. STALE     |



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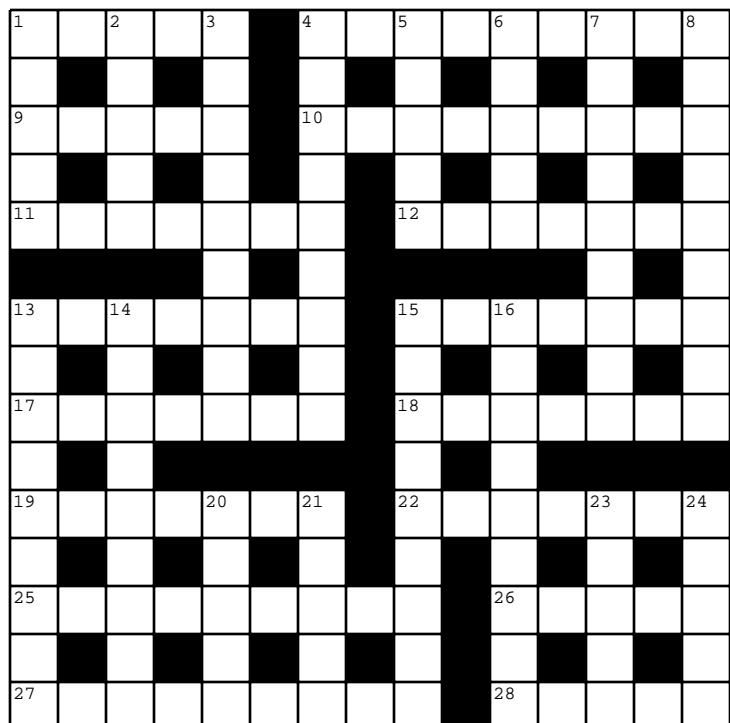
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| 4. KIDNAPPED  | 2. SIREN      |
| 9. HERTZ      | 3. PIZZICATO  |
| 10. REFRAINED | 4. KERNELS    |
| 11. SUNRISE   | 5. DEFRAUD    |
| 12. ARSENIC   | 6. AMASS      |
| 13. BEDLAMS   | 7. PENINSULA  |
| 15. DEMOUNT   | 8. DEDICATES  |
| 17. WEAPONS   | 13. BOWLEGGED |
| 19. INROADS   | 14. DIARRHOEA |
| 20. EARNERS   | 16. MARIJUANA |
| 22. JUJITSU   | 18. SESSION   |
| 25. GROUCHIER | 19. INJURED   |
| 26. AMONG     | 21. EXCEL     |
| 27. DEADLINED | 23. THOSE     |
| 28. AMEND     | 24. URGED     |



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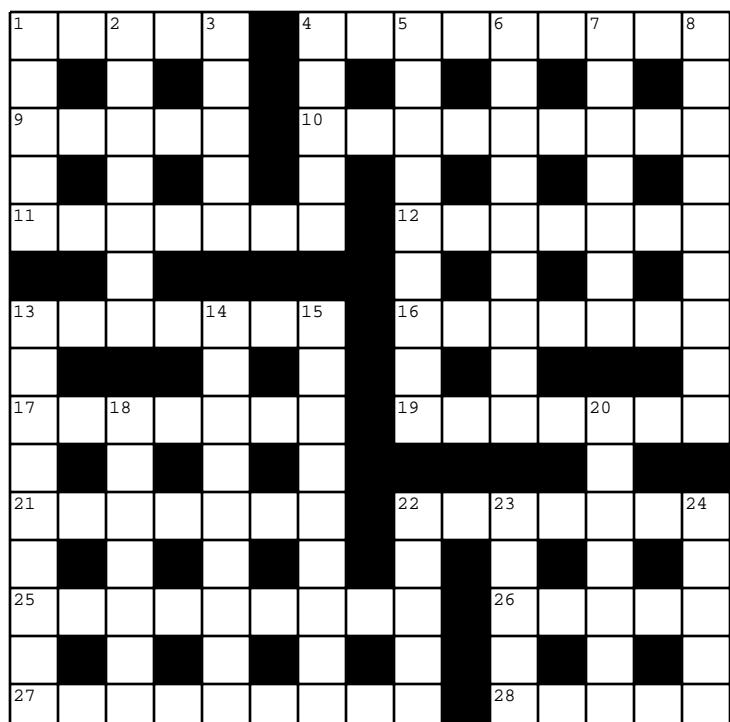
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| 1. STEEP      | 1. SAFES      |
| 4. PERFORMED  | 2. EQUIP      |
| 9. FAULT      | 3. POTPOURRI  |
| 10. MUDGUARDS | 4. PUMMELING  |
| 11. SUPPOSE   | 5. RADIO      |
| 12. OREGANO   | 6. OVULE      |
| 13. SAMURAI   | 7. MARGARITA  |
| 15. CASHIER   | 8. DISCOURSE  |
| 17. BASKING   | 13. SUBATOMIC |
| 18. ISOLATE   | 14. MUSTACHES |
| 19. TRAPPED   | 15. CHILDLIKE |
| 22. DEBRIEF   | 16. SNOWBOUND |
| 25. MAHARISHI | 20. PARSE     |
| 26. UPSET     | 21. DISCO     |
| 27. CASSEROLE | 23. ISSUE     |
| 28. DWELL     | 24. FATAL     |



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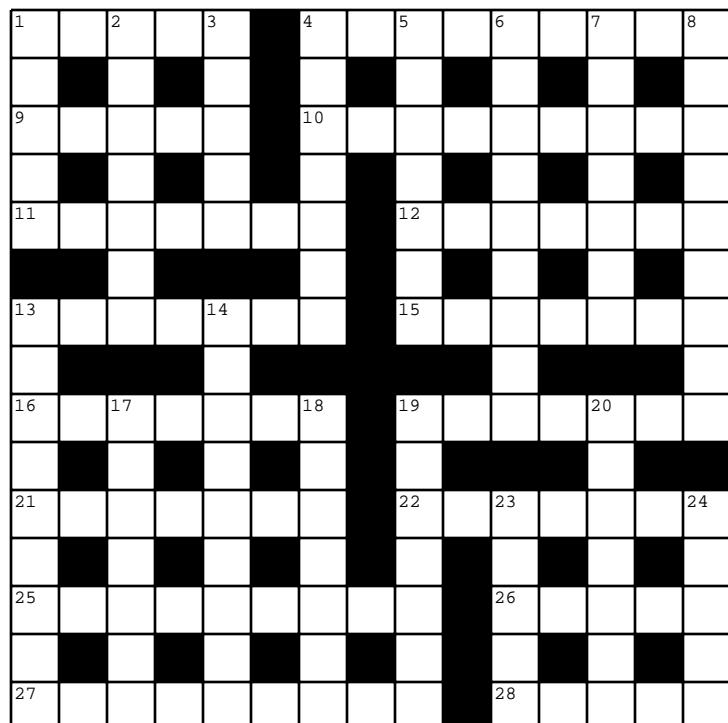
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| 1. CHEAP      | 1. CRUMB      |
| 4. REINSERTS  | 2. EVINCED    |
| 9. UNION      | 3. PANIC      |
| 10. LETHARGIC | 4. RILKE      |
| 11. BICYCLE   | 5. INTERLOCK  |
| 12. RICOTTA   | 6. STANCHION  |
| 13. ARDUOUS   | 7. REGATTA    |
| 16. ORIGAMI   | 8. SOCIALISM  |
| 17. ASCELLA   | 13. ABANDONED |
| 19. KINGDOM   | 14. OBLIVIOUS |
| 21. DELIVER   | 15. STAIRCASE |
| 22. LANGUID   | 18. COLITIS   |
| 25. NATIONALS | 20. DRUMMED   |
| 26. WOMAN     | 22. LASTS     |
| 27. DISASTERS | 23. NEWER     |
| 28. RIDES     | 24. DENTS     |



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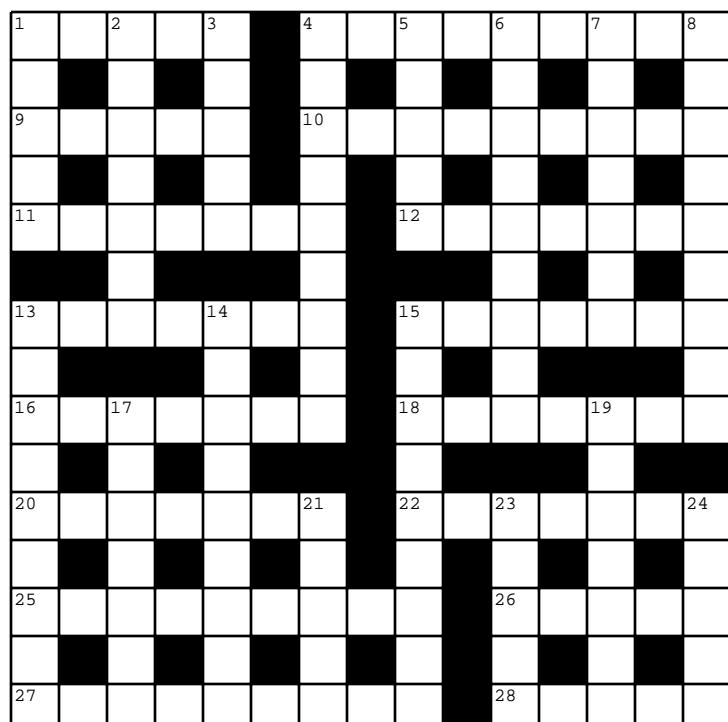
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. DEBUG      | 1. DRIFT      |
| 4. KIDNAPING  | 2. BOILERS    |
| 9. IBIZA      | 3. GRAPH      |
| 10. NORMALITY | 4. KINGDOM    |
| 11. TEETHED   | 5. DERRIDA    |
| 12. ITERATE   | 6. AMATERASU  |
| 13. FASCISM   | 7. IMITATE    |
| 15. ARACELI   | 8. GLYCERINE  |
| 16. OFFENSE   | 13. FOOLISHLY |
| 19. CHUCKLE   | 14. INNERMOST |
| 21. INDORSE   | 17. FEDERAL   |
| 22. VISCERA   | 18. EMERIED   |
| 25. HARMONICA | 19. CAVEATS   |
| 26. EDITS     | 20. KEENING   |
| 27. YULETIDES | 23. SHELF     |
| 28. FIGHT     | 24. ASSET     |



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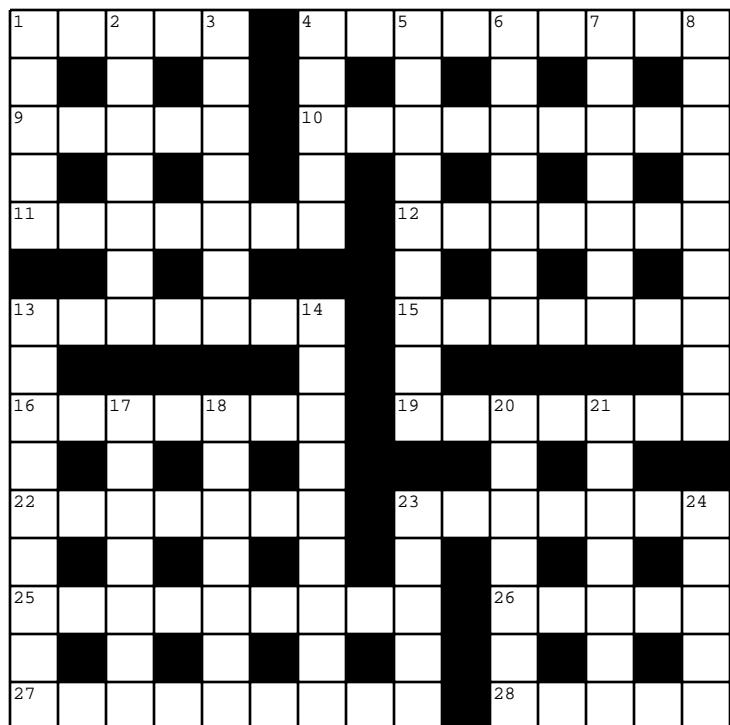
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| 1. CUBIC      | 1. CASES      |
| 4. ARTIFICER  | 2. BALLET     |
| 9. SOLID      | 3. CODED      |
| 10. MACMILLAN | 4. ARMADILLO  |
| 11. SPEEDED   | 5. TACES      |
| 12. SWAHILI   | 6. FRICASSEE  |
| 13. NOSTRIL   | 7. CELLINI    |
| 15. DASHIKI   | 8. RENDITION  |
| 16. MEMENTO   | 13. NOMINATED |
| 18. CHEAPEN   | 14. RANCOROUS |
| 20. NETWORK   | 15. DICKERSON |
| 22. EFFORTS   | 17. MATTING   |
| 25. TRIFOCALS | 19. PURPOSE   |
| 26. CHORD     | 21. KHAKI     |
| 27. DIGESTION | 23. FACTS     |
| 28. SPEED     | 24. SIDED     |



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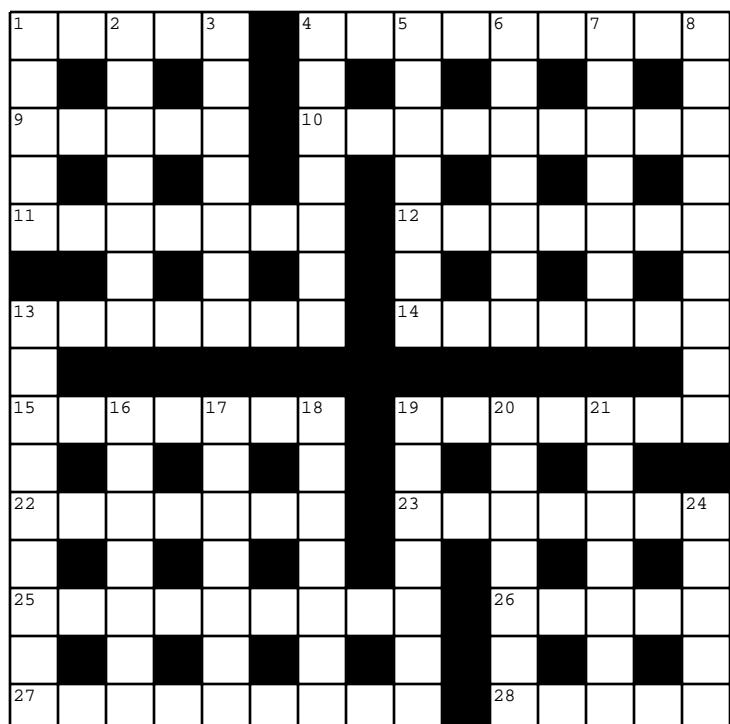
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| 1. SLEEP      | 1. SUMAC      |
| 4. QUALIFIER  | 2. EXCRETA    |
| 9. MACON      | 3. PANACEA    |
| 10. INGENIOUS | 4. QUILTS     |
| 11. COERCES   | 5. ALGEBRAIC  |
| 12. BESIEGE   | 6. IONISER    |
| 13. IZANAGI   | 7. IMOGENE    |
| 15. AIRIEST   | 8. RESPECTED  |
| 16. UNGUENT   | 13. INUKTITUT |
| 19. CLIMBED   | 14. INTERFERE |
| 22. TRAPPER   | 17. GRANOLA   |
| 23. PREPARE   | 18. EXPOSES   |
| 25. TROUSSEAU | 20. ICEBERG   |
| 26. ERASE     | 21. BRAVADO   |
| 27. TRANSFERS | 23. POURS     |
| 28. GLORY     | 24. ELEGY     |



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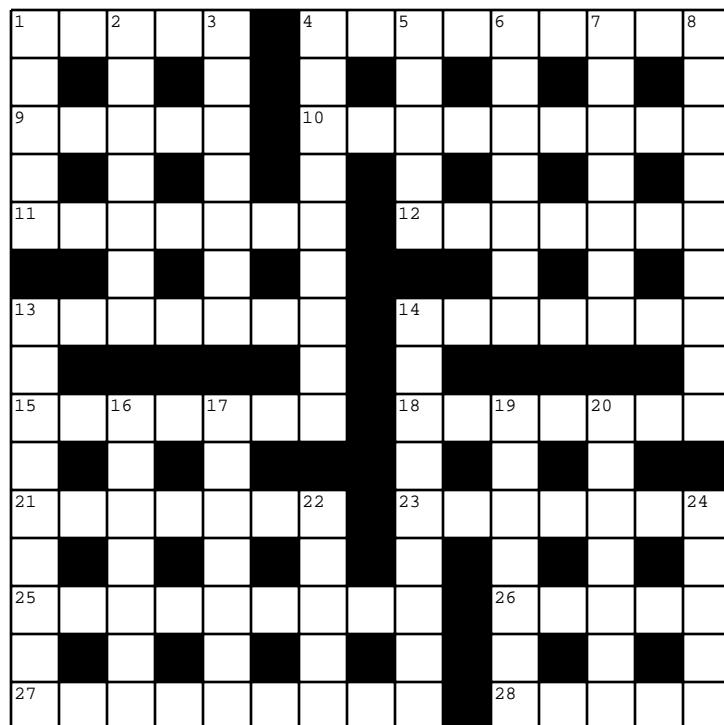
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| 1. SIDES      | 1. SASSY      |
| 4. WEATHERED  | 2. DELIRIA    |
| 9. SOLAR      | 3. SURFACE    |
| 10. NARRATION | 4. WINNERS    |
| 11. YARDAGE   | 5. ABREAST    |
| 12. ATHEISM   | 6. HEATHEN    |
| 13. BEAVERS   | 7. RAIDING    |
| 14. TONIGHT   | 8. DYNAMITES  |
| 15. RUCHBAH   | 13. BIRDCAGES |
| 19. DAWDLES   | 16. CUPCAKE   |
| 22. COPILOT   | 17. BOLSHOI   |
| 23. BAROQUE   | 18. HITACHI   |
| 25. GRAPHICAL | 19. DABBLED   |
| 26. HEELS     | 20. WORSHIP   |
| 27. SPECIFIED | 21. LIQUEUR   |
| 28. PORTS     | 24. EASES     |



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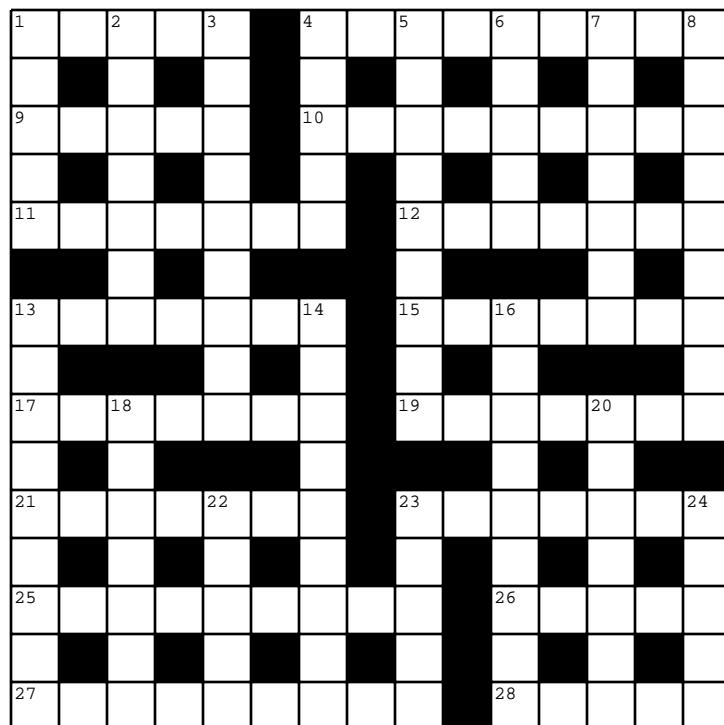
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. REHAB      | 1. REALM      |
| 4. PRESENTED  | 2. HOODLUM    |
| 9. ALONG      | 3. BUGATTI    |
| 10. OCCUPYING | 4. PROLONGED  |
| 11. MULATTO   | 5. EXCEL      |
| 12. LECTURE   | 6. EXPECTS    |
| 13. DUMPING   | 7. TRIBUTE    |
| 14. POSSESS   | 8. DIGRESSES  |
| 15. CRINGED   | 13. DECEITFUL |
| 18. EXPRESS   | 14. PRESENTLY |
| 21. IPECACS   | 16. ICEBERG   |
| 23. EMERIED   | 17. GRAPHIC   |
| 25. FLESHIEST | 19. PREMIUM   |
| 26. ICIER     | 20. ELITIST   |
| 27. LOGICALLY | 22. STEAL     |
| 28. MOTOR     | 24. DIRER     |



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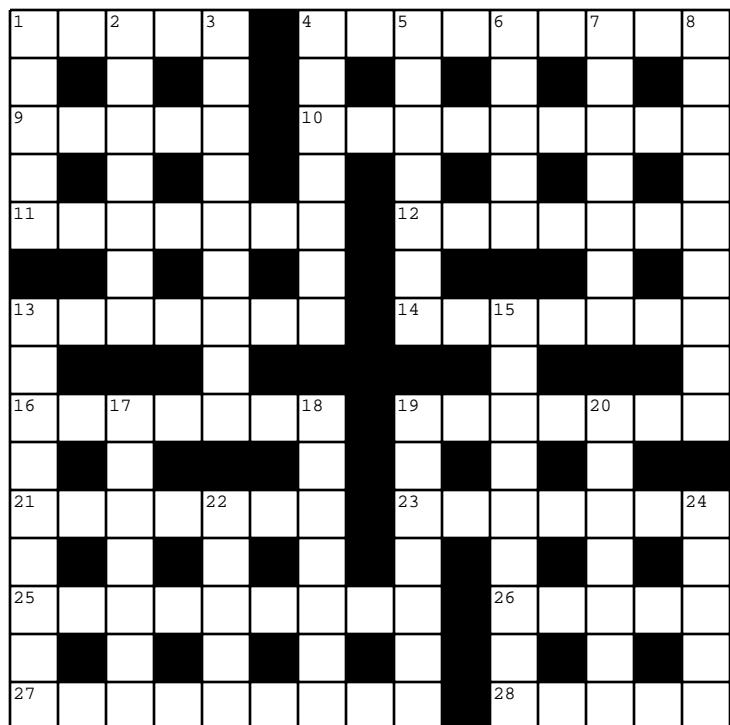
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| 1. LEACH      | 1. LOGIC      |
| 4. HYDRAULIC  | 2. AVOCADO    |
| 9. GOODS      | 3. HUSKINESS  |
| 10. FIBONACCI | 4. HEFTY      |
| 11. CLARITY   | 5. DEBRIEFED  |
| 12. IMMENSE   | 6. ANNAM      |
| 13. CLOSETS   | 7. LICENSE    |
| 15. FIDGETY   | 8. CHIPEWYAN  |
| 17. REFUSES   | 13. CAREERING |
| 19. DUSTBIN   | 14. SUSPENDED |
| 21. EMIRATE   | 16. DESPERADO |
| 23. SHELLAC   | 18. FLIPPER   |
| 25. IMPOUNDED | 20. BULLDOG   |
| 26. AIDED     | 22. ABUJA     |
| 27. GARLANDED | 23. SIDED     |
| 28. OUGHT     | 24. CADET     |



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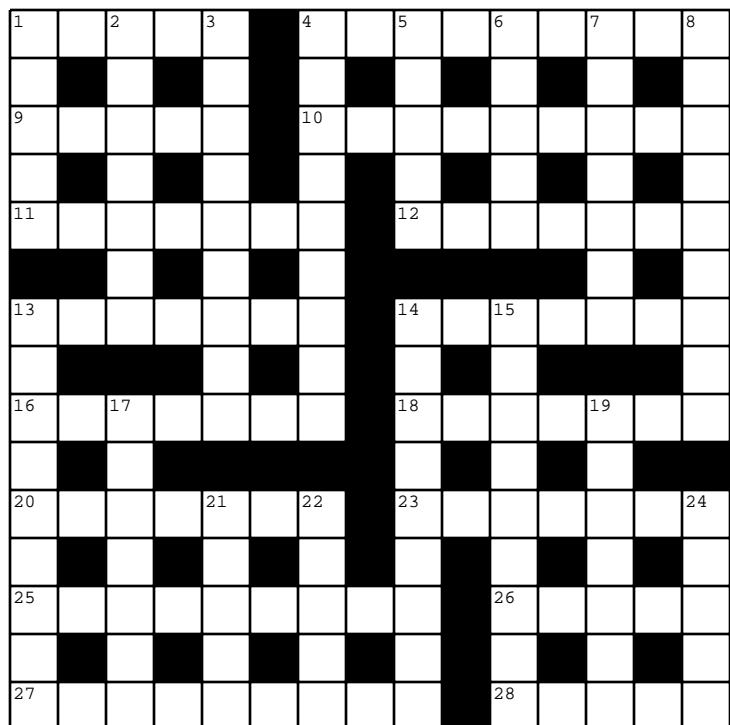
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| 1. RECAP      | 1. ROLES      |
| 4. DEPENDANT  | 2. CASTOFF    |
| 9. LASER      | 3. PORTFOLIO  |
| 10. CHEERIEST | 4. DECIDES    |
| 11. SCOFFED   | 5. PREFACE    |
| 12. ALERTER   | 6. NURSE      |
| 13. BEFALLS   | 7. ADEPTER    |
| 14. ERITREA   | 8. TUTORIALS  |
| 16. OSCEOLA   | 13. BOOKSHELF |
| 19. BOTTLES   | 15. INTERVIEW |
| 21. SINDBAD   | 17. CONCEDE   |
| 23. BIRETTA   | 18. ANDIRON   |
| 25. ELECTORAL | 19. BABBLER   |
| 26. IDLED     | 20. LITTER    |
| 27. FRESHENED | 22. BATCH     |
| 28. WIRED     | 24. AIDED     |



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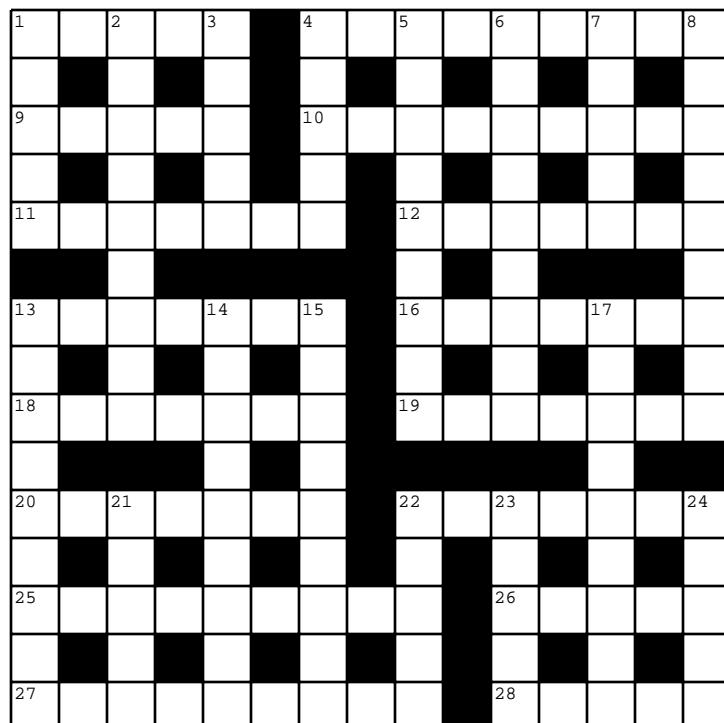
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BICEP      |
| 4. KIDNAPPER  | 2. SUBJECT    |
| 9. CABIN      | 3. CANTALOUP  |
| 10. EARTHWORM | 4. KEEPSAKES  |
| 11. PREPAYS   | 5. DIRAC      |
| 12. CONTAIN   | 6. ASHEN      |
| 13. OUTLOOK   | 7. PROFANE    |
| 14. BADGERS   | 8. REMINISCE  |
| 16. ESCAPES   | 13. OVERLOADS |
| 18. DISABLE   | 14. BUDDHISMS |
| 20. LOOKOUT   | 15. DESCRIBES |
| 23. HARBOUR   | 17. CROWDED   |
| 25. ADDRESSES | 19. BRONCHI   |
| 26. BACKS     | 21. ONEIL     |
| 27. SIDELINES | 22. TYSON     |
| 28. SWIMS     | 24. RESTS     |



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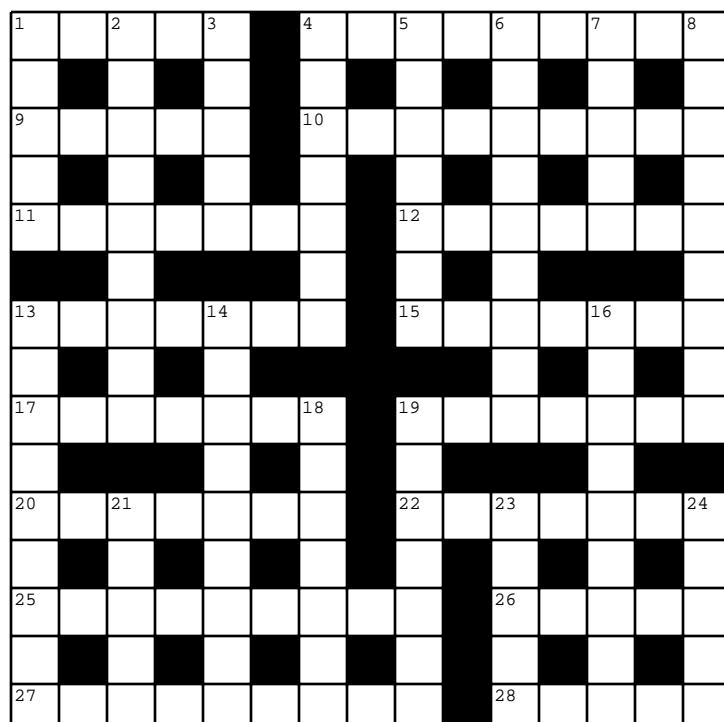
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| Across        | Down          |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. SNAFU      | 1. SHRUB      |
| 4. LOCKSMITH  | 2. ACCLAIMED  |
| 9. RACED      | 3. UNDID      |
| 10. VARIOUSLY | 4. LIVER      |
| 11. BLANDER   | 5. CIRRHOSIS  |
| 12. HABITAT   | 6. SNOBBIEST  |
| 13. DEMONIC   | 7. INSET      |
| 16. SKEPTIC   | 8. HAYSTACKS  |
| 18. CADENCE   | 13. DECLAIMED |
| 19. SETTLES   | 14. NONPROFIT |
| 20. ADMIRER   | 15. CLEARASIL |
| 22. FLIPPED   | 17. TELEPHONE |
| 25. MANIFESTO | 21. MANIC     |
| 26. CROSS     | 22. FLOWN     |
| 27. DECATHLON | 23. INCUR     |
| 28. REEKS     | 24. DOSES     |



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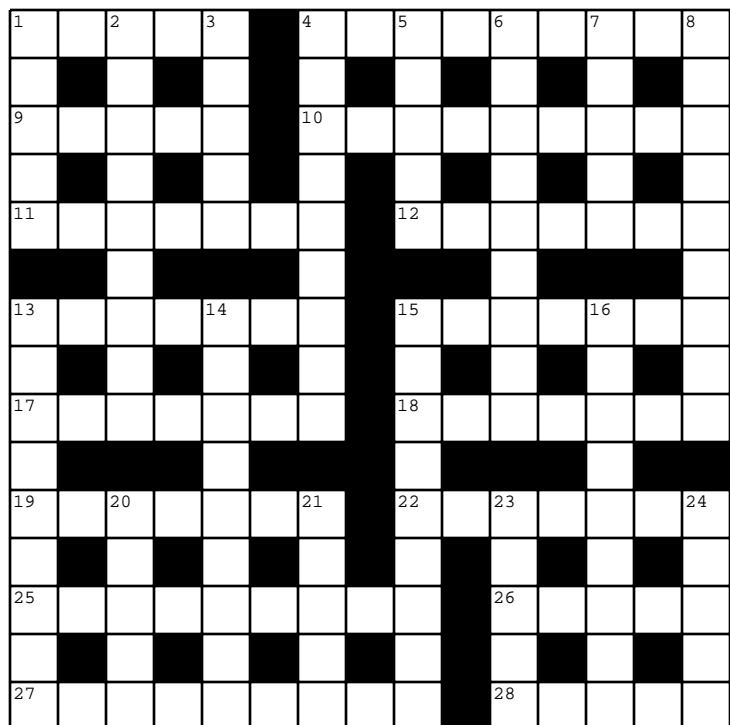
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| 4. BALALAIKA  | 2. SHIFTIEST  |
| 9. STICK      | 3. TOKEN      |
| 10. EXCLUDING | 4. BREASTS    |
| 11. TETANUS   | 5. LOCUSTS    |
| 12. SCHEMES   | 6. LAUGHABLE  |
| 13. PREFERS   | 7. IDIOM      |
| 15. SUBLIME   | 8. AUGUSTEST  |
| 17. NATIVES   | 13. PENITENTS |
| 19. ELEMENT   | 14. ENVISAGES |
| 20. TRIESTE   | 16. ITERATIVE |
| 22. CATWALK   | 18. SWEETEN   |
| 25. NAVIGATED | 19. ENCODES   |
| 26. IBIZA     | 21. IRVIN     |
| 27. SINGSONGS | 23. THIEU     |
| 28. UTERI     | 24. KHAKI     |



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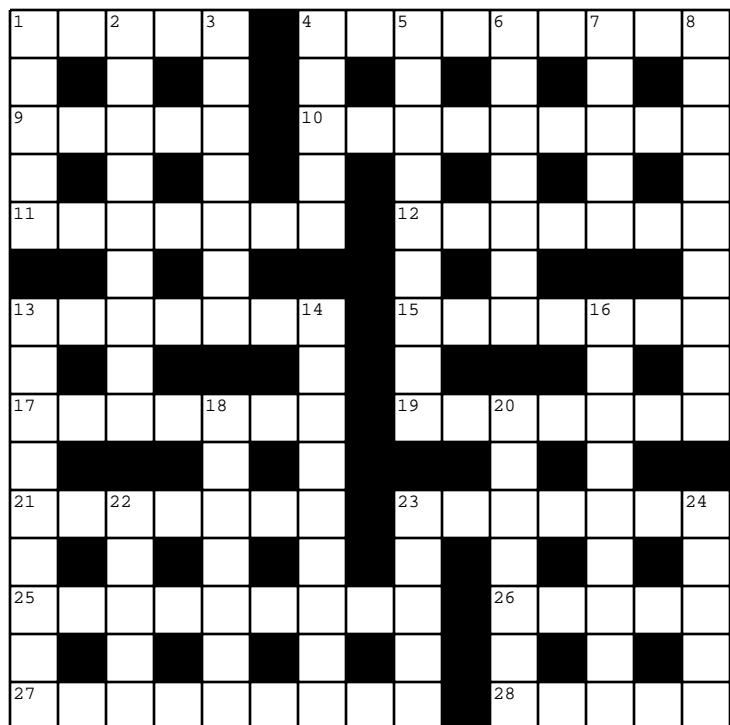
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. FUNGI      | 1. FIBER      |
| 4. OCTAGONAL  | 2. NEGATIVED  |
| 9. BEGIN      | 3. INNER      |
| 10. EXTRACTED | 4. OVERDOSED  |
| 11. RETIRED   | 5. TOTES      |
| 12. SLANDER   | 6. GUARANTEE  |
| 13. INVITES   | 7. NOTED      |
| 15. OUTSIDE   | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 17. REDUCED   | 13. IRRADIATE |
| 18. VIEWING   | 14. TACTFULLY |
| 19. DOLEFUL   | 15. OBVIOUSLY |
| 22. OBTAINS   | 16. INITIALLY |
| 25. AIRPLANES | 20. LARGE     |
| 26. ELLEN     | 21. LINGO     |
| 27. EVERYBODY | 23. TREND     |
| 28. DRYER     | 24. SANER     |



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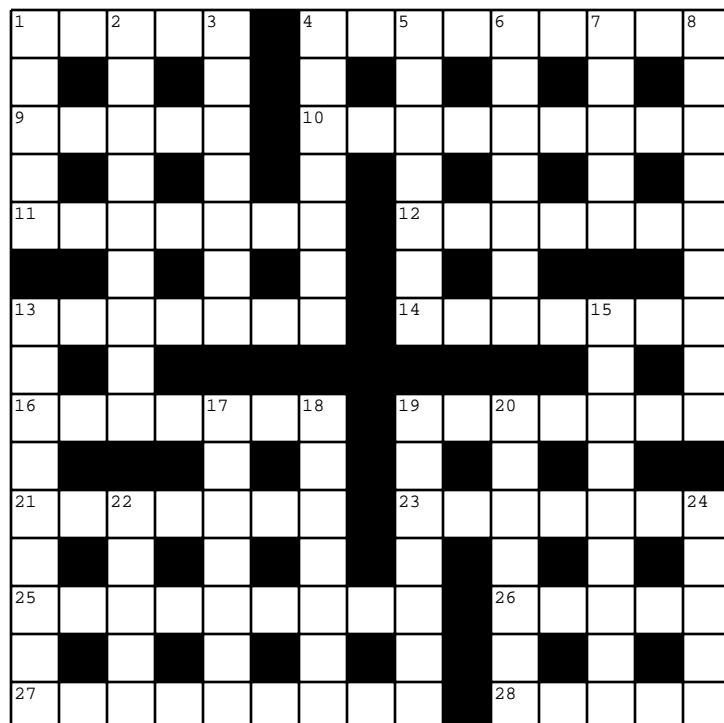
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. IDIOM      | 1. ISSUE      |
| 4. REDEPLOYS  | 2. INUKTITUT  |
| 9. SLUSH      | 3. MAHATMA    |
| 10. IMBECILIC | 4. RAILS      |
| 11. ESTATES   | 5. DEBRIEFED  |
| 12. IMOGENE   | 6. PICCOLO    |
| 13. PITFALL   | 7. OLLIE      |
| 15. FLOODED   | 8. SUCCEEDED  |
| 17. OUTWORN   | 13. PROKOFIEV |
| 19. DEBASED   | 14. LANDSLIDE |
| 21. OUTLETS   | 16. DISSENTER |
| 23. PATIENT   | 18. OVERRUN   |
| 25. INTERVIEW | 20. BATHTUB   |
| 26. TATTY     | 22. TOTAL     |
| 27. VOLUNTEER | 23. POWER     |
| 28. BURNT     | 24. TRYST     |



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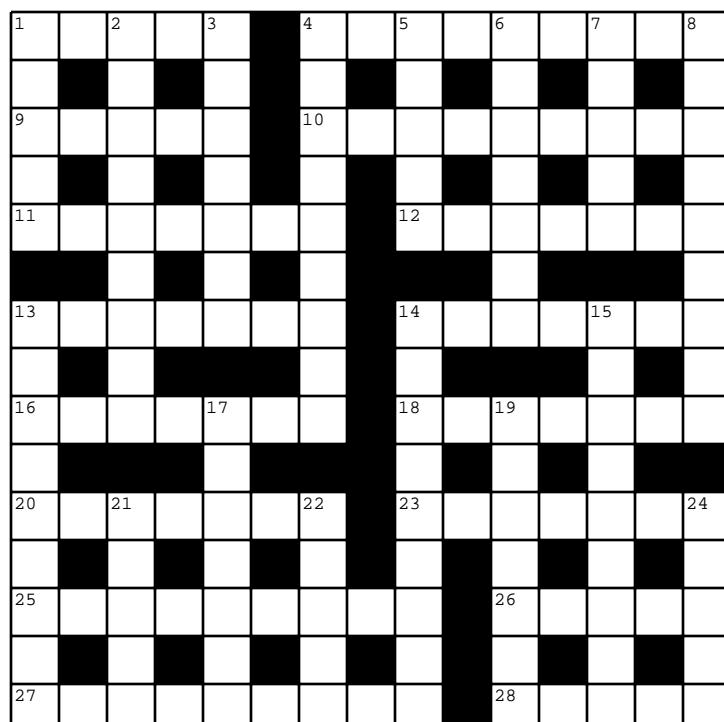
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. TASKS      | 1. THUMB      |
| 4. DISREGARD  | 2. SOPHOCLES  |
| 9. UPPER      | 3. SPRUCED    |
| 10. REACTIONS | 4. DARLING    |
| 11. BRONCHI   | 5. STAMINA    |
| 12. INTEGER   | 6. ESTATES    |
| 13. BULLDOG   | 7. AMONG      |
| 14. ASSURED   | 8. DISCREDIT  |
| 16. ASSYRIA   | 13. BLACKMAIL |
| 19. ATHEIST   | 15. RHINOCERI |
| 21. KAMPALA   | 17. REALEST   |
| 23. MAMMOTH   | 18. ACANTHI   |
| 25. ANCIENTER | 19. ADMIRER   |
| 26. EVENS     | 20. HIMSELF   |
| 27. LENGTHIER | 22. MACON     |
| 28. FAILS     | 24. HOSTS     |



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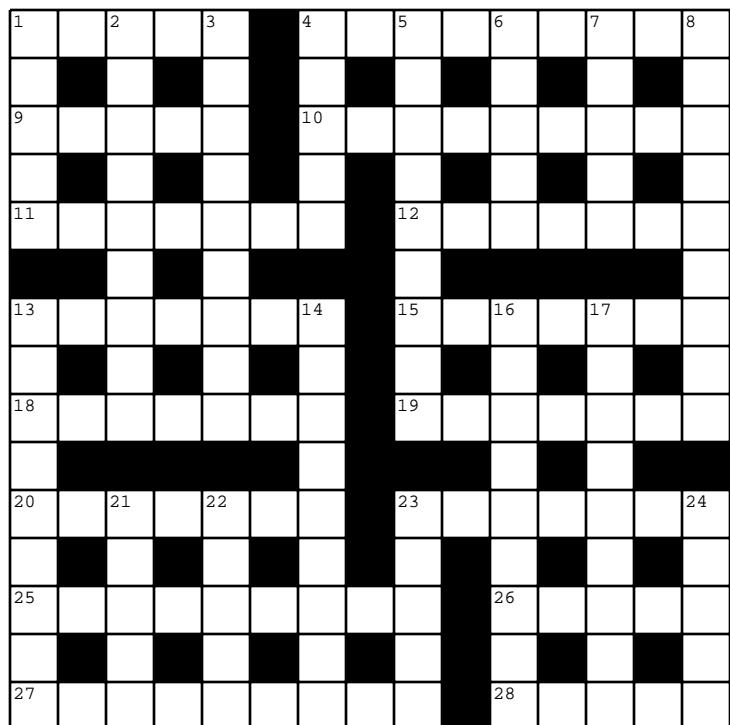
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| 1. TIFFS      | 1. TOPIC      |
| 4. PNEUMONIA  | 2. FILMSTRIP  |
| 9. PALAU      | 3. SPUMONI    |
| 10. CARTRIDGE | 4. PACIFYING  |
| 11. CASTOFF   | 5. EERIE      |
| 12. EMBARGO   | 6. MARABOU    |
| 13. MARTINI   | 7. NUDE       |
| 14. SLUICED   | 8. ADENOIDAL  |
| 16. COPPING   | 13. MACINTOSH |
| 18. FEDERAL   | 14. SAFEGUARD |
| 20. NOISSOME  | 15. CARCINOMA |
| 23. GUMMIER   | 17. IMOGENE   |
| 25. ORCHESTRA | 19. DEMAGOG   |
| 26. GROUP     | 21. INCUR     |
| 27. HARNESED  | 22. ESTES     |
| 28. GUARD     | 24. RAPID     |



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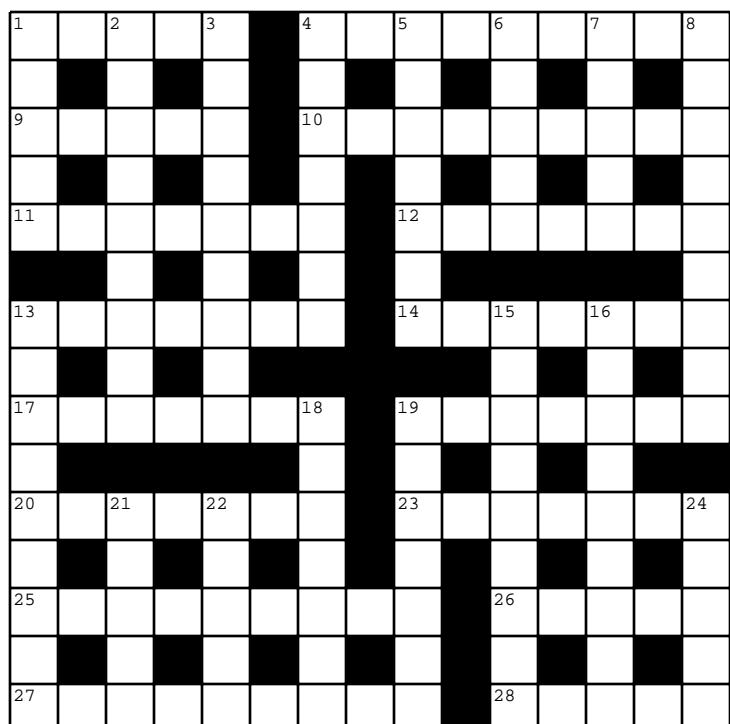
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| 1. AMARU      | 1. ALSOP      |
| 4. DYSPEPSIA  | 2. AGAMEMNON  |
| 9. SNAFU      | 3. UNUKALHAI  |
| 10. MARIHUANA | 4. DAMPS      |
| 11. PREFABS   | 5. SERVIETTE  |
| 12. INCLINE   | 6. ETHIC      |
| 13. SANDHOG   | 7. SWAMI      |
| 15. TROUBLE   | 8. AWARENESS  |
| 18. CONFINE   | 13. SYCOPHANT |
| 19. EMERGES   | 14. GUERRILLA |
| 20. POSTWAR   | 16. OVERSLEEP |
| 23. DISRUPT   | 17. BEGRUDGES |
| 25. ARMADILLO | 21. SAMBA     |
| 26. EAGLE     | 22. WADES     |
| 27. TRANSLATE | 23. DROVE     |
| 28. POSES     | 24. TEEMS     |



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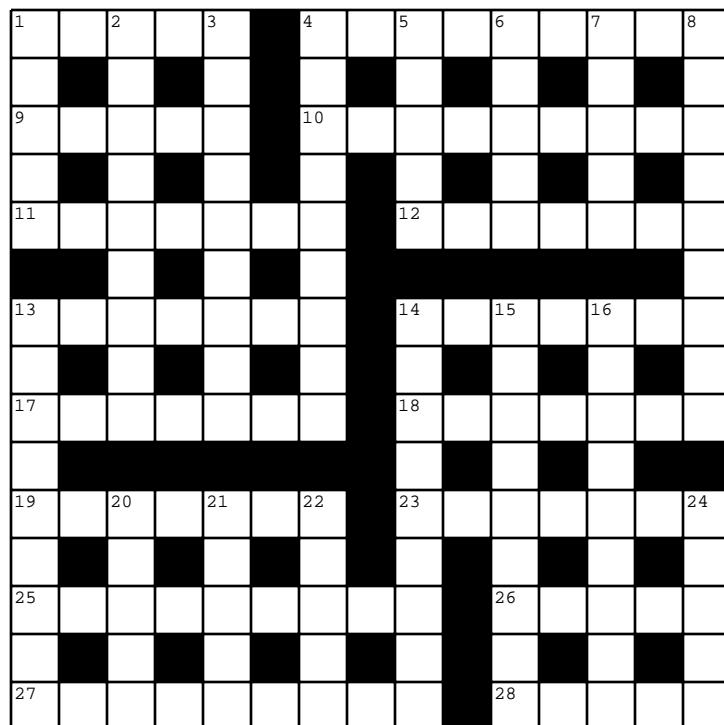
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. MODER      | 1. MAGIC      |
| 4. GUERRILLA  | 2. DEVELOPER  |
| 9. GIVES      | 3. RESOURCES  |
| 10. OUTRIGGER | 4. GLORIES    |
| 11. CALCULI   | 5. EATABLE    |
| 12. BRONCHI   | 6. RHINO      |
| 13. ASPECTS   | 7. LOGIC      |
| 14. EXPLAIN   | 8. ARRAIGNED  |
| 17. AEROSOL   | 13. ANARCHIST |
| 19. DISCARD   | 15. PESSIMISM |
| 20. CLAMBER   | 16. AMATERASU |
| 23. FAIREST   | 18. LORENZO   |
| 25. INFLUENZA | 19. DEFEATS   |
| 26. IRATE     | 21. AFFIX     |
| 27. TEXTBOOKS | 22. BLURB     |
| 28. MOUSE     | 24. THERE     |



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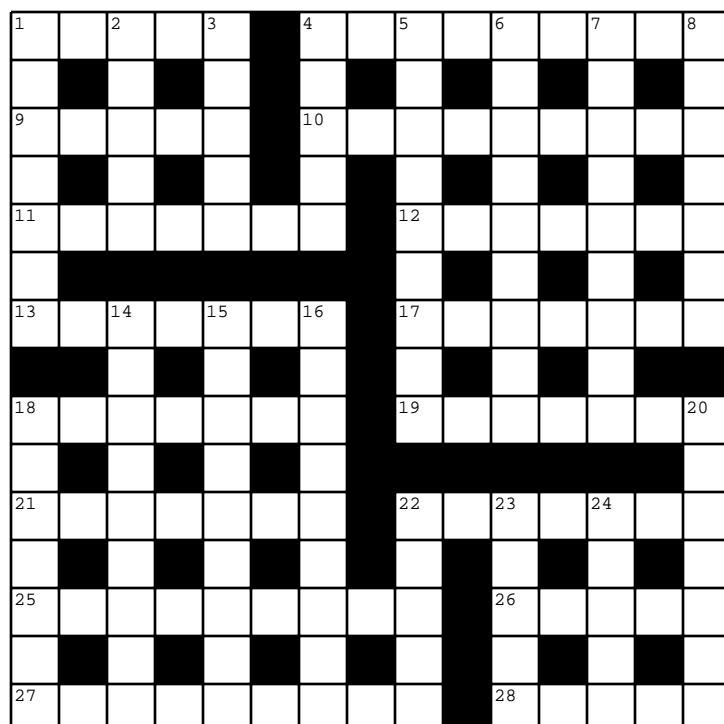
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| 1. MAGOG      | 1. MACHO      |
| 4. RHINOCERI  | 2. GEOMETRIC  |
| 9. CROCI      | 3. GLISSANDI  |
| 10. POLYMERIC | 4. REPRESENT  |
| 11. OVERSEE   | 5. IDLED      |
| 12. DINETTE   | 6. OSMAN      |
| 13. CORINNE   | 7. EGRET      |
| 14. ACCEPTS   | 8. INCREASES  |
| 17. RECEIPT   | 13. CARTOONED |
| 18. ACCORDS   | 14. AVAILABLE |
| 19. OUTLOOK   | 15. COCKROACH |
| 23. LARGEST   | 16. PERPETUAL |
| 25. NIGHTCLUB | 20. TIGER     |
| 26. ABUSE     | 21. OPTIC     |
| 27. DIRECTIVE | 22. KELLI     |
| 28. HILLS     | 24. TREES     |



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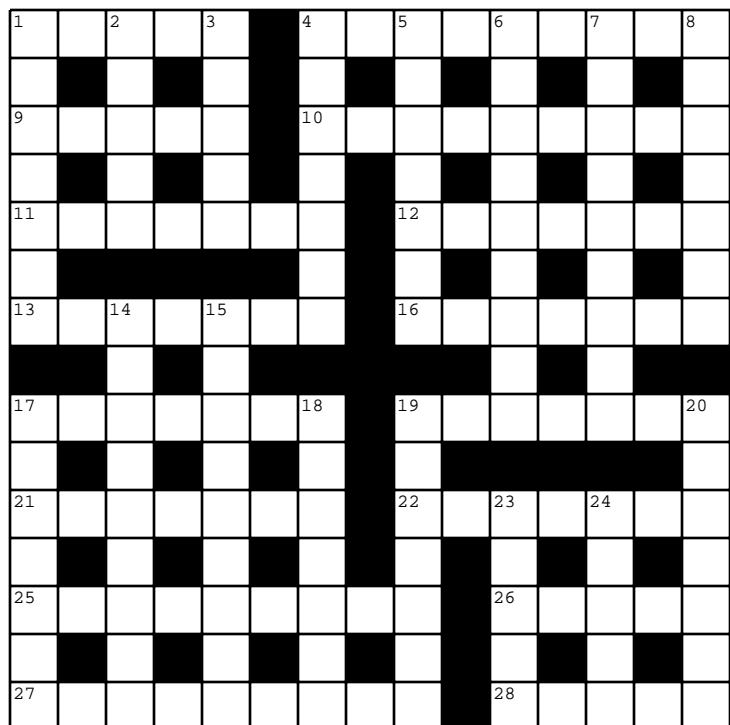
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| 1. CONGA      | 1. CACHING    |
| 4. AMPLIFIER  | 2. NOISE      |
| 9. CHINA      | 3. ABATE      |
| 10. OBSOLETES | 4. AMONG      |
| 11. ICEBERG   | 5. POSTPONES  |
| 12. PIGEONS   | 6. ILLOGICAL  |
| 13. GUESSES   | 7. INTROVERT  |
| 17. NICKELS   | 8. RESISTS    |
| 18. SHEBELI   | 14. EJECTIONS |
| 19. SALUTED   | 15. SNEAKIEST |
| 21. RETAKEN   | 16. SKINNIEST |
| 22. DIVIDES   | 18. SCREECH   |
| 25. ELOPEMENT | 20. DISTANT   |
| 26. NADIA     | 22. DATED     |
| 27. HESITATED | 23. VANES     |
| 28. SPENT     | 24. DODGE     |



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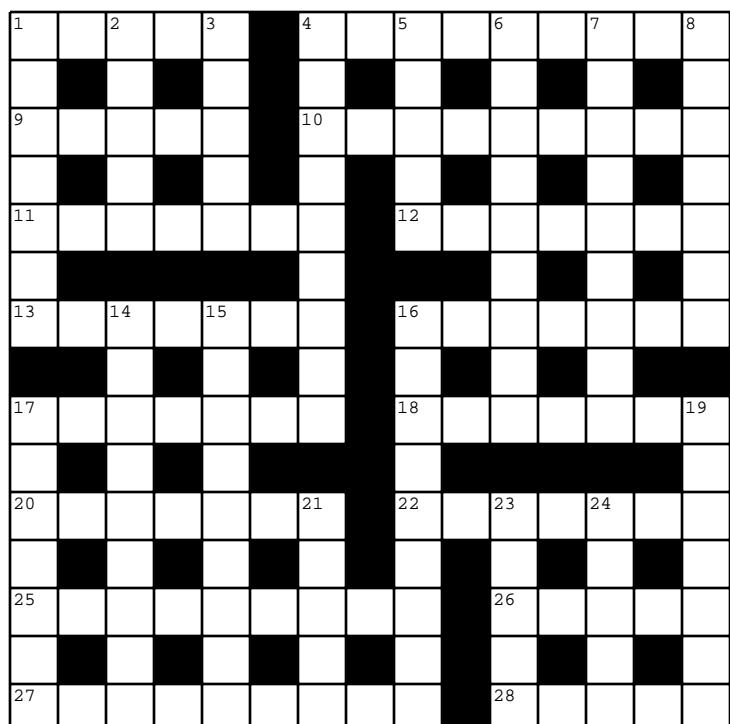
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| 1. UTTER      | 1. UNHAPPY    |
| 4. AMUSINGLY  | 2. TWIST      |
| 9. HAIKU      | 3. ROUGH      |
| 10. RESTRAINS | 4. ARRESTS    |
| 11. PATCHES   | 5. UNSNARL    |
| 12. ANGEVIN   | 6. IRRIGATED  |
| 13. YOGURTS   | 7. GRIEVANCE  |
| 16. LATONYA   | 8. YESENIA    |
| 17. SANDBAG   | 14. GENTLEMEN |
| 19. TIDIEST   | 15. RUBBISHES |
| 21. BALDING   | 17. SABBATH   |
| 22. PETUNIA   | 18. GAGGING   |
| 25. ARMCHAIRS | 19. TYPESET   |
| 26. BASES     | 20. TRANSIT   |
| 27. HINDSIGHT | 23. TIBIA     |
| 28. ALLOT     | 24. NASAL     |



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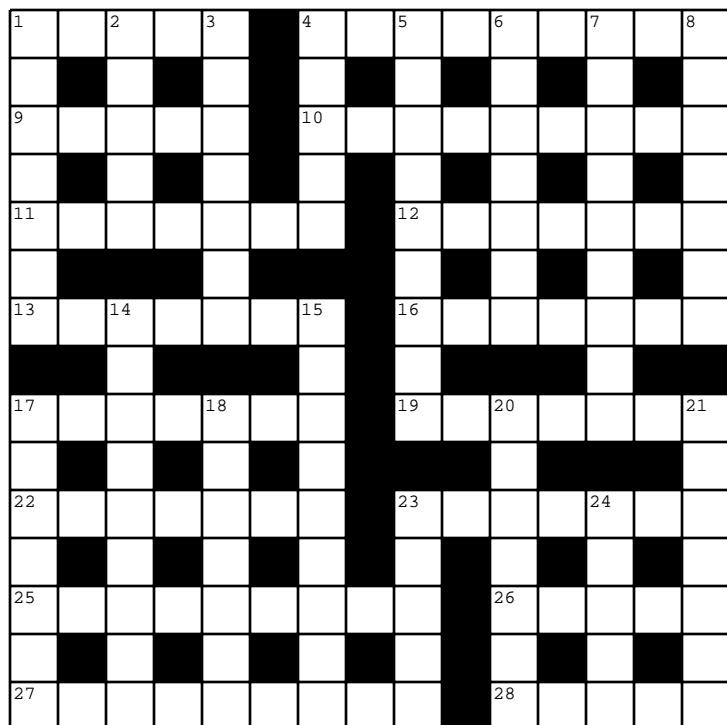
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. PAPER      | 1. PASTORS    |
| 4. BEWITCHES  | 2. PHASE      |
| 9. START      | 3. RATED      |
| 10. REORDERED | 4. BARBERING  |
| 11. OVERDUE   | 5. WROTE      |
| 12. EMOTIVE   | 6. TEDIOUSLY  |
| 13. STIMULI   | 7. HURRICANE  |
| 16. DISTANT   | 8. SADDEST    |
| 17. BULLDOG   | 14. ILLEGIBLE |
| 18. SHYNESS   | 15. UNDAMAGED |
| 20. LEGUMES   | 16. DESTROYER |
| 22. RENDERS   | 17. BALLADS   |
| 25. AMBIGUITY | 19. SESSION   |
| 26. COCCI     | 21. SLIER     |
| 27. SLENDERER | 23. NICHE     |
| 28. ELLEN     | 24. EXCEL     |



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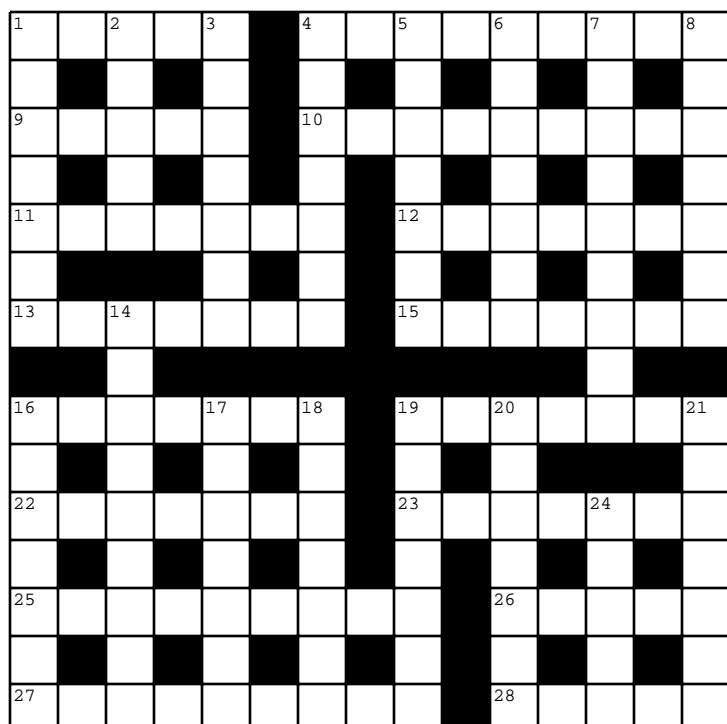
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| 1. NEGEV      | 1. NEEDLED    |
| 4. TESTAMENT  | 2. GERMS      |
| 9. ERROR      | 3. VERTIGO    |
| 10. IGNITIONS | 4. THING      |
| 11. LASTING   | 5. SYNTACTIC  |
| 12. ASEXUAL   | 6. ACTAEON    |
| 13. DIPLOMA   | 7. EVOLUTION  |
| 16. TINNIES   | 8. TUSSLES    |
| 17. ACROBAT   | 14. PARMESANS |
| 19. CADENZA   | 15. ANTIPASTO |
| 22. OVERLAP   | 17. ANORAKS   |
| 23. BASHFUL   | 18. BOLOGNA   |
| 25. ANALGESIC | 20. DISRUPT   |
| 26. URNED     | 21. ALLUDES   |
| 27. SASKATOON | 23. BACON     |
| 28. TAILS     | 24. FUNGI     |



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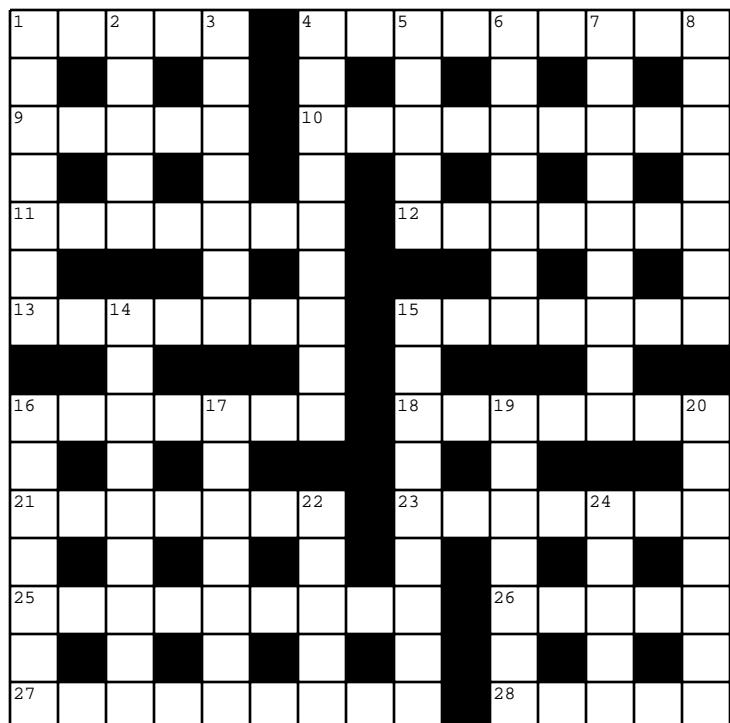
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| 1. RUMBA      | 1. RHUBARB    |
| 4. BUTTERFLY  | 2. MAURA      |
| 9. UVULA      | 3. ARAMAIC    |
| 10. PRACTICED | 4. BAPTIZE    |
| 11. ANASAZI   | 5. TRANCES    |
| 12. CELLINI   | 6. ESTELLA    |
| 13. BICYCLE   | 7. FICTIONAL  |
| 15. STAUNCH   | 8. YIDDISH    |
| 16. COCOONS   | 14. COCKSCOMB |
| 19. ANGELIC   | 16. CARIBOU   |
| 22. ROSETTE   | 17. OBTUSER   |
| 23. CONTAIN   | 18. SHERRIE   |
| 25. BOOTSTRAP | 19. ACCEPTS   |
| 26. SAUTE     | 20. GENESIS   |
| 27. UNBURDENS | 21. CONCEAL   |
| 28. STEAL     | 24. AMUSE     |



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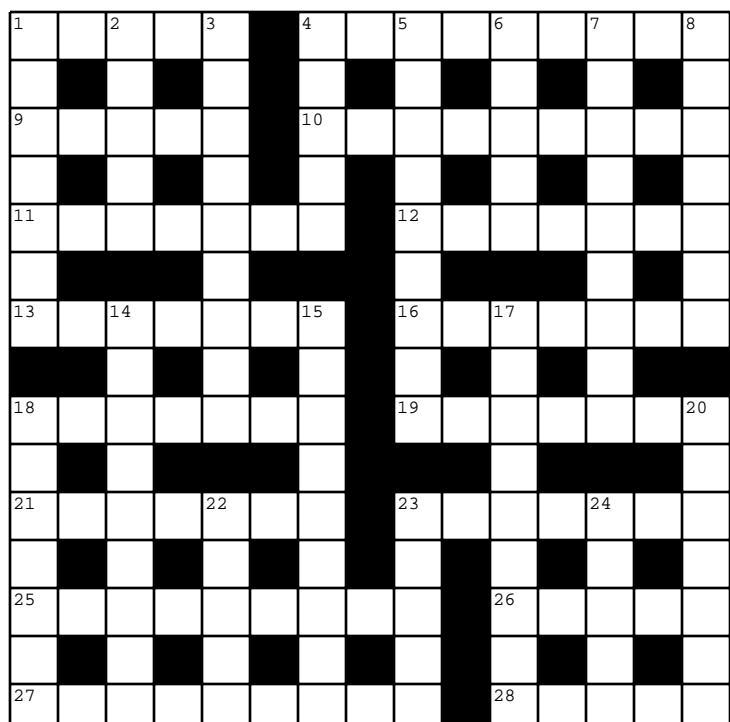
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| 1. BASRA      | 1. BABIEST    |
| 4. BOMBARDED  | 2. SCOOP      |
| 9. BROOM      | 3. AMMONIA    |
| 10. FORECASTS | 4. BUFFERING  |
| 11. EXPENSE   | 5. MARIA      |
| 12. AMATEUR   | 6. ARCHAIC    |
| 13. TSUNAMI   | 7. DISBELIEF  |
| 15. ARCHIVE   | 8. DESERVE    |
| 16. MUSTANG   | 14. UPSETTING |
| 18. TRAFFIC   | 15. ATTRACTED |
| 21. RETRACT   | 16. MARTINA   |
| 23. ANAHEIM   | 17. ARACELI   |
| 25. ITINERANT | 19. ANAEMIA   |
| 26. MOTOR     | 20. CAMERAE   |
| 27. ANGUISHED | 22. TEACH     |
| 28. AWARE     | 24. EXTRA     |



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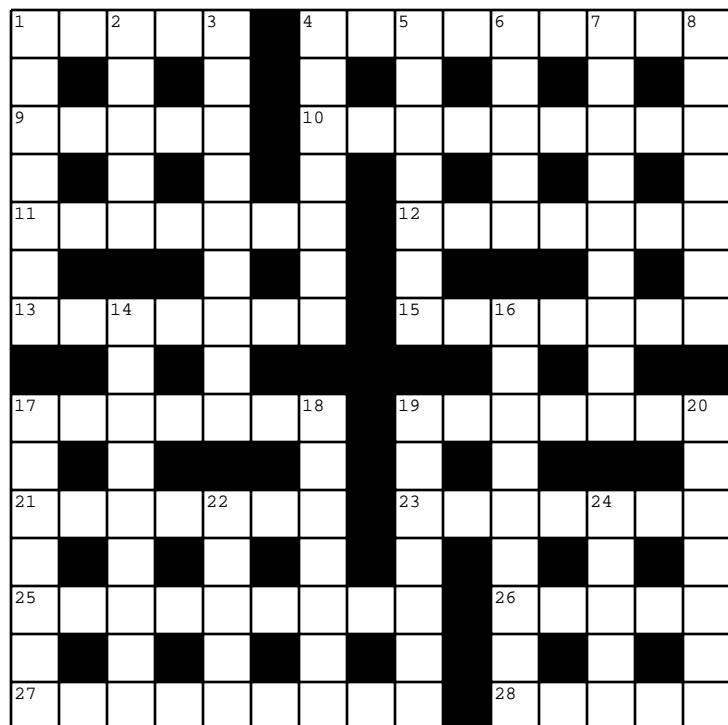
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| 1. FAUNA      | 1. FORMULA    |
| 4. DOGHOUSES  | 2. URGED      |
| 9. RAGES      | 3. AUSTRALIA  |
| 10. SQUINTEST | 4. DISCO      |
| 11. UNDERGO   | 5. GRUESOMER  |
| 12. SPECTRA   | 6. OUNCE      |
| 13. ANSELMO   | 7. SCEPTICAL  |
| 16. MANACLE   | 8. SITUATE    |
| 18. MESSAGE   | 14. SISYPHEAN |
| 19. REGALIA   | 15. OBEISANCE |
| 21. DEPICTS   | 17. NIGHTCLUB |
| 23. INTAKES   | 18. MODICUM   |
| 25. CRESCENDO | 20. ASSISTS   |
| 26. LINKS     | 22. COCKS     |
| 27. MONASTERY | 23. IRONY     |
| 28. BRASS     | 24. KINDA     |



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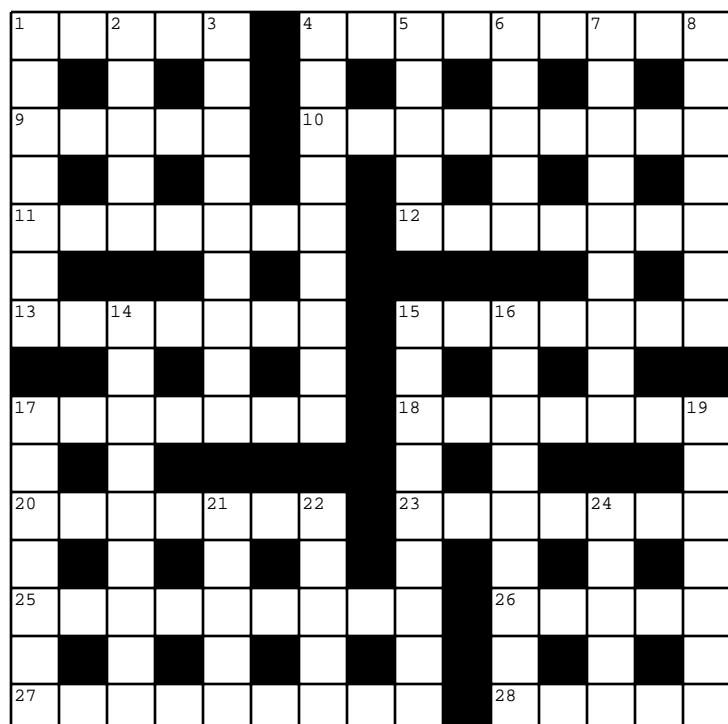
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. BLACK      | 1. BATHTUB    |
| 4. DEDUCIBLE  | 2. ALTAI      |
| 9. TUTOR      | 3. KARAMAZOV  |
| 10. ENVISAGED | 4. DREADED    |
| 11. TRIMMED   | 5. DEVIANT    |
| 12. AUDITOR   | 6. CASED      |
| 13. BRONZED   | 7. BAGATELLE  |
| 15. TACKLED   | 8. ENDURED    |
| 17. SEGOVIA   | 14. ORGANIZES |
| 19. BELIEVE   | 16. COLLEAGUE |
| 21. AMNESIA   | 17. STAMPED   |
| 23. TEENAGE   | 18. ARAMAIC   |
| 25. PIZZICATO | 19. BUTTONS   |
| 26. GRASP     | 20. EXEMPTS   |
| 27. DISTRACTS | 22. SLIER     |
| 28. EDITS     | 24. ABACI     |



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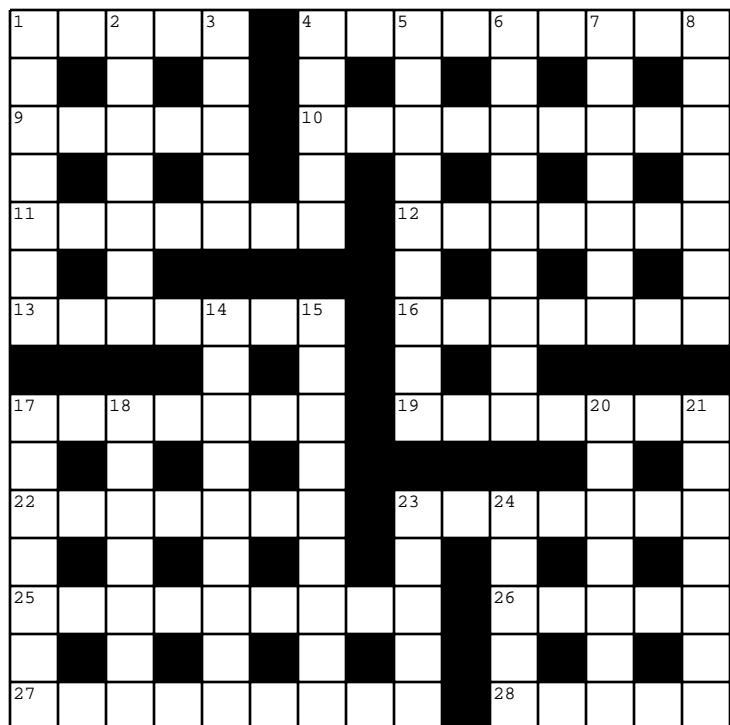
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| 4. FAVORABLE  | 2. SPAWN      |
| 9. ERASE      | 3. PREFABBED  |
| 10. INSIDIOUS | 4. FAITHFULS  |
| 11. BENEATH   | 5. VISIT      |
| 12. TROUSER   | 6. RADIO      |
| 13. CARIBOU   | 7. BLOSSOMED  |
| 15. ALARMED   | 8. ENSURED    |
| 17. AGENDAS   | 14. REEDUCATE |
| 18. CHILDED   | 15. ACCOMPANY |
| 20. IGUANAS   | 16. ALIENATES |
| 23. MINIMUM   | 17. AGITATE   |
| 25. ANALGESIA | 19. DEMOTES   |
| 26. TIGHT     | 21. NIGHT     |
| 27. ELECTRIFY | 22. SUSHI     |
| 28. SECTS     | 24. MAGIC     |



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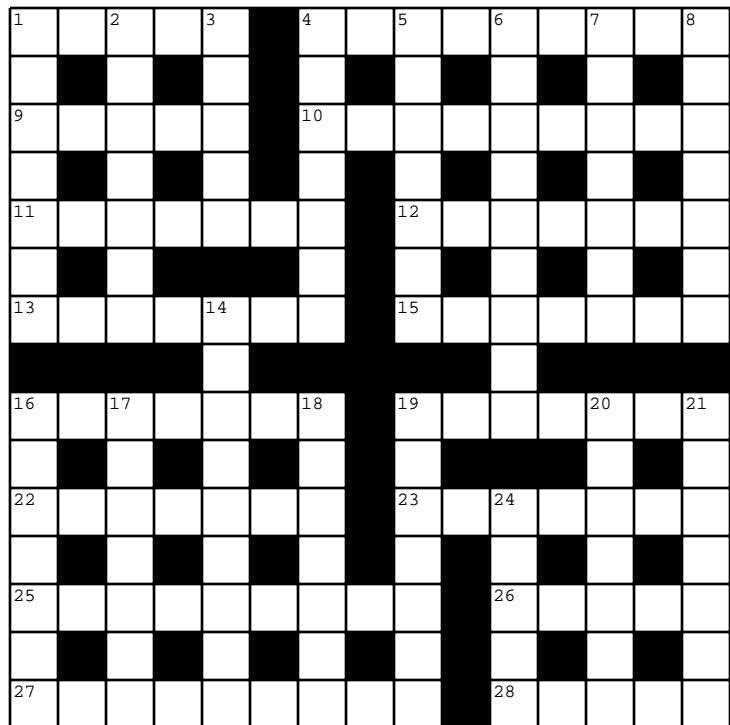
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. CRUMB      | 1. CABBAGE    |
| 4. EMBASSIES  | 2. UNSCREW    |
| 9. BOSOM      | 3. BOMBS      |
| 10. INCREASED | 4. EDITS      |
| 11. ARRESTS   | 5. BACTERIUM  |
| 12. EXTRACT   | 6. SKEPTICAL  |
| 13. EDWARDO   | 7. INSTALS    |
| 16. INCISOR   | 8. SEDATER    |
| 17. DASHIKI   | 14. RAILROADS |
| 19. MILKSOP   | 15. ORIENTATE |
| 22. OVERRUN   | 17. DOORMAT   |
| 23. NAIVETY   | 18. SHEERER   |
| 25. MARMALADE | 20. SPEEDUP   |
| 26. AUDIO     | 21. PAYROLL   |
| 27. THRESHERS | 23. NEEDS     |
| 28. EXPEL     | 24. INANE     |



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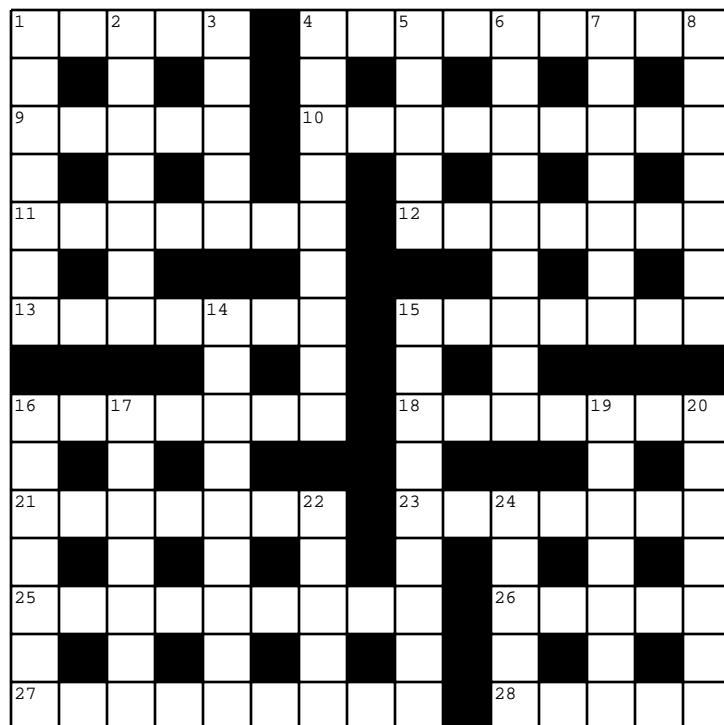
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| 1. ARROW      | 1. ACROBAT    |
| 4. CONSIDERS  | 2. RECLAIM    |
| 9. RACED      | 3. WADED      |
| 10. BICYCLING | 4. CABARET    |
| 11. BLANDER   | 5. NUCLEAR    |
| 12. EMBRACE   | 6. INCUBATOR  |
| 13. TEMPEST   | 7. EPITAPH    |
| 15. RETCHES   | 8. SIGNERS    |
| 16. PLANETS   | 14. ELEVATORS |
| 19. CORNCOB   | 16. POSTDOC   |
| 22. SARCASM   | 17. AEROSOL   |
| 23. NOTICED   | 18. SAMURAI   |
| 25. DISCOURSE | 19. CONGEAL   |
| 26. NELDA     | 20. CACKLED   |
| 27. CELESTIAL | 21. BEDLAMS   |
| 28. HIDES     | 24. TENTH     |



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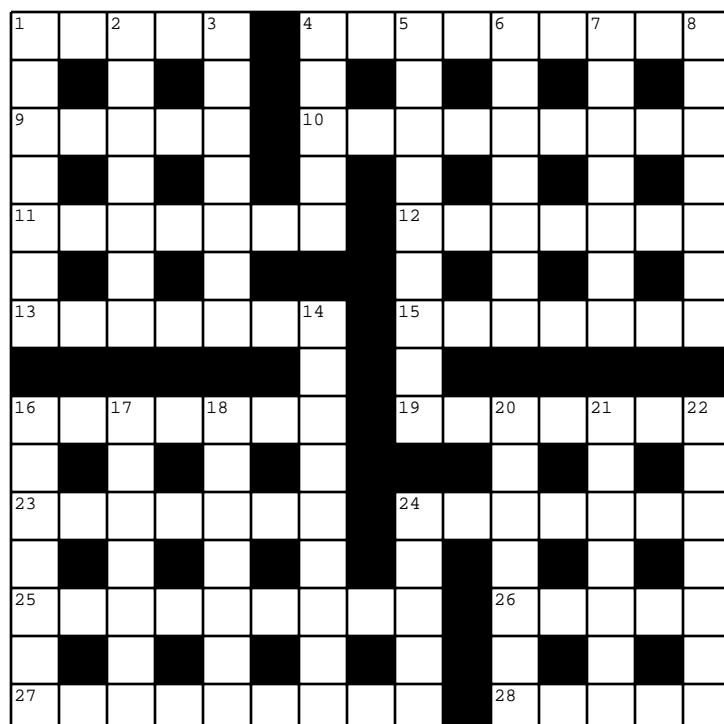
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| 1. MACED      | 1. MUSICAL    |
| 4. DISABLING  | 2. CLARITY    |
| 9. SNAFU      | 3. DRUNK      |
| 10. AUTHORITY | 4. DIAGNOSES  |
| 11. CHICKEN   | 5. SITES      |
| 12. SISTINE   | 6. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 13. LAYOUTS   | 7. INITIAL    |
| 15. CIRCLES   | 8. GEYSERS    |
| 16. DECADES   | 14. UNDERWENT |
| 18. IMPRESS   | 15. COINCIDES |
| 21. COLORED   | 16. DECODED   |
| 23. CLAUSES   | 17. COLONEL   |
| 25. DUNGEONED | 19. ENSURES   |
| 26. TORSI     | 20. SESSION   |
| 27. DELETIONS | 22. DUNNO     |
| 28. ROSIN     | 24. ACTOR     |



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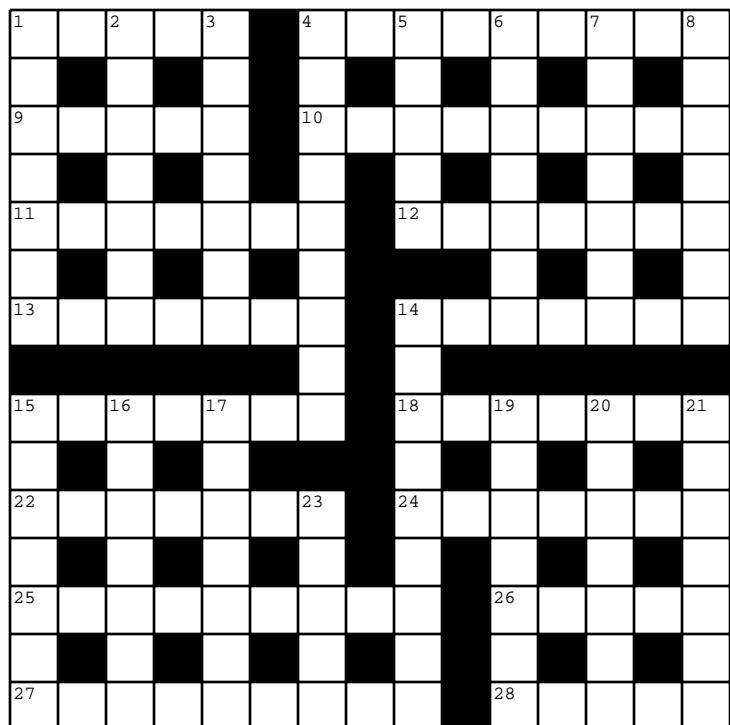
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| 4. LABYRINTH  | 2. SHIVERS    |
| 9. SHIRT      | 3. COTONOU    |
| 10. BOOKMARKS | 4. LIBEL      |
| 11. ETERNAL   | 5. BOOKSHELF  |
| 12. SUNRISE   | 6. ROMANCE    |
| 13. DISTURB   | 7. NERVING    |
| 15. EMERGES   | 8. HASTENS    |
| 16. NECKTIE   | 14. BREASTING |
| 19. FORESEE   | 16. NOMADIC   |
| 23. MANUALS   | 17. CONTAIN   |
| 24. ORCHARD   | 18. THALAMI   |
| 25. DRAMATIST | 20. RECIPES   |
| 26. PAPER     | 21. SHAMPOO   |
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| 28. STONE     | 24. OUTER     |



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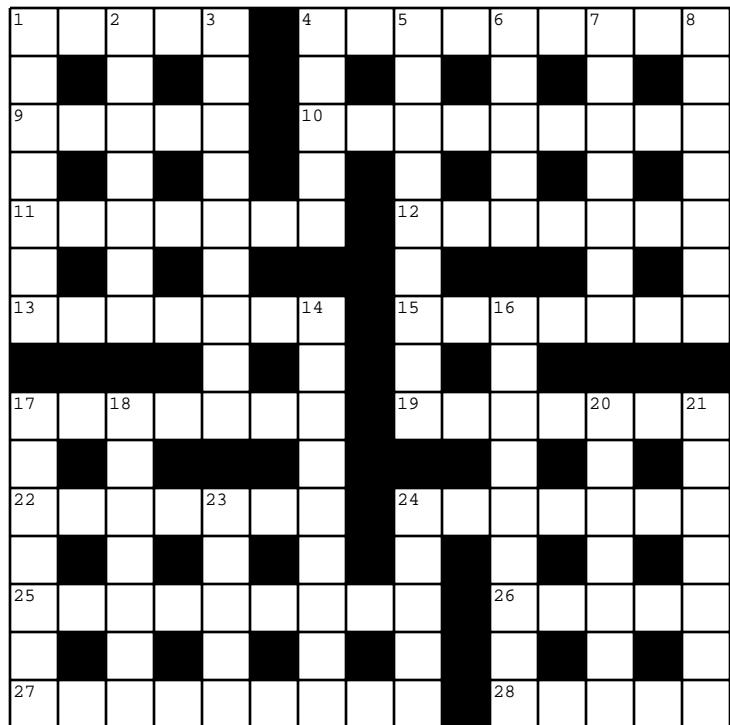
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| 1. BESOM      | 1. BAHAMAS    |
| 4. AUDIENCES  | 2. SEVERAL    |
| 9. HAVEN      | 3. MANCINI    |
| 10. GROOVIES  | 4. ANGUISHED  |
| 11. MARTINI   | 5. DOORS      |
| 12. SILENCE   | 6. ENVELOP    |
| 13. SELFISH   | 7. CHENNAI    |
| 14. EMPTIES   | 8. SETTERS    |
| 15. VAULTED   | 14. EXCITABLE |
| 18. CLIPPED   | 15. VALENTI   |
| 22. LARIATS   | 16. UPRIGHT   |
| 24. TOPSAIL   | 17. TOASTER   |
| 25. NIGHTCLUB | 19. IMPEACH   |
| 26. ALERT     | 20. PLACEBO   |
| 27. INTERFACE | 21. DELETES   |
| 28. HOOKS     | 23. SELMA     |



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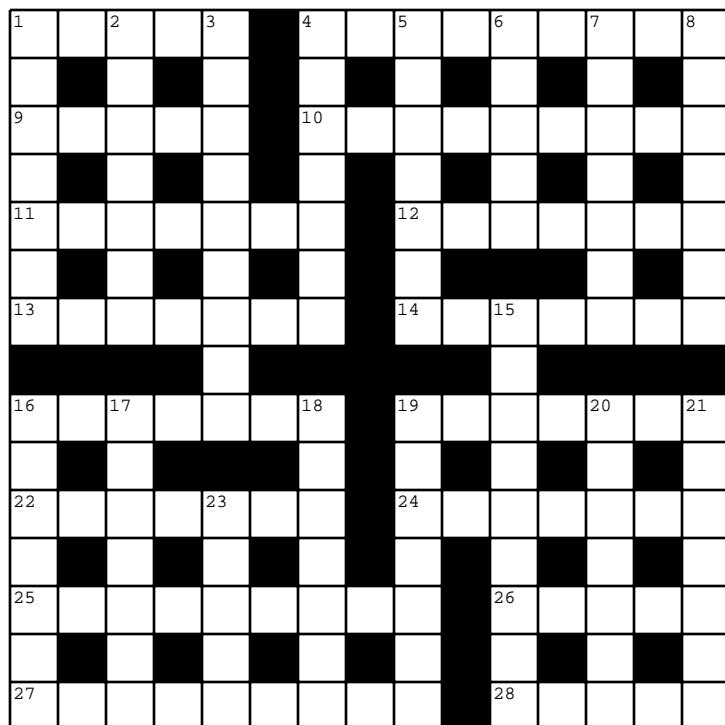
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| 4. DRINKABLE  | 2. ARACELI    |
| 9. BLATZ      | 3. PIZZICATI  |
| 10. LOINCLOTH | 4. DELTA      |
| 11. AMERICA   | 5. IDIOMATIC  |
| 12. MUSICAL   | 6. KICKS      |
| 13. EPITAPH   | 7. BRONCHI    |
| 15. TACTICS   | 8. EXHALES    |
| 17. SOGGIER   | 14. HARDLINER |
| 19. CHRISTI   | 16. CORKSCREW |
| 22. INFIDEL   | 17. STINGER   |
| 24. FASCISM   | 18. GIFTING   |
| 25. GLISSANDO | 20. SPIRITS   |
| 26. REIGN     | 21. IMMENSE   |
| 27. REGISTRAR | 23. DOSES     |
| 28. WASTE     | 24. FLOOR     |



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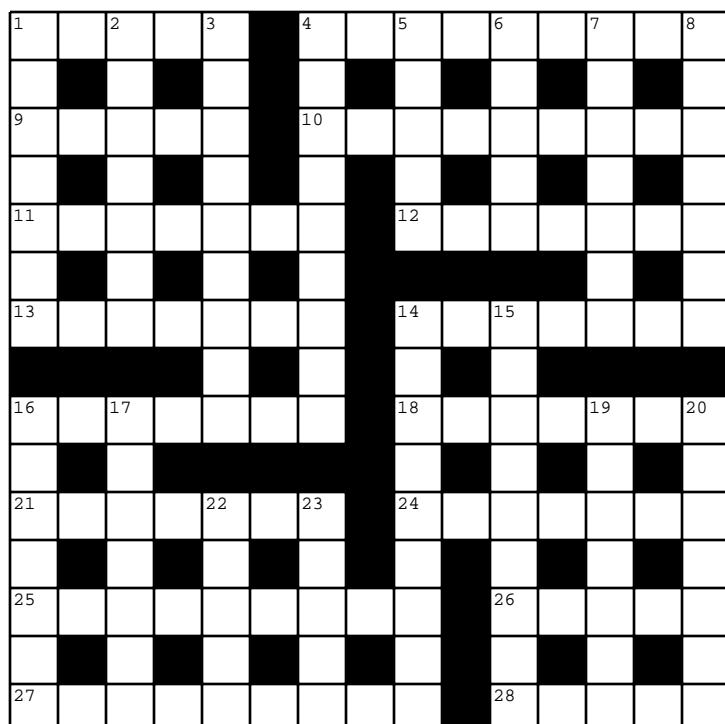
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| 4. COALESCES  | 2. SLACKEN    |
| 9. CHAMP      | 3. IMPROMPTU  |
| 10. NARROWING | 4. CONDEMN    |
| 11. IRKSOME   | 5. AEROBIC    |
| 12. BOYCOTT   | 6. EBONY      |
| 13. NINEPIN   | 7. CHINOOK    |
| 14. CRACKED   | 8. SIGHTED    |
| 16. SOJOURN   | 15. AUSTRALIA |
| 19. VISITOR   | 16. SPARSER   |
| 22. ARCHAIC   | 17. JACKALS   |
| 24. AIRDROP   | 18. NECKTIE   |
| 25. SPAGHETTI | 19. VEALING   |
| 26. LLAMA     | 20. TORNADO   |
| 27. ROSENBERG | 21. REPLACE   |
| 28. ALONE     | 23. ASHEN     |



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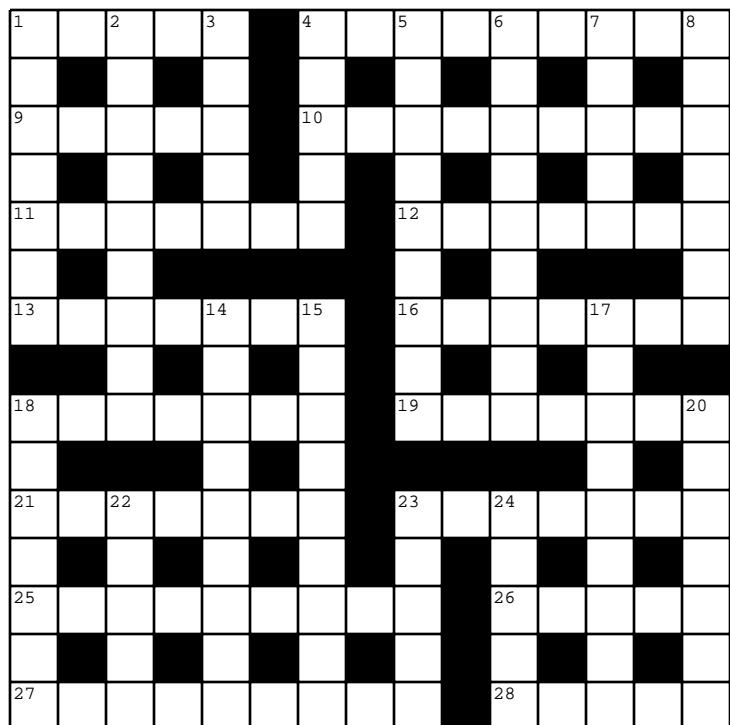
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| 4. COINCIDED  | 2. OPTIMAL    |
| 9. METAL      | 3. POLITICAL  |
| 10. AUDITORIA | 4. COARSENED  |
| 11. INMATES   | 5. INDIA      |
| 12. ATHEIST   | 6. CATCH      |
| 13. SILICON   | 7. DERRICK    |
| 14. SLICKED   | 8. DRAFTED    |
| 16. SADDLED   | 14. SEARCHING |
| 18. APPEASE   | 15. IMPEACHED |
| 21. RECLAIM   | 16. SCRUPLE   |
| 24. CLAIMED   | 17. DECATUR   |
| 25. POTPOURRI | 19. AMMONIA   |
| 26. HONOR     | 20. ELDERLY   |
| 27. EHRENBERG | 22. ACORN     |
| 28. DIARY     | 23. MERGE     |



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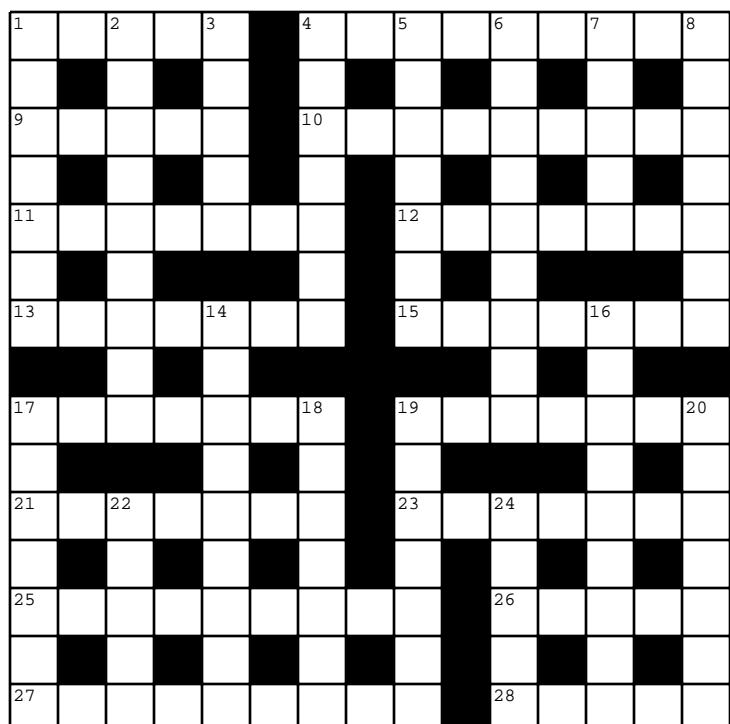
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| 4. LEAFLETED  | 2. AGITATION  |
| 9. ALIBI      | 3. FAITH      |
| 10. NAVIGATOR | 4. LINED      |
| 11. FLASHED   | 5. ADVANCING  |
| 12. NUMERIC   | 6. LIGAMENTS  |
| 13. DRIVERS   | 7. TUTOR      |
| 16. IGNORES   | 8. DIRECTS    |
| 18. CONIFER   | 14. EFFICIENT |
| 19. GESTURE   | 15. SURVIVALS |
| 21. MALACHI   | 17. RAUCOUSLY |
| 23. BETROTH   | 18. COMBATS   |
| 25. AMATERASU | 20. ENHANCE   |
| 26. BASIN     | 22. LEARN     |
| 27. SANITISED | 23. BOUND     |
| 28. STYLE     | 24. TUBES     |



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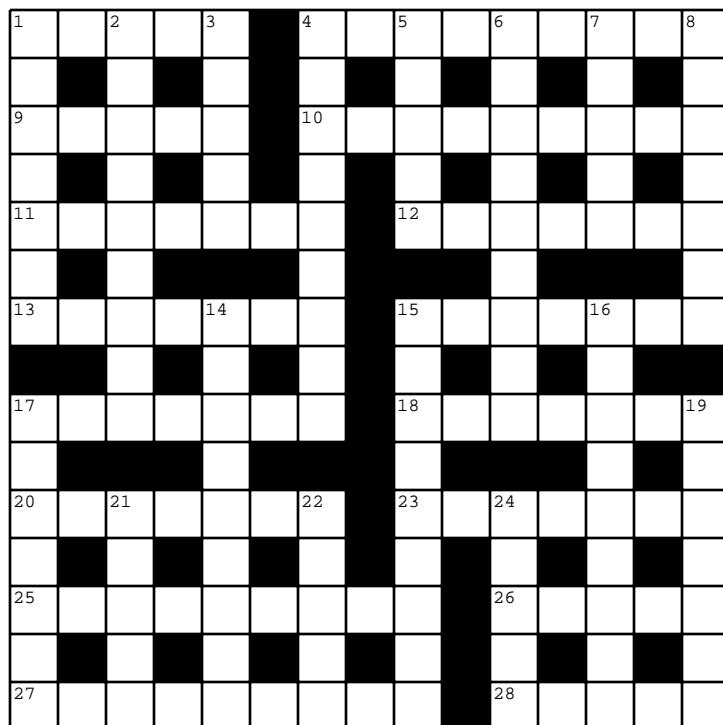
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| 4. RESORTING  | 2. FRIGHTENS  |
| 9. RHINO      | 3. SPOIL      |
| 10. SHORTFALL | 4. RESIDES    |
| 11. EXHALED   | 5. STOMACH    |
| 12. ARACELI   | 6. RETRACTED  |
| 13. THEISTS   | 7. IRATE      |
| 15. HITTING   | 8. GALLING    |
| 17. MUSTANG   | 14. SEAFARING |
| 19. AUDITOR   | 16. INTENDING |
| 21. REDRAWN   | 17. MARATHI   |
| 23. ALGENIB   | 18. GLANGLIA  |
| 25. TRIVIALLY | 19. ANALYST   |
| 26. ALIBI     | 20. REBUILT   |
| 27. IMMIGRANT | 22. DEISM     |
| 28. LIGHT     | 24. GNARL     |



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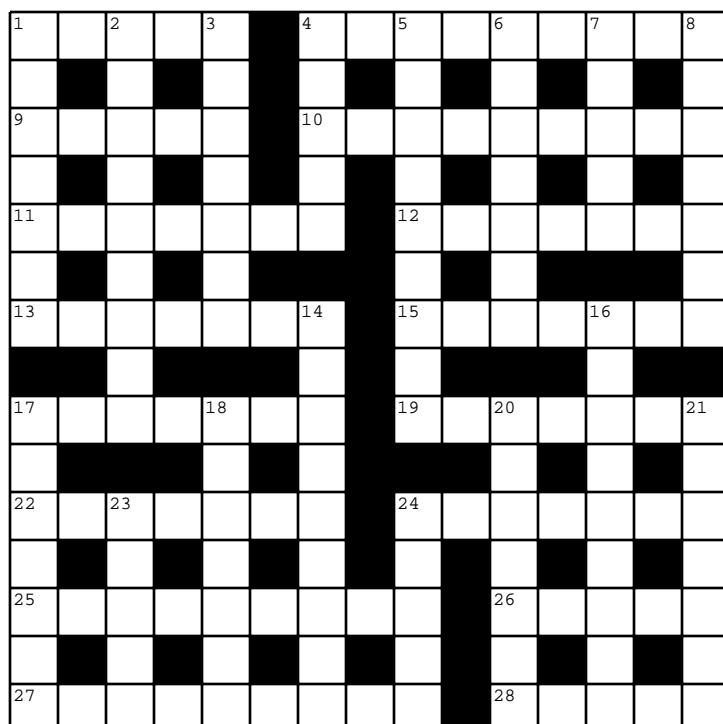
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| 1. PROOF      | 1. PILLOWS    |
| 4. BACKBONES  | 2. OCCUPYING  |
| 9. LOCAL      | 3. FILLS      |
| 10. EMPLOYING | 4. BLESSEDER  |
| 11. OPPOSES   | 5. CAPET      |
| 12. THERESA   | 6. BOOMERANG  |
| 13. SLIPPED   | 7. NAIVE      |
| 15. BEATERS   | 8. SIGNALS    |
| 17. ANGRIER   | 14. POINTLESS |
| 18. LAGGING   | 15. BULLFIGHT |
| 20. INERTIA   | 16. EVIDENTLY |
| 23. FARMERS   | 17. AZIMUTH   |
| 25. UNFEELING | 19. GOSPELS   |
| 26. BATHE     | 21. ELFIN     |
| 27. HINDSIGHT | 22. AGING     |
| 28. NOYES     | 24. ROBIN     |



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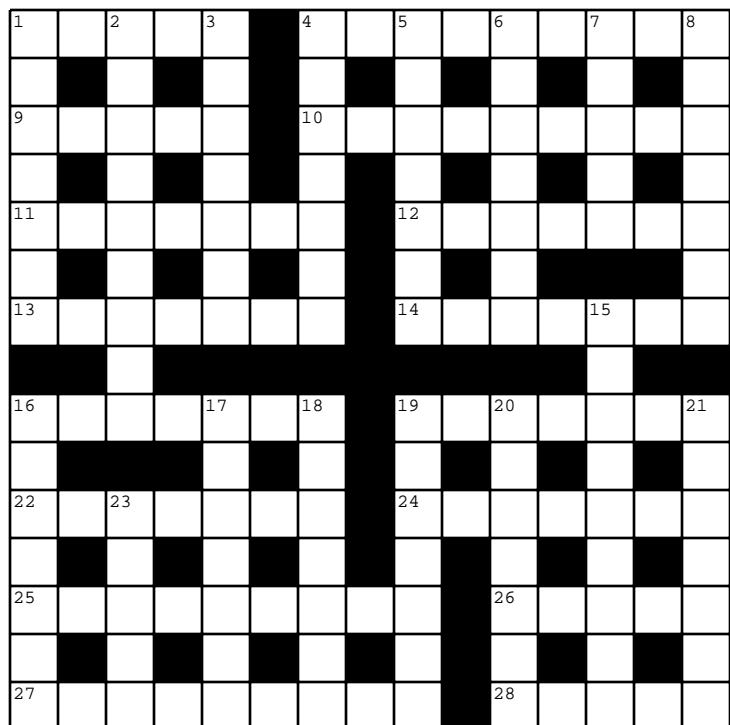
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| 9. PAPER      | 3. TERMINI    |
| 10. CANTALOUP | 4. SOCKS      |
| 11. SPECIES   | 5. ANNOUNCED  |
| 12. USELESS   | 6. PLATEAU    |
| 13. SEASICK   | 7. NOOSE      |
| 15. CRUMPLE   | 8. RIPOSTE    |
| 17. ENZYMES   | 14. KISANGANI |
| 19. DEBASES   | 16. POSTNATAL |
| 22. HOLBEIN   | 17. EXHIBIT   |
| 24. ANTENNA   | 18. MAESTRI   |
| 25. BACKTRACK | 20. BATHTUB   |
| 26. TOTAL     | 21. SWALLOW   |
| 27. TESTIFIED | 23. LOCKS     |
| 28. BELOW     | 24. ASKED     |



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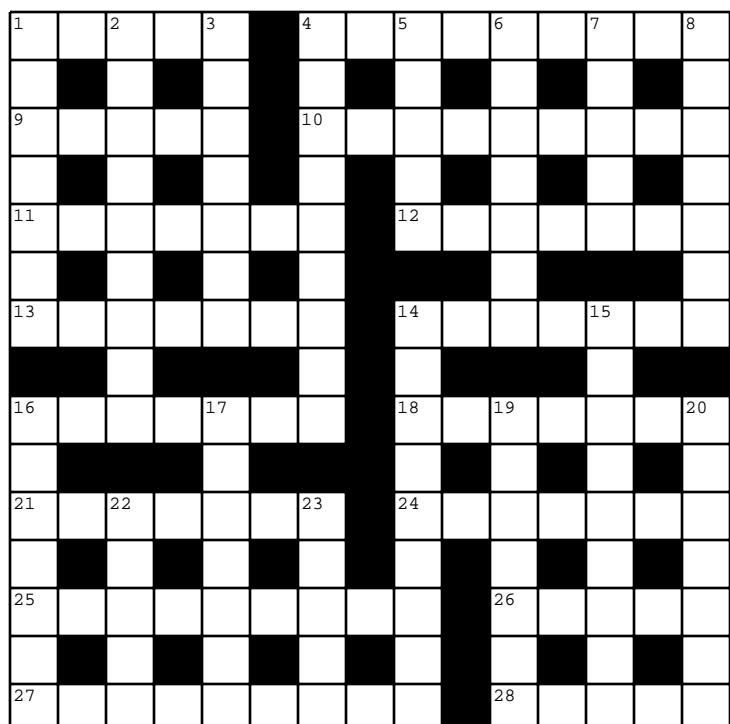
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| 4. RECOMMEND  | 2. CIRCUITRY  |
| 9. LARGO      | 3. DIORAMA    |
| 10. ABDOMINAL | 4. REALIZE    |
| 11. TSUNAMI   | 5. CADUCEI    |
| 12. CHORTLE   | 6. MAMMOTH    |
| 13. OUTRAGE   | 7. ERNST      |
| 14. INHIBIT   | 8. DULLEST    |
| 16. ABYSMAL   | 15. BUTTERNUT |
| 19. AUDITED   | 16. ACCEPTS   |
| 22. CHATEAU   | 17. MEEKEST   |
| 24. GALLEON   | 18. LAURELS   |
| 25. PERSEVERE | 19. ANGLERS   |
| 26. RANGE     | 20. DELIRIA   |
| 27. SANITISES | 21. DANCERS   |
| 28. ANTES     | 23. ARRON     |



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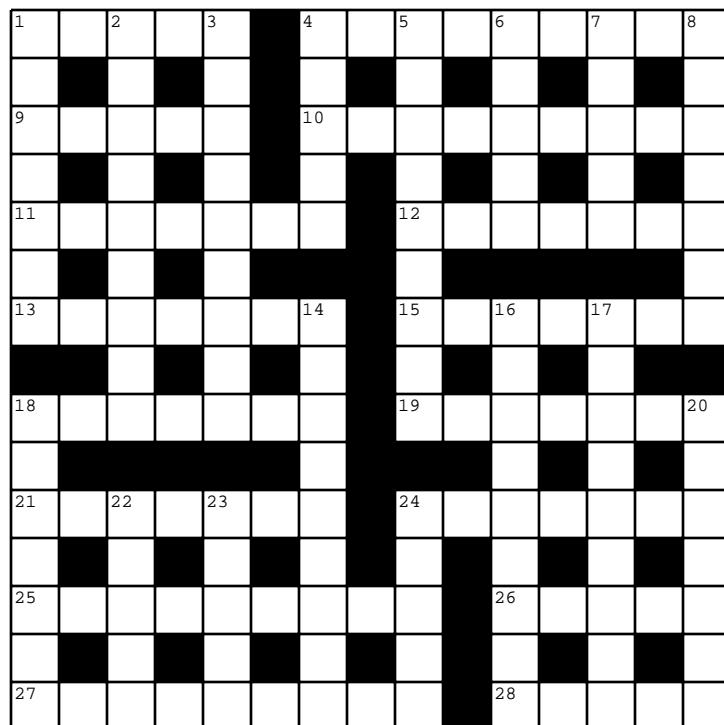
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| 4. DEBRIEFED  | 2. CONTRALTO  |
| 9. HENCE      | 3. SEEPAGE    |
| 10. PASSENGER | 4. DEPOSITED  |
| 11. INROADS   | 5. BASIC      |
| 12. CHENNAI   | 6. ICEBERG    |
| 13. SALTEST   | 7. FAGIN      |
| 14. LIGHTER   | 8. DIRTIER    |
| 16. FLOSSED   | 14. LIKELIEST |
| 18. KICKOFF   | 15. TROUSSEAU |
| 21. ACCLAIM   | 16. FEATURE   |
| 24. LIAISON   | 17. SWALLOW   |
| 25. UNWELCOME | 19. CLARIFY   |
| 26. ITEMS     | 20. FINESSE   |
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| 28. YOURE     | 23. MOOSE     |



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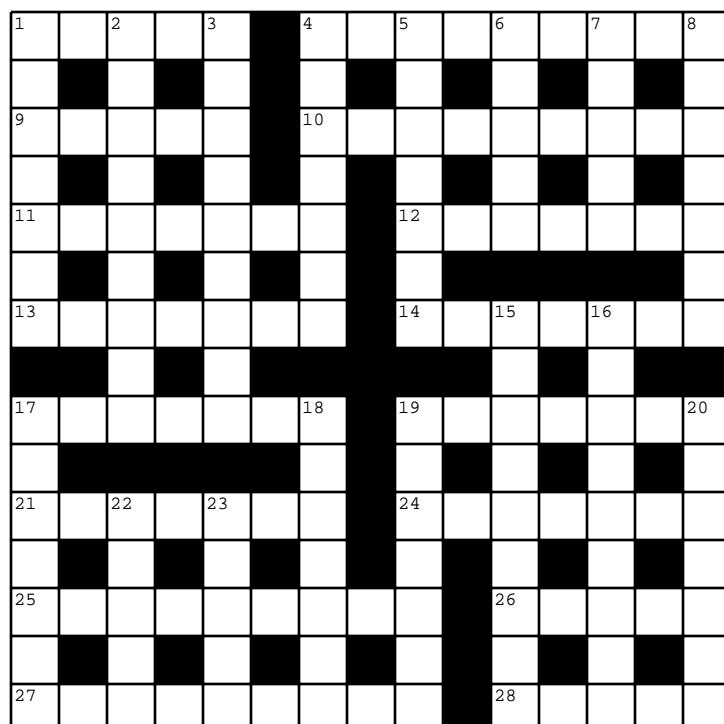
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| 4. BEAUTIFUL  | 2. PANKHURST  |
| 9. TENON      | 3. CONTINUUM  |
| 10. DIGITALLY | 4. BIDES      |
| 11. ETHNICS   | 5. ALGORITHM  |
| 12. REMOTER   | 6. TOTEM      |
| 13. PERTURB   | 7. FILET      |
| 15. TUMBLED   | 8. LAYERED    |
| 18. OPTIMUM   | 14. BOMBSHELL |
| 19. MINIVAN   | 16. MENDELEEV |
| 21. GOBLINS   | 17. LEVIATHAN |
| 24. EMERALD   | 18. ORGANIC   |
| 25. NEGLIGENT | 20. NU迪ISTS   |
| 26. ECHOS     | 22. BEGUN     |
| 27. CENTRALER | 23. ICIER     |
| 28. VENDS     | 24. EATER     |



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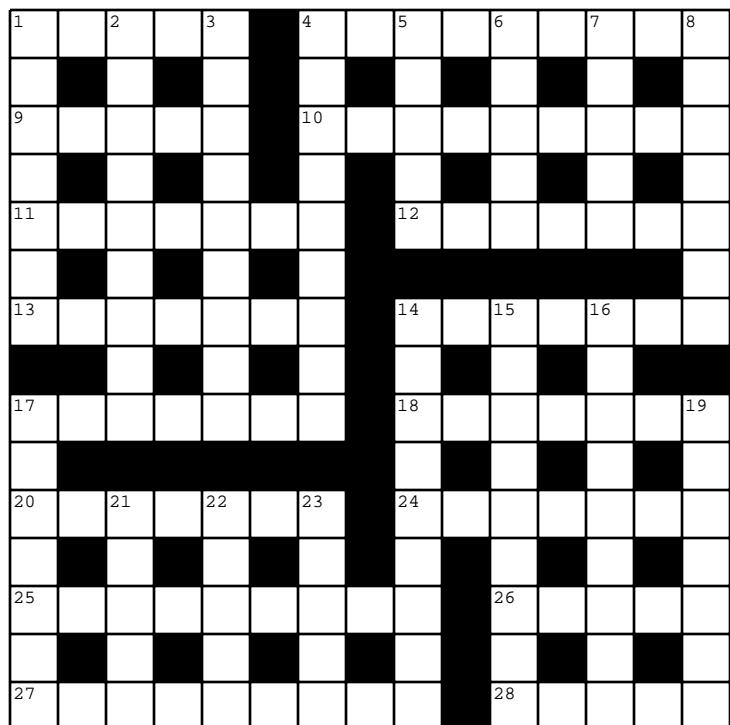
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| 4. DECEPTIVE  | 2. GUIDEBOOK  |
| 9. CLIMB      | 3. LABYRINTH  |
| 10. VIEWPOINT | 4. DIVIDED    |
| 11. SHEARED   | 5. CHEKHOV    |
| 12. HOTCAKE   | 6. PIPIT      |
| 13. DROWNED   | 7. IBIZA      |
| 14. VEHICLE   | 8. EXTREME    |
| 17. LAKSHMI   | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 19. MANAGUA   | 16. CIGARILLO |
| 21. ROOFTOP   | 17. LARAMIE   |
| 24. LAYERED   | 18. IMPASSE   |
| 25. MAHARISHI | 19. MILKING   |
| 26. ORLON     | 20. ANDANTE   |
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| 28. BROKE     | 23. TURIN     |



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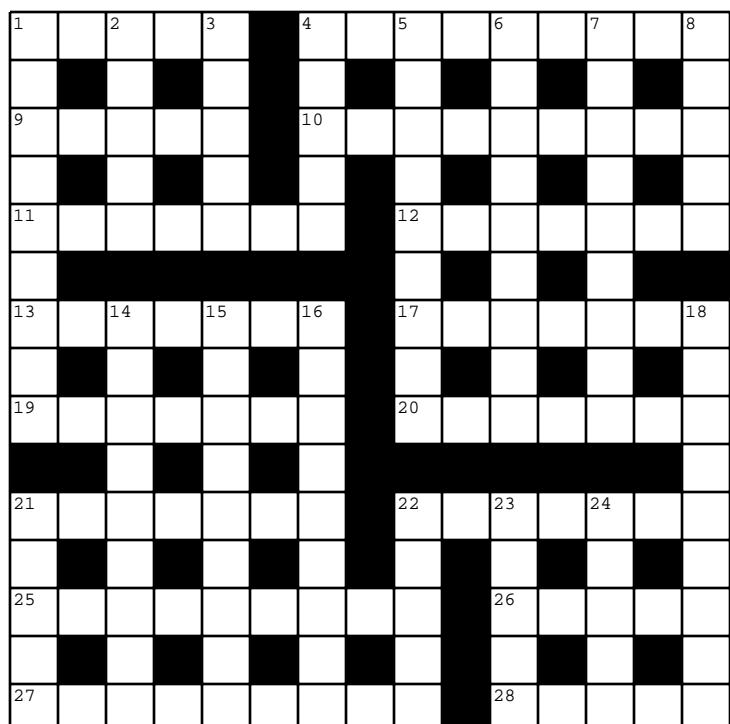
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| 4. REMARRIES  | 2. STIFFNESS  |
| 9. AMIDS      | 3. EASTERNER  |
| 10. MANIFESTO | 4. REMINDING  |
| 11. FIFTEEN   | 5. MINSK      |
| 12. KNEECAP   | 6. RIFLE      |
| 13. CHENNAI   | 7. ISSAC      |
| 14. BUFFALO   | 8. SCORPIO    |
| 17. DISHRAG   | 14. BACKDROPS |
| 18. CROATIA   | 15. FOODSTUFF |
| 20. TADZHIK   | 16. ANTIPASTO |
| 24. DUSTPAN   | 17. DETECTS   |
| 25. CONTRALTO | 19. ANNETTE   |
| 26. UPSET     | 21. DINER     |
| 27. SURPLUSES | 22. HERZL     |
| 28. FROZE     | 23. KILLS     |



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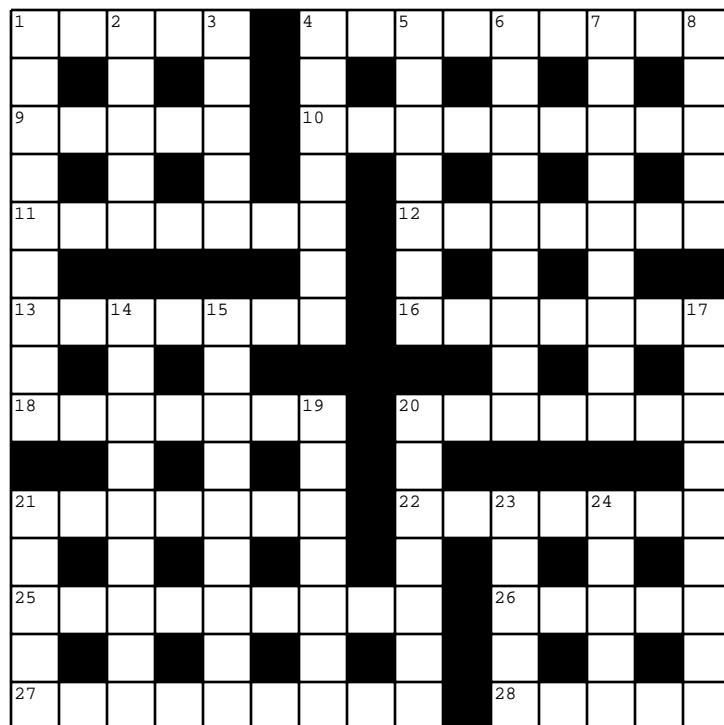
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| 9. NEGEV      | 3. RIVAL      |
| 10. OBSTETRIC | 4. DROPS      |
| 11. RATTLES   | 5. AESTHETIC  |
| 12. HEIGHTS   | 6. OBEDIENCE  |
| 13. MANUALS   | 7. FORTHWITH  |
| 17. TENSILE   | 8. YUCKS      |
| 19. SECTION   | 14. NECKLINES |
| 20. CHEKHOV   | 15. ALIGNMENT |
| 21. VALENTI   | 16. SENTIMENT |
| 22. CANDLES   | 18. ENVISAGES |
| 25. TENDEREST | 21. VETCH     |
| 26. ICING     | 22. CITED     |
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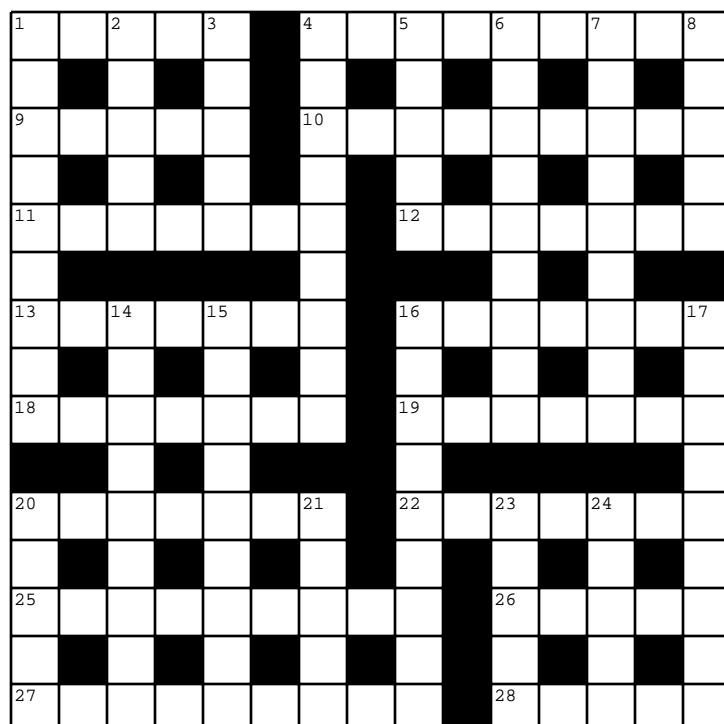
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| 4. GLISSANDO  | 2. VEGAN      |
| 9. LIGHT      | 3. DATUM      |
| 10. OCCURRING | 4. GROOMED    |
| 11. MINIMUM   | 5. INCOMES    |
| 12. MCMAHON   | 6. SCRAMBLES  |
| 13. TREATED   | 7. NEIGHBORS  |
| 16. SALOOONS  | 8. ORGAN      |
| 18. DEPARTS   | 14. EMPIRICAL |
| 20. INSISTS   | 15. TURNROUND |
| 21. GERARDO   | 17. SUSPECTED |
| 22. JAWBONE   | 19. SCOTTIE   |
| 25. ENCOUNTER | 20. INJURES   |
| 26. OVERT     | 21. GREEK     |
| 27. KILLDEERS | 23. WHOOP     |
| 28. POSED     | 24. OBEYS     |



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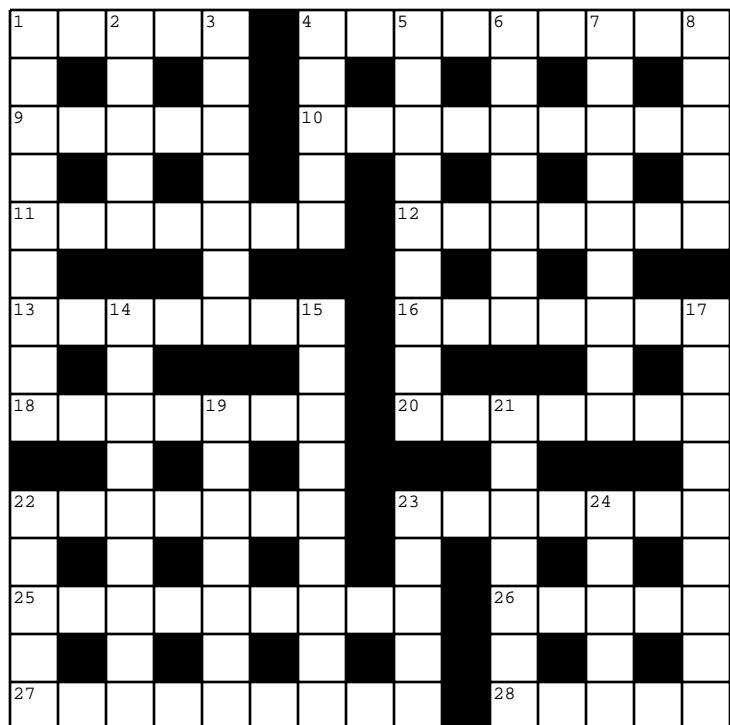
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| 9. FEVER      | 3. CURVE      |
| 10. DAFFODILS | 4. ADDRESSED  |
| 11. BELIEVE   | 5. CAFES      |
| 12. SALMONS   | 6. SHOELACES  |
| 13. ADVERTS   | 7. RHINOCERI  |
| 16. EXCRETA   | 8. LASTS      |
| 18. SIGHTED   | 14. VAGUENESS |
| 19. RUSSIAN   | 15. RATIONING |
| 20. EYESORE   | 16. EHRENBERG |
| 22. NOVELTY   | 17. ANNOYANCE |
| 25. OBEDIENCE | 20. EBOLA     |
| 26. NIKON     | 21. ENNUI     |
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| 28. SIDLE     | 24. LIKED     |



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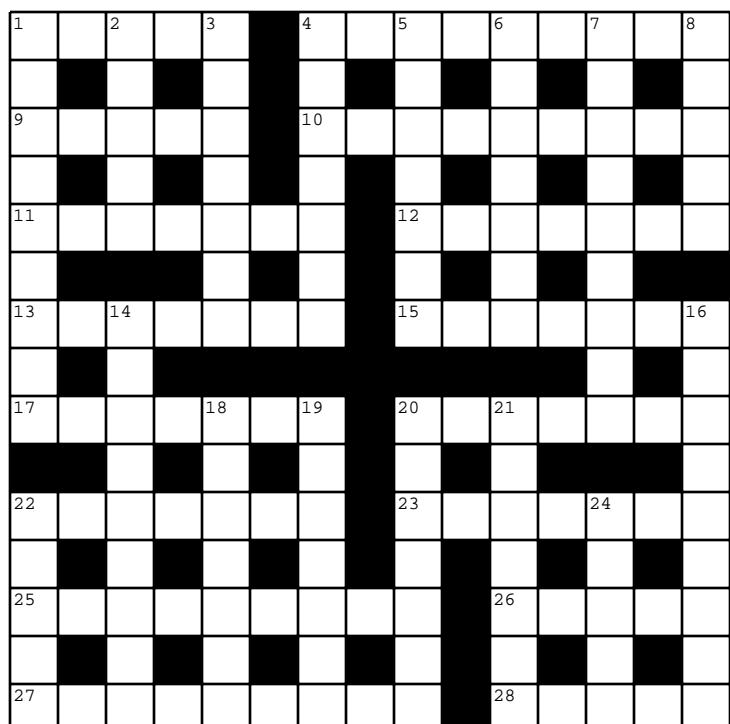
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| 4. CONSULARS  | 2. INDEX      |
| 9. BUDGE      | 3. SEEKERS    |
| 10. REWRITTEN | 4. CARRY      |
| 11. ANXIETY   | 5. NEWSPAPER  |
| 12. PLUMPER   | 6. UNIQUER    |
| 13. INSISTS   | 7. ANTIPASTI  |
| 16. PHRASES   | 8. SANER      |
| 18. NEGATED   | 14. SUGGESTER |
| 20. REQUIEM   | 15. SEDENTARY |
| 22. CHEAPEN   | 17. SYMMETRIC |
| 23. ANALYSE   | 19. TIPSIER   |
| 25. INTRICATE | 21. QUANTUM   |
| 26. TRUER     | 22. CRISP     |
| 27. PORTRAYED | 23. AMEND     |
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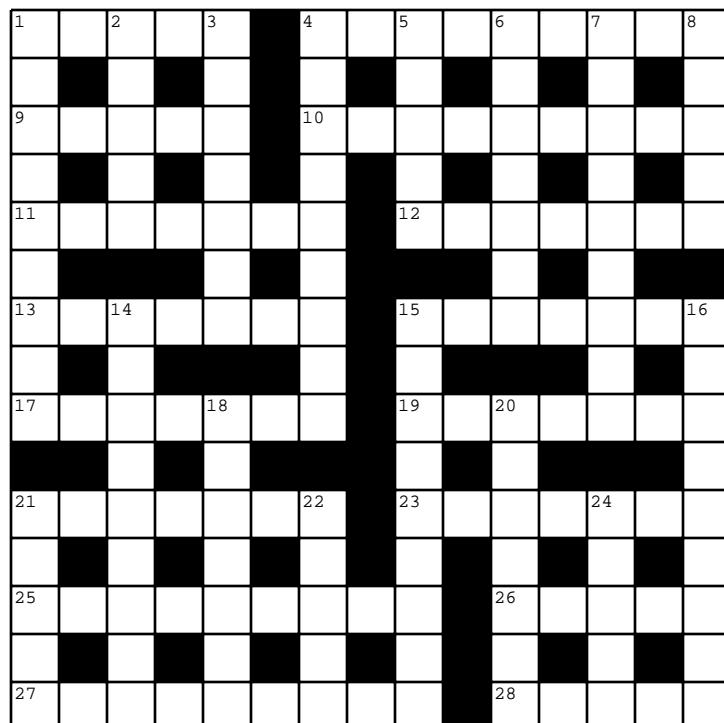
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| 4. PHALANGES  | 2. SKULL      |
| 9. USURP      | 3. IMPASSE    |
| 10. BEHAVIOUR | 4. PUBLISH    |
| 11. BELUSHI   | 5. ATHEISM    |
| 12. ISRAELS   | 6. ALVAREZ    |
| 13. REFRESH   | 7. GEOMETRIC  |
| 15. MAZURKA   | 8. SIRES      |
| 17. SAVAGES   | 14. FAVORITES |
| 20. DEVICES   | 16. ABSCONDED |
| 22. CORONER   | 18. GINGHAM   |
| 23. ALLEGRO   | 19. SURREAL   |
| 25. CATCHMENT | 20. DRAFTED   |
| 26. AHEAD     | 21. VOLCANO   |
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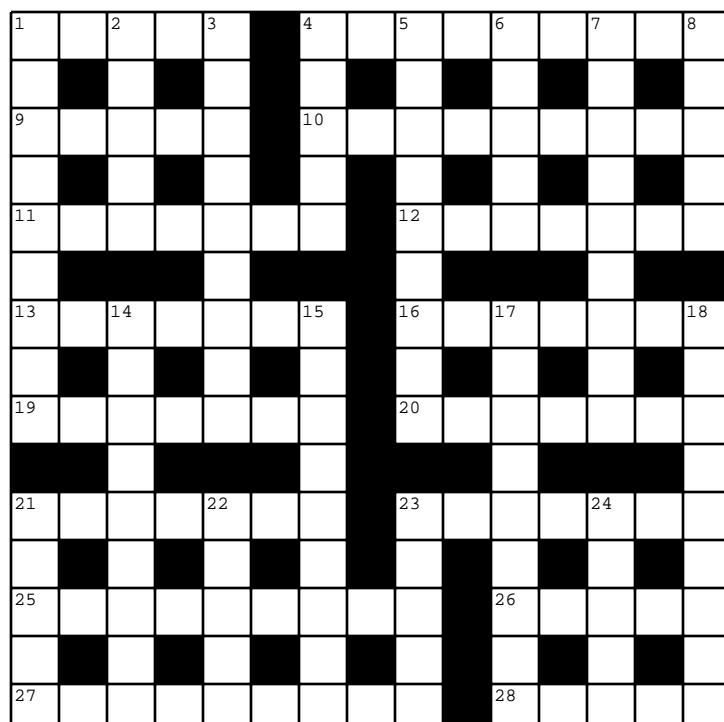
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| 1. SCRAM      | 1. SYMPHONIC  |
| 4. BOUNTIFUL  | 2. REYNA      |
| 9. MAYOR      | 3. MARITAL    |
| 10. GREENHORN | 4. BEGINNERS  |
| 11. HEARTEN   | 5. USERS      |
| 12. SIGNIFY   | 6. TONIGHT    |
| 13. NEBULAE   | 7. FOOLISHER  |
| 15. KETCHUP   | 8. LANNY      |
| 17. CHOICES   | 14. BIOGRAPHY |
| 19. INFERNO   | 15. KNIGHTING |
| 21. PERFORM   | 16. PROCESSOR |
| 23. HOSTILE   | 18. CHOLERA   |
| 25. PEPPERONI | 20. FASTENS   |
| 26. EASES     | 21. PAPAW     |
| 27. WAYLAYING | 22. MAORI     |
| 28. SWEAR     | 24. ISSUE     |



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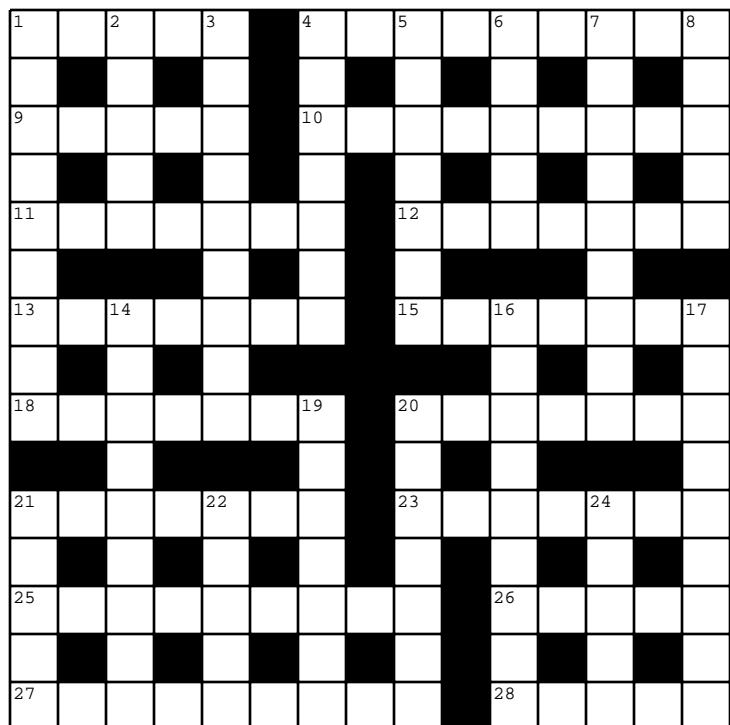
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| 4. ASHAMEDLY  | 2. OCTET      |
| 9. PATIO      | 3. PROFITEER  |
| 10. ROBERTSON | 4. ACRES      |
| 11. OBTAINS   | 5. HOBNOBBED  |
| 12. OMELETS   | 6. MERGE      |
| 13. AWAREST   | 7. DISREPAIR  |
| 16. BRAVADO   | 8. YANKS      |
| 19. ANDIRON   | 14. AUDITORIA |
| 20. DESERVE   | 15. TENDERIZE |
| 21. EXTREME   | 17. ASSAULTER |
| 23. COUGHED   | 18. OVERDOSES |
| 25. HARMONICA | 21. ETHIC     |
| 26. TELLS     | 22. ERODE     |
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| 28. RENDS     | 24. HALON     |



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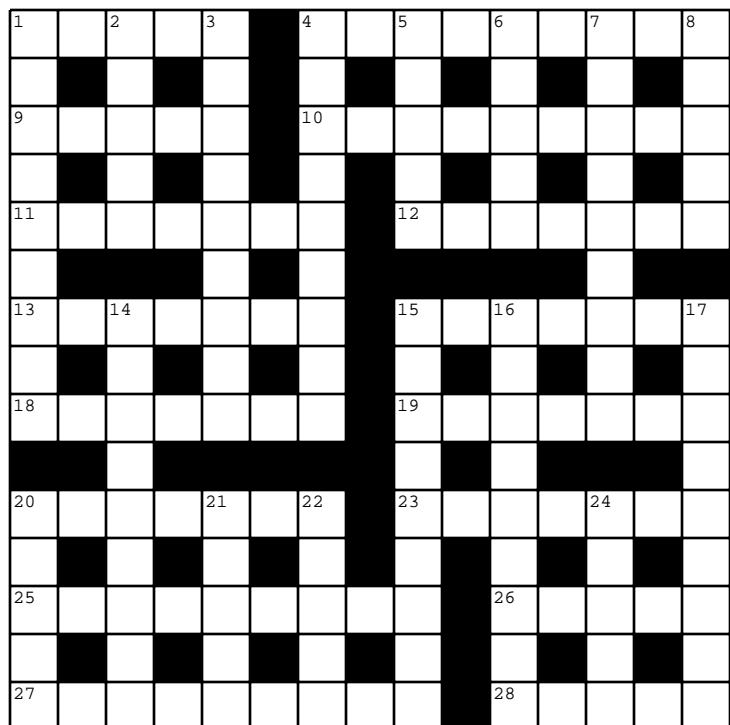
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| 4. BARTENDER  | 2. QUEEN      |
| 9. IDEAS      | 3. ENSHRINED  |
| 10. FICTIONAL | 4. BAFFLED    |
| 11. CONTROL   | 5. RUCHBAH    |
| 12. BREEZES   | 6. ELITE      |
| 13. PLANNED   | 7. DONIZETTI  |
| 15. HEPATIC   | 8. ROLES      |
| 18. ENCODES   | 14. ANCESTORS |
| 20. STAMINA   | 16. PRACTISED |
| 21. HOSTILE   | 17. CHALLENGE |
| 23. FATEFUL   | 19. SHEBELI   |
| 25. PROFITEER | 20. SAFFRON   |
| 26. SALON     | 21. HIPPO     |
| 27. OBSESSION | 22. IVIES     |
| 28. DENSE     | 24. FELON     |



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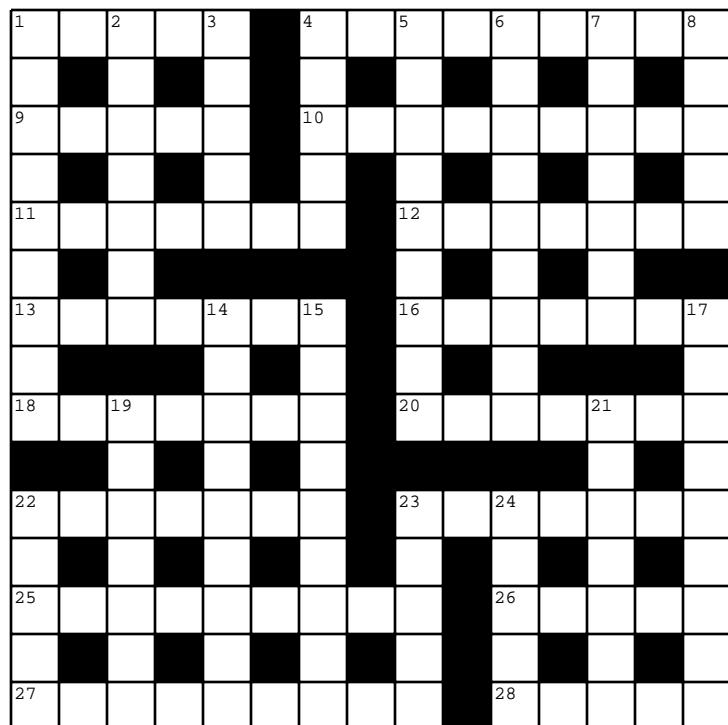
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| 4. GERMICIDE  | 2. KEITH      |
| 9. GRIEF      | 3. NEFERTITI  |
| 10. OPTIMISED | 4. GROUNDHOG  |
| 11. TEHERAN   | 5. ROTOR      |
| 12. RESUMED   | 6. IAMBS      |
| 13. LONGISH   | 7. INSOMNIAC  |
| 15. LOBBIES   | 8. ENDED      |
| 18. BOWLING   | 14. NEWSPAPER |
| 19. BRONCHI   | 15. LIBRARIES |
| 20. PAPERED   | 16. BOOTSTRAP |
| 23. ASSUMED   | 17. SWINDLERS |
| 25. PEPPERONI | 20. PUPIL     |
| 26. ROUTE     | 21. REEVE     |
| 27. LARCENIES | 22. DHOTI     |
| 28. PUNTS     | 24. MOURN     |



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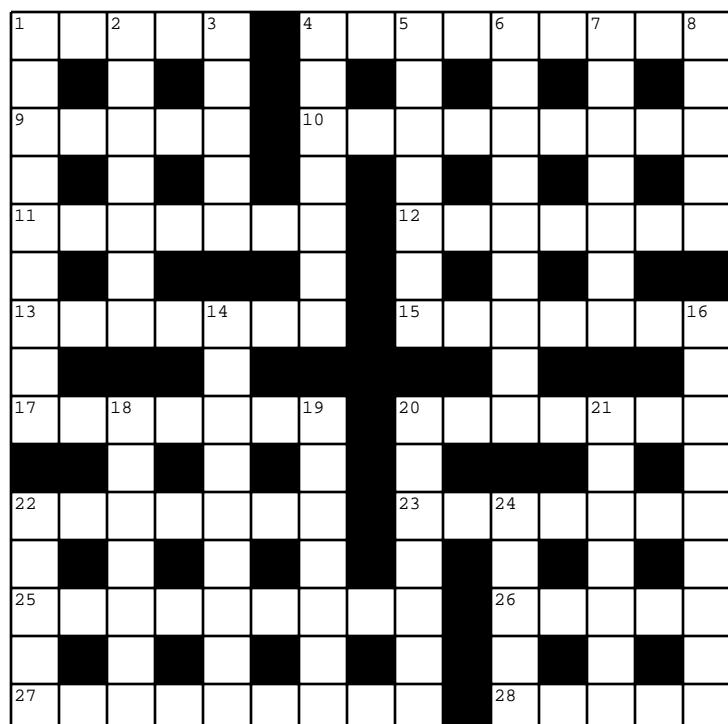
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| 4. KIBBUTZIM  | 2. IRONIES    |
| 9. VIOLA      | 3. DRAFT      |
| 10. YESTERDAY | 4. KEYED      |
| 11. SHIFTED   | 5. BASEBOARD  |
| 12. BARRAGE   | 6. UNEARTHED  |
| 13. OBSCENE   | 7. ZODIACS    |
| 16. APHASIA   | 8. MAYBE      |
| 18. SUCCUMB   | 14. ERUDITION |
| 20. DEDUCTS   | 15. EMBEZZLED |
| 22. BERLITZ   | 17. ASSESSING |
| 23. TACKLES   | 19. CAROLER   |
| 25. MULTIPLEX | 21. COLOSSI   |
| 26. SUSHI     | 22. BOMBS     |
| 27. SERENADES | 23. TEXTS     |
| 28. DYING     | 24. CASED     |



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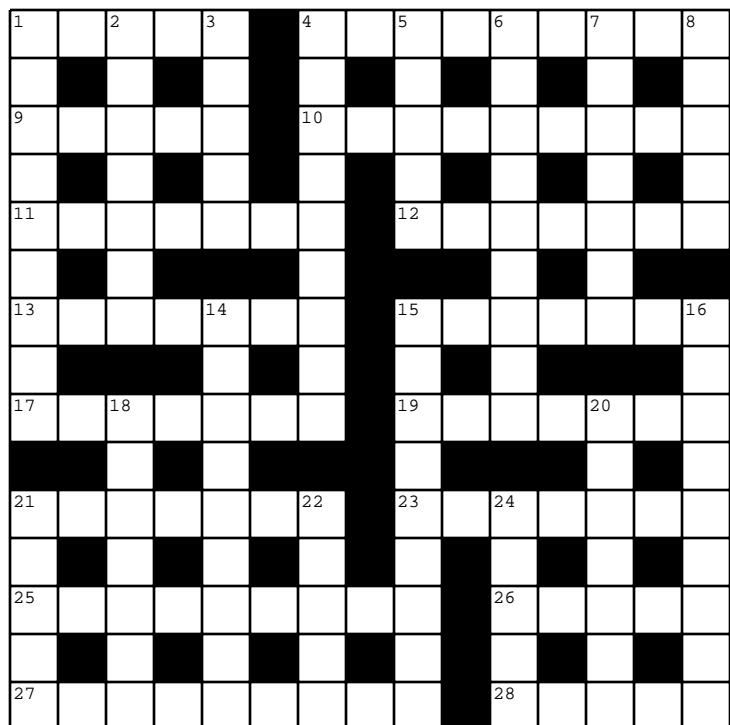
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| 9. LARVA      | 3. BLADE      |
| 10. ABSURDEST | 4. STARTER    |
| 11. NEGLECT   | 5. NESTING    |
| 12. IGNITED   | 6. PARANOIDS  |
| 13. INTEGER   | 7. PLEATED    |
| 15. GRIDDED   | 8. RATED      |
| 17. EXHIBIT   | 14. GIBBERISH |
| 20. GASEOUS   | 16. DASHBOARD |
| 22. MILIEUX   | 18. HILARIO   |
| 23. BATHTUB   | 19. TEXTUAL   |
| 25. SERVITUDE | 20. GIBBERS   |
| 26. ELIZA     | 21. OUTLINE   |
| 27. LOOPHOLES | 22. MOSUL     |
| 28. SPEED     | 24. TEENS     |



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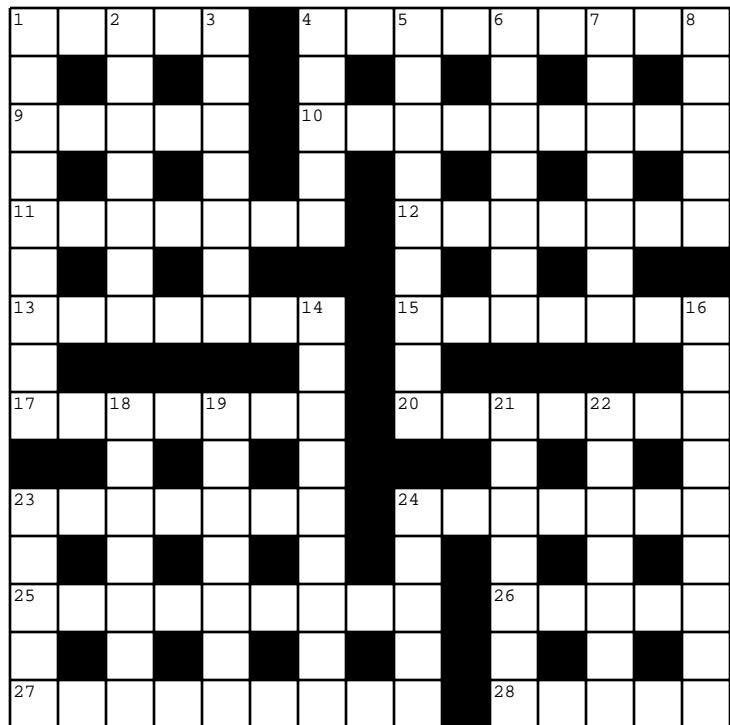
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| 4. OCCURRING  | 2. FILCHED    |
| 9. BELOW      | 3. NEWER      |
| 10. ENCHILADA | 4. OVERDOSES  |
| 11. REHIRED   | 5. CYCLE      |
| 12. EXAMINE   | 6. RUINATION  |
| 13. ORDAINS   | 7. IMAGINE    |
| 15. WRITERS   | 8. GRAVE      |
| 17. SCRIPTS   | 14. IMPATIENT |
| 19. LINKING   | 15. WALLPAPER |
| 21. ASCETIC   | 16. SEGMENTED |
| 23. PURPOSE   | 18. RICOTTA   |
| 25. BUTTERCUP | 20. IRONIES   |
| 26. HOIST     | 21. ABBES     |
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| 28. BASED     | 24. REHAB     |



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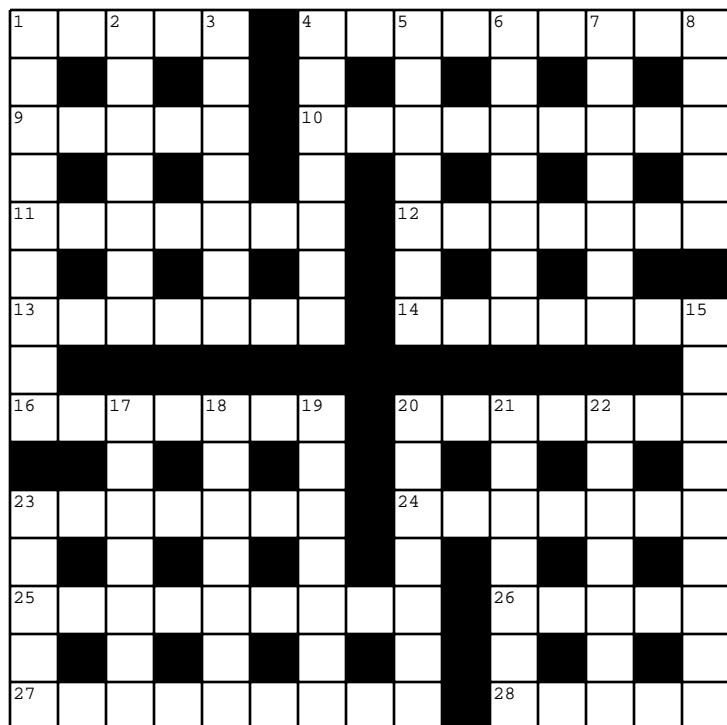
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| 9. AUDIO      | 3. AMOEVAS    |
| 10. BANDSTAND | 4. TABBY      |
| 11. CAPABLY   | 5. CONTINUUM  |
| 12. ILLNESS   | 6. NESTLES    |
| 13. SPLASHY   | 7. CHATEAU    |
| 15. UNSTUCK   | 8. LADES      |
| 17. ALCOHOL   | 14. YELLOWEST |
| 20. MUSICAL   | 16. KILLDEERS |
| 23. MAESTRO   | 18. COEVALS   |
| 24. STARRED   | 19. HATEFUL   |
| 25. CHAUFFEUR | 21. STAUNCH   |
| 26. NOBLE     | 22. CARIBOU   |
| 27. ABSOLUTER | 23. MECCA     |
| 28. HOURS     | 24. SORER     |



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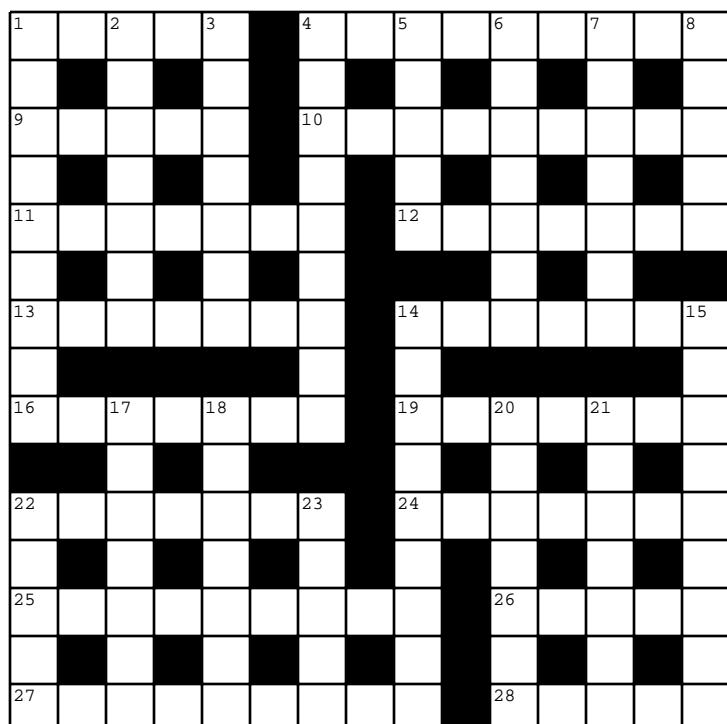
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| 4. INCARNATE  | 2. PANACEA    |
| 9. GENIE      | 3. EXECUTE    |
| 10. LARKSPURS | 4. ILLNESS    |
| 11. INCLUDE   | 5. CHRONIC    |
| 12. NUMERAL   | 6. RESUMES    |
| 13. HEALERS   | 7. AQUARIA    |
| 14. CASSAVA   | 8. EASEL      |
| 16. DEFLATE   | 15. ACCOLADES |
| 20. ASCETIC   | 17. FEARFUL   |
| 23. LEAKAGE   | 18. ATACAMA   |
| 24. MISDEAL   | 19. ELEGIAC   |
| 25. DEFLATION | 20. ALMONDS   |
| 26. OPTED     | 21. CASTOFF   |
| 27. ALLIANCES | 22. THEATER   |
| 28. FIRES     | 23. LIDIA     |



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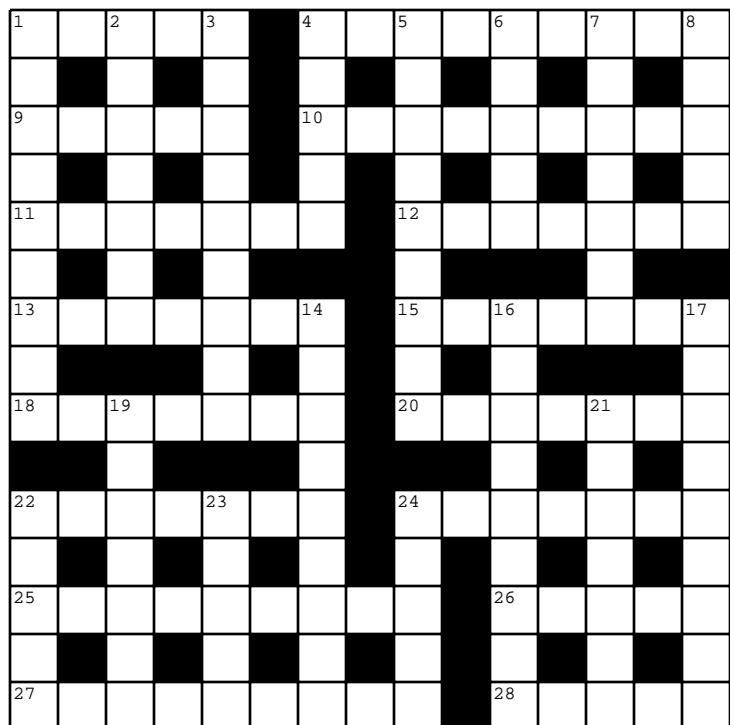
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| 9. PURIM      | 3. ADMIRER    |
| 10. PINOCCHIO | 4. APPALLING  |
| 11. CONTROL   | 5. DENSE      |
| 12. ENLARGE   | 6. COCHLEA    |
| 13. SAMURAI   | 7. INHERIT    |
| 14. ELASTIC   | 8. GLOVE      |
| 16. SLOWING   | 14. EXPEDIENT |
| 19. PANGAEA   | 15. CHAUFFEUR |
| 22. DEFECTS   | 17. OFFENDS   |
| 24. DISTAFF   | 18. INCISOR   |
| 25. LANDSCAPE | 20. NASTIER   |
| 26. ISSUE     | 21. AGASSIZ   |
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| 28. RAZOR     | 23. SCALE     |



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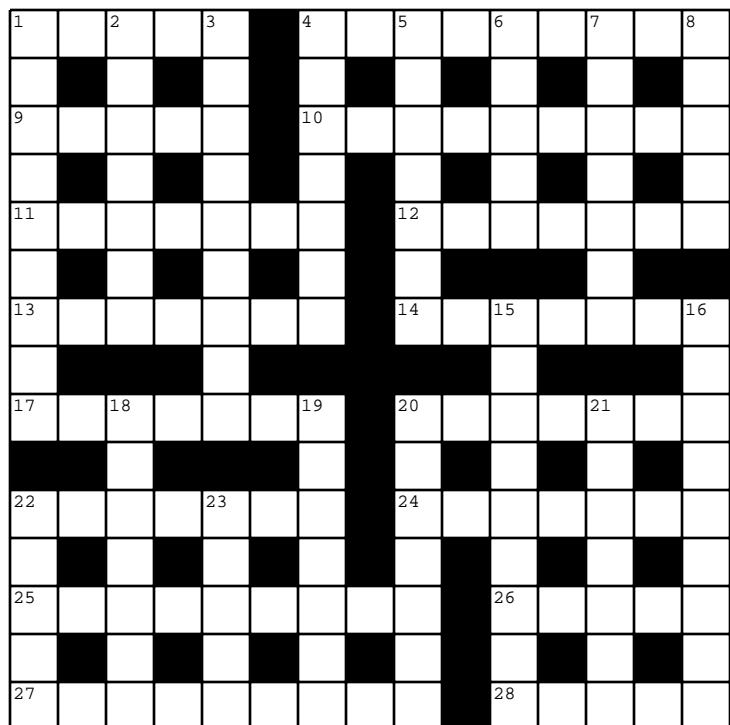
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| 4. REDIRECTS  | 2. REDUCES    |
| 9. NODES      | 3. MISDIRECT  |
| 10. FLASHBACK | 4. REFER      |
| 11. YUCKIER   | 5. DIAGHILEV  |
| 12. HEBREWS   | 6. REHAB      |
| 13. OBSCENE   | 7. CHATEAU    |
| 15. LEAGUED   | 8. SIKHS      |
| 18. BATHTUB   | 14. EMBRYONIC |
| 20. VITAMIN   | 16. ANTIPASTO |
| 22. CRUELTY   | 17. DANDELION |
| 24. IMPASSE   | 19. TOURISM   |
| 25. EXISTENCE | 21. MUSTANG   |
| 26. SWAMI     | 22. CLEAN     |
| 27. NUMERICAL | 23. LATER     |
| 28. ORGAN     | 24. IDEAL     |



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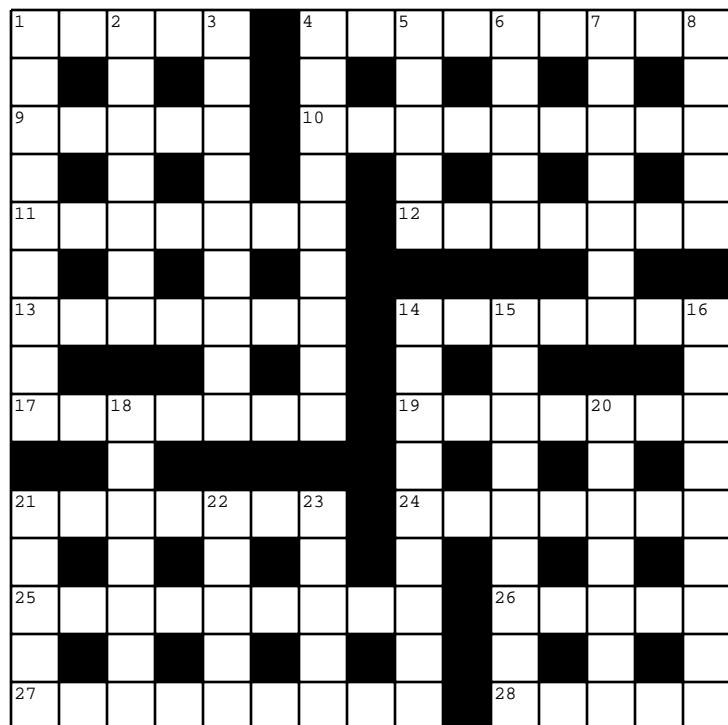
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| 4. OPPRESSES  | 2. STARTLE    |
| 9. CHARM      | 3. LIMELIGHT  |
| 10. FOODSTUFF | 4. OFFERED    |
| 11. LITTLER   | 5. PROVERB    |
| 12. ELEVENS   | 6. ENSUE      |
| 13. PLEDGED   | 7. STUDENT    |
| 14. BATHTUB   | 8. SAFES      |
| 17. INERTIA   | 15. TARANTULA |
| 20. PERSONA   | 16. BRASSIERE |
| 22. COCKPIT   | 18. EXCITED   |
| 24. CANKERS   | 19. ARTISTE   |
| 25. ANTIPASTI | 20. PACKING   |
| 26. USAGE     | 21. OREGANO   |
| 27. LEDERBERG | 22. CRAWL     |
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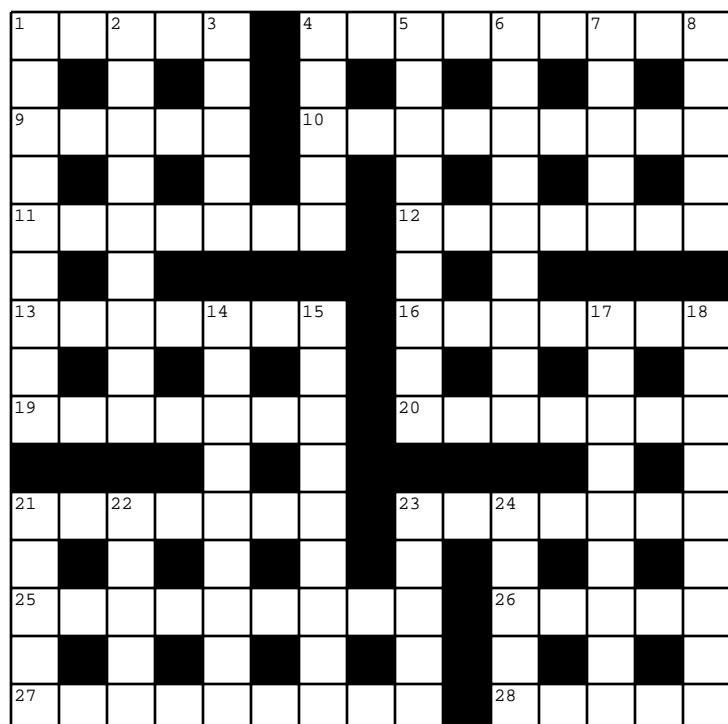
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| 4. ADMIRABLE  | 2. SECONDS       |
| 9. NICER      | 3. CORKSCREW     |
| 10. STANDOFFS | 4. ASSUREDLY     |
| 11. WINDSOR   | 5. MEANS         |
| 12. STEROID   | 6. RIDGE         |
| 13. DESIRED   | 7. BUFFOON       |
| 14. REMINDS   | 8. EASED         |
| 17. HIGHWAY   | 14. REALISTIC    |
| 19. ALLUDES   | 15. MELODRAMATIC |
| 21. COUNCIL   | 16. SUSPENDER    |
| 24. INDULGE   | 18. GOURMET      |
| 25. COMPONENT | 20. DELIMIT      |
| 26. AIMED     | 21. CACTI        |
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| 28. ALTER     | 23. LEERS        |



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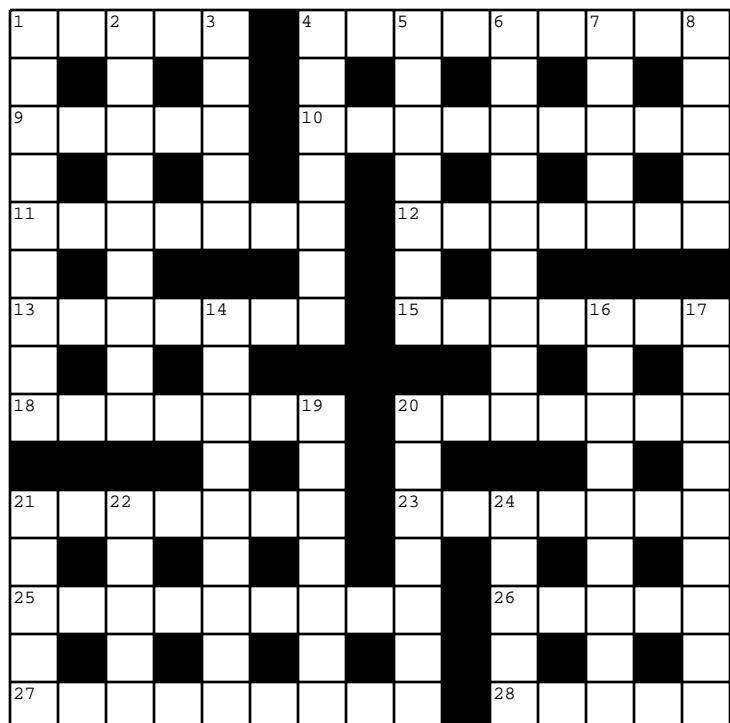
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| 9. NISAN      | 3. HONEY      |
| 10. ALGEBRAIC | 4. SPARE      |
| 11. ANALYSE   | 5. Highbrows  |
| 12. BEGGARS   | 6. DEBUGGING  |
| 13. INITIAL   | 7. LLAMA      |
| 16. OMINOUS   | 8. RACKS      |
| 19. SUSTAIN   | 14. INANIMATE |
| 20. SEGMENT   | 15. LANDOWNER |
| 21. PORTICO   | 17. OPERATIVE |
| 23. CASSAVA   | 18. SITUATING |
| 25. BRITANNIA | 21. PUBIC     |
| 26. ALIBI     | 22. REIGN     |
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| 28. GREGG     | 24. SLANG     |



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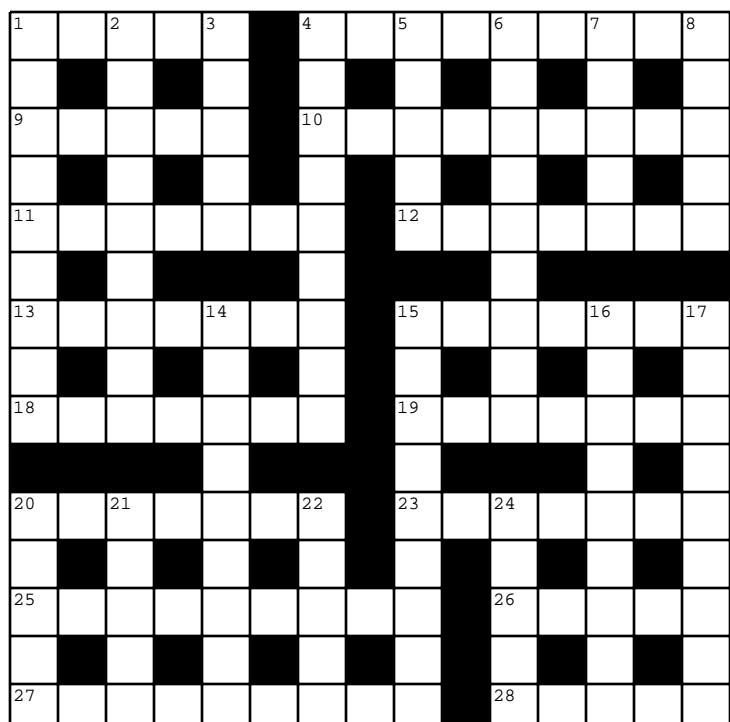
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| 4. CIGARILLO  | 2. GRANDIOSE  |
| 9. SLANG      | 3. VAGUE      |
| 10. UNFOUNDED | 4. CRUISED    |
| 11. BADGERS   | 5. GUFFAWS    |
| 12. ARCHERY   | 6. RAUNCHIER  |
| 13. EVOLVED   | 7. LODGE      |
| 15. SHINGLE   | 8. ODDLY      |
| 18. DRESSED   | 14. VISIONING |
| 20. PORTRAY   | 16. GARLICKED |
| 21. KICKOFF   | 17. ETYMOLOGY |
| 23. MESTIZO   | 19. DEFAULT   |
| 25. TURPITUDE | 20. PAMPERS   |
| 26. TOKYO     | 21. KITED     |
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| 28. DADDY     | 24. SITED     |



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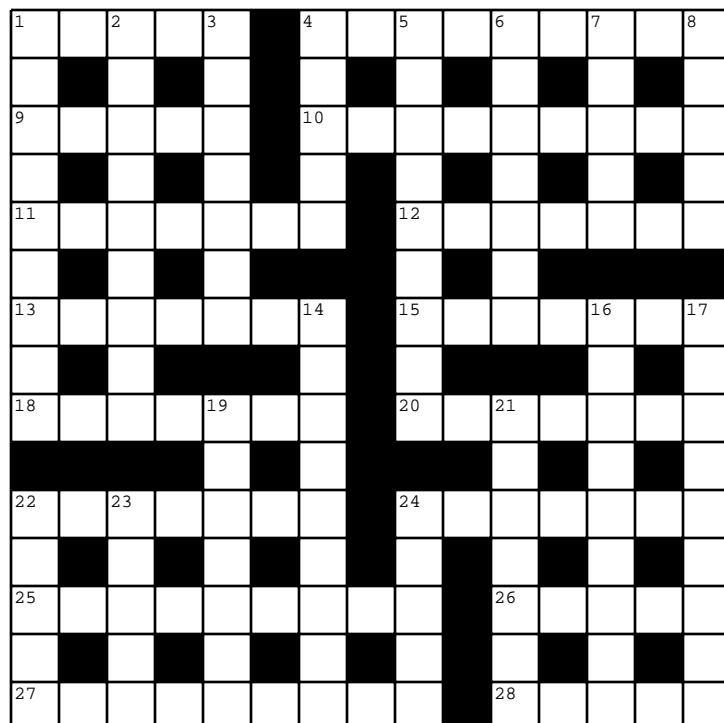
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| 9. METER      | 3. PARTY      |
| 10. REFERRING | 4. PARADIGMS  |
| 11. FORAYED   | 5. AFFIX      |
| 12. XEROXES   | 6. TURNROUND  |
| 13. NEARING   | 7. SPINX      |
| 15. AMUSING   | 8. DEGAS      |
| 18. LEDGERS   | 14. ITERATIVE |
| 19. JUDGING   | 15. ADJUSTING |
| 20. BARBARA   | 16. INITIATES |
| 23. SPATIAL   | 17. GIGGLIEST |
| 25. PIZZICATI | 20. BIPED     |
| 26. BATHE     | 21. RAZOR     |
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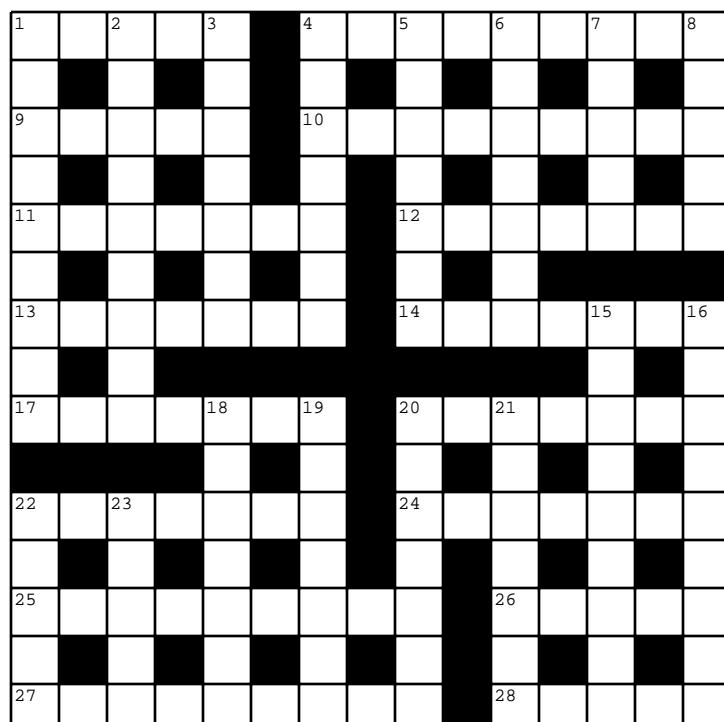
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| 4. DOCUMENTS  | 2. GHASTLIER  |
| 9. SPASM      | 3. REMINDS    |
| 10. FEATHERED | 4. DEFER      |
| 11. OFTENER   | 5. CHAUFFEUR  |
| 12. FATTEST   | 6. MAHATMA    |
| 13. REISSUE   | 7. NERVE      |
| 15. EXAMPLE   | 8. SADAT      |
| 18. MOROCCO   | 14. ECOSYSTEM |
| 20. RECRUIT   | 16. PLUTONIUM |
| 22. ELDERLY   | 17. ENTANGLES |
| 24. PLATOON   | 19. CURRENT   |
| 25. AUTHENTIC | 21. CHAOTIC   |
| 26. TRIAL     | 22. EMACS     |
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| 28. CAMPS     | 24. PICKS     |



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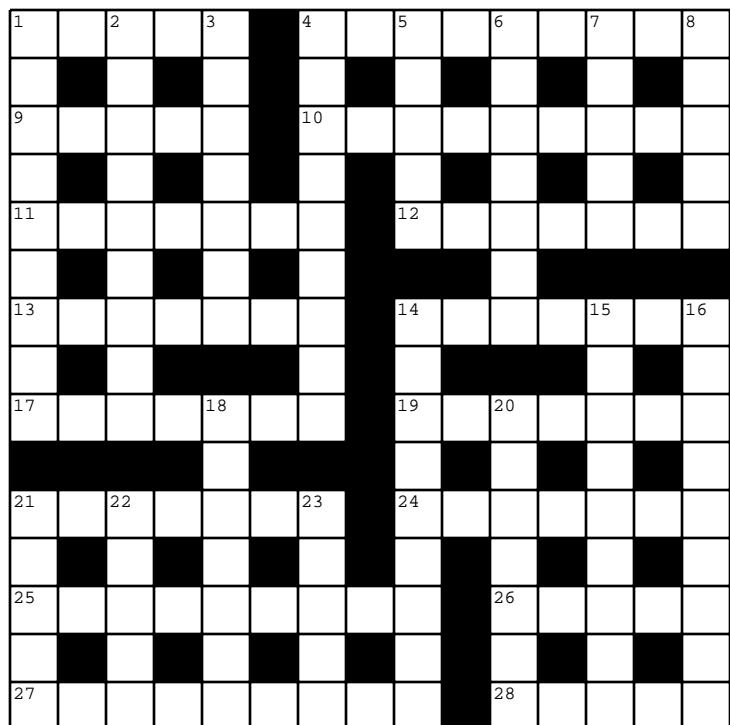
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| 9. OUNCE      | 3. EYEBALL    |
| 10. ANTIQUATE | 4. AWARDED    |
| 11. DIEHARD   | 5. PATCHES    |
| 12. HAIRDOS   | 6. TEQUILA    |
| 13. HOBBLED   | 7. TEAED      |
| 14. SHAMPOO   | 8. STEMS      |
| 17. TAXICAB   | 15. PRIVATELY |
| 20. POPPING   | 16. ORGANISER |
| 22. BARRERA   | 18. CHENGDU   |
| 24. CERTAIN   | 19. BEATNIK   |
| 25. DILIGENCE | 20. PACKETS   |
| 26. IDEAS     | 21. PARTIAL   |
| 27. YARMULKES | 22. BUDDY     |
| 28. LAYER     | 23. RULER     |



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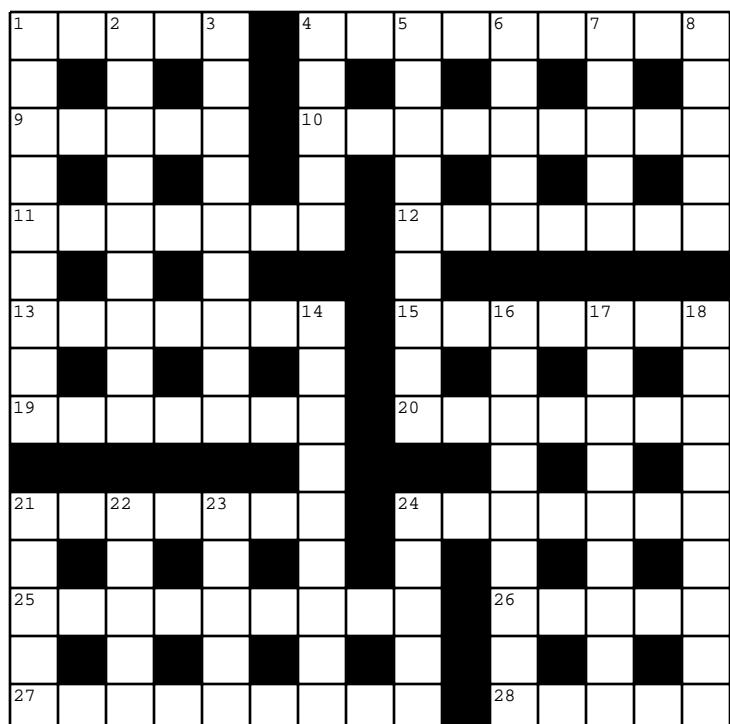
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| 4. BLOCKHEAD  | 2. LIMELIGHT  |
| 9. ROMAN      | 3. SONGHAI    |
| 10. EXERCISED | 4. BLEMISHED  |
| 11. BOLSHOI   | 5. OCEAN      |
| 12. NOODLES   | 6. KICKOFF    |
| 13. ENGLISH   | 7. EASEL      |
| 14. EFFECTS   | 8. DUDES      |
| 17. NATURED   | 14. ENMESHING |
| 19. MIDTERM   | 15. CHEERIEST |
| 21. WHOEVER   | 16. SOMEWHTS  |
| 24. SPARROW   | 18. REVISED   |
| 25. GLISSANDI | 20. DWARFER   |
| 26. FREDA     | 21. WAGES     |
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| 28. RATES     | 23. RANDI     |



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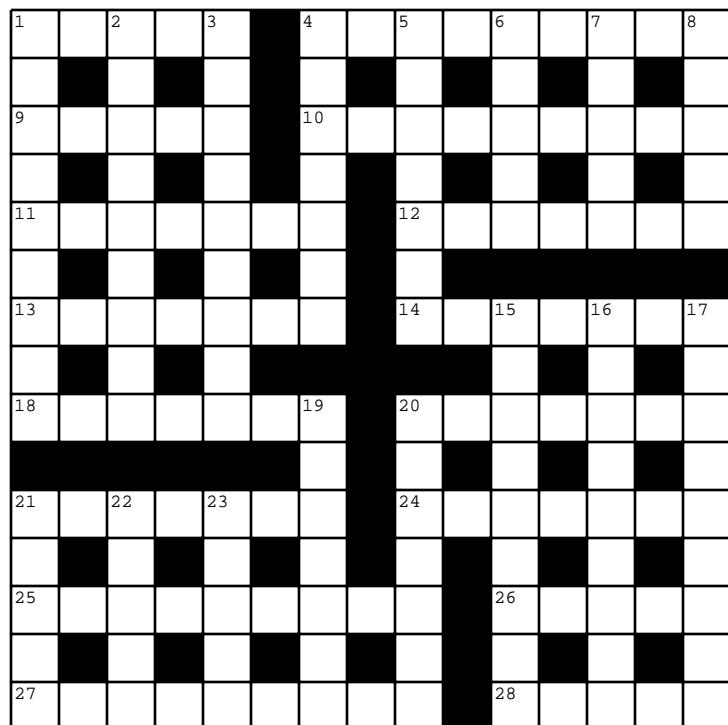
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| 9. LODGE      | 3. CREMATION  |
| 10. ABDUCTING | 4. AMAZE      |
| 11. BRIGADE   | 5. ENDEAVOUR  |
| 12. ANALYST   | 6. DACHA      |
| 13. TIDYING   | 7. EDIFY      |
| 15. OUTCROP   | 8. TIGHT      |
| 19. SYNONYM   | 14. GAMECOCKS |
| 20. ROOKIER   | 16. TROUSSEAU |
| 21. ARSENIC   | 17. RHINOCERI |
| 24. ASSHOLE   | 18. PERFECTLY |
| 25. SENTENCED | 21. AISLE     |
| 26. ELECT     | 22. SUNUP     |
| 27. EXPRESSED | 23. NIECE     |
| 28. UNITY     | 24. ADDED     |



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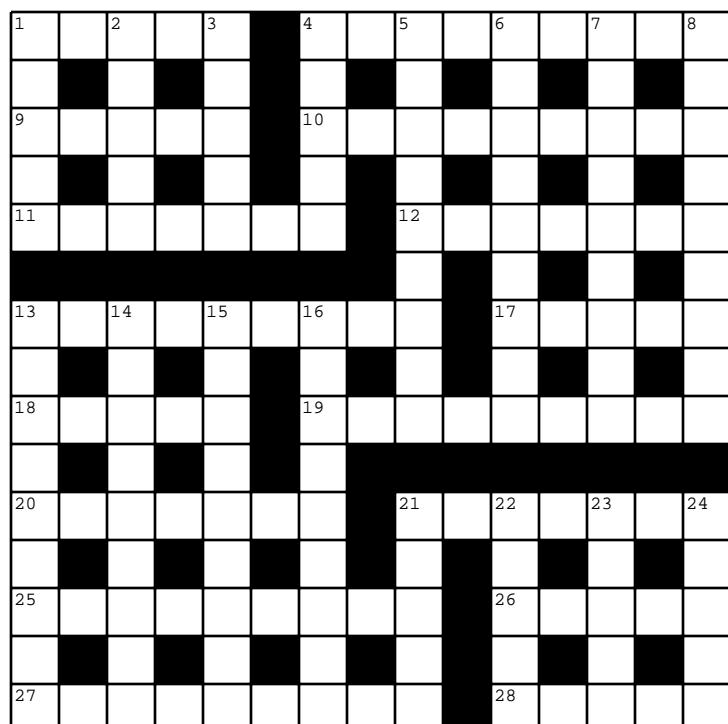
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| 1. COBRA      | 1. COLLAPSED  |
| 4. JAWBONING  | 2. BALALAIIKA |
| 9. LILAC      | 3. ALCHEMIST  |
| 10. PERSEVERE | 4. JUPITER    |
| 11. AILMENT   | 5. WORSHIP    |
| 12. HEARSED   | 6. OPERA      |
| 13. SHINIER   | 7. IDEAS      |
| 14. PICCOLO   | 8. GREED      |
| 18. DRASTIC   | 15. COSTLIEST |
| 20. DISTANT   | 16. ORATORIES |
| 21. CHIFFON   | 17. OPTIMISES |
| 24. MALCOLM   | 19. CONVENE   |
| 25. RHINOCERI | 20. DAMNING   |
| 26. EXITS     | 21. CAROL     |
| 27. LEDERBERG | 22. ILIAD     |
| 28. TESTS     | 23. FLOOR     |



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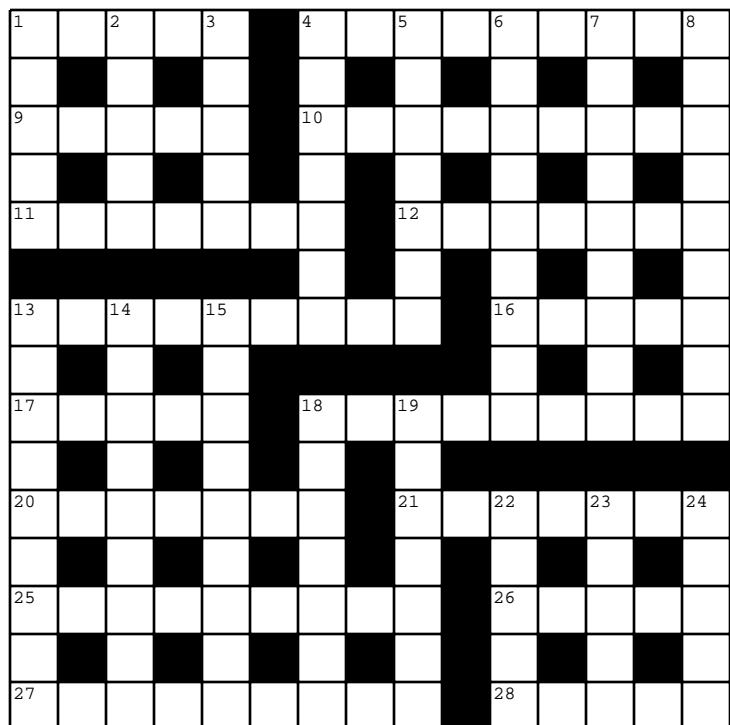
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| 4. ADDRESSED  | 2. NIGHT      |
| 9. ARGUE      | 3. SIEGE      |
| 10. MUSICIANS | 4. ADMIT      |
| 11. PATIENT   | 5. DISMISSAL  |
| 12. IGNORES   | 6. ECCENTRIC  |
| 13. BULLSHITS | 7. STAIRWELL  |
| 17. REEVE     | 8. DISASTERS  |
| 18. ADDLE     | 13. BLACKMAIL |
| 19. MOLECULES | 14. LEDERBERG |
| 20. KERBING   | 15. SPECIFIER |
| 21. AWAREST   | 16. IMMIGRANT |
| 25. AMERICANA | 21. ALARM     |
| 26. ONION     | 22. AGONY     |
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| 28. YEARS     | 24. TANKS     |



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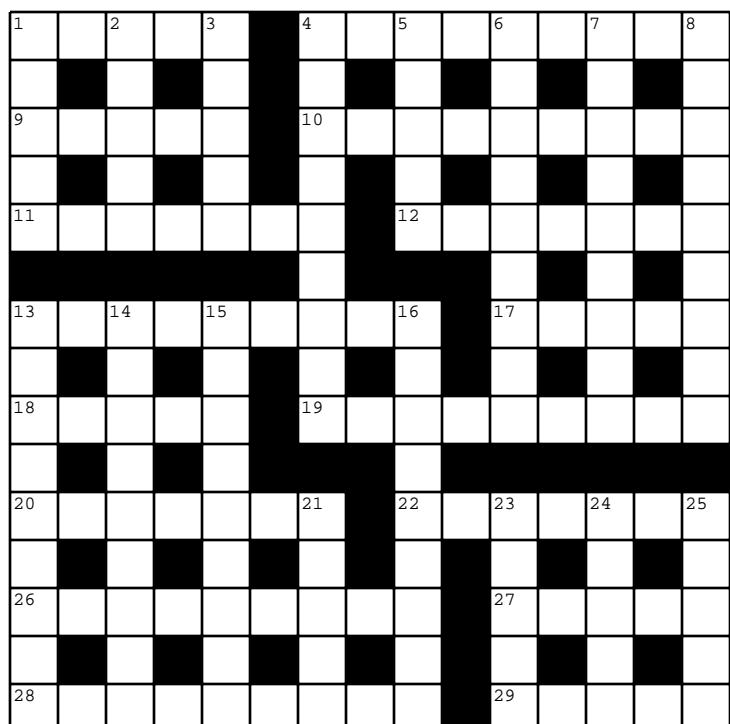
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| 4. CONVINCES  | 2. CELLI      |
| 9. KELLI      | 3. HAIKU      |
| 10. CONFERRER | 4. COCAINE    |
| 11. STIMULI   | 5. NONCOMS    |
| 12. OBTUSER   | 6. IDENTICAL  |
| 13. PEDIGREES | 7. CORKSCREW  |
| 16. CARPS     | 8. SURPRISED  |
| 17. LASSA     | 13. POLLUTANT |
| 18. SWALLOWED | 14. DISREPAIR |
| 20. UNEQUAL   | 15. GRADUATES |
| 21. SULTANA   | 18. SOLUBLE   |
| 25. ADAPTABLE | 19. ABSCESS   |
| 26. BANAL     | 22. LABEL     |
| 27. THRESHERS | 23. ARNEB     |
| 28. LOBBY     | 24. ALLAY     |



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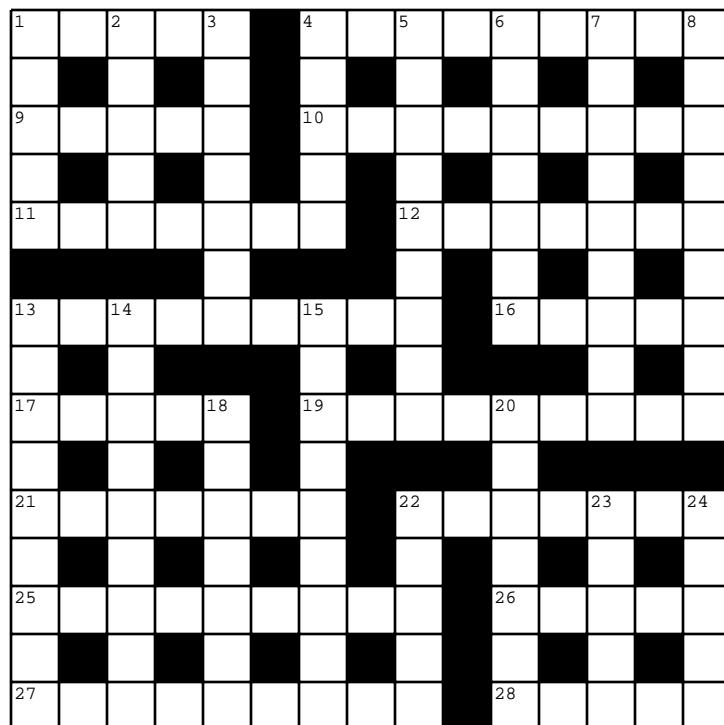
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| 4. BIRDCAGES  | 2. ERNIE       |
| 9. HENNA      | 3. AWAIT       |
| 10. EXTREMIST | 4. BEEFARONI   |
| 11. SPECTRA   | 5. ROTOR       |
| 12. RICKSHA   | 6. CRESCENDI   |
| 13. HONEYCOMB | 7. GLISSANDI   |
| 17. NUNKI     | 8. SITUATING   |
| 18. ROWEL     | 13. HORNPIPES  |
| 19. IMPAIRING | 14. NEWSPAPER  |
| 20. POPCORN   | 15. YELLOWWEST |
| 22. SCREWED   | 16. BYPASSING  |
| 26. PEPPERONI | 21. NAOMI      |
| 27. MANGE     | 23. RUMBA      |
| 28. STRUTTING | 24. WANNA      |
| 29. ALARM     | 25. DREAM      |



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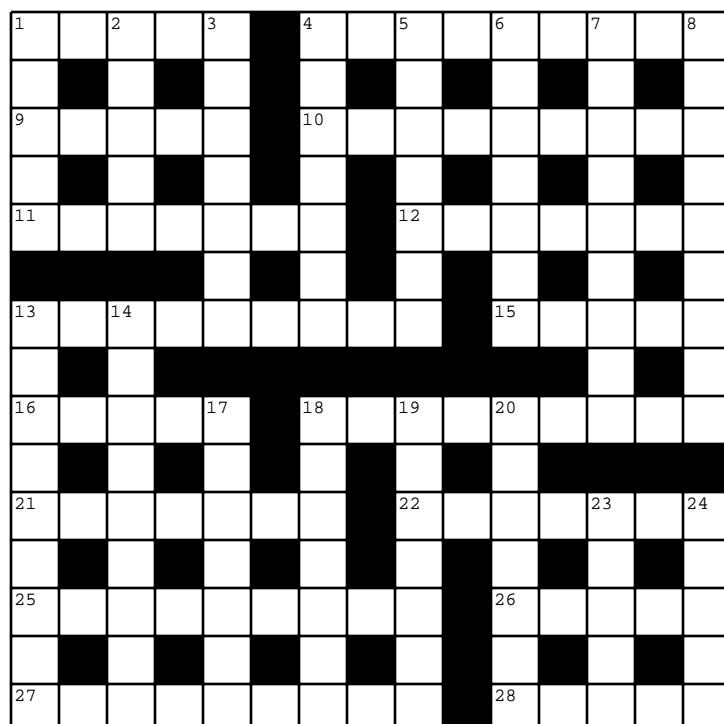
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| 4. BATHSHEBA  | 2. BLOBS      |
| 9. ALOHA      | 3. CHATEAU    |
| 10. PROVINCES | 4. BIPED      |
| 11. MISLEAD   | 5. TROUSSEAU  |
| 12. SETTLER   | 6. SCIATIC    |
| 13. CALCULATE | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 16. CAPRI     | 8. ASSERTION  |
| 17. NIMBI     | 13. CUNNINGLY |
| 19. ADULATION | 14. LAMBSKINS |
| 21. INSIPID   | 15. ABANDONED |
| 22. DOORMAN   | 18. IMPASSE   |
| 25. GLISSANDI | 20. ABOUNDS   |
| 26. NOTED     | 22. DAIRY     |
| 27. YESTERDAY | 23. METAL     |
| 28. SALTS     | 24. NODES     |



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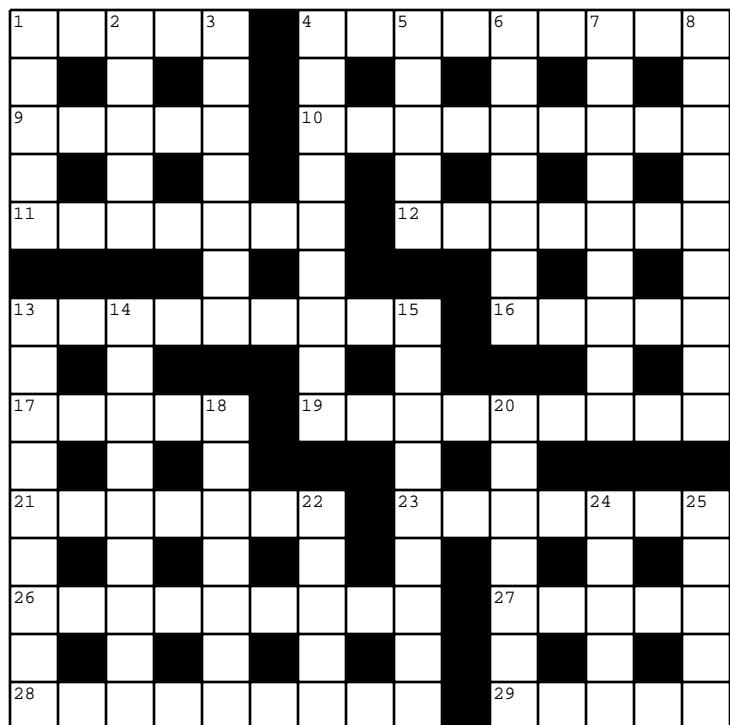
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| 4. DIAPHRAGM  | 2. FLOUR      |
| 9. AROMA      | 3. DUALISM    |
| 10. SATURATES | 4. DISTILL    |
| 11. TERMINI   | 5. ANTHEMS    |
| 12. EXAMPLE   | 6. HERBART    |
| 13. ASSEMBLES | 7. ANTIPASTI  |
| 15. TESSA     | 8. MISBEHAVE  |
| 16. NORTH     | 13. ANNOUNCER |
| 18. COASTLINE | 14. STRONTIUM |
| 21. UNNERVE   | 17. HEROISM   |
| 22. SPATIAL   | 18. CREVICE   |
| 25. CRITICISM | 19. ASSUMES   |
| 26. FLIER     | 20. TRAFFIC   |
| 27. REMEMBERS | 23. IDIOM     |
| 28. COMIC     | 24. LYRIC     |



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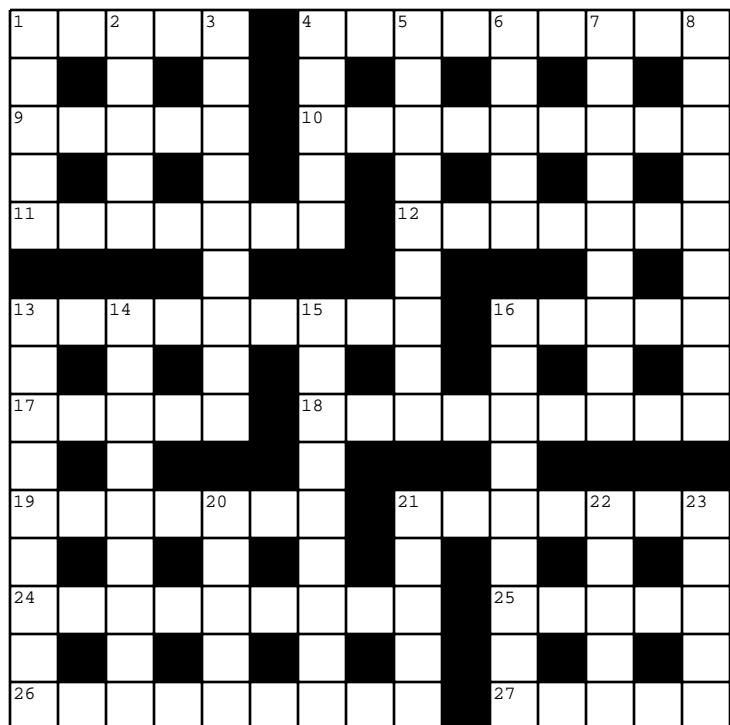
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| 1. CASES      | 1. COMIC      |
| 4. PROGRAMED  | 2. SHARP      |
| 9. MEATY      | 3. SHYSTER    |
| 10. POTPOURRI | 4. POPULATED  |
| 11. CAPITAL   | 5. OUTDO      |
| 12. OVERJOY   | 6. REOPENS    |
| 13. NUMERATOR | 7. MARIJUANA  |
| 16. SHAKA     | 8. DAIRYMAID  |
| 17. SACKS     | 13. NOSTALGIA |
| 19. DASHBOARD | 14. MECHANISM |
| 21. ALARMED   | 15. RESIGNING |
| 23. GROSSES   | 18. SAMOSET   |
| 26. GLISSANDI | 20. BLOUSES   |
| 27. SALSA     | 22. DUNNO     |
| 28. ARMSTRONG | 24. SOLAR     |
| 29. SERVE     | 25. STARE     |



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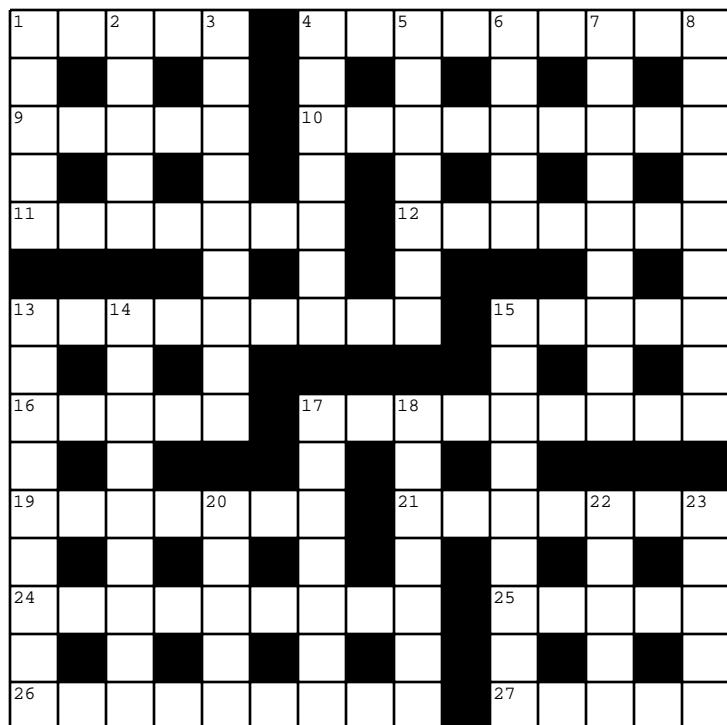
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| 9. NEGRO      | 3. PROFESSOR  |
| 10. GLISSANDO | 4. SIGMA      |
| 11. CHOLERA   | 5. TRIBALISM  |
| 12. ANTIOCH   | 6. RESET      |
| 13. GLISSANDI | 7. CONSORTIA  |
| 16. UNTIL     | 8. LOOPHOLES  |
| 17. INTER     | 13. GLITTERED |
| 18. COMEDIANS | 14. INTERESTS |
| 19. TARBELL   | 15. NECKLACES |
| 21. TORPEDO   | 16. UNDERTOOK |
| 24. RESTRICTS | 20. EERIE     |
| 25. OCEAN     | 21. TESTS     |
| 26. DISPENSES | 22. EVERY     |
| 27. KEYED     | 23. OWNED     |



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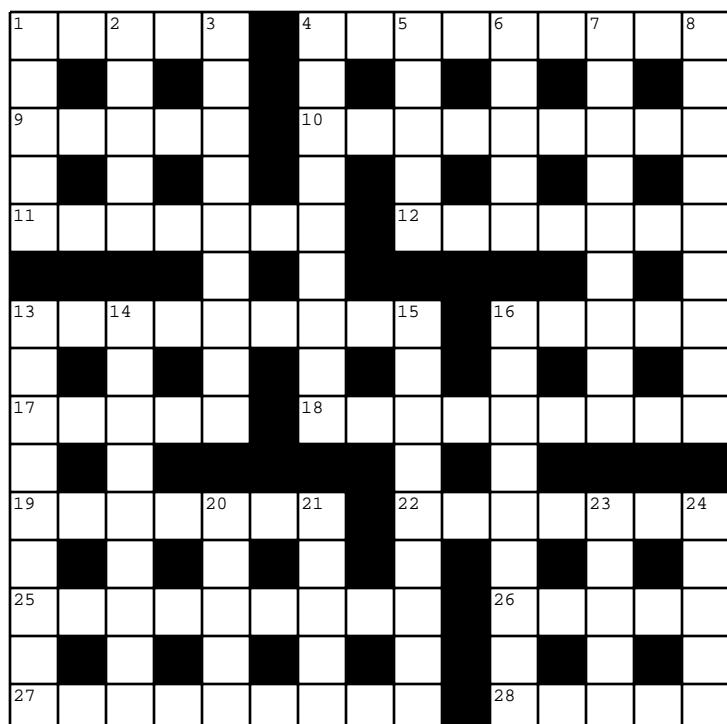
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| 1. POSED      | 1. PRIME       |
| 4. SPASMODIC  | 2. SPOOL       |
| 9. ICONS      | 3. DISAPPEAR   |
| 10. QUADRUPLE | 4. SEQUELS     |
| 11. ELLIPSE   | 5. ALARMED     |
| 12. MOLOTOV   | 6. MORAL       |
| 13. ADDRESSED | 7. DIPHTHONG   |
| 15. AMONG     | 8. CLEAVAGES   |
| 16. SUGAR     | 13. ABSTRACTS  |
| 17. REDESIGNS | 14. DIGITALLY  |
| 19. RATTLED   | 15. ABSTRUUSER |
| 21. FORESAW   | 17. REDDISH    |
| 24. COLLISION | 18. DEFINES    |
| 25. SUSHI     | 20. LUIGI      |
| 26. SKYLIGHTS | 22. SISSY      |
| 27. RHYME     | 23. WHILE      |



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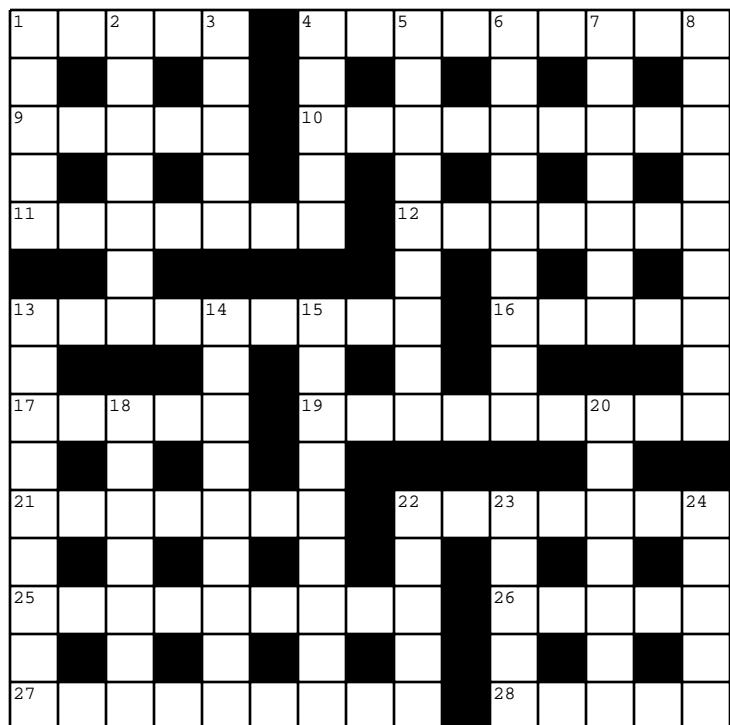
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| 4. INSOMNIAC  | 2. ROMAN      |
| 9. GIMME      | 3. HIERARCHY  |
| 10. HEARTBURN | 4. INHERITED  |
| 11. CENTAUR   | 5. SLANG      |
| 12. GRISTLE   | 6. MITZI      |
| 13. HOPSCOTCH | 7. INUKTITUT  |
| 16. MYTHS     | 8. CONFESSED  |
| 17. SAPPY     | 13. HOSTILELY |
| 18. DEPOSITED | 14. POPULACES |
| 19. ILLICIT   | 15. HYPOCRISY |
| 22. COLOSSI   | 16. MISPLACED |
| 25. EUCALYPTI | 20. CALVE     |
| 26. CHORD     | 21. TYPED     |
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| 28. DETOX     | 24. INDEX     |



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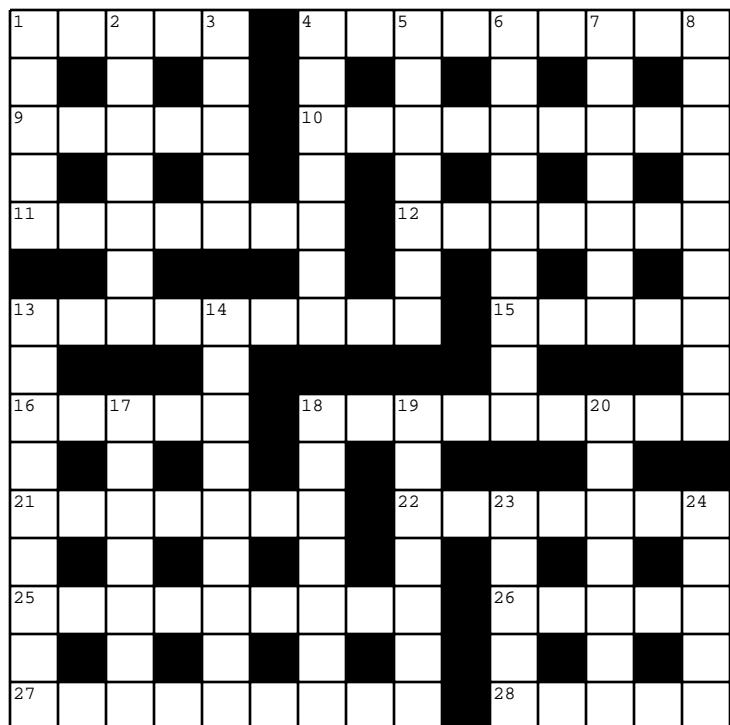
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| 1. ALOOF      | 1. ACCHED     |
| 4. SHAMROCKS  | 2. ORIENTS    |
| 9. HAIKU      | 3. FLUTE      |
| 10. OBSCENEST | 4. SHORT      |
| 11. DANKEST   | 5. ASSERTION  |
| 12. REMARKS   | 6. RHEUMIEST  |
| 13. KISANGANI | 7. CHEVRON    |
| 16. ENNUI     | 8. SATISFIES  |
| 17. YALOW     | 13. KEYNOTING |
| 19. DONATIONS | 14. NEWSPRINT |
| 21. OLYMPIC   | 15. ADDICTIVE |
| 22. KILLING   | 18. LAYETTE   |
| 25. INTUITIVE | 20. OMITTED   |
| 26. TOTEM     | 22. KEEPS     |
| 27. GREATNESS | 23. LETHA     |
| 28. AUDIO     | 24. GUMBO     |



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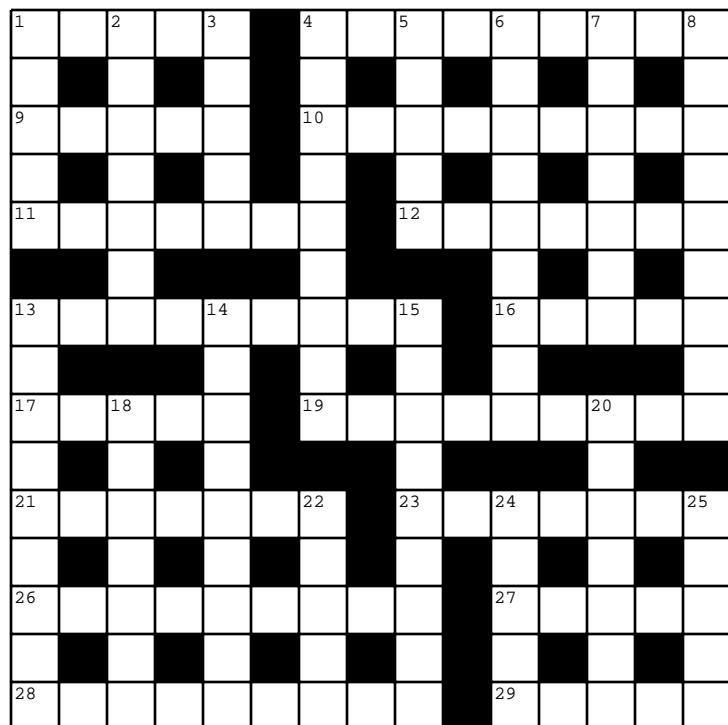
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| 4. BLACKMAIL  | 2. ACRYLIC    |
| 9. RERAN      | 3. FUNNY      |
| 10. INCURRING | 4. BLINDER    |
| 11. ALLAYED   | 5. ARCHERS    |
| 12. ELITIST   | 6. KURDISTAN  |
| 13. BACKWARDS | 7. ANIMISM    |
| 15. TEMPI     | 8. LIGHTNING  |
| 16. DRILL     | 13. BADGERING |
| 18. EXPANDING | 14. WALLOWING |
| 21. EYESORE   | 17. INERTIA   |
| 22. AWARDED   | 18. EYELASH   |
| 25. INTRICATE | 19. PLATEAU   |
| 26. BUXOM     | 20. INDEXES   |
| 27. GUANGZHOU | 23. ABBEY     |
| 28. YESES     | 24. DUMPS     |



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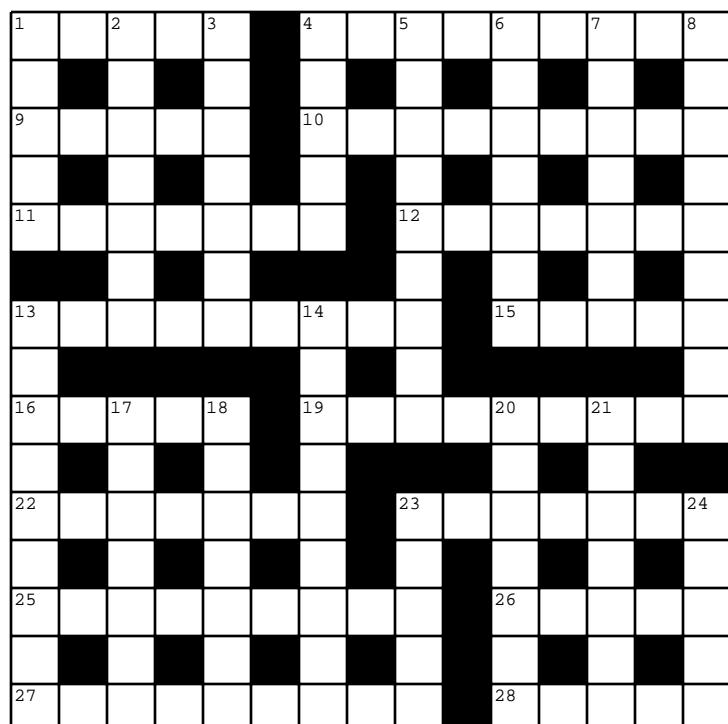
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| 1. LYRIC       | 1. LACES      |
| 4. ESTABLISH   | 2. RAISING    |
| 9. CRISP       | 3. COPIES     |
| 10. TREATMENT  | 4. EXTERIORS  |
| 11. SCISSOR    | 5. TWERP      |
| 12. PEEVISH    | 6. BUTTERCUP  |
| 13. INGENIOUS  | 7. ITEMIZE    |
| 16. CHEAP      | 8. HATSHEPUT  |
| 17. DOING      | 13. INDECENCY |
| 19. SLEEPPIEST | 14. NIGHTMARE |
| 21. COVETED    | 15. SEEMINGLY |
| 23. INVOKES    | 18. INVERTS   |
| 26. NARRATING  | 20. ESKIMOS   |
| 27. RAMPS      | 22. DRIED     |
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| 29. SISSY      | 25. SASSY     |



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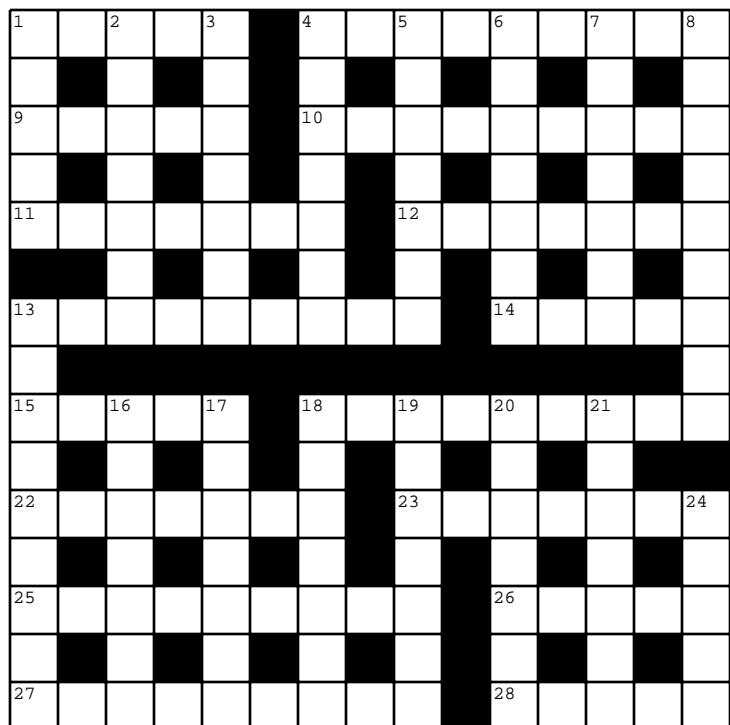
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| 4. CALLOUSED  | 2. OCTOPUS    |
| 9. UNTIL      | 3. FELECIA    |
| 10. MONEYBAGS | 4. CAMEL      |
| 11. TYPICAL   | 5. LANDSCAPE  |
| 12. SCORPIO   | 6. OXYMORA    |
| 13. NOSTALGIA | 7. SHAMPOO    |
| 15. ALONG     | 8. DISLODGES  |
| 16. GOUDA     | 13. NEGATIONS |
| 19. DWELLINGS | 14. GODDESSES |
| 22. TERRACE   | 17. UNRIPER   |
| 23. ASSURED   | 18. AMATEUR   |
| 25. OPPRESSED | 20. LESBIAN   |
| 26. ICONS     | 21. NERVOUS   |
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| 28. NASTY     | 24. DUSTY     |



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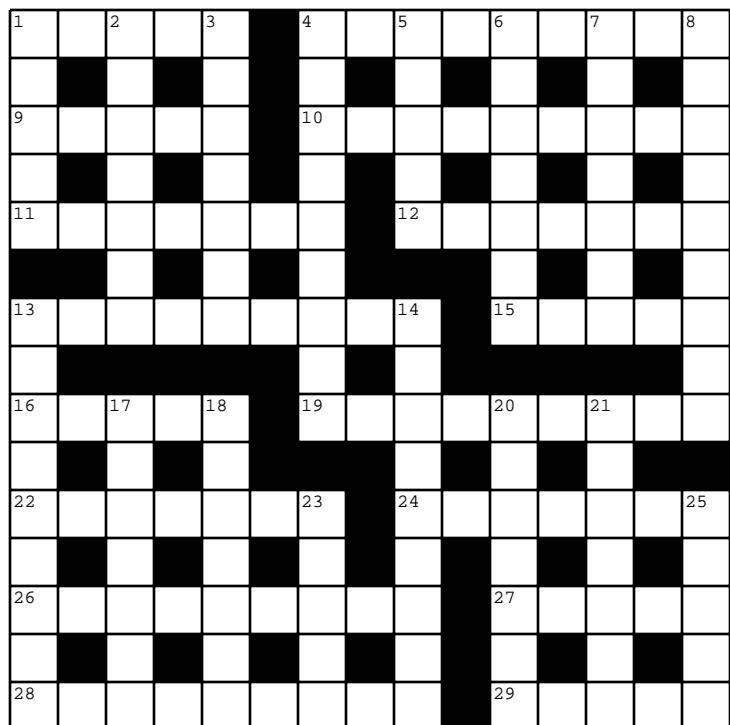
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| 1. DREAM      | 1. DECOR      |
| 4. LIFEFORMS  | 2. ELECTOR    |
| 9. CREEL      | 3. MULATTO    |
| 10. APOCRYPHA | 4. LIAISON    |
| 11. ROTATES   | 5. FLOATED    |
| 12. TSUNAMI   | 6. FORMULA    |
| 13. CARTOONED | 7. REPLACE    |
| 14. AVERT     | 8. STATISTIC  |
| 15. TYRES     | 13. CATNAPPED |
| 18. SYMMETRIC | 16. ROSELLA   |
| 22. ABSCOND   | 17. SHORTEN   |
| 23. DISUSED   | 18. SEDUCES   |
| 25. POLITICAL | 19. MUDDLES   |
| 26. NAMES     | 20. ESSENCE   |
| 27. DIAGNOSIS | 21. RESUMED   |
| 28. ENDED     | 24. DOSED     |



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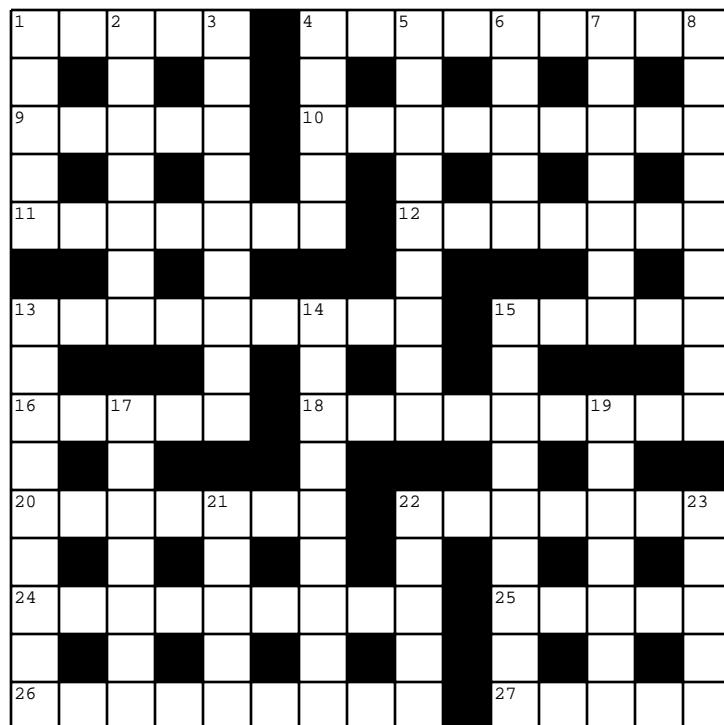
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| 4. DIPLOMATA  | 2. BRITTEN    |
| 9. UNIFY      | 3. COYOTES    |
| 10. ALLEViate | 4. DRAWBACKS  |
| 11. BATHTUB   | 5. PILES      |
| 12. SCRATCH   | 6. OBVERSE    |
| 13. WINDSOCKS | 7. ADAPTOR    |
| 15. EARNS     | 8. AMETHYSTS  |
| 16. INTER     | 13. WHISTLING |
| 19. SPINELESS | 14. SPIELBERG |
| 22. TANISHA   | 17. TANGENT   |
| 24. LOGICAL   | 18. RESTATE   |
| 26. ITERATIVE | 20. ENGAGES   |
| 27. GLUMS     | 21. EXCLUDE   |
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| 29. SEEKS     | 25. LASTS     |



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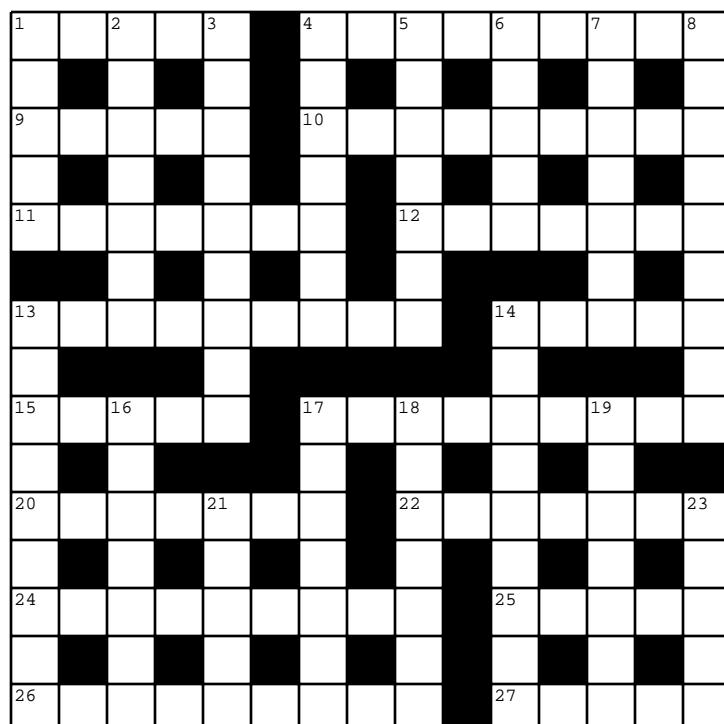
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| 1. RIGID      | 1. RACER      |
| 4. EUCALYPTI  | 2. GANGLIA    |
| 9. CYNIC      | 3. DECATHLON  |
| 10. VARIABLES | 4. EAVES      |
| 11. RELATES   | 5. CARTWHEEL  |
| 12. WAHHABI   | 6. LEACH      |
| 13. AVAILABLE | 7. PILLARS    |
| 15. EASEL     | 8. INSTILLED  |
| 16. ARSON     | 13. ANALGESIC |
| 18. TELEVISED | 14. BUTCHERED |
| 20. GRAYISH   | 15. EAVESDROP |
| 22. BASSOON   | 17. SHANNON   |
| 24. SANATORIA | 19. SHOWBIZ   |
| 25. RABID     | 21. INTEL     |
| 26. CONCLUDES | 22. BEANS     |
| 27. PIZZA     | 23. NADIA     |



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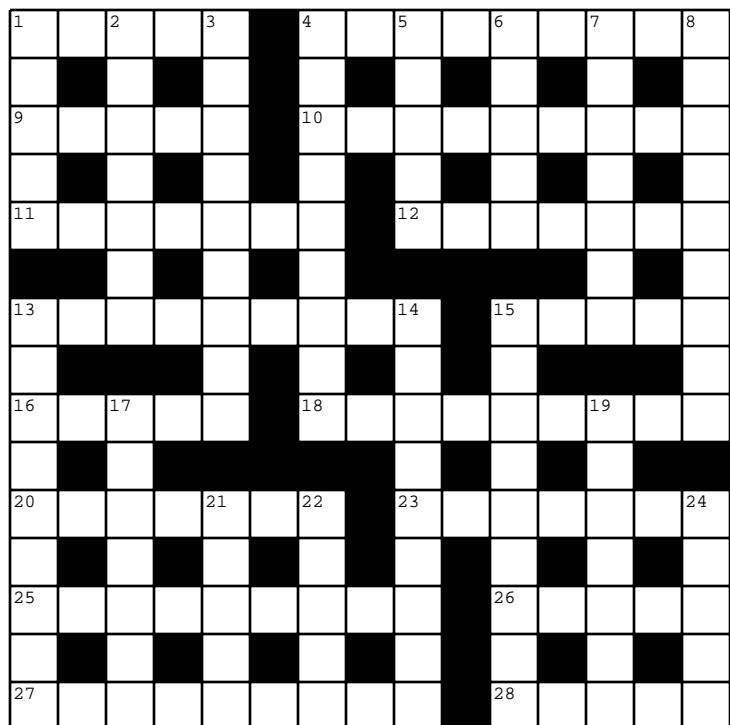
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| 4. THEORISTS  | 2. NUREYEV    |
| 9. MORON      | 3. UNNATURAL  |
| 10. XYLOPHONE | 4. TAXICAB    |
| 11. CRYPTIC   | 5. ECLIPSE    |
| 12. PEDDLER   | 6. RAPED      |
| 13. FAVORABLE | 7. SPOILED    |
| 14. BADGE     | 8. SPEARHEAD  |
| 15. ANVIL     | 13. FLAGSTAFF |
| 17. HOBNOBBED | 14. BOOKSHELF |
| 20. SALAMIS   | 16. VOLCANO   |
| 22. DESIRES   | 17. HOSTAGE   |
| 24. AMATERASU | 18. BEDBUGS   |
| 25. EVENT     | 19. BARBELL   |
| 26. FOOTSTEPS | 21. MEETS     |
| 27. FOLKS     | 23. SITES     |



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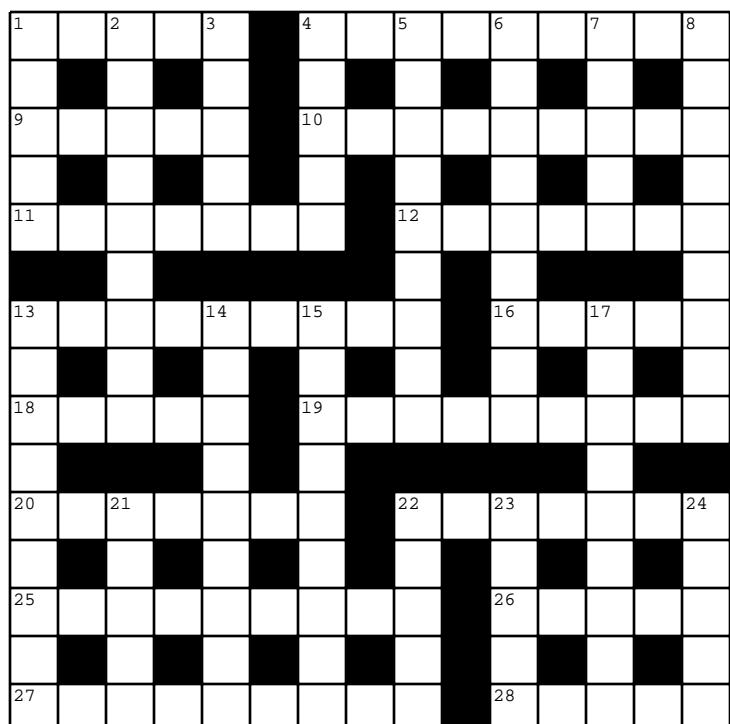
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| 4. PARAMECIA  | 2. COLOMBO    |
| 9. CELLO      | 3. AROMATICS  |
| 10. BUTTERNUT | 4. PUBLISHER  |
| 11. TIMPANI   | 5. RATED      |
| 12. DISTORT   | 6. MEETS      |
| 13. FOOLISHER | 7. CONFORM    |
| 15. NAMED     | 8. ALTITUDES  |
| 16. EMMYS     | 13. FREEWHEEL |
| 18. RELIGIOUS | 14. RELAPSING |
| 20. WOLFRAM   | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 23. PITCHER   | 17. MALICED   |
| 25. EUCALYPTI | 19. OPHELIA   |
| 26. LILTS     | 21. RULER     |
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| 28. BRAIN     | 24. RISEN     |



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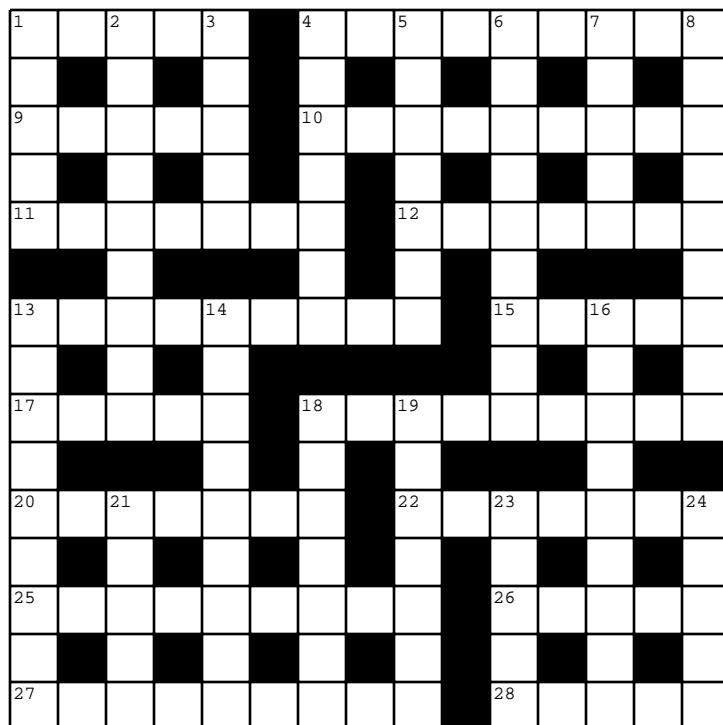
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. BLUER      | 1. BUFFS      |
| 4. RAINFALLS  | 2. UNNATURAL  |
| 9. FUNGI      | 3. RAINS      |
| 10. WATERFALL | 4. ROWDY      |
| 11. SATISFY   | 5. INTRINSIC  |
| 12. IDIOTIC   | 6. FORBIDDEN  |
| 13. CARRIAGES | 7. LEAST      |
| 16. DEFER     | 8. SELECTRIC  |
| 18. PILOT     | 13. CAPTURING |
| 19. ECCENTRIC | 14. INTENSITY |
| 20. URBANER   | 15. GUERRILLA |
| 22. KICKING   | 17. FOREIGNER |
| 25. INITIALLY | 21. BRIAN     |
| 26. DUNNO     | 22. KAYAK     |
| 27. GUNNYSACK | 23. CODES     |
| 28. STRAY     | 24. GLORY     |



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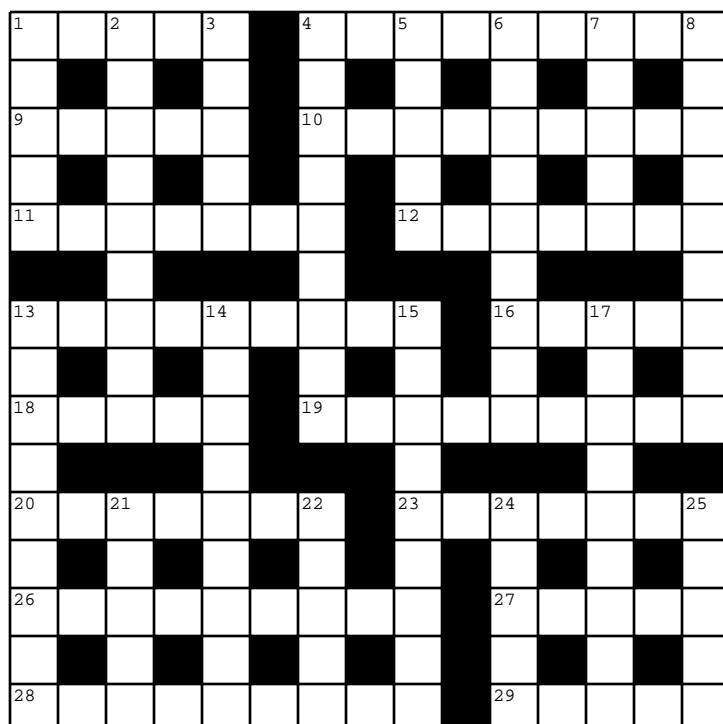
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| 1. NAMED      | 1. NOMAD      |
| 4. MAINMASTS  | 2. MOONLIGHT  |
| 9. MAORI      | 3. DOING      |
| 10. RECOGNISE | 4. MARATHI    |
| 11. DELIGHT   | 5. INCHING    |
| 12. INERTIA   | 6. MAGNESIUM  |
| 13. DEGRADING | 7. SHIRT      |
| 15. INKED     | 8. STEWARDED  |
| 17. METRO     | 13. DEMOGOGUE |
| 18. DELIMITED | 14. ABOLITION |
| 20. GAGGING   | 16. KITTENISH |
| 22. NOWHERE   | 18. DEGRADE   |
| 25. GALLIVANT | 19. LENGTHS   |
| 26. SPICA     | 21. GULAG     |
| 27. ENGINEERS | 23. WASTE     |
| 28. ECHOS     | 24. EXAMS     |



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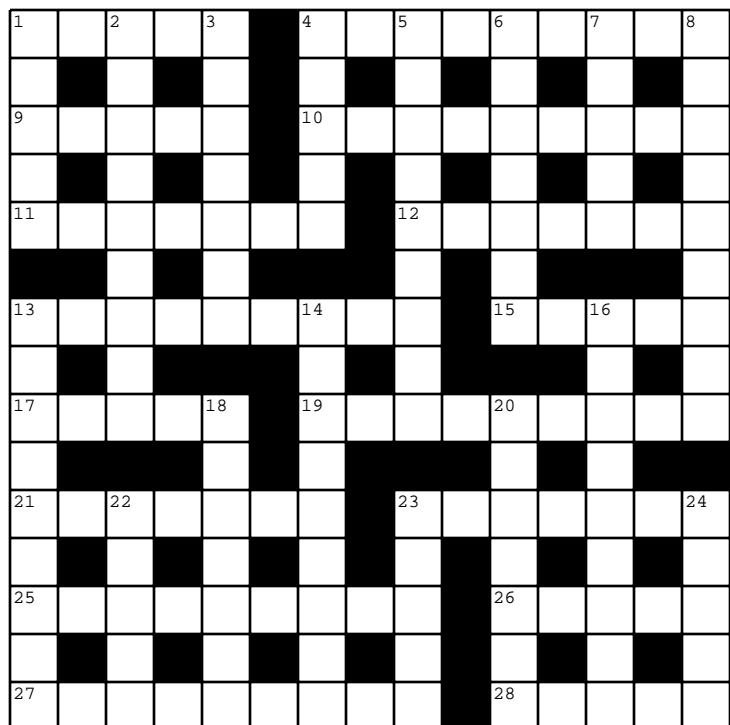
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| 4. INSTALLED  | 2. BLUEBIRDS  |
| 9. COUNT      | 3. EXTRA      |
| 10. CHRISTENS | 4. INCESSANT  |
| 11. SUBWAYS   | 5. SCRAM      |
| 12. MARTYRS   | 6. AUSTRALIA  |
| 13. JEREMIADS | 7. LEERY      |
| 16. LITRE     | 8. DISASTERS  |
| 18. WASTE     | 13. JEWELRIES |
| 19. THREATENS | 14. MAELSTROM |
| 20. LOTUSES   | 15. SCROUNGED |
| 23. UMPIRED   | 17. THEORISTS |
| 26. IMMERSING | 21. TEMPI     |
| 27. ISSUE     | 22. SLIER     |
| 28. SHIMMERED | 24. PAINT     |
| 29. TASTE     | 25. DEERE     |



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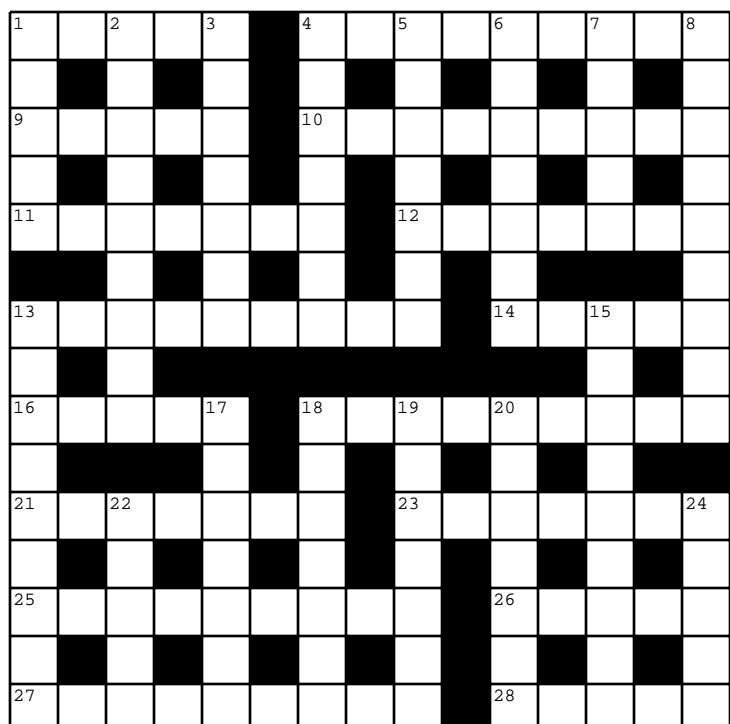
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| 4. APATHETIC  | 2. DOMINICAN  |
| 9. SUMAC      | 3. EXCEPTS    |
| 10. DIMENSION | 4. AIDES      |
| 11. CANAPES   | 5. ARMADILLO  |
| 12. DIOCESE   | 6. HANDOUT    |
| 13. ANCESTRAL | 7. TRIBE      |
| 15. TACES     | 8. CONDENSED  |
| 17. GONNA     | 13. ALGEBRAIC |
| 19. SHOWCASED | 14. RESOLVING |
| 21. BROTHEL   | 16. CASTANEDA |
| 23. CORSAIR   | 18. ASHANTI   |
| 25. ASCENDING | 20. CHRONIC   |
| 26. NEEDS     | 22. OCCUR     |
| 27. CARRIAGES | 23. CAGES     |
| 28. CHARIS    | 24. RISES     |



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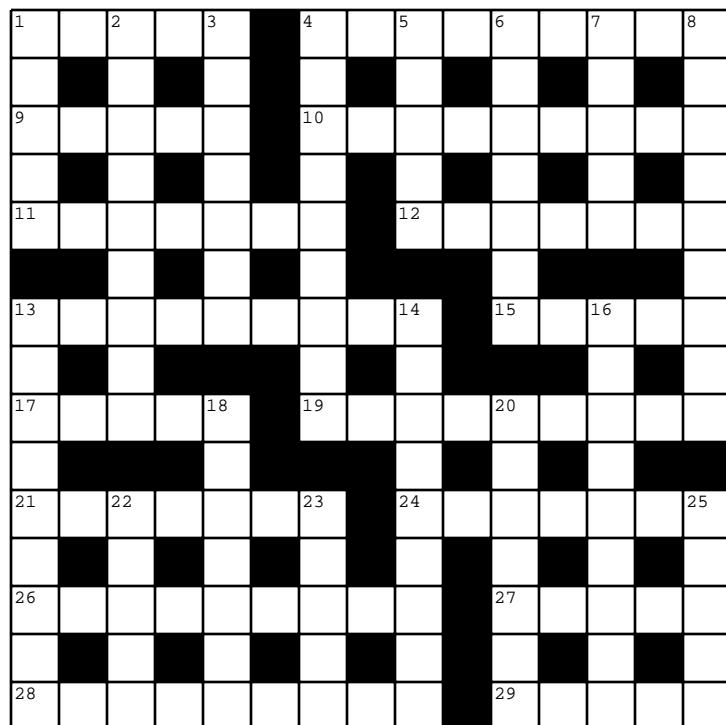
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| 9. UNDER      | 3. BERSERK    |
| 10. RETAINING | 4. PERTURB    |
| 11. PLATEAU   | 5. ENTWINE    |
| 12. INTERIM   | 6. TWISTED    |
| 13. DRINKABLE | 7. Flier      |
| 14. DRAWN     | 8. LIGAMENTS  |
| 16. VENOM     | 13. DEVELOPED |
| 18. INDICATES | 15. ANTIPASTO |
| 21. LOWERED   | 17. MARYLOU   |
| 23. CHEAPER   | 18. INDEXES   |
| 25. PERPLEXED | 19. DECODED   |
| 26. KASAI     | 20. CHECKUP   |
| 27. DISCUSSED | 22. WORDS     |
| 28. PROVE     | 24. RAISE     |



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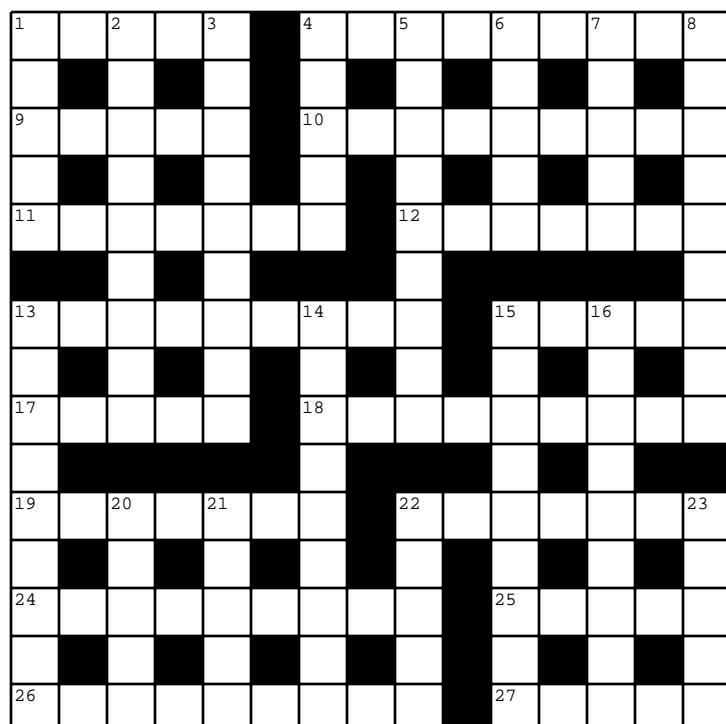
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| 1. ARCED      | 1. ANGEL      |
| 4. SOCIALISM  | 2. CRESCENDI  |
| 9. GREEN      | 3. DENSELY    |
| 10. NUMERICAL | 4. SANDSTORM  |
| 11. LOCKERS   | 5. COMMA      |
| 12. ANALYST   | 6. ADRIANA    |
| 13. HONEYCOMB | 7. ITCHY      |
| 15. ASPEN     | 8. MILITANTS  |
| 17. EDICT     | 13. HIERARCHY |
| 19. MOUNTAINS | 14. BLUDGEONS |
| 21. AFFIXED   | 16. PRINCIPAL |
| 24. GLANCED   | 18. TAXICAB   |
| 26. CRESCENDO | 20. TRACHEA   |
| 27. HAPPY     | 22. FREDA     |
| 28. YEARBOOKS | 23. DUNNO     |
| 29. ABLER     | 25. DRYER     |



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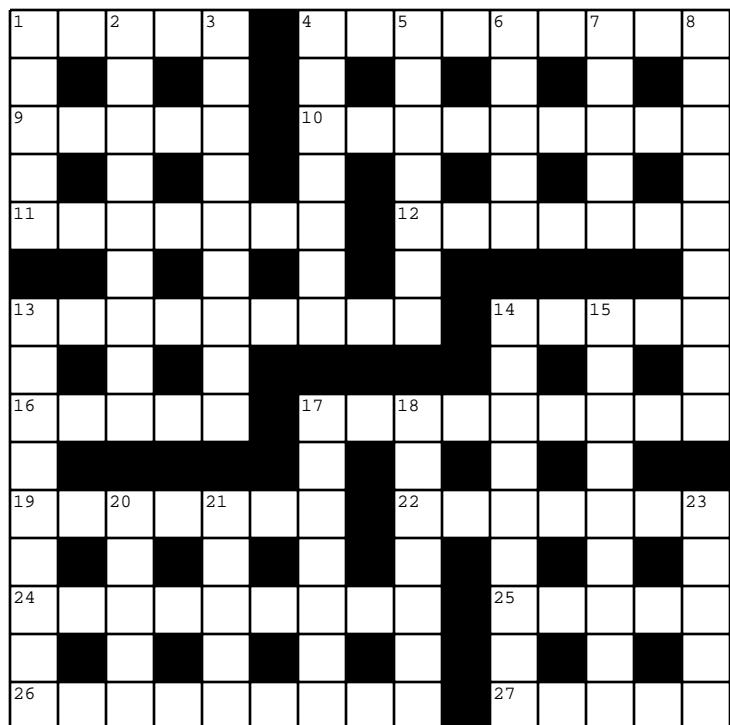
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| 1. TOPIC      | 1. TIBIA      |
| 4. DESPERADO  | 2. PASSIONED  |
| 9. BASSO      | 3. CROSSROAD  |
| 10. MEASURING | 4. DAMPS      |
| 11. ALIASES   | 5. SPAGHETTI  |
| 12. HOLBEIN   | 6. EQUAL      |
| 13. CONDORCET | 7. ARISE      |
| 15. HACKS     | 8. ORGANISES  |
| 17. UN DID    | 13. COUNTABLE |
| 18. ALIENATES | 14. CHAMELEON |
| 19. TRAMPLE   | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 22. IDYLLIC   | 16. CATALOGUE |
| 24. BLASPHEME | 20. ABACI     |
| 25. OUGHT     | 21. PAPER     |
| 26. EMIGRANTS | 22. IDEAS     |
| 27. BEERS     | 23. CUTES     |



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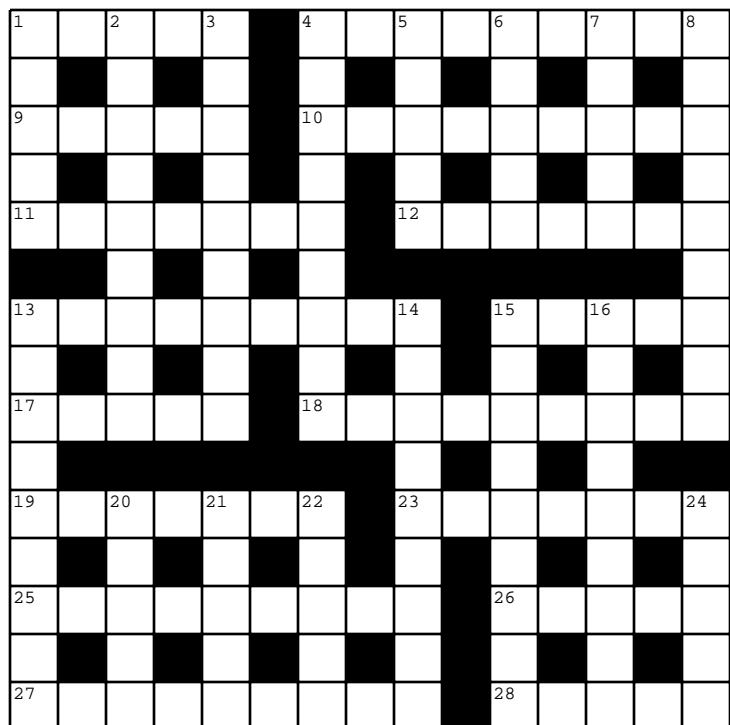
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| 1. BOMBS      | 1. BADGE      |
| 4. BOOKSHELF  | 2. MORATORIA  |
| 9. DIRER      | 3. SERGEANTS  |
| 10. GUERRILLA | 4. BIGGEST    |
| 11. EXTREME   | 5. OVERDUE    |
| 12. DESKTOP   | 6. SIRES      |
| 13. LORGNETTE | 7. ECLAT      |
| 14. REBEL     | 8. FLAGPOLES  |
| 16. CHAPS     | 13. LACHRYMAL |
| 17. LIFEFORMS | 14. REFERENDA |
| 19. ROMANOV   | 15. BIRTHMARK |
| 22. PYRRHIC   | 17. LAVERNE   |
| 24. METACARPI | 18. FOPPING   |
| 25. NEARS     | 20. MATED     |
| 26. LEDERBERG | 21. NICER     |
| 27. ASKED     | 23. CASED     |



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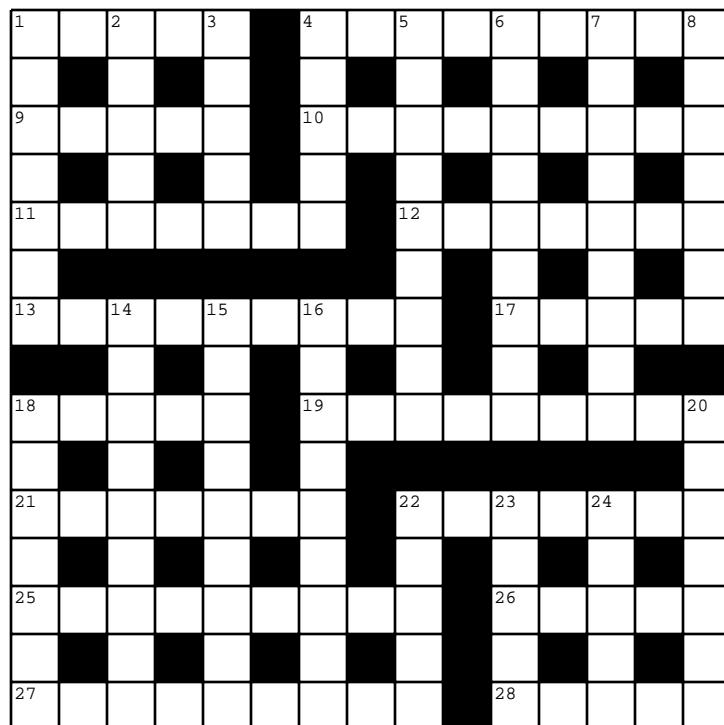
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| 4. FANTASTIC   | 2. FISHERMAN  |
| 9. OASES       | 3. SUSPECTED  |
| 10. ORCHESTRA  | 4. FOODSTUFF  |
| 11. DEEPENS    | 5. NACHO      |
| 12. ONESELF    | 6. ADELE      |
| 13. HAMSTRUNG  | 7. TITLE      |
| 15. PLACE      | 8. CHAUFFEUR  |
| 17. TUNED      | 13. HATEFULLY |
| 18. FREIGHTER  | 14. GREEDIEST |
| 19. FACADES    | 15. PEGASUSES |
| 23. DISHRAG    | 16. ALTERNATE |
| 25. LANDSCAPE  | 20. CANAL     |
| 26. SPARE      | 21. DISCO     |
| 27. YELLOWWEST | 22. SPACE     |
| 28. SPENT      | 24. GREAT     |



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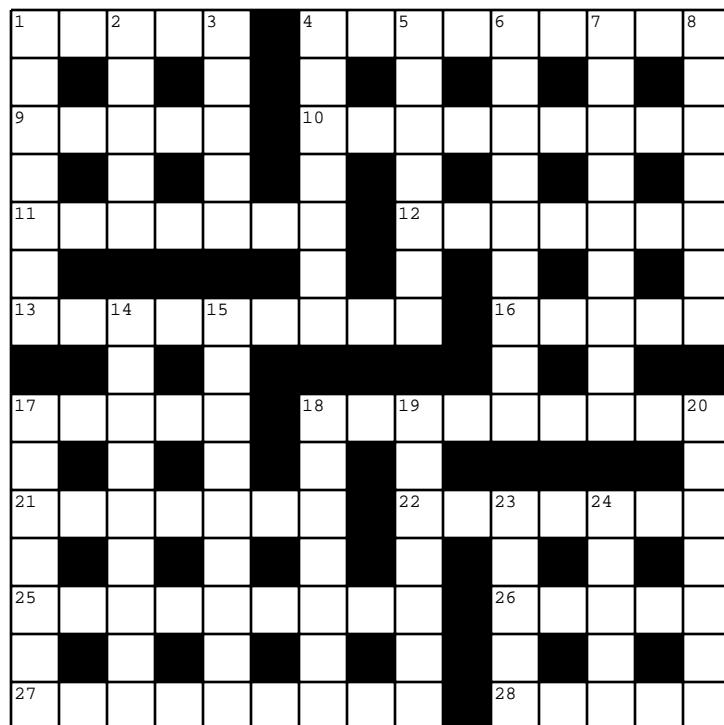
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| 1. SCREW      | 1. SANDMAN    |
| 4. TRIMARANS  | 2. RIGHT      |
| 9. NEGEV      | 3. WAVED      |
| 10. ESTIMATED | 4. THEIR      |
| 11. MATADOR   | 5. INTERPRET  |
| 12. REDSKIN   | 6. ARMADILLO  |
| 13. NAVIGATOR | 7. ANTIKNOCK  |
| 17. LOOKS     | 8. SIDINGS    |
| 18. SACKS     | 14. VACANCIES |
| 19. NETWORKED | 15. GESTURING |
| 21. DENTURE   | 16. TANGERINE |
| 22. COLORED   | 18. SEDATED   |
| 25. TRINITIES | 20. DEDUCES   |
| 26. BASIC     | 22. CASES     |
| 27. DESIGNERS | 23. LABEL     |
| 28. LASTS     | 24. RISES     |



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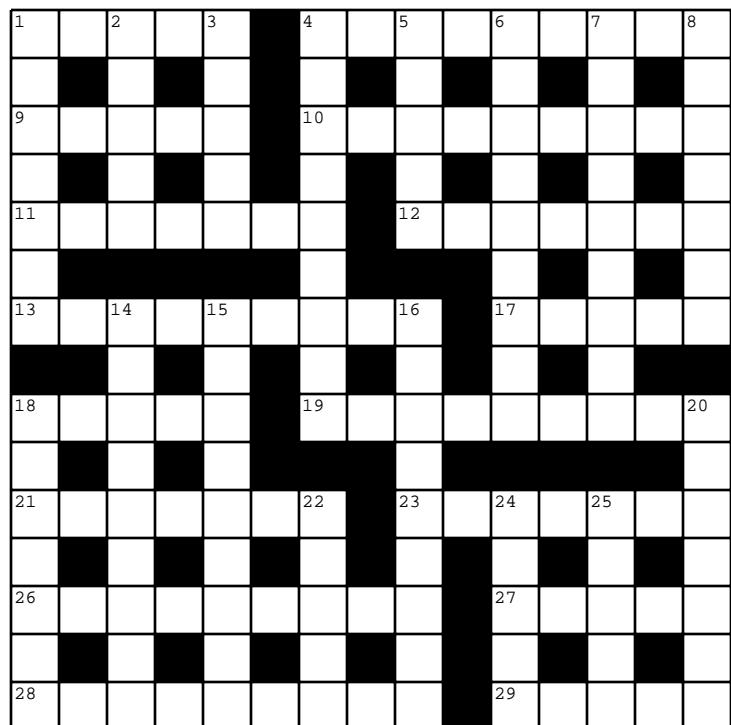
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| 4. OPPRESSED   | 2. POLAR      |
| 9. FOLIO       | 3. COOKY      |
| 10. EMERGENCY  | 4. OVERDUE    |
| 11. ARRAYED    | 5. PREEMPT    |
| 12. MANHOLE    | 6. ERGONOMIC  |
| 13. YELLOWWEST | 7. SUNBONNET  |
| 16. MENUS      | 8. DRYNESS    |
| 17. LOGIC      | 14. LIGATURES |
| 18. DEDICATES  | 15. OCCASIONS |
| 21. ATTESTS    | 17. LEAGUED   |
| 22. MONSTER    | 18. DASHIKI   |
| 25. UPROOTING  | 19. DEMAGOG   |
| 26. VOICE      | 20. STREETS   |
| 27. DESISTING  | 23. NEVER     |
| 28. RAKES      | 24. TRICK     |



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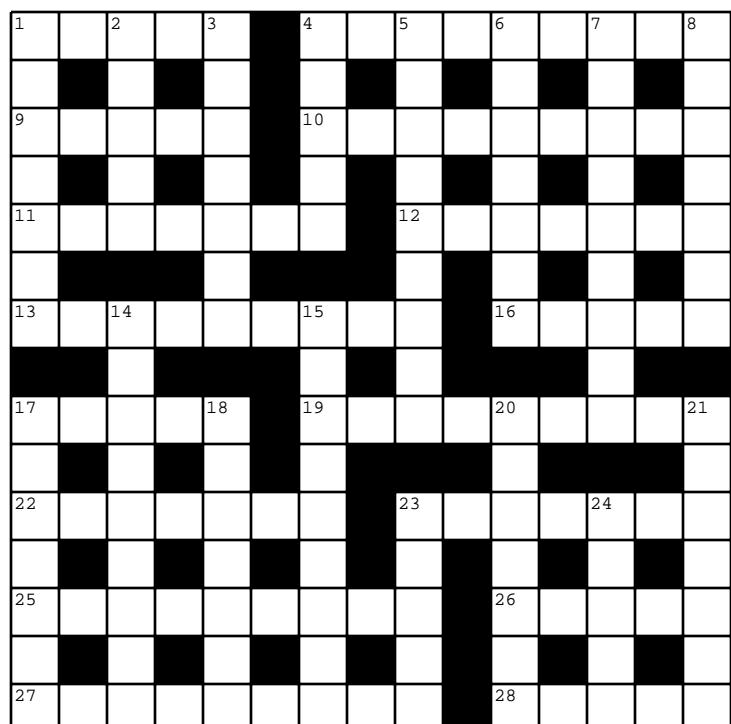
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| 1. SCREW      | 1. SPREADS    |
| 4. FLATTERER  | 2. RAVES      |
| 9. RIVER      | 3. WARNS      |
| 10. NARROWING | 4. FINESSING  |
| 11. ASSISTS   | 5. ABRAM      |
| 12. MANHOOD   | 6. THORNIEST  |
| 13. SENSATION | 7. RHINOCERI  |
| 17. ENEMY     | 8. RIGIDLY    |
| 18. ADULT     | 14. NAUGHTIES |
| 19. GHASTLIER | 15. ASTEROIDS |
| 21. REHired   | 16. NEARLIEST |
| 23. LEAKAGE   | 18. AGRIPPA   |
| 26. PRIVILEGE | 20. REELECT   |
| 27. BADGE     | 22. DEENA     |
| 28. ASSISTANT | 24. ABBOT     |
| 29. TROUT     | 25. AUDIO     |



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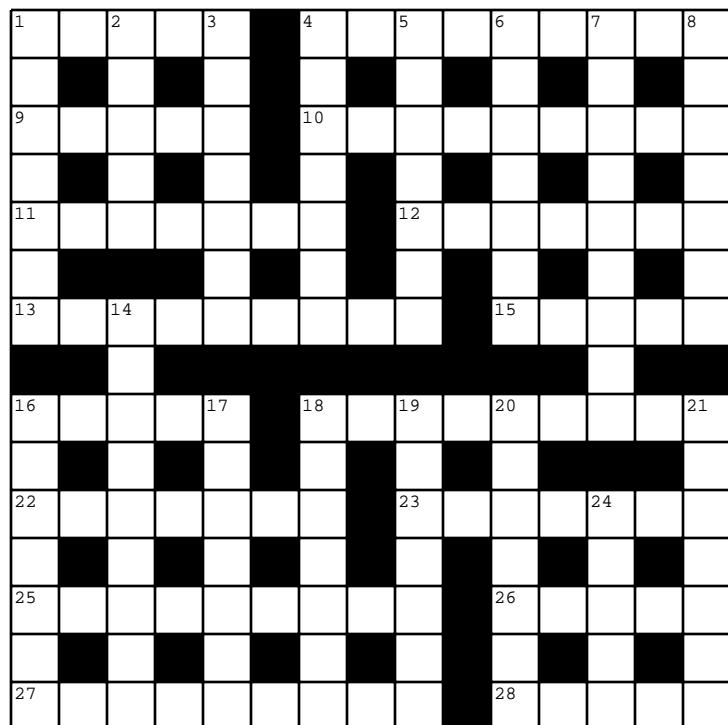
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| 1. SHOCK      | 1. SPATULA    |
| 4. ASSOCIATE  | 2. OZONE      |
| 9. ABOUT      | 3. KETCHUP    |
| 10. ORATORIES | 4. AROMA      |
| 11. URETHRA   | 5. SPAGHETTI  |
| 12. HECTARE   | 6. CHOICES    |
| 13. AUTOPILOT | 7. AGITATION  |
| 16. SCION     | 8. EASTERN    |
| 17. BLIMP     | 14. THIRSTING |
| 19. GLISSANDO | 15. LIGHTNING |
| 22. BUSIEST   | 17. BABYISH   |
| 23. PRAIRIE   | 18. PREVAIL   |
| 25. IMITATIVE | 20. SCALLOP   |
| 26. LOVED     | 21. OVERDUE   |
| 27. HIGHLIGHT | 23. PLEAT     |
| 28. PASTE     | 24. RAVES     |



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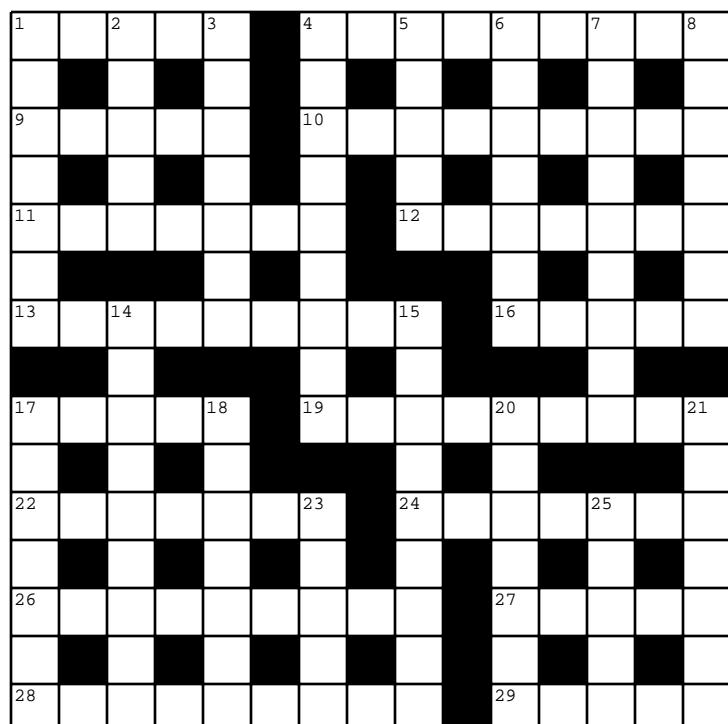
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| 1. TIFFS      | 1. THEREOF    |
| 4. ENVELOPED  | 2. FRANC      |
| 9. ERASE      | 3. SHEBELI    |
| 10. PIROUETTE | 4. EXPLAIN    |
| 11. EXCRETA   | 5. VIRTUAL    |
| 12. UNHOOKS   | 6. LAUGHED    |
| 13. FICTIONAL | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 15. DARES     | 8. DRESSES    |
| 16. SIGHT     | 14. CIGARETTE |
| 18. ESTABLISH | 16. SUNLAMP   |
| 22. NARMADA   | 17. TRAMPLE   |
| 23. LATVIAN   | 18. ELAPSED   |
| 25. ANTIPASTI | 19. TALLIED   |
| 26. TILES     | 20. BATHTUB   |
| 27. PRETENDED | 21. HANDSET   |
| 28. BOOST     | 24. IGLOO     |



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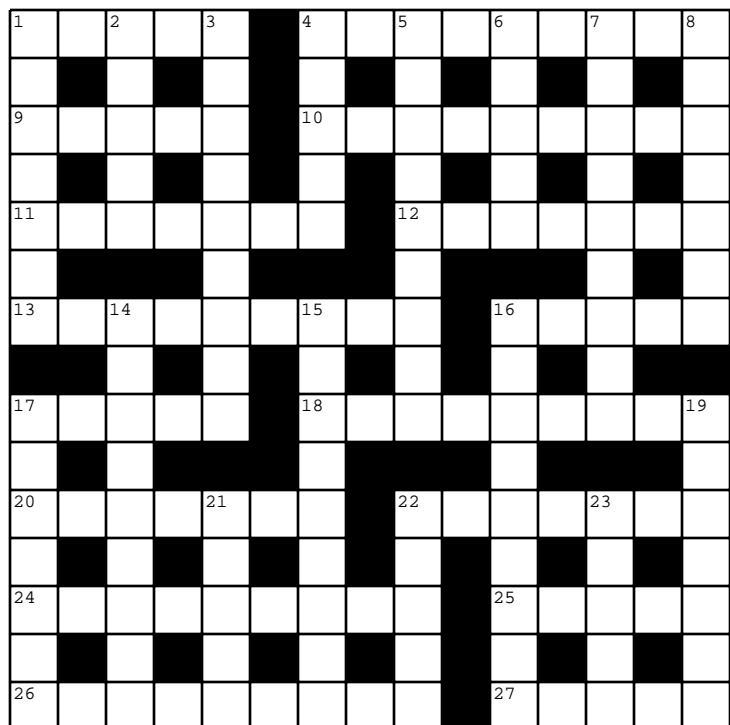
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| 9. MEDIC      | 3. COCKPIT    |
| 10. EXECUTIVE | 4. PHENOMENA  |
| 11. SCORPIO   | 5. EVENS      |
| 12. SONGHAI   | 6. TRUANCY    |
| 13. SHIFTLESS | 7. FAITHFULS  |
| 16. YOUNG     | 8. LEERING    |
| 17. MOPES     | 14. IMPEACHED |
| 19. ANTIPASTO | 15. SATISFIES |
| 22. NUANCES   | 17. MINIMUM   |
| 24. SCRUFFS   | 18. SOCORRO   |
| 26. MAHARISHI | 20. PARSNIP   |
| 27. NEVER     | 21. OBSERVE   |
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| 29. PURGE     | 25. FEVER     |



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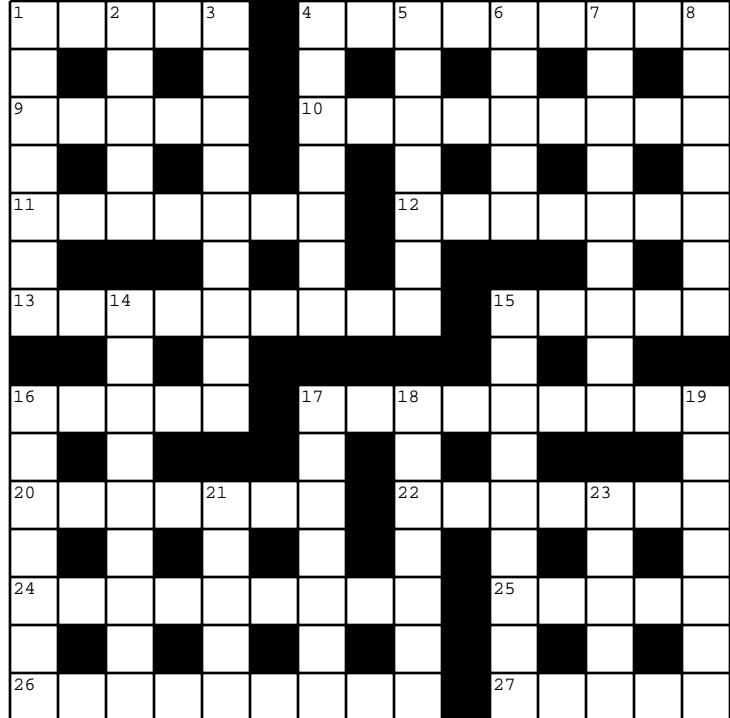
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| 4. UNCHANGED  | 2. OFFER      |
| 9. SAFER      | 3. PIROUETTE  |
| 10. WAISTBAND | 4. UNWED      |
| 11. AGROUND   | 5. CLIMACTIC  |
| 12. ALCOHOL   | 6. ANTIC      |
| 13. RIGHTMOST | 7. GRAPHICAL  |
| 16. SOCKS     | 8. DIDDLES    |
| 17. SHADE     | 14. GUARDRAIL |
| 18. ENCIRCLES | 15. OVERDRAWN |
| 20. REDUCED   | 16. SARCASTIC |
| 22. CHANCEL   | 17. SARCASM   |
| 24. AMATERASU | 19. SELFISH   |
| 25. TEMPI     | 21. CHERI     |
| 26. MILLIONTH | 22. COUGH     |
| 27. COACH     | 23. COMMA     |



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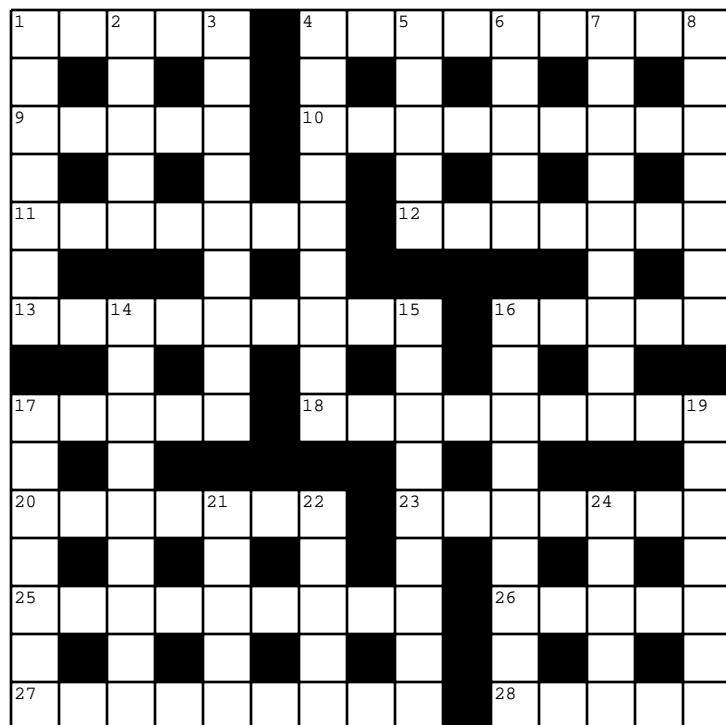
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| 4. DECEITFUL  | 2. VENOM      |
| 9. CANOE      | 3. CHEVROLET  |
| 10. BISHOPRIC | 4. DABBING    |
| 11. SAMURAI   | 5. CASTING    |
| 12. IGUASSU   | 6. INONU      |
| 13. WHIRLIGIG | 7. FORESIGHT  |
| 15. ANGER     | 8. LACQUER    |
| 16. SPLIT     | 14. ILLOGICAL |
| 17. ALLIGATOR | 15. ALGEBRAIC |
| 20. ANGRIER   | 16. SHAKEUP   |
| 22. SUBDUED   | 17. AGRIPPA   |
| 24. EUCALYPTI | 18. LASHING   |
| 25. ARENA     | 19. RADIATE   |
| 26. PALEMBANG | 21. ISLAM     |
| 27. CRIME     | 23. UTERI     |



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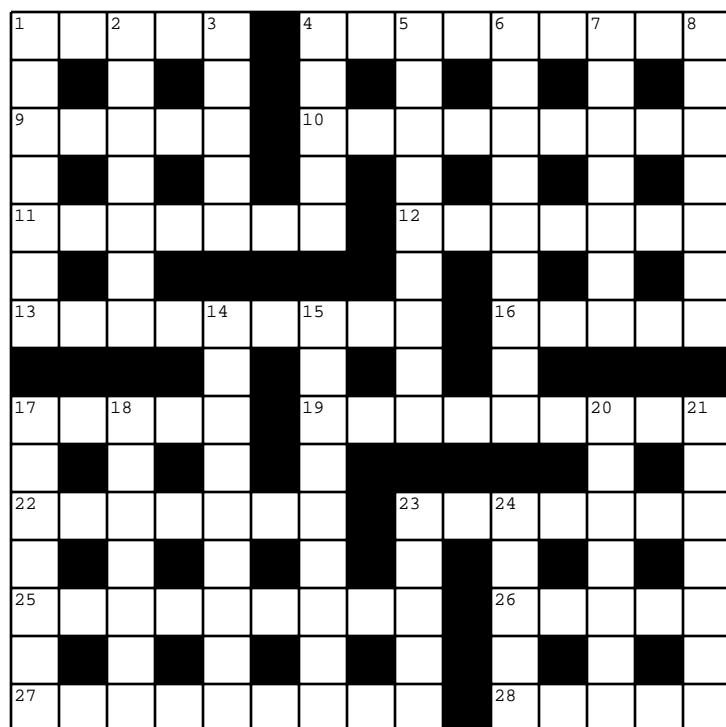
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| 4. PTOLEMAIC  | 2. BASIC      |
| 9. ROSIE      | 3. ELECTRODE  |
| 10. INNKEEPER | 4. PRISCILLA  |
| 11. ASCETIC   | 5. OWNER      |
| 12. RESPELL   | 6. EVENS      |
| 13. GARGOYLES | 7. ALPHERATZ  |
| 16. HEARD     | 8. CURDLED    |
| 17. BATHE     | 14. RETRIEVES |
| 18. AURANGZEB | 15. SURPRISES |
| 20. OMINOUS   | 16. HONEYCOMB |
| 23. RHYMING   | 17. BLOBBED   |
| 25. BEVERAGES | 19. BAGHDAD   |
| 26. OGLED     | 21. OGRES     |
| 27. DISASTERS | 22. SEGUE     |
| 28. BROAD     | 24. IGLOO     |



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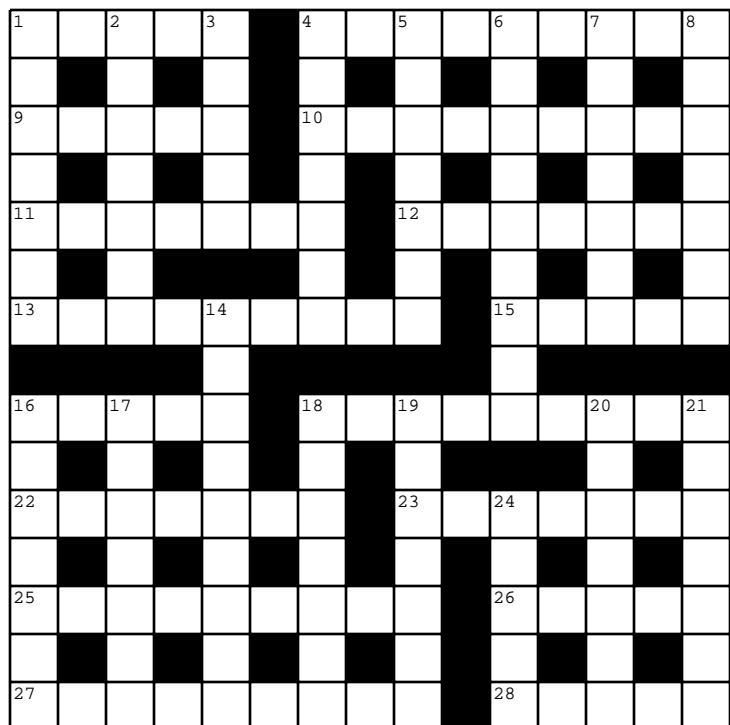
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| 9. NEGEV      | 3. SAVED      |
| 10. DISCUSSED | 4. NUDER      |
| 11. DECODER   | 5. MISGUIDED  |
| 12. UNKNOWN   | 6. KNUCKLING  |
| 13. DELEGATED | 7. LASSOED    |
| 16. INDUS     | 8. SIDINGS    |
| 17. LIKEN     | 14. GENTLEMEN |
| 19. BODYGUARD | 15. TABULATES |
| 22. MAILLOL   | 17. LUMBAGO   |
| 23. KNOCKED   | 18. KNIFING   |
| 25. AXIOMATIC | 20. AWKWARD   |
| 26. FRANC     | 21. DEDUCTS   |
| 27. ORGANISMS | 23. KICKS     |
| 28. RIDES     | 24. OFFER     |



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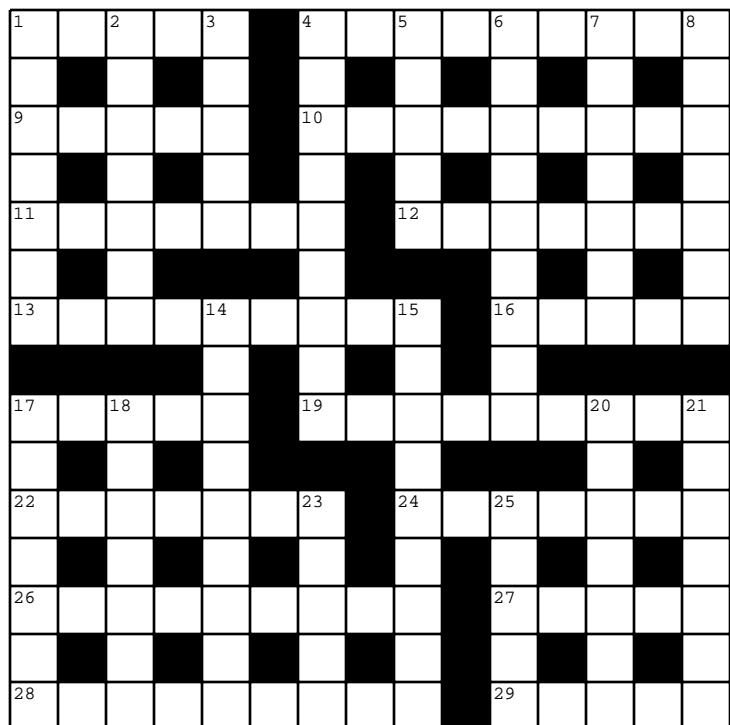
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| 4. HEPATITIS   | 2. INROADS    |
| 9. CARGO       | 3. GROWN      |
| 10. UNUSUALLY  | 4. HYUNDAI    |
| 11. LEARNED    | 5. PAUSING    |
| 12. INCLINE    | 6. TRUNCATES  |
| 13. DESERVING  | 7. TELLING    |
| 15. TOGAS      | 8. SHYNESS    |
| 16. WEARS      | 14. RUSTPROOF |
| 18. LIFESTYLE  | 16. WASHTUB   |
| 22. SHARPEN    | 17. ANAEMIC   |
| 23. UNSOUND    | 18. LANKIER   |
| 25. TEMPORIZER | 19. FAUCETS   |
| 26. ARGUE      | 20. YOUNGER   |
| 27. BACKFIRES  | 21. ENDLESS   |
| 28. PORTS      | 24. SHARP     |



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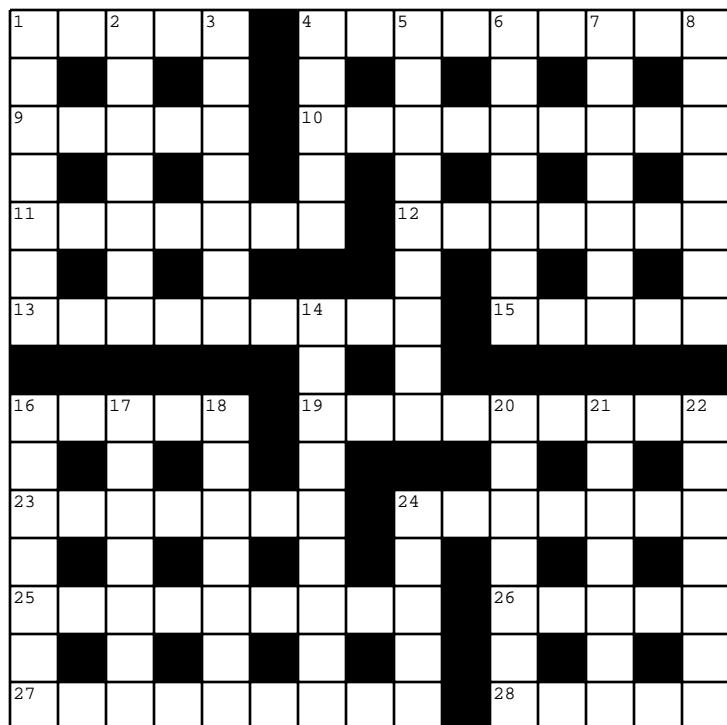
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| 4. RAINDROPS  | 2. LETDOWN    |
| 9. BATON      | 3. WINES      |
| 10. FINALISED | 4. REFERRING  |
| 11. TROUSER   | 5. INNER      |
| 12. RAGTIME   | 6. DELEGATED  |
| 13. RANSOMING | 7. OUSTING    |
| 16. TOGAS     | 8. SADDENS    |
| 17. ABUSE     | 14. OVERDRAFT |
| 19. GRANDIOSE | 15. GHASTLIER |
| 22. ENCODES   | 17. ACERBIC   |
| 24. TRUSTED   | 18. UNCLEAR   |
| 26. BEEFARONI | 20. OBTUSER   |
| 27. NISEI     | 21. EDDYING   |
| 28. CARETAKER | 23. STOCK     |
| 29. SHRUG     | 25. ULNAS     |



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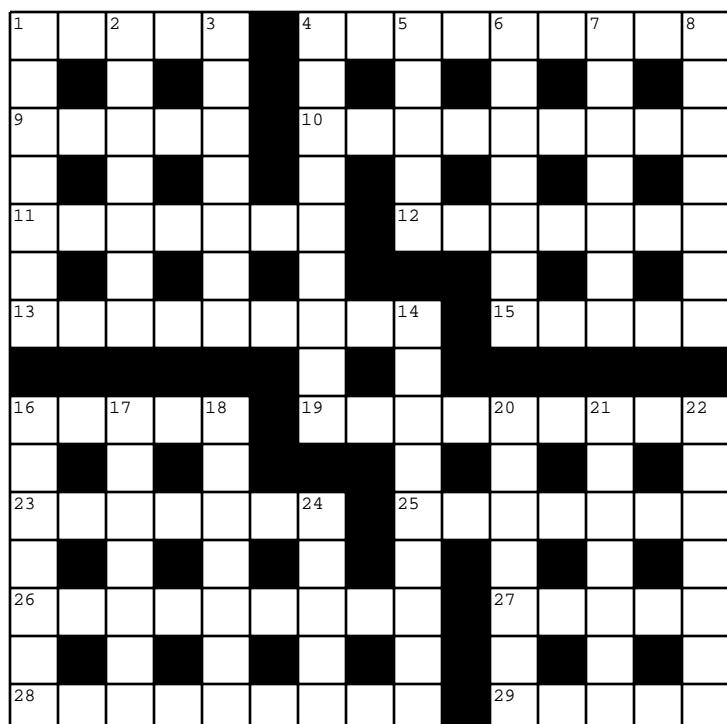
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| 4. LOUISIANA  | 2. KNEECAP    |
| 9. IDEAS      | 3. RESIDUE    |
| 10. SURRENDER | 4. LASER      |
| 11. DECODER   | 5. UNREADIER  |
| 12. ALIENED   | 6. SHERIFF    |
| 13. PEPPERONI | 7. ADDENDA    |
| 15. FRAME     | 8. ABRIDGE    |
| 16. AMAZE     | 14. OBSOLETES |
| 19. SCROUNGED | 16. ALGEBRA   |
| 23. GRADUAL   | 17. AWARDED   |
| 24. OVERALL   | 18. ELUSIVE   |
| 25. BADMINTON | 20. USELESS   |
| 26. EMPTY     | 21. GRAPPLE   |
| 27. ADDRESSED | 22. DELAYED   |
| 28. SPEND     | 24. OWNED     |



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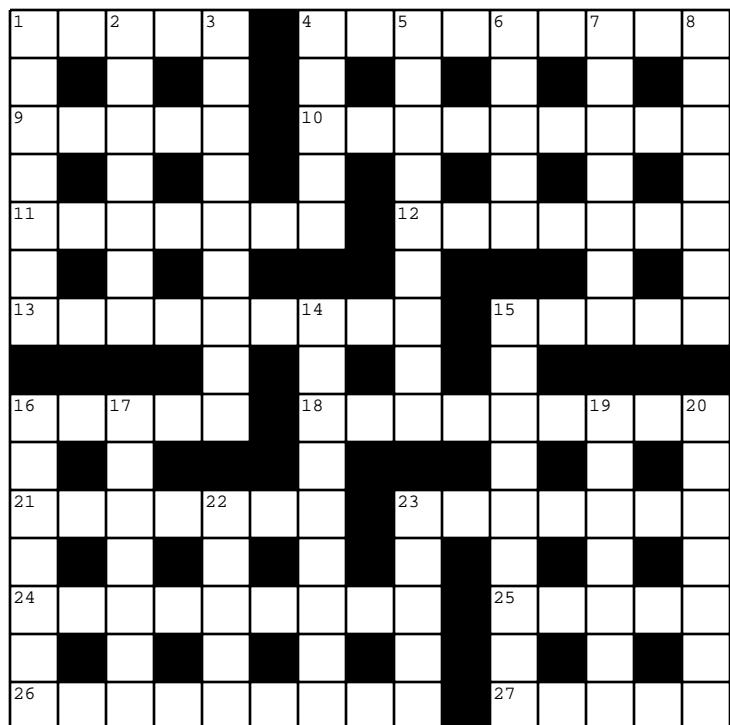
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| 4. UNADVISED  | 2. CATALPA    |
| 9. VOTER      | 3. EARMUFF    |
| 10. BARNSTORM | 4. UNBRIDLED  |
| 11. CALCULI   | 5. ARROW      |
| 12. WRAPPER   | 6. VISUALS    |
| 13. SCAFFOLDS | 7. SCORPIO    |
| 15. SHOUT     | 8. DEMERIT    |
| 16. CAPET     | 14. SEVENTIES |
| 19. DIVISIONS | 16. COLOMBO   |
| 23. LATINER   | 17. POTSHOT   |
| 25. NEGATES   | 18. TANTRUM   |
| 26. MAHARISHI | 20. SEGMENT   |
| 27. ELENA     | 21. OATMEAL   |
| 28. OPTIMISES | 22. SUSTAIN   |
| 29. TALON     | 24. RISKS     |



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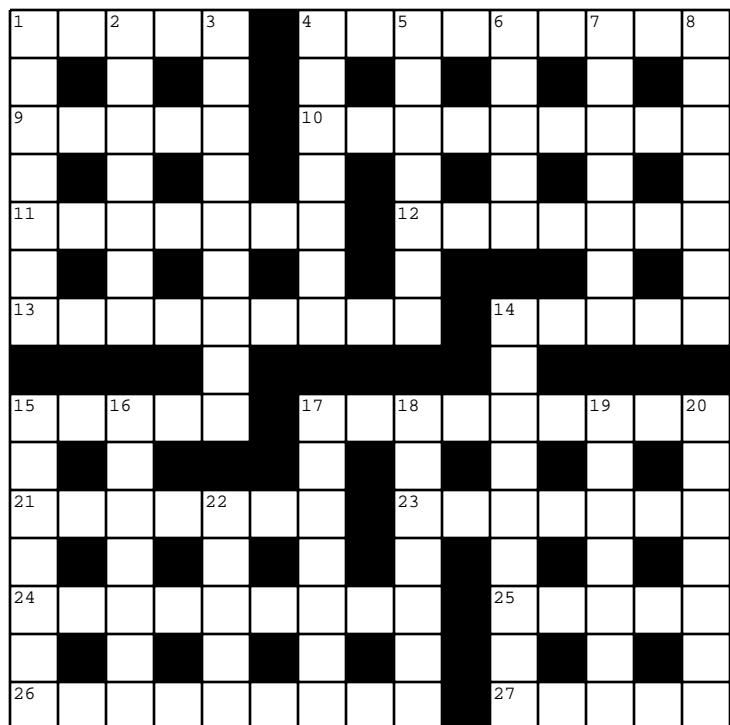
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| 4. FRESHENED  | 2. BLITZES    |
| 9. BRIEF      | 3. INFORMERS  |
| 10. CIVILISED | 4. FACTS      |
| 11. LIZARDS   | 5. EAVESDROP  |
| 12. SHEBELI   | 6. HALVE      |
| 13. DISMEMBER | 7. NOSIEST    |
| 15. MATES     | 8. DADDIES    |
| 16. DEALS     | 14. BALALAIKA |
| 18. LIPSTICKS | 15. MATCHBOOK |
| 21. VIRTUAL   | 16. DEVISES   |
| 23. ENHANCE   | 17. ACRYLIC   |
| 24. SOLITAIRE | 19. CANTEEN   |
| 25. OCEAN     | 20. SEEINGS   |
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| 27. KINGS     | 23. ENEMY     |



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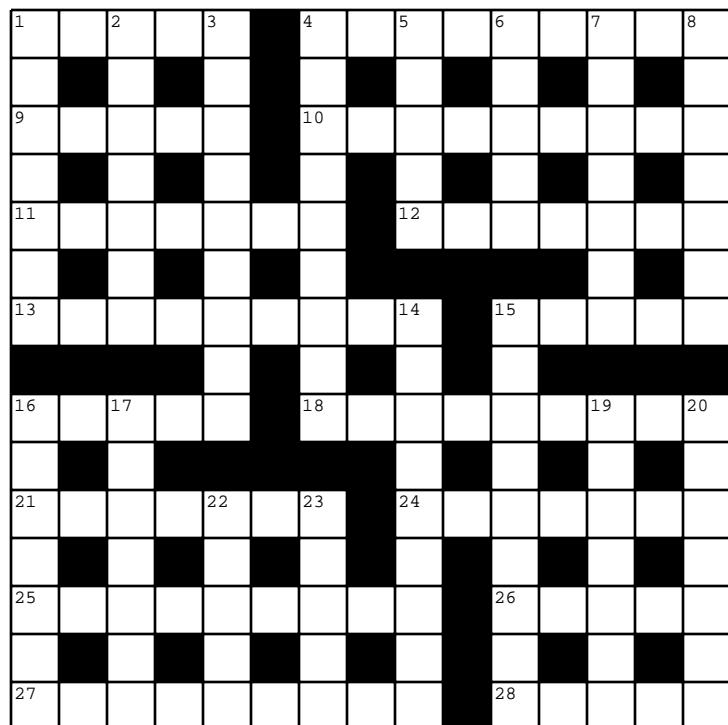
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| 9. TASHA      | 3. EMACIATES  |
| 10. MUSSOLINI | 4. IMMORAL    |
| 11. TARDIER   | 5. TESTATE    |
| 12. ASYLUMS   | 6. IRONY      |
| 13. BAGATELLE | 7. STIMULI    |
| 14. ONION     | 8. CRIMSON    |
| 15. PICKS     | 14. OVERDRAWS |
| 17. WONDERFUL | 15. POSTDOC   |
| 21. SNIPPET   | 16. CAISSON   |
| 23. MODICUM   | 17. WATTEAU   |
| 24. DISAPPEAR | 18. NUMERAL   |
| 25. ALIGN     | 19. FACTION   |
| 26. CONTINUAL | 20. LAMENTS   |
| 27. SONGS     | 22. PEPSI     |



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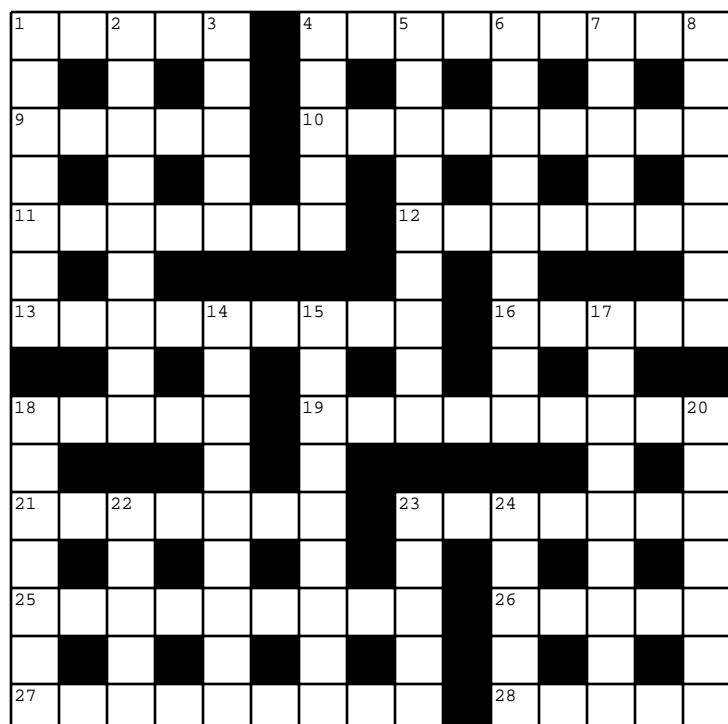
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| 4. TEARDROPS  | 2. ESCAPED    |
| 9. SACCO      | 3. BIOGRAPHY  |
| 10. ORGANISES | 4. TROUSSEAU  |
| 11. UMPIRES   | 5. ANGEL      |
| 12. LATERAN   | 6. DONUT      |
| 13. BEDSPREAD | 7. OBSERVE    |
| 15. FREDA     | 8. SUSANNA    |
| 16. ESSAY     | 14. DETACHING |
| 18. UNTENABLE | 15. FINGERTIP |
| 21. TRACHEA   | 16. EXTREME   |
| 24. CHEERED   | 17. SCARCR    |
| 25. EUCALYPTI | 19. BURRITO   |
| 26. TWICE     | 20. ENDLESS   |
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| 28. PLOTS     | 23. AMPLE     |



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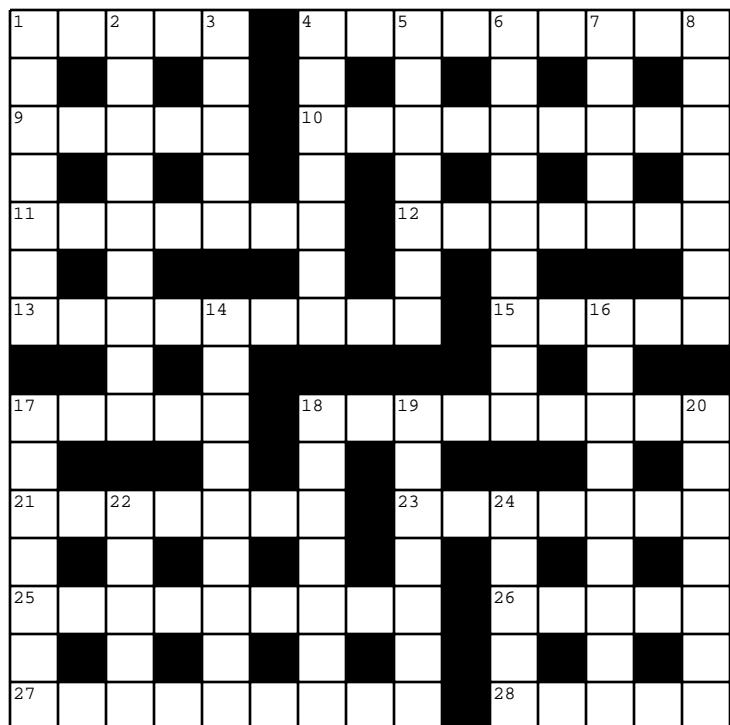
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| 9. CARPI      | 3. SKIPS      |
| 10. EXTRACTED | 4. CREED      |
| 11. AROUSED   | 5. INTRINSIC  |
| 12. IMPROVE   | 6. CLAPPERED  |
| 13. EMIGRATES | 7. DITTO      |
| 16. RANTS     | 8. SADDENS    |
| 18. ANGEL     | 14. RELATIONS |
| 19. INCIDENTS | 15. THICKNESS |
| 21. ALNITAK   | 17. NONEVENTS |
| 23. SCARVES   | 18. ARAMAIC   |
| 25. ANDROMEDA | 20. SYSTEMS   |
| 26. PENCE     | 22. NADIA     |
| 27. CEAUSESCU | 23. SNAFU     |
| 28. YESES     | 24. APPLY     |



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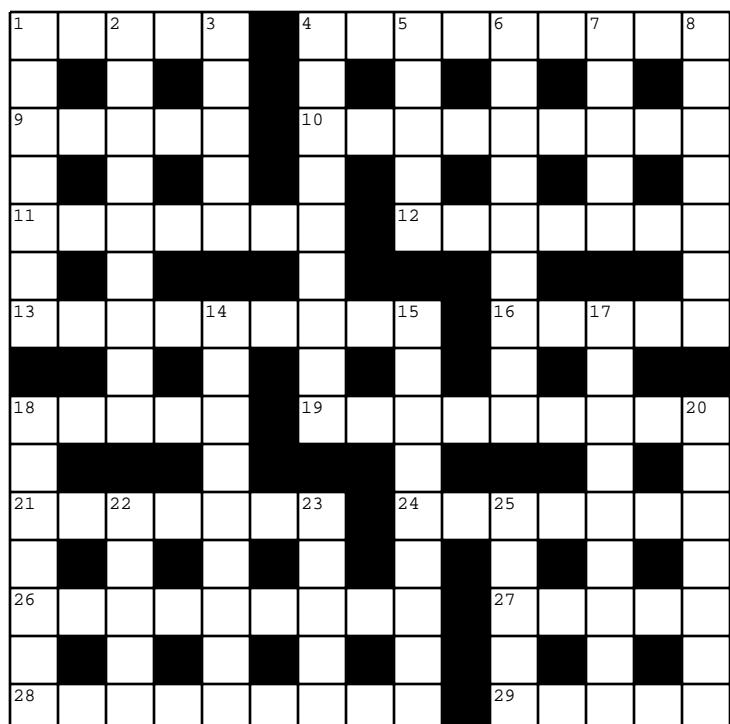
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| 4. DELICIOUS  | 2. UNDERSIDE  |
| 9. HIDES      | 3. BASED      |
| 10. LATHERING | 4. DILEMMA    |
| 11. BOREDOM   | 5. LATENTS    |
| 12. NUMBEST   | 6. CREAMIEST  |
| 13. TRIBUNALS | 7. OLIVE      |
| 15. EMBED     | 8. SIGHTED    |
| 17. CREED     | 14. UNDERFLOW |
| 18. CAFETERIA | 16. BARBECUES |
| 21. SOBERER   | 17. CASTOFF   |
| 23. RACIEST   | 18. CURATOR   |
| 25. OBSOLETES | 19. FORESTS   |
| 26. BLUER     | 20. ALTERED   |
| 27. FOREWARNS | 22. BASER     |
| 28. DOSED     | 24. CUBED     |



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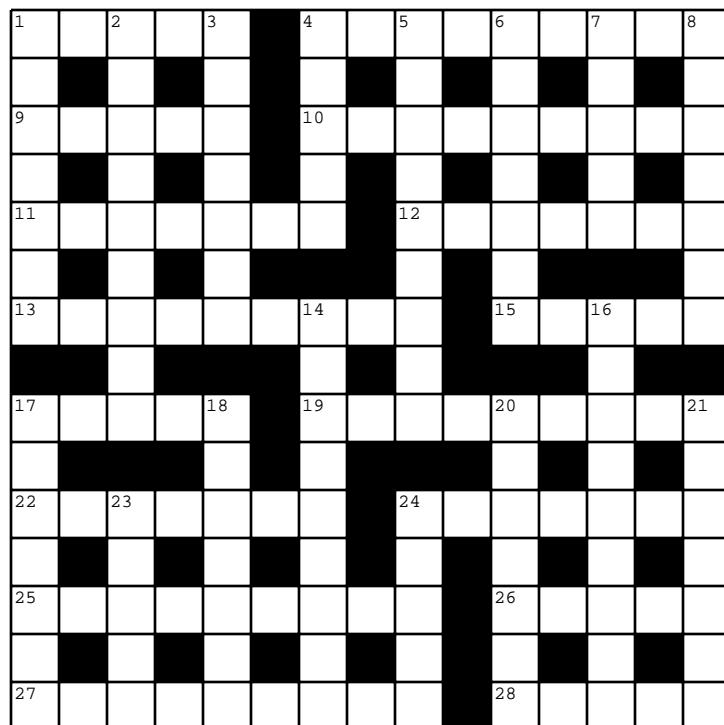
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| 9. RULER      | 3. CIRCA      |
| 10. TOLERATES | 4. CATHEDRAL  |
| 11. AVERAGE   | 5. RULED      |
| 12. DAUPHIN   | 6. CORPUSCLE  |
| 13. SLITHERED | 7. LATCH      |
| 16. COMIC     | 8. ARSENIC    |
| 18. OUGHT     | 14. HOTHEADED |
| 19. LESSENING | 15. DASHINGLY |
| 21. DAMPEST   | 17. MAINLANDS |
| 24. IMPULSE   | 18. ORDERED   |
| 26. REMEDYING | 20. GREATLY   |
| 27. TENET     | 22. MIMIC     |
| 28. DECIDEDLY | 23. THIRD     |
| 29. HASTY     | 25. PATCH     |



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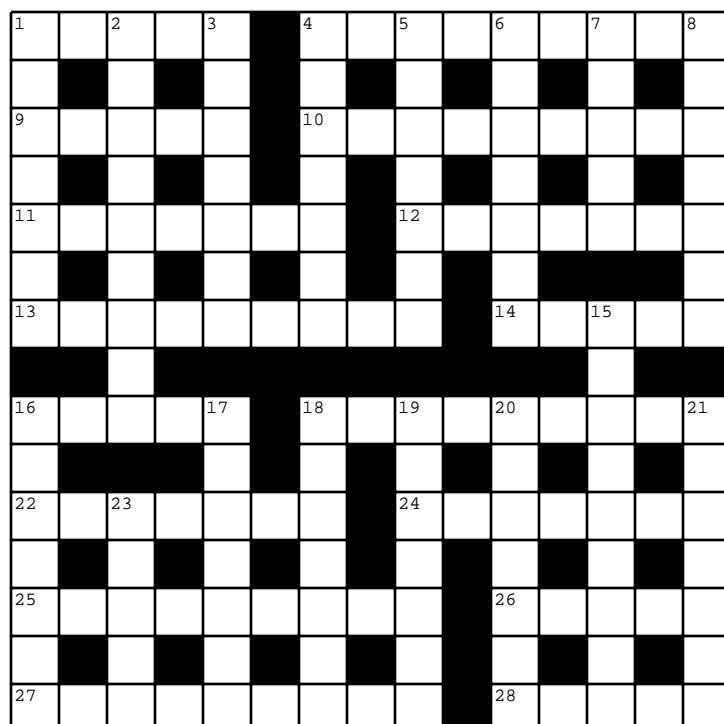
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| 4. BEDSPREAD  | 2. ANNULLING  |
| 9. BANJO      | 3. SCORPIO    |
| 10. BOSTONIAN | 4. BIBLE      |
| 11. RELAPSE   | 5. DISBELIEF  |
| 12. ELEVATE   | 6. PROVERB    |
| 13. RHINOCERI | 7. ELISA      |
| 15. BEGAN     | 8. DUNGEON    |
| 17. DIGIT     | 14. EVALUATED |
| 19. AFFLUENCE | 16. GONORRHEA |
| 22. TABLEAU   | 17. DOTTING   |
| 24. LIBERAL   | 18. THERESA   |
| 25. INSPECTED | 20. UPBEATS   |
| 26. ABHOR     | 21. ENLARGE   |
| 27. GARLANDED | 23. BASER     |
| 28. STAKE     | 24. LADED     |



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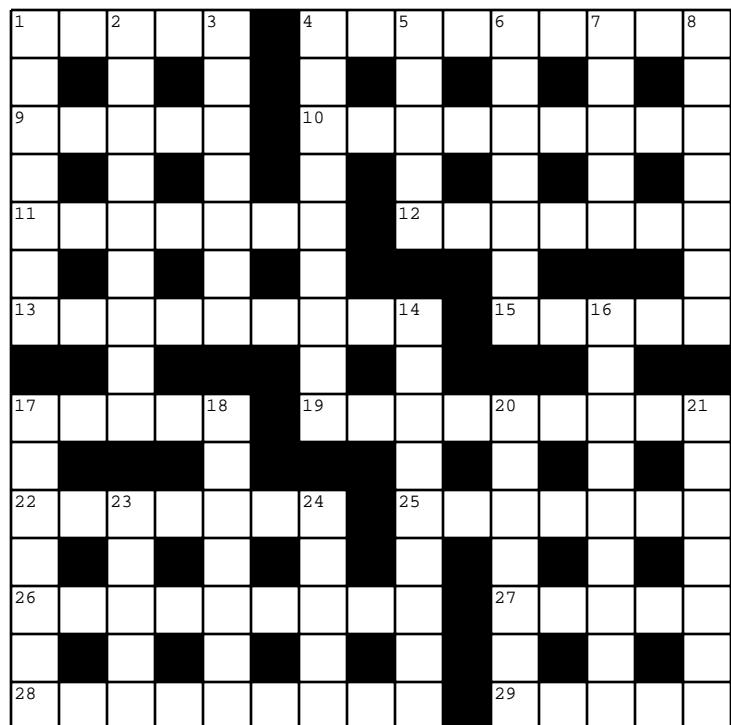
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| 9. HOPES      | 3. SASSIER    |
| 10. VENTURING | 4. REVISES    |
| 11. VICTIMS   | 5. CANDIES    |
| 12. INERTIA   | 6. ABUSERS    |
| 13. SATIRISTS | 7. GUILT      |
| 14. SWAPS     | 8. SIGNALS    |
| 16. SERVO     | 15. ARMADILLO |
| 18. FIREBOMBS | 16. SPEEDUP   |
| 22. EXACTER   | 17. OUTDONE   |
| 24. MATADOR   | 18. FORGAVE   |
| 25. DIPLOMATA | 19. RAMPANT   |
| 26. TALLY     | 20. BATHTUB   |
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| 28. BROAD     | 23. AMPLE     |



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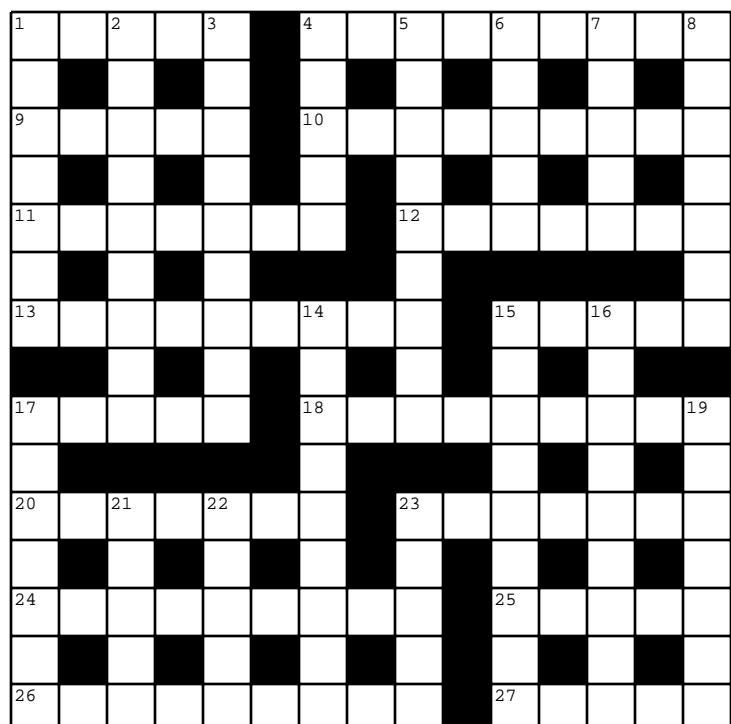
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| 4. ABORTIONS  | 2. KIDNAPPED  |
| 9. PEDAL      | 3. SILLIER    |
| 10. ABORIGINE | 4. AMATERASU  |
| 11. IMAGINE   | 5. OBOES      |
| 12. SAMURAI   | 6. TRIUMPH    |
| 13. AMPERSAND | 7. OSIER      |
| 15. HOBBY     | 8. SPECIFY    |
| 17. SADLY     | 14. DEDICATED |
| 19. UNDIVIDED | 16. BEDRIDDEN |
| 22. DISCARD   | 17. SADISTS   |
| 25. CARDIAC   | 18. YEARNED   |
| 26. SCIENTIST | 20. VIRTUAL   |
| 27. UNDID     | 21. DECADES   |
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| 29. LANDS     | 24. DRILL     |



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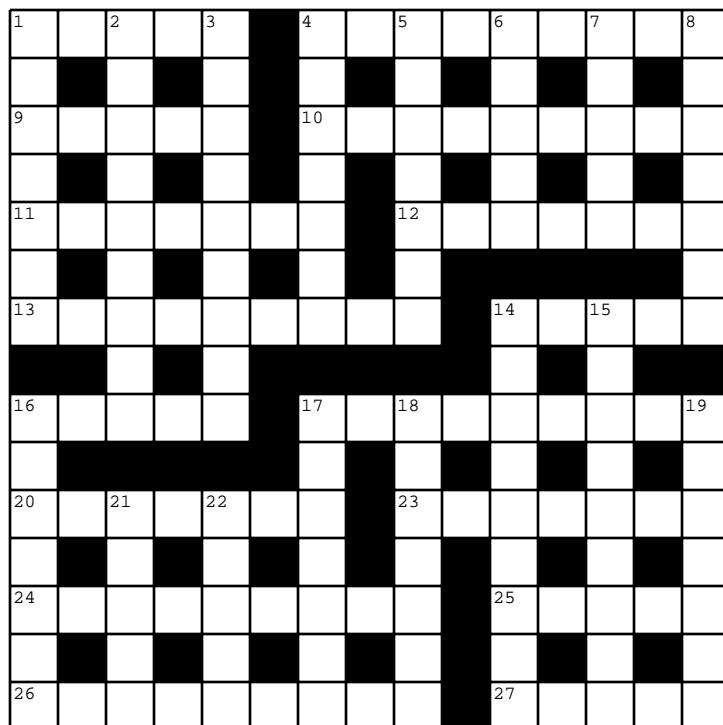
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| 9. GREGG      | 3. DIGNIFIED  |
| 10. ABSORBING | 4. TEACH      |
| 11. ANGUISH   | 5. DESTROYED  |
| 12. RUSTLER   | 6. OGRES      |
| 13. SEEMINGLY | 7. SKILL      |
| 15. HIDES     | 8. YOGURTS    |
| 17. DINED     | 14. GLISSANDI |
| 18. INDONESIA | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 20. MINUTES   | 16. DESPERADO |
| 23. PAYMENT   | 17. DAMAGED   |
| 24. GLISSANDO | 19. ARTISTE   |
| 25. OPALS     | 21. NAILS     |
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| 27. BROKE     | 23. PROOF     |



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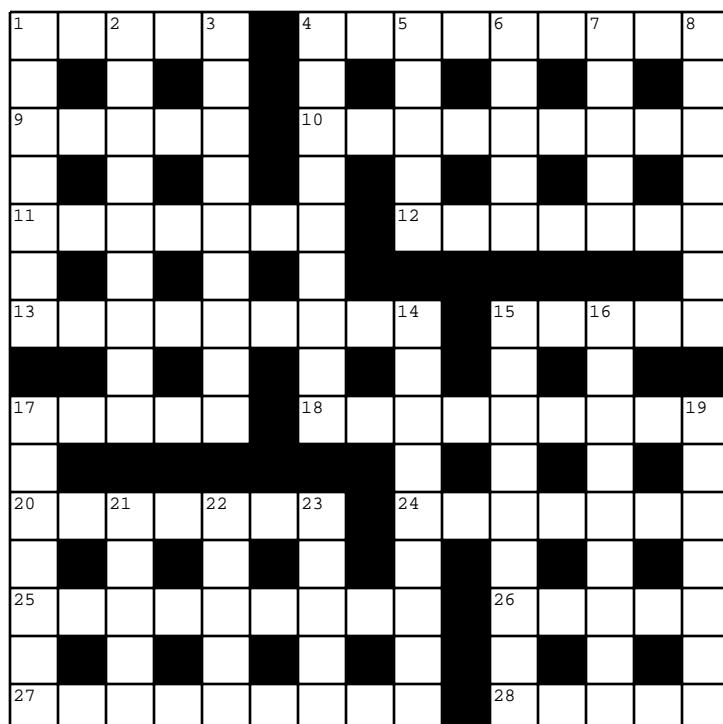
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| 4. TACKINESS  | 2. BETROTHAL  |
| 9. LATIN      | 3. CONTINUES  |
| 10. NOMINATES | 4. TONIGHT    |
| 11. ADORING   | 5. COMMEND    |
| 12. ENDORSE   | 6. INNED      |
| 13. EXHAUSTED | 7. ENTER      |
| 14. SITED     | 8. SUSPEND    |
| 16. PILES     | 14. SKEPTICAL |
| 17. SCARECROW | 15. TERMINALS |
| 20. REFUGIO   | 16. PERTURB   |
| 23. OUTSIDE   | 17. SLOWING   |
| 24. UTILISING | 18. AMONGST   |
| 25. COACH     | 19. WHETHER   |
| 26. BULLFIGHT | 21. FRILL     |
| 27. LASER     | 22. GRIEF     |



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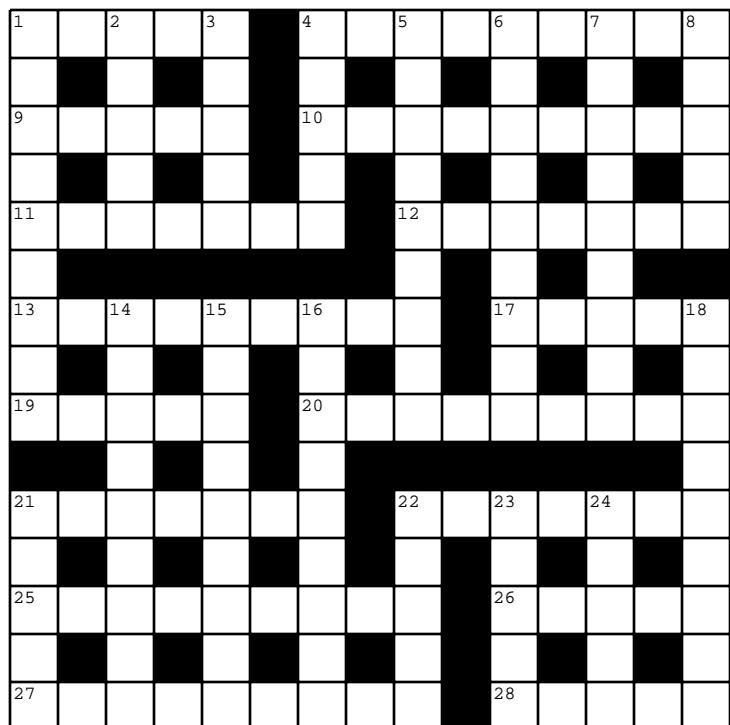
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| 9. URBAN      | 3. LENGTHIER  |
| 10. EXECUTING | 4. CRESCENDI  |
| 11. CRYPTIC   | 5. FREES      |
| 12. SHEBELI   | 6. TRUCE      |
| 13. NUTRIENTS | 7. RAISE      |
| 15. CAPER     | 8. ANGRIER    |
| 17. GAMER     | 14. SUBMARINE |
| 18. IMBROGLIO | 15. CLOAKROOM |
| 20. REFRESH   | 16. PALLIATES |
| 24. ANKLING   | 17. GARMENT   |
| 25. EUCALYPTI | 19. ORGANIC   |
| 26. OFTEN     | 21. FICHE     |
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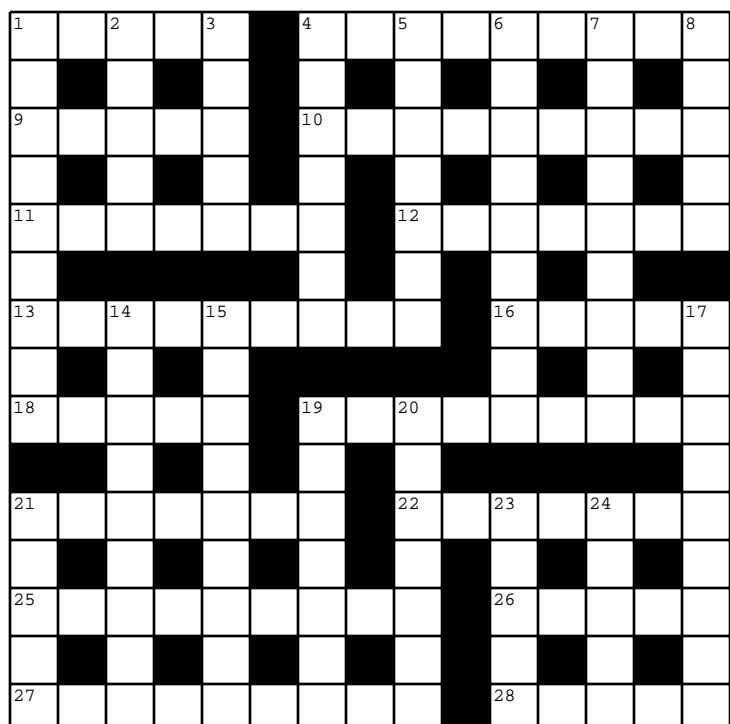
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| 4. SUBSCRIBE  | 2. GIBES      |
| 9. TABOO      | 3. CLONE      |
| 10. ADVERTISE | 4. START      |
| 11. RASHEST   | 5. BEVERAGES  |
| 12. RESTART   | 6. CORKSCREW  |
| 13. LAMENTING | 7. IMITATIVE  |
| 17. RAIDS     | 8. ELECT      |
| 19. DATUM     | 14. MATRIARCH |
| 20. ELSEWHERE | 15. NOMINATED |
| 21. HAIRNET   | 16. IDENTICAL |
| 22. BESTIAL   | 18. SPELLINGS |
| 25. PIRATICAL | 21. HOPES     |
| 26. ACORN     | 22. BALED     |
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| 28. NOYES     | 24. IRONY     |



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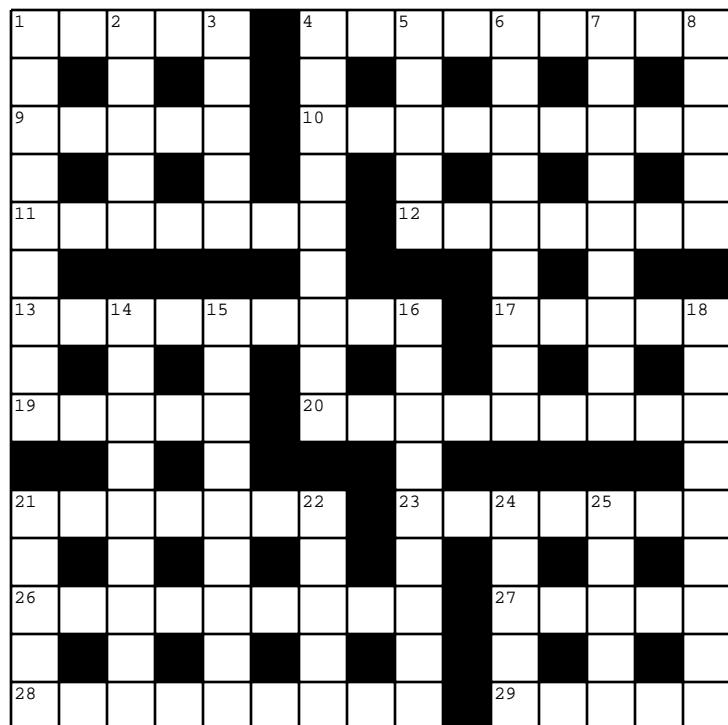
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| 9. HAIKU      | 3. POURS      |
| 10. BLOTCHIER | 4. LIBERTY    |
| 11. OBTUSER   | 5. CROSSED    |
| 12. SCREWED   | 6. UNCERTAIN  |
| 13. BLARNEYED | 7. RAINWATER  |
| 16. ACTOR     | 8. DARED      |
| 18. YEARS     | 14. AMAZEMENT |
| 19. LOHENGRIN | 15. NOSEBLEED |
| 21. SHERBET   | 17. RANSACKED |
| 22. LATISHA   | 19. LATASHA   |
| 25. USELESSLY | 20. HALCYON   |
| 26. BLOCK     | 21. SQUAW     |
| 27. WITHDRAWN | 23. TABBY     |
| 28. YIELD     | 24. SPOKE     |



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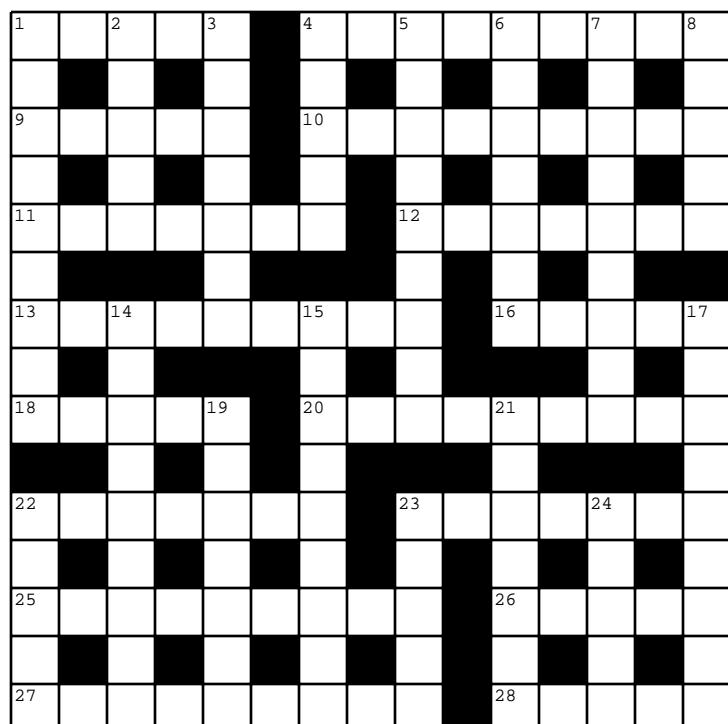
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| 4. COMPRISES  | 2. GONNA      |
| 9. ANNEX      | 3. SEXES      |
| 10. ORIGINATE | 4. CROSSINGS  |
| 11. CLASSES   | 5. MAINS      |
| 12. SLOshed   | 6. RHINOCERI  |
| 13. INCIDENCE | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 17. ENTER     | 8. SPEED      |
| 19. GROUP     | 14. CHOPPERED |
| 20. SACRIFICE | 15. DEPENDENT |
| 21. IMPENDS   | 16. EXCHANGES |
| 23. ANCIENT   | 18. REENTRIES |
| 26. DARKENING | 21. INDIA     |
| 27. CACTI     | 22. SEIKO     |
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| 29. OGLES     | 25. EXCEL     |



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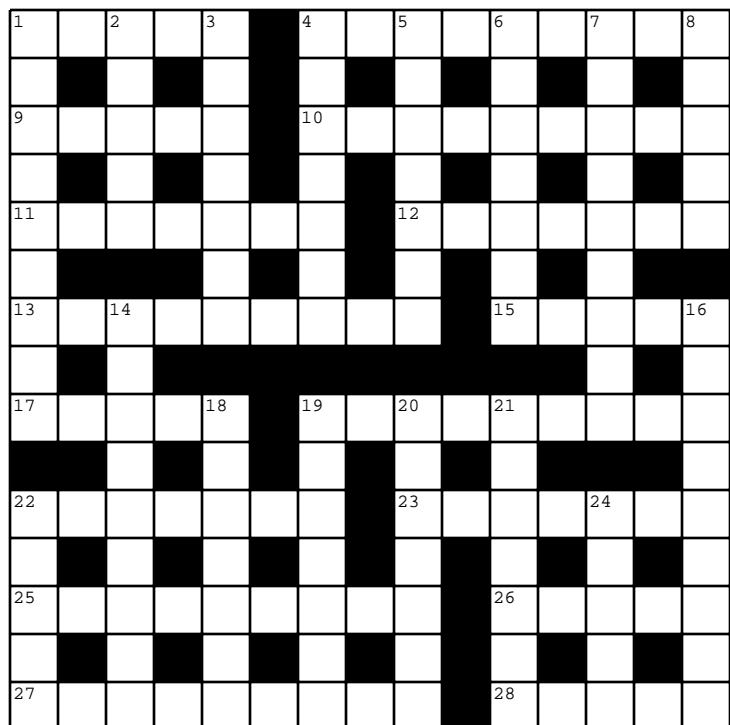
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| 9. COBRA      | 3. SCARcer    |
| 10. CONTAINER | 4. PACED      |
| 11. NOTICED   | 5. LENGTHIER  |
| 12. TRUSTED   | 6. TEACUPS    |
| 13. MAHARISHI | 7. CONSTRUCT  |
| 16. SAUNA     | 8. LURED      |
| 18. STRIP     | 14. HERBALIST |
| 20. CORRECTED | 15. SECRETARY |
| 22. CHARADE   | 17. ADDRESSEE |
| 23. DOGGONE   | 19. PHALLIC   |
| 25. BRILLIANT | 21. ENGLISH   |
| 26. ITEMS     | 22. CUBIC     |
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| 28. HENCE     | 24. OCEAN     |



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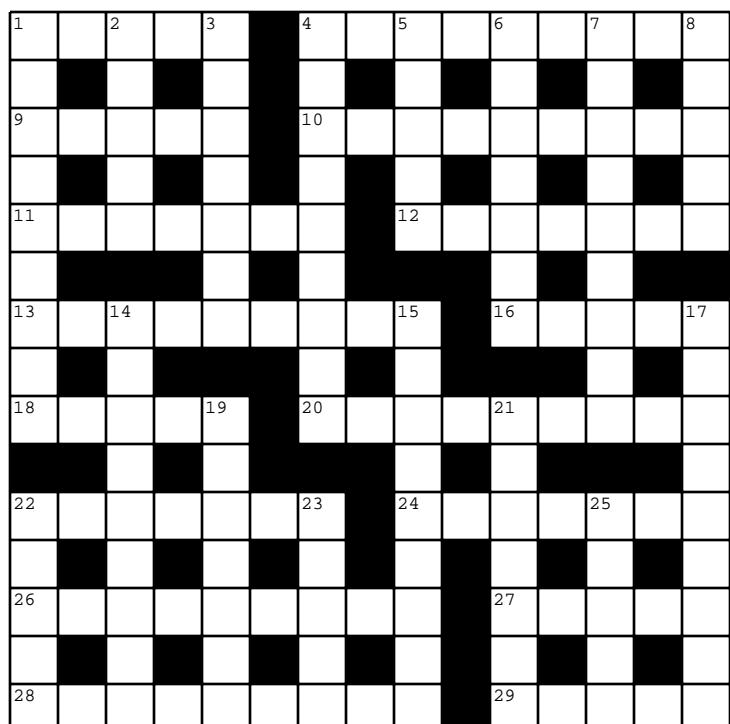
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| 1. CLING      | 1. CORKSCREW  |
| 4. OVERHEADS  | 2. IDLED      |
| 9. ROLLS      | 3. GUSTIER    |
| 10. TRIVIALLY | 4. OCTAGON    |
| 11. SIDLING   | 5. EPISODE    |
| 12. OTTERED   | 6. HOISTED    |
| 13. REARRANGE | 7. ALLERGIES  |
| 15. DOING     | 8. SKYED      |
| 17. WHOOP     | 14. ABOLITION |
| 19. ATHABASCA | 16. GUARDIANS |
| 22. SHIKOKU   | 18. PROPOSE   |
| 23. LEARNED   | 19. ACUTEST   |
| 25. RHINOCERI | 20. HALTING   |
| 26. DOGMA     | 21. BLADDER   |
| 27. BUNDESTAG | 22. SHRUB     |
| 28. RAVES     | 24. NEGEV     |



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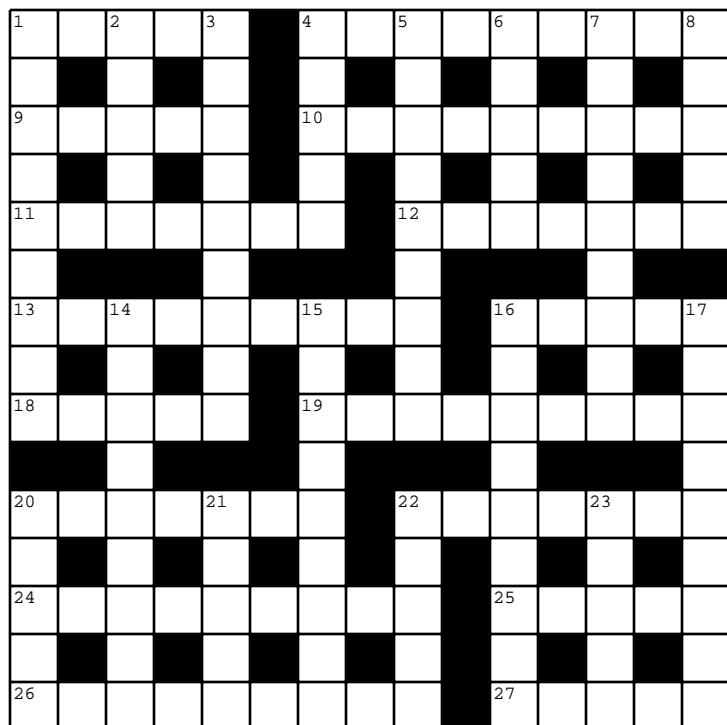
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| 9. NASAL      | 3. SYLLABI    |
| 10. OPERATICS | 4. BOOKSHELF  |
| 11. REREADS   | 5. OPERA      |
| 12. AFFRONT   | 6. TRAFFIC    |
| 13. HAPPINESS | 7. RHINOCERI  |
| 16. CLEAR     | 8. HASNT      |
| 18. CREPE     | 14. PSEUDONYM |
| 20. FOUNDLING | 15. SCULPTORS |
| 22. MADDEST   | 17. REGULARLY |
| 24. PARTIAL   | 19. EYEBROW   |
| 26. CONTRALTO | 21. DIRECTS   |
| 27. CIDER     | 22. MUCKS     |
| 28. SOMEWHTS  | 23. TULSA     |
| 29. SIXTY     | 25. INDEX     |



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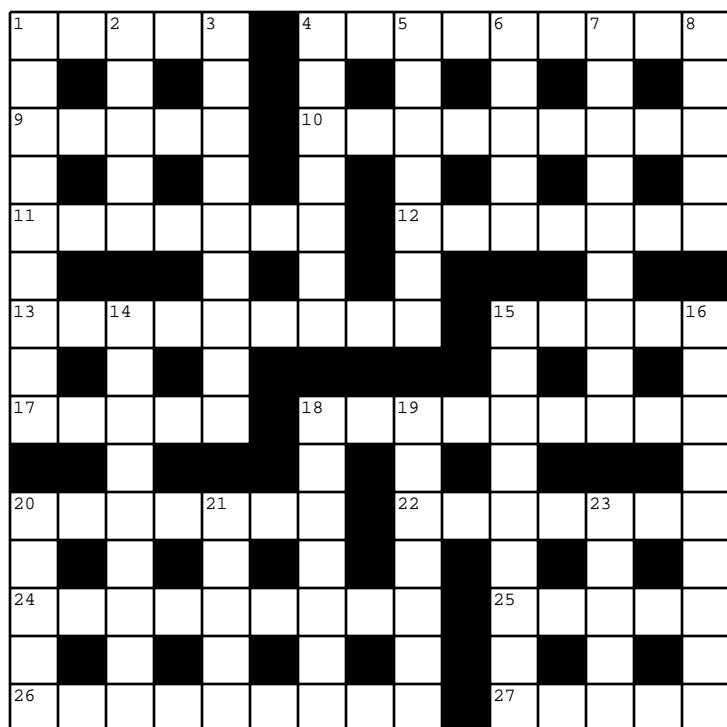
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| 1. CUBIC      | 1. COUNTABLE  |
| 4. COHERENCE  | 2. BUBER      |
| 9. URBAN      | 3. CONFERRER  |
| 10. COMPANIES | 4. CACAO      |
| 11. TORPEDO   | 5. HIMALAYAS  |
| 12. LATCHED   | 6. REACT      |
| 13. BIOGRAPHY | 7. NEIGHBOUR  |
| 16. BLOOM     | 8. EASED      |
| 18. ENTER     | 14. OUTLINING |
| 19. BISHOPRIC | 15. PUBLISHER |
| 20. ORIGAMI   | 16. BOOKSHELF |
| 22. DASHIKI   | 17. MACHINERY |
| 24. TRIUMPHED | 20. OCTAL     |
| 25. ERASE     | 21. ADMIT     |
| 26. LIGATURES | 22. DUDES     |
| 27. FUSSY     | 23. IMAMS     |



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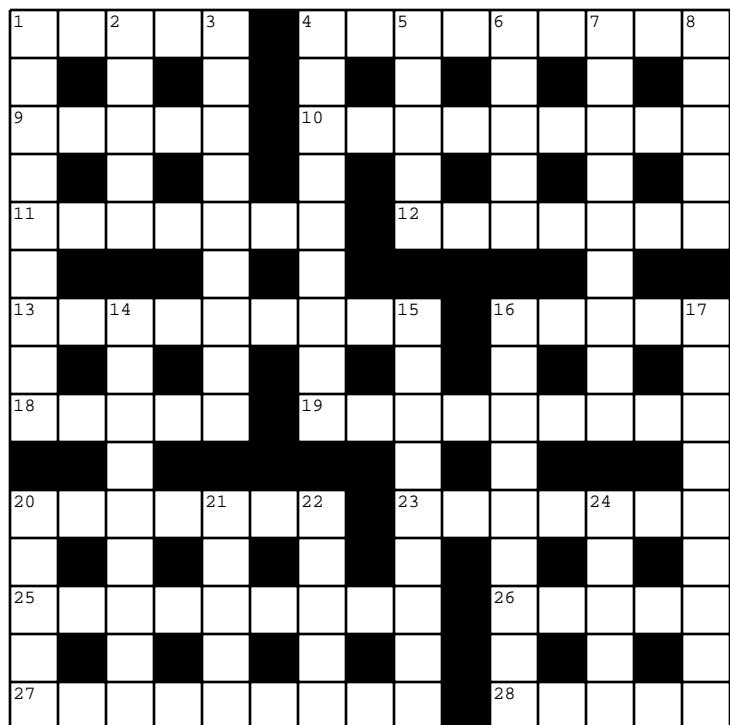
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| 4. BLASPHEME  | 2. IDIOM      |
| 9. UNITE      | 3. PRESIDENT  |
| 10. ADDITIVES | 4. BRACKET    |
| 11. GIMMICK   | 5. ABDOMEN    |
| 12. MORALLY   | 6. PETER      |
| 13. OVEREATEN | 7. ENVELOPES  |
| 15. ALPHA     | 8. ESSAY      |
| 17. SPENT     | 14. ELECTRIFY |
| 18. ANALGESIC | 15. AUGUSTEST |
| 20. BUTCHER   | 16. ARCHETYPE |
| 22. RESIDUE   | 18. AIRPORT   |
| 24. BLINDFOLD | 19. ACRIDER   |
| 25. EVERY     | 20. BEBOP     |
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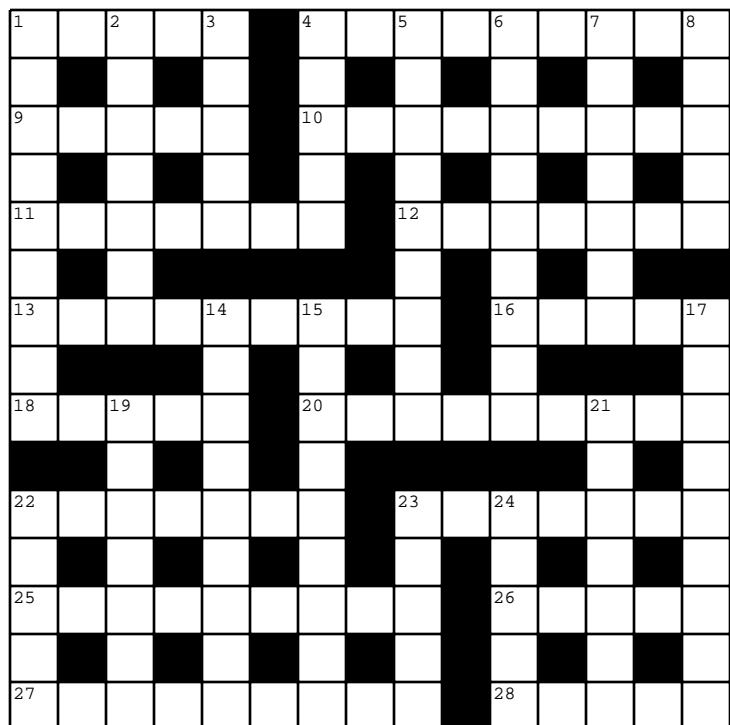
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| 4. MALFORMED  | 2. SCUBA      |
| 9. LAURA      | 3. CLATTERED  |
| 10. LEVIATHAN | 4. MOLECULAR  |
| 11. FRANTIC   | 5. LIVED      |
| 12. DESIRES   | 6. OKAYS      |
| 13. OVERRULED | 7. MAHARAJAS  |
| 16. MUJIB     | 8. DUNES      |
| 18. SALAD     | 14. ENLISTING |
| 19. RASMUSSEN | 15. DESIGNATE |
| 20. POSTMAN   | 16. MAUSOLEUM |
| 23. GROWNUP   | 17. BONAPARTE |
| 25. PRISCILLA | 20. POPPA     |
| 26. EAGER     | 21. MECCA     |
| 27. AGGRAVATE | 22. NELDA     |
| 28. MOVIE     | 24. NEGEV     |



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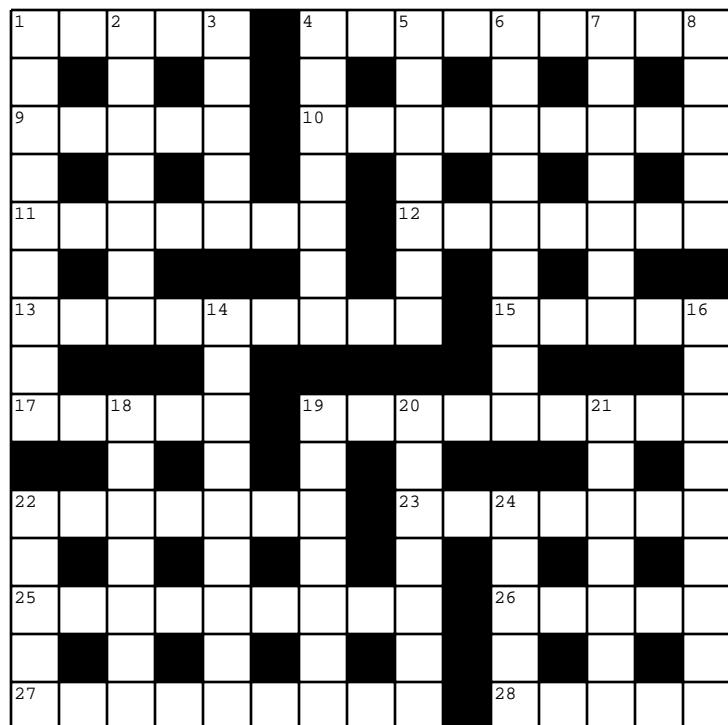
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| 9. MANIA      | 3. AWAYS      |
| 10. LABELLING | 4. RULES      |
| 11. NEMESES   | 5. DEBUTANTE  |
| 12. TESTIFY   | 6. FOLKSIEST  |
| 13. INDUCTION | 7. NOISIER    |
| 16. EARLY     | 8. DOGGY      |
| 18. SEMEN     | 14. CANONICAL |
| 20. CREATURES | 15. INCREMENT |
| 22. ROSANNE   | 17. YESTERDAY |
| 23. MACABRE   | 19. MUSTANG   |
| 25. STANCHEST | 21. REBUKES   |
| 26. ASKED     | 22. RISER     |
| 27. RIGOLETTO | 23. METRO     |
| 28. GUSTY     | 24. CLANG     |



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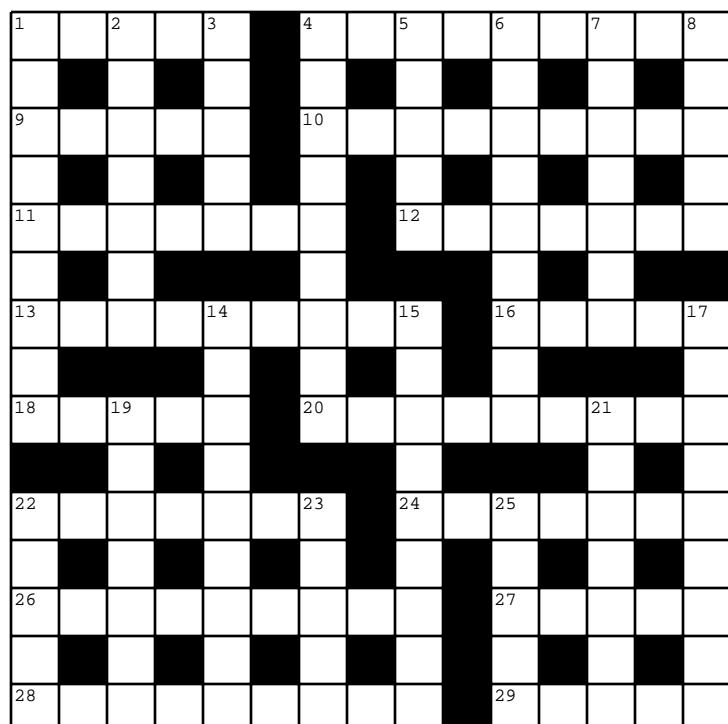
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BLUEBERRY  |
| 4. PRINCIPLE  | 2. SHELLED    |
| 9. UTERI      | 3. CLIMB      |
| 10. ANGLEWORM | 4. PLATYPI    |
| 11. BELLBOY   | 5. INGRAIN    |
| 12. ANTHEMS   | 6. CREATURES  |
| 13. REDUCTION | 7. PROVERB    |
| 15. RABID     | 8. EMMYS      |
| 17. YOUTH     | 14. COHERENCE |
| 19. ENMESHING | 16. DIGESTIVE |
| 22. WHIRRED   | 18. UNIFIED   |
| 23. SCRUFFS   | 19. ENDLESS   |
| 25. CLIENTELE | 20. MISREAD   |
| 26. TORSI     | 21. INFORMS   |
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| 28. ROSIE     | 24. ROTOR     |



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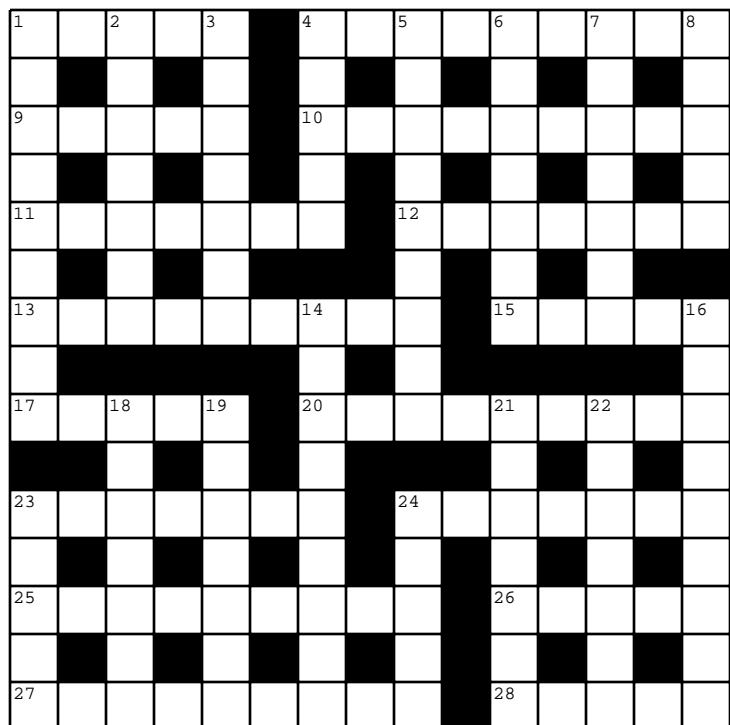
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| 4. DISPOSING  | 2. BOBBING    |
| 9. CUBIC      | 3. RACES      |
| 10. WHOLESALE | 4. DOWNSIZES  |
| 11. THIRSTS   | 5. STOIC      |
| 12. CHILEAN   | 6. OBEDIENCE  |
| 13. ORGANIZED | 7. INANEST    |
| 16. NOTED     | 8. GREEN      |
| 18. SUING     | 14. NIGHTMARE |
| 20. SUSPENDED | 15. DISSUADES |
| 22. DEVOTED   | 17. DODDERING |
| 24. UPGRADE   | 19. INVITED   |
| 26. ATTRACTED | 21. DRABBER   |
| 27. RABBI     | 22. DRAMA     |
| 28. ADDRESSES | 23. DATES     |
| 29. SHRUG     | 25. GIRLS     |



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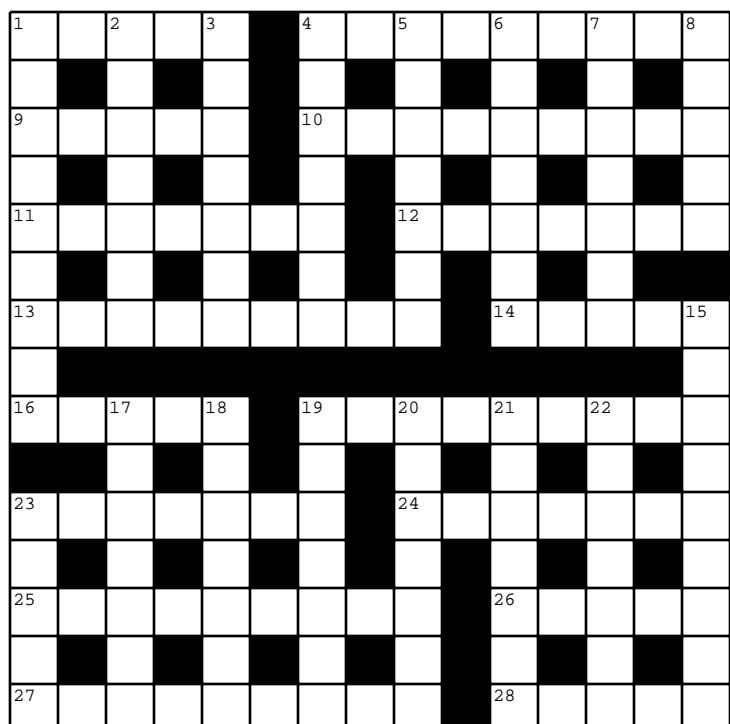
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| 4. MIDSUMMER  | 2. GLITTER    |
| 9. HAIKU      | 3. TSUNAMI    |
| 10. CONFIRMED | 4. MUCKS      |
| 11. RITUALS   | 5. DENIGRATE  |
| 12. GRINNED   | 6. UNITING    |
| 13. CURRICULA | 7. MEMENTO    |
| 15. GROAN     | 8. REDID      |
| 17. LOFTY     | 14. UNCOVERED |
| 20. CREAKIEST | 16. NATURALLY |
| 23. KHARKOV   | 18. FLATTEN   |
| 24. ACCUSER   | 19. YAKKING   |
| 25. MATRIARCH | 21. KICKOFF   |
| 26. ONEIL     | 22. EASIEST   |
| 27. RENEGADED | 23. KHMER     |
| 28. FATTY     | 24. ASHED     |



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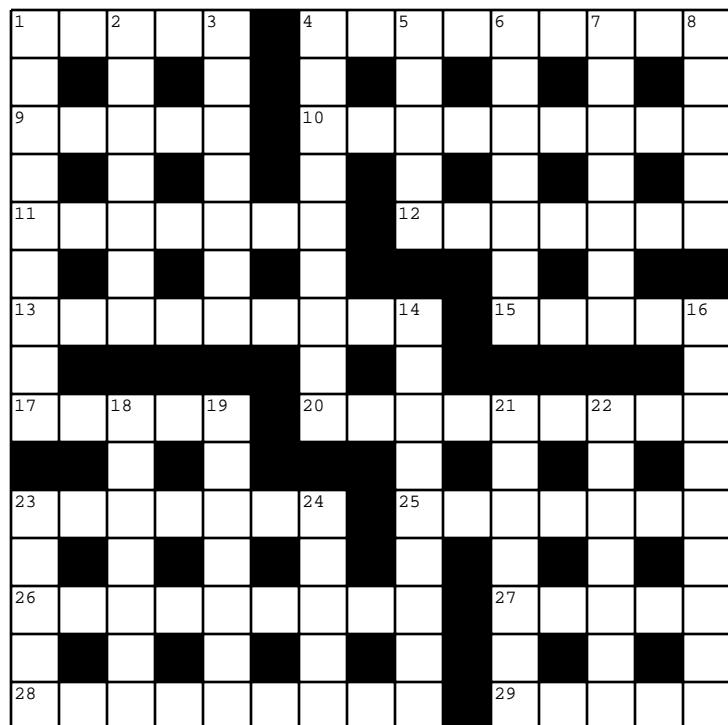
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| 4. IMPRISONS  | 2. COARSER    |
| 9. ALANA      | 3. SPATULA    |
| 10. HABITUALS | 4. INHIBIT    |
| 11. DISTURB   | 5. PEBBLED    |
| 12. LORRIES   | 6. INTERIM    |
| 13. FORMATTED | 7. ORATION    |
| 14. MINES     | 8. SISES      |
| 16. STARS     | 15. SEDATIVES |
| 19. DACHSHUND | 17. AMBIENT   |
| 23. EMBARKS   | 18. SARCASM   |
| 24. AWAREST   | 19. DISTORT   |
| 25. ELEVATORS | 20. CLASSIC   |
| 26. KIROV     | 21. SHACKLE   |
| 27. AUTOMATIC | 22. UNEARTH   |
| 28. ECHOS     | 23. EDEMA     |



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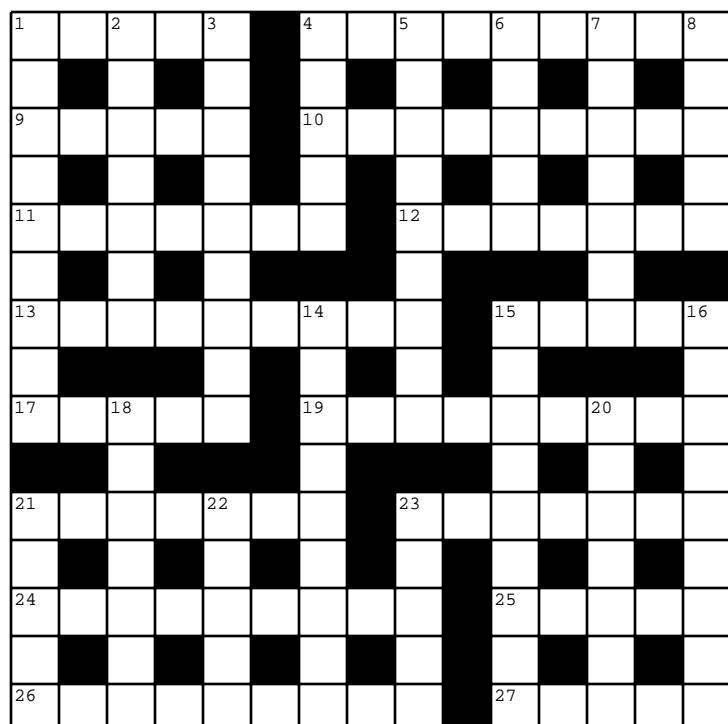
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| 1. RIGID      | 1. RELUCTANT  |
| 4. PREACHING  | 2. GROSSES    |
| 9. LOOPS      | 3. DISPOSE    |
| 10. CAPARISON | 4. PACIFISTS  |
| 11. CASTOFF   | 5. EXPOS      |
| 12. STINGER   | 6. CARDIAC    |
| 13. ABSCESSED | 7. INSIGHT    |
| 15. CITED     | 8. GONER      |
| 17. TRUNK     | 14. DYSPEPSIA |
| 20. SUSTAINED | 16. DEDICATED |
| 23. ALLUDES   | 18. UNLUCKY   |
| 25. ELASTIC   | 19. KIDNAPS   |
| 26. EXCHANGES | 21. ADAPTED   |
| 27. TACIT     | 22. NOTICED   |
| 28. ABYSSINIA | 23. ARENA     |
| 29. DUDED     | 24. SAGAN     |



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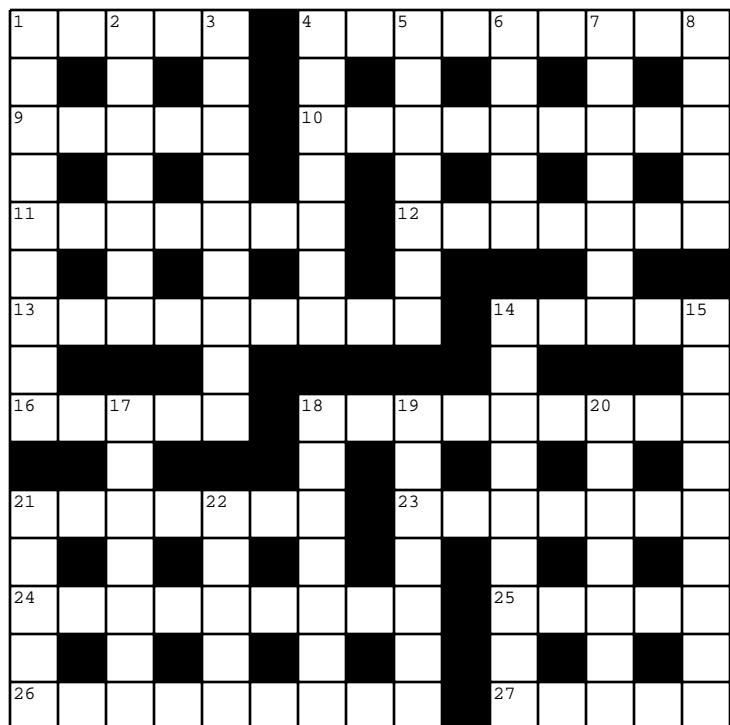
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| 4. WOBBliest  | 2. IRONIES    |
| 9. TROOP      | 3. AMPLITUDE  |
| 10. ORDAINING | 4. WRONG      |
| 11. RAISING   | 5. BEDRIDDEN  |
| 12. ITALICS   | 6. LEILA      |
| 13. RESOURCED | 7. EDITION    |
| 15. MINES     | 8. TOGAS      |
| 17. THREE     | 14. COMMERCES |
| 19. MANNEQUIN | 15. MAELSTROM |
| 21. EXCLUDE   | 16. SYNTACTIC |
| 23. YESHIVA   | 18. RACHAEL   |
| 24. HEARTACHE | 20. UNIFORM   |
| 25. ROOST     | 21. ETHIC     |
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| 27. MIMIC     | 23. YIELD     |



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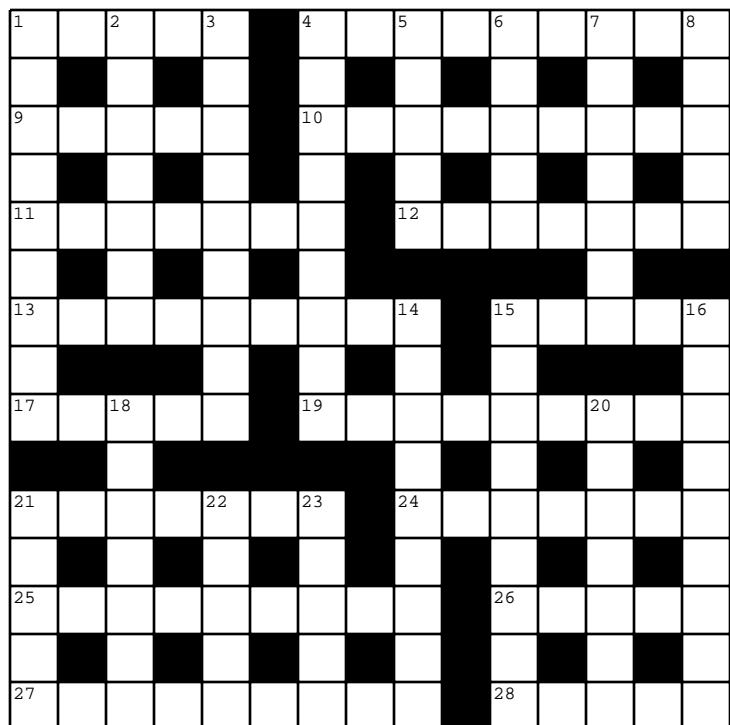
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| 4. BEGRUDGED  | 2. OBSCENE    |
| 9. TASKS      | 3. DESIGNATE  |
| 10. LIFEBOATS | 4. BELUSHI    |
| 11. PLEDGES   | 5. GIFTING    |
| 12. IGNITES   | 6. URBAN      |
| 13. SEESAWING | 7. GRAFTER    |
| 14. TORSI     | 8. DISCS      |
| 16. ISSUE     | 14. TROUSSEAU |
| 18. IMPROMPTU | 15. INUKTITUT |
| 21. HOARDED   | 17. SCARLET   |
| 23. DISTORT   | 18. INDUCES   |
| 24. POLITICAL | 19. PADDLED   |
| 25. EVENT     | 20. PROCESS   |
| 26. OPTIMISED | 21. HIPPO     |
| 27. UPSET     | 22. DATUM     |



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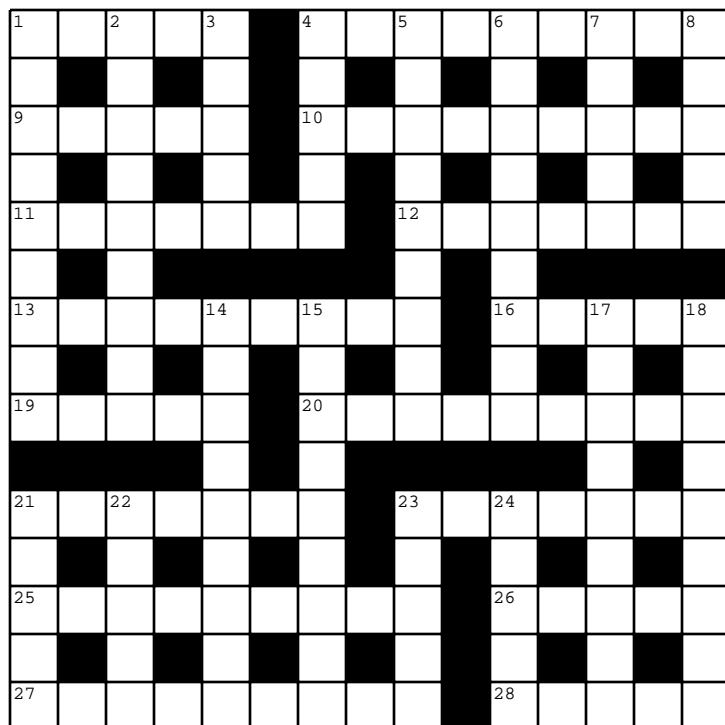
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| 1. EMBED      | 1. EMERGENCE  |
| 4. RECKONING  | 2. BULLDOG    |
| 9. ECLAT      | 3. DETONATED  |
| 10. DAREDEVIL | 4. REDEVELOP  |
| 11. GODUNOV   | 5. CURSE      |
| 12. ETRURIA   | 6. OLDER      |
| 13. NIGHTCLUB | 7. INVERTS    |
| 15. ISSAC     | 8. GILDA      |
| 17. ENDED     | 14. BULLDOZES |
| 19. POLICEMAN | 15. INCOGNITO |
| 21. ARMBAND   | 16. CINCTURES |
| 24. DOGTROT   | 18. DAMAGES   |
| 25. MEGAHERTZ | 20. MARATHI   |
| 26. INTER     | 21. ARMOR     |
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| 28. OMITS     | 23. DAREN     |



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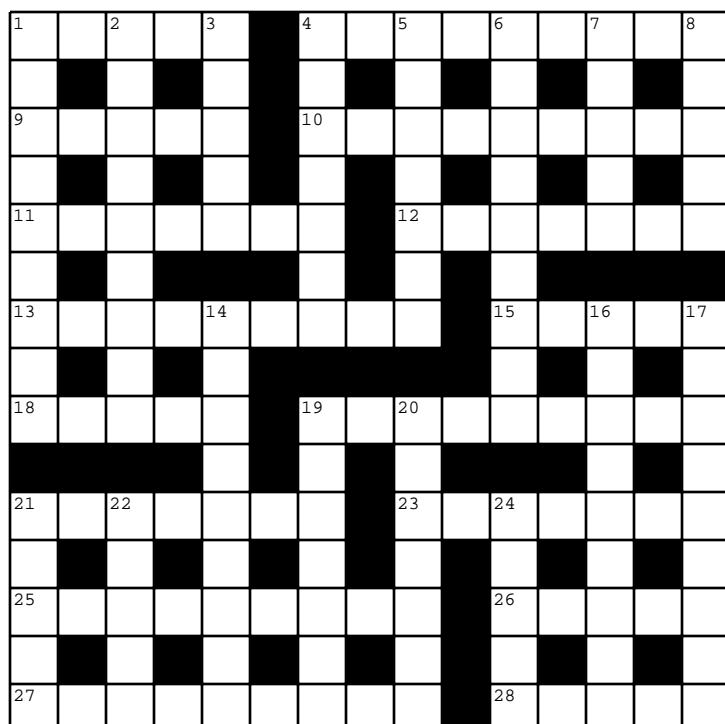
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| 4. RECHERCHE  | 2. IMPROMPTU  |
| 9. IMPLY      | 3. STYLE      |
| 10. DEMOCRATS | 4. RIDES      |
| 11. HOOKERS   | 5. COMPRISES  |
| 12. RELEASE   | 6. EUCALYPTI  |
| 13. OPPRESSES | 7. CLARA      |
| 16. PULLS     | 8. ENSUE      |
| 19. ROUGH     | 14. EXHAUSTED |
| 20. NASTINESS | 15. SANITARIA |
| 21. BRIQUET   | 17. LIEBERMAN |
| 23. ATHLETE   | 18. SUSPECTED |
| 25. UNALTERED | 21. BLURB     |
| 26. ADMIT     | 22. IDAHO     |
| 27. BROADCAST | 23. AUDIT     |
| 28. HONED     | 24. HEATH     |



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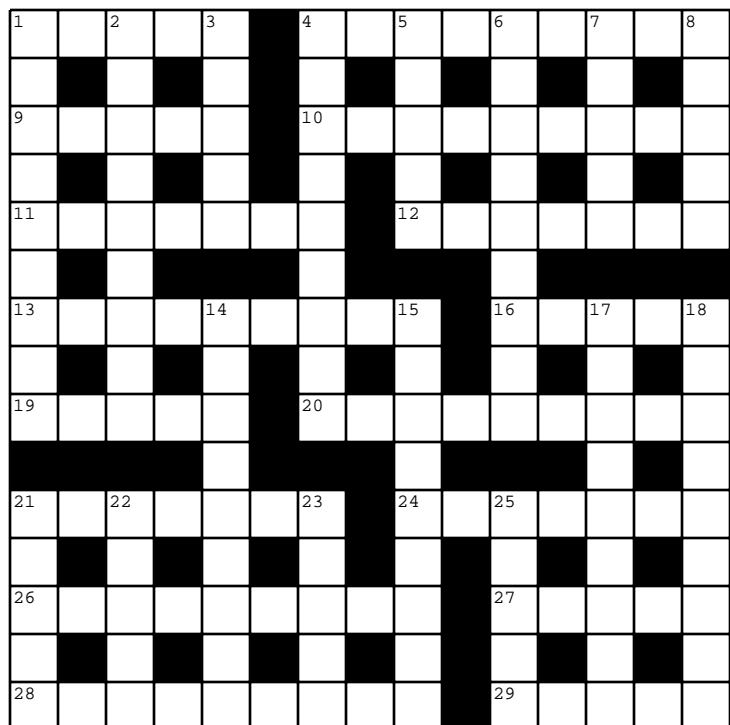
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| 4. ZIPPERING  | 2. PENINSULA  |
| 9. NINES      | 3. SUSHI      |
| 10. ILLUSIONS | 4. ZWINGLI    |
| 11. YANKING   | 5. PALLING    |
| 12. INGESTS   | 6. EASYGOING  |
| 13. OVULATING | 7. ICONS      |
| 15. INTER     | 8. GASES      |
| 18. BEAST     | 14. AUTOMATES |
| 19. EVERGREEN | 16. TREATMENT |
| 21. FATIMID   | 17. RANSACKED |
| 23. TABATHA   | 19. ENDEMIC   |
| 25. CRAFTSMEN | 20. EXTENTS   |
| 26. SPEAK     | 21. FACET     |
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| 28. HATED     | 24. BUSCH     |



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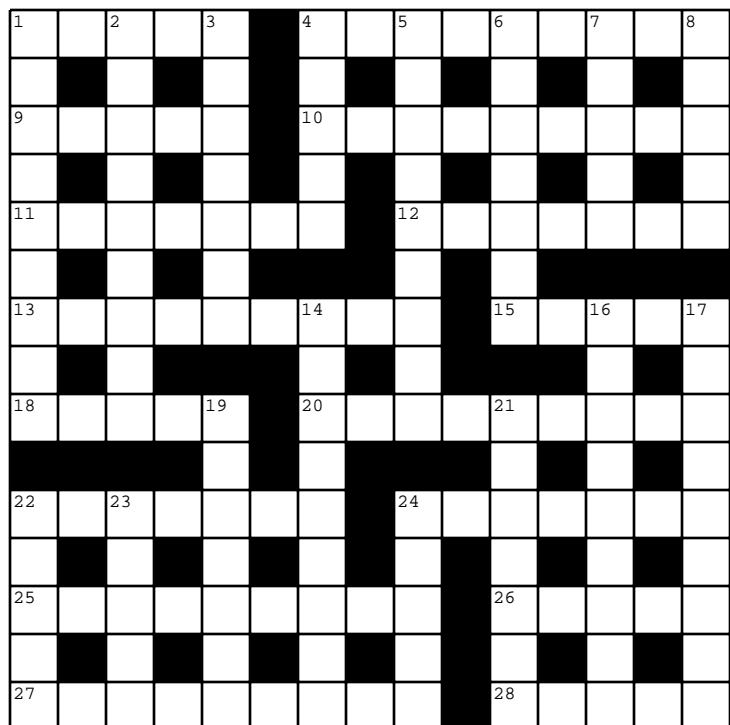
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| 1. PEPIN      | 1. PRAGMATIC  |
| 4. ASSOCIATE  | 2. PLUTOCRAT  |
| 9. ACUTE      | 3. NOEMI      |
| 10. BLUDGEONS | 4. AMBIGUITY  |
| 11. MOONING   | 5. SAUCE      |
| 12. ENRAGES   | 6. CIGARILLO  |
| 13. TERRACING | 7. AMONG      |
| 16. LABOR     | 8. EASES      |
| 19. CATCH     | 14. ADHESIVES |
| 20. YELLOWEST | 15. GOLDENEST |
| 21. SINUSES   | 17. BREATHING |
| 24. ENTITLE   | 18. RETREATED |
| 26. RELEVANCE | 21. SHRUG     |
| 27. IDIOT     | 22. NELDA     |
| 28. GLASSIEST | 23. SINCE     |
| 29. URGED     | 25. THIEU     |



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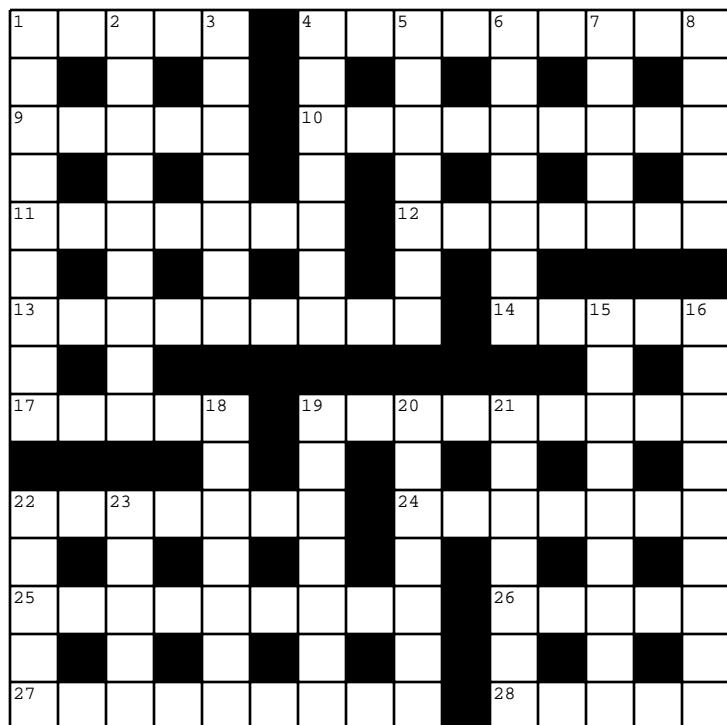
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| 1. FLIED      | 1. FANTASTIC  |
| 4. HYDRAULIC  | 2. IMPROMPTU  |
| 9. NAPES      | 3. DISTAFF    |
| 10. NEWSPRINT | 4. HANDS      |
| 11. ANORAKS   | 5. DOWNRIGHT  |
| 12. RACISTS   | 6. ASPECTS    |
| 13. TYPIFYING | 7. LOINS      |
| 15. SUCRE     | 8. CUTES      |
| 18. CRUEL     | 14. INVENTING |
| 20. VITRIOLIC | 16. CALCULATE |
| 22. DUSTBIN   | 17. ESCALATES |
| 24. UNEQUAL   | 19. LIBERAL   |
| 25. PORTRAITS | 21. INEXACT   |
| 26. APART     | 22. DEPTH     |
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| 28. TEEMS     | 24. UPSET     |



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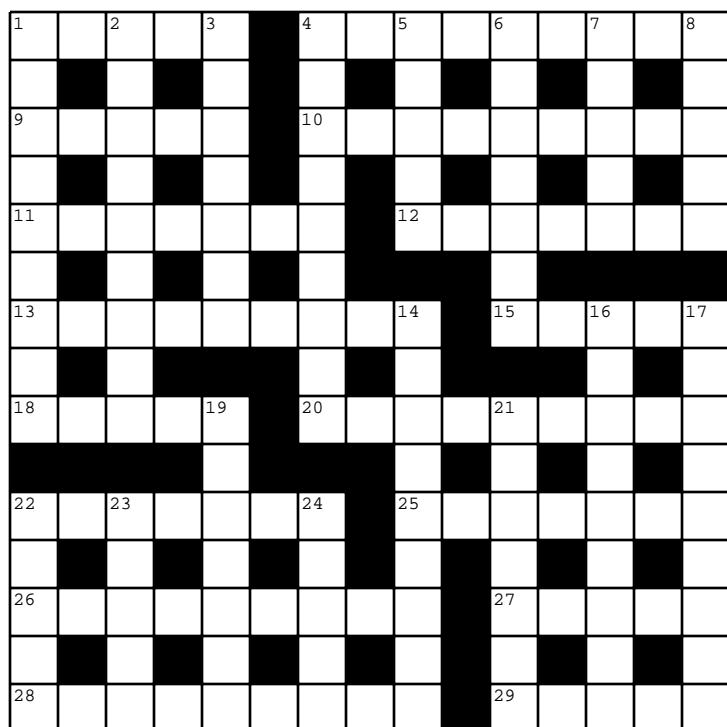
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| 4. SILVERING  | 2. MAHARISHI  |
| 9. SAHIB      | 3. SUBMITS    |
| 10. MAGNESIUM | 4. SAMURAI    |
| 11. EARLIER   | 5. LOGGING    |
| 12. IVANHOE   | 6. ELEGANT    |
| 13. INSISTING | 7. IRISH      |
| 14. TOPIC     | 8. GIMME      |
| 17. FAIRY     | 15. PREDICATE |
| 19. COMPETENT | 16. CUTEST    |
| 22. CAULKED   | 18. YAKKING   |
| 24. SEQUINS   | 19. CEDILLA   |
| 25. INITIALLY | 20. MISTYPE   |
| 26. IRATE     | 21. ENQUIRE   |
| 27. DENIGRATE | 22. CHILD     |
| 28. ELECT     | 23. UNION     |



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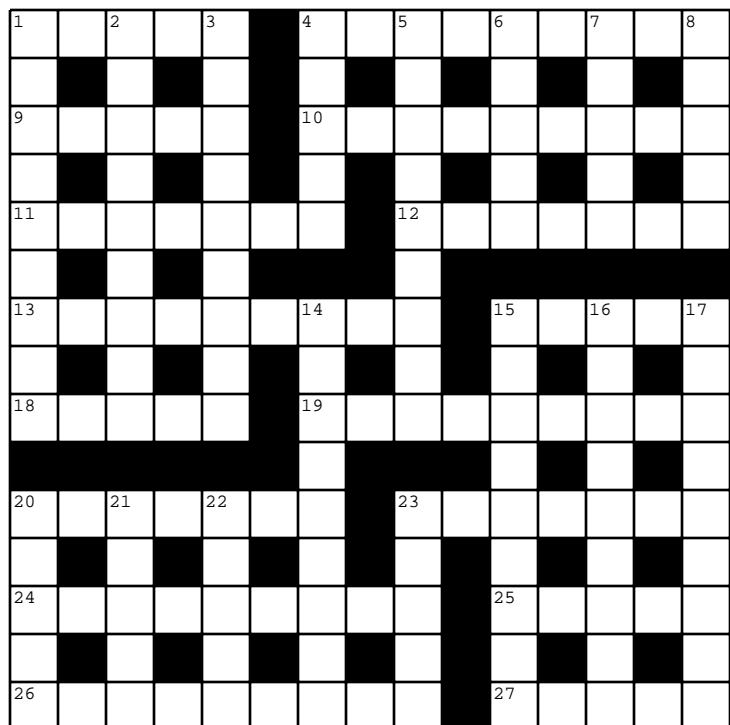
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| 9. NULLS      | 3. ESSENCE    |
| 10. ACTUALITY | 4. CEAUSES CU |
| 11. ISLANDS   | 5. ALTER      |
| 12. RAPIDLY   | 6. SHAMPOO    |
| 13. UNIVERSAL | 7. NAIAD      |
| 15. OFFER     | 8. DRYLY      |
| 18. STACK     | 14. LEDERBERG |
| 20. UNDERCUTS | 16. FOUNDERED |
| 22. EMERGES   | 17. RESIDENCE |
| 25. RECEDED   | 19. KEGGING   |
| 26. BARRICADE | 21. RECITAL   |
| 27. TURIN     | 22. EMBED     |
| 28. DESIGNING | 23. EARNS     |
| 29. LEDGE     | 24. SWAMI     |



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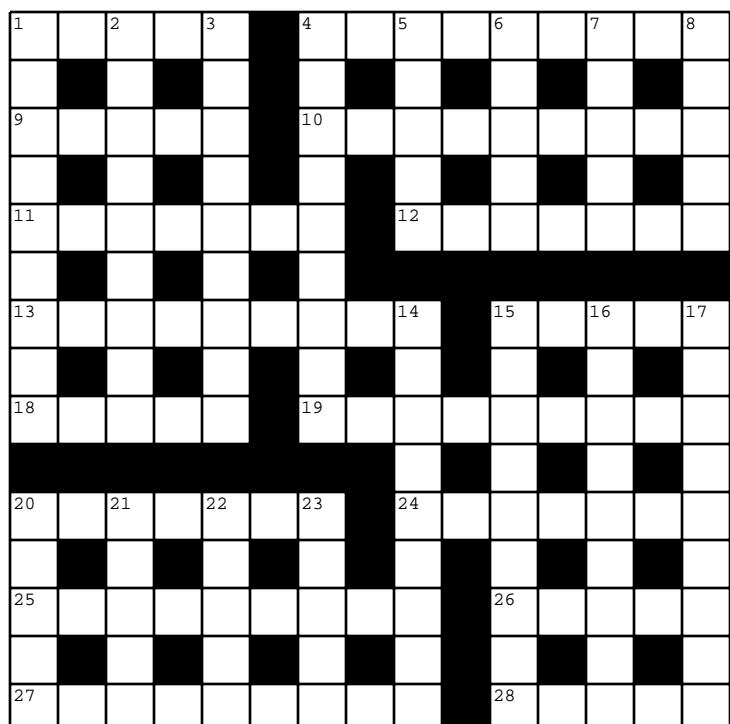
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| 1. MABLE      | 1. MAHARISHI  |
| 4. BEDSPREAD  | 2. BILLBOARD  |
| 9. HALVE      | 3. EXECUTRIX  |
| 10. EXTENSIVE | 4. BREED      |
| 11. REBOUND   | 5. DETERGENT  |
| 12. REACTED   | 6. PANDA      |
| 13. STAIRCASE | 7. EXIST      |
| 15. SUDRA     | 8. DREAD      |
| 18. INDEX     | 14. AVAILABLE |
| 19. AUTOMATED | 15. SOMETIMES |
| 20. RELABEL   | 16. DETONATOR |
| 23. SATANIC   | 17. ABDUCTING |
| 24. AVOIDABLE | 20. REACT     |
| 25. MITZI     | 21. LEOLA     |
| 26. TRANSFERS | 22. BODES     |
| 27. SHRUG     | 23. STEMS     |



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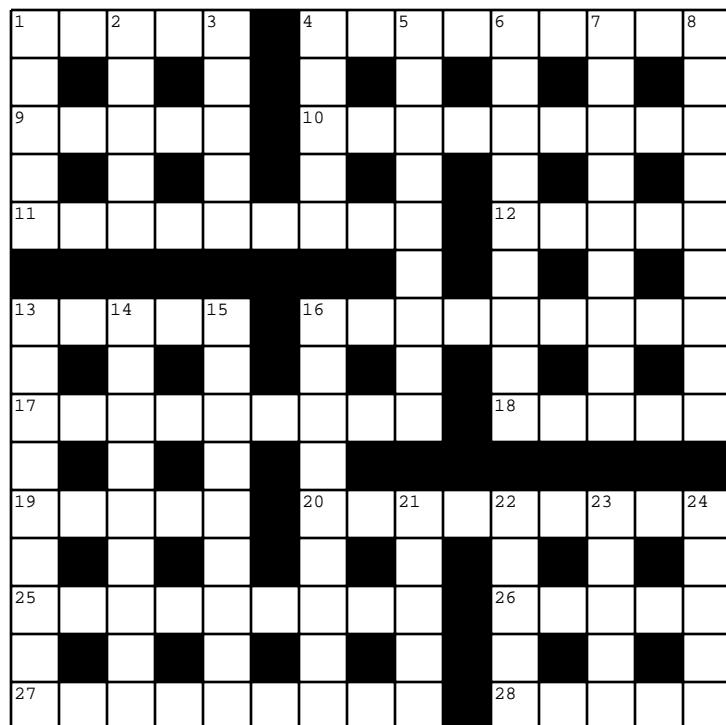
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| 4. ACCLAIMED  | 2. EDDINGTON  |
| 9. FIDEL      | 3. MILLIONTH  |
| 10. ANTIPASTO | 4. ANALYZING  |
| 11. ANNUITY   | 5. CITED      |
| 12. DRAGOON   | 6. ALPHA      |
| 13. INTENDING | 7. MISDO      |
| 15. AHOYS     | 8. DROWN      |
| 18. MONTH     | 14. GLANDULAR |
| 19. GLASSIEST | 15. ASSISTANT |
| 20. BATHTUB   | 16. OVERREACT |
| 24. DESERTS   | 17. SATISFIES |
| 25. BOUNTIFUL | 20. BEBOP     |
| 26. ABACI     | 21. THUGS     |
| 27. POSSESSOR | 22. TITLE     |
| 28. TOTES     | 23. BUFFS     |



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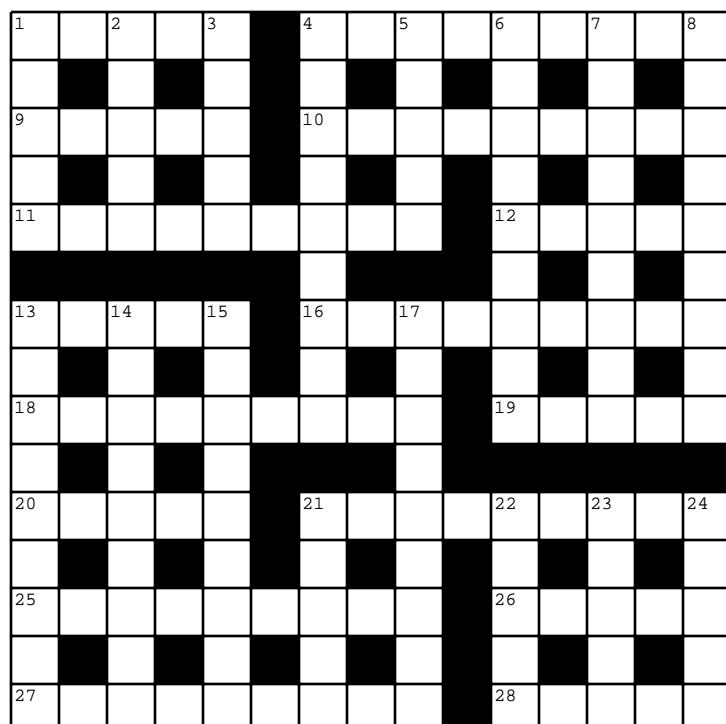
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| 1. CUMIN      | 1. CELLI      |
| 4. VALIDATES  | 2. MAGIC      |
| 9. LOGIC      | 3. NICHE      |
| 10. REGISTRAR | 4. VERGE      |
| 11. INCREMENT | 5. LIGATURED  |
| 12. VOTER     | 6. DISAVOWED  |
| 13. DOGMA     | 7. THROTTLED  |
| 16. FAREWELLS | 8. SURPRISED  |
| 17. SAUNTERED | 13. DISTANCES |
| 18. DUDED     | 14. GRUESOMER |
| 19. ALSOP     | 15. AUTOPILOT |
| 20. HONEYCOMB | 16. FORTHWITH |
| 25. COMPLAINS | 21. NOSES     |
| 26. NOISE     | 22. YANKS     |
| 27. SCRATCHES | 23. OLIVE     |
| 28. SEEKS     | 24. BEERS     |



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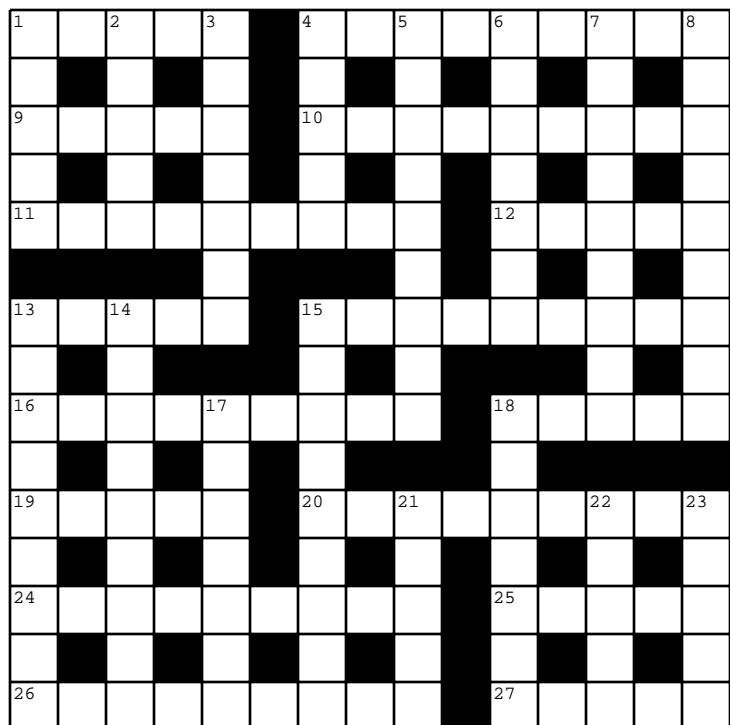
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BRAKE      |
| 4. HOSPITALS  | 2. SIDLE      |
| 9. AUDIO      | 3. CLONE      |
| 10. MISINFORM | 4. HAMSTRUNG  |
| 11. ELEMENTAL | 5. SISAL      |
| 12. EXTOL     | 6. INNKEEPER  |
| 13. PLAZA     | 7. APOSTOLIC  |
| 16. UNPOPULAR | 8. SIMILARLY  |
| 18. ZIGZAGGED | 13. PIZZICATO |
| 19. ROCKY     | 14. AUGUSTEST |
| 20. ISSAC     | 15. ANARCHISM |
| 21. MARTYRDOM | 17. PEDERASTS |
| 25. AMENITIES | 21. MAIIS     |
| 26. UPSET     | 22. YOURS     |
| 27. OPTIMISES | 23. DISCS     |
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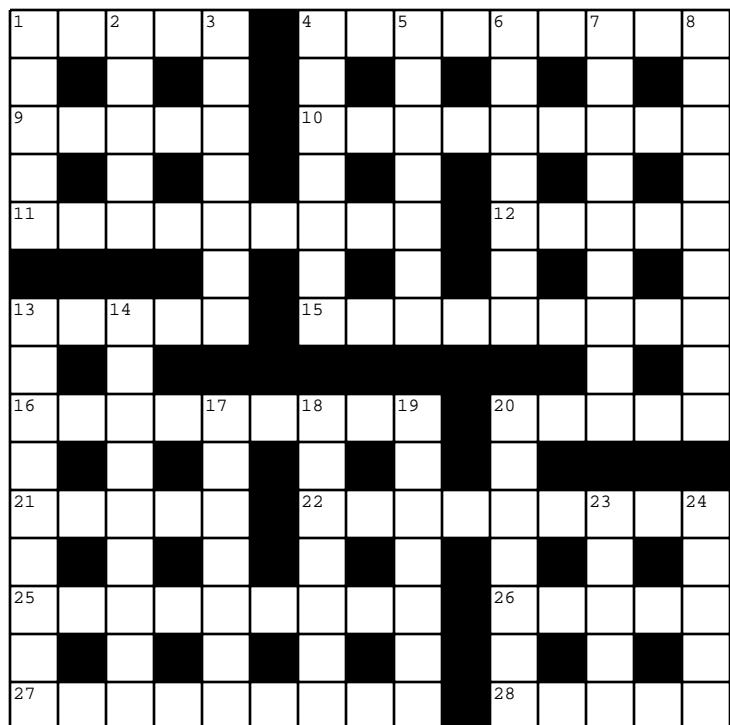
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| 1. COLIC      | 1. COMMA      |
| 4. PARAMECIA  | 2. LIMIT      |
| 9. MIMIC      | 3. COCKPIT    |
| 10. FRAGONARD | 4. PUFFS      |
| 11. ANTIPASTI | 5. REANIMATE  |
| 12. LOTTO     | 6. MOONLIT    |
| 13. PAINT     | 7. CRAFTSMAN  |
| 15. MEALTIMES | 8. ARDUOUSLY  |
| 16. IMPOTENCE | 13. PRINCIPAL |
| 18. HANDY     | 14. IMPROMPTU |
| 19. CHOIR     | 15. MANDATORY |
| 20. AUTOMATIC | 17. TORPEDO   |
| 24. PEPPERONI | 18. HUMBLIES  |
| 25. LEMMA     | 21. TRIBE     |
| 26. LEUKOCYTE | 22. TEMPI     |
| 27. STICK     | 23. CHALK     |



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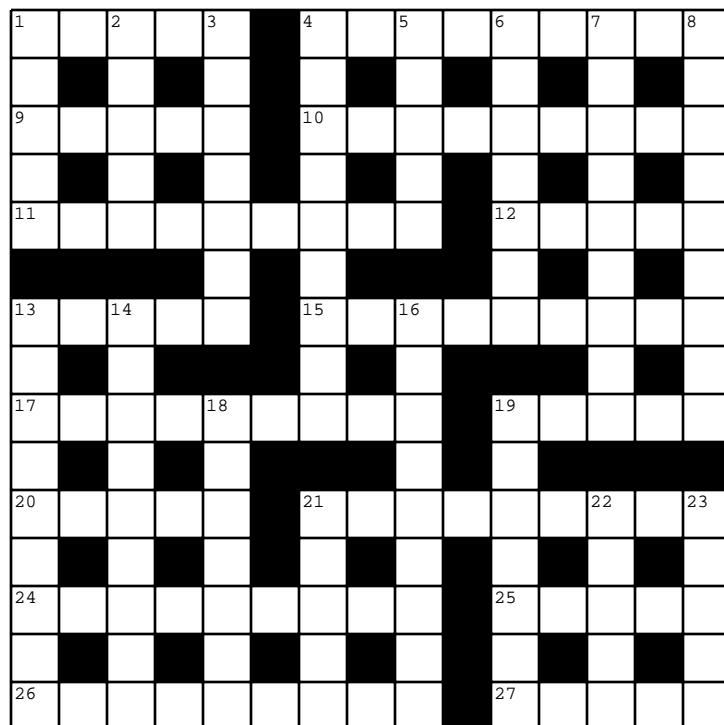
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| 4. SENTENCED  | 2. GONNA      |
| 9. DENIM      | 3. NEMESIS    |
| 10. AUDITORIA | 4. SEAPORT    |
| 11. TOADSTOOL | 5. NODULAR    |
| 12. IDEAL     | 6. ENTWINE    |
| 13. SACKS     | 7. CORRECTOR  |
| 15. TARKENTON | 8. DEADLINES  |
| 16. OWNERSHIP | 13. SWORDSMAN |
| 20. CURES     | 14. CANVASSER |
| 21. DRAWN     | 17. RUNDOWN   |
| 22. RASMUSSEN | 18. HEROINE   |
| 25. MUSSOLINI | 19. POSTING   |
| 26. BLACK     | 20. CRUMBED   |
| 27. NIRENBERG | 23. STAIR     |
| 28. DARED     | 24. NAKED     |



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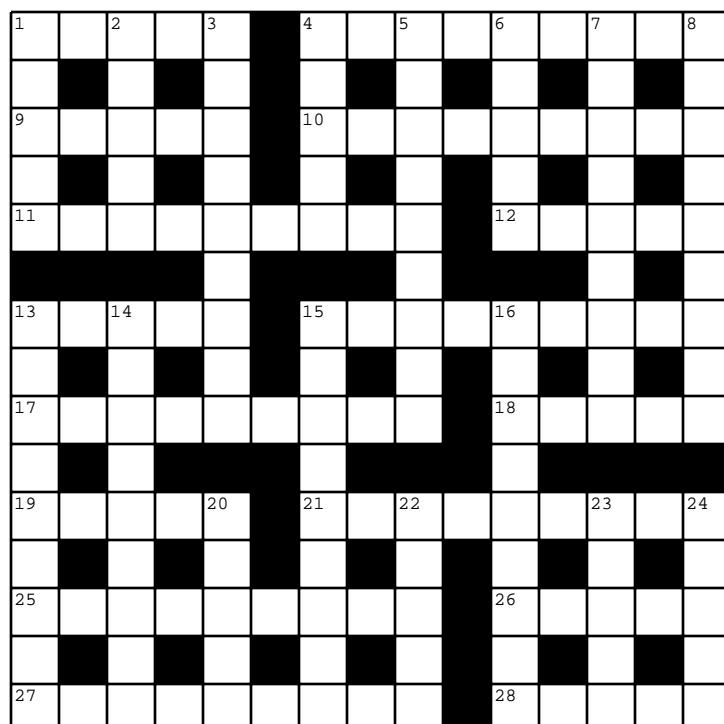
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| 1. FRANC      | 1. FRESH      |
| 4. RIGOLETTO  | 2. AXIOM      |
| 9. ELISA      | 3. CLASSES    |
| 10. DIPHTHONG | 4. REDRESSED  |
| 11. HOMESTEAD | 5. GAPED      |
| 12. RISEN     | 6. LATERAL    |
| 13. GAPES     | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 15. STILLNESS | 8. ORGANISES  |
| 17. ALEXANDRA | 13. GUATEMALA |
| 19. DRUGS     | 14. PHENOMENA |
| 20. EPOCH     | 16. INAMORATA |
| 21. FOODSTUFF | 18. ATHEIST   |
| 24. AMERICANA | 19. DISUSED   |
| 25. SUSHI     | 21. FLAWS     |
| 26. ANASTASIA | 22. UPSET     |
| 27. DOTED     | 23. FLIED     |



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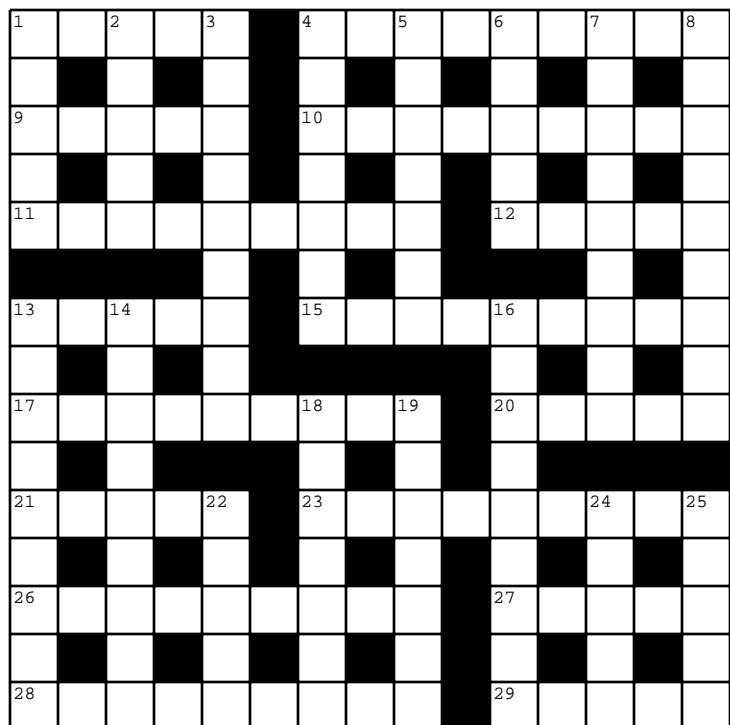
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| 1. TEACH      | 1. TOPIC      |
| 4. SUBLIMEST  | 2. AXIOM      |
| 9. PRISM      | 3. HAMMURABI  |
| 10. SQUASHIER | 4. SUSHI      |
| 11. COMMUNIST | 5. BOUNTIFUL  |
| 12. ELUDE     | 6. ISSUE      |
| 13. SCHWA     | 7. EPICUREAN  |
| 15. AFFABLEST | 8. TORMENTED  |
| 17. BAPTISMAL | 13. SABOTAGED |
| 18. LINED     | 14. HYPNOTICS |
| 19. THOSE     | 15. ARMAMENTS |
| 21. MARTYRDOM | 16. BELLYACHE |
| 25. GLISSANDO | 20. EASEL     |
| 26. CHILI     | 22. ROOTS     |
| 27. DISCLOSES | 23. DOING     |
| 28. EDGES     | 24. MAINS     |



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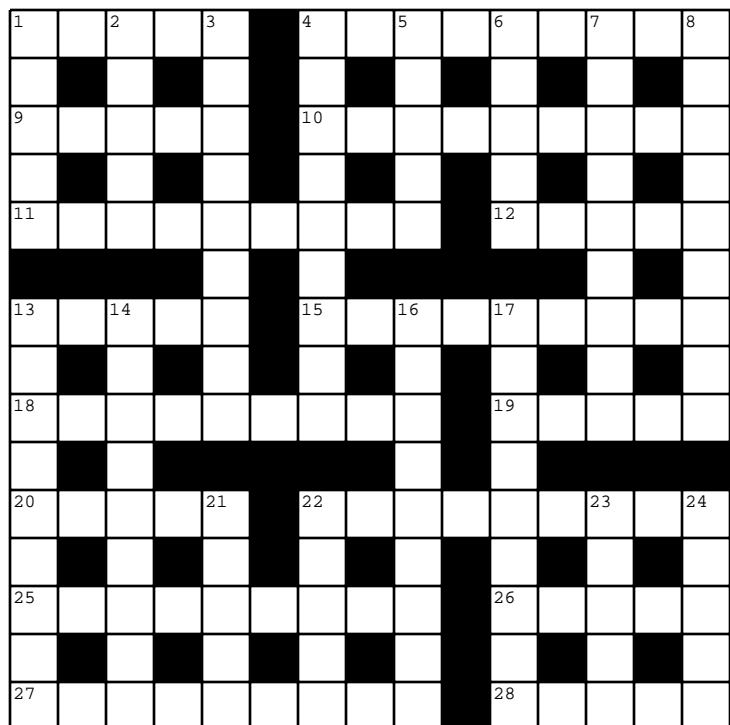
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| 1. MEETS      | 1. MAORI      |
| 4. SUPPORTED  | 2. ETHIC      |
| 9. OTHER      | 3. STRADDLED  |
| 10. TORNADOES | 4. SATANIC    |
| 11. INCIDENCE | 5. PARVENU    |
| 12. SUSHI     | 6. OKAYS      |
| 13. PUPIL     | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 15. CRUSADERS | 8. DISMISSED  |
| 17. BOULDERED | 13. PUBLISHED |
| 20. COULD     | 14. PLUNDERED |
| 21. INDIA     | 16. ACCLAIMED |
| 23. RECTANGLE | 18. REREADS   |
| 26. HARRIDANS | 19. DICKSON   |
| 27. MOMMA     | 22. ALIBI     |
| 28. DIDRIKSON | 24. GAMMA     |
| 29. DEALT     | 25. EXACT     |



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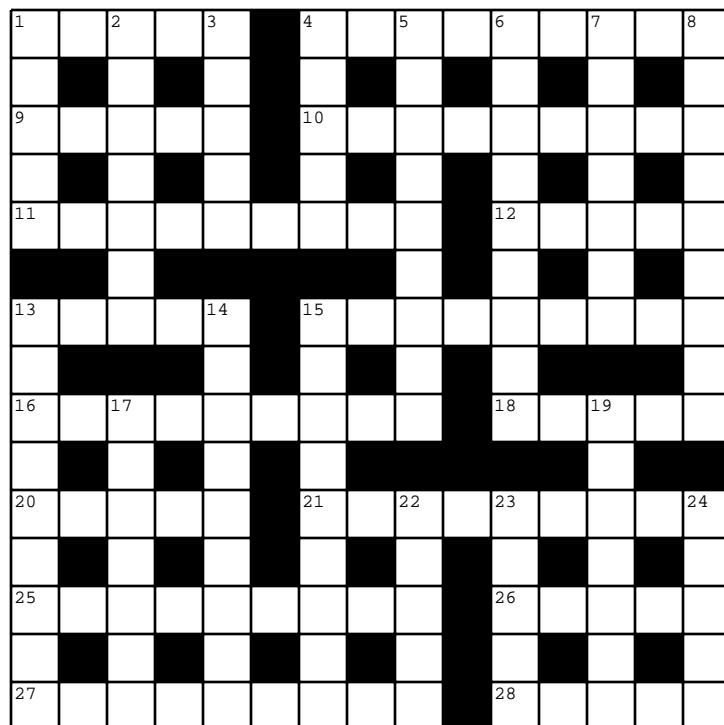
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| 4. APARTHEID  | 2. CLIMB      |
| 9. BLIMP      | 3. EMPHYSEMA  |
| 10. TEASPOONS | 4. ATTESTING  |
| 11. LOBBYISTS | 5. AMASS      |
| 12. CLING     | 6. TOPIC      |
| 13. BADGE     | 7. EMOTIONAL  |
| 15. INSURANCE | 8. DESIGNERS  |
| 18. NOSTALGIA | 13. BUNDESTAG |
| 19. BALDS     | 14. DISAPPEAR |
| 20. EXPOS     | 16. STAGGERED |
| 22. NIGHTCLUB | 17. REBUTTALS |
| 25. TREASURER | 21. SUSHI     |
| 26. APRON     | 22. NORTH     |
| 27. GARNISHED | 23. LURKS     |
| 28. SISES     | 24. BENDS     |



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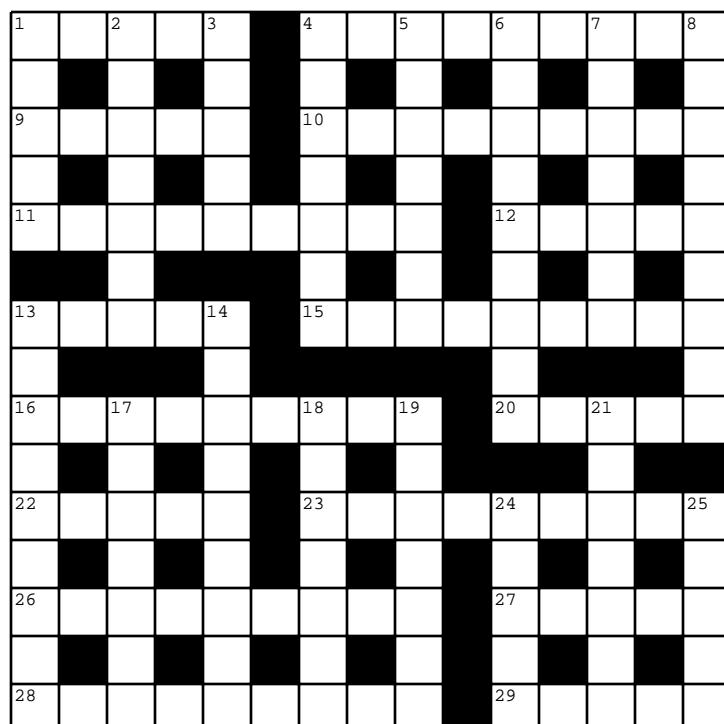
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| 1. ALBUM      | 1. ASCOT      |
| 4. BASEBALLS  | 2. BONDAGE    |
| 9. CYNIC      | 3. MUCKS      |
| 10. NORMALITY | 4. BANJO      |
| 11. TRANSFORM | 5. SCRAMBLES  |
| 12. KAUAI     | 6. BLACKMAIL  |
| 13. EVENS     | 7. LEISURE    |
| 15. GILGAMESH | 8. SKYLIGHTS  |
| 16. CONCLUDES | 13. EXCALIBUR |
| 18. LINKS     | 14. SYLLOGISM |
| 20. LOTTO     | 15. GODFATHER |
| 21. ACCLAIMED | 17. NATURES   |
| 25. BURNISHES | 19. NOMINAL   |
| 26. FUNGI     | 22. CASTE     |
| 27. ROSEMARIE | 23. AWFUL     |
| 28. LILLE     | 24. DRIVE     |



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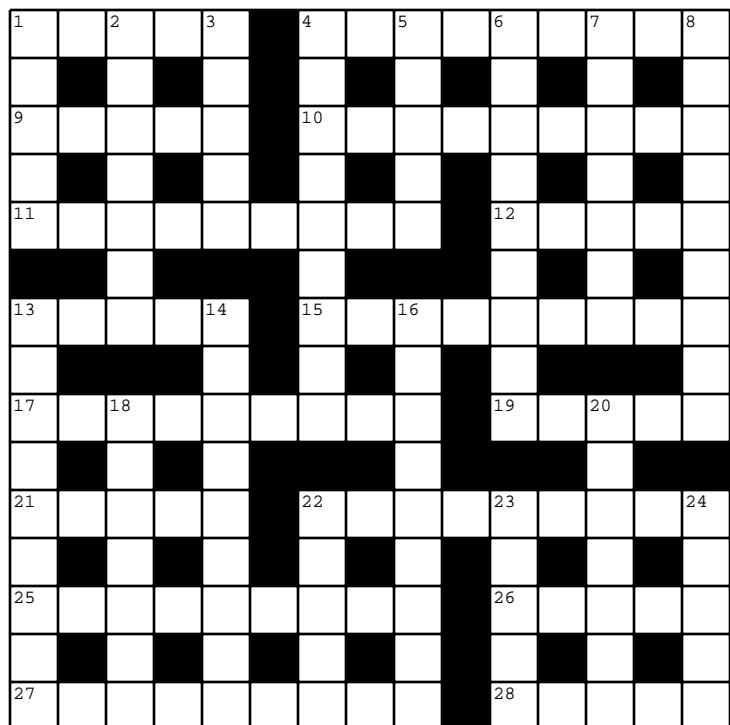
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| 9. CANON      | 3. TUNED      |
| 10. TACTFULLY | 4. ANTONYM    |
| 11. ABANDONED | 5. ENCODES    |
| 12. NUNKI     | 6. INFANTILE  |
| 13. RISKS     | 7. ALLENDE    |
| 15. MISDIRECT | 8. STYLISTIC  |
| 16. BACKACHES | 13. REBUTTALS |
| 20. ETHIC     | 14. SLACKENED |
| 22. THINK     | 17. CHIBCHA   |
| 23. REASSURES | 18. HARDIER   |
| 26. ASCENDING | 19. SNAGGED   |
| 27. EKING     | 21. HARRIES   |
| 28. SLANDERED | 24. SMELL     |
| 29. LASER     | 25. SUGAR     |



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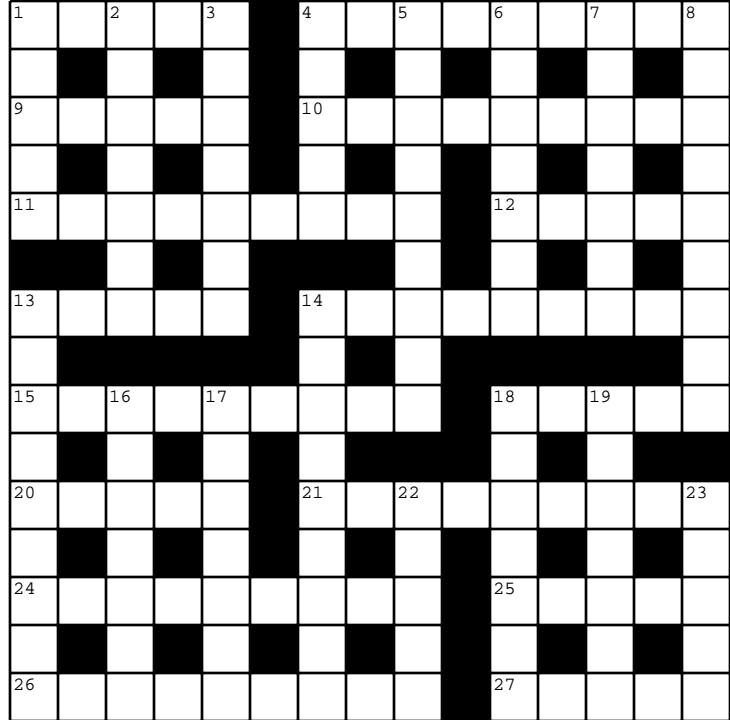
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| 4. AMENHOTEP  | 2. NAIVETY    |
| 9. ARISE      | 3. CHEWS      |
| 10. GLOOMIEST | 4. ALGEBRAIC  |
| 11. GUESSABLE | 5. ELOPE      |
| 12. SALVO     | 6. HOMESTEAD  |
| 13. STYLE     | 7. TREBLES    |
| 15. ADDRESSES | 8. PITEOUSLY  |
| 17. INSTRUCTS | 13. SLINGSHOT |
| 19. DUSKY     | 14. EARMARKED |
| 21. GARZA     | 16. DISMISSAL |
| 22. KNIGHTING | 18. STRANGE   |
| 25. HANUKKAHS | 20. SHIKOKU   |
| 26. NAOMI     | 22. KHAKI     |
| 27. TREADMILL | 23. HONEY     |
| 28. YOUNG     | 24. GOING     |



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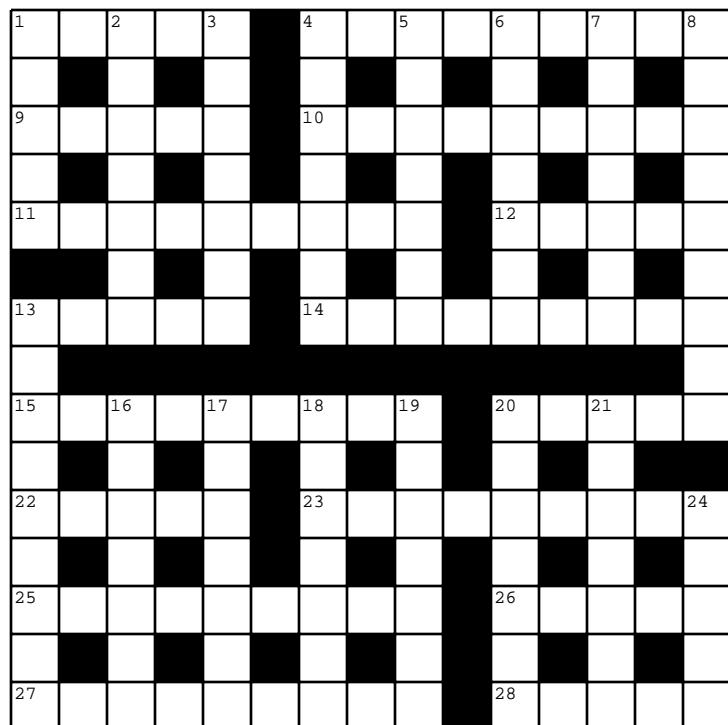
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| 4. COCKTAILS  | 2. PLASTIC    |
| 9. FRANC      | 3. NUCLEAR    |
| 10. COFFINING | 4. COCCI      |
| 11. EXTREMIST | 5. CAFETERIA  |
| 12. MIAMI     | 6. TRIUMPH    |
| 13. VICAR     | 7. IMITATE    |
| 14. PARCHEESI | 8. SIGNIFIES  |
| 15. CONESTOGA | 13. VACANCIES |
| 18. VEALS     | 14. PROVISION |
| 20. NEGEV     | 16. NIGHTIE   |
| 21. INTERPRET | 17. SEVERAL   |
| 24. INTERVIEW | 18. VIRTUAL   |
| 25. UPPER     | 19. AGRIPPA   |
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| 27. LEANS     | 23. TIRES     |



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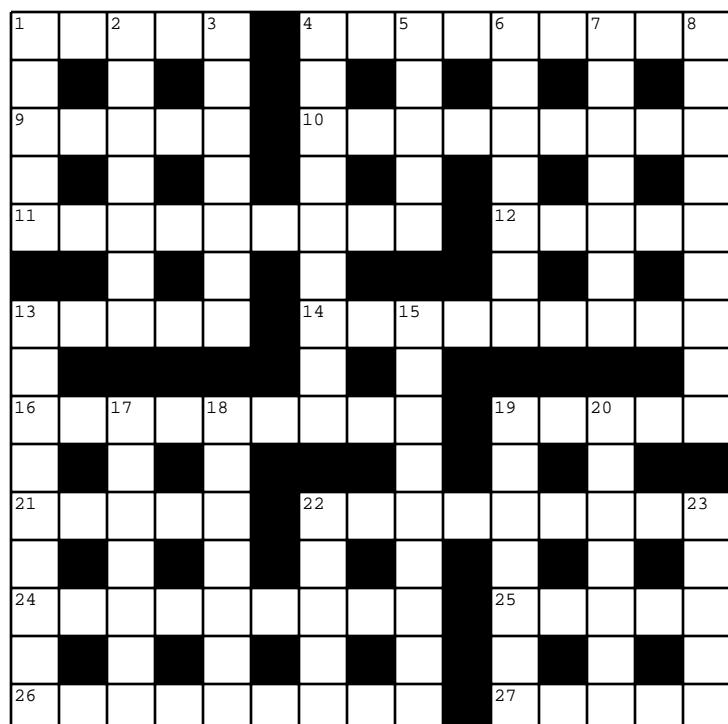
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| 1. PLUMB      | 1. PARSI      |
| 4. CLIMACTIC  | 2. UNFURLS    |
| 9. RIFLE      | 3. BREATHE    |
| 10. ADVERBIAL | 4. CHAOTIC    |
| 11. IRRITATED | 5. INVADES    |
| 12. DAKAR     | 6. ACRIDER    |
| 13. PASTE     | 7. THICKET    |
| 14. CASTRATED | 8. CHLORIDES  |
| 15. INCAPABLE | 13. PRINCIPLE |
| 20. KNOWS     | 16. CHATEAU   |
| 22. CHAIR     | 17. PORTION   |
| 23. EPILEPTIC | 18. BEESWAX   |
| 25. PREVIEWER | 19. EMIGRES   |
| 26. COMMA     | 20. KNEECAP   |
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| 28. PILLS     | 24. CLASS     |



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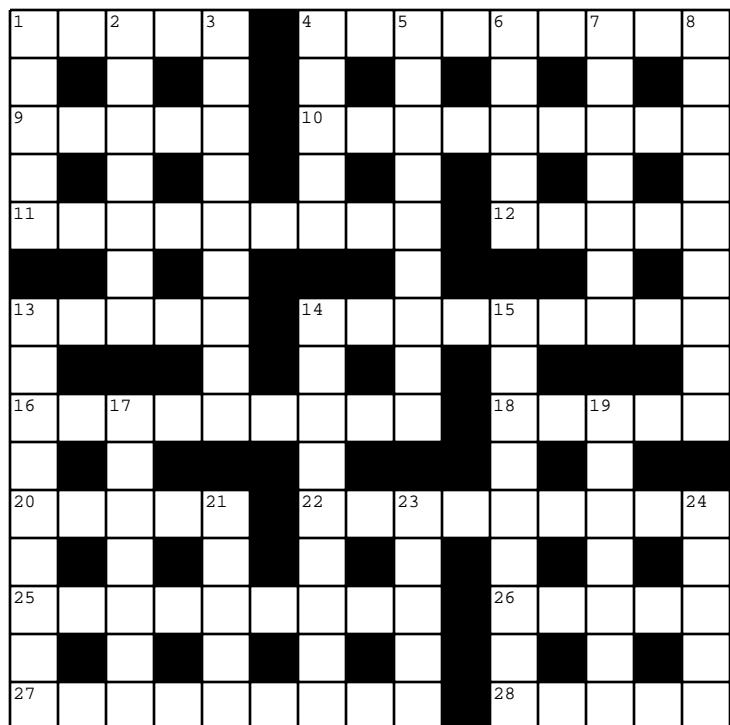
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| 4. CLASSROOM  | 2. KEYNOTE    |
| 9. RHYME      | 3. SLEDDED    |
| 10. MODERNIST | 4. CAMSHAFTS  |
| 11. BLOODSHED | 5. ADDED      |
| 12. ALIBI     | 6. SERRANO    |
| 13. SPEND     | 7. OPINION    |
| 14. FORLORNER | 8. MATRIARCH  |
| 16. DISCUSSES | 13. SEDUCTION |
| 19. CATCH     | 15. RESPONDED |
| 21. CONGA     | 17. SYNAGOG   |
| 22. BOOMERANG | 18. UNAWARE   |
| 24. INGRAINED | 19. CHELSEA   |
| 25. SWAMI     | 20. THALAMI   |
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| 27. AXING     | 23. GOING     |



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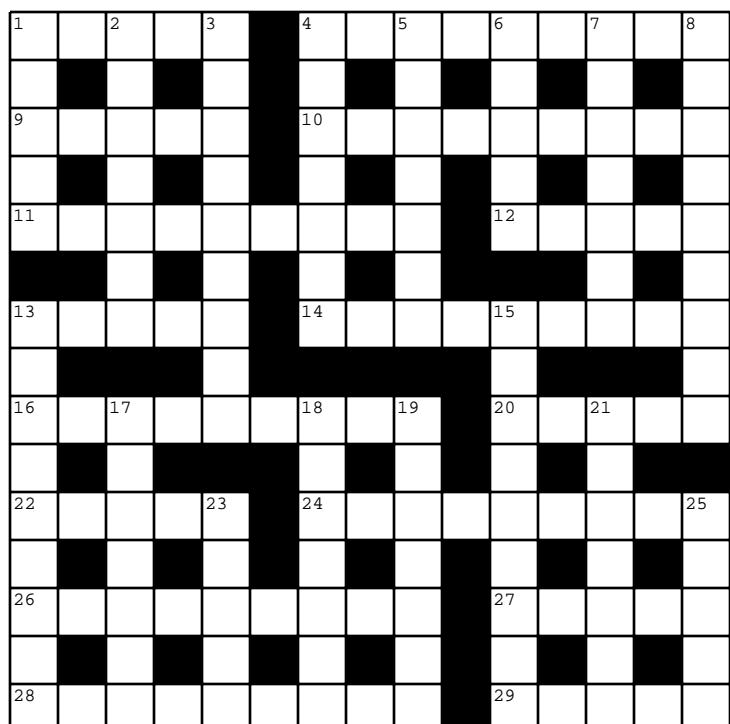
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| 4. SUBSTRATA  | 2. VILLAIN    |
| 9. IGLOO      | 3. CLOCKWISE  |
| 10. HEADLIGHT | 4. SCHWA      |
| 11. BLACKJACK | 5. BLACKOUTS  |
| 12. ADIEU     | 6. TULSA      |
| 13. FUNGI     | 7. ANGRIER    |
| 14. FOUNDERED | 8. ASTOUNDED  |
| 16. NAUSEATES | 13. FANTASTIC |
| 18. WIPED     | 14. FATHERING |
| 20. ABLER     | 15. DOWNLOADS |
| 22. ENVELOPED | 17. UGLIEST   |
| 25. TREMBLING | 19. PAPRIKA   |
| 26. ALIEN     | 21. REBEL     |
| 27. CATALOGUE | 23. VAGUE     |
| 28. STAIR     | 24. DINER     |



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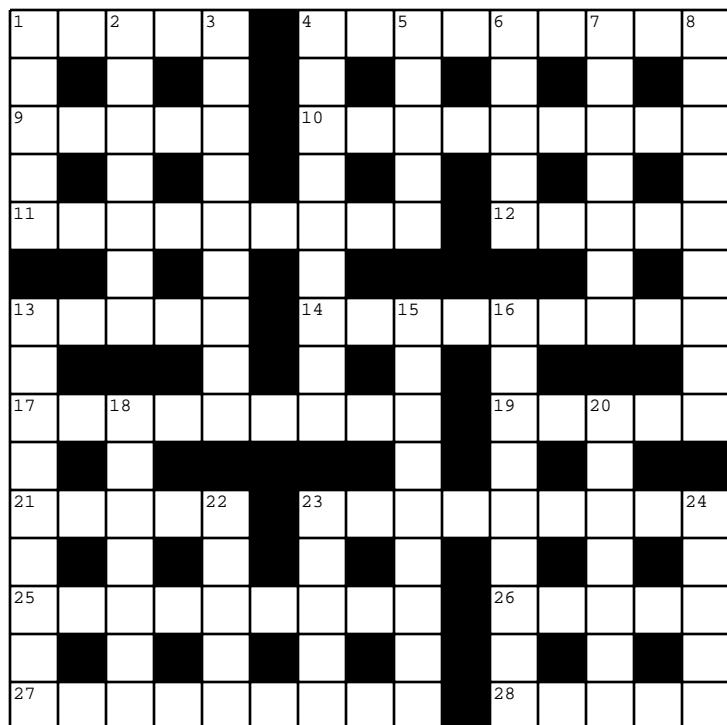
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| 1. ALTER      | 1. ALPHA      |
| 4. BEHAVIOUR  | 2. TWISTED    |
| 9. PAINS      | 3. RESEMBLED  |
| 10. TERRORISM | 4. BATHTUB    |
| 11. AUTOMATIC | 5. HORACIO    |
| 12. AGAIN     | 6. VIOLA      |
| 13. MODEL     | 7. OKINAWA    |
| 14. BROWBEATS | 8. REMINISCE  |
| 16. SCHEDULER | 13. MUSTACHES |
| 20. LODGE     | 15. BALLERINA |
| 22. ATLAS     | 17. HILARIO   |
| 24. EPILEPTIC | 18. LEECHED   |
| 26. HORSESHOE | 19. RAIDERS   |
| 27. IRONY     | 21. DITTOED   |
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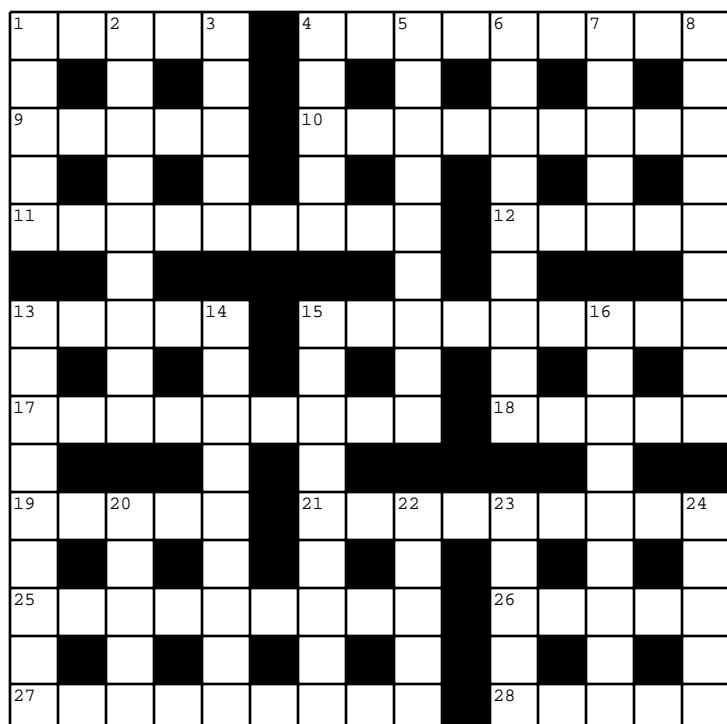
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| 4. PRINCIPLE  | 2. ADJOURN    |
| 9. MEJIA      | 3. DRAMATIST  |
| 10. REDEVELOP | 4. PARAMECIA  |
| 11. LEUKAEMIA | 5. INDIA      |
| 12. LEAVE     | 6. CIVIL      |
| 13. HENRI     | 7. PILLAGE    |
| 14. CHEAPNESS | 8. EXPRESSED  |
| 17. NEGOTIATE | 13. HANDSOMER |
| 19. RATED     | 15. ELECTIONS |
| 21. SUDRA     | 16. PARAGRAPH |
| 23. AUTOGRAPH | 18. GODUNOV   |
| 25. MANIFESTO | 20. THALAMI   |
| 26. ABACK     | 22. AWFUL     |
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| 28. HAIRY     | 24. HOKEY     |



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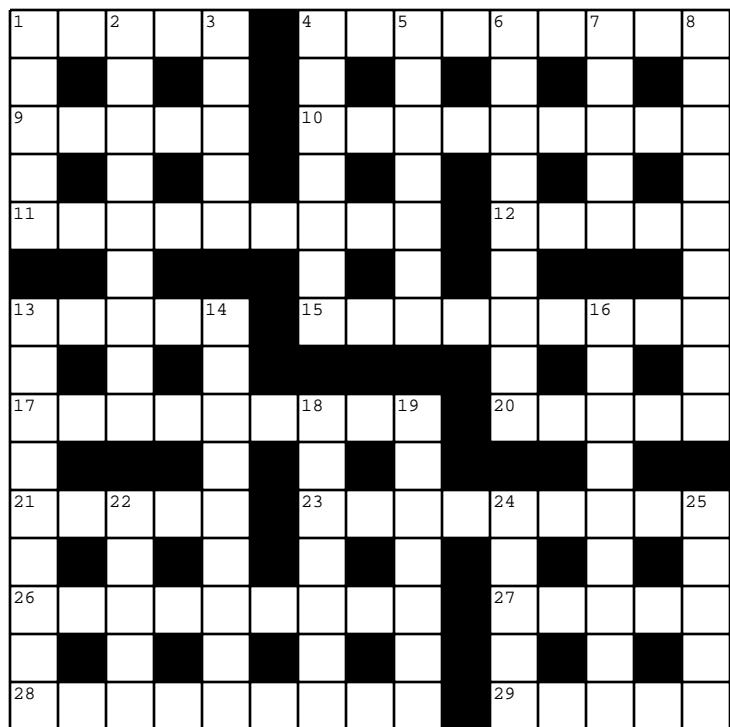
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| 9. RELAX      | 3. SEXES      |
| 10. UNHITCHES | 4. MOURN      |
| 11. COARSENED | 5. SCHEDULES  |
| 12. ROCHE     | 6. INTERRUPT  |
| 13. OPTIC     | 7. ETHIC      |
| 15. CALCULATE | 8. TASTELESS  |
| 17. JUDICIOUS | 13. OBJECTION |
| 18. TAPES     | 14. CUCUMBERS |
| 19. CLAIM     | 15. CROSSWALK |
| 21. SCHEDULED | 16. APPALLING |
| 25. ITINERANT | 20. AXIOM     |
| 26. SPICA     | 22. HATES     |
| 27. NAMESAKES | 23. DISCO     |
| 28. ORGAN     | 24. DRAWN     |



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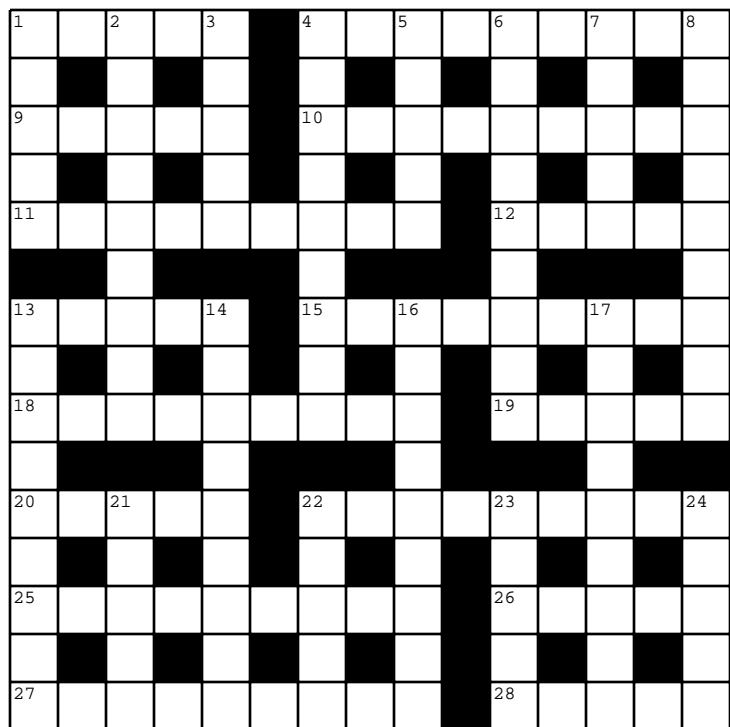
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| 1. COMMA      | 1. COLIC      |
| 4. COCKTAILS  | 2. MEMORABLY  |
| 9. LIMBO      | 3. ALOFT      |
| 10. ENNOBLING | 4. CHECKUP    |
| 11. CARETAKER | 5. CONTROL    |
| 12. LETHA     | 6. TABULATED  |
| 13. RABID     | 7. IDIOT      |
| 15. POLITICAL | 8. SIGNALLED  |
| 17. ANYBODIES | 13. REASONING |
| 20. DINED     | 14. DOORSTEPS |
| 21. OMITS     | 16. CONFIDANT |
| 23. REROUTING | 18. ISRAELI   |
| 26. IMPLEMENT | 19. SCRATCH   |
| 27. INANE     | 22. IMPEL     |
| 28. GOLDSMITH | 24. UNITE     |
| 29. EATEN     | 25. GREEN     |



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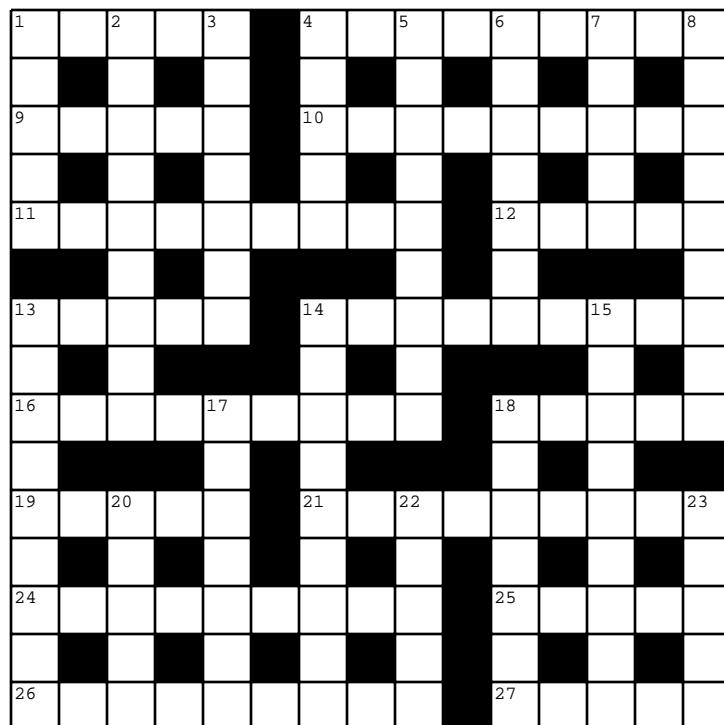
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| 1. SCRUB      | 1. SIKHS      |
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| 9. KARMA      | 3. BOATS      |
| 10. GROVELLER | 4. MAGNITUDE  |
| 11. SQUASHIER | 5. CHOIR      |
| 12. HONER     | 6. OVERHAULS  |
| 13. TRINA     | 7. HALON      |
| 15. UNUSUALLY | 8. PORTRAYED  |
| 18. EIGHTEENS | 13. TREATABLE |
| 19. SPEND     | 14. AFTERNOON |
| 20. TIGER     | 16. UNSETTLES |
| 22. CATCHIEST | 17. LIEBERMAN |
| 25. BETROTHAL | 21. GETUP     |
| 26. GAMES     | 22. COHAN     |
| 27. EXPONENTS | 23. HIGHS     |
| 28. SINCE     | 24. TASTE     |



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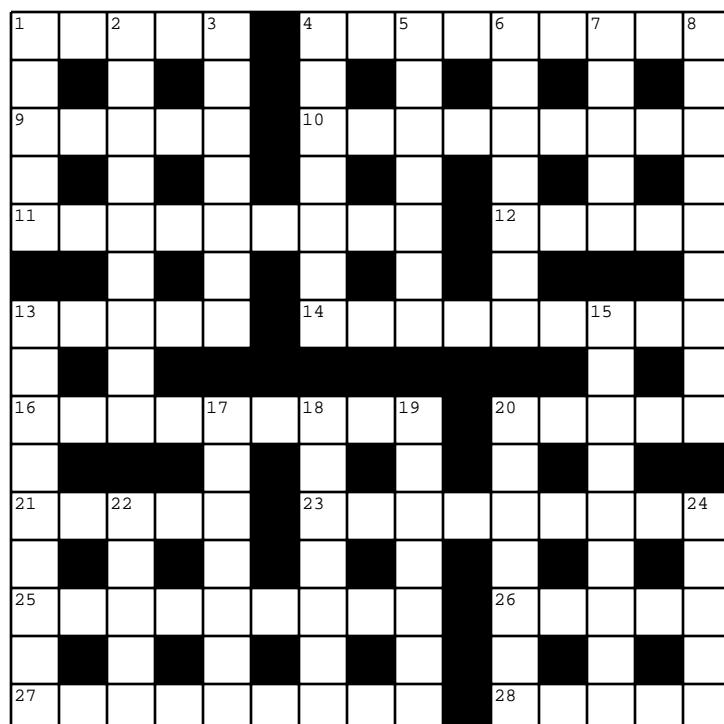
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| 1. BRAND      | 1. BASED      |
| 4. REFURBISH  | 2. ADMISSION  |
| 9. SAMES      | 3. DESTROY    |
| 10. BERYLLIUM | 4. RABID      |
| 11. DISCREDIT | 5. FORETASTE  |
| 12. NATAL     | 6. ROLANDO    |
| 13. HAIRY     | 7. IDIOT      |
| 14. DISCOVERY | 8. HIMALAYAS  |
| 16. PINEAPPLE | 13. HOPSCOTCH |
| 18. FACES     | 14. DEPENDENT |
| 19. COAST     | 15. EUCALYPTI |
| 21. NIGHTCLUB | 17. ARTISTE   |
| 24. TROUSSEAU | 18. FATTEST   |
| 25. EMPTY     | 20. ABOUT     |
| 26. HOTTENTOT | 22. GAUNT     |
| 27. TRIPS     | 23. BAYES     |



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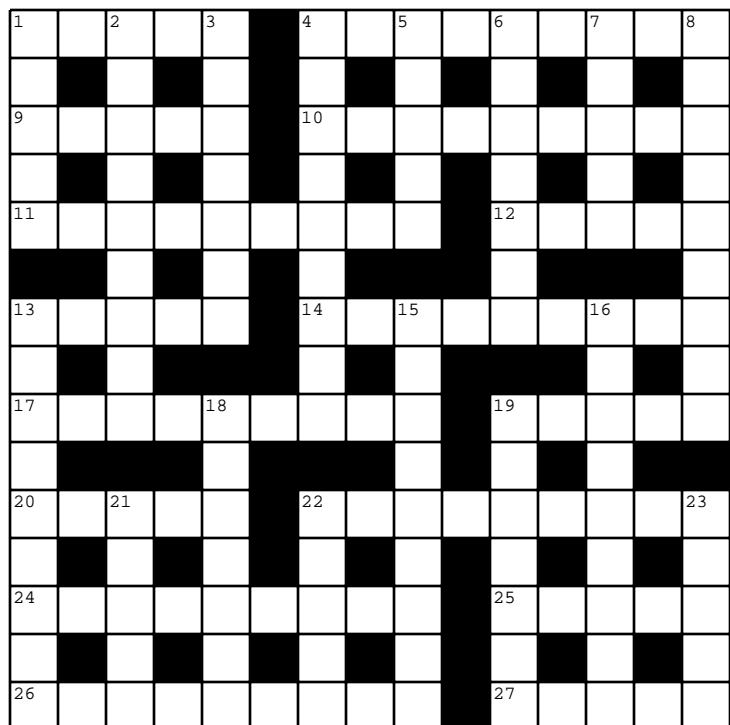
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| 1. TABLE      | 1. TOPIC      |
| 4. JAMESTOWN  | 2. BACKWOODS  |
| 9. PACKS      | 3. ENSURED    |
| 10. SPAGHETTI | 4. JESSICA    |
| 11. COWARDICE | 5. MEANEST    |
| 12. EPOCH     | 6. SCHLEPP    |
| 13. BLOOD     | 7. OUTDO      |
| 14. ANTIPASTO | 8. NEIGHBOUR  |
| 16. AESTHETIC | 13. BLANCHARD |
| 20. ERROR     | 15. STRUGGLED |
| 21. CLANG     | 17. HYGIENE   |
| 23. OUTWEIGHS | 18. TROJANS   |
| 25. ALPHERATZ | 19. CITIZEN   |
| 26. RELAX     | 20. EYEBROW   |
| 27. DICKERSON | 22. ASPIC     |
| 28. WADED     | 24. SEXED     |



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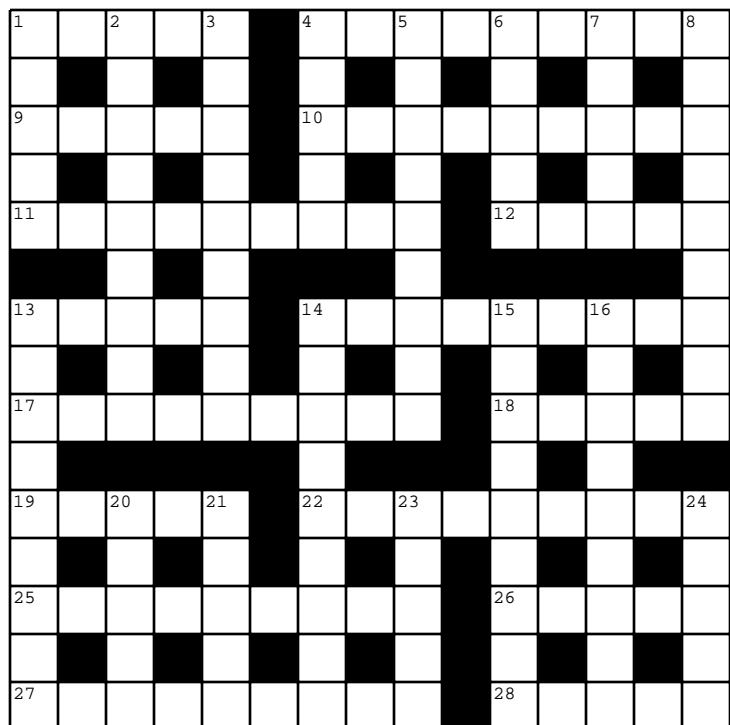
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| 1. TIMER      | 1. TEMPI      |
| 4. APOLOGISE  | 2. MIDSTREAM  |
| 9. MEDIC      | 3. RECORDS    |
| 10. NEGLIGEES | 4. ANNOUNCER  |
| 11. INTERRUPT | 5. OUGHT      |
| 12. ALLEY     | 6. ORIGAMI    |
| 13. NEEDS     | 7. IDEAL      |
| 14. CORRIDORS | 8. ESSAYISTS  |
| 17. SYMMETRIC | 13. NOSTALGIA |
| 19. HEELS     | 15. RECOGNIZE |
| 20. ACTOR     | 16. OVERTHREW |
| 22. CIGARETTE | 18. EURASIA   |
| 24. GLISSANDI | 19. HERSELF   |
| 25. EARTH     | 21. TRINA     |
| 26. AVALANCHE | 22. CYNIC     |
| 27. FEWER     | 23. ETHER     |



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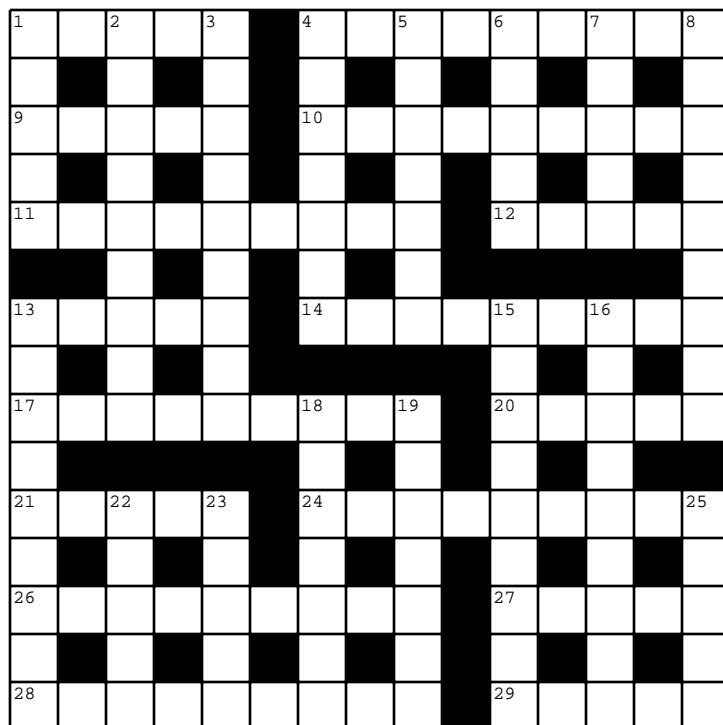
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| 4. BACKSLASH  | 2. CLIENTELE  |
| 9. SPIKE      | 3. OVEREATEN  |
| 10. MARTYRDOM | 4. BOMBS      |
| 11. CONFESSES | 5. CHRISTENS  |
| 12. RURAL     | 6. SHYER      |
| 13. FLEET     | 7. ARDOR      |
| 14. THEOSOPHY | 8. HIMALAYAS  |
| 17. BIENNIALS | 13. FIBONACCI |
| 18. YATES     | 14. TRAPPINGS |
| 19. NASTY     | 15. SKYROCKET |
| 22. PALEOZOIC | 16. POTPOURRI |
| 25. CRESCENDI | 20. SLEEP     |
| 26. KERRI     | 21. YACHT     |
| 27. IMPETUSES | 23. LAIRS     |
| 28. THIEF     | 24. CLIFF     |



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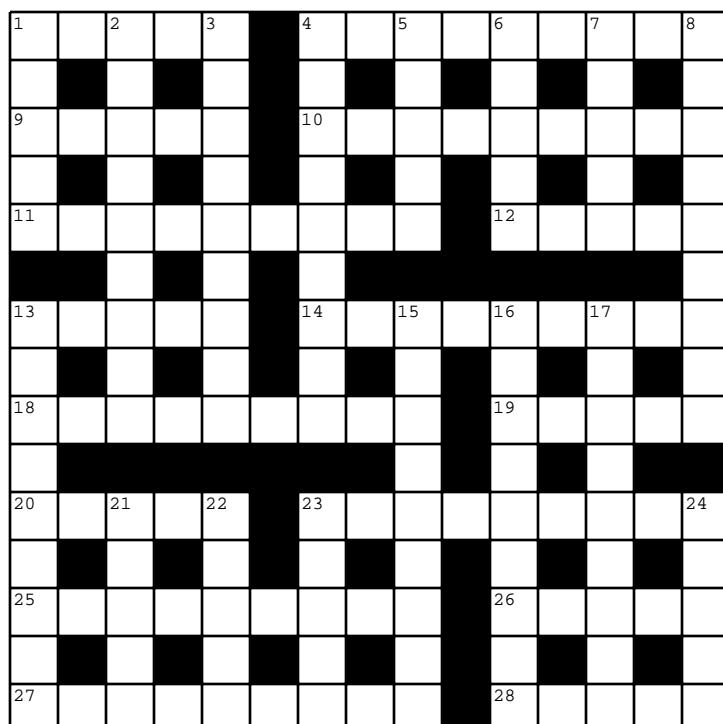
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| 1. BEING      | 1. BRUSH      |
| 4. NIGHTCLUB  | 2. INDELIBLE  |
| 9. UNDER      | 3. GARGOYLES  |
| 10. GLISSANDO | 4. NEGLECT    |
| 11. HALLOWEEN | 5. GOIANIA    |
| 12. SANER     | 6. TASKS      |
| 13. LIBEL     | 7. LINEN      |
| 14. TRANSSHIP | 8. BIOGRAPHY  |
| 17. PRESSURES | 13. LIPSTICKS |
| 20. NINNY     | 15. SANITARIA |
| 21. TOQUE     | 16. HUNDREDTH |
| 24. ELECTORAL | 18. REELING   |
| 26. CHOPSTICK | 19. SPEAKER   |
| 27. RIDES     | 22. QUOTA     |
| 28. SCAVENGER | 23. ENSUE     |
| 29. ACHES     | 25. LASTS     |



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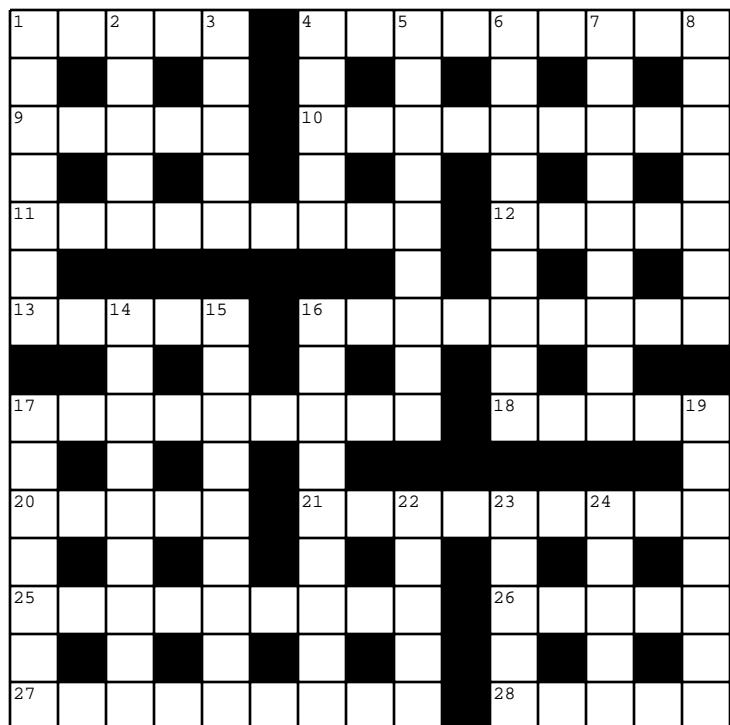
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| 4. ACHIEVING  | 2. BOOMERANG  |
| 9. SPOOF      | 3. AFFABLEST  |
| 10. EXTENSION | 4. ALEJANDRO  |
| 11. OVERBOARD | 5. HATED      |
| 12. INTER     | 6. ENNUI      |
| 13. WHALE     | 7. IDIOT      |
| 14. DOWNRIGHT | 8. GENERATES  |
| 18. NIGHTGOWN | 13. WONDERBRA |
| 19. MAIDS     | 15. WINDMILLS |
| 20. ENDOW     | 16. REMINISCE |
| 23. IMMUNIZES | 17. GRIZZLIER |
| 25. BOMBSHELL | 21. DOMED     |
| 26. SKILL     | 22. WASTE     |
| 27. ADDRESSES | 23. ITEMS     |
| 28. EARLY     | 24. SALTY     |



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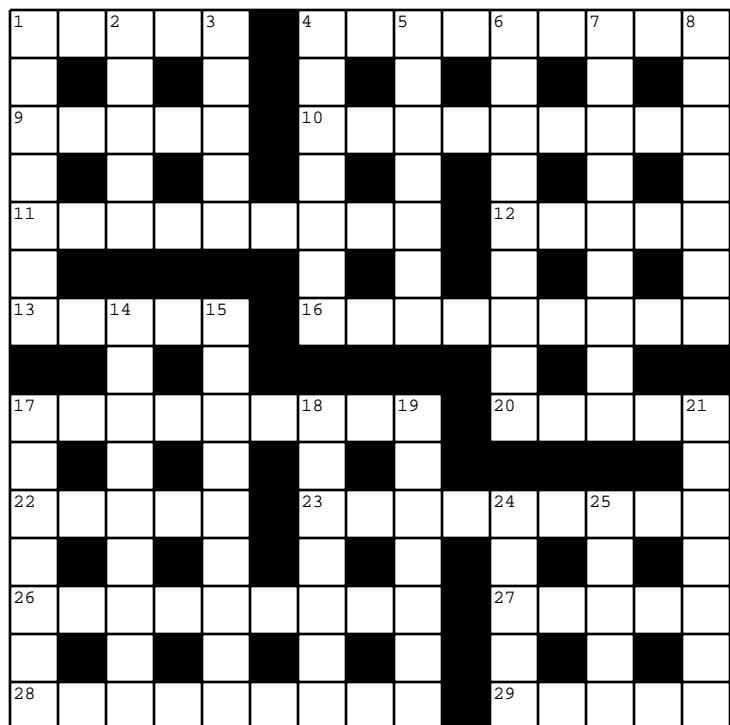
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| 1. TEENS      | 1. TYPICAL    |
| 4. MARMALADE  | 2. ENNUI      |
| 9. PENCE      | 3. SWEEP      |
| 10. DECENTEST | 4. MEDAN      |
| 11. CLIPPINGS | 5. RECESSION  |
| 12. PRIDE     | 6. ANNAPOLIS  |
| 13. LUNGS     | 7. AMERICANA  |
| 16. BRILLIANT | 8. ENTREAT    |
| 17. DEVIATION | 14. NAVIGATED |
| 18. STAFF     | 15. SCANTIEST |
| 20. LIGHT     | 16. BRITANNIA |
| 21. AMBITIOUS | 17. DELIBES   |
| 25. BUTTERNUT | 19. FASTENS   |
| 26. KNIFE     | 22. BATIK     |
| 27. SIDETRACK | 23. TAKEN     |
| 28. NOSES     | 24. OMITS     |



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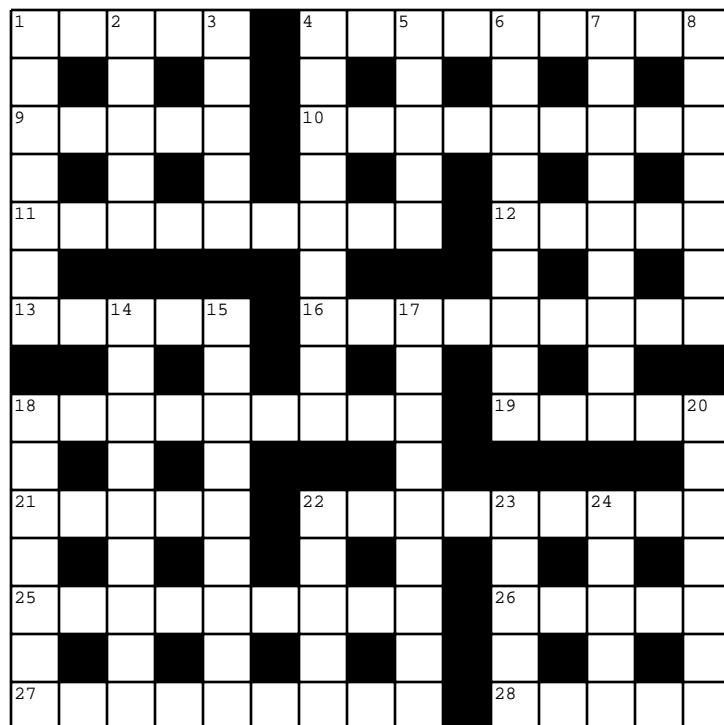
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| 4. RECOGNIZE  | 2. BLOOD      |
| 9. ALONG      | 3. EIGHT      |
| 10. GRAINIEST | 4. REGIONS    |
| 11. ADDITIONS | 5. CHASSIS    |
| 12. STAIR     | 6. GANGSTERS  |
| 13. STALE     | 7. ICELANDER  |
| 16. SUSPENDED | 8. ENTERED    |
| 17. ADDICTING | 14. ADDICTIVE |
| 20. SCRAP     | 15. ENCLOSING |
| 22. CACAO     | 17. ASCETIC   |
| 23. IDENTICAL | 18. IRIDIUM   |
| 26. TRINITIES | 19. GLEASON   |
| 27. LLAMA     | 21. PILLARS   |
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| 29. STEMS     | 25. CHASE     |



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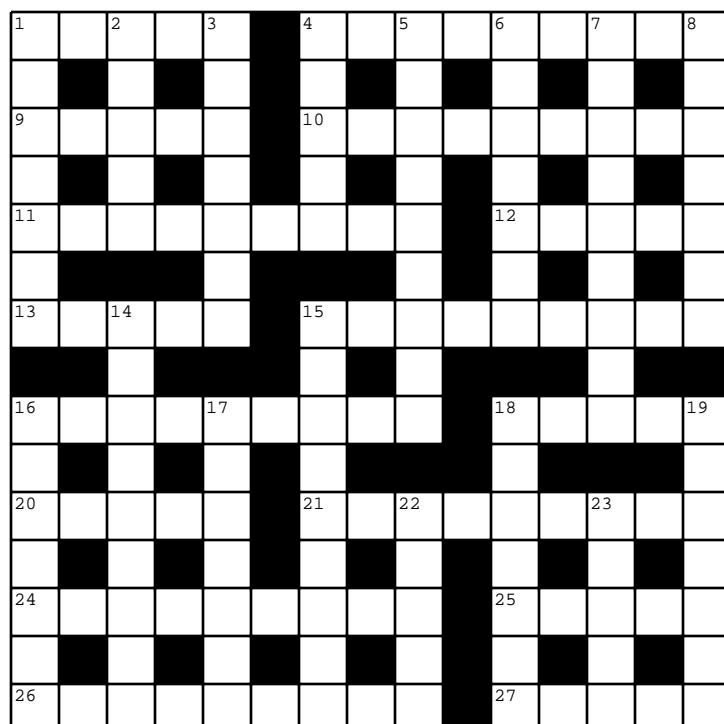
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| 1. RECTA      | 1. REWROTE    |
| 4. AMBUSHING  | 2. CHOMP      |
| 9. WRONG      | 3. ANGLE      |
| 10. YESTERDAY | 4. ABYSSINIA  |
| 11. OPPRESSED | 5. BASED      |
| 12. FICHE     | 6. SHEFFIELD  |
| 13. EASEL     | 7. INDICATOR  |
| 16. NAUSEATES | 8. GEYSERS    |
| 18. CHIEFTAIN | 14. SRIVIJAYA |
| 19. DARTS     | 15. LIFELINES |
| 21. AXIAL     | 17. UNNATURAL |
| 22. ENTRANCED | 18. CLASSIC   |
| 25. STAUNCHER | 20. SADDLED   |
| 26. SNAIL     | 22. ETHIC     |
| 27. CLASSICAL | 23. ASSET     |
| 28. TIRED     | 24. CHAIR     |



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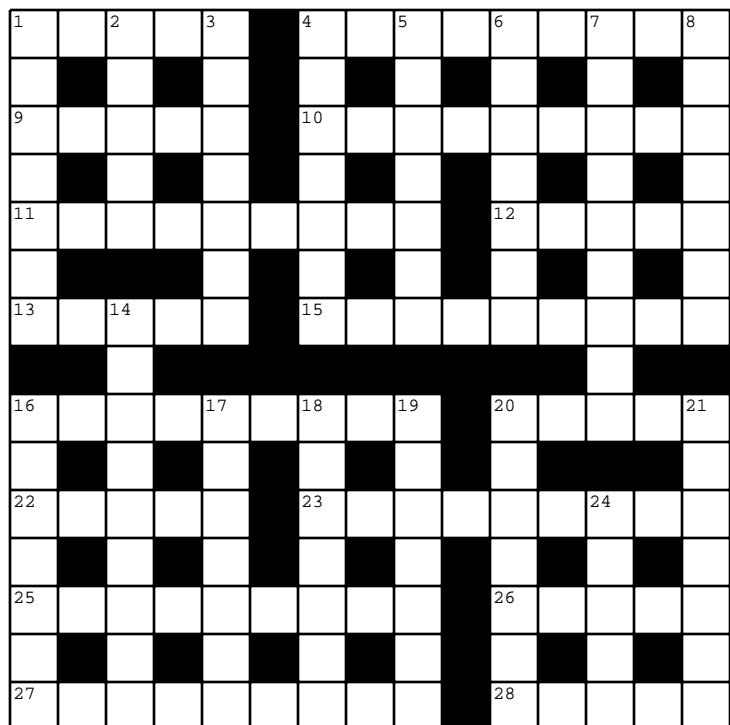
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| 4. INAUDIBLE  | 2. OUNCE      |
| 9. INNED      | 3. ABDOMEN    |
| 10. WHOLESOME | 4. IRWIN      |
| 11. PNEUMONIA | 5. ADORATION  |
| 12. ASSET     | 6. DIEHARD    |
| 13. RISEN     | 7. BOOKSTORE  |
| 15. BLINDFOLD | 8. ELECTED    |
| 16. COUNTDOWN | 14. STUTTGART |
| 18. VIEWS     | 15. BROTHERED |
| 20. LATIN     | 16. CELESTA   |
| 21. HANDLEBAR | 17. TONIGHT   |
| 24. STAGGERED | 18. VOLUMES   |
| 25. MAYBE     | 19. SCREECH   |
| 26. ATTITUDES | 22. NODES     |
| 27. SOUTH     | 23. BAYOU     |



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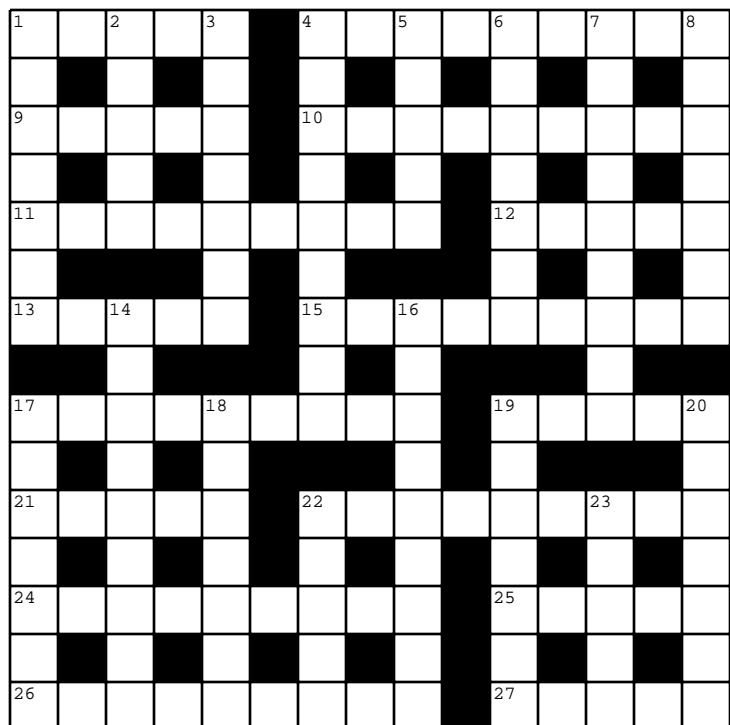
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| 1. TESSA      | 1. THEREOF    |
| 4. CALENDARS  | 2. SETUP      |
| 9. ENTER      | 3. ACRIDER    |
| 10. ORGANISES | 4. CHOLERA    |
| 11. EXPEDIENT | 5. LIGHTLY    |
| 12. EERIE     | 6. NONZERO    |
| 13. FEVER     | 7. ASSERTIVE  |
| 15. ANYBODIES | 8. SYSTEMS    |
| 16. TECHNICAL | 14. VACANCIES |
| 20. ARENA     | 16. TIJUANA   |
| 22. JINNI     | 17. NEITHER   |
| 23. POSTHASTE | 18. CIPHERS   |
| 25. ALIGHIERI | 19. LUSTIER   |
| 26. IDLED     | 20. ATHEISM   |
| 27. ABSTRUSER | 21. AGENDAS   |
| 28. MEETS     | 24. SOLVE     |



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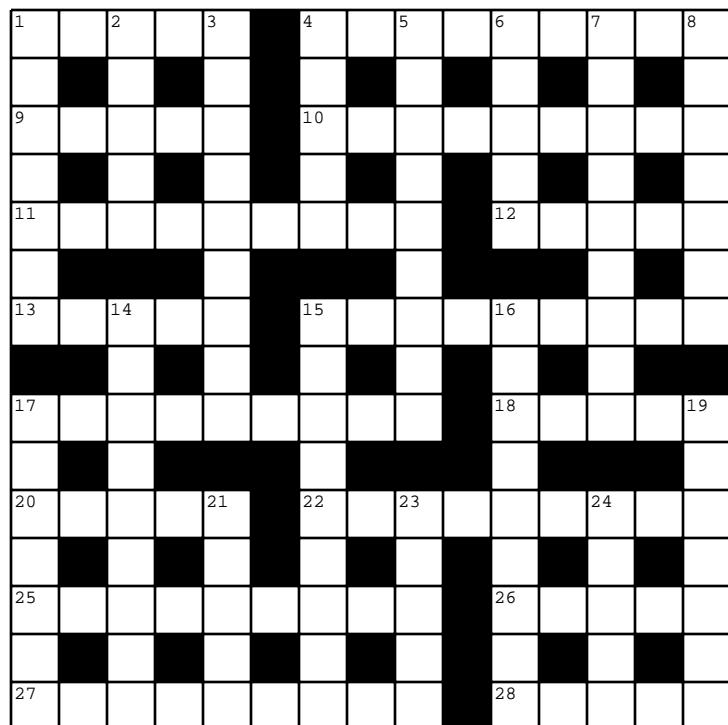
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| 1. ARDOR      | 1. ACROBAT    |
| 4. MOTORCADE  | 2. DEATH      |
| 9. REALM      | 3. REMOVES    |
| 10. SAWDUSTED | 4. MUSSOLINI  |
| 11. BEHAVIOUR | 5. TOWER      |
| 12. ARROW     | 6. RHUBARB    |
| 13. TEEMS     | 7. ARTHRITIC  |
| 15. INHIBITED | 8. ENDOWED    |
| 17. FEUDALISM | 14. EQUALISED |
| 19. DICTA     | 16. HUMILIATE |
| 21. LILLE     | 17. FELECIA   |
| 22. BULLFROGS | 18. AVERAGE   |
| 24. CASTANEDA | 19. DEFENSE   |
| 25. NAILS     | 20. ASSISTS   |
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| 27. EDGES     | 23. OWING     |



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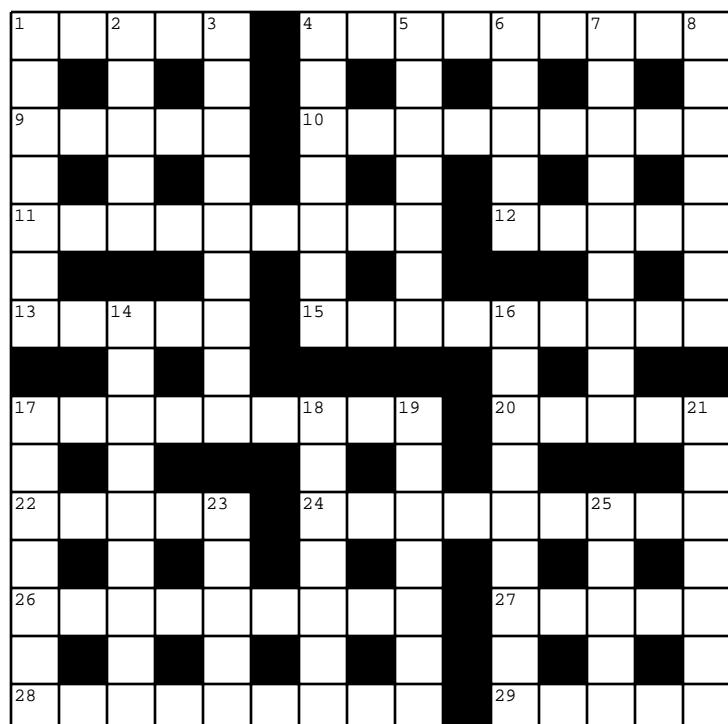
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. CREEP      | 1. CASTOFF    |
| 4. NUISANCES  | 2. EQUAL      |
| 9. STUNT      | 3. POTPOURRI  |
| 10. BACKPACKS | 4. NOBLE      |
| 11. ONLOOKERS | 5. INCESSANT  |
| 12. EERIE     | 6. APPLE      |
| 13. FEWER     | 7. COCKROACH  |
| 15. CHARCOALS | 8. SYSTEMS    |
| 17. CONFIDENT | 14. WINDPIPES |
| 18. REHAB     | 15. CLENCHING |
| 20. SUPER     | 16. CORKSCREW |
| 22. CEAUSESCU | 17. CUSTARD   |
| 25. AMPLIFIER | 19. BRUISED   |
| 26. RIOTS     | 21. RHINO     |
| 27. DISLODGES | 23. ACRES     |
| 28. WAKED     | 24. STOCK     |



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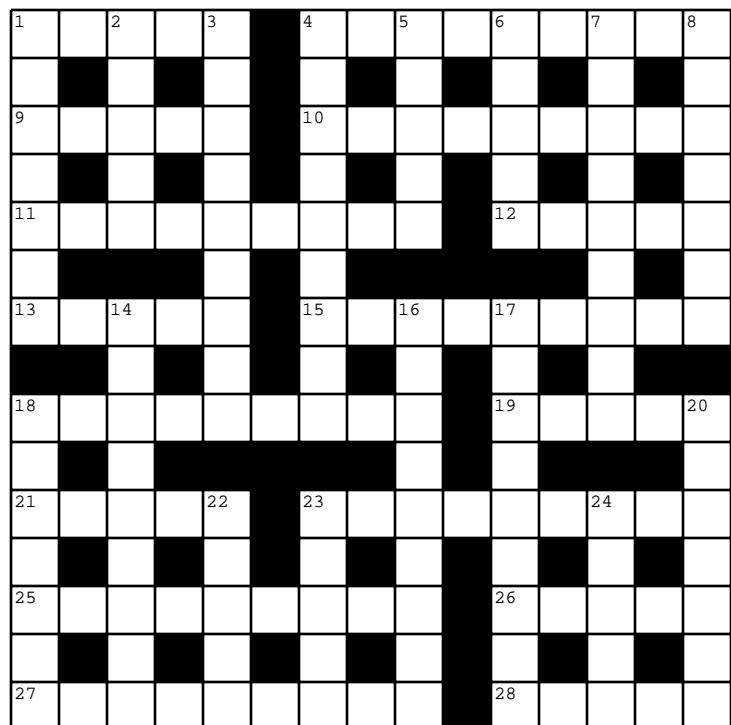
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| 4. GRAPHICAL  | 2. DACHA      |
| 9. RECAP      | 3. SEPULCHER  |
| 10. NUTRIENTS | 4. GENETIC    |
| 11. CHARLATAN | 5. ANTONIO    |
| 12. AMOCO     | 6. HAIFA      |
| 13. EARTH     | 7. CONSORTIA  |
| 15. CROCHETED | 8. LASSOED    |
| 17. DESTROYER | 14. RESPONSES |
| 20. USAGE     | 16. HEURISTIC |
| 22. FLOUR     | 17. DEFAMES   |
| 24. COMMINGLE | 18. YUCKIER   |
| 26. MUSSOLINI | 19. REMAINS   |
| 27. TEMPT     | 21. ELECTED   |
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| 29. CARED     | 25. GAMER     |



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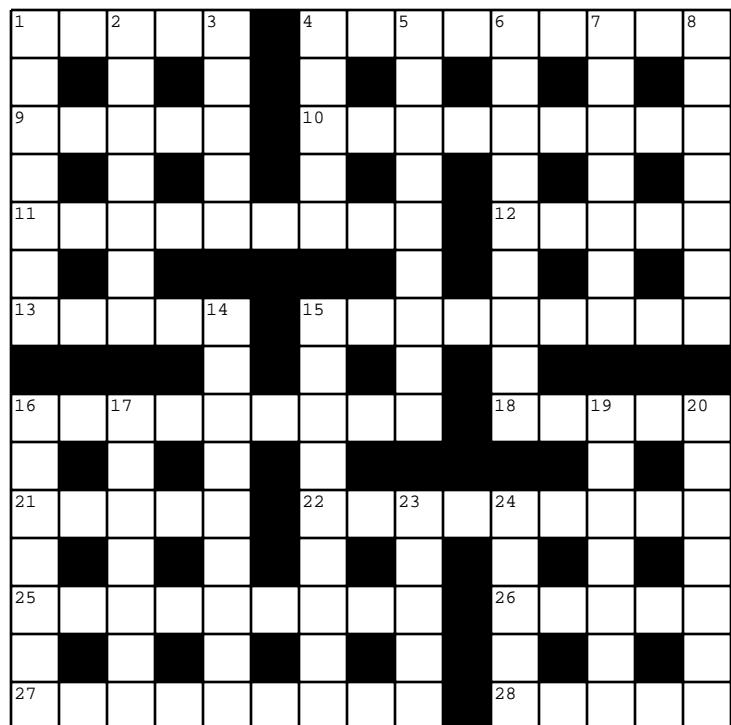
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| 1. TIBIA      | 1. TRAFFIC    |
| 4. GEOMETRIC  | 2. BASRA      |
| 9. ASSET      | 3. ANTIPASTI  |
| 10. NARRATIVE | 4. GENTLEMEN  |
| 11. FLAGPOLES | 5. OGRES      |
| 12. SUSHI     | 6. EXAMS      |
| 13. CHESS     | 7. REISSUING  |
| 15. MODIFYING | 8. CREWING    |
| 18. SECTIONAL | 14. EXCHEQUER |
| 19. OUGHT     | 16. DELIVERED |
| 21. IDEAL     | 17. FOODSTUFF |
| 23. INVISIBLE | 18. STIRRUP   |
| 25. RAUNCHIER | 20. THEREBY   |
| 26. UNITE     | 22. LUCIO     |
| 27. PERFORMED | 23. IDIOM     |
| 28. FIZZY     | 24. BLITZ     |



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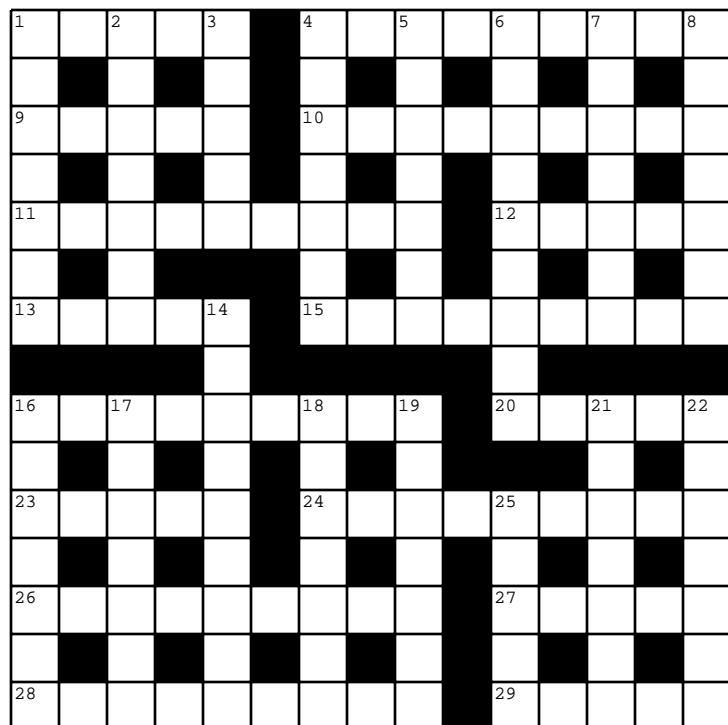
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|---------------|---------------|
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| 4. FLAMMABLE  | 2. INSPIRE    |
| 9. LASER      | 3. BORED      |
| 10. CAMPAIGNS | 4. FICHE      |
| 11. BLINDNESS | 5. ADMISSION  |
| 12. BUBER     | 6. MEATBALLS  |
| 13. EVENT     | 7. BUGABOO    |
| 15. HEIRLOOMS | 8. ENSURES    |
| 16. STATESMAN | 14. THESAURUS |
| 18. SUCRE     | 15. HAMMURABI |
| 21. EXTRA     | 16. SCEPTIC   |
| 22. UNMARRIED | 17. ASTUTER   |
| 25. TUTORIALS | 19. CHICANO   |
| 26. FLAIR     | 20. ENDURES   |
| 27. CHRISTIAN | 23. MASON     |
| 28. ROOTS     | 24. REFER     |



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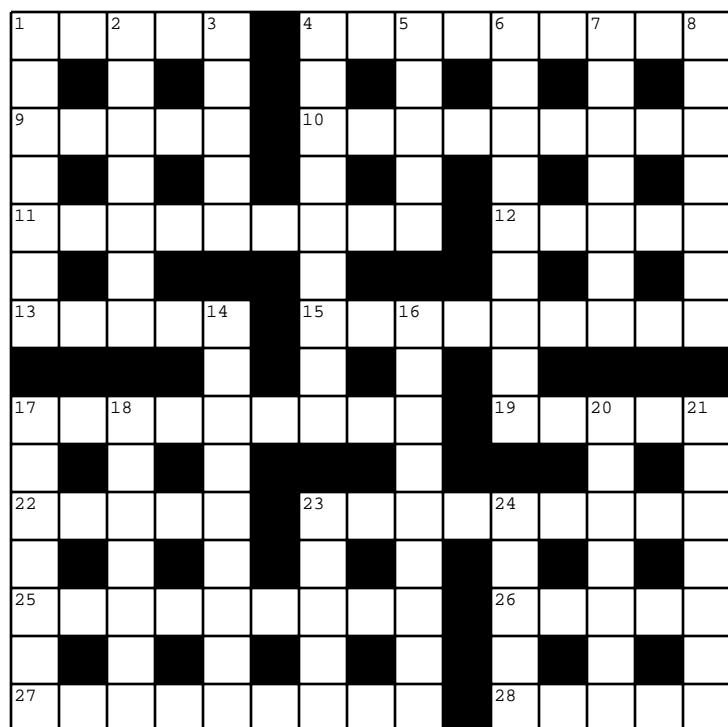
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| 1. DOING      | 1. DESCENT    |
| 4. CACHETING  | 2. INHIBIT    |
| 9. SCHWA      | 3. GRAND      |
| 10. APARTHEID | 4. CZARINA    |
| 11. EMBODYING | 5. CLANGED    |
| 12. AWAKE     | 6. ENTRANCES  |
| 13. TOTAL     | 7. INEXACT    |
| 15. ABDICATES | 8. GODDESS    |
| 16. ENLIVENED | 14. LAVENDERS |
| 20. SNIFF     | 16. ENGLISH   |
| 23. GATUN     | 17. LATERAN   |
| 24. GENERALLY | 18. NAGGING   |
| 26. ISRAELITE | 19. DANKEST   |
| 27. NEGEV     | 21. ILLEGAL   |
| 28. HINDSIGHT | 22. FLYOVER   |
| 29. ABLER     | 25. RONDA     |



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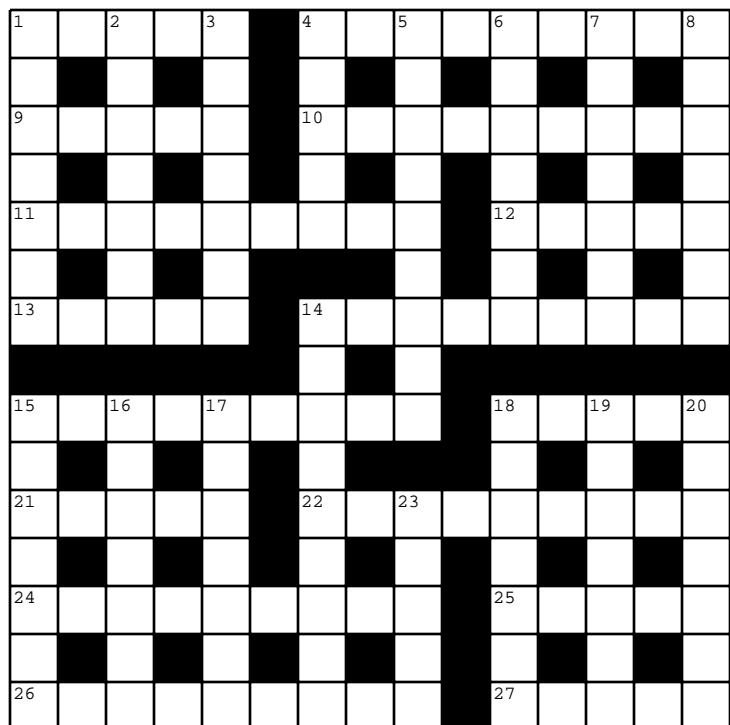
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| 1. DEALT      | 1. DETAINS    |
| 4. CALLIOPE   | 2. APOLLOS    |
| 9. TROOP      | 3. TAPES      |
| 10. RECRUITED | 4. CORROSION  |
| 11. ILLUSIONS | 5. LOCKS      |
| 12. TEEMS     | 6. INUKTITUT  |
| 13. SASSY     | 7. PATIENT    |
| 15. IRRITATES | 8. SADISTS    |
| 17. MIGRAINES | 14. YEARNINGS |
| 19. THUMB     | 16. ROSENBERG |
| 22. SHOON     | 17. MASCARA   |
| 23. AMNESTIED | 18. GNOSTIC   |
| 25. ATTENTIVE | 20. UTILITY   |
| 26. HEIDI     | 21. BEDTIME   |
| 27. ACCESSING | 23. ALIBI     |
| 28. BRYCE     | 24. SAHIB     |



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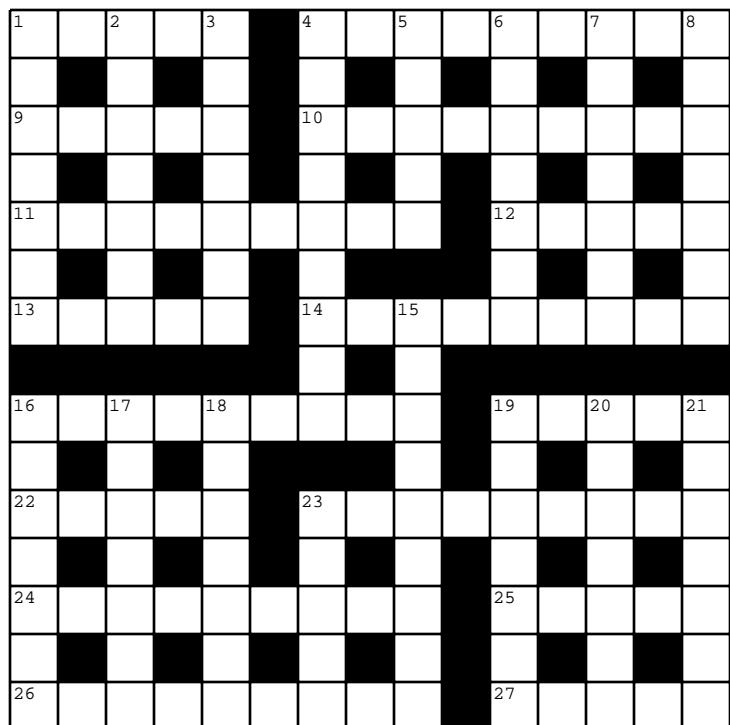
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| 1. OCCUR      | 1. OVERLAP    |
| 4. ABOLISHES  | 2. COLOSSI    |
| 9. ELLEN      | 3. RANKINE    |
| 10. INPUTTING | 4. ADIEU      |
| 11. LASSITUDE | 5. OPPRESSES  |
| 12. RUPEE     | 6. INTERIM    |
| 13. PRISE     | 7. HAIRPIN    |
| 14. BASEMENTS | 8. SIGNERS    |
| 15. ARGUMENTS | 14. BANISTERS |
| 18. TOPIC     | 15. ANTACID   |
| 21. TOWER     | 16. GEWGAWS   |
| 22. SCHOONERS | 17. MARABOU   |
| 24. CRABBIEST | 18. TROJANS   |
| 25. ALIBI     | 19. PREMIER   |
| 26. DISGUISES | 20. CASTING   |
| 27. SHRUG     | 23. HATES     |



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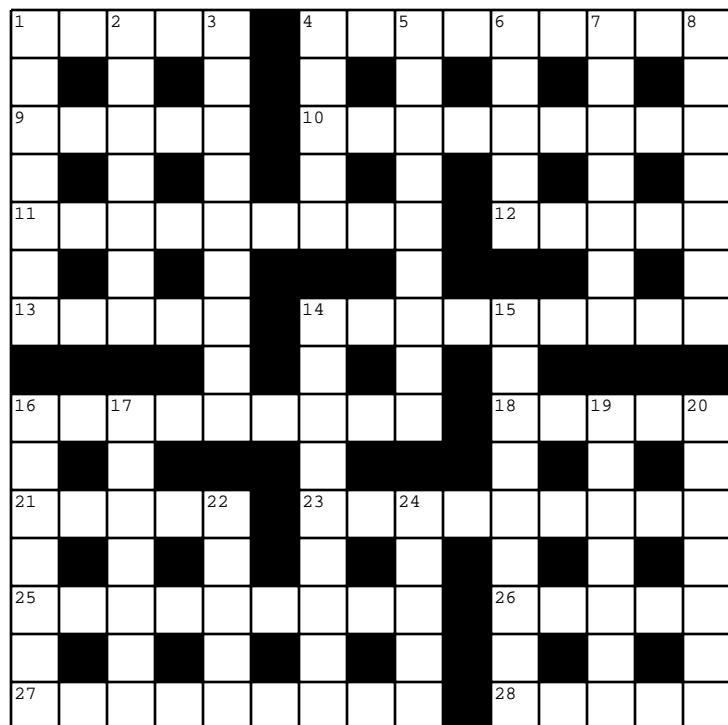
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| 1. COPED      | 1. CODDING    |
| 4. ASSISTANT  | 2. PIMENTO    |
| 9. DOMED      | 3. DIDEROT    |
| 10. TEAMMATES | 4. ATTENTIVE  |
| 11. IGNORANTS | 5. SEAMS      |
| 12. LISLE     | 6. SAMPLED    |
| 13. GHOST     | 7. ARTISAN    |
| 14. INCIDENTS | 8. TESTERS    |
| 16. PROFITEER | 15. CERTIFIES |
| 19. ARENA     | 16. PANACEA   |
| 22. NOTED     | 17. OATMEAL   |
| 23. LEISURELY | 18. INDUCES   |
| 24. CRESCENDI | 19. AQUAVIT   |
| 25. VIDEO     | 20. EMENDED   |
| 26. ALLUSIONS | 21. ANYBODY   |
| 27. TODAY     | 23. LINGO     |



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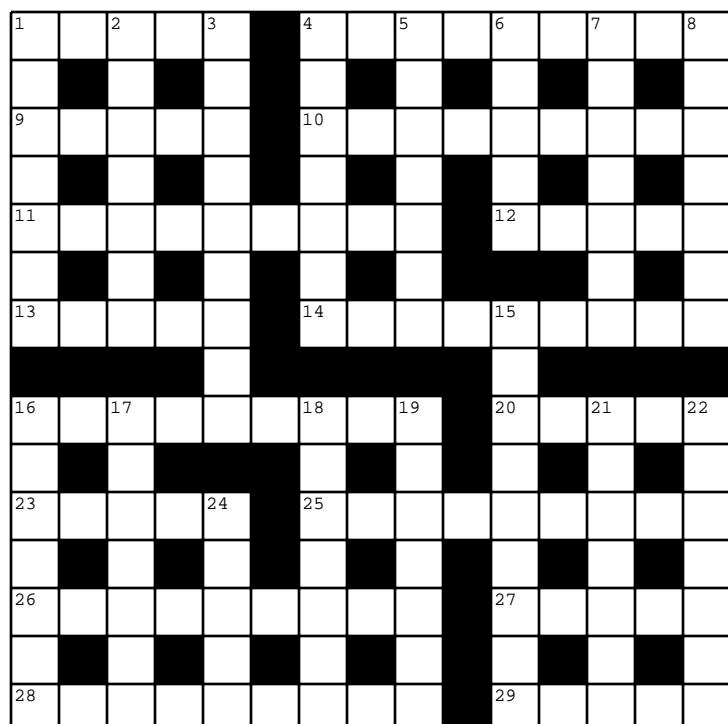
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| 1. RAJAH      | 1. RUCHBAH    |
| 4. QUADRUPLE  | 2. JACUZZI    |
| 9. COCOA      | 3. HEADRESTS  |
| 10. ISOMETRIC | 4. QUITE      |
| 11. BIZARRELY | 5. ANONYMITY  |
| 12. SPEND     | 6. REEFS      |
| 13. HAIRS     | 7. PARVENU    |
| 14. EPILOGUED | 8. ENCODED    |
| 16. ACCESSORY | 14. ECONOMIES |
| 18. EXCEL     | 15. OVERDOING |
| 21. REBEL     | 16. AIRDROP   |
| 23. OVERDRAFT | 17. CEBUANO   |
| 25. REAPPOINT | 19. CHANCED   |
| 26. INCUR     | 20. LITERAL   |
| 27. PROCESSOR | 22. LAPSE     |
| 28. GODEL     | 24. ENTER     |



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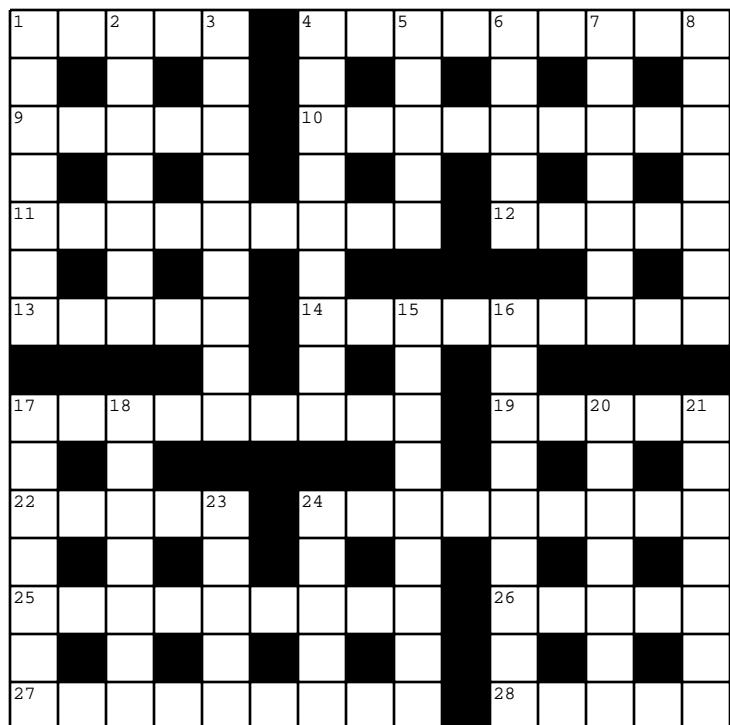
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| 9. YARDS      | 3. DISMISSED  |
| 10. SEVENTEEN | 4. ANSELMO    |
| 11. TESTICLES | 5. REVISIT    |
| 12. SMALL     | 6. DINES      |
| 13. CASTS     | 7. ICECAPS    |
| 14. OPTIMISED | 8. GENTLED    |
| 16. AQUEDUCTS | 15. MISTYPING |
| 20. SHEBA     | 16. ASHAMED   |
| 23. HIDED     | 17. UPDATED   |
| 25. NEODYMIUM | 18. CONTACT   |
| 26. MATERIALS | 19. SPOUSES   |
| 27. ICIER     | 21. ELITIST   |
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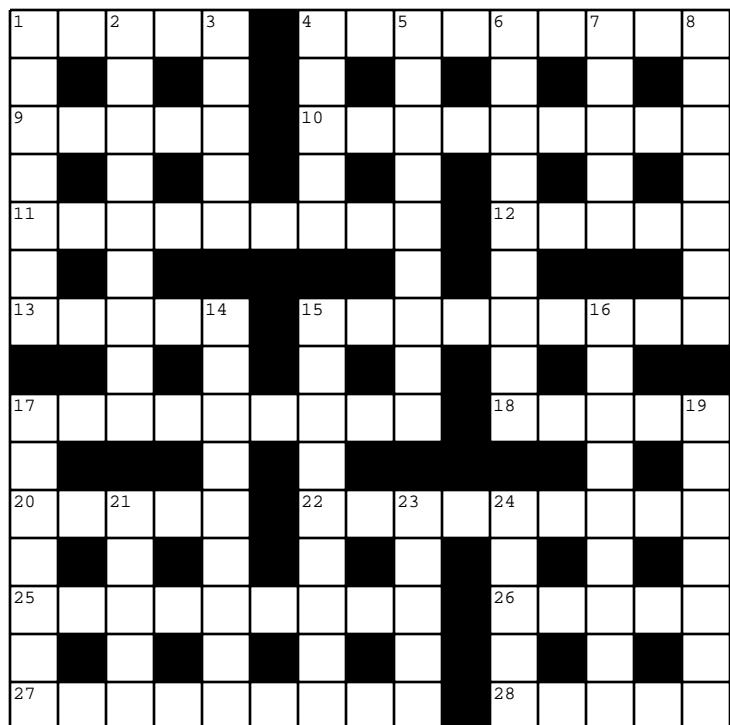
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| 1. TOPIC      | 1. TELLING    |
| 4. VIEWPOINT  | 2. PANACEA    |
| 9. LINEN      | 3. CONCLUDES  |
| 10. REINSTATE | 4. VERSATILE  |
| 11. INculcate | 5. ELITE      |
| 12. DOEST     | 6. POSED      |
| 13. GUARD     | 7. INANEST    |
| 14. INITIATOR | 8. THEATER    |
| 17. BANISTERS | 15. INSISTING |
| 19. TUBAE     | 16. INTIMATED |
| 22. UNCLE     | 17. BOUNCED   |
| 24. ENSEMBLES | 18. NUCLEAR   |
| 25. CRESCENDI | 20. BOLOGNA   |
| 26. TIGER     | 21. ENSURES   |
| 27. DARKENING | 23. EMCEE     |
| 28. DIALS     | 24. ENNUI     |



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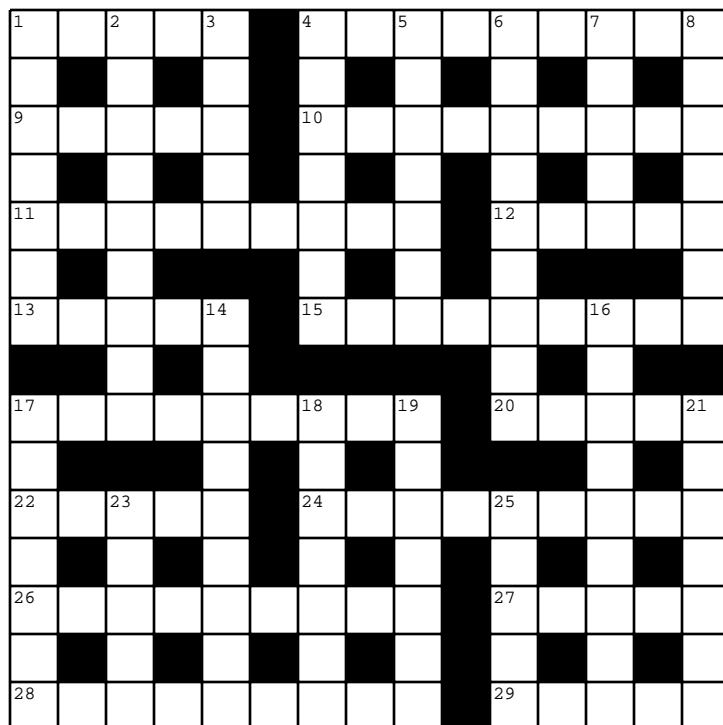
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| 4. QUALITIES  | 2. NINETIETH  |
| 9. GONNA      | 3. AGAIN      |
| 10. ADVENTURE | 4. QUASI      |
| 11. INTENTION | 5. ADVANCING  |
| 12. RATES     | 6. IGNORANCE  |
| 13. GREAT     | 7. INUIT      |
| 15. ONIONSKIN | 8. STEPSON    |
| 17. BEHOLDING | 14. TALKATIVE |
| 18. EBONY     | 15. ORIENTATE |
| 20. OCHOA     | 16. KNOWINGLY |
| 22. NULLIFIED | 17. BLOOPER   |
| 25. PIZZICATO | 19. YODELED   |
| 26. ANGEL     | 21. HAZED     |
| 27. REDEEMERS | 23. LOOKS     |
| 28. KEYED     | 24. IZAAK     |



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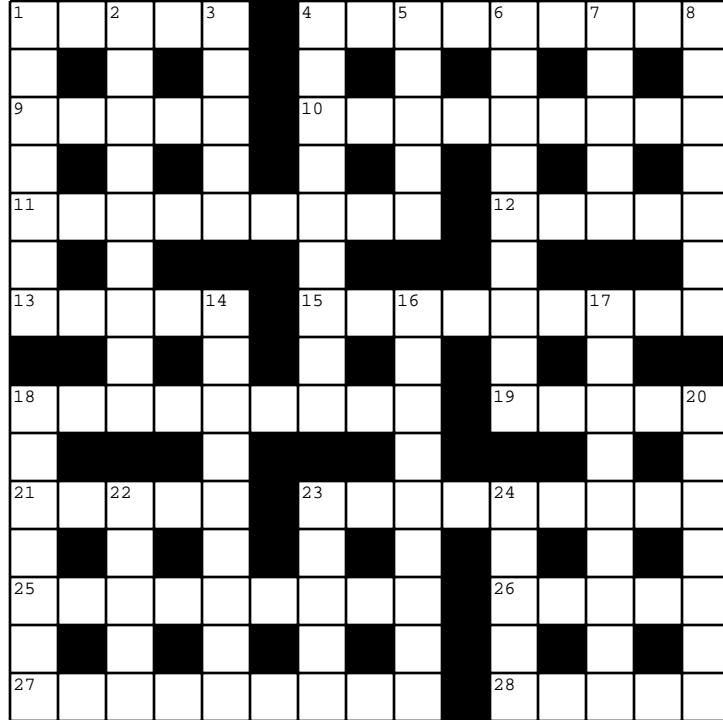
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| 1. ARENA      | 1. ACCEPTS    |
| 4. DEBUNKING  | 2. EMIGRATES  |
| 9. CLIFF      | 3. AFFIX      |
| 10. RESETTING | 4. DERIDED    |
| 11. PEROXIDED | 5. BESIDES    |
| 12. ALTAI     | 6. NITRATING  |
| 13. SITES     | 7. IDIOT      |
| 15. DESTINING | 8. GAGGING    |
| 17. DESCENDED | 14. SPECIALER |
| 20. GALLS     | 16. ILLOGICAL |
| 22. SUSHI     | 17. DESIGNS   |
| 24. CORREGGIO | 18. DECIMAL   |
| 26. GENTLEMAN | 19. DERANGE   |
| 27. ROCKS     | 21. SPONSOR   |
| 28. SUPERGLUE | 23. SUNUP     |
| 29. SOLAR     | 25. EARNS     |



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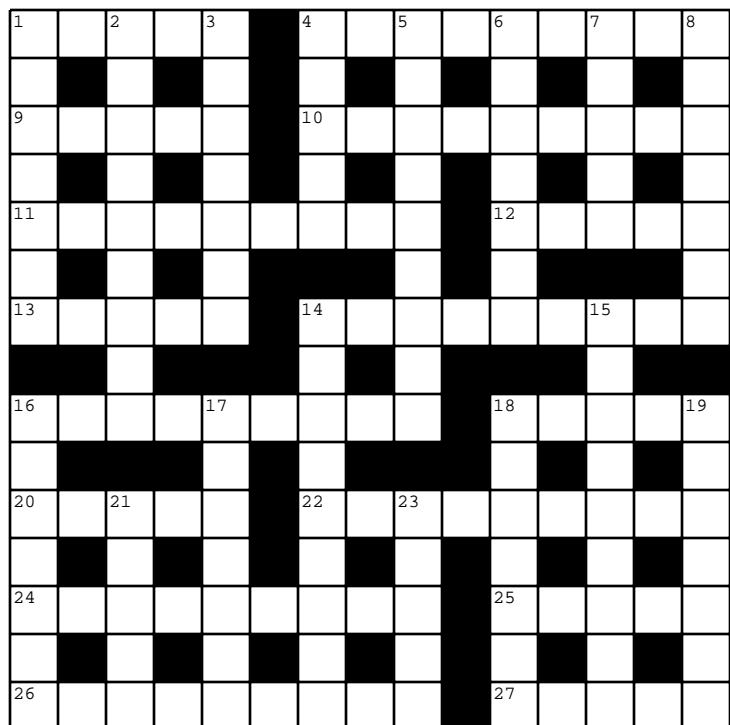
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| 4. CUDDLIEST  | 2. UNCOVERED  |
| 9. VACUA      | 3. BRAKE      |
| 10. EMBEDDING | 4. CHERISHED  |
| 11. REVIEWING | 5. DEBUG      |
| 12. EVENT     | 6. LADDERING  |
| 13. YARDS     | 7. ELITE      |
| 15. HARBINGER | 8. TIGHTER    |
| 18. UNDECIDED | 14. SACRILEGE |
| 19. GIRLS     | 16. REDEFINES |
| 21. MAORI     | 17. GARDENIAS |
| 23. SUFFERERS | 18. UNMASKS   |
| 25. SECRETION | 20. SYSTEMS   |
| 26. DRIVE     | 22. OCCUR     |
| 27. SCREECHES | 23. SMITH     |
| 28. DOSES     | 24. ENDED     |



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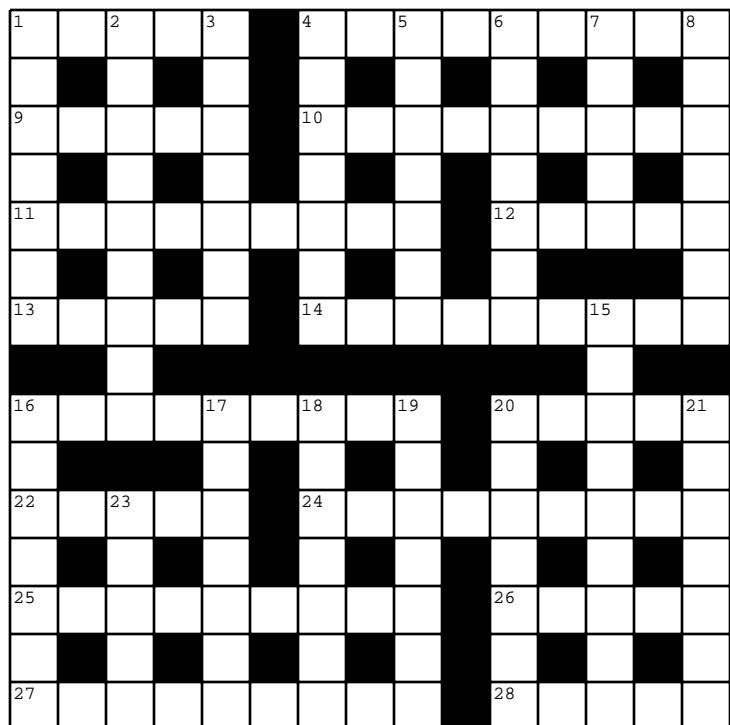
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| 4. REGULARLY  | 2. AMATERASU  |
| 9. IRATE      | 3. EYESORE    |
| 10. DIACRITIC | 4. RIDGE      |
| 11. PHENOMENA | 5. GUARANTEE  |
| 12. TROUT     | 6. LORETTA    |
| 13. DRAKE     | 7. RATIO      |
| 14. ENTRAPPED | 8. YACHTED    |
| 16. COUNTABLE | 14. EMBOSSED  |
| 18. DISCO     | 15. PISTACHIO |
| 20. LIVED     | 16. COLOMBO   |
| 22. SUNNYVALE | 17. TADPOLE   |
| 24. MUSSOLINI | 18. DRYWALL   |
| 25. ASHES     | 19. OVERSEE   |
| 26. OUTWEIGHS | 21. VISIT     |
| 27. LOOSE     | 23. NAILS     |



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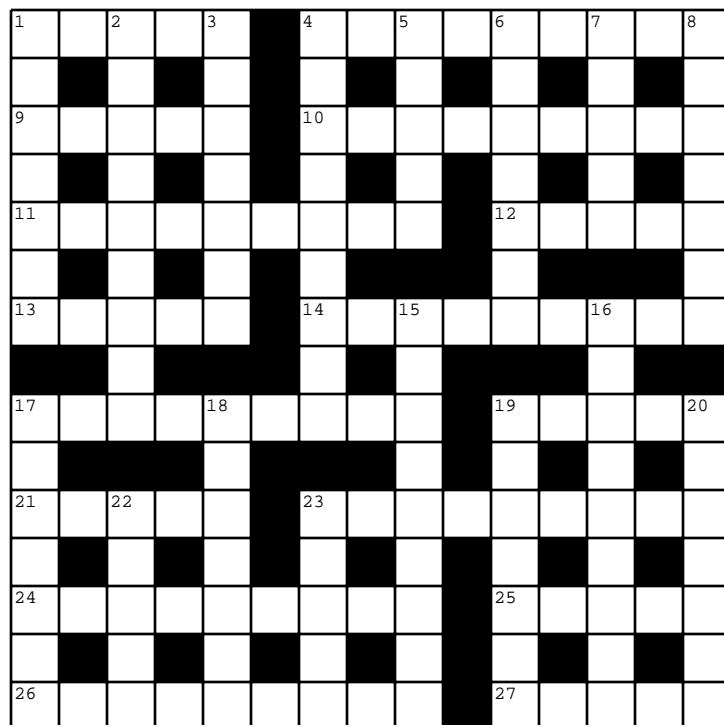
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| 4. MEDICATES  | 2. EXCLAIMED  |
| 9. SUCRE      | 3. STEPSON    |
| 10. LISTENERS | 4. MILKSOP    |
| 11. CEAUSESCU | 5. DISTURB    |
| 12. NURSE     | 6. CHENNAI    |
| 13. LEMON     | 7. THEIR      |
| 14. PUBLISHES | 8. SYSTEMS    |
| 16. INDELIBLE | 15. HORSESHOE |
| 20. SORTA     | 16. INTENSE   |
| 22. TENON     | 17. LENGTHS   |
| 24. CORPULENT | 18. BACKING   |
| 25. NIGHTTIME | 19. EARNERS   |
| 26. ETHIC     | 20. STUDENT   |
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| 28. THEME     | 23. NEGEV     |



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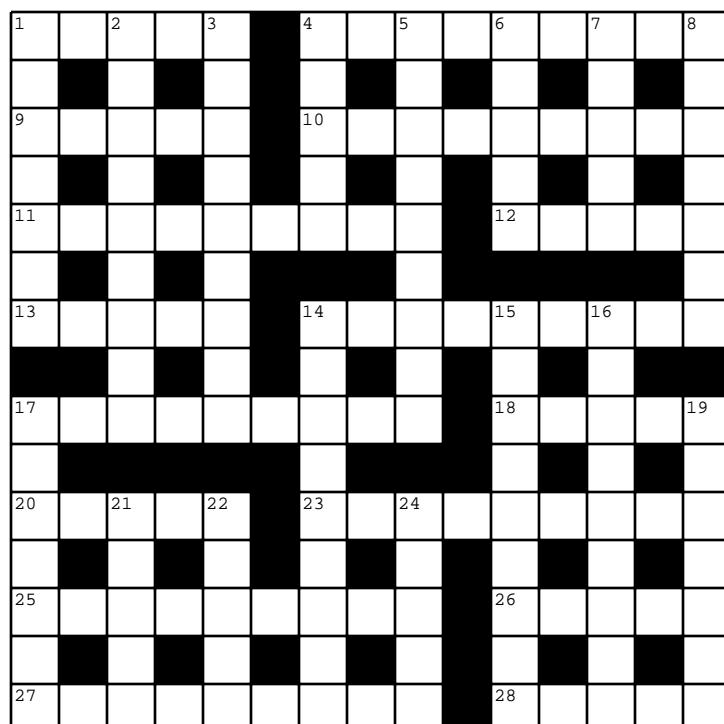
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| 1. LODGE      | 1. LAUNDER    |
| 4. GLANDULAR  | 2. DYNASTIES  |
| 9. URNED      | 3. ENDWISE    |
| 10. INFLUENZA | 4. GLISSANDI  |
| 11. DISMISSAL | 5. AWFUL      |
| 12. LUIGI     | 6. DOUBLES    |
| 13. RAISE     | 7. LANAI      |
| 14. NECESSITY | 8. READILY    |
| 17. BISECTION | 15. CONFUSING |
| 19. RACED     | 16. INCOGNITO |
| 21. CHILI     | 17. BACKHOE   |
| 23. EQUIPAGES | 18. CLIBURN   |
| 24. HAMMURABI | 19. REPLICA   |
| 25. ICIER     | 20. DISHRAG   |
| 26. EHRENBERG | 22. IZMIR     |
| 27. AMONG     | 23. ERASE     |



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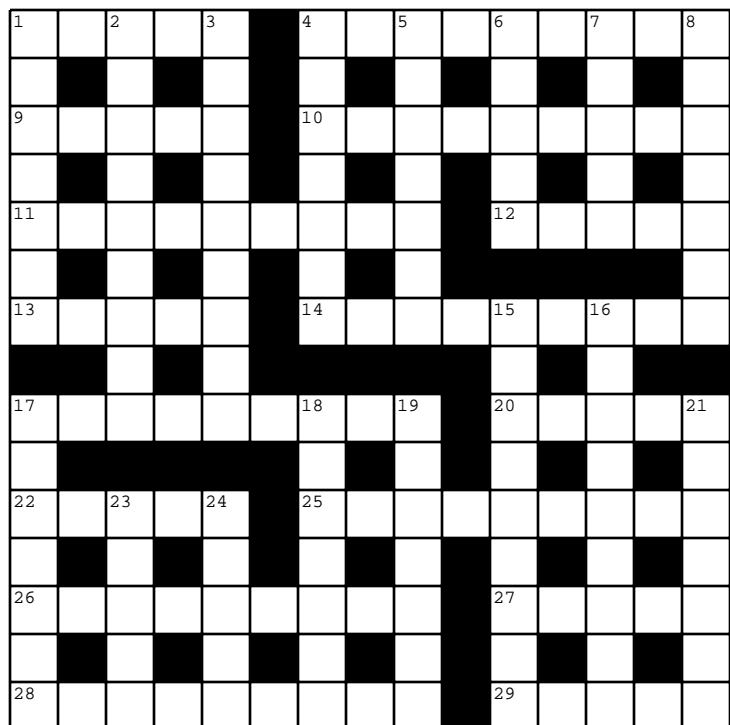
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| 4. CACHETING  | 2. DECOMPOSE  |
| 9. RACED      | 3. HYDRAULIC  |
| 10. RENEGADED | 4. CARPI      |
| 11. SIMPATICO | 5. CONFORMED  |
| 12. ERASE     | 6. EAGLE      |
| 13. SPOOL     | 7. INDIA      |
| 14. SOMETIMES | 8. GADGETS    |
| 17. OVERCROWD | 14. SHODDIEST |
| 18. RANTS     | 15. TARPAULIN |
| 20. SIKHS     | 16. MENDELEEV |
| 23. DISMALEST | 17. OBSCENE   |
| 25. EQUIPMENT | 19. SATCHEL   |
| 26. LEECH     | 21. KAUAI     |
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| 28. NOVEL     | 24. SITES     |



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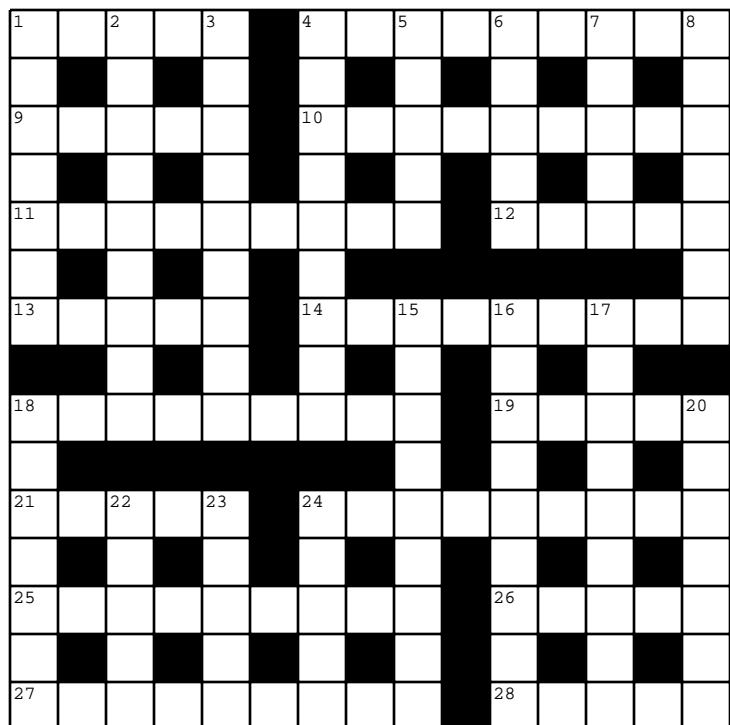
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| 1. SCREW      | 1. SATCHEL    |
| 4. PACIFIERS  | 2. RENDITION  |
| 9. TONES      | 3. WASHBASIN  |
| 10. REENACTED | 4. PERTURB    |
| 11. HAIRBRUSH | 5. CHEKHOV    |
| 12. CORAL     | 6. FRANC      |
| 13. LAIRS     | 7. ENTER      |
| 14. BEVERAGES | 8. SADDLES    |
| 17. PENINSULA | 15. REFERENDA |
| 20. FRITO     | 16. GLISSANDI |
| 22. EIGHT     | 17. PREPPIE   |
| 25. MAHARISHI | 18. UNMASKS   |
| 26. PROCESSOR | 19. ASHTRAY   |
| 27. NINJA     | 21. ORIGAMI   |
| 28. EXPRESSLY | 23. GROUP     |
| 29. ALIBI     | 24. THERE     |



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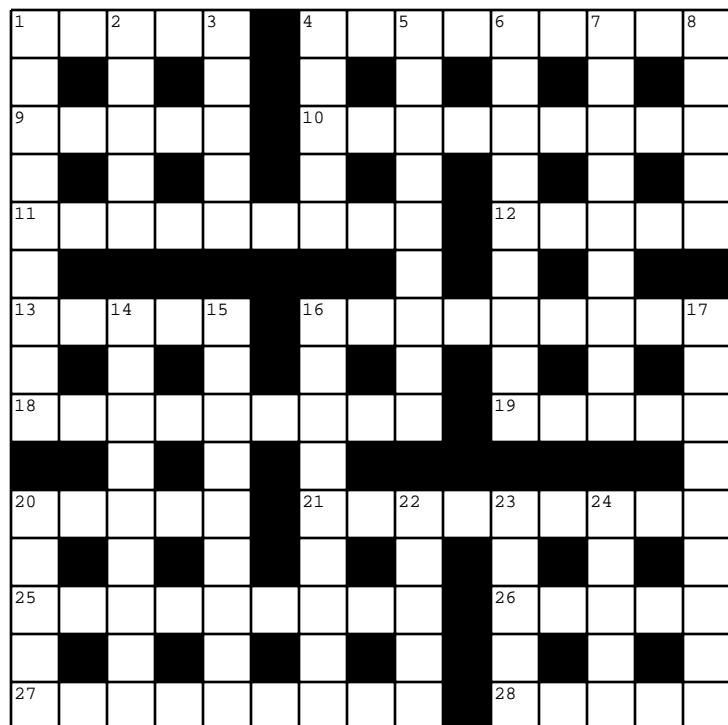
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| 4. GODFATHER  | 2. GUATEMALA  |
| 9. TRAIN      | 3. CONTRALTO  |
| 10. NARCOTICS | 4. GENITALIA  |
| 11. OVERRATED | 5. DARED      |
| 12. ADIEU     | 6. AROMA      |
| 13. SNAIL     | 7. HEIDI      |
| 14. LEGENDARY | 8. RESTUDY    |
| 18. INAMORATA | 15. GRADUALLY |
| 19. GAYER     | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 21. SERRA     | 17. ABYSSINIA |
| 24. COURTESAN | 18. INSIPID   |
| 25. POLITICAL | 20. RANSACK   |
| 26. LINDA     | 22. RULER     |
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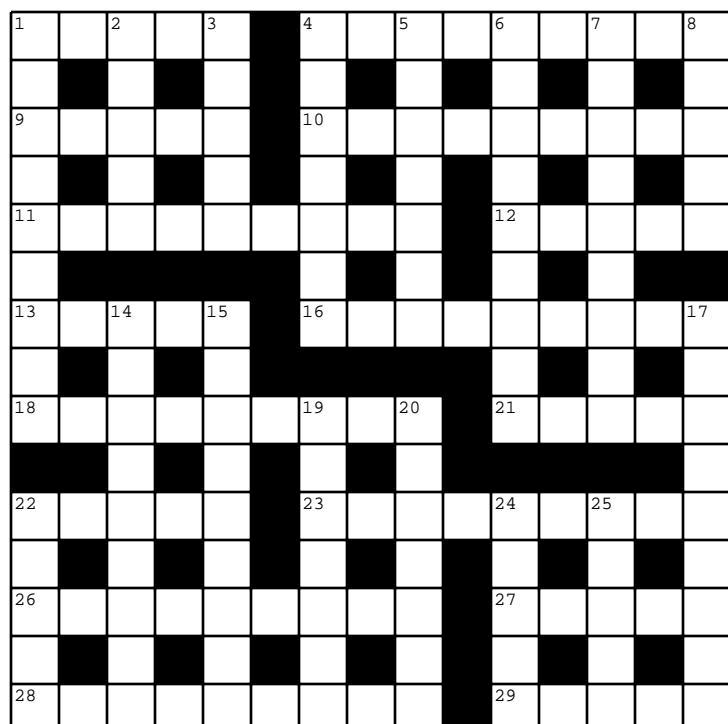
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| 4. RADIATORS  | 2. MERIT      |
| 9. TORSO      | 3. STONE      |
| 10. FRAUGHTED | 4. REFER      |
| 11. CATHEDRAL | 5. DEADLINES  |
| 12. RAKED     | 6. ALGORITHM  |
| 13. YAWNS     | 7. OUTSKIRTS  |
| 16. SANITARIA | 8. SIDED      |
| 18. MAINTAINS | 14. WAISTLINE |
| 19. MASON     | 15. SATISFIED |
| 20. RATES     | 16. SCINTILLA |
| 21. TEDIOUSLY | 17. ANNOYANCE |
| 25. INITIALLY | 20. RHINO     |
| 26. TOKEN     | 22. DOYEN     |
| 27. OVERDRAWN | 23. OPTIC     |
| 28. CEASE     | 24. SAKHA     |



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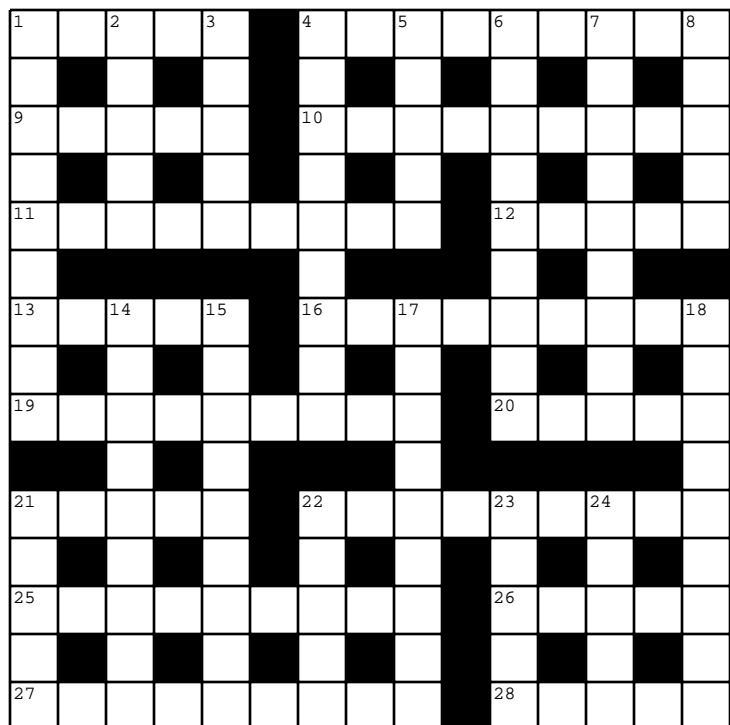
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| 9. TONAL      | 3. VALID      |
| 10. COMPOSURE | 4. ORCHARD    |
| 11. OVERDRAFT | 5. SEMITES    |
| 12. SATIN     | 6. FOODSTUFF  |
| 13. AGING     | 7. INUKTITUT  |
| 16. DISGUSTED | 8. GREEN      |
| 18. SUPPORTER | 14. IMPORTERS |
| 21. FATAL     | 15. GEOGRAPHY |
| 22. SORER     | 17. DELEGATES |
| 23. REDDENING | 19. TERMINI   |
| 26. OVERPRICE | 20. RYDBERG   |
| 27. REACT     | 22. STORM     |
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| 29. REEKS     | 25. IRATE     |



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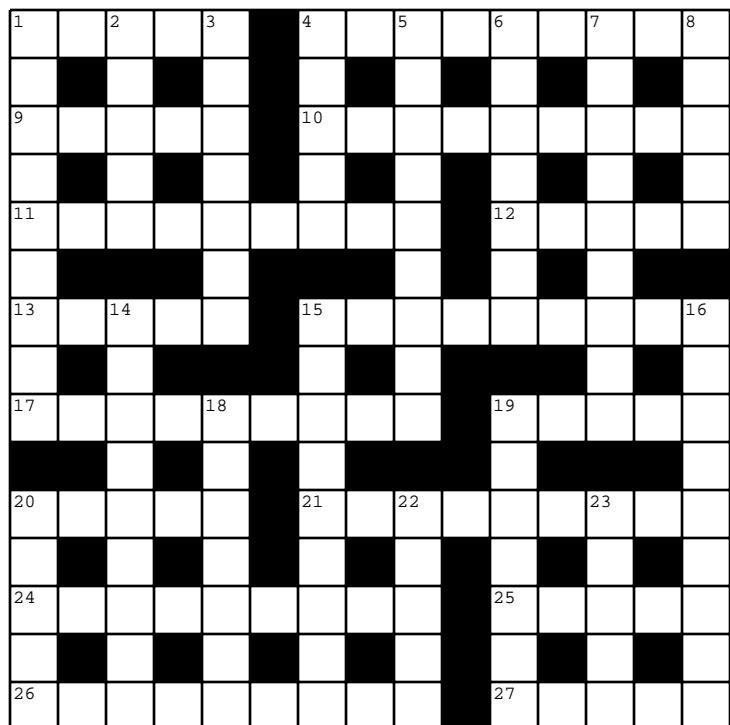
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| 1. BASRA      | 1. BADMINTON  |
| 4. PADDOCKED  | 2. SPOIL      |
| 9. DHOTI      | 3. ACING      |
| 10. INVENTING | 4. PRISCILLA  |
| 11. ILLOGICAL | 5. DEVIL      |
| 12. BAHIA     | 6. OMNIBUSES  |
| 13. TORSI     | 7. KNIGHTING  |
| 16. LAVISHING | 8. DOGMA      |
| 19. NIGHTMARE | 14. RAGGEDIER |
| 20. SIGHT     | 15. INTRINSIC |
| 21. UTERI     | 17. VIEWPOINT |
| 22. TYPEWRITE | 18. GATHERING |
| 25. GLISSANDI | 21. URGED     |
| 26. FUNGI     | 22. TENSE     |
| 27. DIRECTEST | 23. WAFTS     |
| 28. SHRUG     | 24. INNER     |



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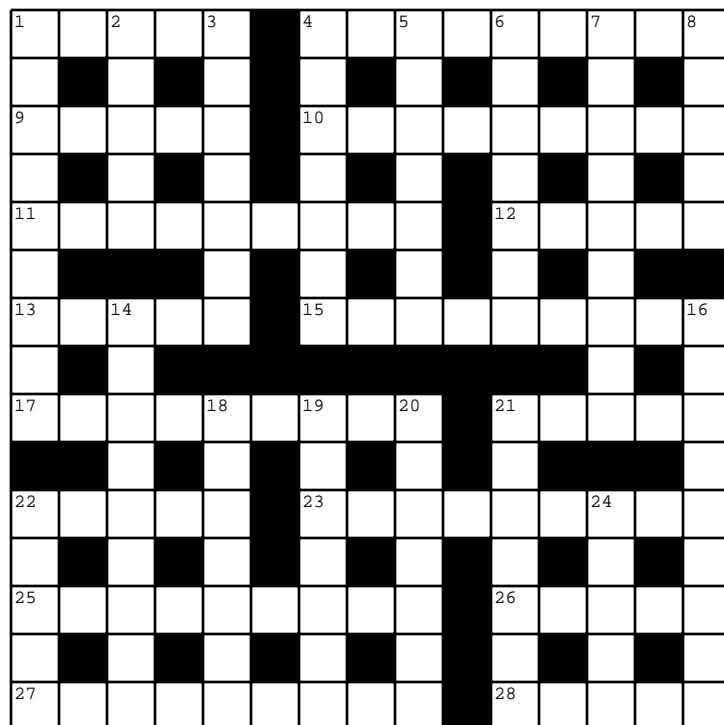
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| 4. KEEPSAKES  | 2. TREAT      |
| 9. HEELS      | 3. DISHRAG    |
| 10. APPALOOSA | 4. KHAKI      |
| 11. INTERVIEW | 5. EMPOWERED  |
| 12. DELAY     | 6. SOLIDLY    |
| 13. TYING     | 7. KNOWLEDGE  |
| 15. MARTYRDOM | 8. SHAKY      |
| 17. CONCLUDED | 14. IGNORANCE |
| 19. EVENT     | 15. MIDDLEMAN |
| 20. PARKA     | 16. MATCHBOOK |
| 21. LABYRINTH | 18. LIAISON   |
| 24. LONESOMES | 19. ETRURIA   |
| 25. RADIO     | 20. POLYP     |
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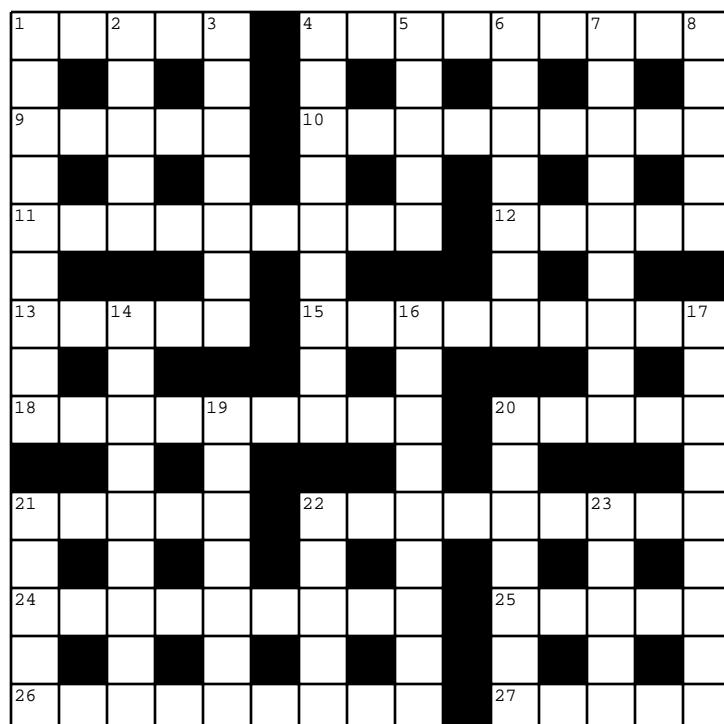
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| 1. SIGHT      | 1. STRUGGLED  |
| 4. LATECOMER  | 2. GENII      |
| 9. RANGE      | 3. THEISTS    |
| 10. CHAPARRAL | 4. LACONIC    |
| 11. GLISSANDO | 5. TEAROOM    |
| 12. DRYLY     | 6. CHANDRA    |
| 13. LINES     | 7. MARTYRDOM  |
| 15. COMMANDOS | 8. RELAY      |
| 17. DECREASED | 14. NECESSITY |
| 21. COMMA     | 16. SHALLOWER |
| 22. BASSI     | 18. ELITIST   |
| 23. POSTNATAL | 19. SOPRANO   |
| 25. TRIPITAKA | 20. DISEASE   |
| 26. ASKEW     | 21. CENTAUR   |
| 27. KEYSTROKE | 22. BATIK     |
| 28. RARER     | 24. TAKER     |



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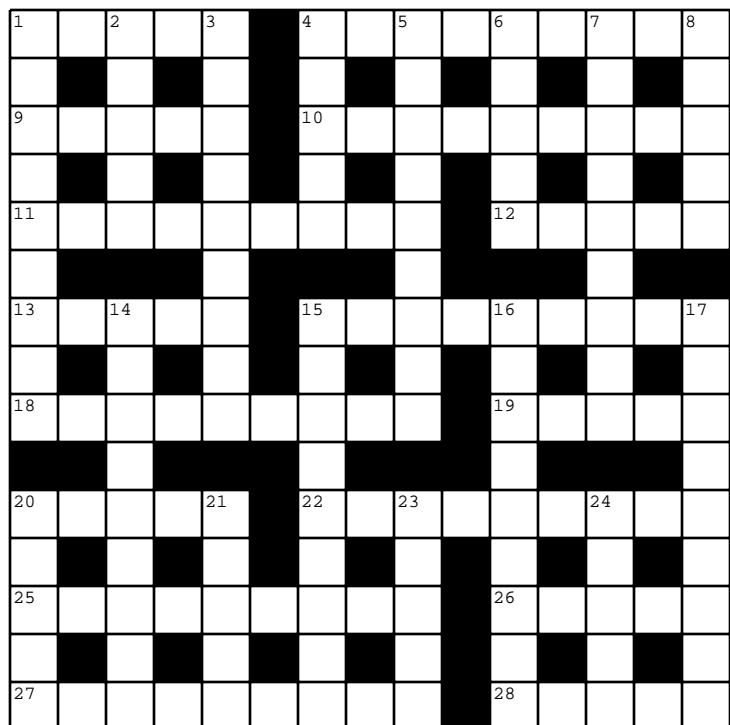
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| 1. AUGER      | 1. APOCRYPHA  |
| 4. BANJOISTS  | 2. GRIEF      |
| 9. OMITS      | 3. RESERVE    |
| 10. TELETYPE  | 4. BUTTERFAT  |
| 11. REFORMERS | 5. NULLS      |
| 12. RARES     | 6. OUTCROP    |
| 13. PIQUE     | 7. SUPERNOVA  |
| 15. FIREPROOF | 8. SISES      |
| 18. APATHETIC | 14. QUADRUPLE |
| 20. SNAFU     | 16. RECAPTURE |
| 21. RURAL     | 17. FLUCTUATE |
| 22. COPYRIGHT | 19. HOLCOMB   |
| 24. IMPROMPTU | 20. SPRUCES   |
| 25. COMMA     | 21. RHINO     |
| 26. OVERBORNE | 22. CAPER     |
| 27. SCALE     | 23. GAMMA     |



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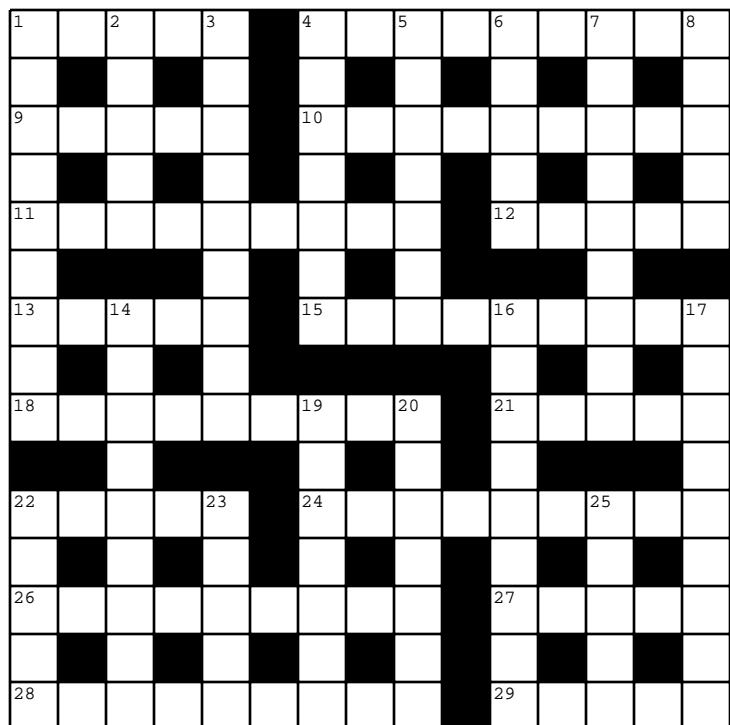
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| 1. BEBOP      | 1. BUTTERCUP  |
| 4. ENDOWMENT  | 2. BLURB      |
| 9. TRUST      | 3. POTPOURRI  |
| 10. DESIRABLE | 4. ENDED      |
| 11. EMBROIDER | 5. DESTROYER  |
| 12. STYLE     | 6. WARNS      |
| 13. CLEAR     | 7. EMBRYONIC  |
| 15. ANYTHINGS | 8. THERE      |
| 18. PROFITEER | 14. ECONOMIST |
| 19. NICER     | 15. AMETHYSTS |
| 20. CROSS     | 16. HONEYCOMB |
| 22. HONEYMOON | 17. SERENADES |
| 25. UNIVERSAL | 20. CLUMP     |
| 26. OPTED     | 21. SCENE     |
| 27. PATTERSON | 23. NYLON     |
| 28. BOOKS     | 24. OUTDO     |



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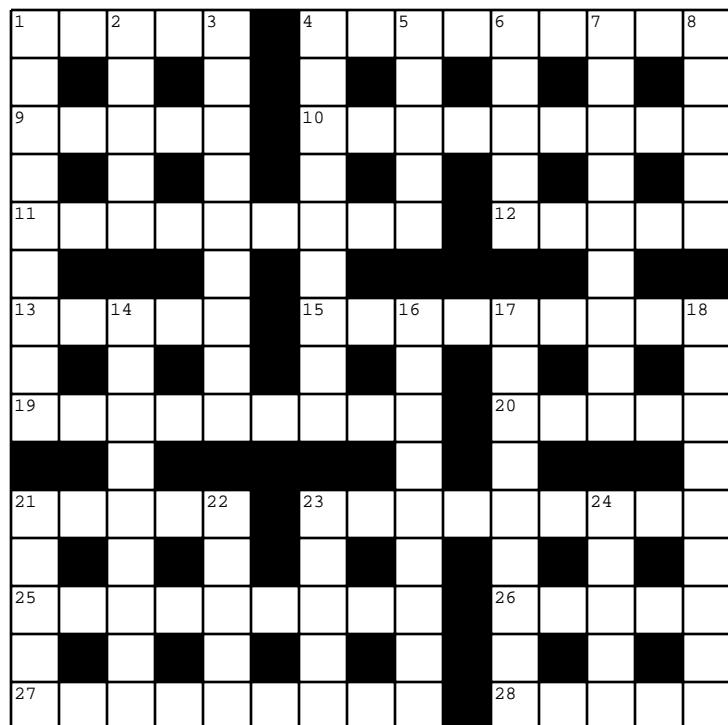
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| 1. PANIC      | 1. POSTPONES  |
| 4. WONDERFUL  | 2. NAMES      |
| 9. SEMEN      | 3. CANVASSED  |
| 10. RAINDROPS | 4. WORSHIP    |
| 11. PISTACHIO | 5. NAIROBI    |
| 12. RISES     | 6. ELDER      |
| 13. NODES     | 7. FOODSTUFF  |
| 15. PRINTOUTS | 8. LISTS      |
| 18. SHODDIEST | 14. DOORSTEPS |
| 21. OFFER     | 16. TROUSSEAU |
| 22. ASSET     | 17. SPRINGIER |
| 24. CROSSTOWN | 19. ENCODED   |
| 26. OVERRIDES | 20. TROUSER   |
| 27. ENNUI     | 22. ATOMS     |
| 28. SUSPENDER | 23. THREE     |
| 29. UNDER     | 25. OWNED     |



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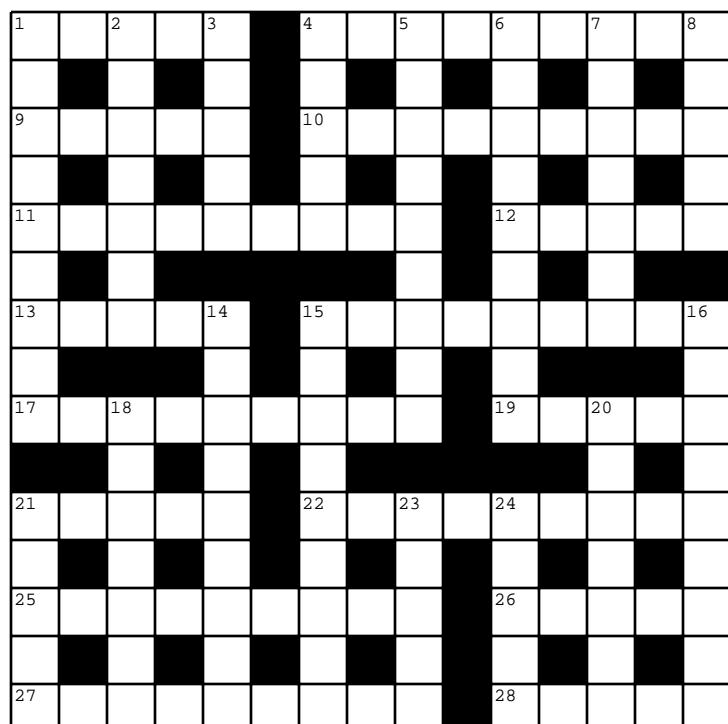
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| 1. HAREM      | 1. HOPSCOTCH  |
| 4. ASSEMBLED  | 2. RANDI      |
| 9. PANIC      | 3. MACHINERY  |
| 10. ENVISAGED | 4. ALEJANDRO  |
| 11. CRIMINALS | 5. SAVES      |
| 12. YACHT     | 6. MESSY      |
| 13. TABLE     | 7. LOGICALLY  |
| 15. DONATELLO | 8. DIDNT      |
| 19. HONEYMOON | 14. BUNGALOWS |
| 20. RHYME     | 16. NONPROFIT |
| 21. EMAIL     | 17. TARANTULA |
| 23. SERENADED | 18. OVERDOSED |
| 25. BOOKSHELF | 21. EBBED     |
| 26. UNITS     | 22. LASER     |
| 27. DISCREDIT | 23. SPEED     |
| 28. ACTED     | 24. DRIFT     |



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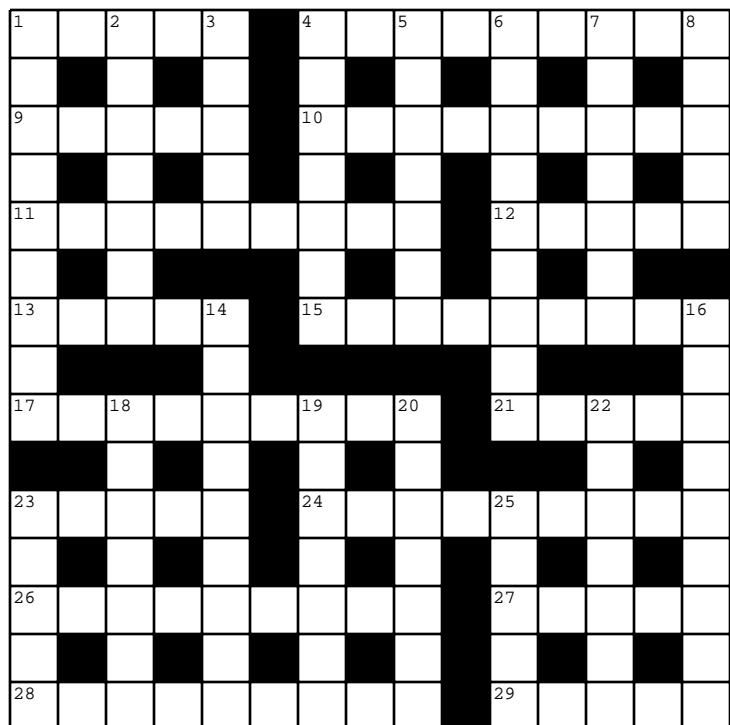
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| 4. ALCOHOLIC  | 2. UNCLEAR    |
| 9. UNCUT      | 3. BATCH      |
| 10. IMMENSITY | 4. ADIEU      |
| 11. GREYHOUND | 5. COMEDIANS  |
| 12. BLEAT     | 6. HANDBOOKS  |
| 13. OGRES     | 7. LOITERS    |
| 15. JEALOUSLY | 8. CRYPT      |
| 17. SEPARATES | 14. SCREAMING |
| 19. SPELL     | 15. JITTERIER |
| 21. SCHWA     | 16. YELLOWING |
| 22. ESPERANTO | 18. PAHLAVI   |
| 25. GRATIFIES | 20. ERNESTO   |
| 26. NISEI     | 21. SIGHT     |
| 27. TRIGGERED | 23. POSED     |
| 28. WRONG     | 24. RENEW     |



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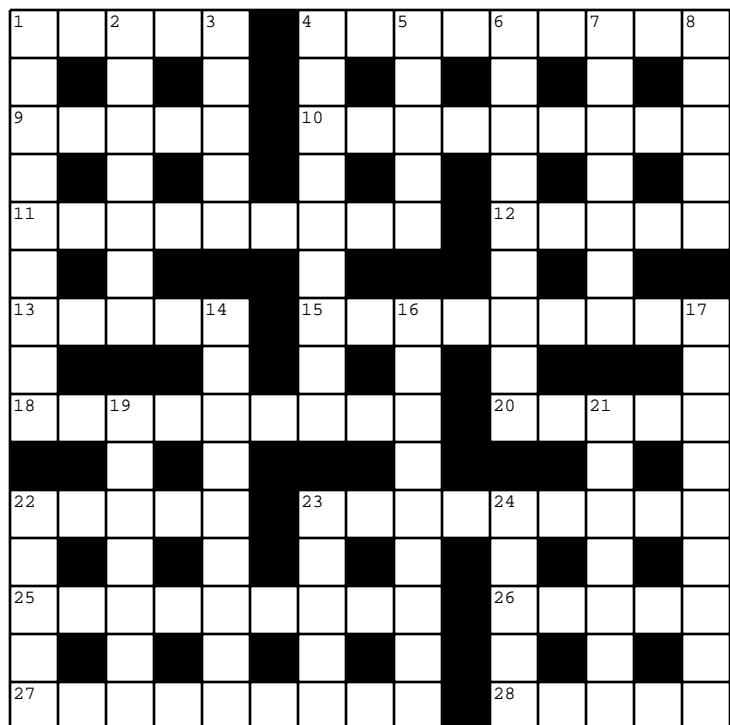
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| 1. LOGIC      | 1. LEAPFROGS  |
| 4. PACIFIERS  | 2. GLIDERS    |
| 9. ALIBI      | 3. CRIED      |
| 10. ORANGUTAN | 4. PROMOTE    |
| 11. FIELDWORK | 5. CRACKLE    |
| 12. IMAGE     | 6. FOGGINESS  |
| 13. OASIS     | 7. EXTRACT    |
| 15. ELEVENTHS | 8. SENSE      |
| 17. SIXTEENTH | 14. SLENDERER |
| 21. STOOD     | 16. SEDUCTION |
| 23. SIRDED    | 18. XEROXED   |
| 24. ALGEBRAIC | 19. NIAGARA   |
| 26. LUXURIATE | 20. HIGHEST   |
| 27. CELLI     | 22. ORACLED   |
| 28. REDBREAST | 23. SOLAR     |
| 29. SEDAN     | 25. BACKS     |



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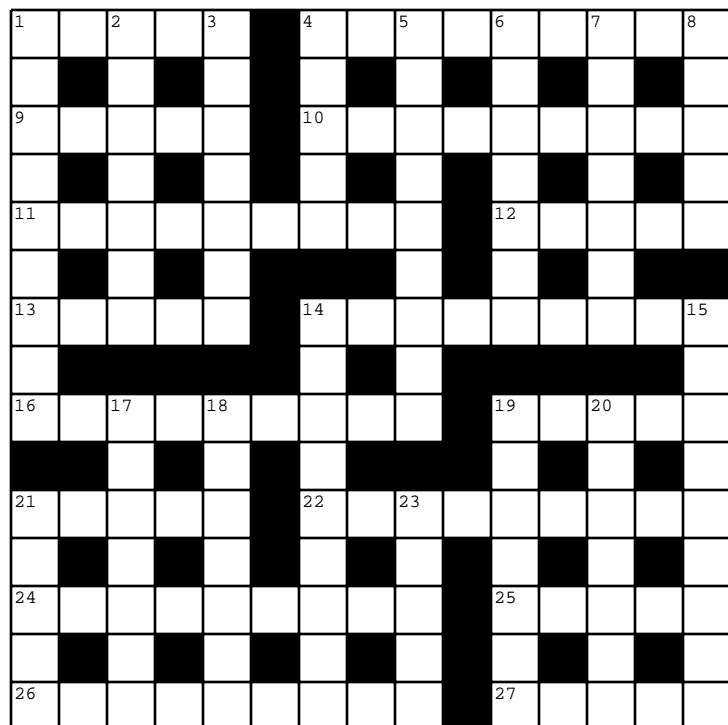
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| 1. ETHIC      | 1. EARTHWORM  |
| 4. REMOVABLE  | 2. HOBBLES    |
| 9. RABBI      | 3. CRIED      |
| 10. POWERBOAT | 4. REPAYMENT  |
| 11. HOLIDAYED | 5. MEWED      |
| 12. INCUR     | 6. VERTICALS  |
| 13. OASIS     | 7. BRONCHI    |
| 15. EMANATING | 8. ENTER      |
| 18. MOTIVATES | 14. SEVENTEEN |
| 20. SALVO     | 16. ASSEMBLES |
| 22. ACORN     | 17. GROGGIEST |
| 23. PAMPERING | 19. TOOLING   |
| 25. UNIVERSAL | 21. LEISURE   |
| 26. TRUCE     | 22. AMUSE     |
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| 28. AGENT     | 24. EXTRA     |



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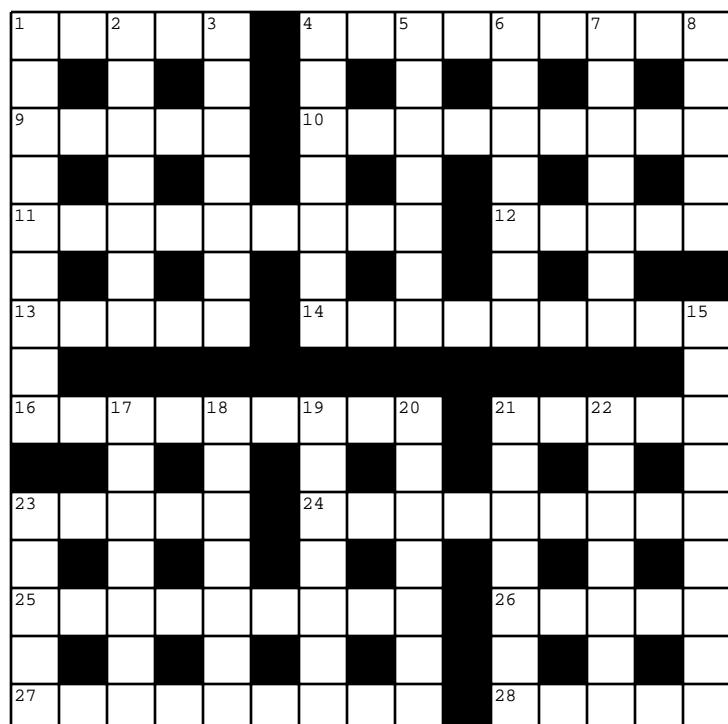
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| 1. AXIOM      | 1. ALGORITHM  |
| 4. BUFFERING  | 2. IMAGINE    |
| 9. GRASS      | 3. MISTOOK    |
| 10. TRAVERSES | 4. BATHE      |
| 11. RHINOCERI | 5. FLAMINGOS  |
| 12. TEAKS     | 6. ELECTOR    |
| 13. TWEAK     | 7. INSTALL    |
| 14. CIGARILLO | 8. GASPS      |
| 16. MALICIOUS | 14. CHOWDERED |
| 19. FISTS     | 15. OBSERVERS |
| 21. BONER     | 17. LINEUPS   |
| 22. DEVELOPER | 18. CARIBOU   |
| 24. STUBBORNS | 19. FILLETS   |
| 25. ERASE     | 20. SOPRANO   |
| 26. MISGUIDES | 21. BOSOM     |
| 27. SPOTS     | 23. VASES     |



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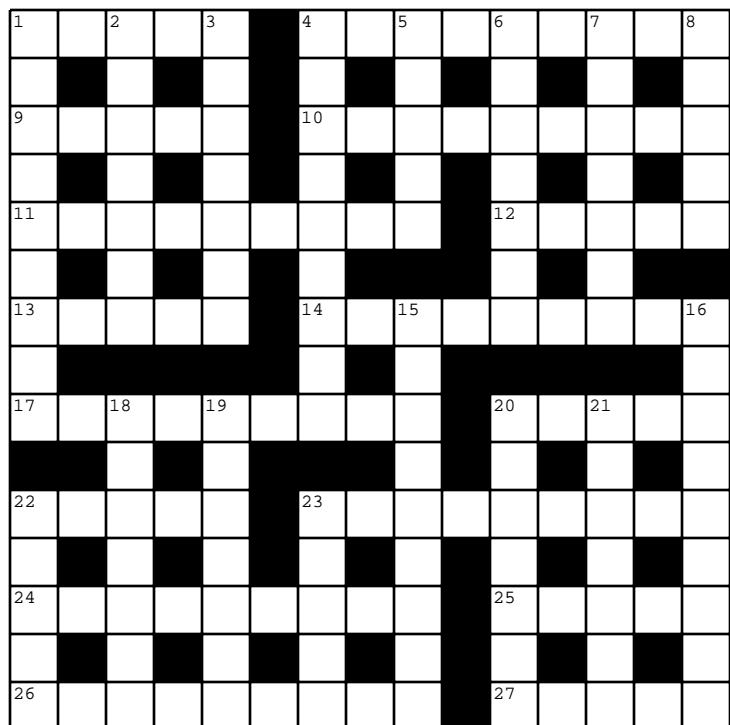
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| 4. BASEMENTS  | 2. SHUDDER    |
| 9. ROUTS      | 3. DESIRES    |
| 10. ABSOLUTES | 4. BRAVADO    |
| 11. UNDERLAIN | 5. SUSANNE    |
| 12. ABBEY     | 6. MULLAHS    |
| 13. ACRES     | 7. NOTABLE    |
| 14. OVERSLEEP | 8. SASSY      |
| 16. SYNTHESIS | 15. PROFESSES |
| 21. CACAO     | 17. NONSTOP   |
| 23. CANON     | 18. HANDOUT   |
| 24. CIGARETTE | 19. SOCORRO   |
| 25. POTPOURRI | 20. SIGNING   |
| 26. MARES     | 21. CARAMEL   |
| 27. DIPHTHONG | 22. CATERER   |
| 28. LORDS     | 23. CAPED     |



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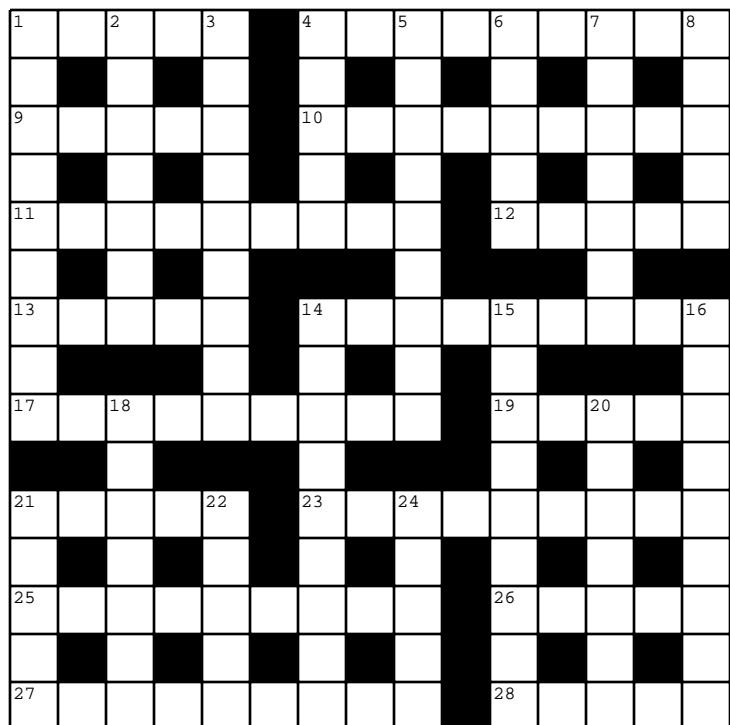
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| 1. MABLE         | 1. MAGNETISM  |
| 4. ROLBACKS      | 2. BETWEEN    |
| 9. GOTTA         | 3. EXACTER    |
| 10. FICTIONAL    | 4. REFERENDA  |
| 11. ELECTORAL    | 5. LOCAL      |
| 12. NOISE        | 6. BRIANNA    |
| 13. INNER        | 7. CANNING    |
| 14. NOSTALGIA    | 8. SOLVE      |
| 17. MELODRAMATIC | 15. SHAMROCKS |
| 20. RACED        | 16. ADDRESSED |
| 22. PANTS        | 18. LININGS   |
| 23. PARACLETE    | 19. DESPAIR   |
| 24. SYNTACTIC    | 20. RUCHBAH   |
| 25. BAKES        | 21. CHECKUP   |
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| 27. HOPED        | 23. PATES     |



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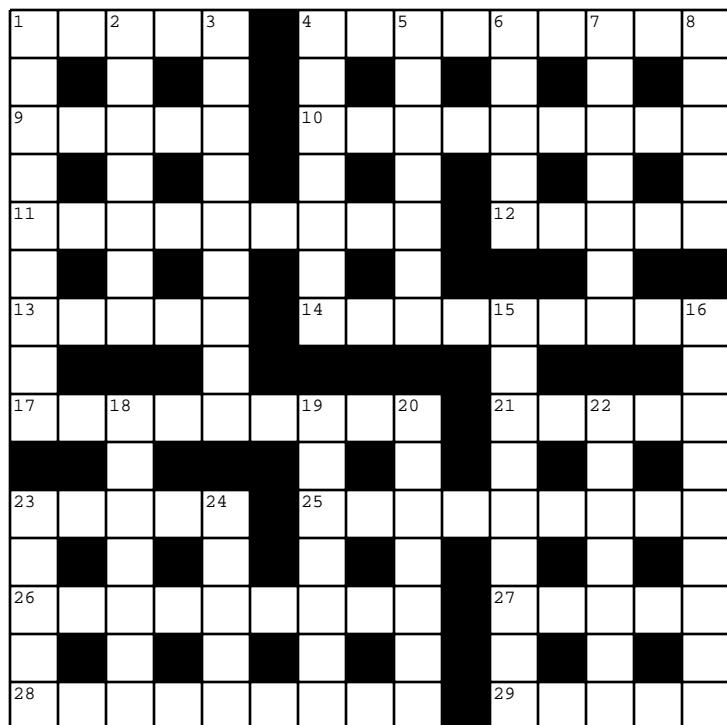
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| 1. PLUMB      | 1. PROCESSOR  |
| 4. FESTIVALS  | 2. UNTYING    |
| 9. OUTDO      | 3. BOOKSHELF  |
| 10. RETRACTED | 4. FORGO      |
| 11. EMISSIONS | 5. SATISFIES  |
| 12. EMMYS     | 6. IMAGE      |
| 13. SEGUE     | 7. ATTEMPT    |
| 14. LEITMOTIF | 8. SIDES      |
| 17. REDEFINES | 14. LANDMARKS |
| 19. DOMES     | 15. MODERATES |
| 21. AUDIO     | 16. FASCINATE |
| 23. MAHARISHI | 18. DEDUCED   |
| 25. SACCHARIN | 20. MESSAGE   |
| 26. TIARA     | 21. ALSOP     |
| 27. PEDERASTY | 22. OTHER     |
| 28. SCENE     | 24. HANDY     |



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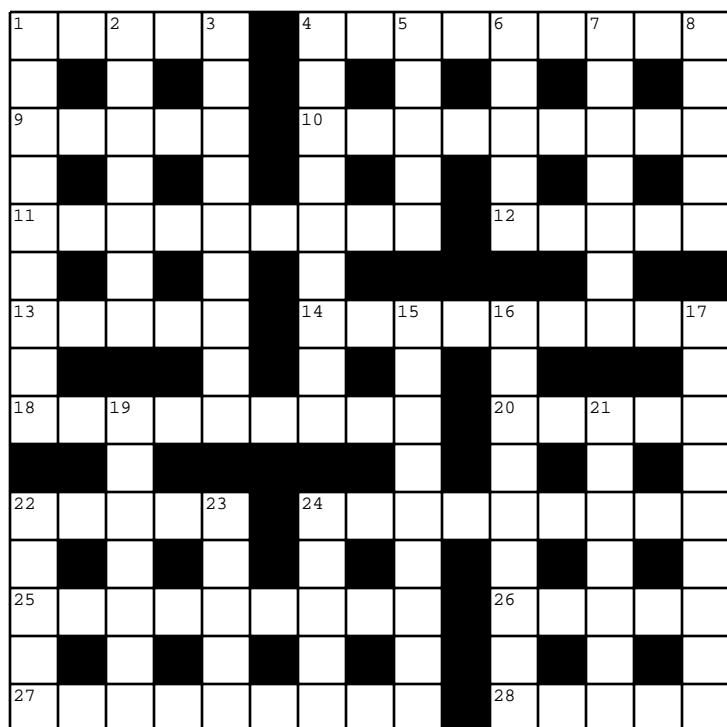
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| 1. FLORA      | 1. FORECASTS  |
| 4. AMAZEMENT  | 2. OATMEAL    |
| 9. RATED      | 3. ABDICATED  |
| 10. ROOMMATES | 4. ARRANGE    |
| 11. CRESCENDI | 5. ABOLISH    |
| 12. SEARS     | 6. EMMYS      |
| 13. SPLIT     | 7. ENTRANT    |
| 14. EXHIBITOR | 8. TASKS      |
| 17. STEADICAM | 15. BOOKSHELF |
| 21. OWNED     | 16. RADICALLY |
| 23. FATED     | 18. EXTRACT   |
| 25. PANASONIC | 19. CAPABLY   |
| 26. ANAEROBIC | 20. MINICAM   |
| 27. EASEL     | 22. NONUSER   |
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| 29. FORTY     | 24. DIRAC     |



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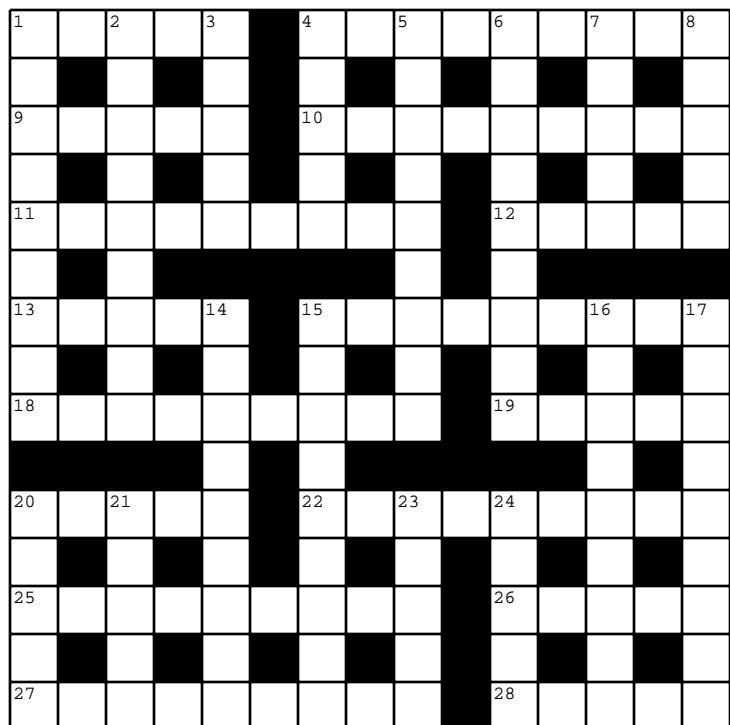
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| 4. PUFFBALLS  | 2. MILTOWN     |
| 9. RELIC      | 3. COCKSCOMB   |
| 10. RENOUNCES | 4. PARAMECIA   |
| 11. BLOSSOMED | 5. FINED       |
| 12. TRULY     | 6. BLUNT       |
| 13. LINGO     | 7. LACQUER     |
| 14. CHOPPED   | 8. SISSY       |
| 18. ALGEBRAIC | 15. OCCUPYING  |
| 20. RAPES     | 16. PERPETUAL  |
| 22. STRIP     | 17. DISMISSSES |
| 24. PEPPERONI | 19. GYRATED    |
| 25. ANTIPASTI | 21. PROTEIN    |
| 26. USERS     | 22. SHALL      |
| 27. LEDERBERG | 23. PAPER      |
| 28. LANDS     | 24. PASSE      |



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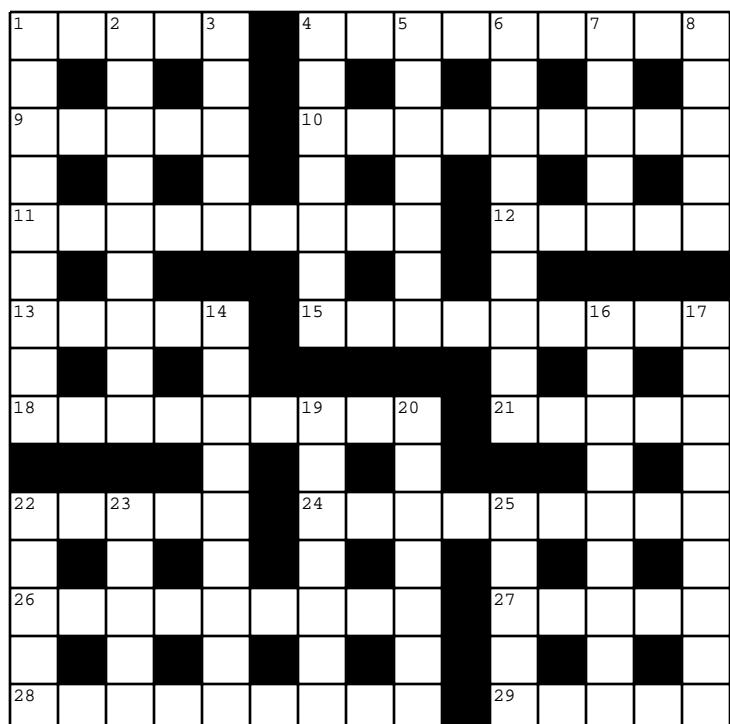
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| 1. ATLAS      | 1. ANGUISHES  |
| 4. CAFETERIA  | 2. LEISURELY  |
| 9. GOING      | 3. SUGAR      |
| 10. IRRITATED | 4. CLIFF      |
| 11. IBUPROFEN | 5. FORTNIGHT  |
| 12. OASIS     | 6. TATTOOING  |
| 13. HEELS     | 7. RATES      |
| 15. LAGNIAPPE | 8. AIDES      |
| 18. SKYROCKET | 14. SHOWERING |
| 19. GINSU     | 15. LIKELIEST |
| 20. PAUSE     | 16. PANTOMIME |
| 22. LABORIOUS | 17. EMULSIONS |
| 25. OUTRIDERS | 20. PROOF     |
| 26. RHINO     | 21. ULTRA     |
| 27. FRAUGHTED | 23. BUSED     |
| 28. LEERS     | 24. RURAL     |



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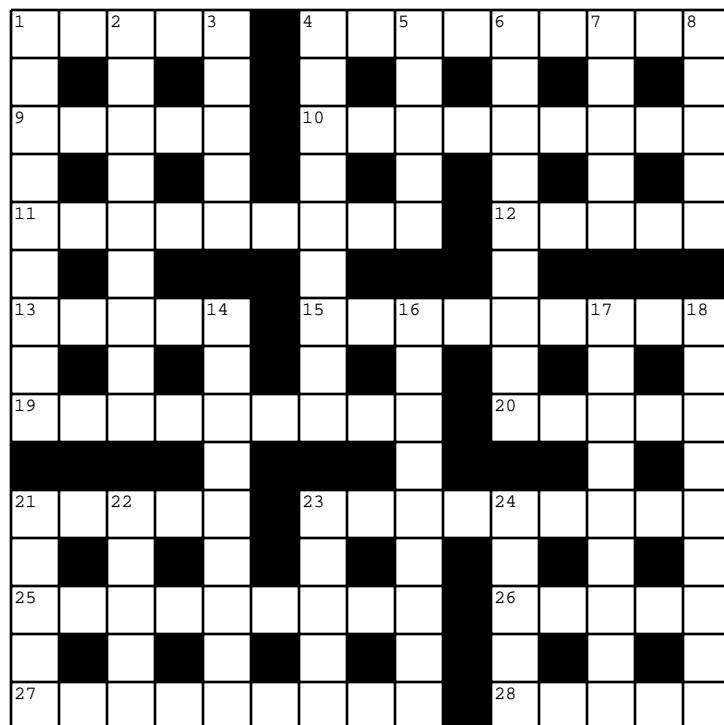
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| 4. ROTATIONS  | 2. CROUCHING  |
| 9. GHOST      | 3. SITES      |
| 10. PANDEMING | 4. REPLICA    |
| 11. ACCESSING | 5. TONIGHT    |
| 12. TONES     | 6. TWENTIETH  |
| 13. IDIOT     | 7. ONION      |
| 15. AUTHENTIC | 8. SIGNS      |
| 18. SEGREGATE | 14. TREACHERY |
| 21. HINDU     | 16. TENTATIVE |
| 22. CUBIC     | 17. CHUNKIEST |
| 24. HATCHBACK | 19. ACHAEAN   |
| 26. BARRENEST | 20. ENTITLE   |
| 27. NAIVE     | 22. COBRA     |
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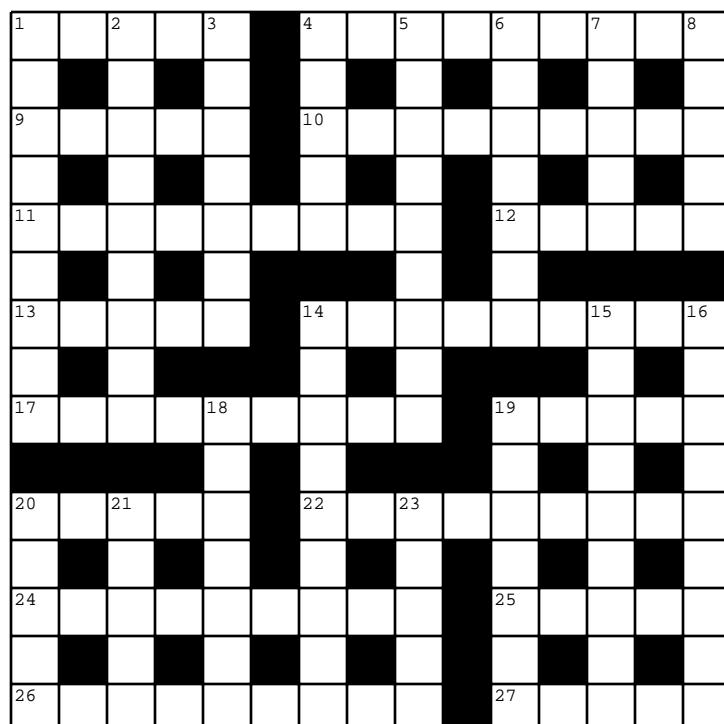
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| 1. VODKA      | 1. VERSATILE  |
| 4. PUMMELING  | 2. DEDICATED  |
| 9. RADII      | 3. AMIDS      |
| 10. ZIGZAGGED | 4. PIZZICATI  |
| 11. ACCESSING | 5. MAGOG      |
| 12. TATTY     | 6. ENACTMENT  |
| 13. INTER     | 7. INGOT      |
| 15. ACCREDITS | 8. GODLY      |
| 19. ENDEARING | 14. REALIZING |
| 20. TASTE     | 16. CIGARILLO |
| 21. SUSHI     | 17. INSIDIous |
| 23. FORBIDDEN | 18. STERNNESS |
| 25. EMOTIONAL | 21. SHERI     |
| 26. LOOSE     | 22. STOIC     |
| 27. INCOGNITO | 23. FUNGI     |
| 28. DOSES     | 24. IDLED     |



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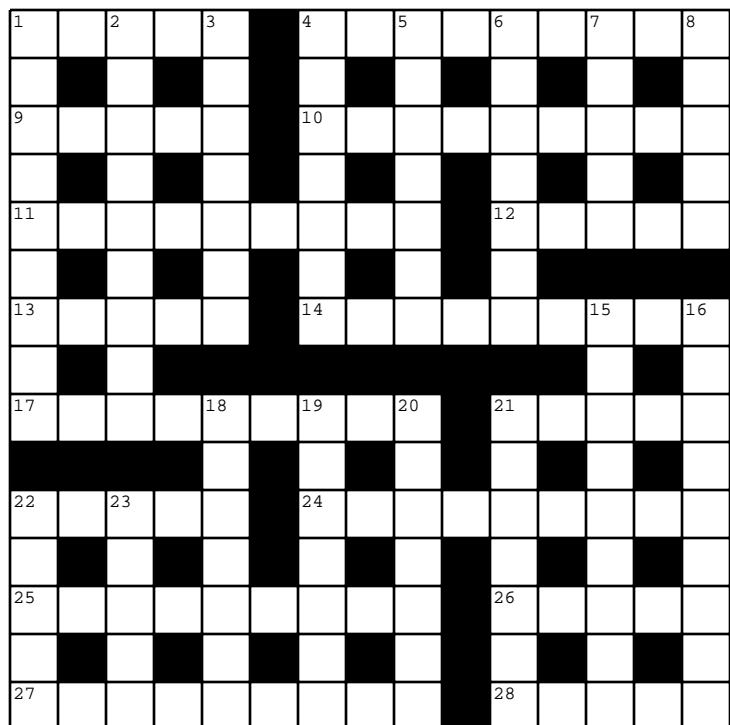
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| 4. INDUCTION  | 2. METACARPI  |
| 9. ENTER      | 3. NARRATE    |
| 10. SUPPORTER | 4. ISSUE      |
| 11. SACRAMENT | 5. DIPHTHONG  |
| 12. CARDS     | 6. CHOICER    |
| 13. EERIE     | 7. INTER      |
| 14. ISOTROPIC | 8. NORMS      |
| 17. POISONING | 14. INITIALLY |
| 19. BYTES     | 15. POTENTIAL |
| 20. ABBOT     | 16. CASSETTES |
| 22. INFLUENCE | 18. OUTDOOR   |
| 24. HOBGOBLIN | 19. BRUTISH   |
| 25. IDIOT     | 20. ACCHED    |
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| 27. HALLS     | 23. FINER     |



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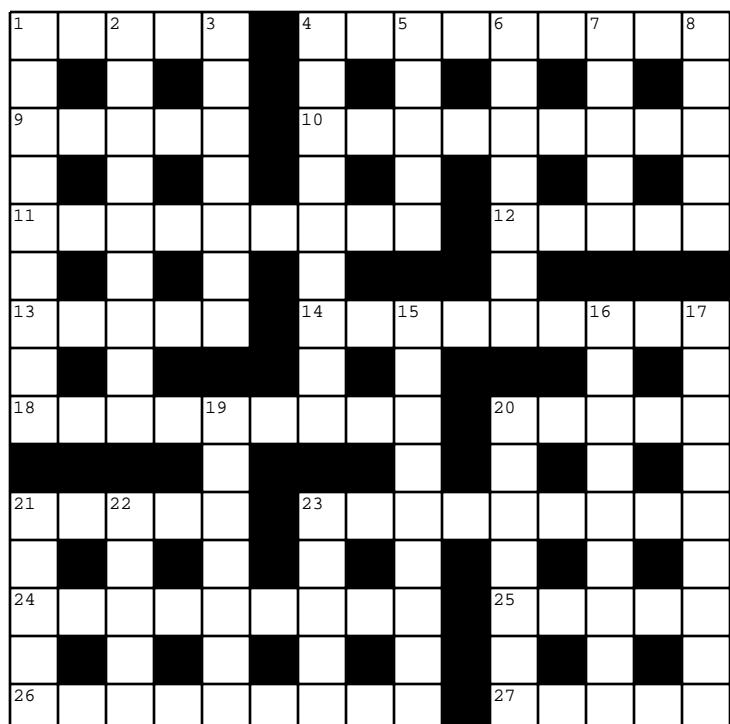
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| 1. WIDTH      | 1. WALLABIES  |
| 4. RECOVERED  | 2. DELIMITER  |
| 9. LELIA      | 3. HOARDER    |
| 10. GANGRENED | 4. REGALIA    |
| 11. ARMADILLO | 5. CONDONE    |
| 12. ELECT     | 6. VERBENA    |
| 13. INTER     | 7. RANGE      |
| 14. ALEXANDRA | 8. DIDNT      |
| 17. SCRUFFIER | 15. DISMEMBER |
| 21. HASNT     | 16. ALTITUDES |
| 22. TOTAL     | 18. FILTERS   |
| 24. CONGRUENT | 19. INCLUDE   |
| 25. PROCEDURE | 20. RENDERS   |
| 26. EBBED     | 21. HERSELF   |
| 27. CANISTERS | 22. TOPIC     |
| 28. FORMS     | 23. THORN     |



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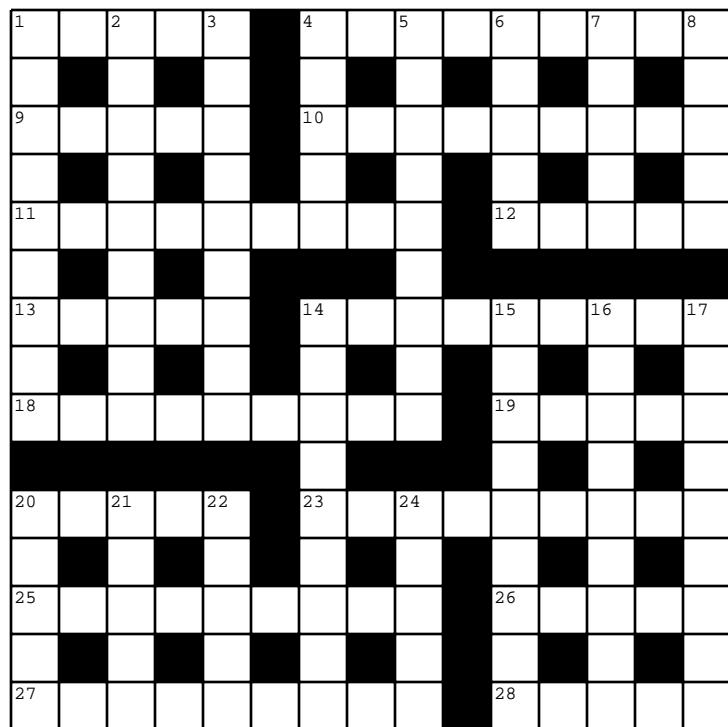
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| 4. SCRIBBLED  | 2. NORMALITY  |
| 9. NERVE      | 3. CHEESES    |
| 10. OVERFLOWS | 4. SPOKESMAN  |
| 11. TEAMSTERS | 5. REEDS      |
| 12. ASSES     | 6. BUFFALO    |
| 13. RAIDS     | 7. LOOKS      |
| 14. MUSSOLINI | 8. DISCS      |
| 18. ABYSSINIA | 15. SHADOWING |
| 20. DEPOT     | 16. IMPROMPTU |
| 21. SNOOP     | 17. INTERCEDE |
| 23. WRONGDOER | 19. SUPPOSE   |
| 24. RHINOCERI | 20. DOGMATA   |
| 25. AMPLE     | 21. SHRUB     |
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| 27. AMUSE     | 23. WEEST     |



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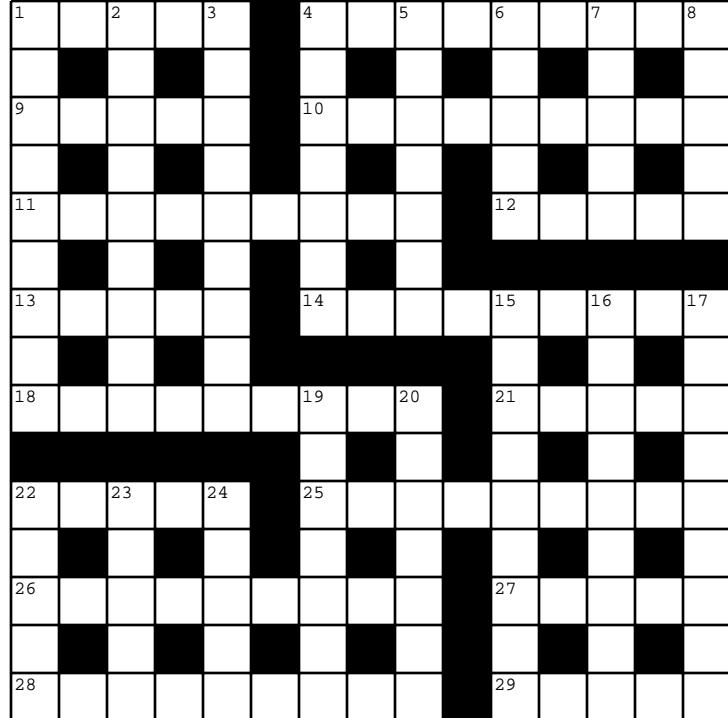
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| 1. TIMER      | 1. TRUNCATED  |
| 4. TOBOGGANS  | 2. MENDELEEV  |
| 9. URNED      | 3. REDRESSED  |
| 10. PHENOMENA | 4. TOPAZ      |
| 11. CREDENZAS | 5. BLESSINGS  |
| 12. EATEN     | 6. GLOVE      |
| 13. TEENS     | 7. ALERT      |
| 14. BENEFITED | 8. SPAWN      |
| 18. DIVIDENDS | 14. BANDAGING |
| 19. ROOTS     | 15. FIREPROOF |
| 20. SORTA     | 16. TROUSSEAU |
| 23. ANTIPASTI | 17. DISMISSED |
| 25. AGRIPPINA | 20. STAFF     |
| 26. OPENS     | 21. RARER     |
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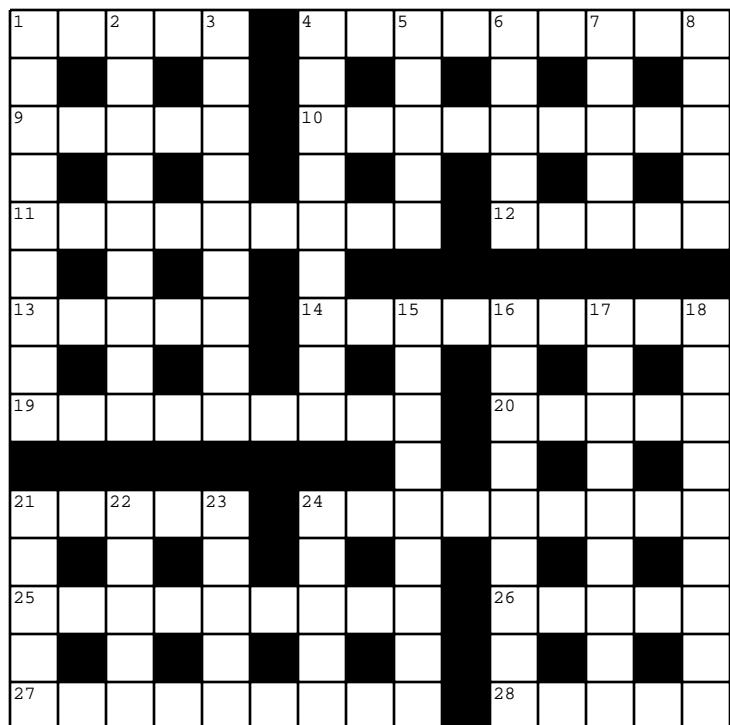
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| 9. MAGIC      | 3. ANCHORAGE  |
| 10. QUADRUPED | 4. BEQUEST    |
| 11. RHINOCERI | 5. REALIZE    |
| 12. LAYER     | 6. AURAL      |
| 13. SPICA     | 7. IMPLY      |
| 14. TREADMILL | 8. NUDE       |
| 18. SUSPECTED | 15. DISBELIEF |
| 21. SUSAN     | 16. INSOMNIAC |
| 22. BASIC     | 17. LANDLORDS |
| 25. EPIDERMAL | 19. TEETHED   |
| 26. OWNERSHIP | 20. DRIPPED   |
| 27. ICIER     | 22. BLOOD     |
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| 29. FACTS     | 24. CURVE     |



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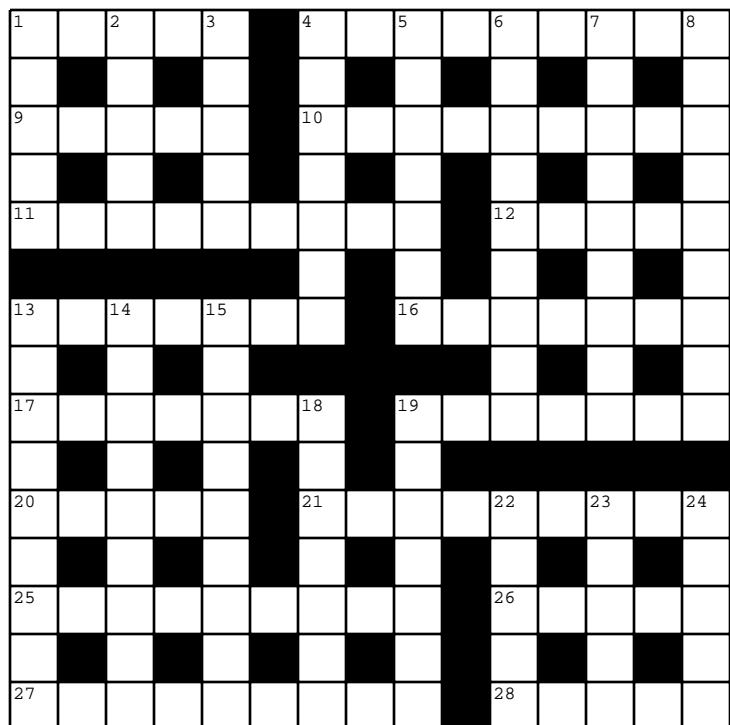
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| 4. COCOONING  | 2. BARBARIAN  |
| 9. ARROW      | 3. LOWENBRAU  |
| 10. REPENTING | 4. CARETAKER  |
| 11. STAGNATED | 5. COPED      |
| 12. RIMED     | 6. OWNER      |
| 13. DRIER     | 7. IDIOM      |
| 14. KAMCHATKA | 8. GAGED      |
| 19. CONQUEROR | 15. MERINGUES |
| 20. EPOCH     | 16. HIERARCHY |
| 21. CHATS     | 17. TROUSSEAU |
| 24. CANVASSER | 18. ADHERENTS |
| 25. IMPROMPTU | 21. COINS     |
| 26. CLEAN     | 22. ALPHA     |
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| 28. YOURS     | 24. CAPER     |



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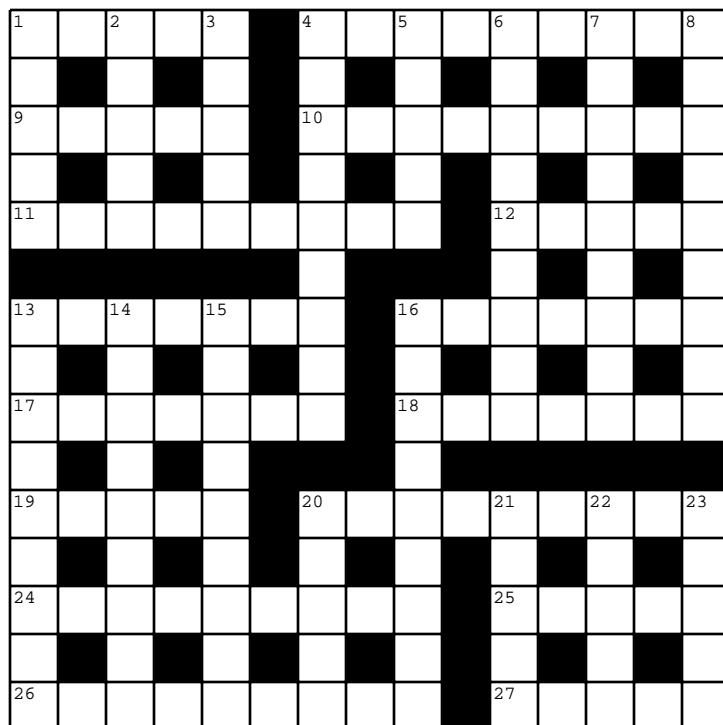
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| 9. DROLL      | 3. DELVE      |
| 10. COINCIDES | 4. SECEDED    |
| 11. DESCENDED | 5. BUILDUP    |
| 12. NECKS     | 6. TECHNICAL  |
| 13. STAMPED   | 7. ADDICTIVE  |
| 16. PUCCINI   | 8. ASSASSINS  |
| 17. BATHTUB   | 13. SUBATOMIC |
| 19. KILLERS   | 14. ALTIMETER |
| 20. TEMPO     | 15. POTPOURRI |
| 21. CRESCENDO | 18. BUCKING   |
| 25. MOTORBIKE | 19. KEEPERS   |
| 26. CARAT     | 22. CYCLE     |
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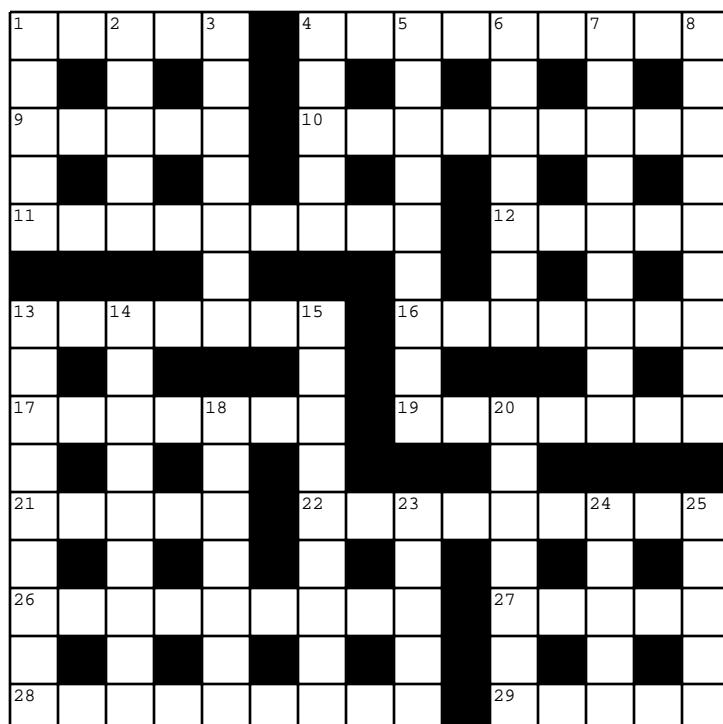
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| 4. ESMERALDA  | 2. LATER      |
| 9. SATIN      | 3. WANNA      |
| 10. CARDSHARP | 4. ECCENTRIC  |
| 11. CERTAINLY | 5. MERRY      |
| 12. OUTER     | 6. RESPONSES  |
| 13. CHOPPER   | 7. LEASTWISE  |
| 16. WASHING   | 8. ASPARAGUS  |
| 17. SATANIC   | 13. CASSANDRA |
| 18. TESTERS   | 14. OUTGROWTH |
| 19. AORTA     | 15. PINEAPPLE |
| 20. PNEUMONIA | 16. WITNESSES |
| 24. DOWNPOURS | 20. PAUSE     |
| 25. AMONG     | 21. MIAMI     |
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| 27. ISSUE     | 23. ALGAE     |



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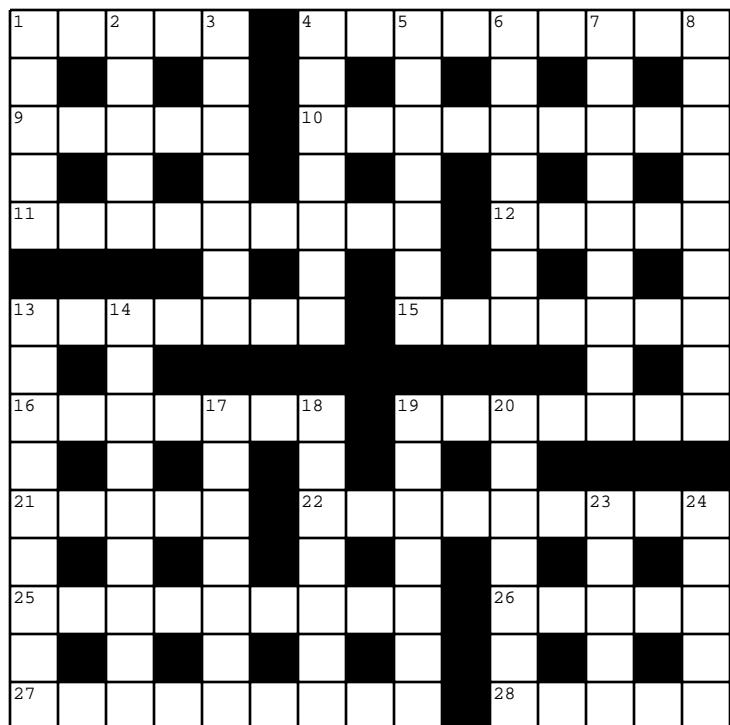
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| 9. BAYOU      | 3. BRUSQUE    |
| 10. OMBUDSMAN | 4. CROCI      |
| 11. ANTIQUITY | 5. LOBBYISTS  |
| 12. TUDOR     | 6. UPDATES    |
| 13. HIPPEST   | 7. IMMEDIATE  |
| 16. SUSTAIN   | 8. GANGRENES  |
| 17. PATROLS   | 13. HOPSCOTCH |
| 19. STOREYS   | 14. PETTICOAT |
| 21. CRIME     | 15. TESTAMENT |
| 22. AUTHENTIC | 18. OVERSEE   |
| 26. TROUSSEAU | 20. OCEANIC   |
| 27. NEEDS     | 23. TRUST     |
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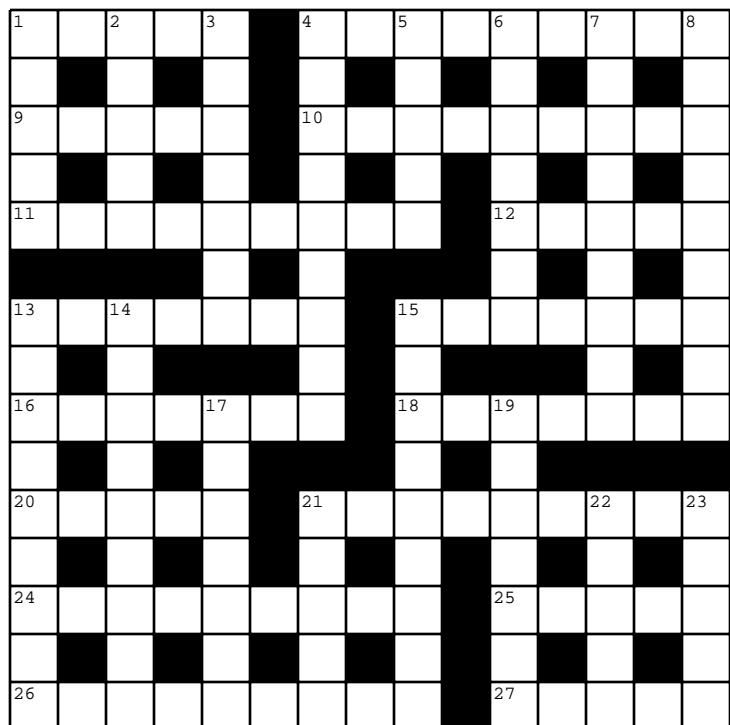
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| 9. DOING      | 3. BUGATTI    |
| 10. FRAGMENTS | 4. DEFINES    |
| 11. SIGHTINGS | 5. SWANSEA    |
| 12. VOWEL     | 6. REMOVAL    |
| 13. DETAILS   | 7. BANDWIDTH  |
| 15. ALLUDES   | 8. DISCLOSES  |
| 16. MYCENAE   | 13. DEMITASSE |
| 19. BLIGHTS   | 14. TECHNIQUE |
| 21. TONIC     | 17. NUCLEIC   |
| 22. FOODSTUFF | 18. EFFECTS   |
| 25. SEQUENCES | 19. BROWSES   |
| 26. CREDO     | 20. INSECTS   |
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| 28. SISES     | 24. FROGS     |



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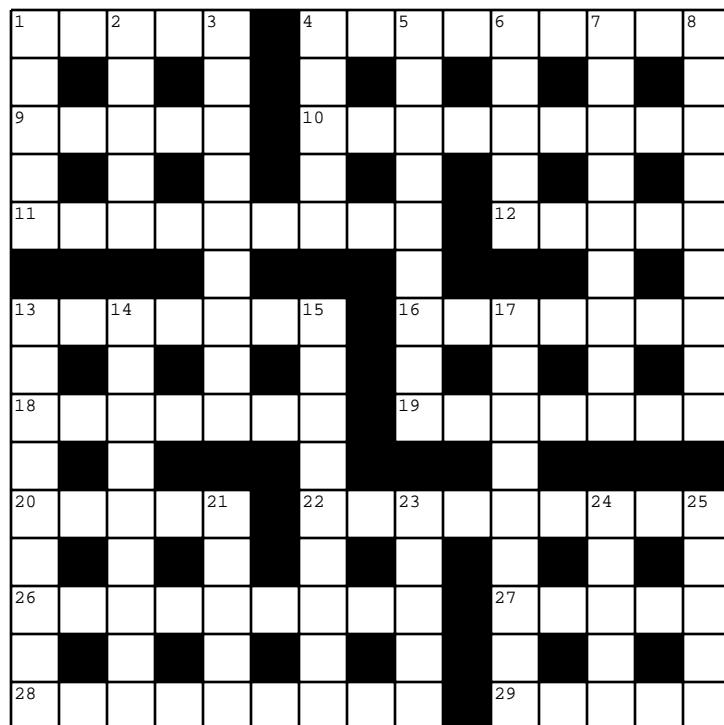
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| 9. EXACT      | 3. BUTTONS    |
| 10. REASSURES | 4. CARTRIDGE  |
| 11. KEYBOARDS | 5. SEALS      |
| 12. TANGO     | 6. ROSETTA    |
| 13. OPPOSED   | 7. TARANTULA  |
| 15. MEASURE   | 8. DISCOVERY  |
| 16. EMANATE   | 13. OVERSLEEP |
| 18. ALREADY   | 14. PRACTICAL |
| 20. SATIN     | 15. MEASURING |
| 21. COURTSHIP | 17. ALNILAM   |
| 24. EUCALYPTI | 19. RETAKEN   |
| 25. KHAKI     | 21. COPRA     |
| 26. PALEMBANG | 22. HEARD     |
| 27. NUDE      | 23. PRIOR     |



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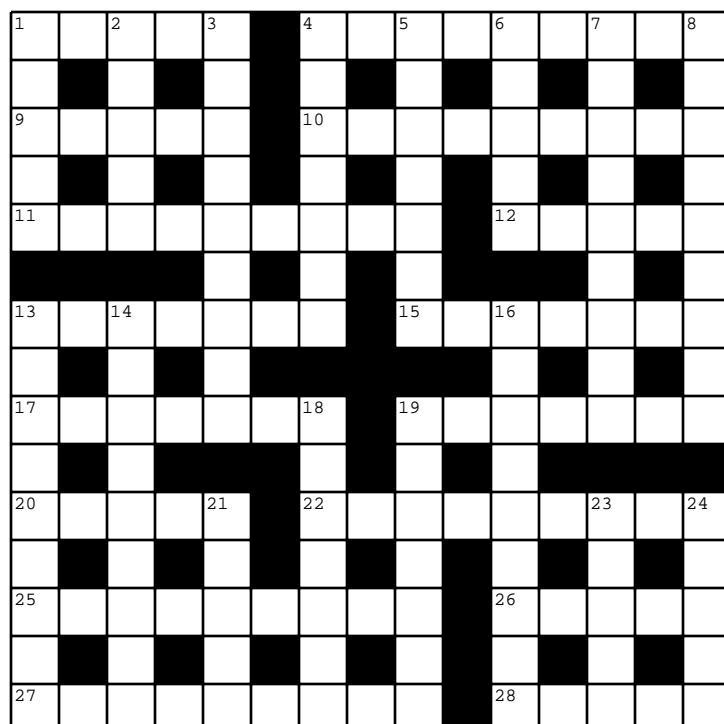
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| 4. NEIGHBOUR  | 2. OFFER      |
| 9. CAFES      | 3. PASSENGER  |
| 10. GALLERIES | 4. NEGEV      |
| 11. OURSELVES | 5. ILLUSIONS  |
| 12. SINAI     | 6. HEELS      |
| 13. CHARGER   | 7. ORIENTATE  |
| 16. ORCHARD   | 8. RESCINDED  |
| 18. NATURED   | 13. CONSORTIA |
| 19. SEAWEED   | 14. ATTENDANT |
| 20. OWNED     | 15. REDEFINED |
| 22. FOODSTUFF | 17. CLASSICAL |
| 26. TRAPPINGS | 21. DEPOT     |
| 27. CHAIR     | 23. OASIS     |
| 28. ALTITUDES | 24. USAGE     |
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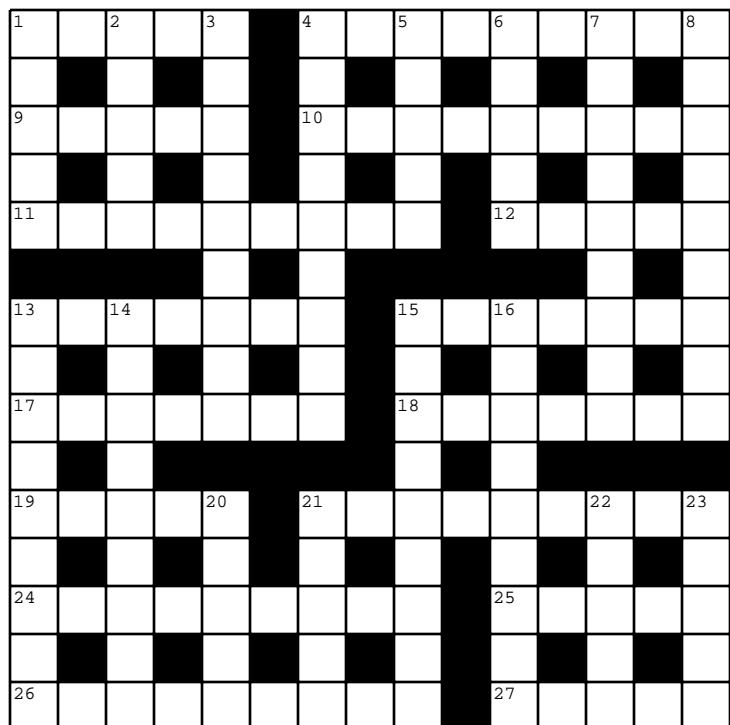
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| 9. LINES      | 3. MUSSOLINI  |
| 10. COAGULANT | 4. COCKER     |
| 11. WILLOWIER | 5. ANAGRAM    |
| 12. ASHEN     | 6. PAULA      |
| 13. EARLIER   | 7. GRAPHICAL  |
| 15. MEDICAL   | 8. ENTANGLED  |
| 17. VACCINE   | 13. EAVESDROP |
| 19. CRAWLED   | 14. RICKETIER |
| 20. SHERI     | 16. DIAGONALS |
| 22. IMPROMPTU | 18. EVIDENT   |
| 25. RHINOCERI | 19. CAPSIZE   |
| 26. ADOPT     | 21. INONU     |
| 27. PIROUETTE | 23. PRONG     |
| 28. SUGAR     | 24. UTTER     |



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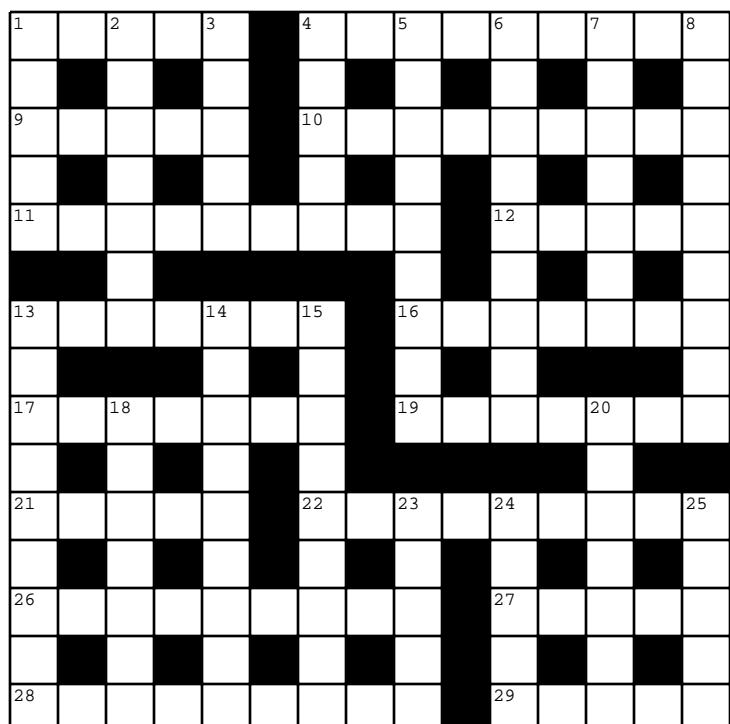
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| 4. BETROTHAL  | 2. SHEEP       |
| 9. CHEAP      | 3. DIPHTHONG   |
| 10. BLOSSOMED | 4. BABUSHKAS   |
| 11. IMPETUSES | 5. TOOLS       |
| 12. TRUER     | 6. ONSET       |
| 13. UNBLOCK   | 7. HAMMURABI   |
| 15. MIGRATE   | 8. LEDERBERG   |
| 17. DELUGES   | 13. UNDERWEAR  |
| 18. TASKING   | 14. BALALAIIKA |
| 19. RELIC     | 15. METABOLIC  |
| 21. DEBRIEFED | 16. GOSSIPPED  |
| 24. EDITORIAL | 20. CROCI      |
| 25. PIZZA     | 21. DRIFT      |
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| 27. DISCS     | 23. DEALS      |



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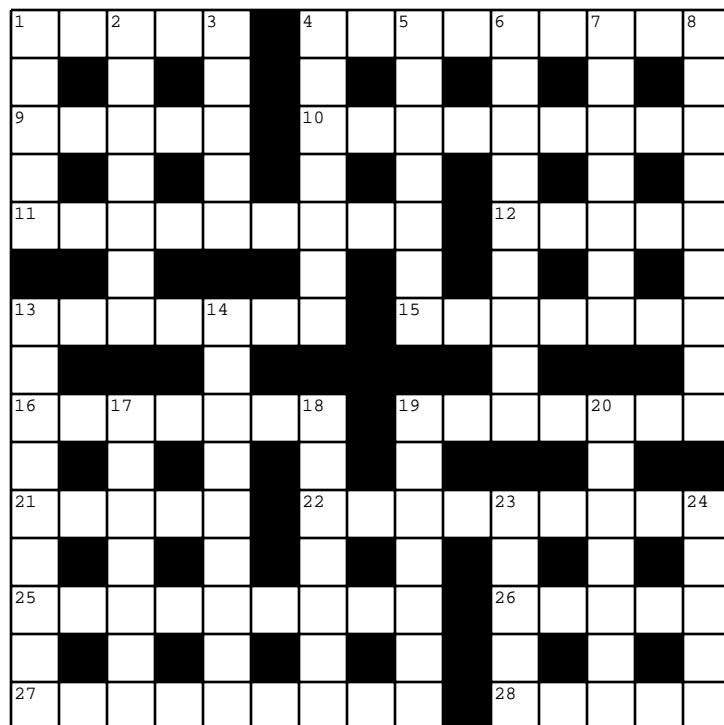
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| 4. KIDNAPING  | 2. VEHICLE    |
| 9. SCHWA      | 3. CHARS      |
| 10. ACCORDING | 4. KHAKI      |
| 11. EXCESSIVE | 5. DECREASES  |
| 12. SKILL     | 6. ABRASIVES  |
| 13. STEAMER   | 7. INITIAL    |
| 16. SEVILLE   | 8. GIGGLIEST  |
| 17. AIRSHIP   | 13. SPAGHETTI |
| 19. SUSPECT   | 14. MAHARISHI |
| 21. HUMOR     | 15. REPUBLICS |
| 22. BOOKCASES | 18. RAMPANT   |
| 26. TRANSIKT  | 20. ENSURES   |
| 27. LARGE     | 23. OPTIC     |
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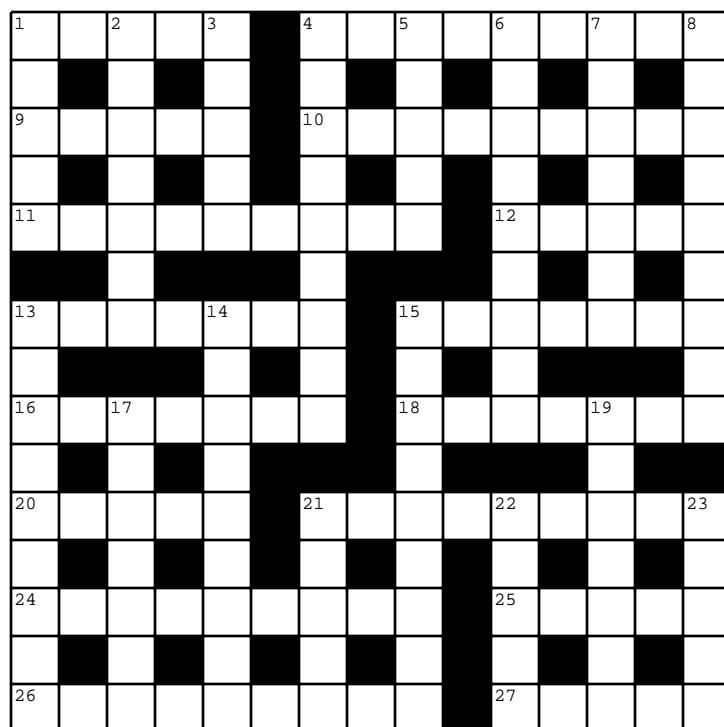
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| 4. DEBUGGING  | 2. ARRIVED    |
| 9. RURAL      | 3. FOLKS      |
| 10. ABUNDANCE | 4. DRAGGED    |
| 11. ENVISAGES | 5. BRUISES    |
| 12. BABES     | 6. GADABOUTS  |
| 13. MUDDLED   | 7. IGNORABLE  |
| 15. SQUEEZE   | 8. GREASIEST  |
| 16. ALLEGED   | 13. MEANWHILE |
| 19. DISGUST   | 14. LIGATURES |
| 21. WASNT     | 17. LUSTFUL   |
| 22. SOMETHING | 18. DASHIKI   |
| 25. INFORMING | 19. DEMAGOG   |
| 26. STORM     | 20. UNIFORM   |
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| 28. ELMER     | 24. GAMER     |



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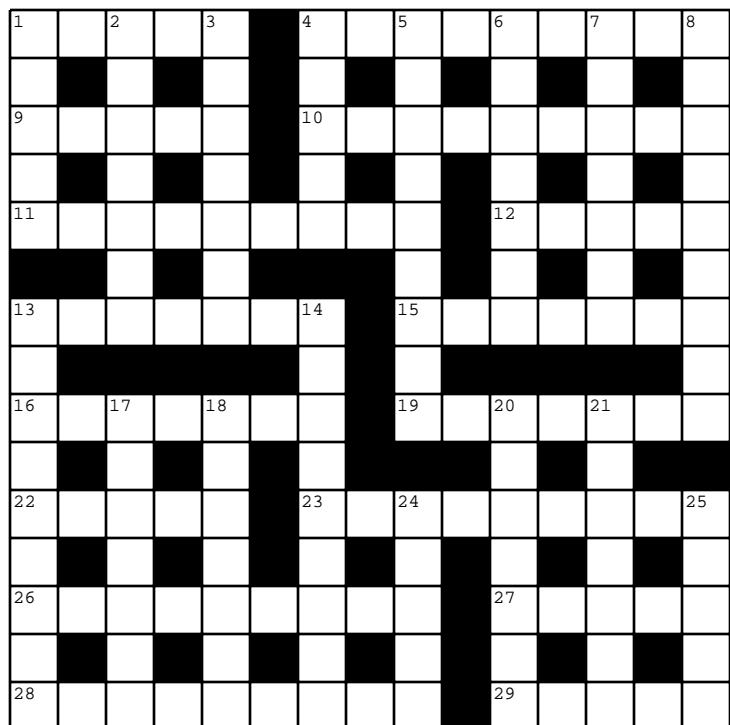
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| 9. TASTE      | 3. FIELD      |
| 10. ADVERSARY | 4. FRAGRANCE  |
| 11. SLANDERED | 5. LOVED      |
| 12. EULER     | 6. OURSELVES  |
| 13. PATTERN   | 7. ENABLES    |
| 15. REVISIT   | 8. SKYWRITER  |
| 16. AMPOULE   | 13. PLAINTIFF |
| 18. HUSTLER   | 14. EDUCATION |
| 20. NELDA     | 15. REHEARSAL |
| 21. UNANIMITY | 17. PELICAN   |
| 24. ITCHINESS | 19. LOITERS   |
| 25. THEIR     | 21. UTERI     |
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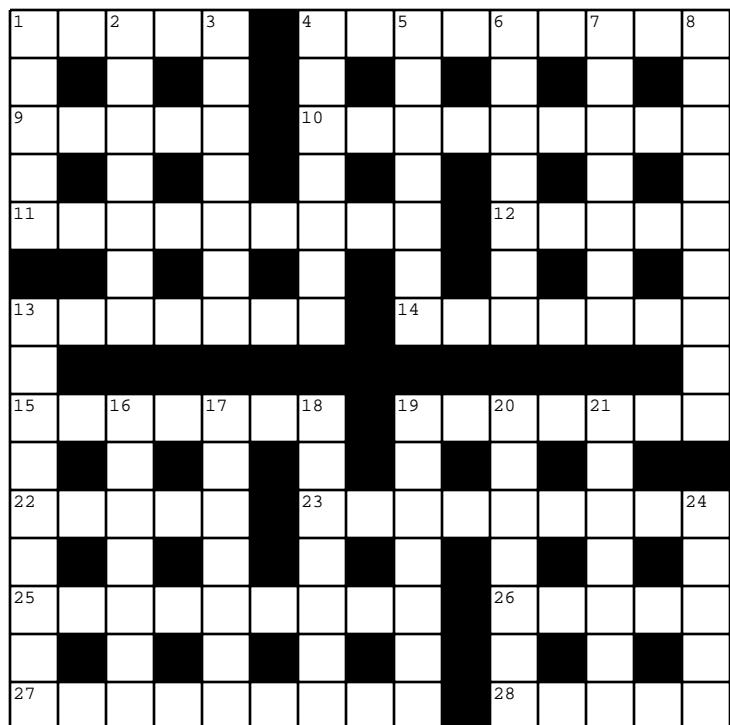
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| 4. CORKSCREW  | 2. ENTITLE    |
| 9. UNTIL      | 3. KILLERS    |
| 10. JAGIELLON | 4. CAJUN      |
| 11. BUTTERNUT | 5. RIGHTMOST  |
| 12. IMAGE     | 6. STERILE    |
| 13. BLESSED   | 7. RELEASE    |
| 15. ONESELF   | 8. WONDERFUL  |
| 16. OPPOSED   | 13. BOOKCASES |
| 19. TYPICAL   | 14. DEDUCTION |
| 22. CIPRO     | 17. PAPRIKA   |
| 23. CORPOREAL | 18. STOPGAP   |
| 26. STIEGLITZ | 20. PROVERB   |
| 27. ENNUI     | 21. CHENNAI   |
| 28. SHARPENER | 24. RAZOR     |
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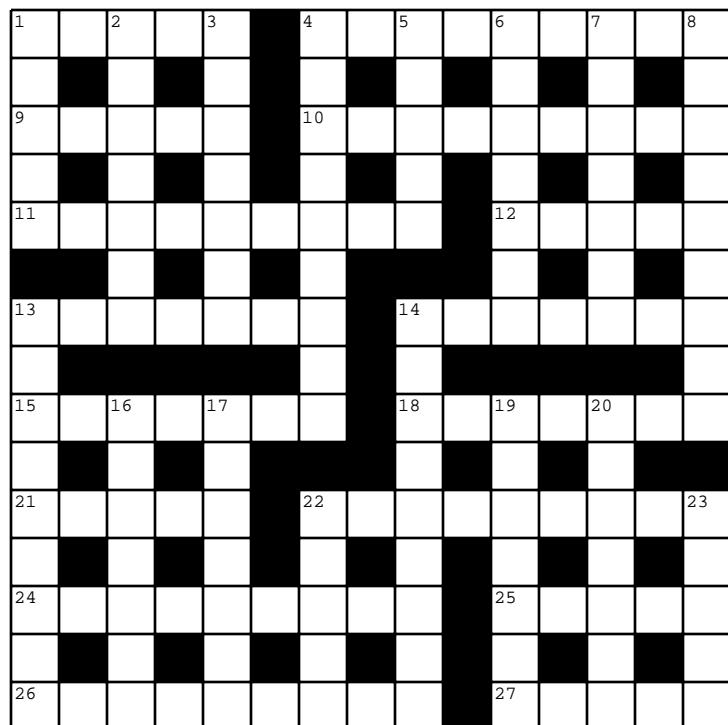
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| 4. NAUGHTIER  | 2. PREMIUM    |
| 9. CHERI      | 3. SHIMMER    |
| 10. MEMORABLE | 4. NOMINAL    |
| 11. SHIPMENTS | 5. UNMASKS    |
| 12. ILENE     | 6. HEROISM    |
| 13. ADMIRAL   | 7. INBREDS    |
| 14. SAMOSET   | 8. REELECTED  |
| 15. PERTAIN   | 13. APPRAISAL |
| 19. DRAGGED   | 16. RUDYARD   |
| 22. AUDIO     | 17. ANOTHER   |
| 23. CONFIDANT | 18. NECKTIE   |
| 25. SPAGHETTI | 19. DENYING   |
| 26. ECHOS     | 20. ARIDEST   |
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| 28. TACES     | 24. TESTS     |



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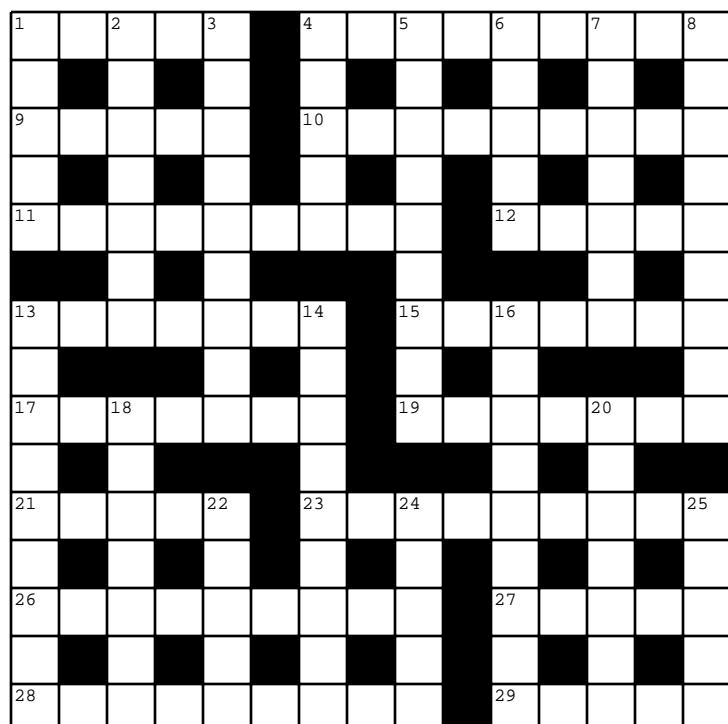
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| 4. NIGHTCLUB  | 2. HOARDER    |
| 9. AMARU      | 3. BLUFFED    |
| 10. CATHEDRAL | 4. NICKNAMES  |
| 11. REDEFINED | 5. GATED      |
| 12. INLET     | 6. TEENIER    |
| 13. BOREDOM   | 7. LORELEI    |
| 14. DIRTIER   | 8. BILATERAL  |
| 15. COSIGNS   | 13. BOCCACCIO |
| 18. APPAREL   | 14. DIAGONALS |
| 21. ABUSE     | 16. SCUFFLE   |
| 22. PROTRUDED | 17. GREATER   |
| 24. CAFETERIA | 19. PERTURB   |
| 25. UNITS     | 20. RODRIGO   |
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| 27. BROAD     | 23. DOSED     |



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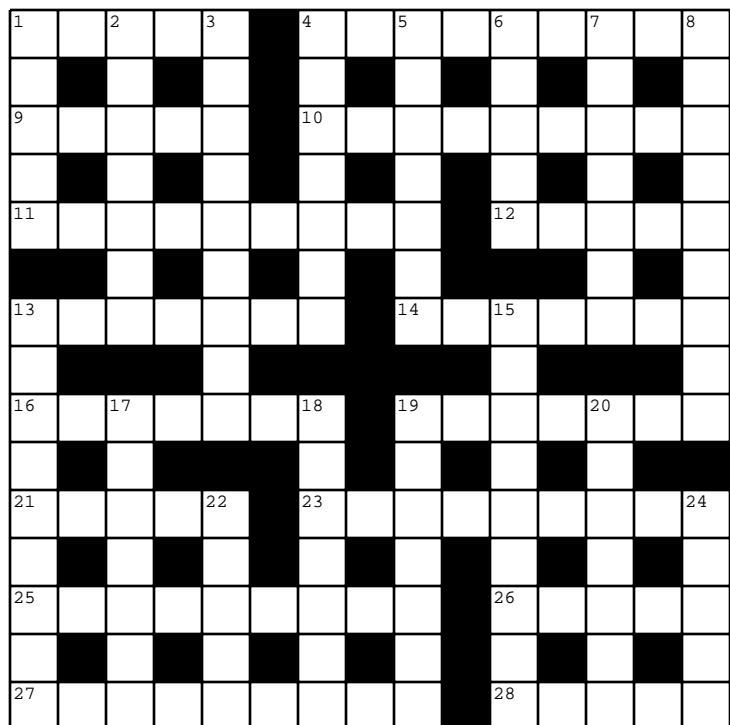
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| 9. OLDER      | 3. ERRONEOUS  |
| 10. NIRENBERG | 4. CYNIC      |
| 11. FIBONACCI | 5. CARCINOMA  |
| 12. SPENT     | 6. SANDS      |
| 13. KEYNOTE   | 7. OPENEST    |
| 15. ORBITAL   | 8. BAGATELLE  |
| 17. RIPOSTE   | 13. KARAMAZOV |
| 19. AWESOME   | 14. ELEVENTHS |
| 21. MEETS     | 16. BIENNIALS |
| 23. EHRENBERG | 18. PIERROT   |
| 26. ZOROASTER | 20. OREGANO   |
| 27. ABACI     | 22. SHALL     |
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| 29. SPOOF     | 25. GRIEF     |



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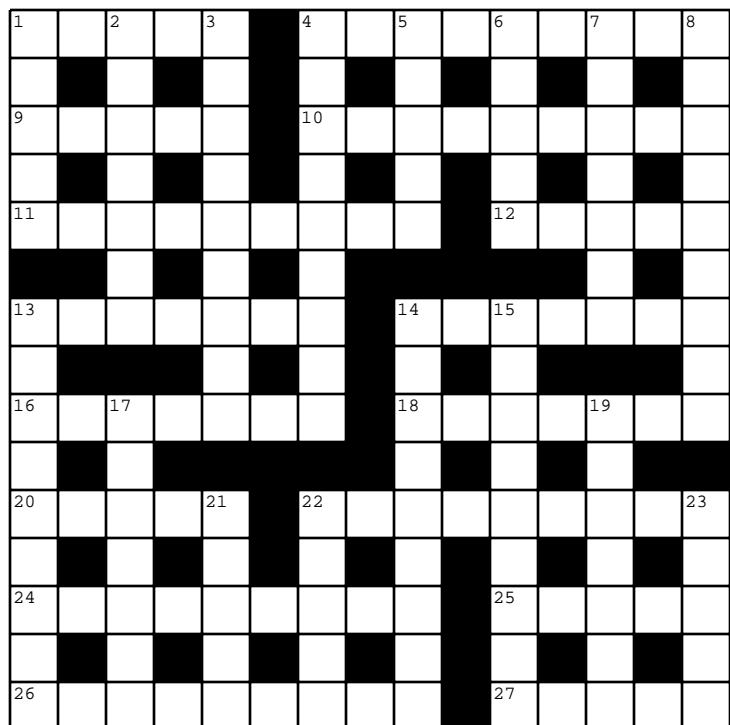
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| 4. AVALANCHE  | 2. ENDLESS    |
| 9. AUDIO      | 3. TROUSSEAU  |
| 10. ALCOHOLIC | 4. AMAZONS    |
| 11. AVERSIONS | 5. ACCUSER    |
| 12. SASHA     | 6. ASHES      |
| 13. LISTENS   | 7. COLOSSI    |
| 14. RIDDING   | 8. EXCHANGED  |
| 16. UNCOUTH   | 13. LEUKAEMIA |
| 19. SPITTED   | 15. DRIVEWAYS |
| 21. AMEBA     | 17. CLEANUP   |
| 23. AMATERASU | 18. HEADERS   |
| 25. MENDELEEV | 19. STARVES   |
| 26. ABACI     | 20. THALAMI   |
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| 28. SUING     | 24. USING     |



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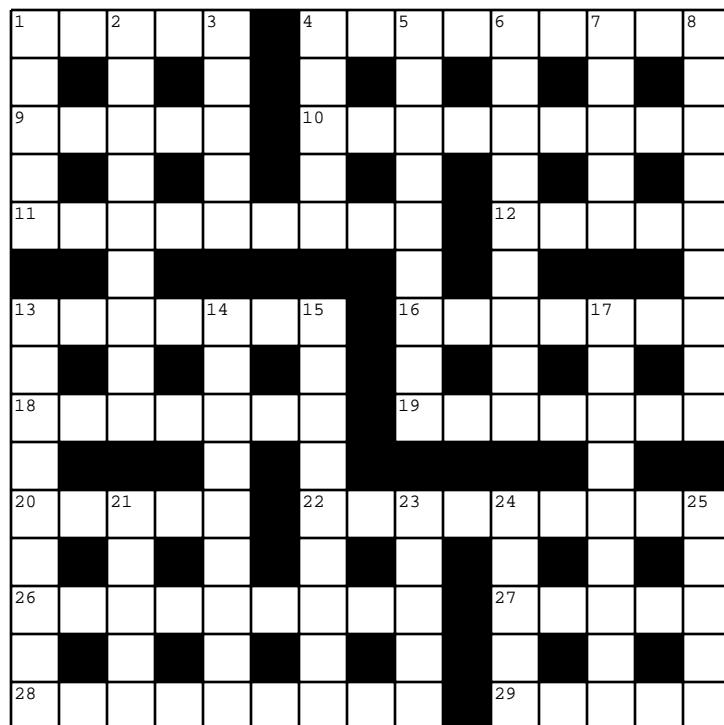
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| 9. CREAM      | 3. HOMESTEAD  |
| 10. SANATORIA | 4. GOSSIPING  |
| 11. SATISFIED | 5. URNED      |
| 12. RABBI     | 6. SATYR      |
| 13. ARACELI   | 7. MARABOU    |
| 14. ACCOUNT   | 8. REALISTIC  |
| 16. BULLDOG   | 13. AMBITIONS |
| 18. PACIFIC   | 14. AMPUTATED |
| 20. TYING     | 15. COCKROACH |
| 22. NATURALLY | 17. LOITERS   |
| 24. OVERNIGHT | 19. FULFILL   |
| 25. ADIEU     | 21. GENRE     |
| 26. SUSPECTED | 22. NIGHT     |
| 27. HALTS     | 23. YOURS     |



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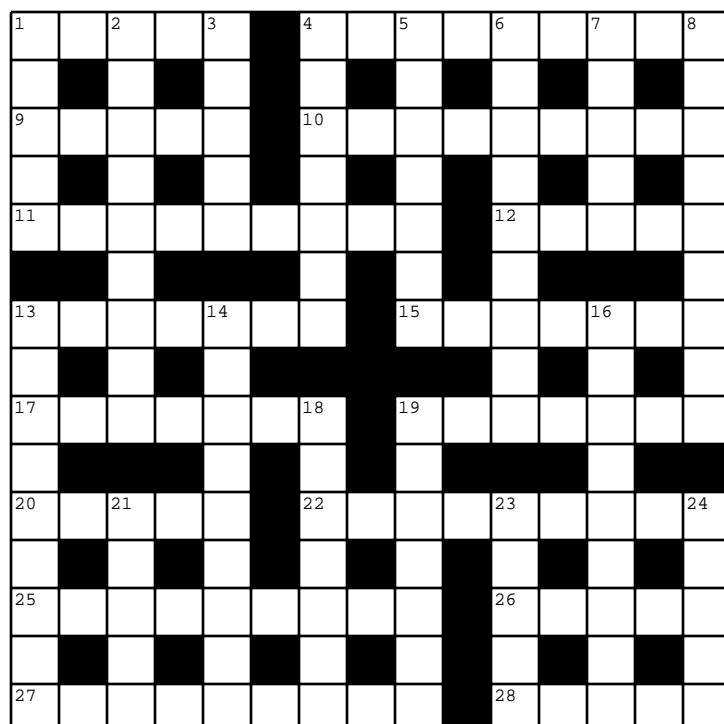
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| 1. EAGER      | 1. ETHIC      |
| 4. KANGAROOS  | 2. GUNRUNNER  |
| 9. HENNA      | 3. REACH      |
| 10. DIGNIFIED | 4. KUDZU      |
| 11. CLUBHOUSE | 5. NEGLECTED  |
| 12. ASSAM     | 6. AGITATION  |
| 13. TONGUED   | 7. OMITS      |
| 16. THICKEN   | 8. SEDIMENTS  |
| 18. WORSHIP   | 13. TOWNSHIPS |
| 19. DENOTES   | 14. UNHAPPIER |
| 20. SLUMP     | 15. DEPARTURE |
| 22. RECOMMEND | 17. KITTENISH |
| 26. INTRIGUES | 21. UNTIE     |
| 27. NAIVE     | 23. CASED     |
| 28. SPEARHEAD | 24. MANIA     |
| 29. ASHED     | 25. DREAD     |



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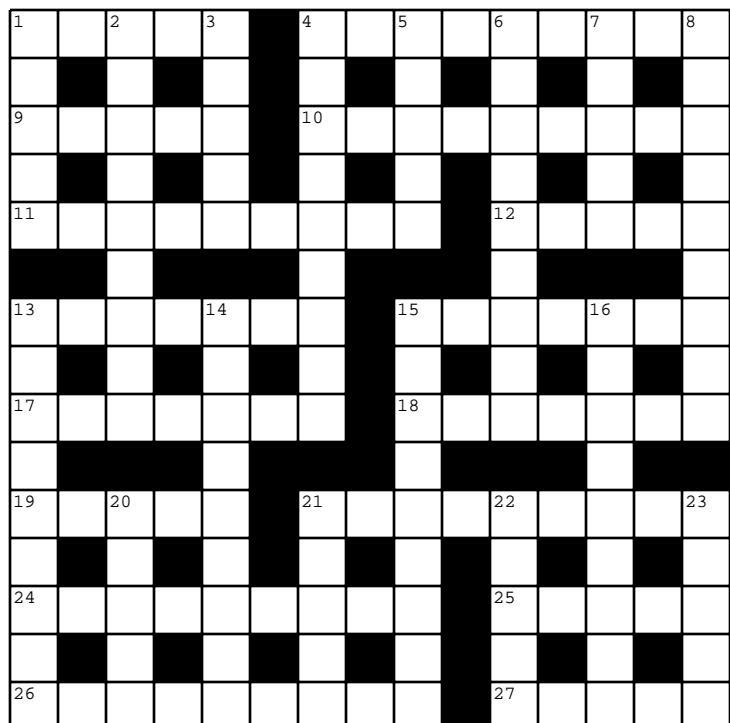
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| 9. ENEMA      | 3. SLASH      |
| 10. AVERSIONS | 4. AVAILED    |
| 11. FOOTHILLS | 5. CHEESED    |
| 12. WISER     | 6. ROSEWOODS  |
| 13. DRIPPED   | 7. ICONS      |
| 15. DROUGHT   | 8. GASTRITIS  |
| 17. COSTUME   | 13. DECIMATED |
| 19. INSERTS   | 14. PLUTONIUM |
| 20. MAMBO     | 16. GARNISHES |
| 22. INCOGNITO | 18. EMINENT   |
| 25. TARDINESS | 19. INCISOR   |
| 26. ACHEDE    | 21. MORAL     |
| 27. DELIMITER | 23. GNARL     |
| 28. LOSER     | 24. OLDER     |



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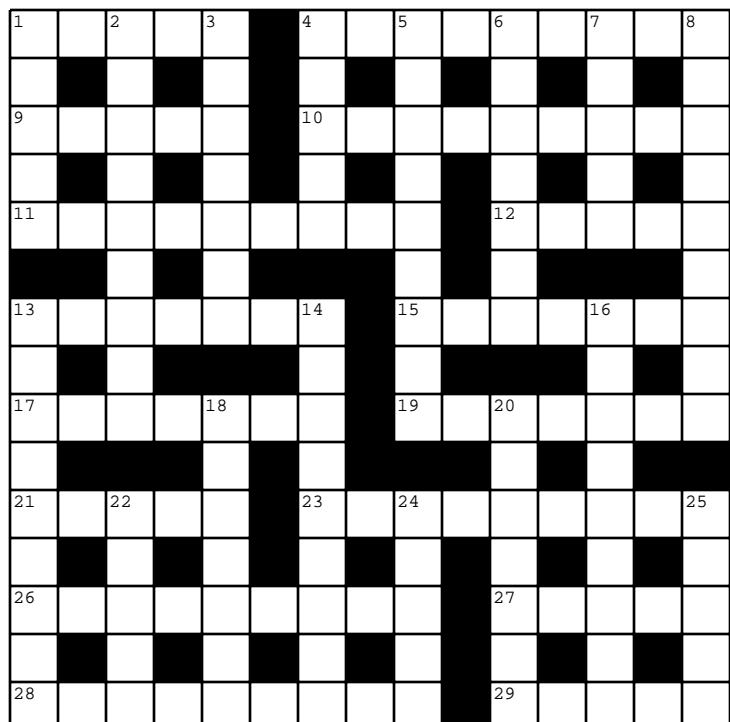
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| 1. FEAST      | 1. FRANC      |
| 4. BANDWIDTH  | 2. AFFLUENCE  |
| 9. AWFUL      | 3. TILES      |
| 10. LIKELIEST | 4. BALALAIKA  |
| 11. COUNSELED | 5. NAKED      |
| 12. EPOCH     | 6. WELTERING  |
| 13. MANCINI   | 7. DIEGO      |
| 15. ORIGAMI   | 8. HITCHHIKE  |
| 17. ENEMATA   | 13. MAELSTROM |
| 18. DEGRADE   | 14. INANIMATE |
| 19. SWAMI     | 15. ORDINANCE |
| 21. CONTINENT | 16. AWARENESS |
| 24. RADIATION | 20. ABDUL     |
| 25. ARENA     | 21. CLIMB     |
| 26. MALLEABLE | 22. INANE     |
| 27. EASEL     | 23. TRAIL     |



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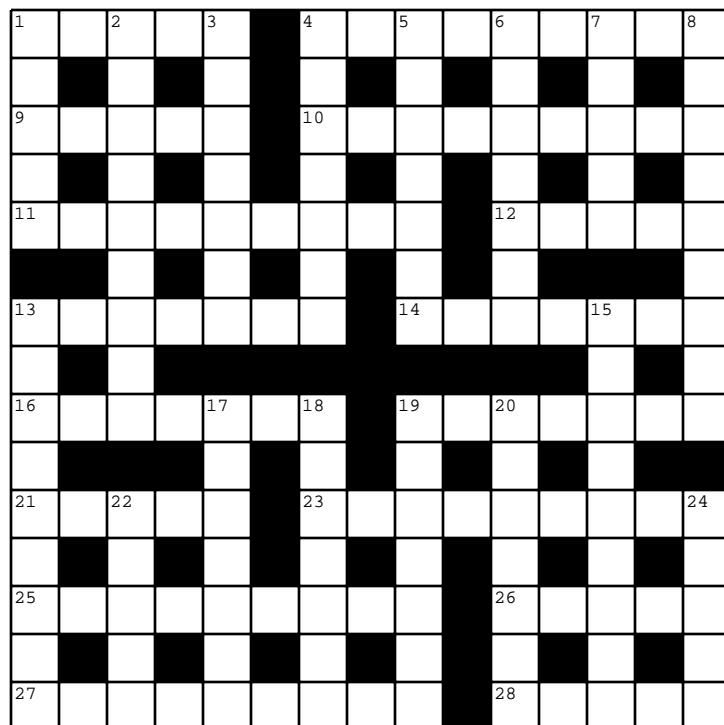
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| 1. DACHA      | 1. DEBUG      |
| 4. OVERSLEEP  | 2. COMMITTEE  |
| 9. BOMBS      | 3. ANSELMO    |
| 10. DESPERADO | 4. OLDER      |
| 11. GUILLERMO | 5. ENSCONCED  |
| 12. DITTO     | 6. SPEEDUP    |
| 13. NATIONS   | 7. EXACT      |
| 15. CAPABLY   | 8. PROTOTYPE  |
| 17. WREATHE   | 13. NEWSPAPER |
| 19. DISPOSE   | 14. STEPCHILD |
| 21. PEACE     | 16. BOOKSHELF |
| 23. COLLAPSED | 18. TREVINO   |
| 26. PESSIMISM | 20. SCALPEL   |
| 27. POETS     | 22. ASSET     |
| 28. RETRODDEN | 24. LEMON     |
| 29. LIFTS     | 25. DOSES     |



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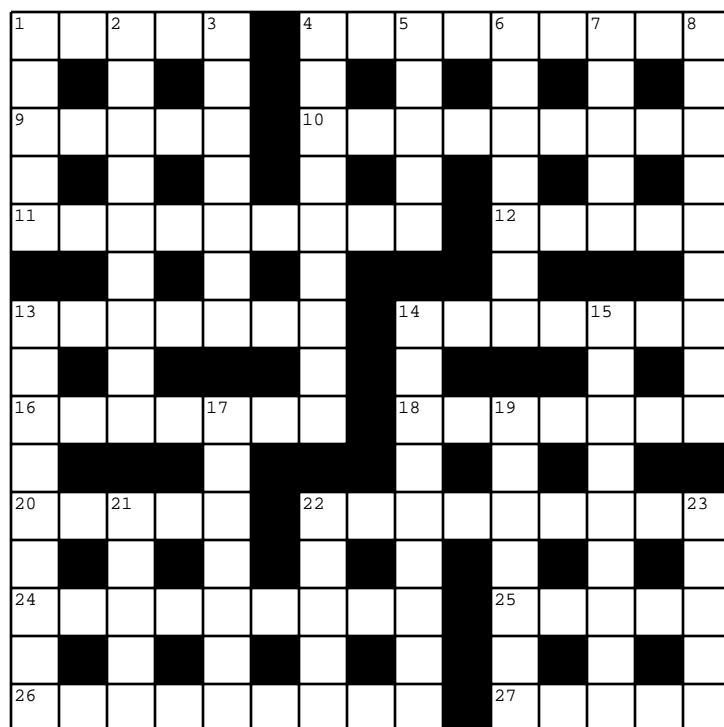
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| 1. INFIX      | 1. IDLES      |
| 4. TRAILERED  | 2. FINGERTIP  |
| 9. LINEN      | 3. XENAKIS    |
| 10. RELEASING | 4. TERRIFY    |
| 11. SPECKLING | 5. ALLEGED    |
| 12. ISSUE     | 6. LEAVING    |
| 13. SATISFY   | 7. RAILS      |
| 14. DAGGERS   | 8. DIGRESSES  |
| 16. NAPHTHA   | 13. SENTENCED |
| 19. GLANCES   | 15. EUCALYPTI |
| 21. EAGER     | 17. TARRIER   |
| 23. DIRICHLET | 18. AUDITED   |
| 25. COMMITTEE | 19. GARMENT   |
| 26. APPLE     | 20. ARCHAIC   |
| 27. DISCREDIT | 22. GAMES     |
| 28. CRIME     | 24. THERE     |



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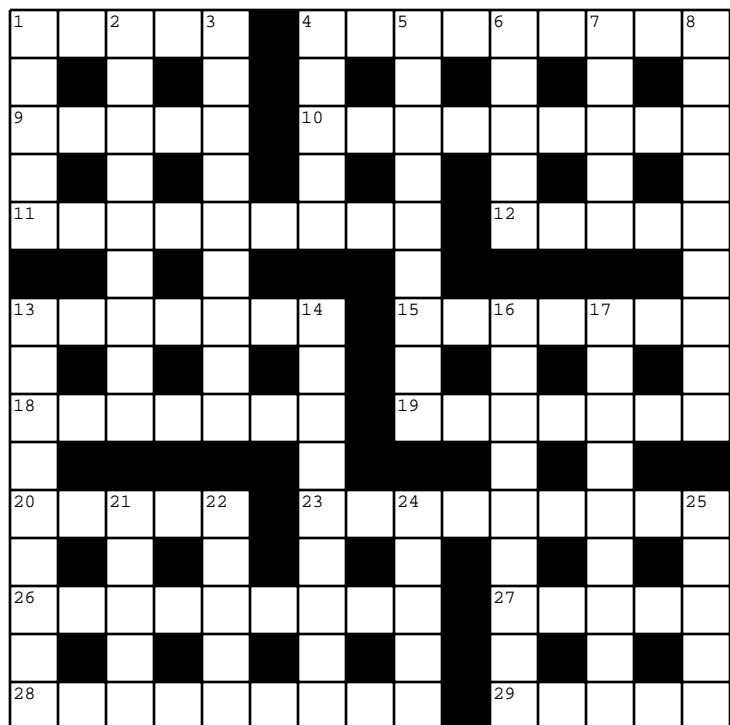
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| 4. NIGHTCLUB    | 2. BLESSINGS  |
| 9. CLEAN        | 3. LENIENT    |
| 10. COMPILETING | 4. NECESSARY  |
| 11. DYSPEPSIA   | 5. GAMMA      |
| 12. MEANT       | 6. TRIUMPH    |
| 13. MINUTIA     | 7. LEILA      |
| 14. ETHICAL     | 8. BAGATELLE  |
| 16. CUSTODY     | 13. MICROWAVE |
| 18. CABBAGE     | 14. EXCHANGED |
| 20. ODDLY       | 15. CHAUFFEUR |
| 22. STANDOFFS   | 17. OXYMORA   |
| 24. APPROVING   | 19. BEDROOM   |
| 25. OPERA       | 21. DEPOT     |
| 26. EXTRACTED   | 22. SHIRT     |
| 27. MERCY       | 23. SCARY     |



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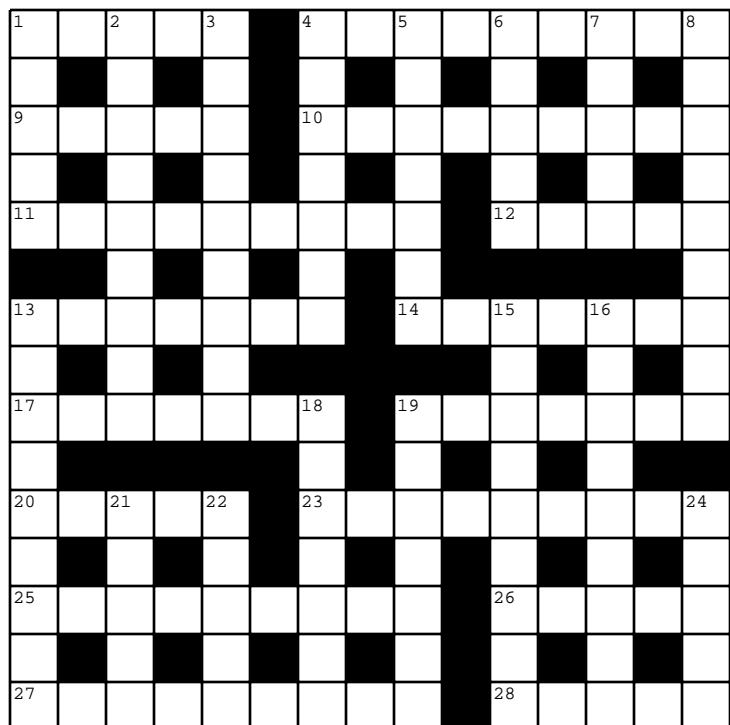
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| 1. SUNUP      | 1. SHUCK      |
| 4. FERMENTED  | 2. NICARAGUA  |
| 9. UNCLE      | 3. PNEUMONIA  |
| 10. INDICATES | 4. FRIZZ      |
| 11. KARAMAZOV | 5. REDEVELOP  |
| 12. LYING     | 6. EXCEL      |
| 13. ALGENIB   | 7. TUTSI      |
| 15. LICENSE   | 8. DISAGREED  |
| 18. ANASAZI   | 13. AVALANCHE |
| 19. PHRASED   | 14. BRITANNIA |
| 20. ANGLO     | 16. CARPETBAG |
| 23. AFORESAID | 17. NOSTALGIA |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 21. GUEST     |
| 27. BEGAN     | 22. OCCUR     |
| 28. ENTERTAIN | 24. ONION     |
| 29. GIANT     | 25. DONUT     |



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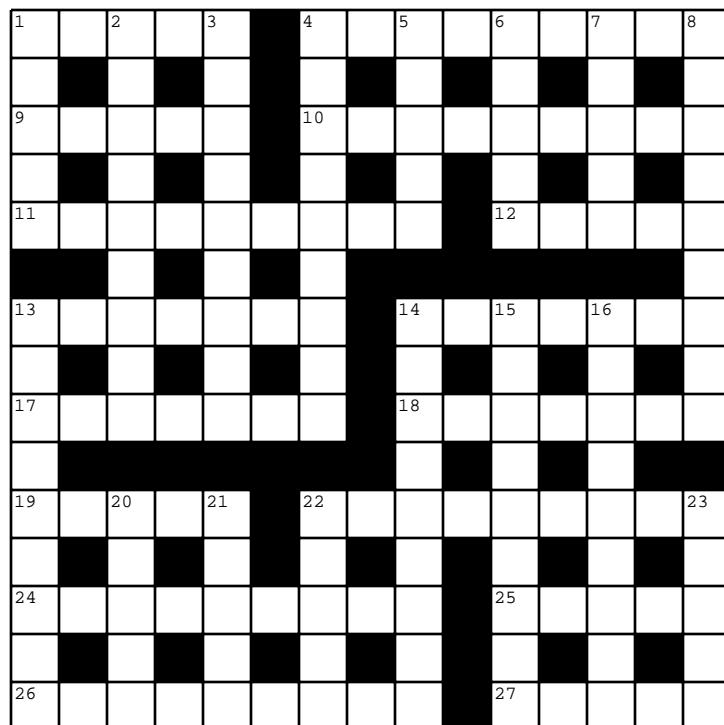
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| 4. PISTACHIO  | 2. CONFLICTS  |
| 9. GONNA      | 3. FRAUGHTED  |
| 10. ADMITTING | 4. PLASTIC    |
| 11. ALLIGATOR | 5. SAMURAI    |
| 12. RISEN     | 6. AFTER      |
| 13. ASCETIC   | 7. HAIRS      |
| 14. IMPUGNS   | 8. ORGANISER  |
| 17. RESIDES   | 13. ADROITEST |
| 19. BOSSIER   | 15. POSTPONED |
| 20. IDLED     | 16. GLISSANDI |
| 23. ANTIPASTO | 18. SHAKEUP   |
| 25. ELSEWHERE | 19. BETWEEN   |
| 26. NUNKI     | 21. LISLE     |
| 27. THEREUPON | 22. DOWSE     |
| 28. DOING     | 24. OWING     |



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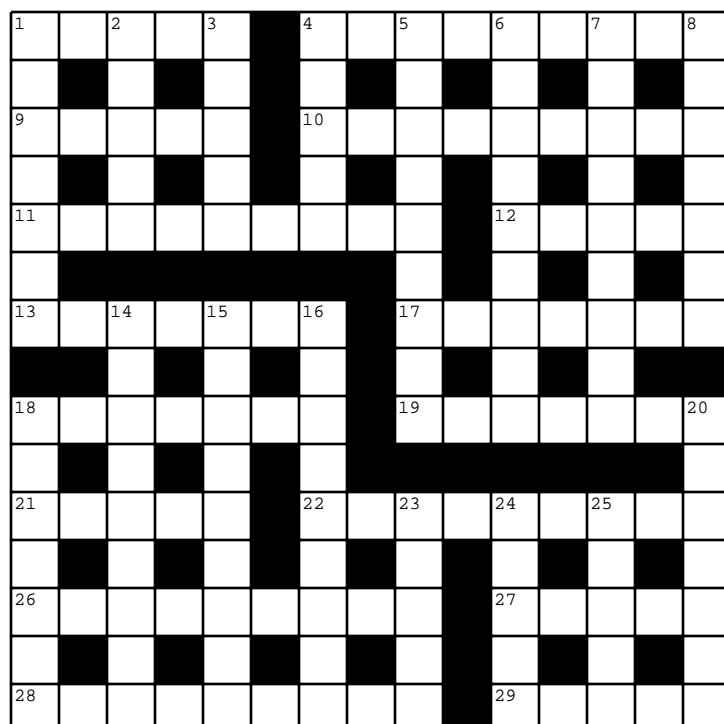
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| 1. RACER      | 1. REACH      |
| 4. CIGARETTE  | 2. CATACLYSM  |
| 9. ANTIC      | 3. RECESSION  |
| 10. RHINOCERI | 4. CARTWHEEL  |
| 11. HACKSAWED | 5. GRIND      |
| 12. SPENT     | 6. ROOTS      |
| 13. HAYWIRE   | 7. THEME      |
| 14. DUSTPAN   | 8. EXISTENCE  |
| 17. NOMINAL   | 13. HONEYCOMB |
| 18. IMMERSE   | 14. DAINTIEST |
| 19. YAHOO     | 15. SYMMETRIC |
| 22. BUTTERFLY | 16. PORTFOLIO |
| 24. OPPORTUNE | 20. HIPPO     |
| 25. RULER     | 21. OARED     |
| 26. BLOODSHOT | 22. BRUSH     |
| 27. COOLS     | 23. YARDS     |



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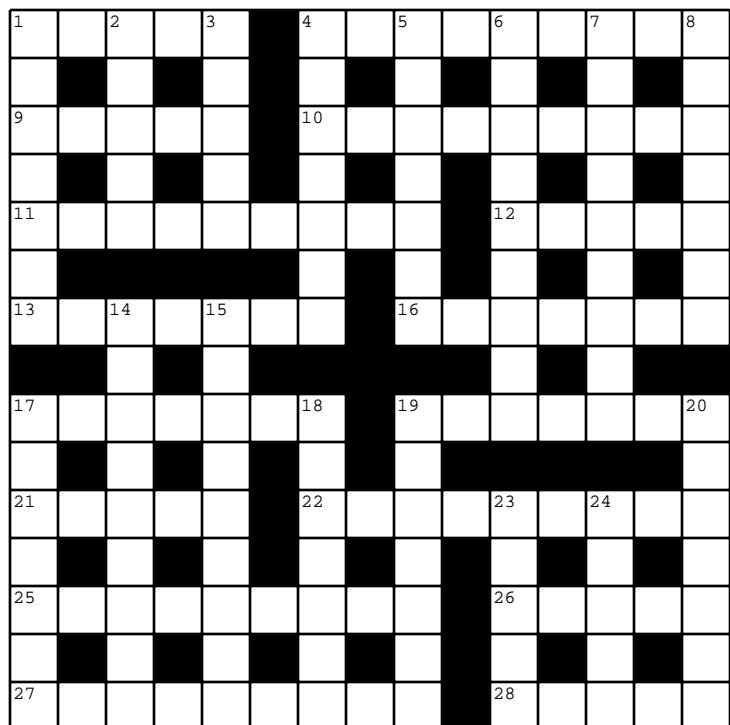
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| 4. QUALIFIER  | 2. SEDGE      |
| 9. VIDEO      | 3. SHOCK      |
| 10. ADMIRABLE | 4. QUASI      |
| 11. CHECKLIST | 5. ADMITTING  |
| 12. EMCEE     | 6. ISRAELITE  |
| 13. SUCCUMB   | 7. IMBECILES  |
| 17. ICICLES   | 8. REEFERS    |
| 18. MARISSA   | 14. CARDSHARP |
| 19. GUESSES   | 15. UNSHEATHE |
| 21. LISLE     | 16. BLACKTOPS |
| 22. KARAMAZOV | 18. MALACHI   |
| 26. COAUTHORS | 20. SEVENTY   |
| 27. ARSON     | 23. RISKS     |
| 28. IMPRESSES | 24. MEADE     |
| 29. ESSAY     | 25. ZESTS     |



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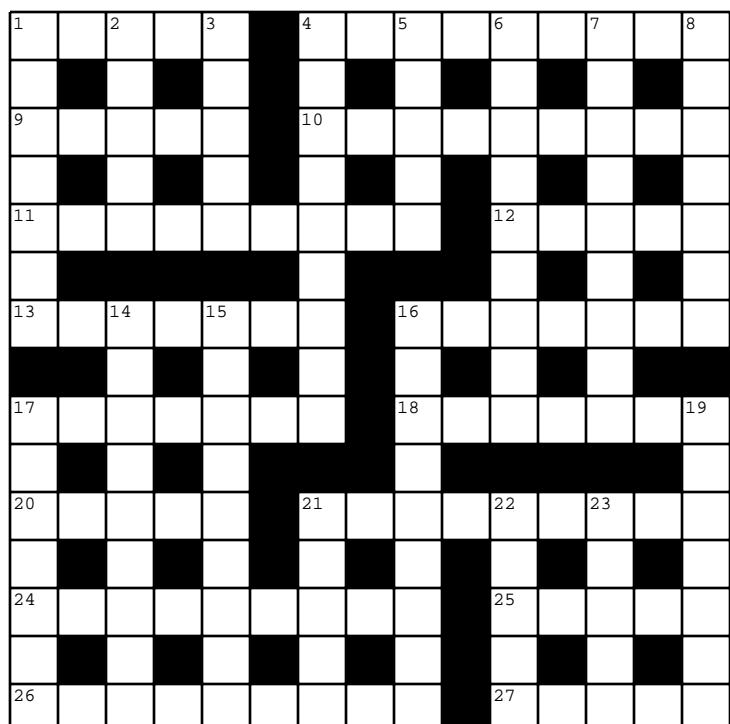
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| 1. TYING      | 1. TRAMPED    |
| 4. TRANSPORT  | 2. ITEMS      |
| 9. ARENA      | 3. GIANT      |
| 10. INCLUSION | 4. TRILOGY    |
| 11. POSITIONS | 5. ACCUSES    |
| 12. BEING     | 6. SLUMBERED  |
| 13. DESTROY   | 7. ORIGINATE  |
| 16. SERVANT   | 8. TONIGHT    |
| 17. ACERBIC   | 14. SPECIFIES |
| 19. BADDEST   | 15. REBUFFING |
| 21. GRIEF     | 17. AUGUSTA   |
| 22. LECTURING | 18. CALCULI   |
| 25. SPIRITUAL | 19. BACKLOG   |
| 26. IDIOT     | 20. TIGHTLY   |
| 27. ASSIGNING | 23. USING     |
| 28. GIMPY     | 24. IDIOM     |



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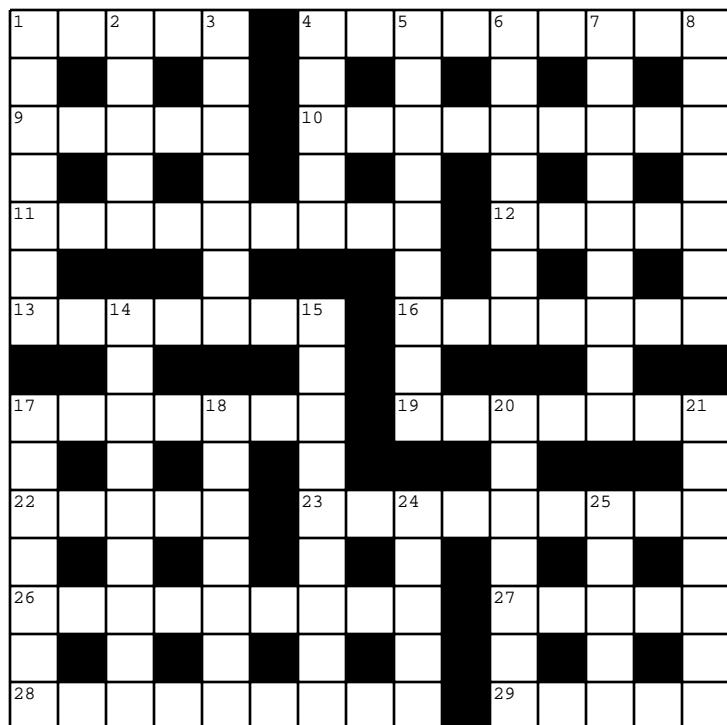
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| 1. BOGUS      | 1. BICYCLE    |
| 4. POTENTIAL  | 2. GIMME      |
| 9. COMMA      | 3. STARK      |
| 10. OVERBEARS | 4. PROPELLER  |
| 11. CREAKIEST | 5. TREAT      |
| 12. EXILE     | 6. NOBLENESS  |
| 13. ETHICAL   | 7. INABILITY  |
| 16. SPECIES   | 8. LISTENS    |
| 17. FIGHTER   | 14. HIGHCHAIR |
| 18. ESSAYED   | 15. CATFISHES |
| 20. CACTI     | 16. SCEPTICAL |
| 21. MATTERING | 17. FACIALS   |
| 24. APATHETIC | 19. DIGNITY   |
| 25. ENNUI     | 21. MOTIF     |
| 26. STRESSFUL | 22. ENEMA     |
| 27. ARRAY     | 23. INNER     |



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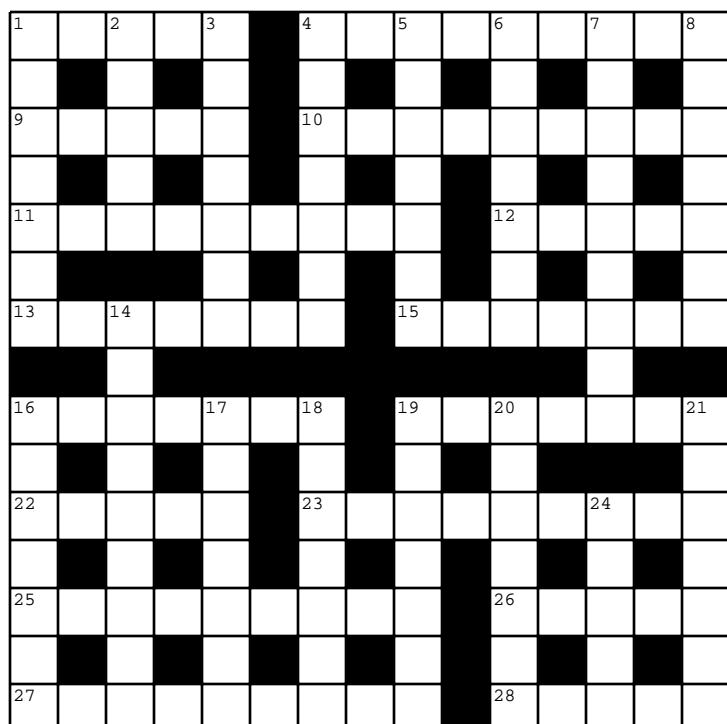
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| 1. GROUP      | 1. GAMBLES    |
| 4. REGRESSED  | 2. OFFER      |
| 9. MAFIA      | 3. PLATEAU    |
| 10. BRIGHTEST | 4. RABBI      |
| 11. LARCENIES | 5. GLISSANDI  |
| 12. ULTRA     | 6. EXHAUST    |
| 13. SPATULA   | 7. SWEATIEST  |
| 16. NUTMEAT   | 8. DETRACT    |
| 17. SKEPTIC   | 14. ANECDOTAL |
| 19. INERTIA   | 15. ANCESTRAL |
| 22. ARDOR     | 17. SHARPER   |
| 23. STEADICAM | 18. TORTOLA   |
| 26. POTPOURRI | 20. ENDEMIC   |
| 27. MOURN     | 21. ALMANAC   |
| 28. RELIABLES | 24. EXITS     |
| 29. CUBIC     | 25. CRUMB     |



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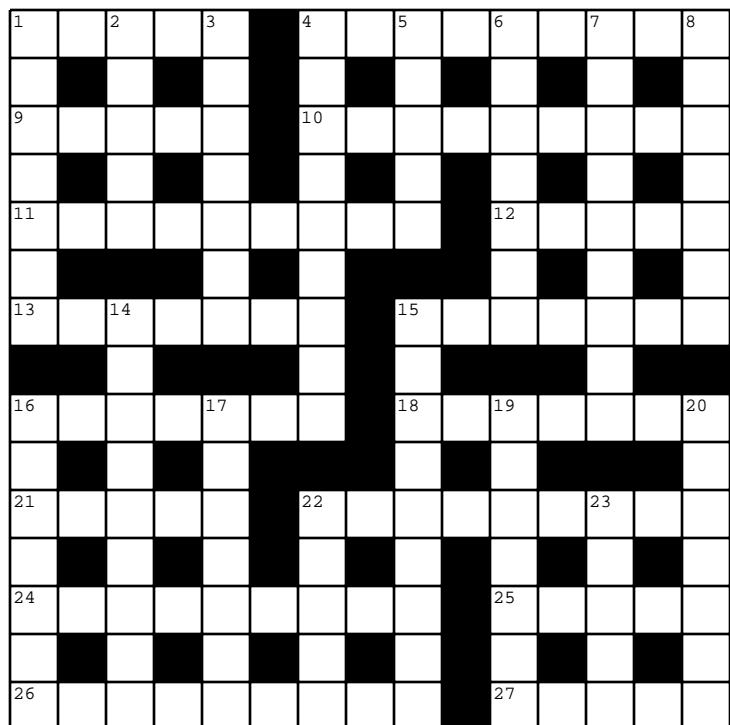
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| 4. INTERACTS  | 2. SNIFF      |
| 9. ONION      | 3. CONTROL    |
| 10. CARNIVORE | 4. INCHING    |
| 11. NEFERTITI | 5. TARRIED    |
| 12. BASTE     | 6. RAINBOW    |
| 13. EARPLUG   | 7. CROSSWALK  |
| 15. DEWLAPS   | 8. STEREOS    |
| 16. SCULPTS   | 14. RAUCOUSLY |
| 19. KHARKOV   | 16. STAMINA   |
| 22. AMOUR     | 17. PORTICO   |
| 23. INNOVATOR | 18. STIMULI   |
| 25. INSTITUTE | 19. KENNELS   |
| 26. SUSHI     | 20. ADVISOR   |
| 27. ANYBODIES | 21. VERSION   |
| 28. RISEN     | 24. TASKS     |



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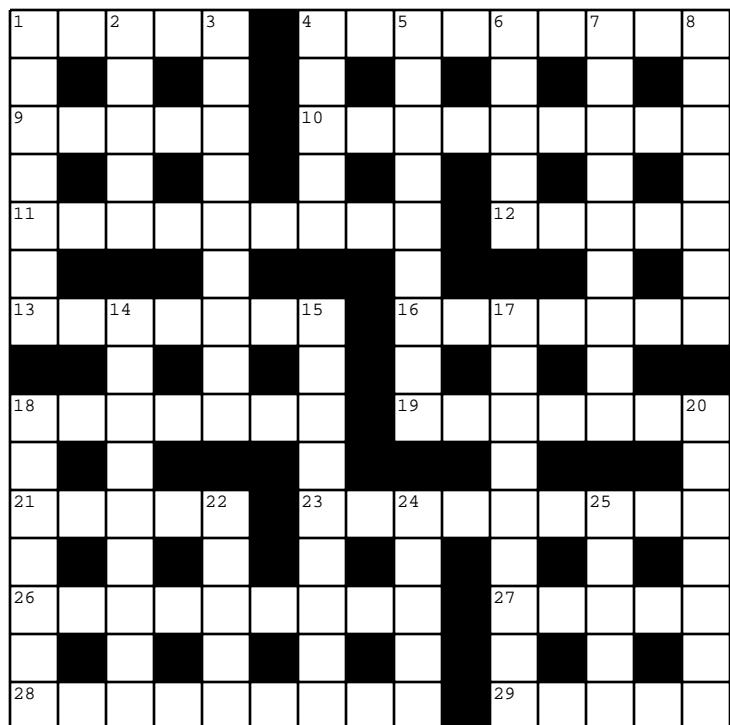
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| 1. SOBER      | 1. SHEBANG    |
| 4. DEVELOPER  | 2. BIDES      |
| 9. ELDON      | 3. RENAMED    |
| 10. ARLINGTON | 4. DEADLINED  |
| 11. ASSEMBLER | 5. VILER      |
| 12. TOOTH     | 6. LENGTHY    |
| 13. GLADDEN   | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 15. LAYERED   | 8. RANCHED    |
| 16. CLOGGED   | 14. AFORESAID |
| 18. BAPTISM   | 15. LOBBYISTS |
| 21. ARENA     | 16. CLAUDIO   |
| 22. KEYBOARDS | 17. GLAMOUR   |
| 24. DIAGONALS | 19. PROGRAM   |
| 25. RAISE     | 20. MYSTERY   |
| 26. ORDERLIES | 22. KHAKI     |
| 27. MONEY     | 23. REIGN     |



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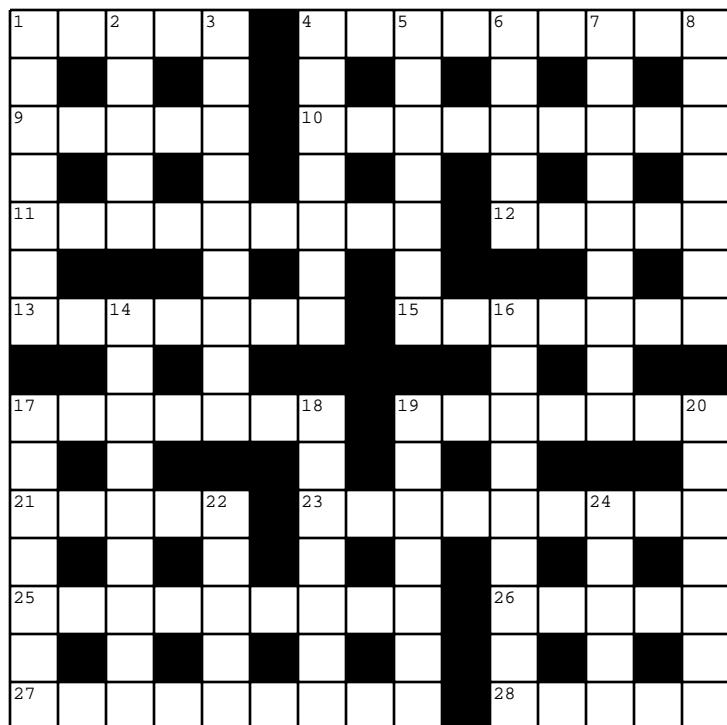
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| 4. CORRECTED  | 2. IDIOM      |
| 9. ALIGN      | 3. HANDSOMER  |
| 10. RECEPTION | 4. CARPI      |
| 11. UNMASKING | 5. RECOGNIZE  |
| 12. STEAM     | 6. EXPOS      |
| 13. ENDEMIC   | 7. TRIMESTER  |
| 16. IDIOTIC   | 8. DYNAMIC    |
| 18. SEVERAL   | 14. DEVELOPER |
| 19. EDUARDO   | 15. CALLIOPES |
| 21. ECLAT     | 17. IBUPROFEN |
| 23. INFORMANT | 18. SHERIFF   |
| 26. IMPROMPTU | 20. OBTUSER   |
| 27. FILLS     | 22. TROUT     |
| 28. FORETASTE | 24. FLUTE     |
| 29. NEWER     | 25. ALLOW     |



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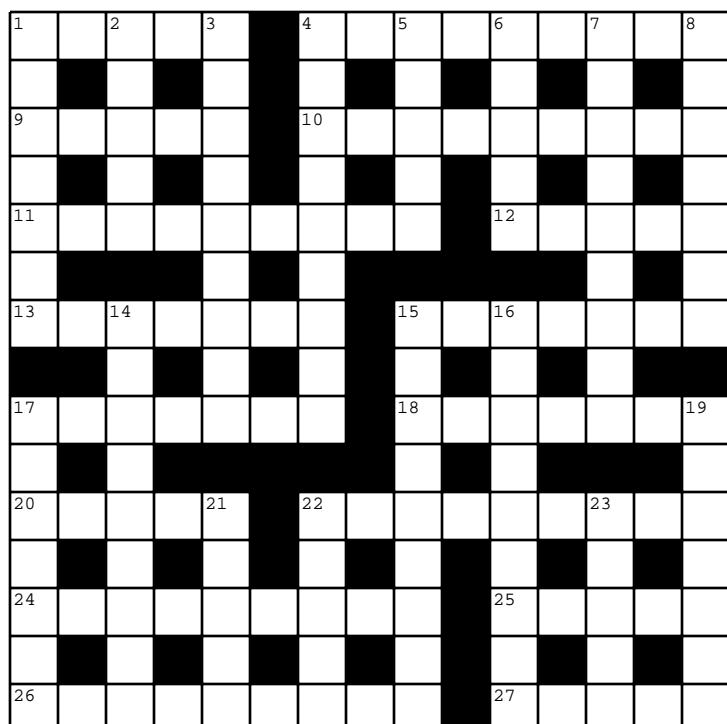
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| 1. ADAPT      | 1. ALMANAC    |
| 4. EYELASHES  | 2. ANTIC      |
| 9. METRO      | 3. TROUSSEAU  |
| 10. ENJOYABLE | 4. ENEMATA    |
| 11. NECESSARY | 5. ENJOYED    |
| 12. STRUT     | 6. ABYSS      |
| 13. CHOLERA   | 7. HIBERNATE  |
| 15. DEGRADE   | 8. SHEATHE    |
| 17. CAESURA   | 14. OVERSLEEP |
| 19. CLOVERS   | 16. GROUNDHOG |
| 21. DISCO     | 17. CADUCEI   |
| 23. TECHNICAL | 18. ANTENNA   |
| 25. CRESCENDI | 19. CYCLIST   |
| 26. HOMES     | 20. SPLASHY   |
| 27. IMPORTANT | 22. OCCUR     |
| 28. GLORY     | 24. CAMEO     |



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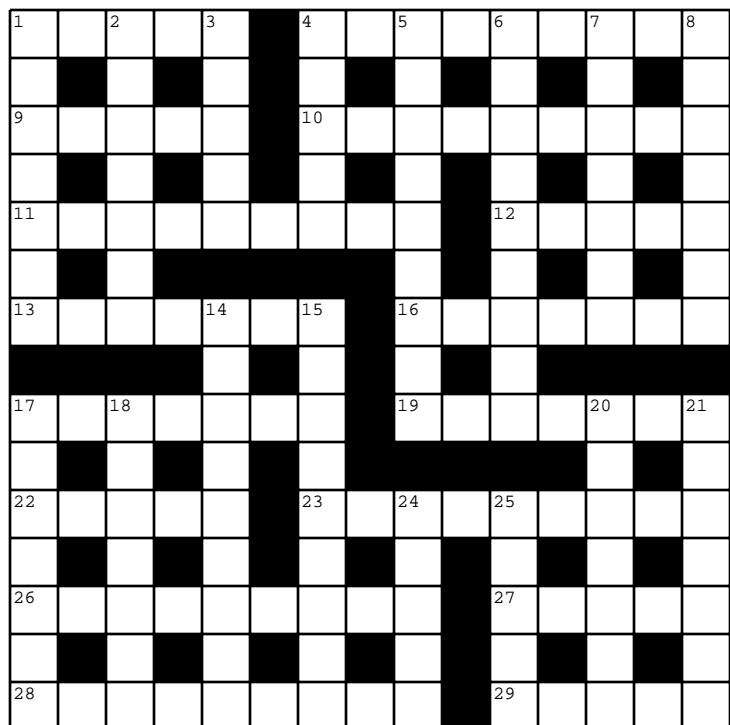
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| 1. NAIVE      | 1. NOTICED    |
| 4. DEVELOPED  | 2. ICAHN      |
| 9. TOAST      | 3. EXTERNALS  |
| 10. MISINFORM | 4. DOMINATES  |
| 11. CONFRONTS | 5. VASTS      |
| 12. ENEMA     | 6. LANCE      |
| 13. DETRACT   | 7. PROCESSOR  |
| 15. OSMOSIS   | 8. DEMEANS    |
| 17. CHOOSES   | 14. TOOTHPICK |
| 18. FULCRUM   | 15. OFFERINGS |
| 20. OCHRE     | 16. MILLENNIA |
| 22. PERCEIVES | 17. CHOICER   |
| 24. CHIEFTAIN | 19. MYSTERY   |
| 25. NUDGE     | 21. ELFIN     |
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| 27. AGONY     | 23. VIDEO     |



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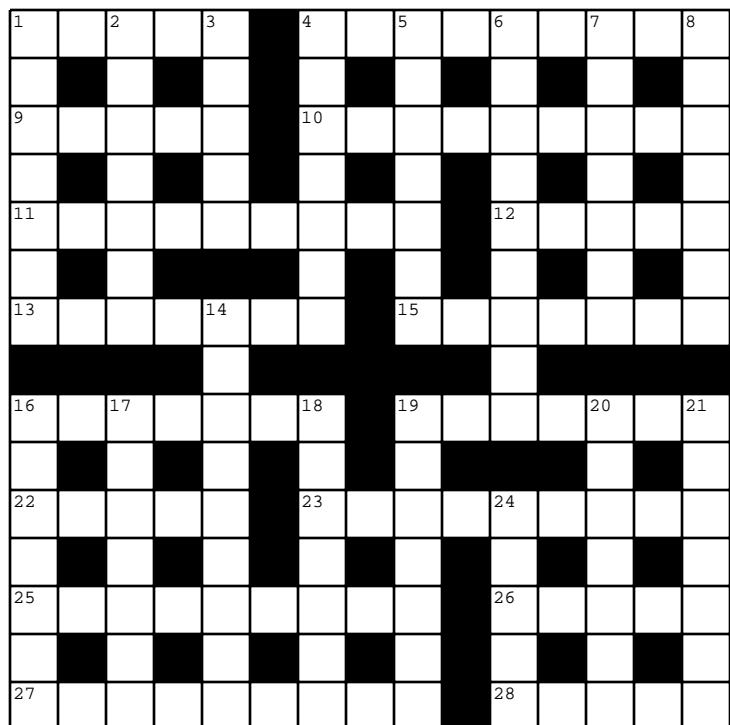
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| 1. ADIEU      | 1. ALLUDED    |
| 4. QUADRUPLE  | 2. IDIOTIC    |
| 9. LYING      | 3. URGES      |
| 10. AMBITIOUS | 4. QUASI      |
| 11. DETESTING | 5. AMBIGUITY  |
| 12. COLOR     | 6. RETICENCE  |
| 13. DECODES   | 7. PROWLER    |
| 16. IGNORED   | 8. ENSURED    |
| 17. EARDRUM   | 14. DIRECTIVE |
| 19. YIELDED   | 15. SEMIFINAL |
| 22. TOPIC     | 17. ENTICED   |
| 23. FLAGELLUM | 18. RAPISTS   |
| 26. CUSHIONED | 20. DELGADO   |
| 27. TRACI     | 21. DUMPING   |
| 28. DISPELLED | 24. ADDED     |
| 29. ALONG     | 25. EXTRA     |



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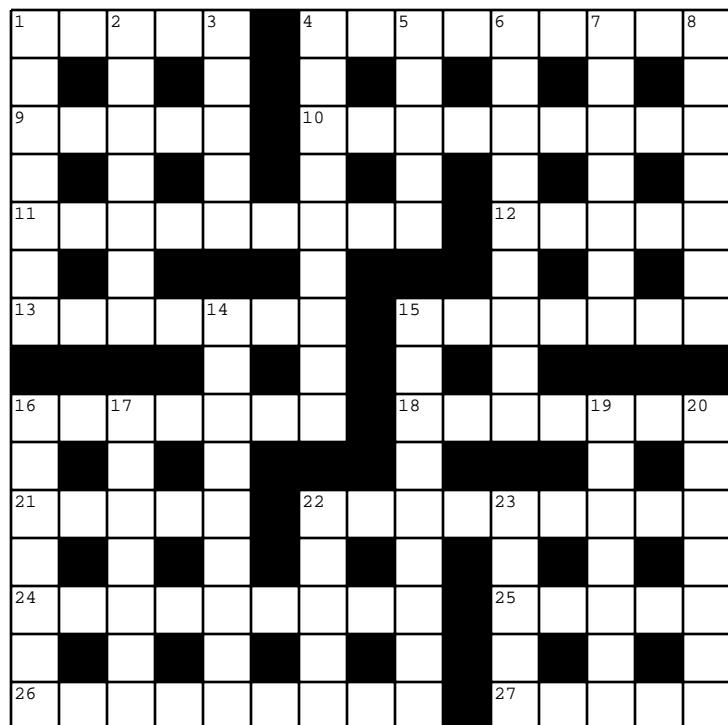
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| 1. MATCH      | 1. MAWKISH    |
| 4. HYPOCRISY  | 2. TRILLED    |
| 9. WEIRD      | 3. HIDES      |
| 10. MOISTENED | 4. HAMMOCK    |
| 11. ILLUSIONS | 5. PRIESTS    |
| 12. LYSOL     | 6. CATALOGER  |
| 13. HADDOCK   | 7. IONISER    |
| 15. SUGARED   | 8. YODELED    |
| 16. KILLJOY   | 14. OBJECTIVE |
| 19. THROUGH   | 16. KICKOFF   |
| 22. CYNIC     | 17. LENGTHY   |
| 23. PROVISION | 18. YAPPING   |
| 25. OBTAINING | 19. THOUGHT   |
| 26. ICIER     | 20. UTILIZE   |
| 27. FLYWEIGHT | 21. HONORED   |
| 28. GREED     | 24. ICING     |



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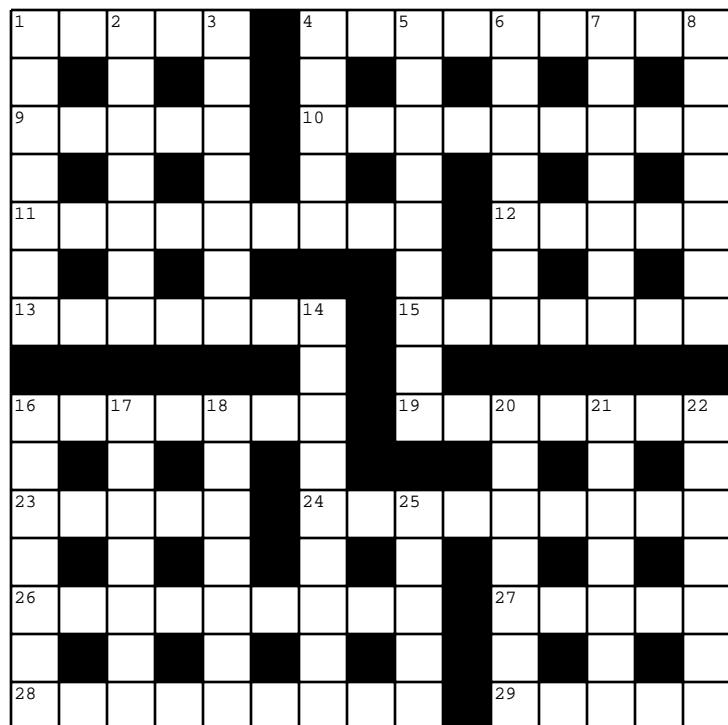
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| 4. BACKTRACK  | 2. ALLEGES    |
| 9. POLIO      | 3. FROWN      |
| 10. IMMENSELY | 4. BLIZZARDS  |
| 11. ORGANIZES | 5. COMBS      |
| 12. NANAK     | 6. TENANTING  |
| 13. TESTIER   | 7. AGEINGS    |
| 15. ALIASED   | 8. KAYAKED    |
| 16. AUTUMNS   | 14. IMMATURES |
| 18. EAGERLY   | 15. AMERICANS |
| 21. OWLET     | 16. AMONGST   |
| 22. SCINTILLA | 17. TYLENOL   |
| 24. GONORRHEA | 19. ROLLING   |
| 25. EVIAN     | 20. YEARNED   |
| 26. TALISMANS | 22. SCHWA     |
| 27. URGED     | 23. TAEGU     |



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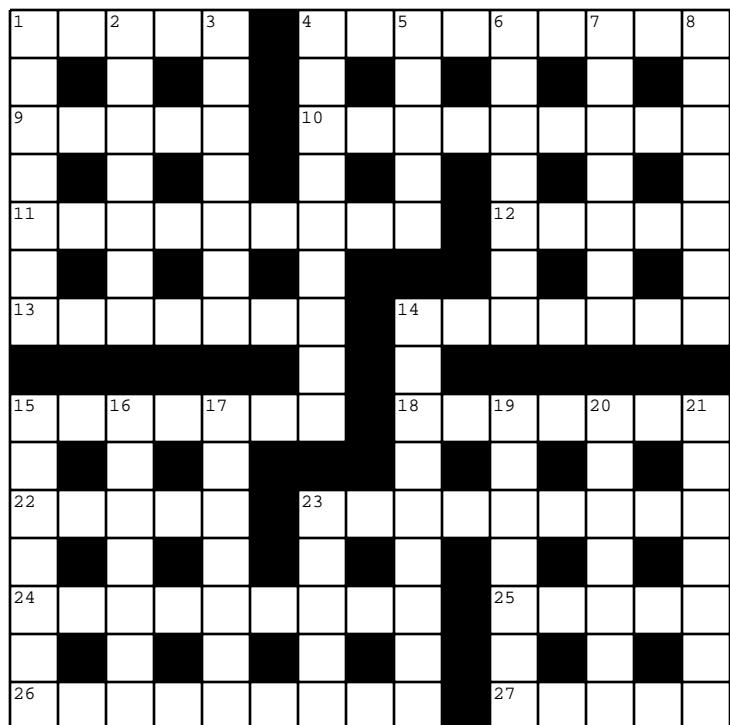
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| 4. ANAEROBIC  | 2. PRUSSIA    |
| 9. PLUMP      | 3. EXPLAIN    |
| 10. DISTANCED | 4. ADDED      |
| 11. BYSTANDER | 5. AUSTRALIA  |
| 12. DELHI     | 6. RWANDAS    |
| 13. YEARNED   | 7. BACILLI    |
| 15. LISTING   | 8. CODDING    |
| 16. ATACAMA   | 14. DEATHBEDS |
| 19. AGRIPPA   | 16. ASSURED   |
| 23. SERRA     | 17. ARRIVED   |
| 24. HERIBERTO | 18. ARACELI   |
| 26. REVIEWERS | 20. ROBERTS   |
| 27. RADII     | 21. PARADOX   |
| 28. DIDRIKSON | 22. ABOLISH   |
| 29. SIXTH     | 25. RISEN     |



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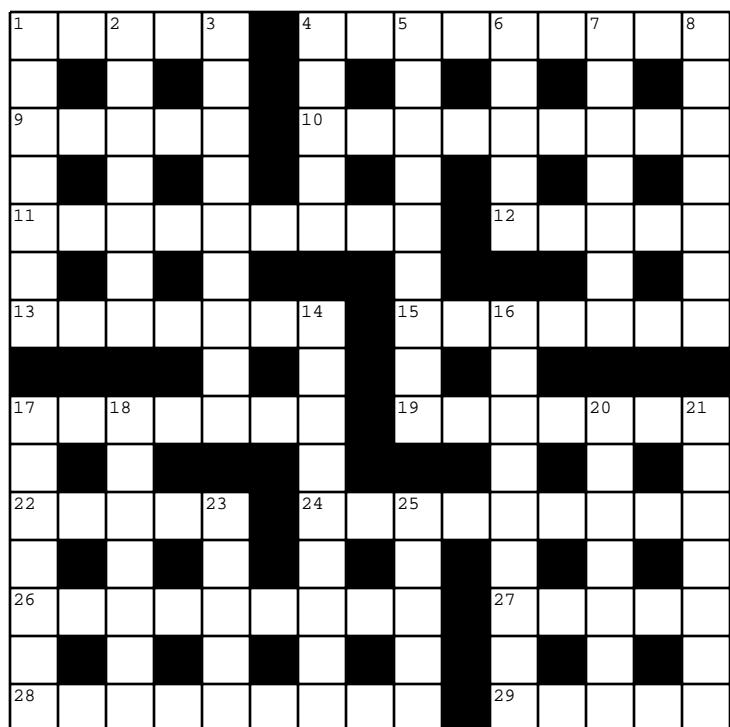
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| 1. ALPHA      | 1. AUDIBLE    |
| 4. SEDATIVES  | 2. PLAINER    |
| 9. DEATH      | 3. ASHANTI    |
| 10. NICKNAMES | 4. SANITARIA  |
| 11. BANKNOTES | 5. DECKS      |
| 12. ALIBI     | 6. TONGANS    |
| 13. EARLIER   | 7. VAMPIRE    |
| 14. DISCERN   | 8. SESSION    |
| 15. ALFREDA   | 14. DRAMATICS |
| 18. AMATEUR   | 15. ANTONIO   |
| 22. TAEGU     | 16. FRETFUL   |
| 23. QUADRATIC | 17. EDUARDO   |
| 24. NEFERTITI | 19. ACRYLIC   |
| 25. LLAMA     | 20. ESTRADA   |
| 26. ONLOOKERS | 21. RECLAIM   |
| 27. CHARM     | 23. QUITE     |



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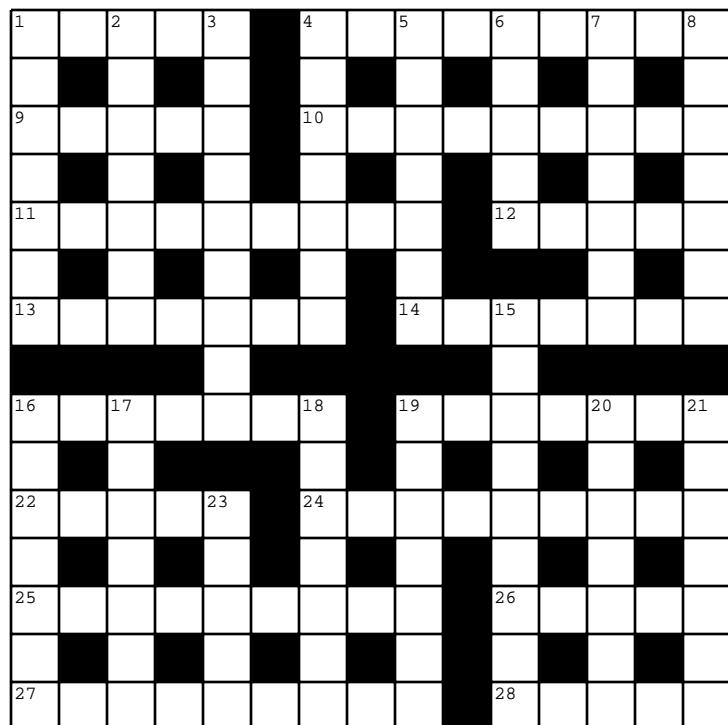
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| 4. REBINDING  | 2. HEARTEN    |
| 9. REACT      | 3. ANTIPASTO  |
| 10. BOULEVARD | 4. RABBI      |
| 11. AUTOPSIED | 5. BOULDERED  |
| 12. SIEGE     | 6. NEEDS      |
| 13. ERNESTO   | 7. INANEST    |
| 15. REBATES   | 8. GADGETS    |
| 17. APPROVE   | 14. OVERDRAWN |
| 19. DESKTOP   | 16. BASELINES |
| 22. GIRTH     | 17. ALGEBRA   |
| 24. DEVELOPER | 18. PORTEND   |
| 26. BREAKFAST | 20. TOPICAL   |
| 27. NICER     | 21. PORTRAY   |
| 28. ABDOMINAL | 23. HOKUM     |
| 29. SILLY     | 25. VITAL     |



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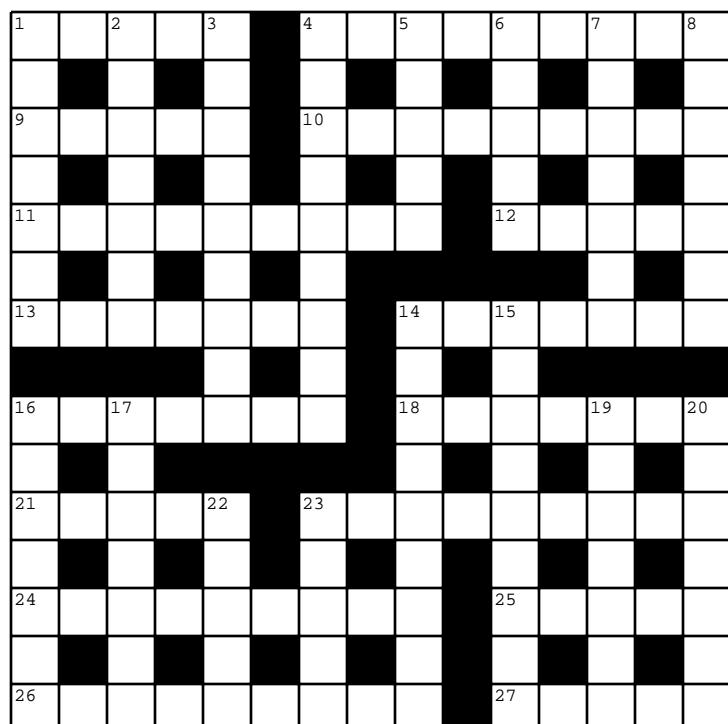
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| 1. GEESE      | 1. GOVERNS    |
| 4. INVISIBLE  | 2. ECLAIRS    |
| 9. VALET      | 3. EXTROVERT  |
| 10. SALARYING | 4. INSTEAD    |
| 11. RHINOCERI | 5. VALVING    |
| 12. SATAN     | 6. SARIS      |
| 13. SUSPEND   | 7. BRISTLE    |
| 14. GIBBERS   | 8. ENGINES    |
| 16. LIGHTLY   | 15. BRAINWASH |
| 19. SHAMBLE   | 16. LITHIUM   |
| 22. TONIC     | 17. GENESSES  |
| 24. ASCENDING | 18. YEARNED   |
| 25. INSURANCE | 19. SECRETS   |
| 26. ADAPT     | 20. BRIGADE   |
| 27. MISGUIDES | 21. EIGHTHS   |
| 28. HEELS     | 23. CORFU     |



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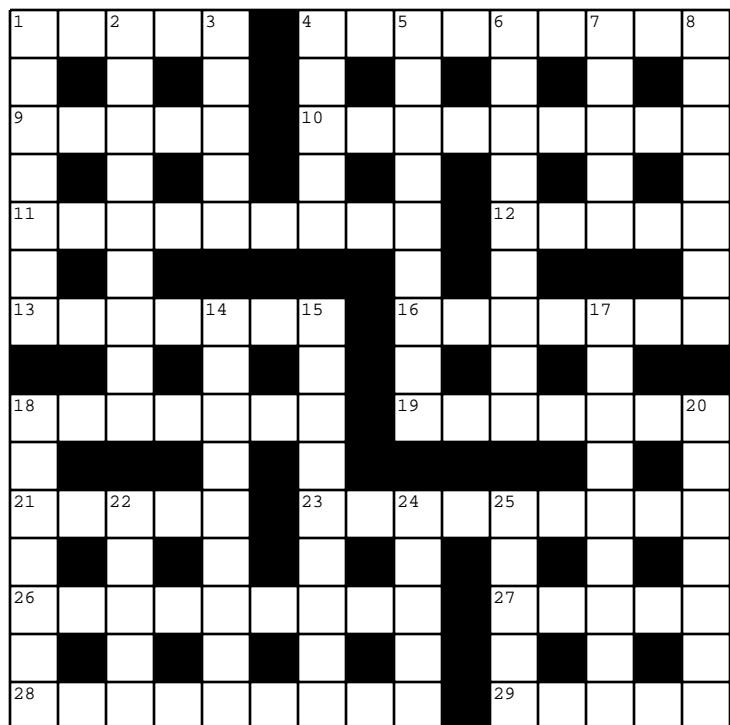
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| 1. MAFIA      | 1. MACADAM    |
| 4. MARGARITA  | 2. FOPPING    |
| 9. COPRA      | 3. AMATERASU  |
| 10. NAUGHTIER | 4. MANGANESE  |
| 11. DRIVEWAYS | 5. ROUTS      |
| 12. RAINY     | 6. ABHOR      |
| 13. MIGRATE   | 7. INITIAL    |
| 14. CUDDLED   | 8. ARRAYED    |
| 16. VENTURE   | 14. COCKTAILS |
| 18. CURABLE   | 15. DIRICHLET |
| 21. LOGIC     | 16. VOLCANO   |
| 23. METACARPI | 17. NIGHTIE   |
| 24. ANTIPASTI | 19. BERSERK   |
| 25. LOEWI     | 20. EDITION   |
| 26. OVERDOSES | 22. CAPED     |
| 27. TOKEN     | 23. MASKS     |



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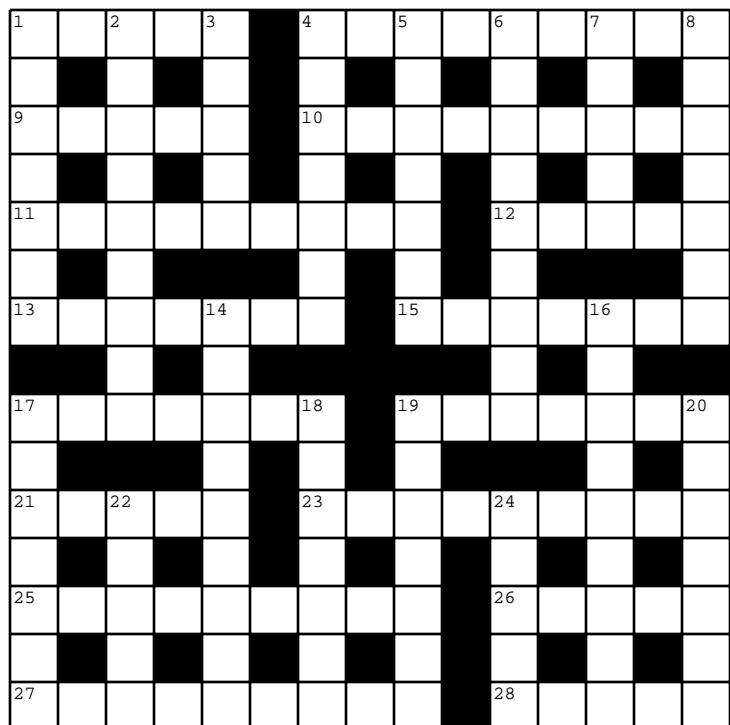
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| 1. CLIMB      | 1. CHOICER    |
| 4. REIMBURSE  | 2. ISOLATION  |
| 9. OZONE      | 3. BREAK      |
| 10. PHENOMENA | 4. RUPEE      |
| 11. CRANKIEST | 5. IDENTICAL  |
| 12. EASEL     | 6. BOOMERANG  |
| 13. RAILWAY   | 7. REEDS      |
| 16. CHAPPED   | 8. ENABLED    |
| 18. LANZHOU   | 14. WEHRMACHT |
| 19. LEGIONS   | 15. YOUNGSTER |
| 21. BOSOM     | 17. PROMISING |
| 23. GIBBERISH | 18. LIBIDOS   |
| 26. DEDICATES | 20. SCHEMES   |
| 27. IDIOM     | 22. SIDLE     |
| 28. SHELTERED | 24. BASED     |
| 29. SIGNS     | 25. EMIRS     |



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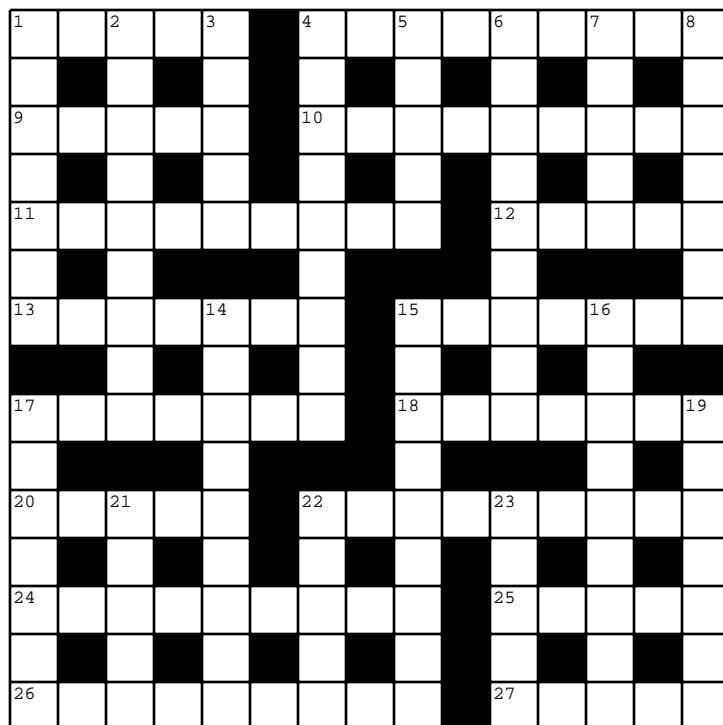
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| 4. INDECENCY  | 2. LEISURELY  |
| 9. ALIBI      | 3. THICK      |
| 10. NEGOTIATE | 4. IGNORED    |
| 11. DRUNKARDS | 5. DIGESTS    |
| 12. POSED     | 6. CATAPULTS  |
| 13. LEECHED   | 7. NEARS      |
| 15. SOLACED   | 8. YIELDED    |
| 17. CRYPTIC   | 14. HATCHBACK |
| 19. ISSUING   | 16. CRITERION |
| 21. SLOSH     | 17. CASTOFF   |
| 23. BLEARIEST | 18. CABRINI   |
| 25. OPERATIVE | 19. ICEBERG   |
| 26. MAIZE     | 20. GATHERS   |
| 27. FRECKLING | 22. OBESE     |
| 28. TENDS     | 24. REMIT     |



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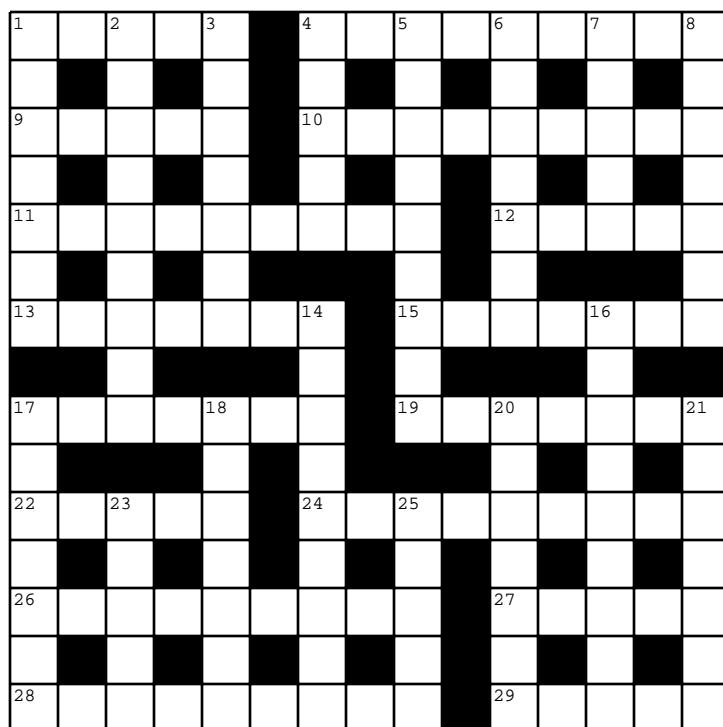
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| 1. BORED      | 1. BELLING    |
| 4. RECKONING  | 2. REGISTERS  |
| 9. LAGER      | 3. DARED      |
| 10. SELECTION | 4. RESPONDED  |
| 11. INSIDIOUS | 5. CALMS      |
| 12. EAGLE     | 6. ORCHESTRA  |
| 13. GUESSED   | 7. ICING      |
| 15. ATTACKS   | 8. GANDERS    |
| 17. DESCEND   | 14. SEEMINGLY |
| 18. TRAFFIC   | 15. ATTITUDES |
| 20. PEPSI     | 16. CAFETERIA |
| 22. MOTIVATED | 17. DIPLOMA   |
| 24. OBLIGATED | 19. CADDIED   |
| 25. TORSI     | 21. POLIO     |
| 26. ANONYMOUS | 22. MOTTO     |
| 27. STAND     | 23. VOTES     |



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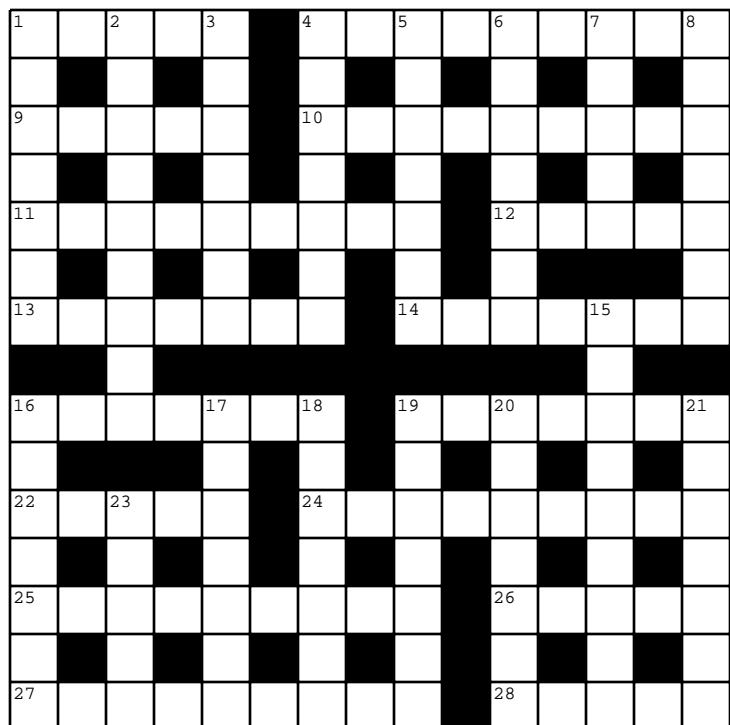
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| 4. TENTACLES  | 2. DIAPHRAGM  |
| 9. CHAIN      | 3. ARNULFO    |
| 10. ENGRAVING | 4. THESE      |
| 11. UNHOLIEST | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. ENSUE     | 6. AMATEUR    |
| 13. DEACONS   | 7. LAIRS      |
| 15. LARGEST   | 8. SUGGEST    |
| 17. HIMSELF   | 14. SAFEGUARD |
| 19. BRONCHI   | 16. EUCALYPTI |
| 22. LORDS     | 17. HOLCOMB   |
| 24. GABRIELLE | 18. EYSENCK   |
| 26. ORIENTATE | 20. OKINAWA   |
| 27. APPLE     | 21. ICEBERG   |
| 28. BLOCKADES | 23. RHINO     |
| 29. AXING     | 25. BEERS     |



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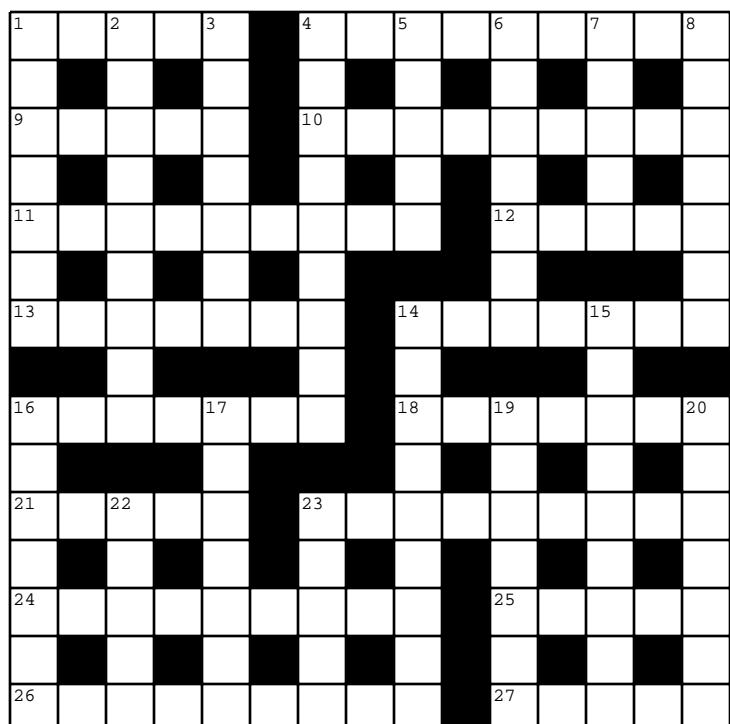
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| 1. CADRE      | 1. CORNCOB    |
| 4. APPRAISAL  | 2. DAINTIEST  |
| 9. REICH      | 3. ETHICAL    |
| 10. NEURALGIA | 4. ANNOYED    |
| 11. CATACLYSM | 5. PLUMMET    |
| 12. MORON     | 6. ANAEMIA    |
| 13. BEETLED   | 7. SUGAR      |
| 14. TRAPPED   | 8. LEARNED    |
| 16. ENTITLE   | 15. POTPOURRI |
| 19. CHASTEN   | 16. ENDEMIC   |
| 22. DETOX     | 17. TAXICAB   |
| 24. FOREFRONT | 18. ENFORCE   |
| 25. METACARPI | 19. CARRION   |
| 26. LYRIC     | 20. ALFALFA   |
| 27. CARIBBEAN | 21. NOTICES   |
| 28. AMISS     | 23. TUTOR     |



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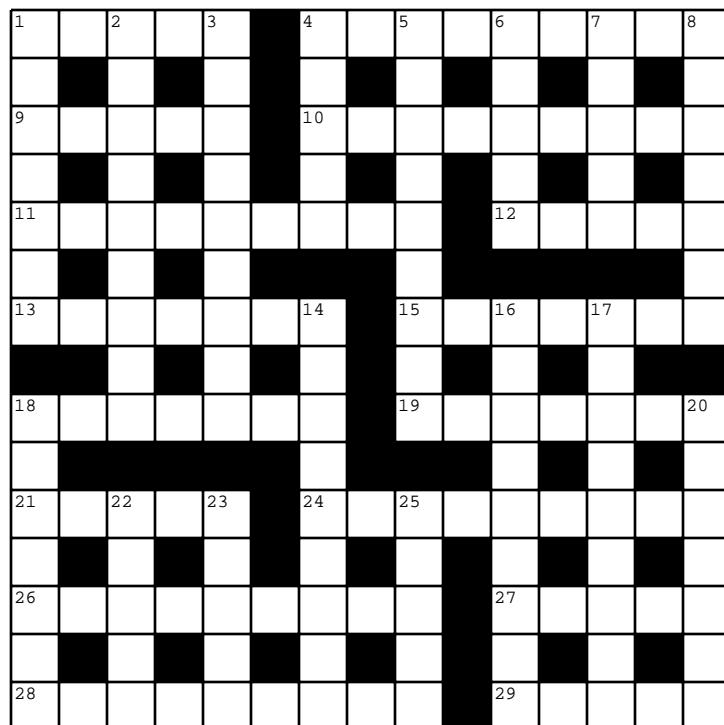
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| 4. ERGONOMIC  | 2. MEMORANDA  |
| 9. RUMBA      | 3. ARACELI    |
| 10. ORCHESTRA | 4. ELONGATED  |
| 11. CORREGGIO | 5. GECKO      |
| 12. ISSUE     | 6. NEEDIER    |
| 13. DENTIST   | 7. MATES      |
| 14. CARIBOU   | 8. CHATEAU    |
| 16. TRAMPED   | 14. CADDIEING |
| 18. DEVICES   | 15. BACKSLASH |
| 21. EXCEL     | 16. TREACLE   |
| 23. PRIMROSED | 17. PELICAN   |
| 24. CRESCENDI | 19. VERANDA   |
| 25. NEARS     | 20. SADISTS   |
| 26. EHRENBERG | 22. CHEER     |
| 27. ACHES     | 23. PENCE     |



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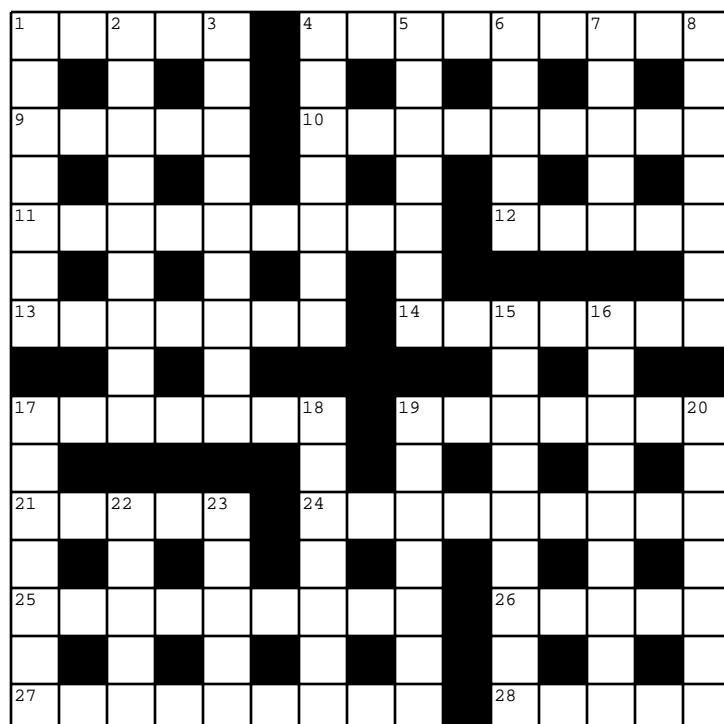
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| 4. JEWELRIES  | 2. AFFIDAVIT  |
| 9. AFFIX      | 3. DEXTEROUS  |
| 10. CONTAINER | 4. JACKS      |
| 11. ADDRESSEE | 5. WONDERBRA  |
| 12. AORTA     | 6. LLAMA      |
| 13. OBVIOUS   | 7. INNER      |
| 15. BICYCLE   | 8. SURFACE    |
| 18. OBTUSER   | 14. SURPRISED |
| 19. ACRONYM   | 16. CORKSCREW |
| 21. EXACT     | 17. CONTRALTO |
| 24. REASSURES | 18. OVERDID   |
| 26. DYSPEPSIA | 20. MISTYPE   |
| 27. RELAY     | 22. ASSES     |
| 28. DISSUADED | 23. TAEGU     |
| 29. WHOSE     | 25. AWARD     |



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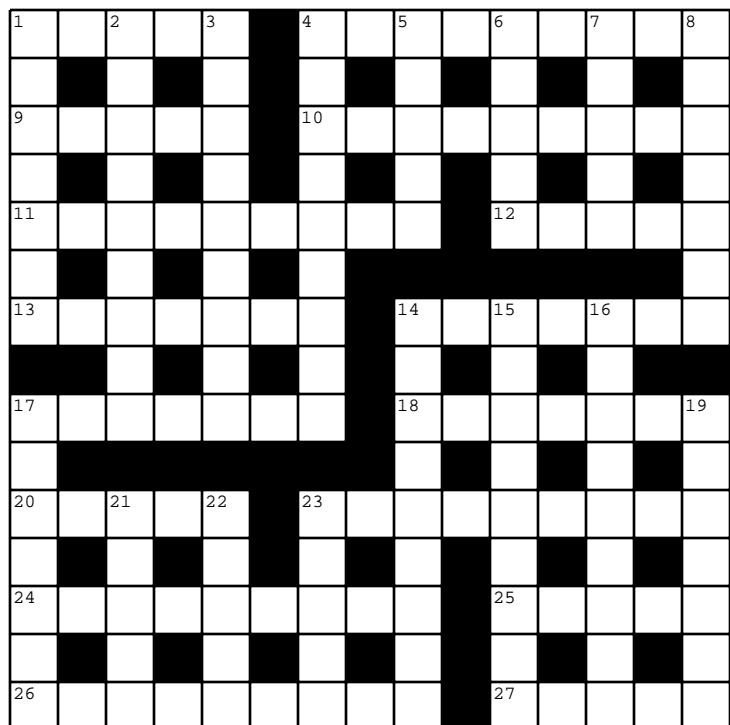
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| 4. CAPSIZING  | 2. CONTRALTO  |
| 9. IONIC      | 3. BACKTRACK  |
| 10. INOCULATE | 4. CLIMBED    |
| 11. TURNTABLE | 5. PROVERB    |
| 12. TYSON     | 6. INUIT      |
| 13. DULLARD   | 7. IMAMS      |
| 14. BEEFIER   | 8. GREENER    |
| 17. KNOCKER   | 15. EARTHWORM |
| 19. PERTURB   | 16. IBUPROFEN |
| 21. ELDER     | 17. KNEECAP   |
| 24. DISCHARGE | 18. REDUCES   |
| 25. CORPUSCLE | 19. POSTERS   |
| 26. OFFED     | 20. BREADTH   |
| 27. PURCHASES | 22. DIRER     |
| 28. MONTH     | 23. ROUGH     |



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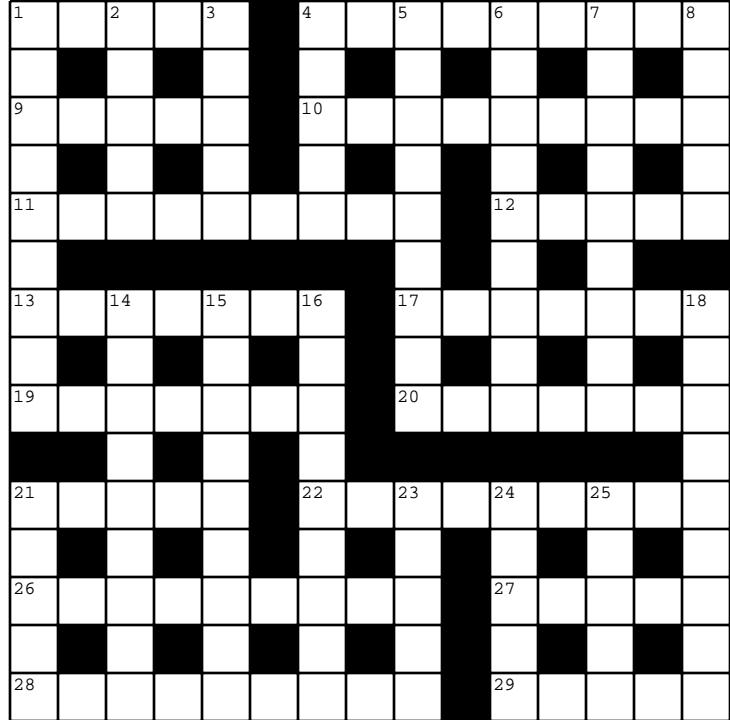
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| 1. SEPIA      | 1. SUCCOUR    |
| 4. EMERGENCY  | 2. PRINCIPLE  |
| 9. CLIPT      | 3. ANTIPASTI  |
| 10. RHEUMATIC | 4. EHRENBERG  |
| 11. OCCUPANCY | 5. ENEMY      |
| 12. RADII     | 6. GAMER      |
| 13. RIPOSTE   | 7. NOTED      |
| 14. SCARCR    | 8. YUCKIER    |
| 17. KEELING   | 14. SIDELINED |
| 18. DUTIFUL   | 15. AUTOGRAPH |
| 20. ETHIC     | 16. CAFETERIA |
| 23. ENLIGHTEN | 17. KNEECAP   |
| 24. CAPARISON | 19. LANYARD   |
| 25. AORTA     | 21. HYPER     |
| 26. PERSUADED | 22. CORFU     |
| 27. HEARD     | 23. EASED     |



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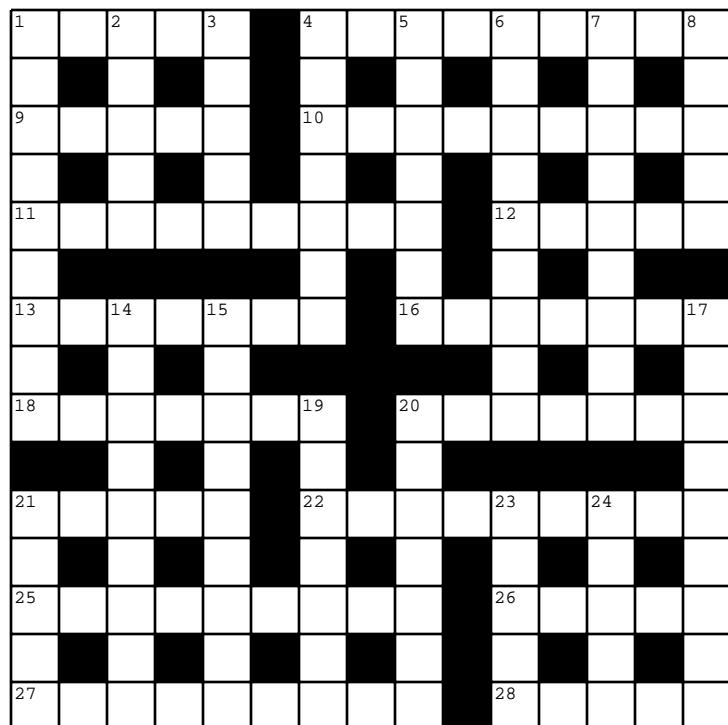
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| 1. LLAMA      | 1. LOCATIONS  |
| 4. DECIPHERS  | 2. APPLE      |
| 9. COPRA      | 3. AWARE      |
| 10. TEMPERATE | 4. DITTO      |
| 11. THEREFORE | 5. COMMENDED  |
| 12. EQUIP     | 6. PRETENSES  |
| 13. OBVIOUS   | 7. EVALUATES  |
| 17. DESKTOP   | 8. SLEEP      |
| 19. SELFISH   | 14. VELVETING |
| 20. DESISTS   | 15. ORIENTATE |
| 21. CLEAN     | 16. SCHEDULES |
| 22. DANDELION | 18. POSTNATAL |
| 26. SPIRALLED | 21. CASED     |
| 27. TROUT     | 23. NODES     |
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| 29. ROYAL     | 25. IRONY     |



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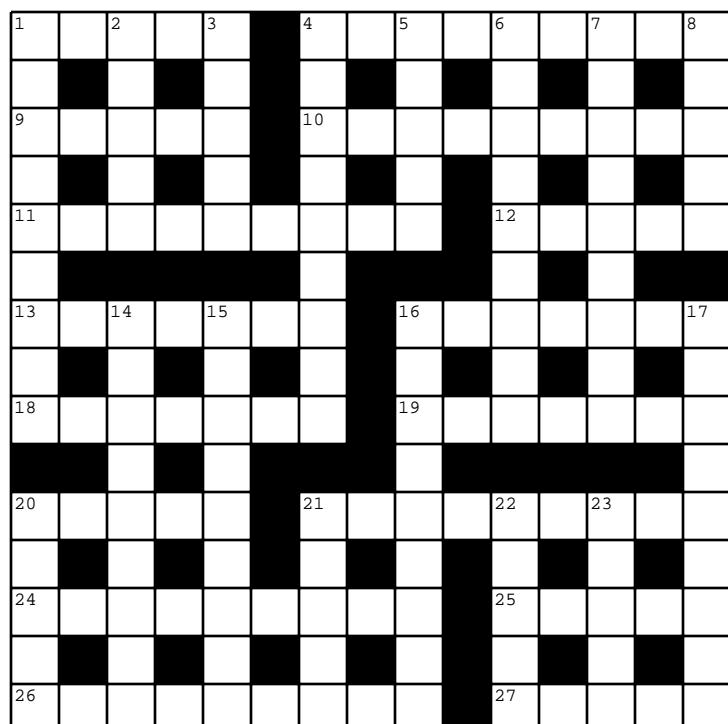
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| 1. SWAMP      | 1. SUSTAINED  |
| 4. COCKROACH  | 2. ABEAM      |
| 9. SMELL      | 3. PULLS      |
| 10. RAINCOATS | 4. CARRIED    |
| 11. ADMISSION | 5. CHINNED    |
| 12. ADELE     | 6. RECHARGES  |
| 13. NEIGHED   | 7. AMATERASU  |
| 16. DEGRADE   | 8. HASTE      |
| 18. DISCARD   | 14. INSIDIous |
| 20. DISTURB   | 15. HEADRESTS |
| 21. RADAR     | 17. EMBODYING |
| 22. SIMULATED | 19. DASHIKI   |
| 25. BIOPSYING | 20. DEMAGOG   |
| 26. NIMBI     | 21. RABBI     |
| 27. INSISTING | 23. LINGO     |
| 28. OWING     | 24. TEMPI     |



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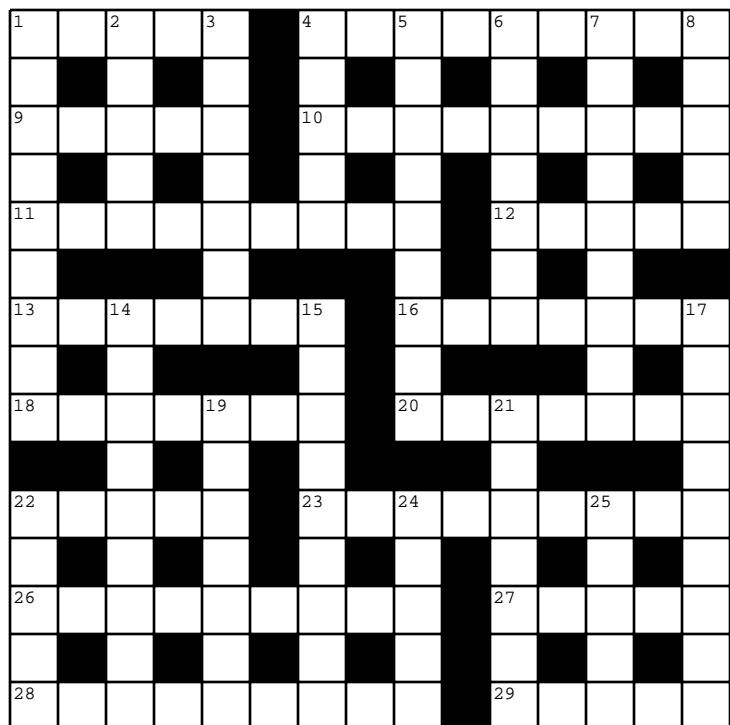
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| 4. FEATURING  | 2. GENES      |
| 9. HINDU      | 3. YOUNG      |
| 10. REOPENING | 4. FORBIDDEN  |
| 11. EASYGOING | 5. ALONG      |
| 12. RIMED     | 6. UNEARTHED  |
| 13. INDUCED   | 7. IDIOMATIC  |
| 16. MAHATMA   | 8. GAGED      |
| 18. GREMLIN   | 14. DEEPENING |
| 19. REDUCES   | 15. CALIBRATE |
| 20. DWEEB     | 16. MERCILESS |
| 21. SPINDLIER | 17. ASSERTING |
| 24. TAIWANESE | 20. DATED     |
| 25. MIAMI     | 21. SEEKS     |
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| 27. DYING     | 23. IRAQI     |



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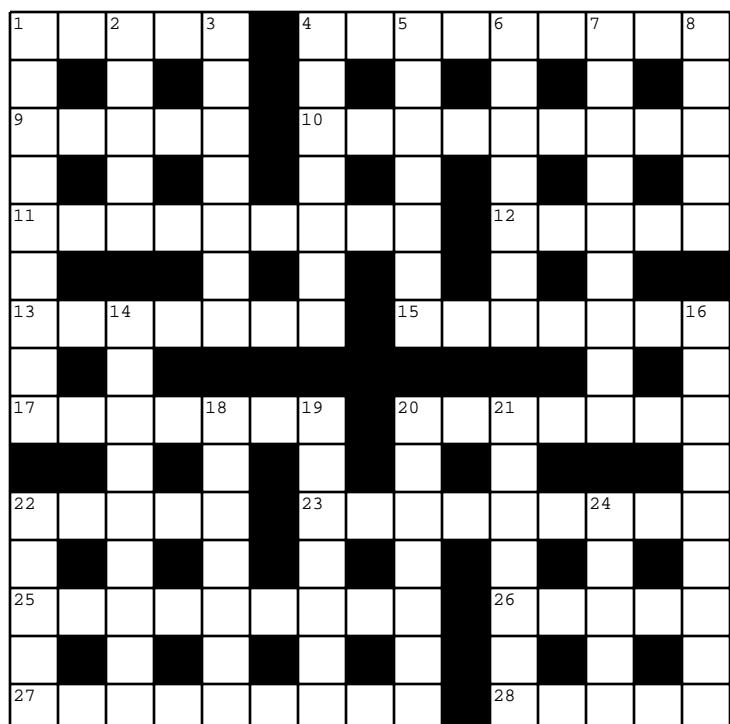
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| 1. ENDED      | 1. EXCHANGES  |
| 4. EXPEDITED  | 2. DREAM      |
| 9. CHEER      | 3. DERIDED    |
| 10. ANTIVIRAL | 4. EMAIL      |
| 11. ARMADILLO | 5. POTPOURRI  |
| 12. LOOPS     | 6. DEVELOP    |
| 13. GUARDED   | 7. TERRORIST  |
| 16. REPLICA   | 8. DELIS      |
| 18. SATANIC   | 14. AUTOMATES |
| 20. INERTIA   | 15. DECOMPOSE |
| 22. TEMPT     | 17. ABANDONED |
| 23. MARSHALED | 19. NATURES   |
| 26. INTERLOCK | 21. EXHIBIT   |
| 27. BEGUN     | 22. THIRD     |
| 28. DISASTERS | 24. RAKES     |
| 29. TIRED     | 25. LAGER     |



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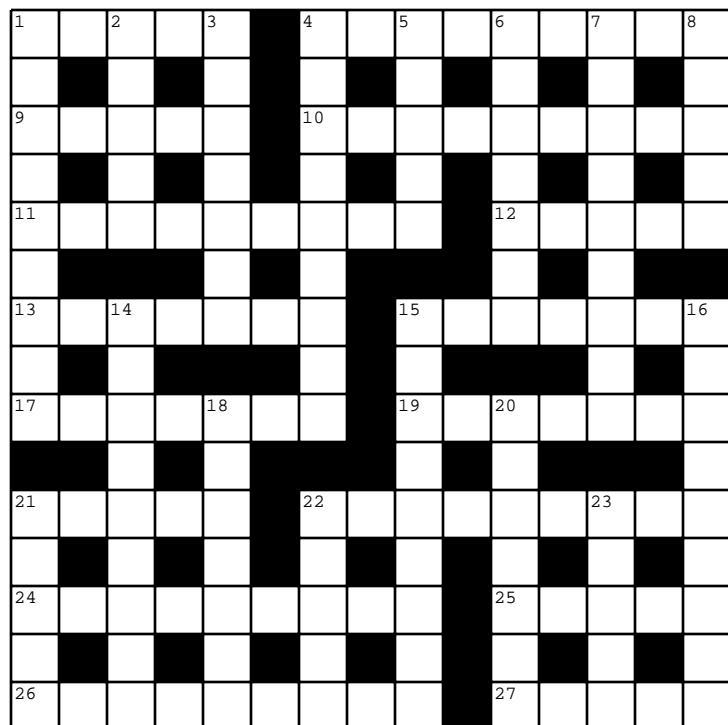
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| 4. ARBITRARY  | 2. MAMBO      |
| 9. RUMBA      | 3. THALAMI    |
| 10. INITIATED | 4. ALIBIED    |
| 11. ISOLATING | 5. BRIDGES    |
| 12. BROIL     | 6. THIMBLE    |
| 13. UNIFIED   | 7. ASTRONAUT  |
| 15. SEESAWS   | 8. YODEL      |
| 17. AGRIPPA   | 14. IRRIGATES |
| 20. SPECTRA   | 16. STANDARDS |
| 22. AUGER     | 18. PARVENU   |
| 23. DELIVERED | 19. AUDITED   |
| 25. AUTHENTIC | 20. SELECTS   |
| 26. LABOR     | 21. ENVELOP   |
| 27. MISGUIDES | 22. ALARM     |
| 28. PUTTS     | 24. ROBOT     |



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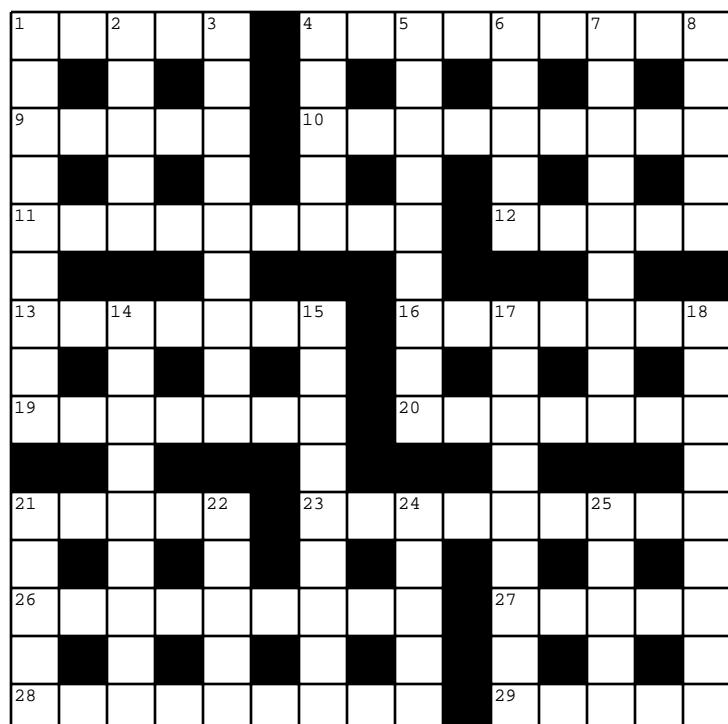
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| 4. WASHBASIN  | 2. DWEEB      |
| 9. GLEAM      | 3. SAMURAI    |
| 10. GENTLEMEN | 4. WIGWAGGED  |
| 11. SUBURBANS | 5. SINGS      |
| 12. HONEY     | 6. BELLHOP    |
| 13. RIDDING   | 7. SEMANTICS  |
| 15. IMPAIRS   | 8. NINNY      |
| 17. ROSEBUD   | 14. DISREPAIR |
| 19. FUCHSIA   | 15. INFECTING |
| 21. LOEWI     | 16. STANDARDS |
| 22. ACCLAIMED | 18. BRIGHAM   |
| 24. SPAGHETTI | 20. CLASSIC   |
| 25. SUGAR     | 21. LISTS     |
| 26. SCRAMMING | 22. ALTAI     |
| 27. CHAOS     | 23. MAGMA     |



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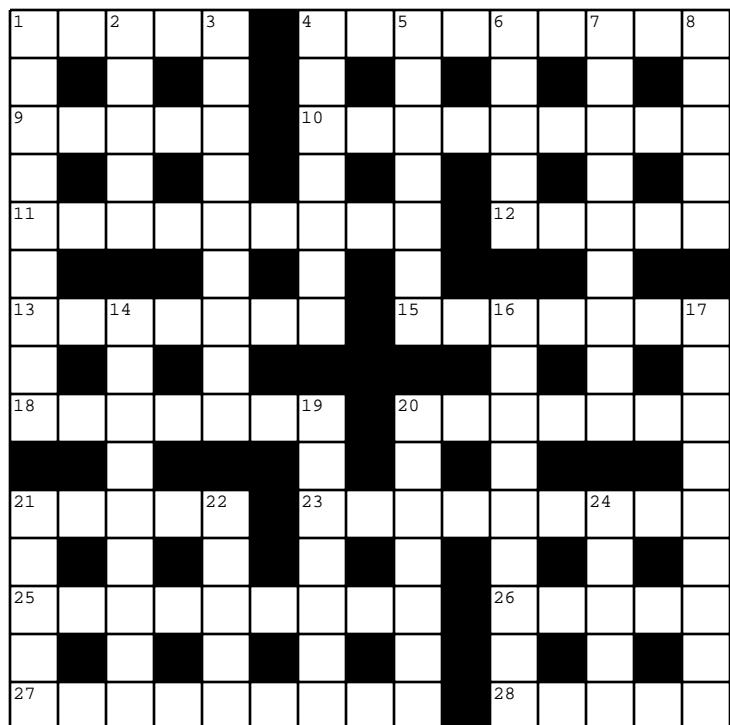
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| 4. COCOONING  | 2. RATED      |
| 9. ATTIC      | 3. EXCHEQUER  |
| 10. RENEGADED | 4. CURIO      |
| 11. HEDGEHOGS | 5. CONESTOGA  |
| 12. TALLY     | 6. OUGHT      |
| 13. UNCOUTH   | 7. INDULGENT  |
| 16. ONESELF   | 8. GIDDY      |
| 19. BEATRIZ   | 14. CHAPERONS |
| 20. ADEPTER   | 15. HAZELNUTS |
| 21. OMEGA     | 17. EXERCYCLE |
| 23. LOINCLOTH | 18. FORTHWITH |
| 26. FOODSTUFF | 21. OFFED     |
| 27. CACTI     | 22. AISLE     |
| 28. DISPENSER | 24. INFER     |
| 29. EARTH     | 25. OCCUR     |



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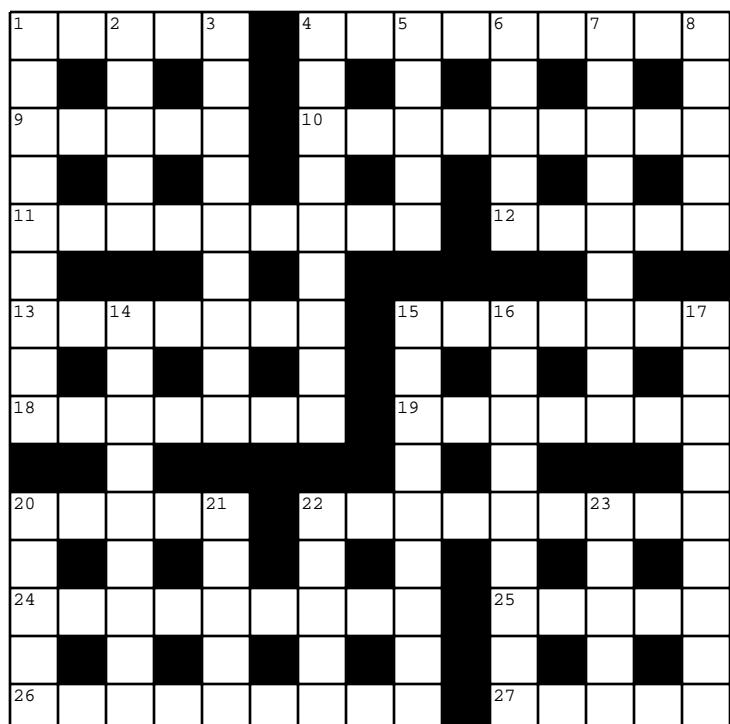
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| 4. EXPRESSED  | 2. IRVIN      |
| 9. LIVER      | 3. TARPAULIN  |
| 10. CORRELATE | 4. ENCODED    |
| 11. MANHANDLE | 5. PARVENU    |
| 12. ASHED     | 6. EDEMA      |
| 13. BATTLED   | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 15. UPDATES   | 8. DREAD      |
| 18. DRAINED   | 14. TRAVELING |
| 20. BOSSIER   | 16. DISMEMBER |
| 21. SHELF     | 17. STRADDLES |
| 23. REPREHEND | 19. DARKEST   |
| 25. RHINOCERI | 20. BAPTISM   |
| 26. BANAL     | 21. SORTA     |
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| 28. RAIDS     | 24. ENNUI     |



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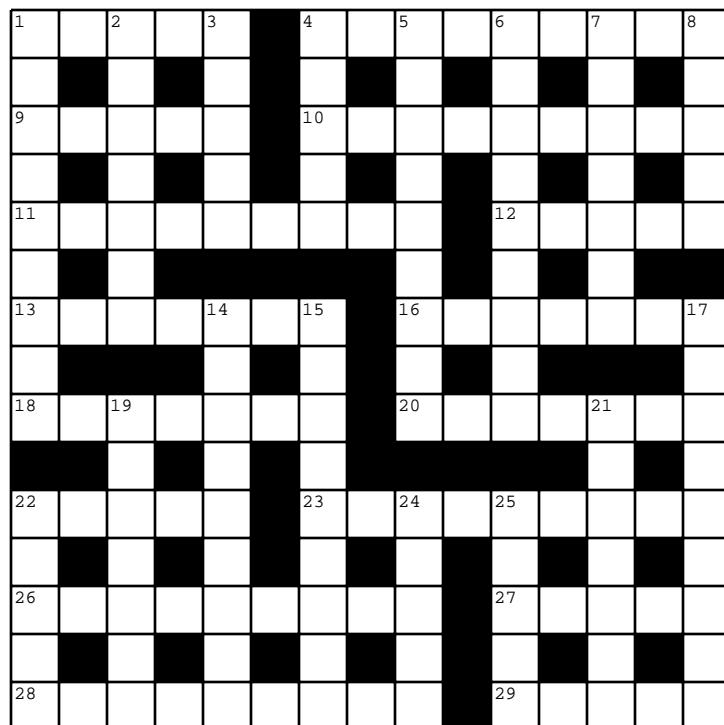
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| 9. CRUMB      | 3. EMBARGOES  |
| 10. AUDITORIA | 4. GRADUATES  |
| 11. INTERRUPT | 5. DIDNT      |
| 12. NOONS     | 6. OFTEN      |
| 13. AFFRONT   | 7. HARMONICA  |
| 15. HAFNIUM   | 8. READS      |
| 18. ARRESTS   | 14. FOREIGNER |
| 19. BARGAIN   | 15. HIBERNATE |
| 20. LEILA     | 16. FIREPROOF |
| 22. FIREPLACE | 17. MONTERREY |
| 24. GENITALIA | 20. LOGIC     |
| 25. OFFER     | 21. ACTOR     |
| 26. CARTRIDGE | 22. FILED     |
| 27. FULLY     | 23. AWFUL     |



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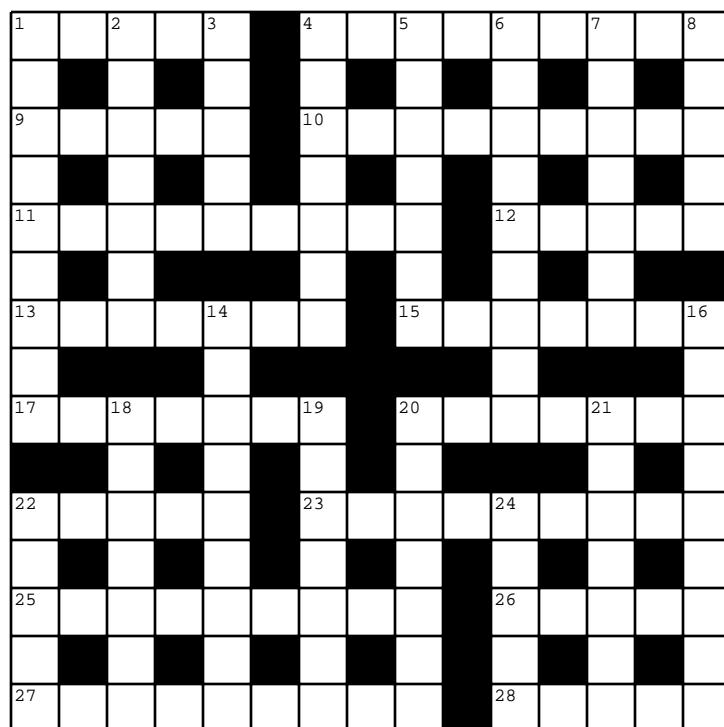
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| 4. BOTANICAL  | 2. UNTILED    |
| 9. ULTRA      | 3. TEARS      |
| 10. EXAMINING | 4. BREAD      |
| 11. HILLSIDES | 5. TRANSEPTS  |
| 12. HEART     | 6. NEIGHBOUR  |
| 13. UPDATES   | 7. COINAGE    |
| 16. PROVERB   | 8. LIGHT      |
| 18. SKIPPED   | 14. TYPICALLY |
| 20. SERRANO   | 15. SEDUCTIVE |
| 22. BASIC     | 17. BROADENED |
| 23. CHERISHED | 19. INSPIRE   |
| 26. SHIELDING | 21. ATHEISM   |
| 27. EVIAN     | 22. BASRA     |
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| 29. LAMED     | 25. IDEAL     |



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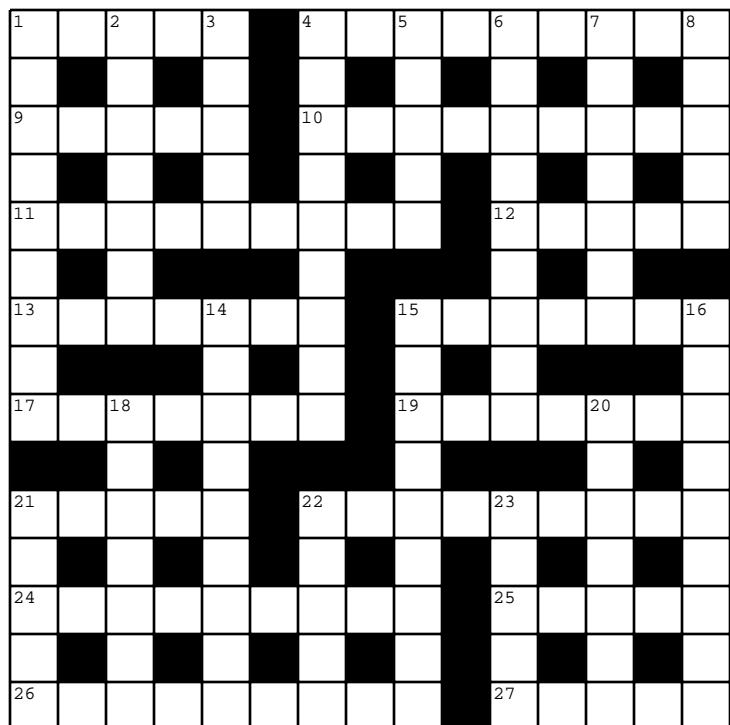
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| 4. LABELLING  | 2. BIDDING    |
| 9. PODIA      | 3. DRAWN      |
| 10. REROUTING | 4. LARGEY     |
| 11. CLIENTELE | 5. BARRELS    |
| 12. CHILD     | 6. LAUNCHING  |
| 13. TIGHTLY   | 7. INITIAL    |
| 15. SKILLET   | 8. GAGED      |
| 17. RASCALS   | 14. TEAMSTERS |
| 20. FIGGING   | 16. TIGHTNESS |
| 22. CHEFS     | 18. SPECTRA   |
| 23. INUKTITUT | 19. STIFFEN   |
| 25. BUTTERFAT | 20. FAULTED   |
| 26. TENSE     | 21. INTENDS   |
| 27. COARSENED | 22. CUBIC     |
| 28. RESTS     | 24. TUTOR     |



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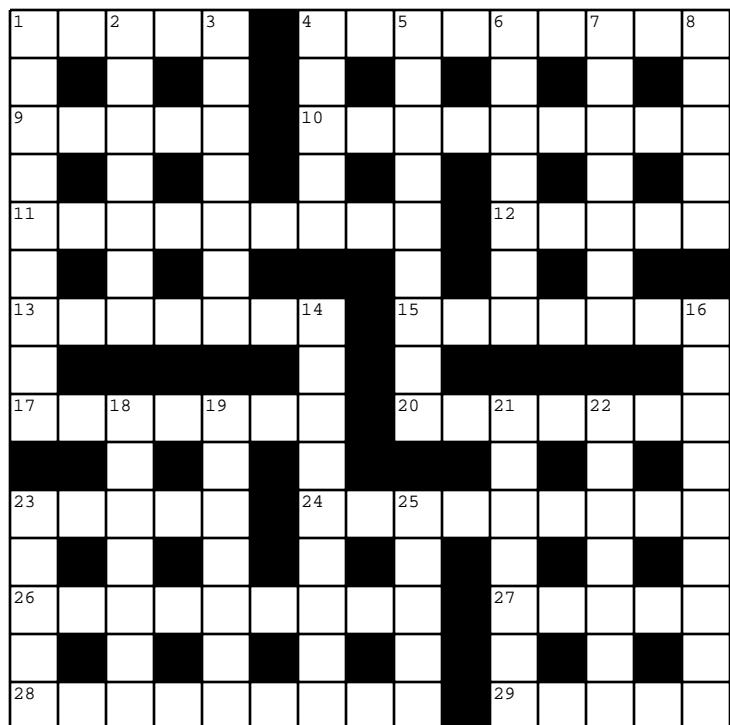
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| 4. BUFFERING  | 2. ADDENDA    |
| 9. CIDER      | 3. AURAL      |
| 10. IMMOVABLE | 4. BLIZZARDS  |
| 11. FINALIZES | 5. FUMES      |
| 12. SPENT     | 6. EAVESDROP  |
| 13. LEATHER   | 7. INBREED    |
| 15. BOREDOM   | 8. GREAT      |
| 17. YANKEES   | 14. HIERARCHY |
| 19. NAPALMS   | 15. BANDWAGON |
| 21. TANYA     | 16. MYSTERIES |
| 22. COWARDICE | 18. NINEPIN   |
| 24. EXPECTING | 20. LOITERS   |
| 25. UTERI     | 21. TEETH     |
| 26. HONEYMOON | 22. CHINO     |
| 27. DOSES     | 23. ROUND     |



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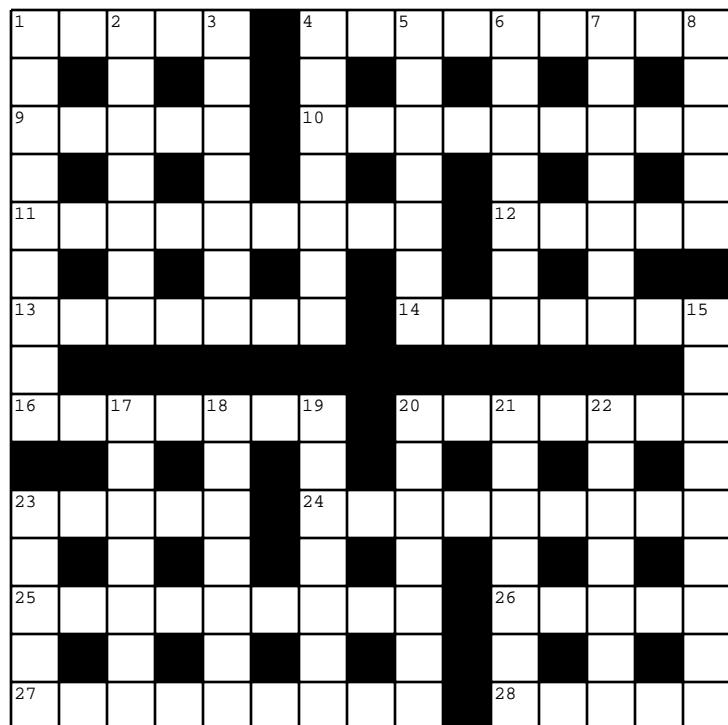
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| 4. ARTIFICES  | 2. ACCEDED    |
| 9. TACKY      | 3. SKYDIVE    |
| 10. CARDINALS | 4. ARCED      |
| 11. BEDRIDDEN | 5. TARANTULA  |
| 12. IDEAL     | 6. FAIRIES    |
| 13. LADDERS   | 7. CHATEAU    |
| 15. UNSOUND   | 8. SISAL      |
| 17. COCKPIT   | 14. SATISFIED |
| 20. ATLASES   | 16. DESTROYER |
| 23. DIRGE     | 18. CARJACK   |
| 24. SPECTATOR | 19. PLECTRA   |
| 26. GHASTLIER | 21. LITERAL   |
| 27. RISKY     | 22. SATISFY   |
| 28. AWKWARDER | 23. DOGMA     |
| 29. LAYER     | 25. ERROR     |



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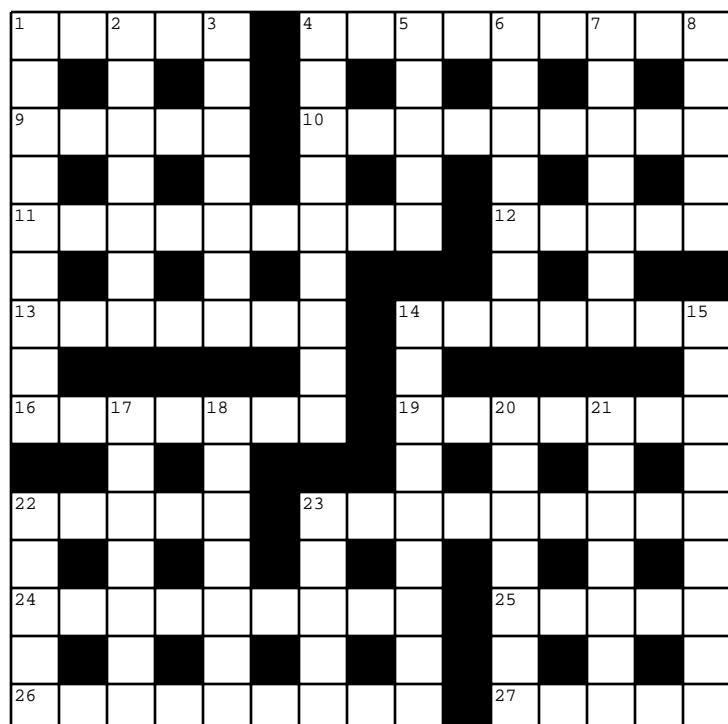
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| 4. ICELANDIC  | 2. CHENNAI    |
| 9. DIEGO      | 3. AVOCADO    |
| 10. FISHERMAN | 4. INFANTS    |
| 11. CONTAINER | 5. ENSURED    |
| 12. UNION     | 6. ASEXUAL    |
| 13. TAILORS   | 7. DUMPIER    |
| 14. DELIRIA   | 8. CANON      |
| 16. DAHOMEY   | 15. APPOINTEE |
| 20. UNCLASP   | 17. HOMERIC   |
| 23. TIMEX     | 18. MAXIMUM   |
| 24. HAMMURABI | 19. YAHTZEE   |
| 25. KARAMAZOV | 20. UNMOVED   |
| 26. ALERT     | 21. COURAGE   |
| 27. RECOMMEND | 22. ARACELI   |
| 28. ELITE     | 23. TAKER     |



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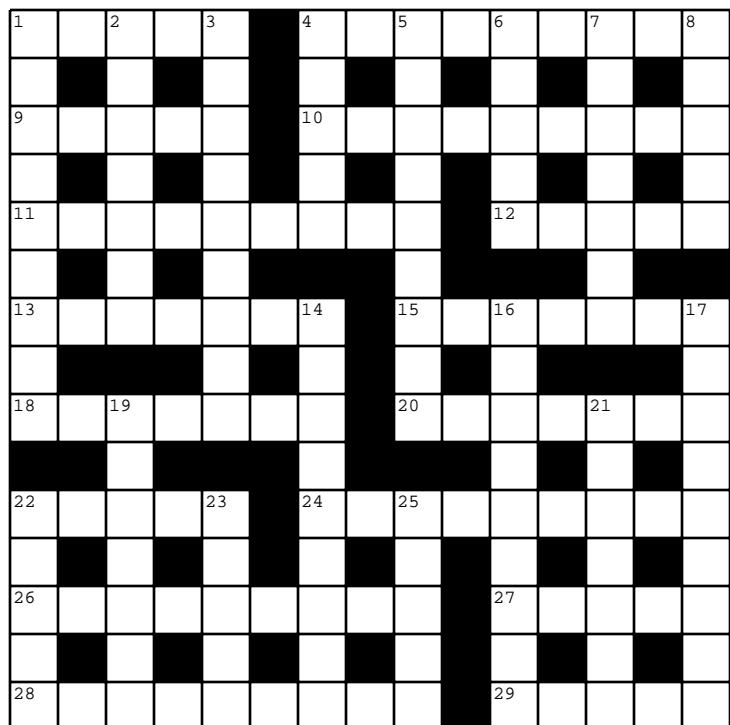
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| 9. ARSON      | 3. DUNEDIN    |
| 10. VERBALLED | 4. INVERSELY  |
| 11. REORDERED | 5. CARED      |
| 12. REEVE     | 6. PRAIRIE    |
| 13. OFFENSE   | 7. BOLDEST    |
| 14. INERTIA   | 8. ENDUE      |
| 16. AUTOPSY   | 14. INDIGNANT |
| 19. DEBASES   | 15. AUSTERITY |
| 22. KNIFE     | 17. TRIPLET   |
| 23. ORGANELLE | 18. PRECEDE   |
| 24. BALLERINA | 20. BENEATH   |
| 25. ALIBI     | 21. SOLDIER   |
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| 27. HARDY     | 23. ONION     |



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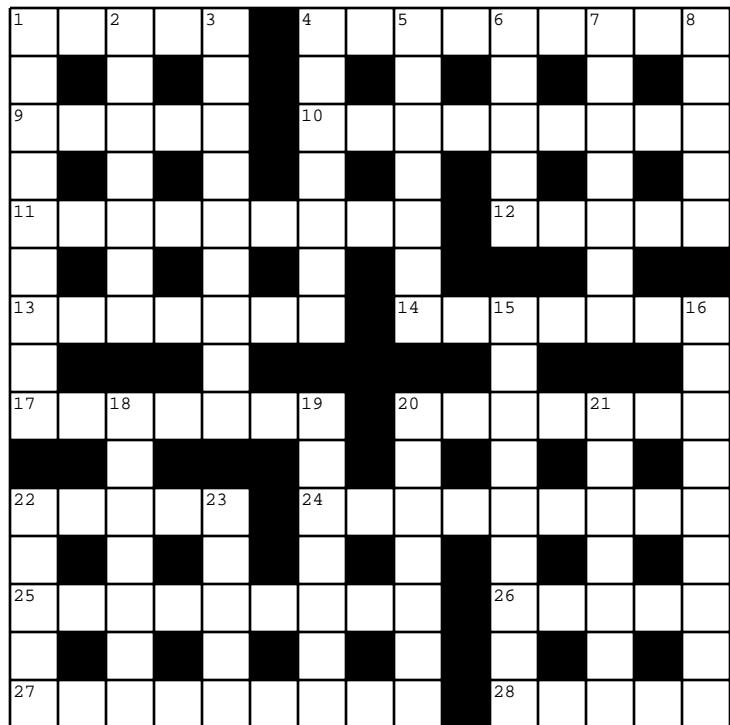
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| 4. RENEWABLE  | 2. SINUSES    |
| 9. MONEY      | 3. DAYDREAMS  |
| 10. LIGHTNING | 4. RULED      |
| 11. DISCREDIT | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. RANGE     | 6. WATER      |
| 13. ABSTAIN   | 7. BRIANNA    |
| 15. LEBLANC   | 8. EAGLE      |
| 18. SADISTS   | 14. NOSTALGIA |
| 20. BLUBBER   | 16. BOUNDLESS |
| 22. REACH     | 17. CHRISTENS |
| 24. AQUEDUCTS | 19. DEACONS   |
| 26. PROLONGED | 21. BACILLI   |
| 27. ELLIE     | 22. RAPID     |
| 28. DISREPAIR | 23. HOOKE     |
| 29. STIRS     | 25. UNDER     |



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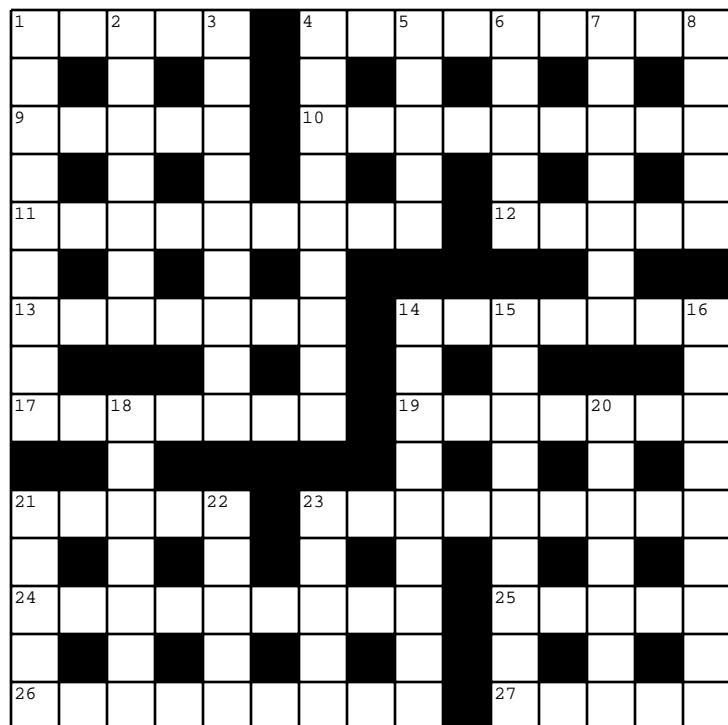
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| 4. SPECTATOR   | 2. CHAMBER    |
| 9. STAIR       | 3. DAREDEVIL  |
| 10. UNGODLIER  | 4. STUDIED    |
| 11. EMBEDDING  | 5. ENGAGES    |
| 12. LAIRS      | 6. TIDAL      |
| 13. ARRIVED    | 7. TRIVIAL    |
| 14. SUBTLER    | 8. RARES      |
| 17. RUBELLA    | 15. BUNDESTAG |
| 20. MINICAM    | 16. REMINISCE |
| 22. HOODS      | 18. BLOSSOM   |
| 24. CLARENDRON | 19. ACCLAIM   |
| 25. DESPERADO  | 20. MEADOWS   |
| 26. TACKS      | 21. CADUCEI   |
| 27. SOMETIME   | 22. HIDES     |
| 28. GUIDE      | 23. SPELT     |



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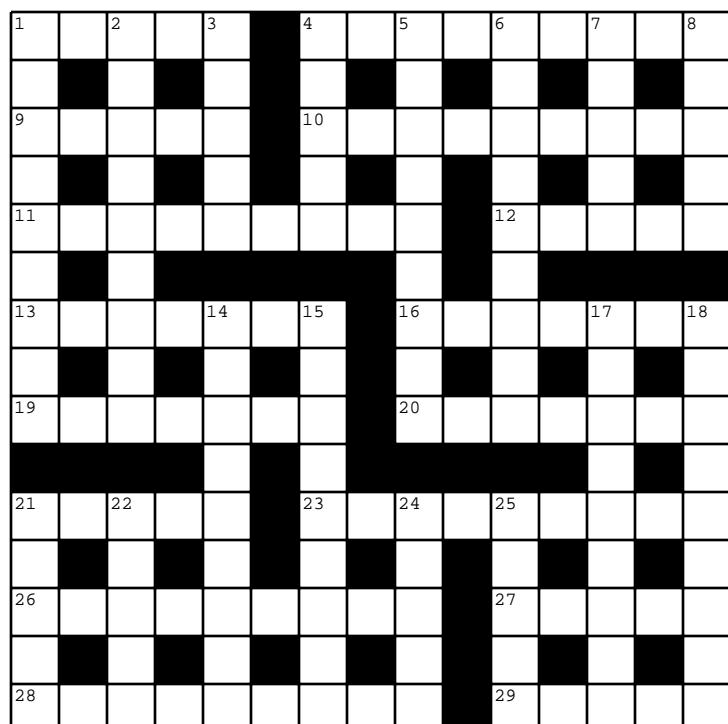
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| 4. CANONICAL  | 2. SPARRER    |
| 9. YEARN      | 3. PENETRATE  |
| 10. TRAVELED  | 4. CATCHMENT  |
| 11. STRETCHES | 5. NEARS      |
| 12. SPURN     | 6. NEEDS      |
| 13. NARRATE   | 7. CALCULI    |
| 14. SCARIER   | 8. LADEN      |
| 17. AMBIENT   | 14. SOCIETIES |
| 19. CEREBRA   | 15. AIRSTRIPS |
| 21. LUISA     | 16. REASSURES |
| 23. TREATISES | 18. BRIGHAM   |
| 24. MAHARISHI | 20. BASHFUL   |
| 25. INFER     | 21. LYMPH     |
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| 27. SALES     | 23. TASTY     |



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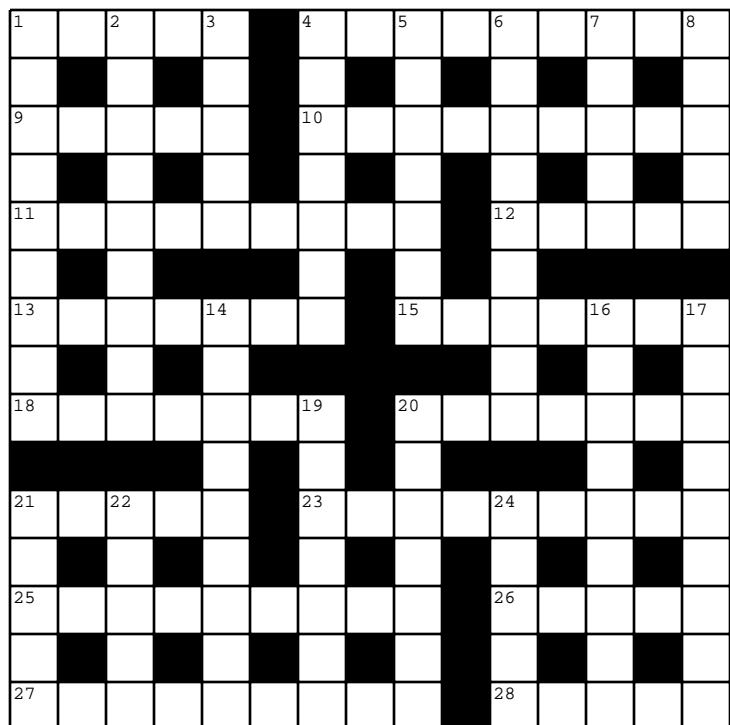
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| 4. HEADPHONE  | 2. IMMENSEST  |
| 9. LIMBO      | 3. GOODS      |
| 10. LECHEROUS | 4. HALVE      |
| 11. GANGSTERS | 5. ACCESSING  |
| 12. EMEND     | 6. PRESERVED  |
| 13. THEATER   | 7. OZONE      |
| 16. INVADED   | 8. EASED      |
| 19. SETTING   | 14. TRIANGLES |
| 20. GODDAMN   | 15. REGIMENTS |
| 21. MELON     | 17. DRAVIDIAN |
| 23. MAKESHIFT | 18. DONATIONS |
| 26. DEADLINED | 21. MEDIC     |
| 27. CHINO     | 22. LLAMA     |
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| 29. SINGS     | 25. SOCKS     |



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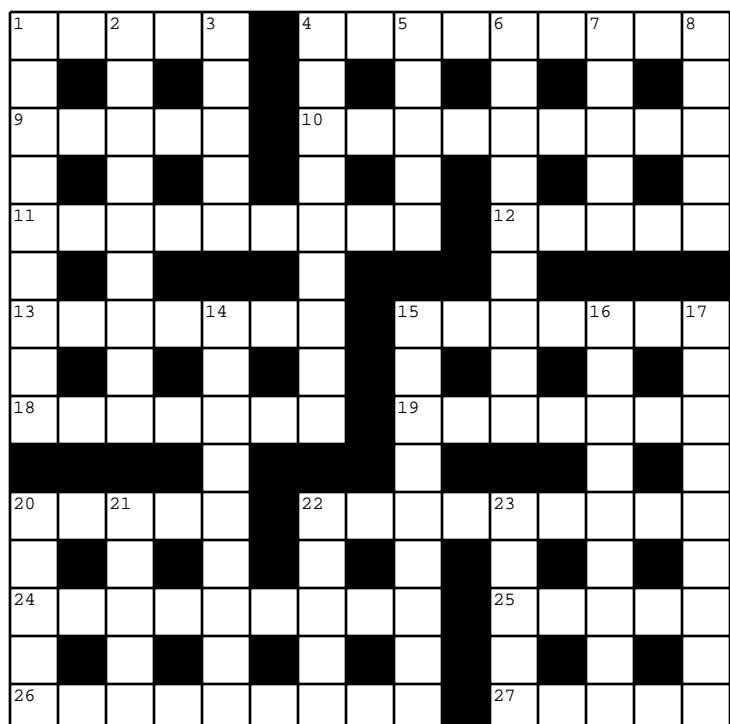
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| 4. DEMOCRACY  | 2. ADDRESSED  |
| 9. RADIO      | 3. GROWN      |
| 10. ABDICATES | 4. DIARIES    |
| 11. CLEANLIER | 5. MADURAI    |
| 12. OBEYS     | 6. COCOONING  |
| 13. ENSURES   | 7. ARTIE      |
| 15. IDIOTIC   | 8. YESES      |
| 18. TIDYING   | 14. RAINSTORM |
| 20. EDGARDO   | 16. THREADING |
| 21. MAULS     | 17. CLOUDIEST |
| 23. OVERBOARD | 19. GOOIEST   |
| 25. DISHONEST | 20. ELECTED   |
| 26. UNITE     | 21. MEDIA     |
| 27. ATTEMPTED | 22. UPSET     |
| 28. DIGIT     | 24. BOUND     |



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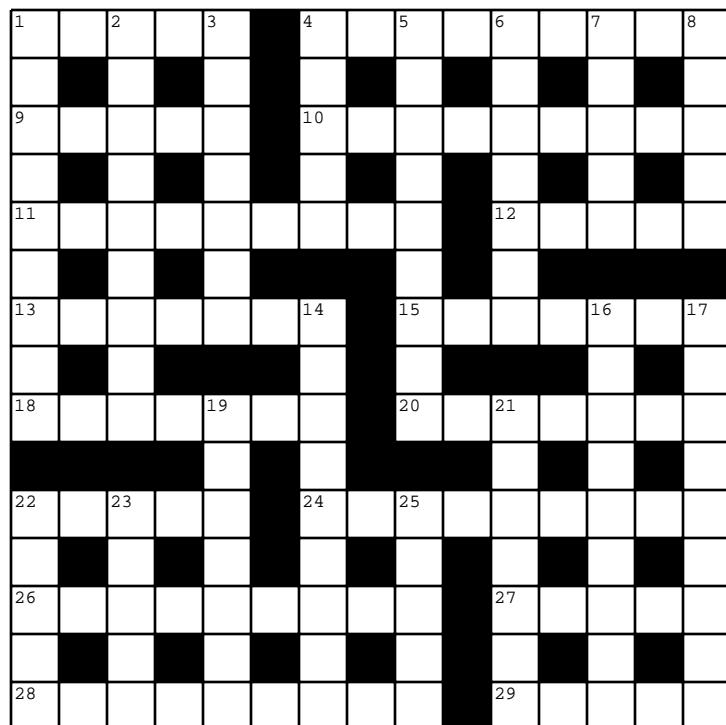
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| 4. AVAILABLE  | 2. ETIQUETTE  |
| 9. UNION      | 3. DINED      |
| 10. SALIVATES | 4. ABSTRUUSER |
| 11. FOUNDERED | 5. AILED      |
| 12. ASKED     | 6. LEVIATHAN  |
| 13. EXTENTS   | 7. BATIK      |
| 15. WAHHABI   | 8. EASED      |
| 18. THEATER   | 14. NATIONALS |
| 19. IGNEOUS   | 15. WHIRLIGIG |
| 20. FORGO     | 16. APOLOGIZE |
| 22. CELLULOSE | 17. INSPECTED |
| 24. URINATING | 20. FAUNA     |
| 25. IDIOT     | 21. RUINS     |
| 26. ASSESSING | 22. CHILI     |
| 27. YIELD     | 23. UNIFY     |



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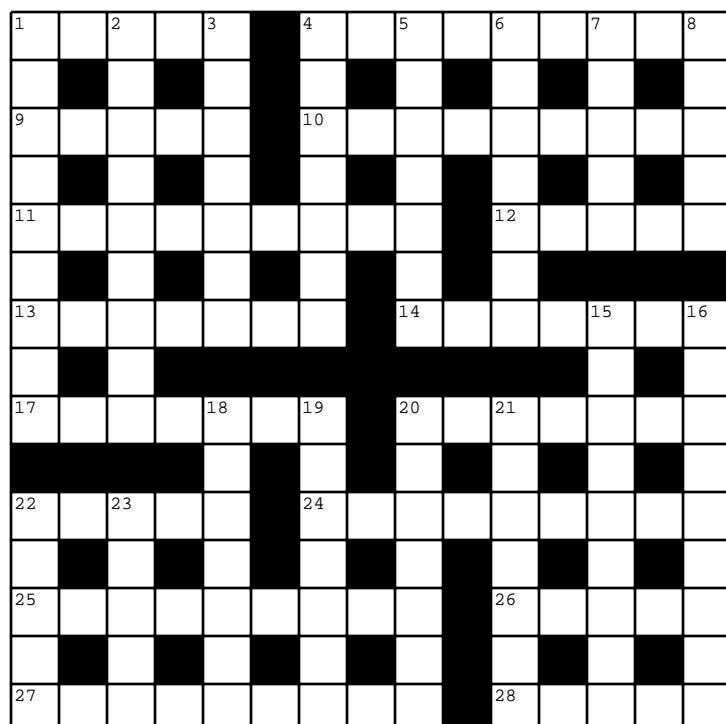
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| 4. CRIPPLING  | 2. PLUMPNESS  |
| 9. ABUSE      | 3. CHENNAI    |
| 10. LIONESSES | 4. CELLI      |
| 11. EXPANDING | 5. INORGANIC  |
| 12. IOTAS     | 6. PREMIUM    |
| 13. SHERIFF   | 7. INSET      |
| 15. NOMADIC   | 8. GASES      |
| 18. DESPAIR   | 14. FOREWARNS |
| 20. CHELSEA   | 16. DYSPEPSIA |
| 22. BRAVO     | 17. CLASSICAL |
| 24. WORTHLESS | 19. ANOTHER   |
| 26. SACCHARIN | 21. EXHIBIT   |
| 27. BASIC     | 22. BUSCH     |
| 28. HEADRESTS | 23. ALCOA     |
| 29. TRAIL     | 25. RENDS     |



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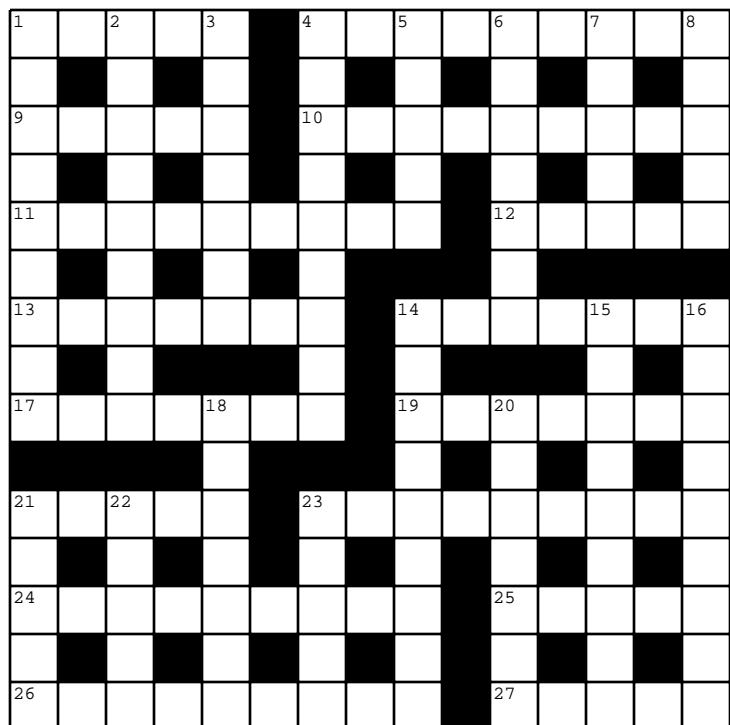
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| 9. HALLS      | 3. YESHIVA    |
| 10. UNCERTAIN | 4. TSUNAMI    |
| 11. AMERICANA | 5. ACCLAIM    |
| 12. NESTS     | 6. SERENED    |
| 13. ORIGAMI   | 7. OPALS      |
| 14. MODICUM   | 8. MENDS      |
| 17. AMALGAM   | 15. CRESCENDI |
| 20. COMMEND   | 16. MIDDLEMAN |
| 22. ASPEN     | 18. GINGHAM   |
| 24. NUMERICAL | 19. MINUTIA   |
| 25. SPAGHETTI | 20. CUMMING   |
| 26. VENOM     | 21. MORAVIA   |
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| 28. ALIEN     | 23. PEARL     |



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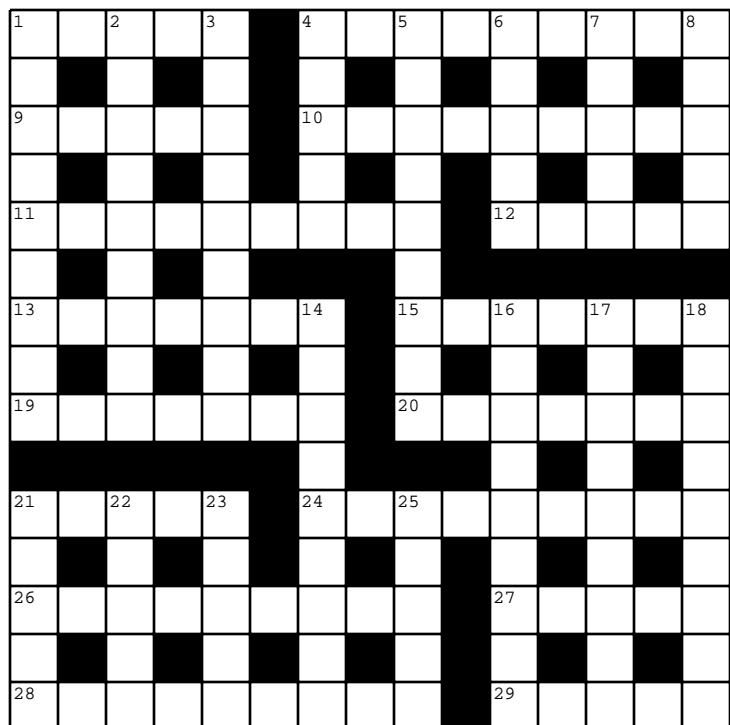
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| 4. ENSCONCES  | 2. ABYSSINIA  |
| 9. BUYER      | 3. TURMOIL    |
| 10. PROVENCAL | 4. EXPLAINED  |
| 11. COSMONAUT | 5. SHORT      |
| 12. ALIKE     | 6. OVERALL    |
| 13. LANOLIN   | 7. COCCI      |
| 14. COLUMNS   | 8. SALVE      |
| 17. CHANTED   | 14. CHINTZIER |
| 19. IMPULSE   | 15. MALDONADO |
| 21. LASSA     | 16. STEINBECK |
| 23. AFTERNOON | 18. TUAMOTU   |
| 24. RHINOCERI | 20. PERTURB   |
| 25. USAGE     | 21. LYRIC     |
| 26. CORRUPTER | 22. SLIER     |
| 27. BLOCK     | 23. ALERT     |



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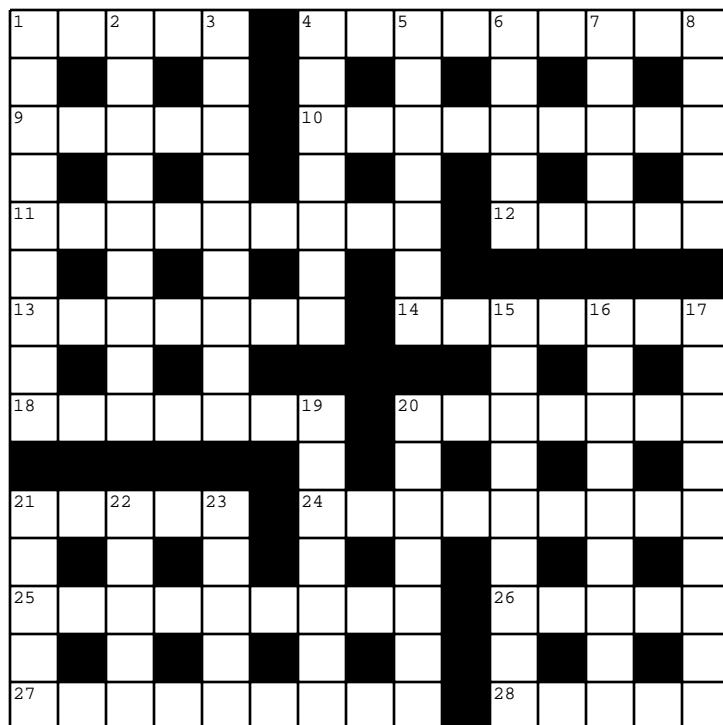
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| 4. MAKESHIFT  | 2. ATTRACTED  |
| 9. OUTER      | 3. IRRITATES  |
| 10. CLEANSING | 4. MACES      |
| 11. PRACTISES | 5. KEEPSAKES  |
| 12. STRUT     | 6. SINGS      |
| 13. OUTSTAY   | 7. ICIER      |
| 15. KINSHIP   | 8. TIGHT      |
| 19. SADISTS   | 14. YESHIVOTH |
| 20. SIROCCO   | 16. NARROWEST |
| 21. HATES     | 17. HICCUPING |
| 24. INTRODUCE | 18. PROFESSOR |
| 26. EMISSIONS | 21. HYENA     |
| 27. EVILS     | 22. TYING     |
| 28. ANGUISHES | 23. SUSHI     |
| 29. TIGER     | 25. TASKS     |



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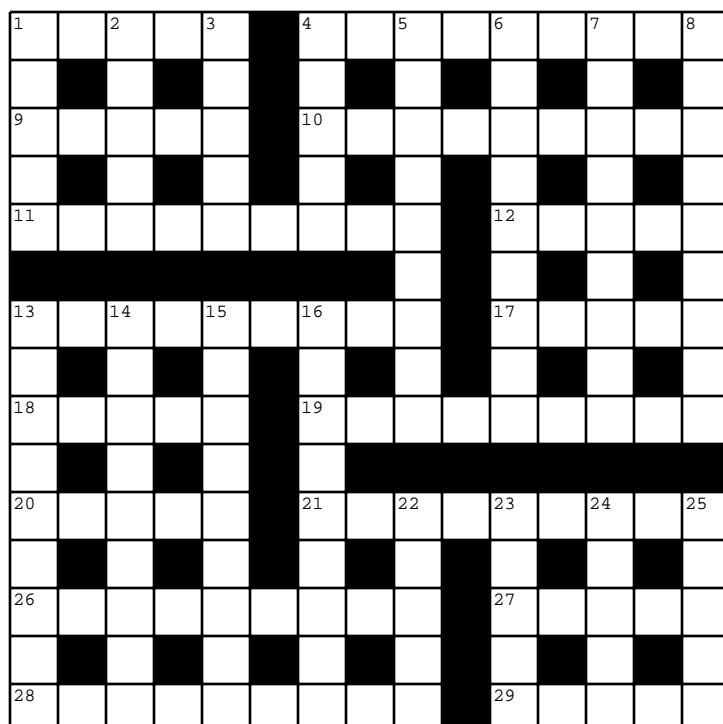
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| 1. ASPEN      | 1. AXIOMATIC  |
| 4. LIPSTICKS  | 2. PRIVATEER  |
| 9. ICING      | 3. NIGHTFALL  |
| 10. REEDUCATE | 4. LARAMIE    |
| 11. MEALTIMES | 5. PLEASED    |
| 12. TESTS     | 6. TRUST      |
| 13. TEENAGE   | 7. CHATS      |
| 14. DESPAIR   | 8. STEMS      |
| 18. COROLLA   | 15. SPANIARDS |
| 20. ACANTHI   | 16. ANTIPASTI |
| 21. CABLE     | 17. REICHSTAG |
| 24. PECKINPAH | 19. APPLIED   |
| 25. PARTITION | 20. ACCENTS   |
| 26. RESET     | 21. COPRA     |
| 27. ATTITUDES | 22. BURST     |
| 28. SWING     | 23. EDICT     |



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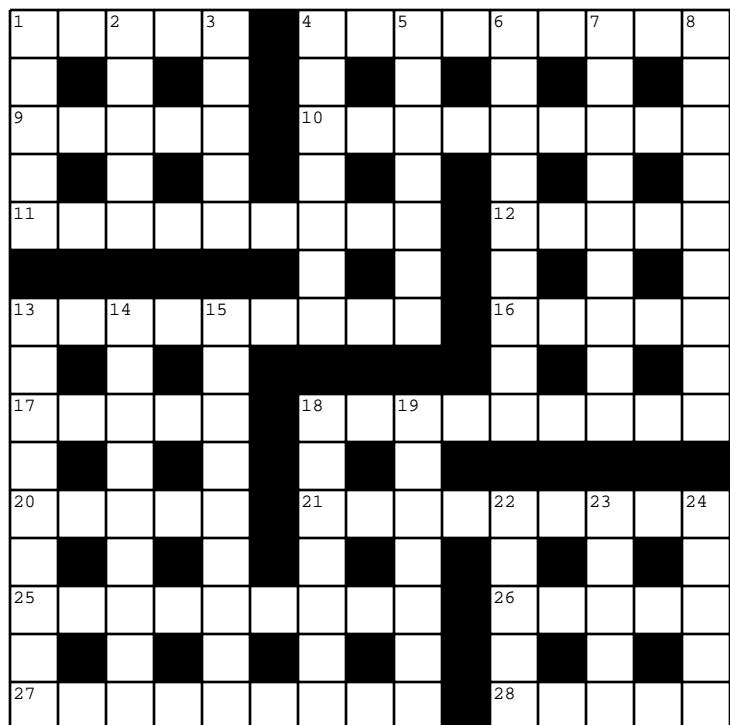
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| 4. FRICASSEE  | 2. DYING      |
| 9. DRIED      | 3. SEDAN      |
| 10. ENTITLING | 4. FEELS      |
| 11. ORGANISER | 5. INTERPRET  |
| 12. PLEAT     | 6. ANTIPASTI  |
| 13. DISAPPEAR | 7. SPIDERIER  |
| 17. SLIDE     | 8. EIGHTIETH  |
| 18. SALVO     | 13. DISAGREED |
| 19. PATRIARCH | 14. SELECTORS |
| 20. GECKO     | 15. PROTOTYPE |
| 21. DECIDUOUS | 16. EXPEDITES |
| 26. ECOSYSTEM | 22. COMMA     |
| 27. MUSIC     | 23. DAMPS     |
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| 29. SISES     | 25. SICES     |



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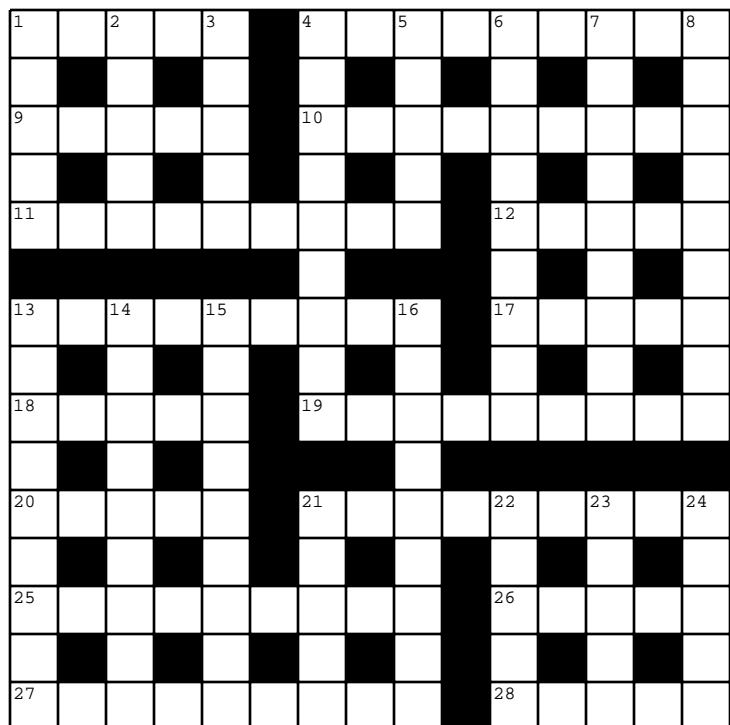
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| 1. SACKS      | 1. STUFF      |
| 4. HOORAYING  | 2. CLIMB      |
| 9. UNITE      | 3. SHEEN      |
| 10. BEAUTIFUL | 4. HIBACHI    |
| 11. FIBONACCI | 5. OPACITY    |
| 12. MAURA     | 6. AUTOMATIC  |
| 13. PLURALITY | 7. INFLUENZA  |
| 16. TENET     | 8. GALLANTRY  |
| 17. OUTDO     | 13. PTOLEMAIC |
| 18. DEMOCRACY | 14. ULTIMATUM |
| 20. ELMER     | 15. APOCYPHRA |
| 21. BUTTERCUP | 18. DEBASED   |
| 25. ANTIPASTI | 19. MOTLIER   |
| 26. RUMBA     | 22. EARLS     |
| 27. COMMANDER | 23. CAMEL     |
| 28. SOLVE     | 24. PHASE     |



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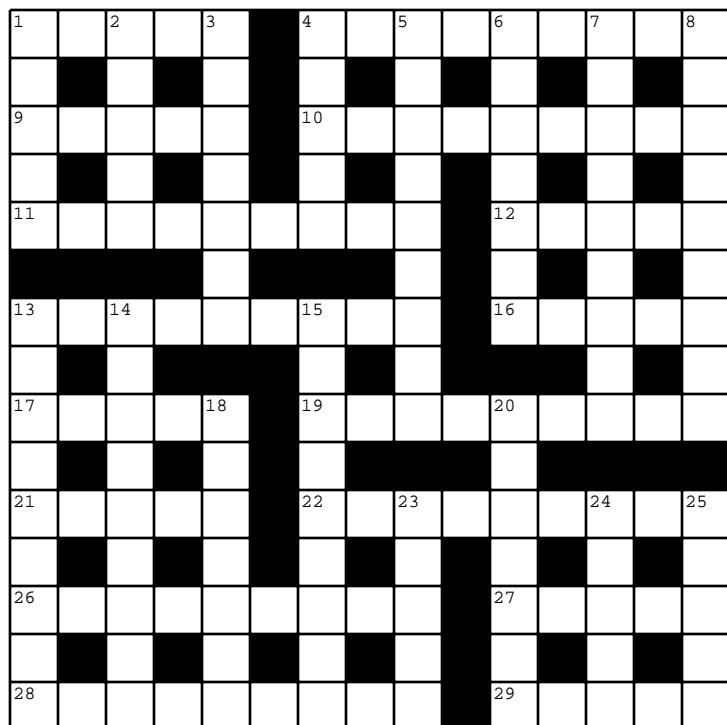
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| 1. LOWER      | 1. LIMBO      |
| 4. HEARTBURN  | 2. WHOOP      |
| 9. MAORI      | 3. RAISE      |
| 10. AWKWARDER | 4. HEADSTONE  |
| 11. OPPRESSED | 5. ASKED      |
| 12. SERVE     | 6. TRANSIENT  |
| 13. DIARRHOEA | 7. UNDERGONE  |
| 17. ERODE     | 8. NERVELESS  |
| 18. CHERI     | 13. DOCUDRAMA |
| 19. EIGHTEENS | 14. ALEXANDRA |
| 20. DEATH     | 15. REICHSTAG |
| 21. HABITUALS | 16. ALGEBRAIC |
| 25. AUDITORIA | 21. HURTS     |
| 26. UNITE     | 22. THUMB     |
| 27. ANALGESIC | 23. ALIBI     |
| 28. BLIMP     | 24. SLEEP     |



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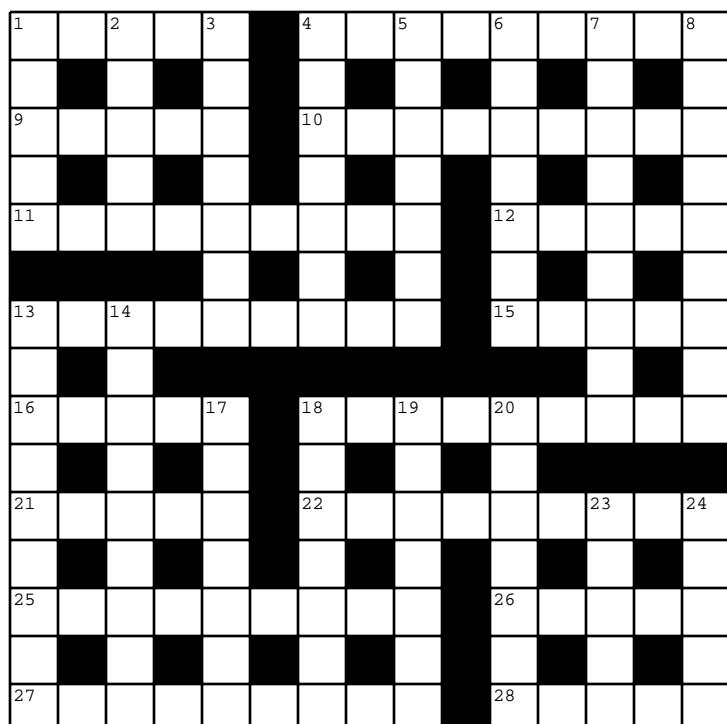
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| 1. PSALM      | 1. PEDAL      |
| 4. UPHEAVALS  | 2. ALTAI      |
| 9. DETOX      | 3. MAXIMUM    |
| 10. SEASCAPES | 4. UPSET      |
| 11. LEITMOTIF | 5. HEADFIRST  |
| 12. THESE     | 6. ASCETIC    |
| 13. BOOKMAKER | 7. ALPHERATZ  |
| 16. COAST     | 8. SUSPECTED  |
| 17. OCCUR     | 13. BOOKSHELF |
| 19. OPTIMIZED | 14. ORCHESTRA |
| 21. SHEET     | 15. KNOWINGER |
| 22. INUKTITUT | 18. RETRACT   |
| 26. ESTRANGED | 20. MOTIVES   |
| 27. VACUA     | 23. UNDER     |
| 28. FLATTERER | 24. TACKS     |
| 29. SUSAN     | 25. TRAIN     |



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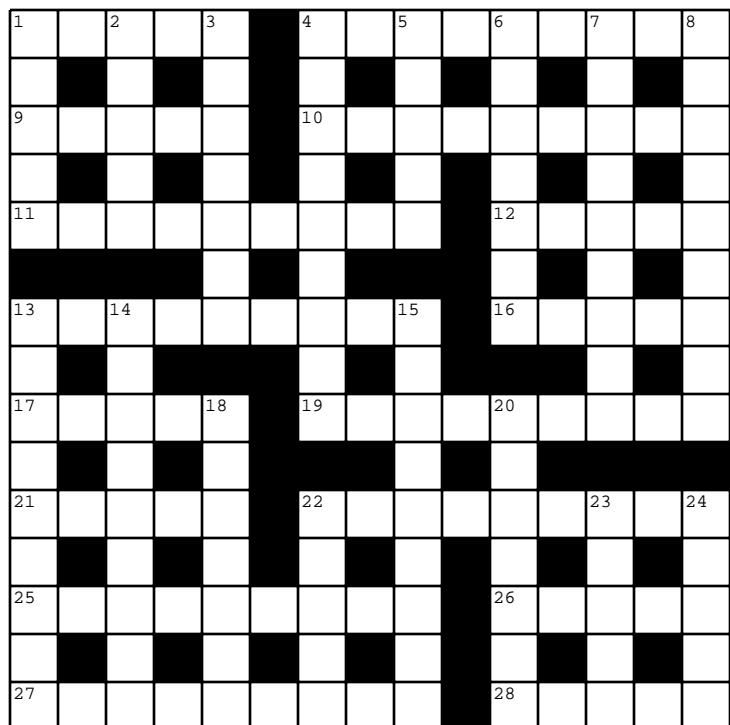
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| 1. ASSET      | 1. ASHEN      |
| 4. FUMIGATES  | 2. SKIER      |
| 9. HAIKU      | 3. TSUNAMI    |
| 10. TARANTULA | 4. FITTING    |
| 11. NORMALITY | 5. MARTYRS    |
| 12. RABBI     | 6. GENERAL    |
| 13. FLAMINGOS | 7. THUMBNAIL  |
| 15. LEAST     | 8. STATISTIC  |
| 16. BEATS     | 13. FIBONACCI |
| 18. ALCOHOLIC | 14. AMATERASU |
| 21. NOEMI     | 17. SKILLET   |
| 22. JELLYFISH | 18. ADJUNCT   |
| 25. CHALLENGE | 19. COLLECT   |
| 26. ACTOR     | 20. HEYDAYS   |
| 27. INUKTITUT | 23. INTER     |
| 28. SORTS     | 24. HEROS     |



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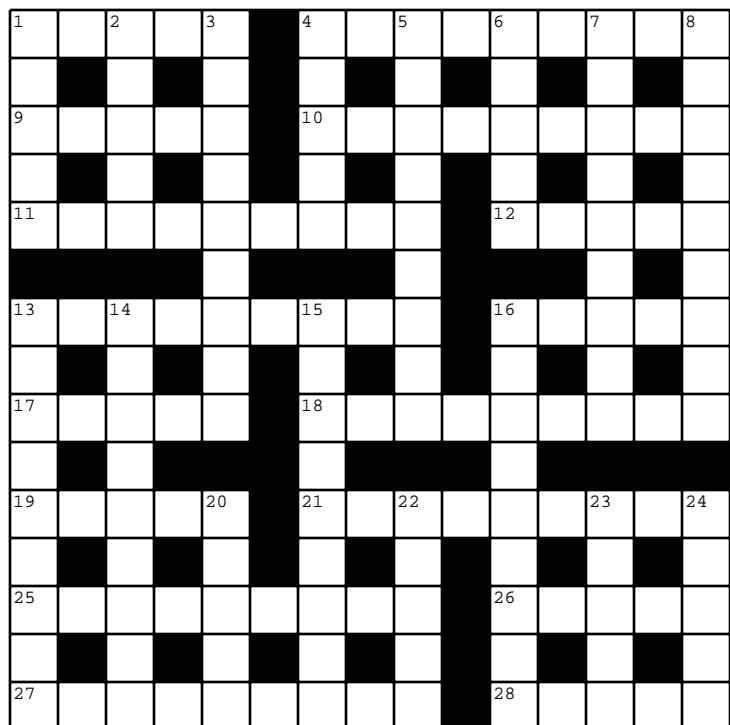
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| 1. EMBED      | 1. EXTRA      |
| 4. PUBLISHED  | 2. BUXOM      |
| 9. TEXTS      | 3. DESSERT    |
| 10. AVOIDANCE | 4. PLAUSIBLE  |
| 11. AIMLESSLY | 5. BOOTY      |
| 12. SASHA     | 6. IODISES    |
| 13. HABITABLE | 7. HONESTEST  |
| 16. SHERI     | 8. DIETARIES  |
| 17. NOTES     | 13. HANDSOMER |
| 19. EXPEDITES | 14. BETHLEHEM |
| 21. SALVO     | 15. EMPHASISE |
| 22. TRANSACTS | 18. SPORRAN   |
| 25. MAHARISHI | 20. DISHRAG   |
| 26. RELAX     | 22. TASKS     |
| 27. REMINISCE | 23. CELIA     |
| 28. GRAPH     | 24. SIXTH     |



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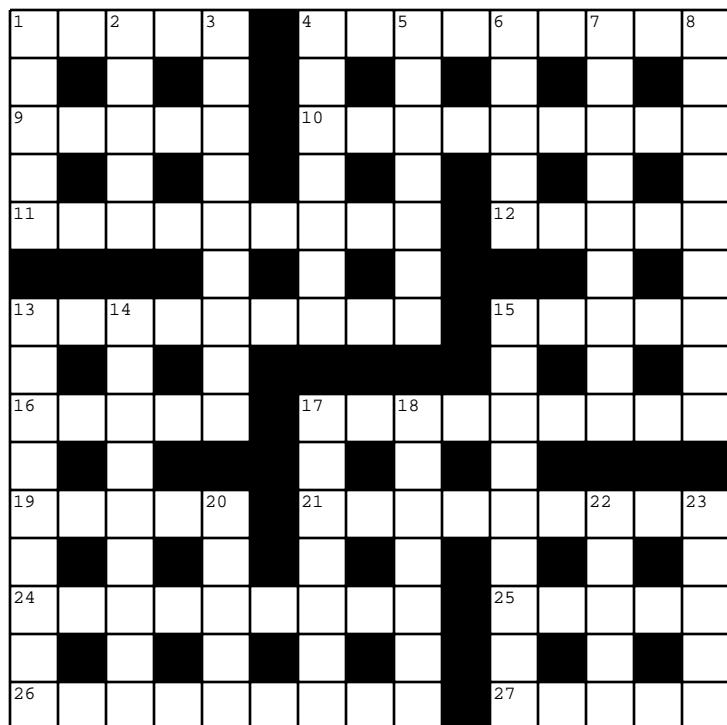
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| 4. DIAPHRAGM  | 2. AWFUL      |
| 9. RAFTS      | 3. FASHIONED  |
| 10. BANKRUPTS | 4. DEBUG      |
| 11. WILLINGLY | 5. ANNOYANCE  |
| 12. SNAFU     | 6. HEROS      |
| 13. DOMINICAN | 7. ALPHABETS  |
| 16. AMEND     | 8. MISGUIDES  |
| 17. CASED     | 13. DECREASES |
| 18. EXERCISES | 14. MASCULINE |
| 19. EQUIP     | 15. CREMATING |
| 21. APATHETIC | 16. ALCOHOLIC |
| 25. STIPPLING | 20. PEPSI     |
| 26. LEILA     | 22. ANGRY     |
| 27. SEEMINGLY | 23. THIEU     |
| 28. CRUSH     | 24. CRASH     |



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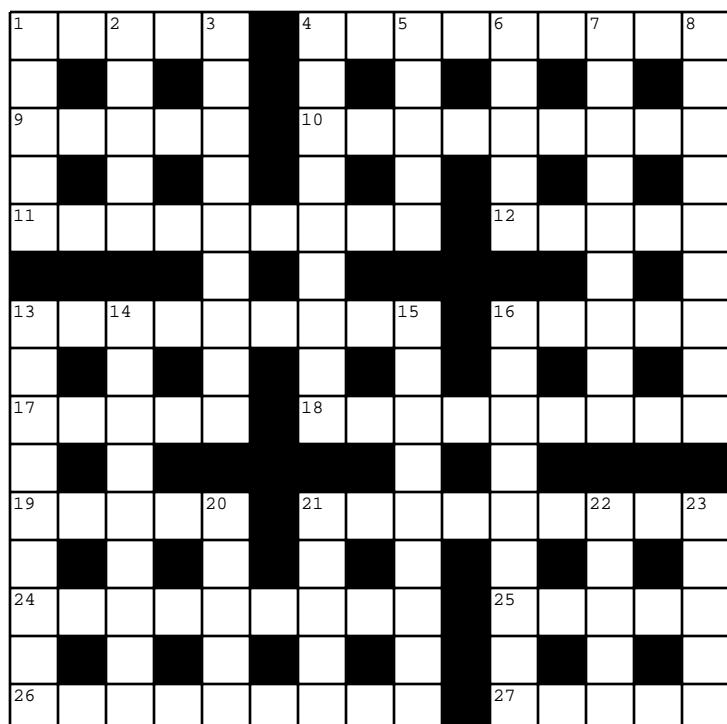
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| 1. TENON       | 1. TERRA      |
| 4. PRINCIPAL   | 2. NEGEV      |
| 9. RIGHT       | 3. NOTORIETY  |
| 10. DEVELOPED  | 4. PADDING    |
| 11. ADVERBIAL  | 5. INVALID    |
| 12. CHEER      | 6. COLIC      |
| 13. CONVERGED  | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 15. SCOPE      | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 16. STUDY      | 13. CASHIERED |
| 17. ANTIQUING  | 14. NEUROTICS |
| 19. ICONS      | 15. SEQUENCES |
| 21. ABSCESSSES | 17. AWAKENS   |
| 24. RHINOCERI  | 18. TASTIER   |
| 25. CARPI      | 20. SPOKE     |
| 26. DISPENSER  | 22. SERVE     |
| 27. SHELF      | 23. STIFF     |



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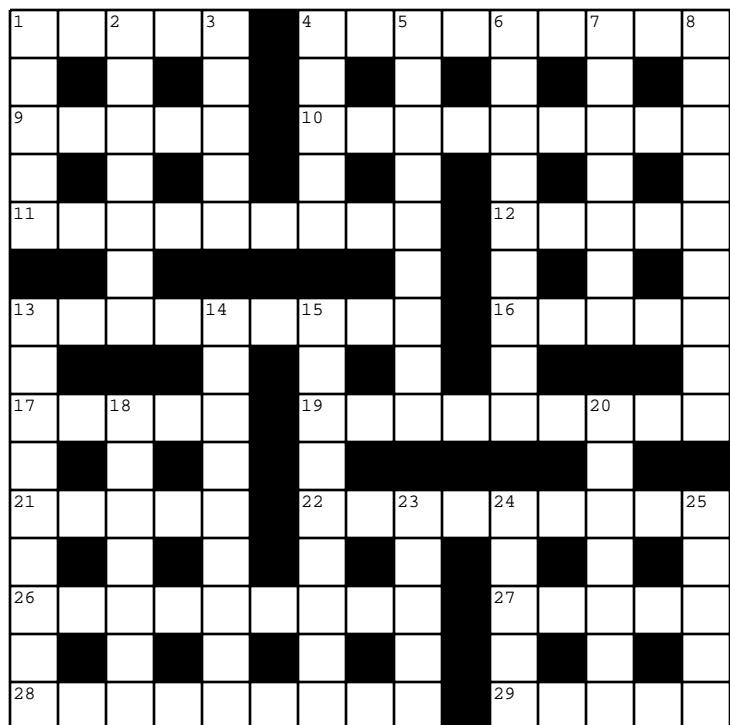
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| 4. APPETISER  | 2. SAFER      |
| 9. INFER      | 3. CARRYOUTS  |
| 10. CARDSHARP | 4. ALCOHOLIC  |
| 11. FORSYTHIA | 5. PARKA      |
| 12. ACHOO     | 6. TESSA      |
| 13. CHASUBLES | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 16. ENTER     | 8. REPROGRAM  |
| 17. NOTES     | 13. CONFIRMED |
| 18. CATECHISM | 14. ASTRAKHAN |
| 19. INANE     | 15. SATISFIES |
| 21. MISPLACES | 16. EUCALYPTI |
| 24. MAHARISHI | 20. EGRET     |
| 25. PRIME     | 21. MISER     |
| 26. DENATURES | 22. CHILI     |
| 27. IDIOT     | 23. SWEET     |



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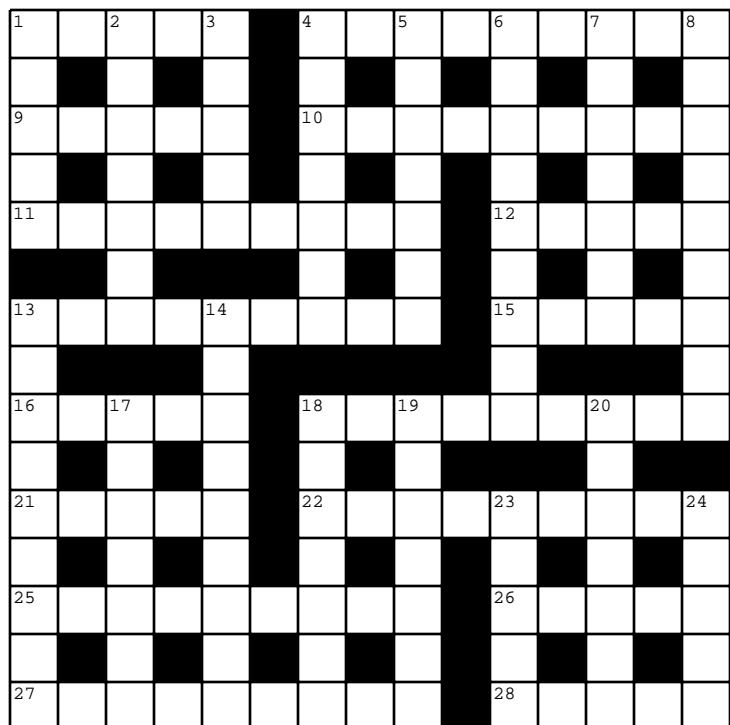
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| 1. WICCA      | 1. WHEEL      |
| 4. EARTHWORM  | 2. CRUMBED    |
| 9. EQUAL      | 3. ALLAY      |
| 10. APARTHEID | 4. EXAMS      |
| 11. LOBBYISTS | 5. REASSURED  |
| 12. HAIFA     | 6. HATCHWAYS  |
| 13. GODFATHER | 7. OPENING    |
| 16. ANGLO     | 8. MEDIATORS  |
| 17. OFTEN     | 13. GEOMETRIC |
| 19. PEDESTALS | 14. AMNESTIED |
| 21. EARNS     | 15. HYPOCRITE |
| 22. CONFRONTS | 18. TORNADO   |
| 26. REALIZING | 20. AMNESTY   |
| 27. MISER     | 23. NIGHT     |
| 28. CLOUDIEST | 24. RUMBA     |
| 29. ABYSS     | 25. SORTS     |



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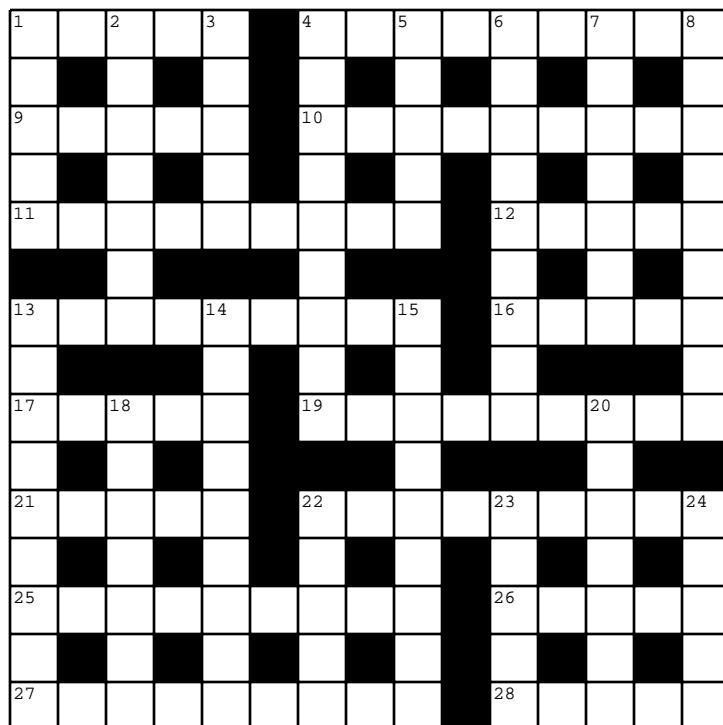
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| 1. SHELF      | 1. SAVED      |
| 4. CASTAWAYS  | 2. ENDLESS    |
| 9. VODKA      | 3. FLAWS      |
| 10. NEIGHBOUR | 4. CONTEXT    |
| 11. DRESSIEST | 5. SPITTED    |
| 12. ORATE     | 6. ASHMOLEAN  |
| 13. DESOLATED | 7. ANORAKS    |
| 15. ENSUE     | 8. SORCERERS  |
| 16. AMARU     | 13. DEATHBEDS |
| 18. DECENCIES | 14. LAUNDERED |
| 21. HATED     | 17. ARTICLE   |
| 22. VOUCHSAFE | 18. DEVOLVE   |
| 25. ENCIRCLED | 19. COULDNT   |
| 26. THEFT     | 20. IMAGERY   |
| 27. SPEEDIEST | 23. HOTEL     |
| 28. LAYER     | 24. ENTER     |



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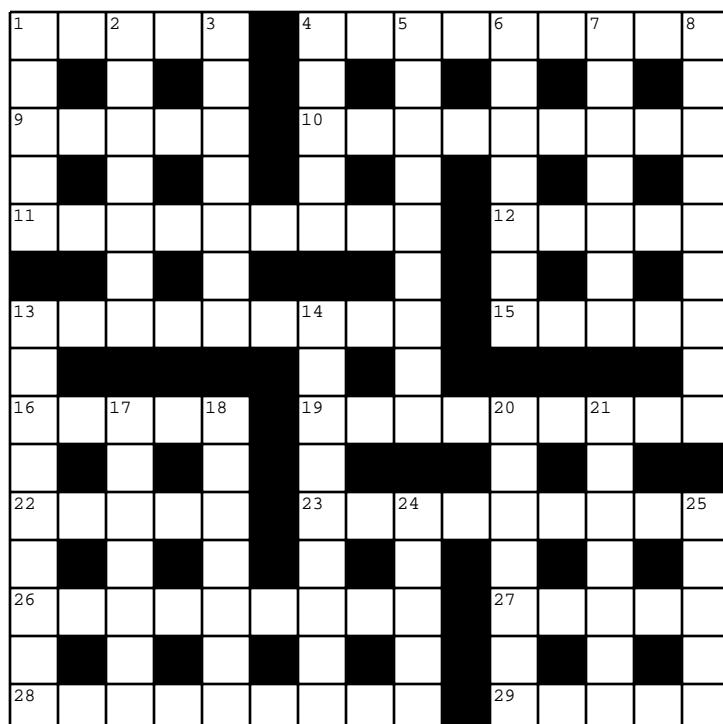
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| 4. UNDEFINED  | 2. OBLIGED    |
| 9. TALON      | 3. HANGS      |
| 10. BEVERAGES | 4. UMBRELLAS  |
| 11. REGISTERS | 5. DIVES      |
| 12. THEIR     | 6. FIRSTHAND  |
| 13. HYDRAULIC | 7. NEGLECT    |
| 16. ANTED     | 8. DISCREDIT  |
| 17. CHEST     | 13. HACKNEYED |
| 19. SHODDIEST | 14. ASTERISKS |
| 21. NUDE      | 15. CHOPPIEST |
| 22. APPOINTED | 18. ENDORSE   |
| 25. YORKSHIRE | 20. EXTREME   |
| 26. THESE     | 22. ASIDE     |
| 27. DRESSIEST | 23. INTER     |
| 28. REEDS     | 24. DEEDS     |



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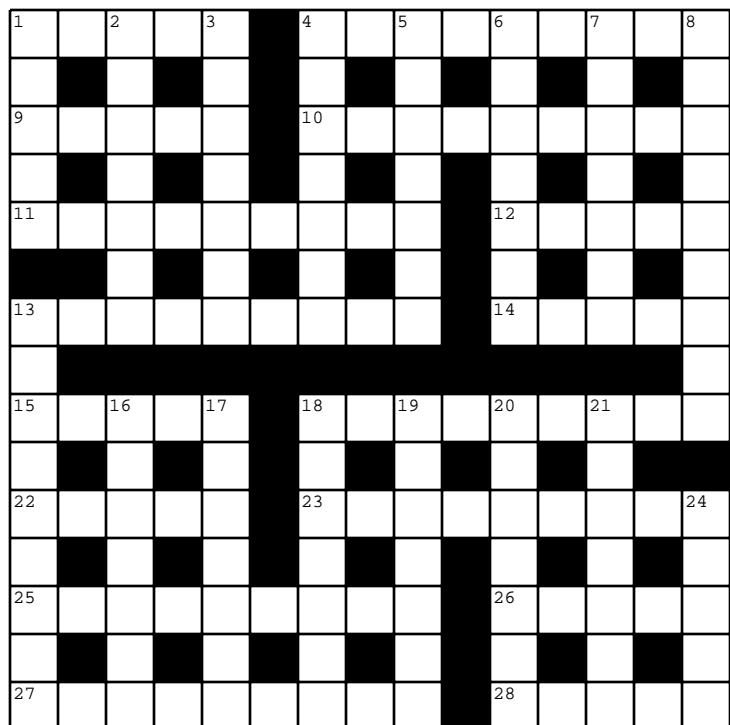
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| 4. KILOCYCLE  | 2. NUCLEIC    |
| 9. OCCUR      | 3. PARASOL    |
| 10. JUVENILES | 4. KOJAK      |
| 11. KEEPSAKES | 5. LAVISHING  |
| 12. IMPLY     | 6. CONFIRM    |
| 13. EUCALYPTI | 7. CALYPSO    |
| 15. MOONS     | 8. ESSAYISTS  |
| 16. IOTAS     | 13. EXISTENCE |
| 19. LIGAMENTS | 14. POLLUTION |
| 22. TERSE     | 17. TARIFFS   |
| 23. UNDERLAYS | 18. SHEERER   |
| 26. NEFERTITI | 20. MARKETS   |
| 27. EXILE     | 21. NEARING   |
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| 29. SIGHT     | 25. SPENT     |



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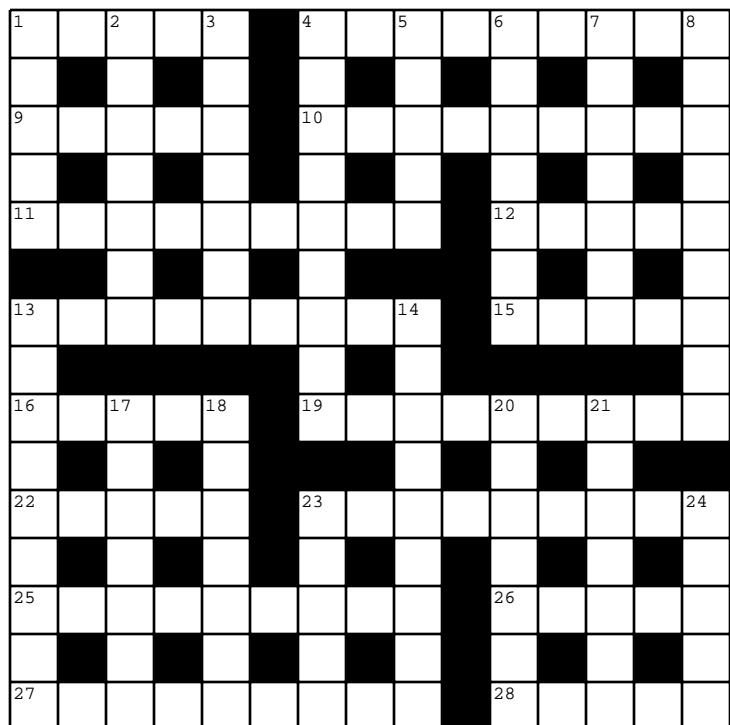
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| 1. HACKS      | 1. HAVOC      |
| 4. REDEFINED  | 2. CENTRAL    |
| 9. VENDS      | 3. SASSIER    |
| 10. MEMORANDA | 4. RUMOURS    |
| 11. CURRICULA | 5. DEMEANS    |
| 12. SATIN     | 6. FORESAW    |
| 13. POLARISES | 7. NONSTOP    |
| 14. WIPES     | 8. DIAGNOSED  |
| 15. INTER     | 13. PRIMARILY |
| 18. CATCALLED | 16. TABLEAU   |
| 22. ABBEY     | 17. RHYMING   |
| 23. CHIPMUNKS | 18. CYCLIST   |
| 25. ITEMIZING | 19. TRIGGER   |
| 26. ROUND     | 20. ADMIRE    |
| 27. YOUNGSTER | 21. LANGUOR   |
| 28. DARES     | 24. SIDES     |



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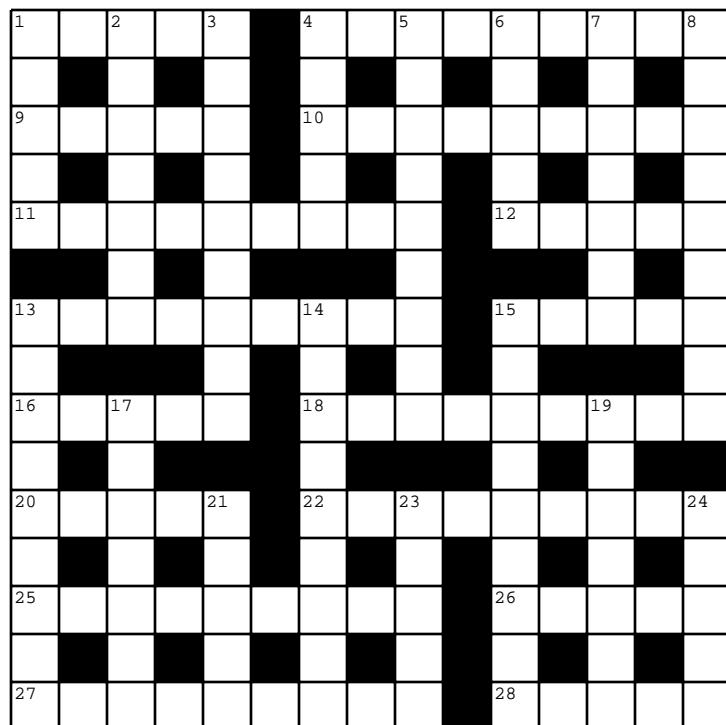
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| 1. COLIC      | 1. CABLE      |
| 4. CHOWDERED  | 2. LAYETTE    |
| 9. BAYOU      | 3. CHUMMED    |
| 10. ABRASIVES | 4. CHASTENED  |
| 11. ESTIMATES | 5. OGRES      |
| 12. ARNEB     | 6. DISTAFF    |
| 13. PSEUDONYM | 7. RAVINES    |
| 15. FUSSY     | 8. DISOBeyed  |
| 16. INTER     | 13. PRINCIPLE |
| 19. DISCARDED | 14. MASTERING |
| 22. CHURN     | 17. TRUMPET   |
| 23. MAELSTROM | 18. RANKEST   |
| 25. PEPPERONI | 20. ABSORBS   |
| 26. RINGS     | 21. DERANGE   |
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| 28. SKEIN     | 24. MASON     |



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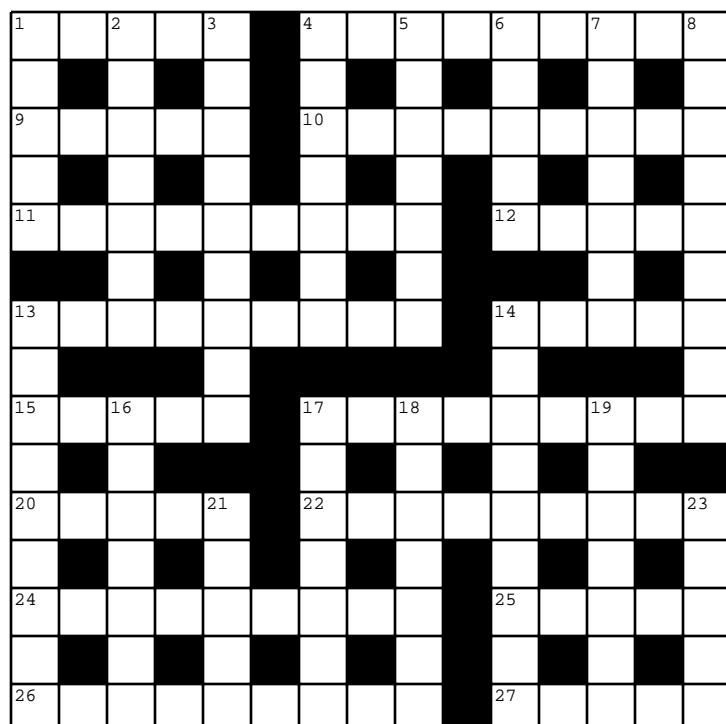
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| 1. PEDAL      | 1. PINCH      |
| 4. DERELICTS  | 2. DILEMMA    |
| 9. NYLON      | 3. LANDLORDS  |
| 10. CENTRALER | 4. DECRY      |
| 11. HIMALAYAS | 5. RENASCENT  |
| 12. CAPER     | 6. LYRIC      |
| 13. STAIRCASE | 7. CALYPSO    |
| 15. ATOMS     | 8. SURPRISES  |
| 16. MARKS     | 13. SYMMETRIC |
| 18. OUTWEIGHS | 14. ADORATION |
| 20. EQUAL     | 15. AMERICANA |
| 22. ASSAILANT | 17. ROUNDUP   |
| 25. REDUCTION | 19. GRAPHIC   |
| 26. ABHOR     | 21. LUCIA     |
| 27. CAPTAINED | 23. SANED     |
| 28. ARCED     | 24. TYRED     |



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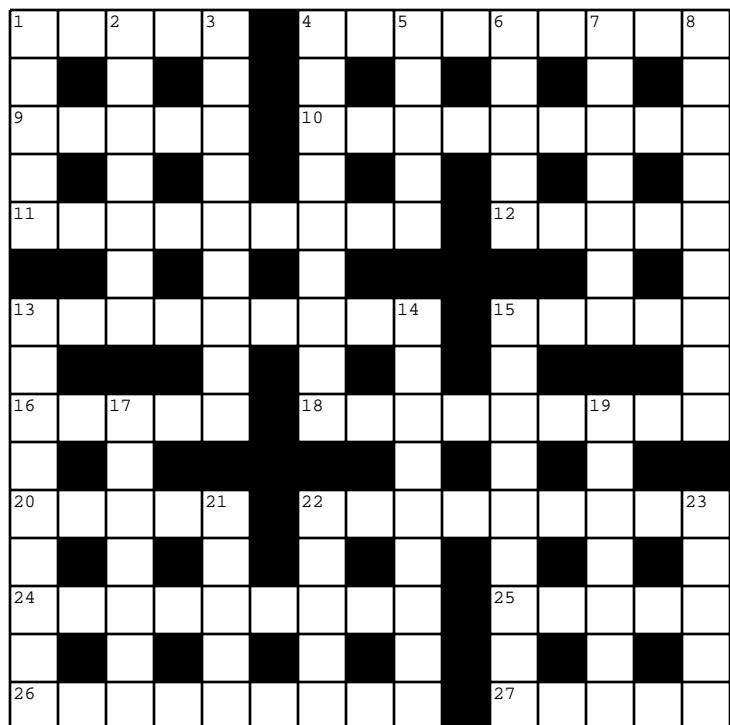
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| 4. NIGHTCLUB  | 2. SOMEHOW    |
| 9. COMMA      | 3. STANDOFFS  |
| 10. HONEYCOMB | 4. NAHUATL    |
| 11. DEHYDRATE | 5. GENDERS    |
| 12. DRILL     | 6. TOYED      |
| 13. DOWNFALLS | 7. LOONIER    |
| 14. NURSE     | 8. BUBBLIEST  |
| 15. SIGNS     | 13. DISTANCED |
| 17. GROOVIES  | 14. NOVELETTE |
| 20. ALOOF     | 16. GROUNDS   |
| 22. EUCALYPTI | 17. GREATLY   |
| 24. CONSORTIA | 18. ORCHARD   |
| 25. TROOP     | 19. EXPLOIT   |
| 26. DESTROYED | 21. FLOOR     |
| 27. ENTRY     | 23. IMPLY     |



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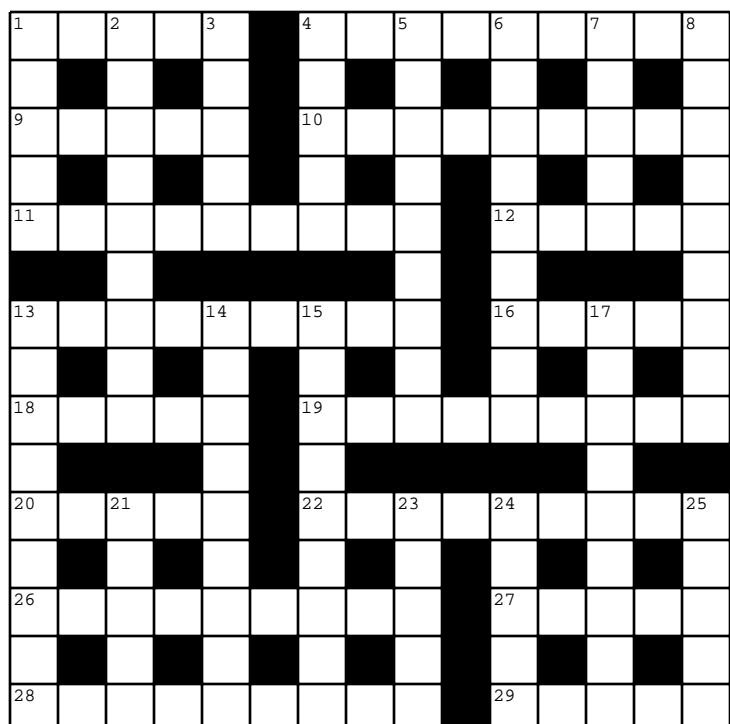
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| 1. RARER      | 1. RANCH      |
| 4. ACROBATIC  | 2. RESUMES    |
| 9. NASAL      | 3. RELUCTANT  |
| 10. EARTHWORM | 4. AMENDMENT  |
| 11. HOMICIDAL | 5. RURAL      |
| 12. ALPHA     | 6. BAHIA      |
| 13. CASTANEDA | 7. TROOPED    |
| 15. HADED     | 8. COMMANDED  |
| 16. REMIT     | 13. CORPORATE |
| 18. THRESHOLD | 14. ABRUPTEST |
| 20. OGLED     | 15. HISTOGRAM |
| 22. IMPROMPTU | 17. MELODIC   |
| 24. ADDRESSEE | 19. OPPOSED   |
| 25. RESET     | 21. DWELL     |
| 26. EXCELLENT | 22. ISSUE     |
| 27. MEDIA     | 23. ULTRA     |



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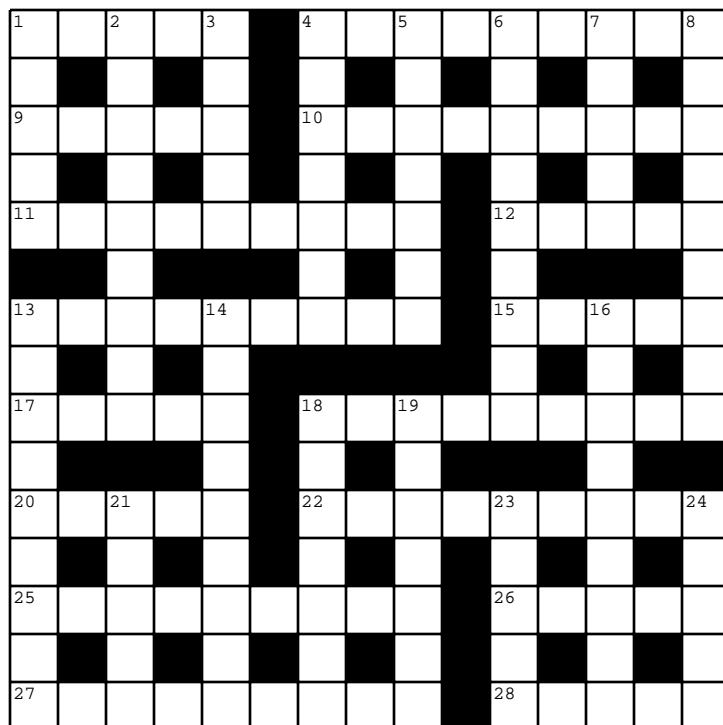
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| 9. SALON      | 3. HONEY      |
| 10. EXORCISTS | 4. GUEST      |
| 11. ENCRYPTED | 5. BROADCAST  |
| 12. LICIT     | 6. EUCALYPTI  |
| 13. PRISCILLA | 7. ISSAC      |
| 16. PAGAN     | 8. HESITANCY  |
| 18. PAGES     | 13. PAPERBACK |
| 19. MATRIMONY | 14. COSMONAUT |
| 20. RADIO     | 15. LIMOUSINE |
| 22. UNNATURAL | 17. GEOGRAPHY |
| 26. ANNEALING | 21. DUNNO     |
| 27. IMPLY     | 23. NIGHT     |
| 28. KNOTTIEST | 24. THING     |
| 29. GAYER     | 25. LAYER     |



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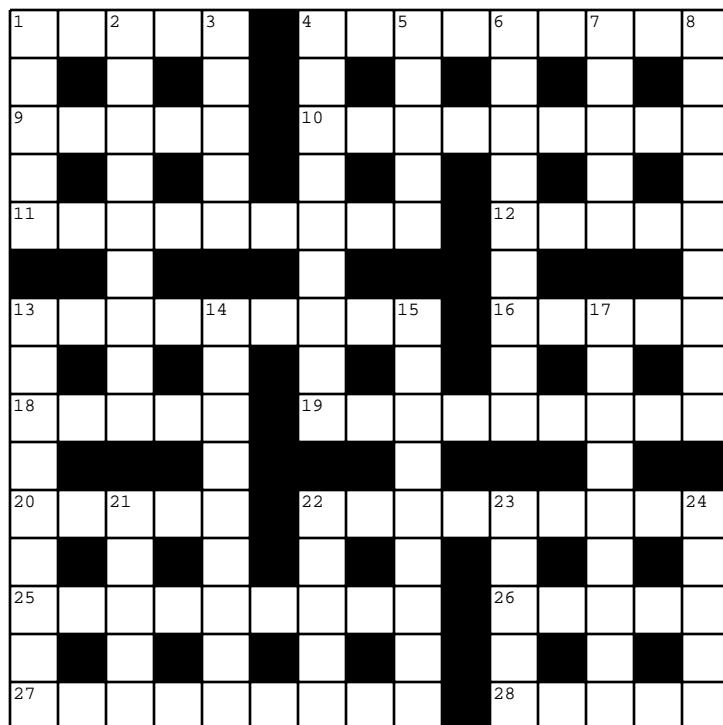
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| 1. HACKS      | 1. HINDU      |
| 4. CRESCENDO  | 2. CARTWHEEL  |
| 9. NERVE      | 3. SPELL      |
| 10. CHEMISTRY | 4. CYCLONE    |
| 11. UNWELCOME | 5. ELEMENT    |
| 12. FOLIO     | 6. CHIEFTAIN  |
| 13. DREAMIEST | 7. NATAL      |
| 15. APART     | 8. OXYCONTIN  |
| 17. WALLS     | 13. DOWNRIGHT |
| 18. GREENHORN | 14. MASSACRES |
| 20. RUMBA     | 16. ABOLISHES |
| 22. EXPLORING | 18. GREATER   |
| 25. GENERATOR | 19. EMPEROR   |
| 26. ASHES     | 21. MANGE     |
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| 28. YESES     | 24. GASES     |



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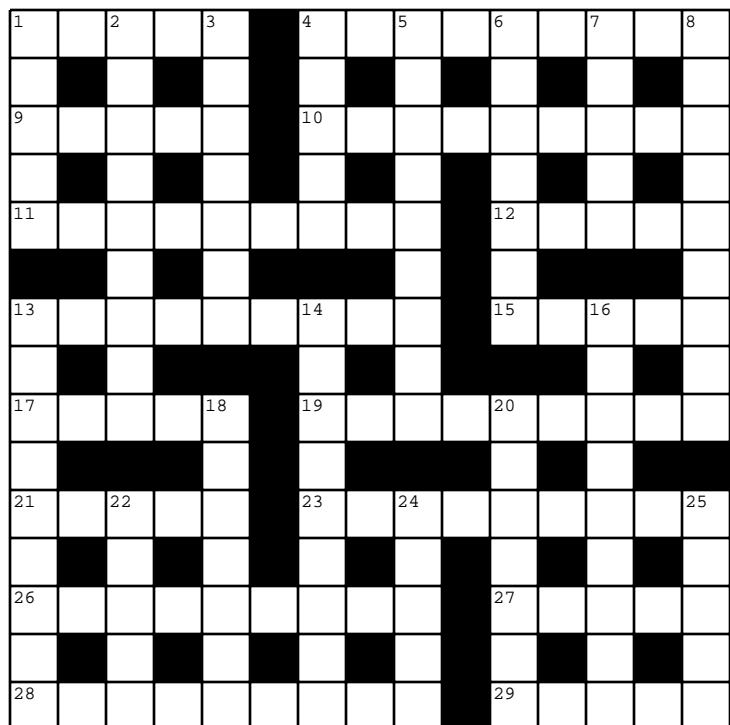
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| 4. CLENCHING  | 2. BUILDINGS  |
| 9. BRING      | 3. LOGIC      |
| 10. UNTANGLES | 4. CAUTIONED  |
| 11. REDUCTION | 5. EATEN      |
| 12. EXTRA     | 6. CONNEXION  |
| 13. BANDANNAS | 7. INLET      |
| 16. IRAQI     | 8. GESTATING  |
| 18. LOSES     | 13. BULLDOZED |
| 19. DEBUNKING | 14. ABSORBENT |
| 20. DECOR     | 15. SABOTAGED |
| 22. CATERWAUL | 17. AGITATING |
| 25. ZIPPERING | 21. CAPRI     |
| 26. IDIOT     | 22. CHINO     |
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| 28. EAGLE     | 24. LATHE     |



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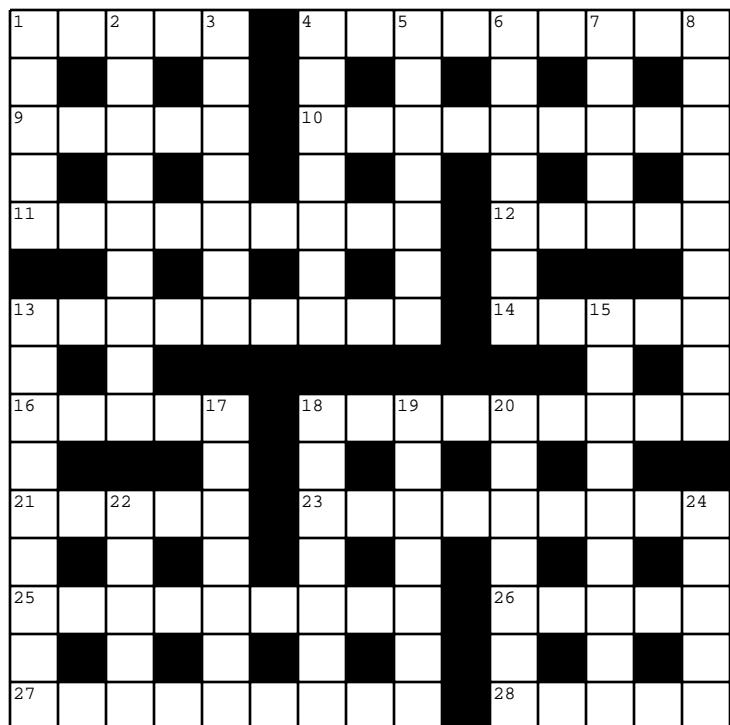
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| 4. INHABITED  | 2. PROGRAMME  |
| 9. PLOTS      | 3. DISCORD    |
| 10. MENDELEEV | 4. IAMBS      |
| 11. CURIOUSLY | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. INDIA     | 6. BEEFING    |
| 13. ARMADILLO | 7. TREAD      |
| 15. GUCCI     | 8. DEVIATION  |
| 17. TEETH     | 13. ATTITUDES |
| 19. OMBUDSMAN | 14. LIONESSES |
| 21. TAEGU     | 16. COMPELLED |
| 23. ENLISTEES | 18. HAUTEUR   |
| 26. DICKERSON | 20. DISAVOW   |
| 27. VALVE     | 22. EPCOT     |
| 28. SATIRISTS | 24. LUNGS     |
| 29. WADES     | 25. STEMS     |



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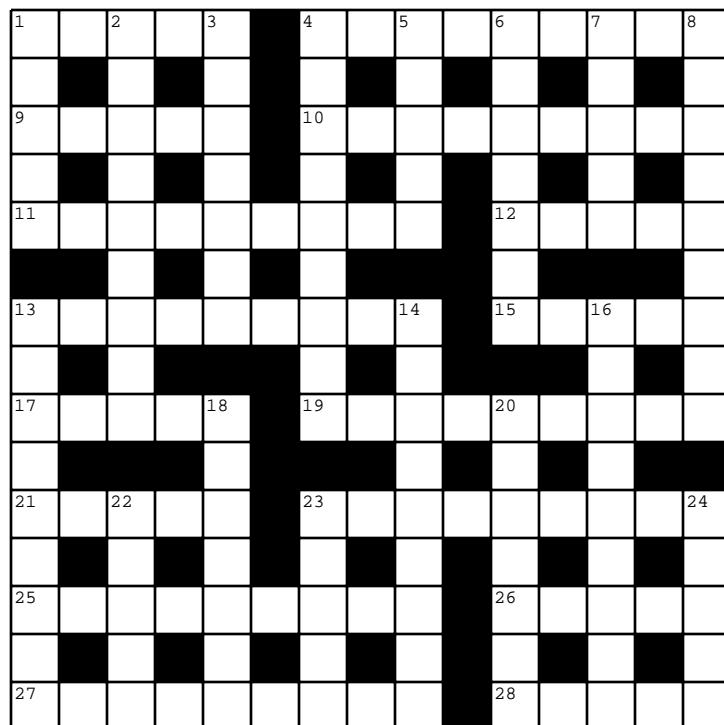
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| 4. CEASELESS  | 2. EAVESDROP  |
| 9. COVER      | 3. PERSONA    |
| 10. UNCERTAIN | 4. COUNCIL    |
| 11. ENSCONCED | 5. ACCEDES    |
| 12. RETCH     | 6. ETRURIA    |
| 13. BARNACLES | 7. EXACT      |
| 14. ASHES     | 8. SYNTHESIS  |
| 16. TOPIC     | 13. BETHLEHEM |
| 18. DOCUMENTS | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 21. LIBRA     | 17. CHATEAU   |
| 23. LIFESTYLE | 18. DALLIED   |
| 25. HOUSEWIFE | 19. COFFEES   |
| 26. IRONY     | 20. MESTIZO   |
| 27. MISGUIDES | 22. BLUES     |
| 28. ORBIT     | 24. EGYPT     |



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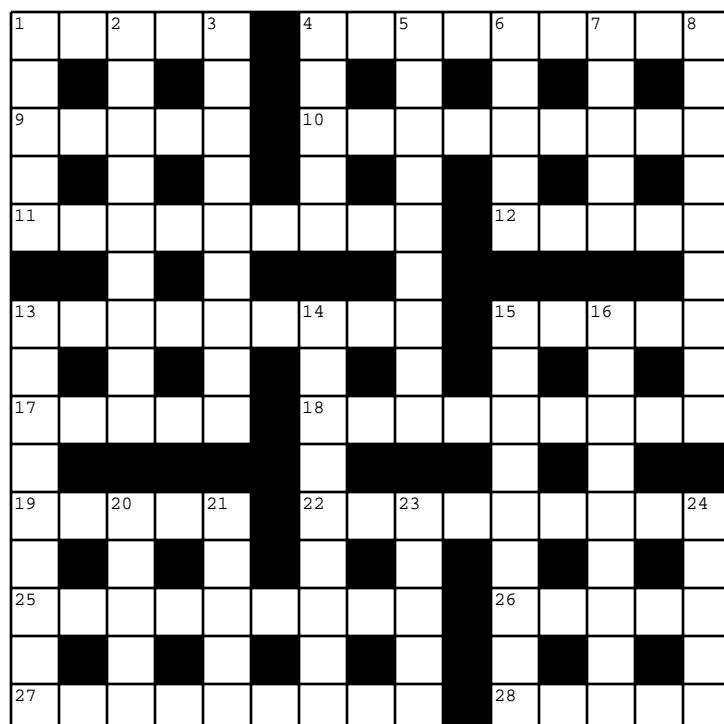
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| Across        | Down          |
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| 4. MILESTONE  | 2. ASPIRANTS  |
| 9. HIPPO      | 3. APOLOGY    |
| 10. COMMITTEE | 4. MACINTOSH  |
| 11. SURROUNDS | 5. LIMBS      |
| 12. RELIC     | 6. STIRRUP    |
| 13. HONEYCOMB | 7. OCTAL      |
| 15. PATHS     | 8. EXERCISES  |
| 17. BASER     | 13. HIBERNATE |
| 19. Highbrows | 14. BIGAMISTS |
| 21. ROJAS     | 16. TROUSSEAU |
| 23. FEMINISTS | 18. RESIDES   |
| 25. ACCIDENTS | 20. BANSHEE   |
| 26. HYENA     | 22. JACOB     |
| 27. EMBASSIES | 23. FUNGI     |
| 28. EQUAL     | 24. SNAIL     |



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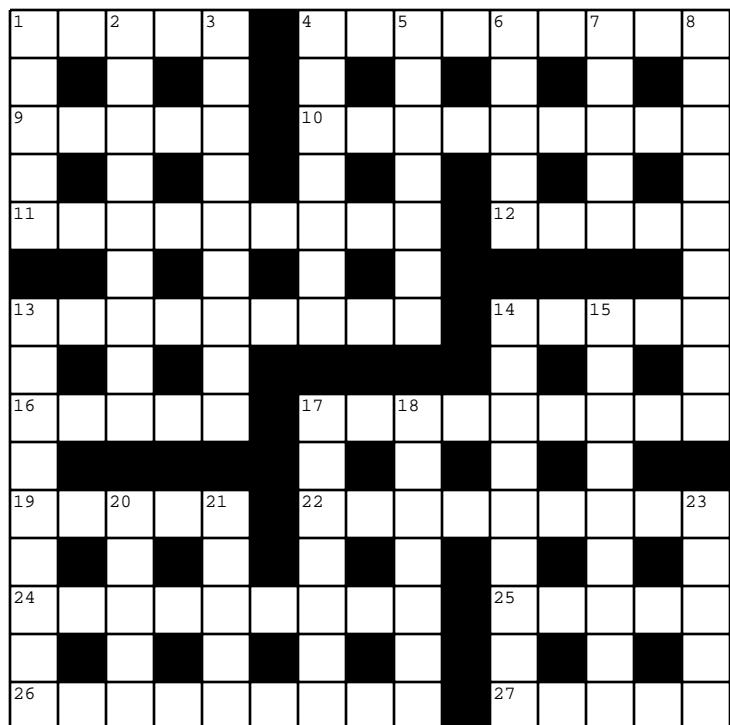
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| 1. PETTY      | 1. POSED      |
| 4. POPULATED  | 2. TRANSFORM  |
| 9. SEAMS      | 3. YESTERDAY  |
| 10. SWEATSHOP | 4. PASTA      |
| 11. DESPERADO | 5. PHENOMENA  |
| 12. REEVE     | 6. LATER      |
| 13. AVOIDABLE | 7. TAHOE      |
| 15. PUMPS     | 8. DEPRESSED  |
| 17. BUMPY     | 13. AMBITIOUS |
| 18. CLAPPERED | 14. BICYCLING |
| 19. TIMED     | 15. PEPPERONI |
| 22. CONNEMARA | 16. MARGARITA |
| 25. OBTAINING | 20. METRO     |
| 26. OMITS     | 21. DRILL     |
| 27. SPOTLIGHT | 23. NIGHT     |
| 28. IMAGE     | 24. AISLE     |



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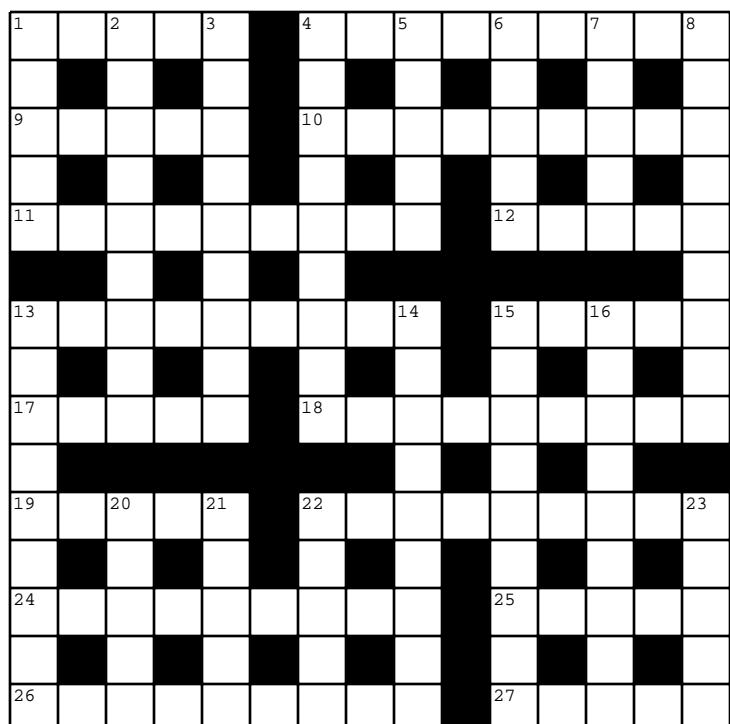
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| 4. BUILDINGS  | 2. BACTERIAL  |
| 9. RACED      | 3. MEDICATED  |
| 10. REJECTION | 4. BURRITO    |
| 11. SKETCHIER | 5. INJURED    |
| 12. FRESH     | 6. DECAF      |
| 13. DRIFTWOOD | 7. NAIVE      |
| 14. GRIPS     | 8. SYNTHESIS  |
| 16. VALID     | 13. DEVELOPER |
| 17. ANTELOPES | 14. GALLIVANT |
| 19. LICIT     | 15. IMPROMPTU |
| 22. PETTICOAT | 17. ASPECTS   |
| 24. PRACTICAL | 18. TATTLES   |
| 25. ALPHA     | 20. CLANG     |
| 26. REGRESSES | 21. TITLE     |
| 27. TRUTH     | 23. TEACH     |



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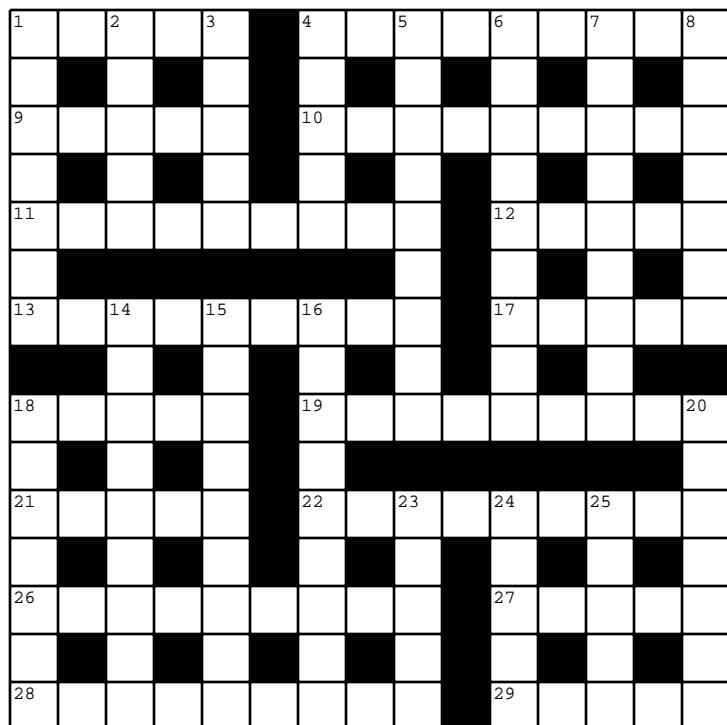
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| 4. LETHARGIC  | 2. POSTERIOR  |
| 9. BUSED      | 3. RADICALLY  |
| 10. WINNEBAGO | 4. LOWENBRAU  |
| 11. CRESCENDO | 5. TANGO      |
| 12. TRAMP     | 6. AGENT      |
| 13. GUILLERMO | 7. GUAVA      |
| 15. INCUR     | 8. CHOPPED    |
| 17. ARRAY     | 13. GRAVITATE |
| 18. UNTUTORED | 14. OPTIMISES |
| 19. INGOT     | 15. INTERVIEW |
| 22. UNMARRIED | 16. CARCINOMA |
| 24. ANTELOPES | 20. GETUP     |
| 25. IRONY     | 21. TALKS     |
| 26. EXPOSURES | 22. UPPER     |
| 27. WEARY     | 23. DRYLY     |



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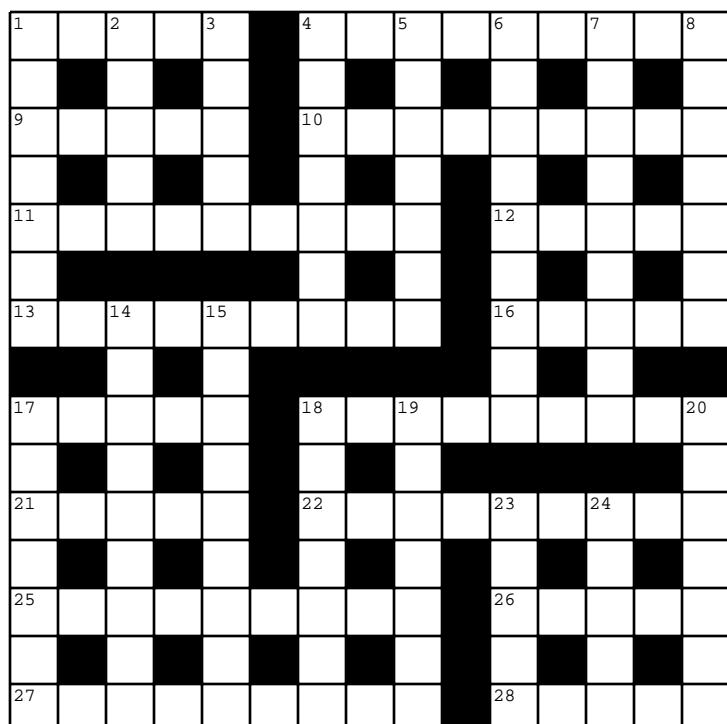
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| 1. LABOR      | 1. LEGIBLE    |
| 4. NAVIGATES  | 2. BIOKO      |
| 9. GROUP      | 3. RAPID      |
| 10. RACKETEER | 4. NORTH      |
| 11. BLOODSHOT | 5. VACATIONS  |
| 12. NEEDY     | 6. GREENHORN  |
| 13. ESPERANTO | 7. THEREFORE  |
| 17. ODOUR     | 8. SPRAYER    |
| 18. USING     | 14. PRIMITIVE |
| 19. INSINCERE | 15. REGRESSED |
| 21. DRIVE     | 16. NEIGHBORS |
| 22. HEADPHONE | 18. UNDERGO   |
| 26. RAINSTORM | 20. ETERNAL   |
| 27. LOGAN     | 23. ARMED     |
| 28. OVERDOSED | 24. PILAF     |
| 29. FINAL     | 25. ORGAN     |



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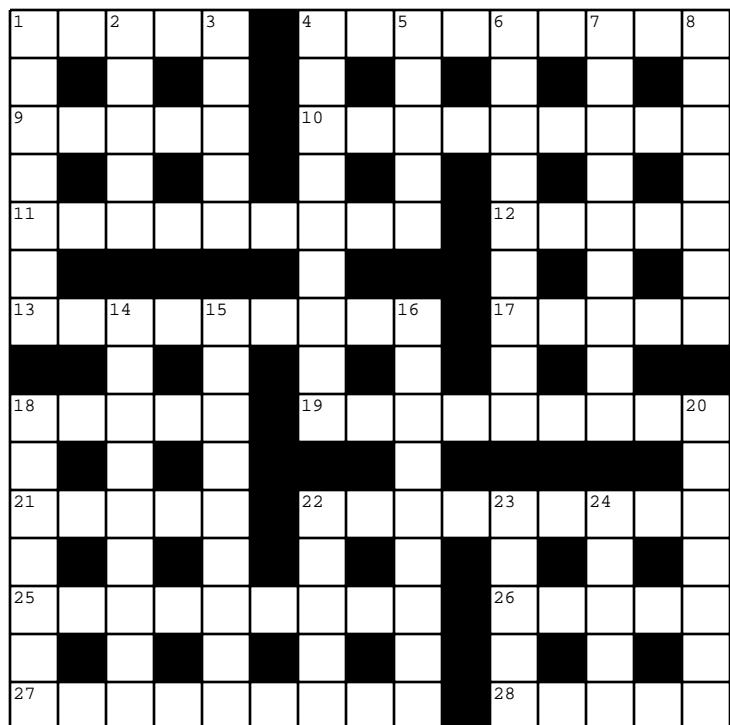
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| 4. TICKETING  | 2. RELIC      |
| 9. SOLVE      | 3. CREEP      |
| 10. INUNDATES | 4. TRIVIAL    |
| 11. OCCUPYING | 5. CHUGGED    |
| 12. ALIBI     | 6. ENDEARING  |
| 13. SIGNALLED | 7. INTUITIVE  |
| 16. ICING     | 8. GASSING    |
| 17. TONED     | 14. GENTLEMEN |
| 18. GROGGIEST | 15. ABDOMINAL |
| 21. SELIM     | 17. TOSHIBA   |
| 22. ALLEGEDLY | 18. GRANNIE   |
| 25. IMMANENCE | 19. OILIEST   |
| 26. MOURN     | 20. TRYINGS   |
| 27. ANNULMENT | 23. GAMMA     |
| 28. ANKHS     | 24. DRUNK     |



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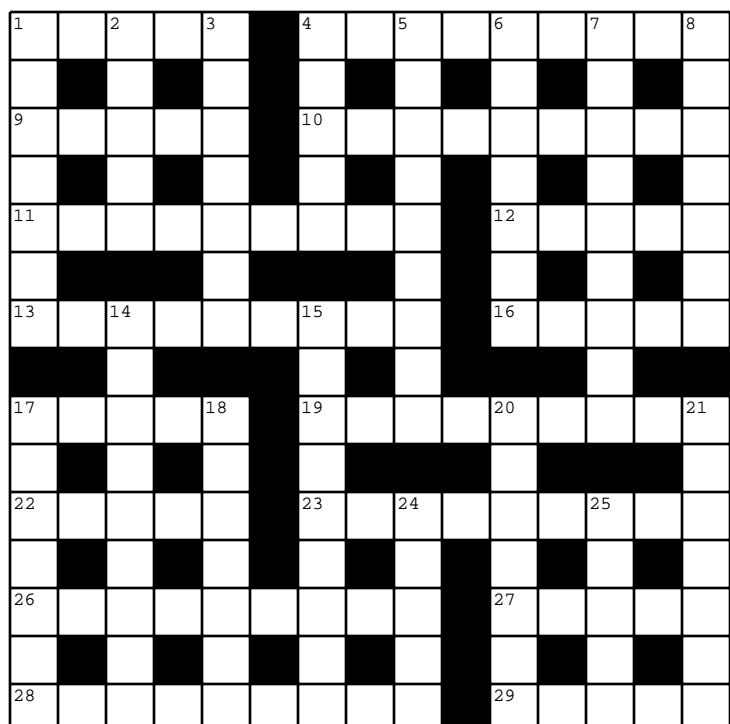
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| 4. MOTIVATED  | 2. GASPS      |
| 9. PASTA      | 3. CHAPS      |
| 10. LOINCLOTH | 4. MILLINERY  |
| 11. INSISTING | 5. THING      |
| 12. ISLAM     | 6. VACCINATE  |
| 13. GLOOMIEST | 7. TROLLOPED  |
| 17. APPLY     | 8. DAHOMEY    |
| 18. SAFER     | 14. OFFICIALS |
| 19. YESTERDAY | 15. MORTALITY |
| 21. ALCOA     | 16. TASTELESS |
| 22. PNEUMONIA | 18. SHAKEUP   |
| 25. ERADICATE | 20. YEARNED   |
| 26. ORGAN     | 22. PLAZA     |
| 27. PUSSYCATS | 23. MOODED    |
| 28. DATED     | 24. NIGHT     |



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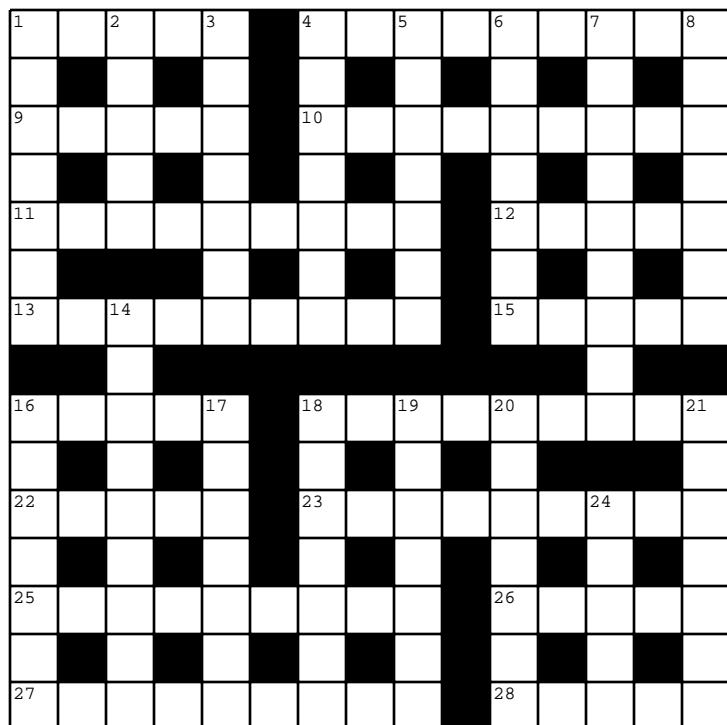
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| 4. ELIMINATE  | 2. ROOST      |
| 9. ALOOF      | 3. OFFICER    |
| 10. RETRACTED | 4. ERROR      |
| 11. METACARPI | 5. INTRINSIC  |
| 12. UPPER     | 6. IQALUIT    |
| 13. DESCRIBES | 7. ANTIPASTI  |
| 16. TASTY     | 8. ELDERLY    |
| 17. PAULI     | 14. STUBBIEST |
| 19. RECYCLING | 15. BARGAINED |
| 22. NOBEL     | 17. PANACEA   |
| 23. ADAPTABLE | 18. ILLICIT   |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 20. CATALOG   |
| 27. LEAST     | 21. GHETTOS   |
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| 29. GROSS     | 25. BRAVO     |



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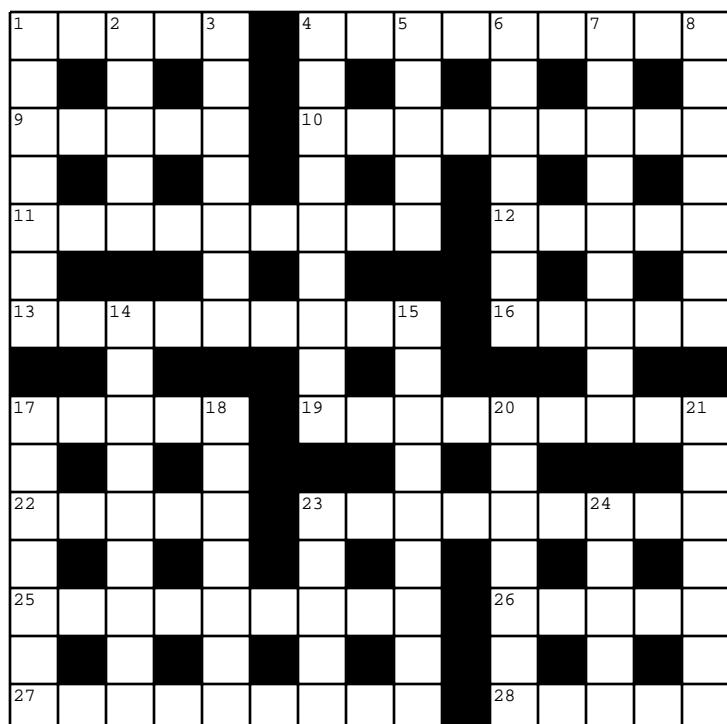
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| 1. CAFES      | 1. CLAMMED    |
| 4. CARDSHARP  | 2. FPLIER     |
| 9. ADIEU      | 3. SQUEEZE    |
| 10. DISTORTER | 4. CADDIES    |
| 11. MARCELINO | 5. RESPOND    |
| 12. RAPID     | 6. SCOURGE    |
| 13. DEPRESSED | 7. ANTIPASTO  |
| 15. ESSEX     | 8. PARADOX    |
| 16. PUNTS     | 14. PENSACOLA |
| 18. DEVOTIONS | 16. PAYOFFS   |
| 22. YEARN     | 17. SYNAPSE   |
| 23. MASSACRED | 18. DAMMING   |
| 25. FOOTPRINT | 19. VISITOR   |
| 26. HOLES     | 20. TEACHES   |
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| 28. SEXES     | 24. RELAX     |



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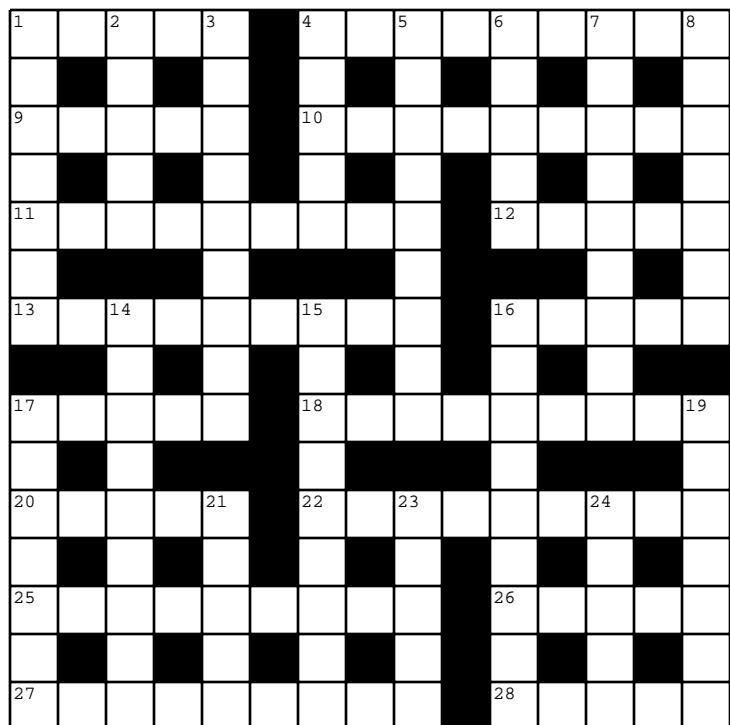
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| 9. CIRCA      | 3. DRASTIC    |
| 10. PARTNERED | 4. EXPEDITED  |
| 11. LATITUDES | 5. PARTS      |
| 12. MOOSE     | 6. RENAMED    |
| 13. INDICATOR | 7. CURIOUSER  |
| 16. DISCS     | 8. LADDERS    |
| 17. MACON     | 14. DOCTRINAL |
| 19. DEATHTRAP | 15. REARRANGE |
| 22. XEROX     | 17. MAXIMUM   |
| 23. CURRICULA | 18. NOXZEMA   |
| 25. MANNEQUIN | 20. HAIRCUT   |
| 26. CREDO     | 21. PEACOCK   |
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| 28. THINK     | 24. UTERI     |



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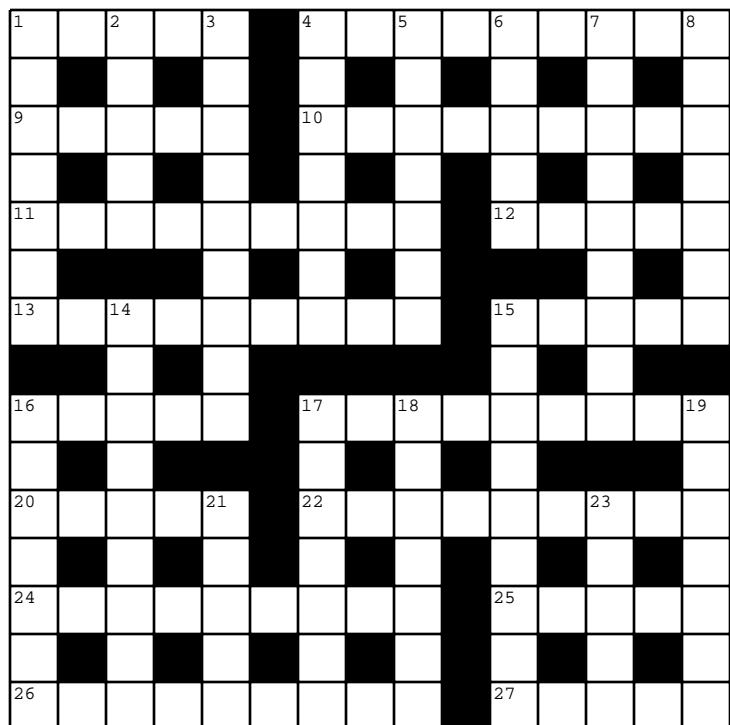
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| 1. AWAKE      | 1. ATACAMA    |
| 4. COMPILERS  | 2. ALOHA      |
| 9. ATOMS      | 3. EASYGOING  |
| 10. MONASTERY | 4. CAMPS      |
| 11. ANALGESIA | 5. MANHANDLE  |
| 12. ENEMA     | 6. ISSUE      |
| 13. ANGUISHED | 7. ELEMENTAL  |
| 16. KITED     | 8. SKYWARD    |
| 17. AMONG     | 14. GLOWERING |
| 18. GUERRILLA | 15. HIGHBROWS |
| 20. THETA     | 16. KARAMAZOV |
| 22. BAROMETER | 17. ANTONIO   |
| 25. NEIGHBORS | 19. AEROSOL   |
| 26. ZEROS     | 21. ASHEN     |
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| 28. VOWEL     | 24. THROW     |



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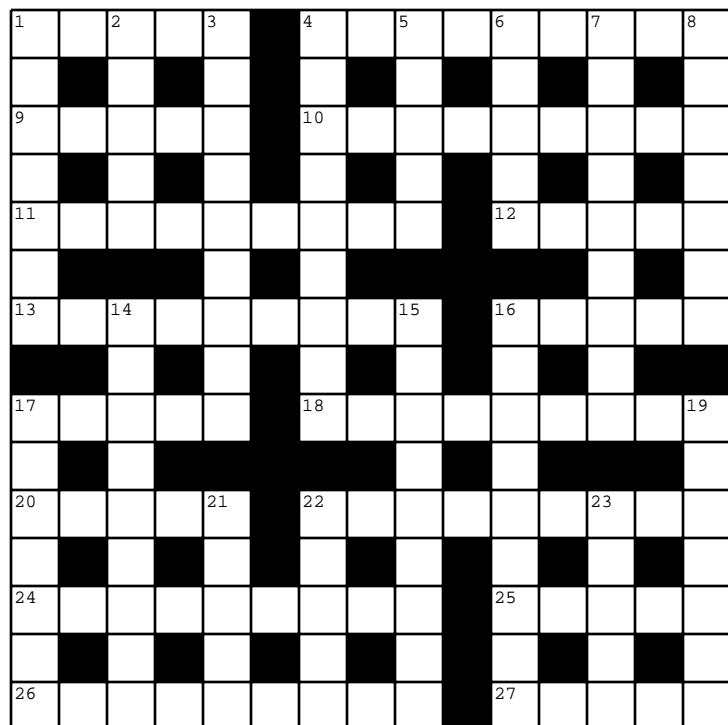
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| 4. MANIFESTO  | 2. DELTA      |
| 9. BALED      | 3. ADDRESSEE  |
| 10. CONSONANT | 4. MACHETE    |
| 11. STATEMENT | 5. NONSTOP    |
| 12. ASHEN     | 6. FLORA      |
| 13. OVERSLEEP | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 15. ACTOR     | 8. OFTENER    |
| 16. ISSUE     | 14. ELSEWHERE |
| 17. AUTOPSIED | 15. APPETITES |
| 20. PEWEE     | 16. IMPEACH   |
| 22. CHESTNUTS | 17. ARCHAIC   |
| 24. AMERICANA | 18. THERAPY   |
| 25. TAEGU     | 19. DISPUTE   |
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| 27. SLIDE     | 23. UTERI     |



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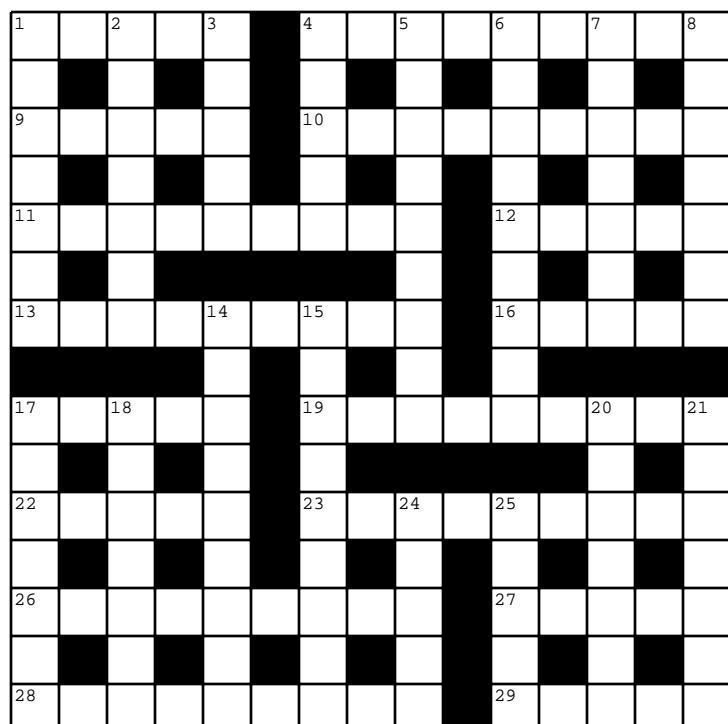
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| 1. SINGS      | 1. SEQUOIA    |
| 4. CATNAPPED  | 2. NAIVE      |
| 9. QUITO      | 3. SNOWDRIFT  |
| 10. IDEALIZED | 4. CLIMACTIC  |
| 11. OVERDRAFT | 5. THEFT      |
| 12. HEIDI     | 6. ALLAH      |
| 13. ACQUITTAL | 7. PIZZICATO  |
| 16. FLAWS     | 8. DADDIES    |
| 17. APART     | 14. QUAGMIRED |
| 18. CANTALOUP | 15. LANDSCAPE |
| 20. GAMED     | 16. FRATERNAL |
| 22. DESPERATE | 17. ALGEBRA   |
| 24. BARRACUDA | 19. PREVENT   |
| 25. NOBLE     | 21. DRAPE     |
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| 27. LIMIT     | 23. ALBUM     |



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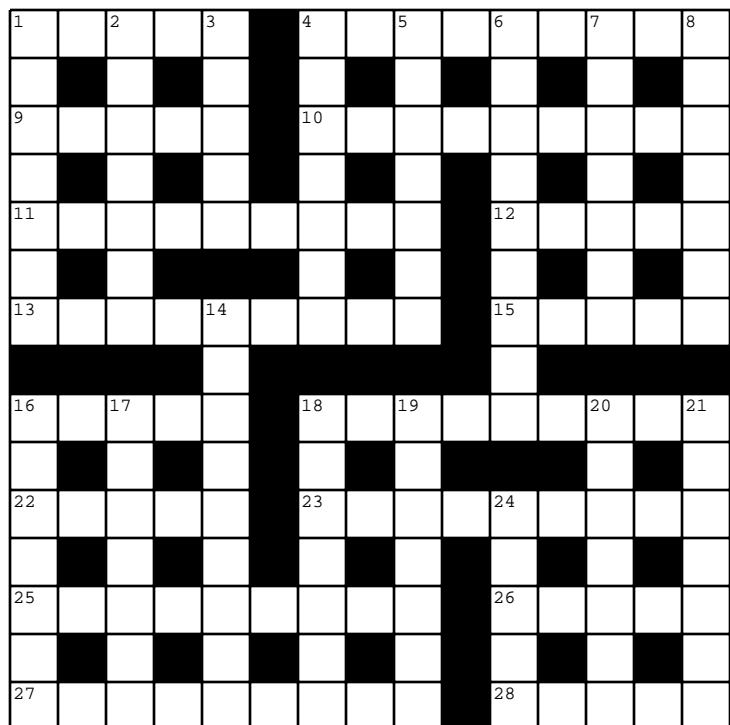
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| 9. CROCI      | 3. FRIED      |
| 10. NEEDINESS | 4. MINOR      |
| 11. REORDERED | 5. OVERDOSES  |
| 12. DRIVE     | 6. BLINDFOLD  |
| 13. DAYDREAMS | 7. AMENING    |
| 16. OUGHT     | 8. SUSPECT    |
| 17. ALTAI     | 14. REIMBURSE |
| 19. RESIDENTS | 15. AGREEMENT |
| 22. CLIMB     | 17. ARCHIVE   |
| 23. ENJOYMENT | 18. THISTLE   |
| 26. INTERFERE | 20. NEEDING   |
| 27. URIEL     | 21. SETTLED   |
| 28. ELEVENTHS | 24. JEERS     |
| 29. GAGED     | 25. YOUNG     |



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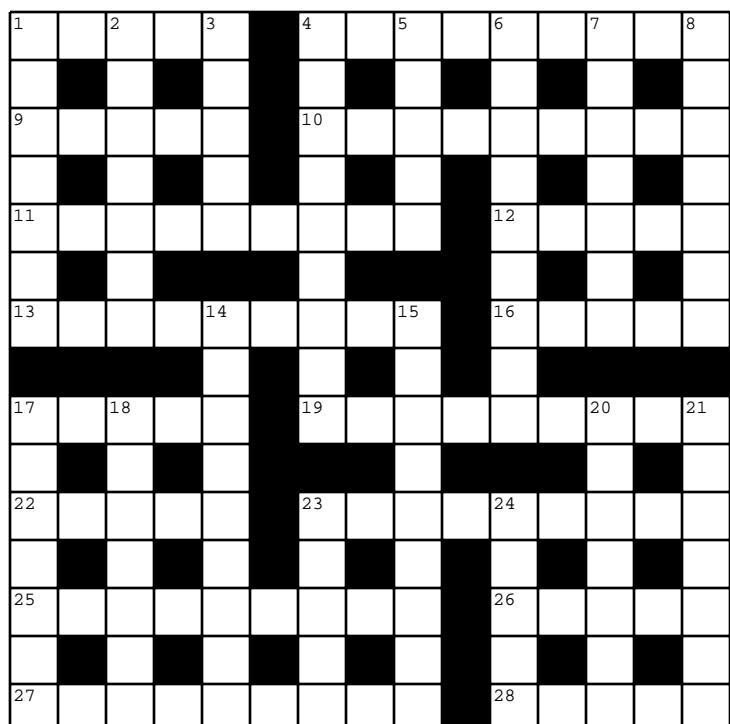
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| 1. CHIEF      | 1. COCKPIT    |
| 4. COGNITIVE  | 2. INURING    |
| 9. CRUMB      | 3. FIBER      |
| 10. INABILITY | 4. CAISSON    |
| 11. PRIMROSED | 5. GUARDED    |
| 12. MBINI     | 6. IDIOMATIC  |
| 13. TIGHTENED | 7. INITIAL    |
| 15. TALON     | 8. ELYSIAN    |
| 16. TEMPI     | 14. TAILPIPES |
| 18. ABJECTING | 16. TOWPATH   |
| 22. WHELP     | 17. MAESTRI   |
| 23. NEWCOMERS | 18. AMNESTY   |
| 25. ANTIPASTO | 19. JAWBONE   |
| 26. CHERI     | 20. ICEBERG   |
| 27. HAIRSTYLE | 21. GASPING   |
| 28. MAGOG     | 24. OCCAM     |



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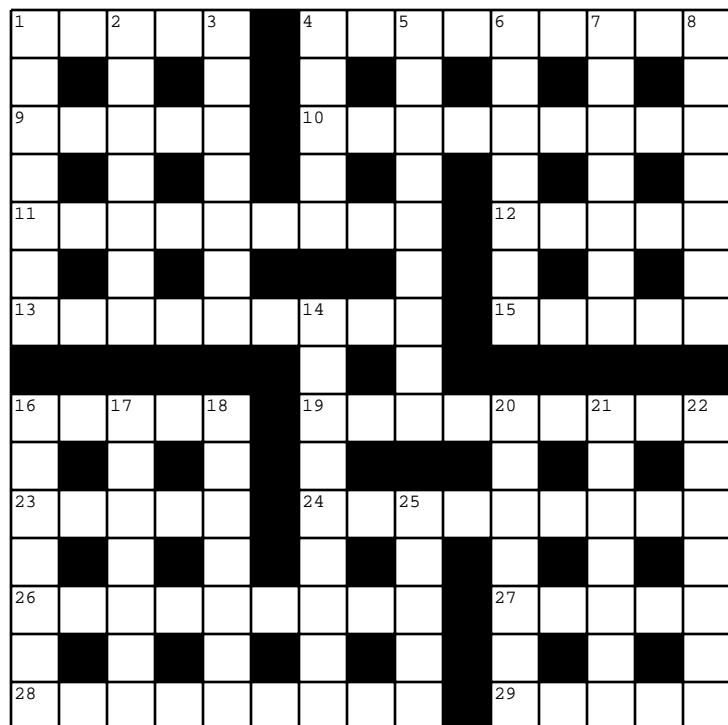
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| 9. SNAFU      | 3. STUNS      |
| 10. TELEPATHY | 4. EXTENDING  |
| 11. CROSSINGS | 5. TALKS      |
| 12. APRON     | 6. EMPHASISE  |
| 13. LISTENING | 7. INTERIM    |
| 16. IAMBS     | 8. TRYINGS    |
| 17. ENDUE     | 14. ELECTORAL |
| 19. GARDENERS | 15. GARlicked |
| 22. PLANT     | 17. EMPTIED   |
| 23. INITIATES | 18. DEARTHs   |
| 25. INTERLOCK | 20. ENTITLE   |
| 26. BATHE     | 21. SYSTEMS   |
| 27. DISPLAYED | 23. IRONY     |
| 28. EXECs     | 24. IMBUE     |



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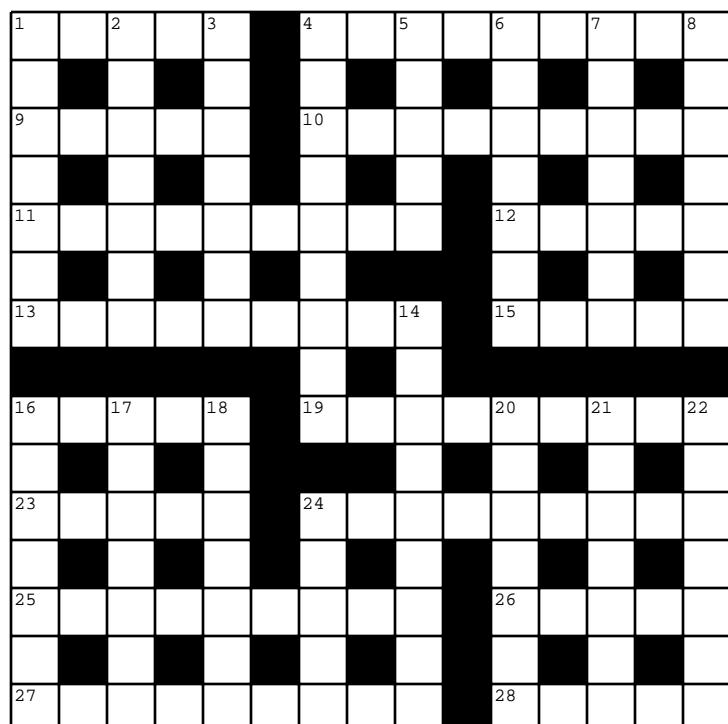
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| 1. BASIC      | 1. BLOBBED    |
| 4. COINCIDED  | 2. SHAKEUP    |
| 9. OHARA      | 3. CLASSIC    |
| 10. PINEAPPLE | 4. CAPED      |
| 11. BLESSEDER | 5. IGNORANCE  |
| 12. ICONS     | 6. CRANIUM    |
| 13. DEPICTION | 7. DIPLOMA    |
| 15. MEANS     | 8. DRESSES    |
| 16. EPSOM     | 14. IRRITATED |
| 19. REENTRIES | 16. ELITISM   |
| 23. ICIER     | 17. SLIGHTS   |
| 24. TECHNIQUE | 18. MARABOUT  |
| 26. INHIBITED | 20. TONIGHT   |
| 27. GRIPS     | 21. INQUIRE   |
| 28. MISGUIDED | 22. SPENSER   |
| 29. THEIR     | 25. CODED     |



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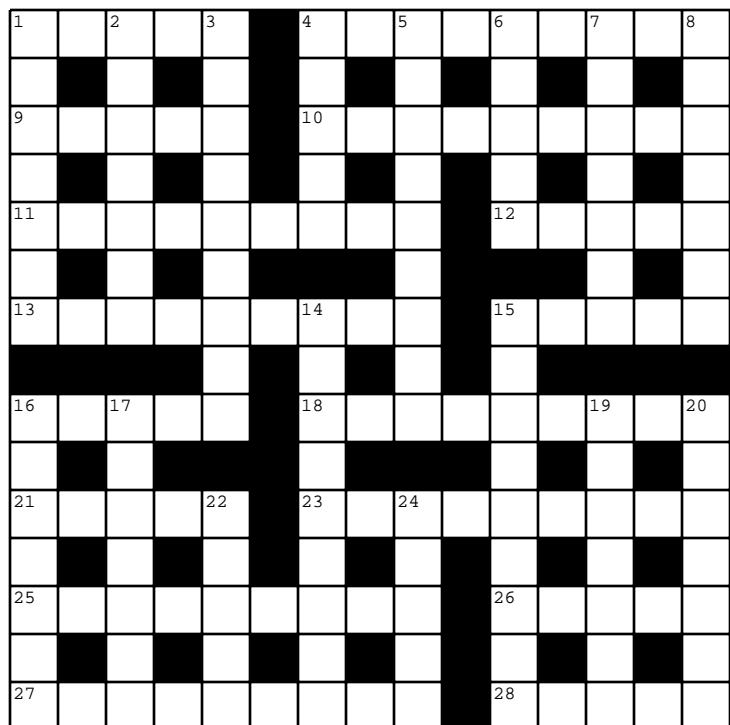
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| 4. ARTHRITIC  | 2. ALLOYED    |
| 9. ALLAN      | 3. MINIMAL    |
| 10. ABDOMINAL | 4. ADAPTABLE  |
| 11. ASYMMETRY | 5. TODAY      |
| 12. LARVA     | 6. RAMBLED    |
| 13. INDELIBLE | 7. TENURED    |
| 15. DODGE     | 8. COLLATE    |
| 16. POSED     | 14. ECLIPSING |
| 19. ENLIGHTEN | 16. PACKAGE   |
| 23. CHARS     | 17. STARTER   |
| 24. EMPIRICAL | 18. DUSTPAN   |
| 25. ANTIPASTI | 20. GERMANS   |
| 26. ALIBI     | 21. TACKIER   |
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| 28. SPRIG     | 24. ENSUE     |



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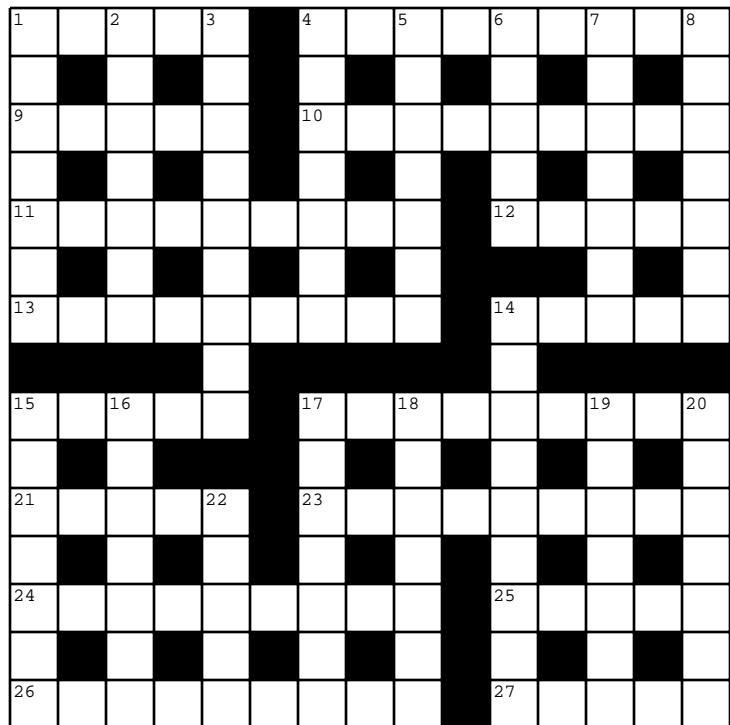
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| 4. ORGANISER  | 2. DISCUSS    |
| 9. ESSEN      | 3. MANICURED  |
| 10. BRILLIANT | 4. ORBIT      |
| 11. TRUNCATES | 5. GLISSANDO  |
| 12. SHERI     | 6. NULLS      |
| 13. OESTROGEN | 7. SEAWEED    |
| 15. FADES     | 8. RETAINS    |
| 16. RACED     | 14. GRAPHICAL |
| 18. APOCRYPHA | 15. FIREPROOF |
| 21. CLIFF     | 16. RECLAIM   |
| 23. HELIPORTS | 17. CHIGNON   |
| 25. ANNOUNCER | 19. PERTURB   |
| 26. OVULE     | 20. AUSTERE   |
| 27. MANIFOLDS | 22. FLUFF     |
| 28. FIBRE     | 24. LURKS     |



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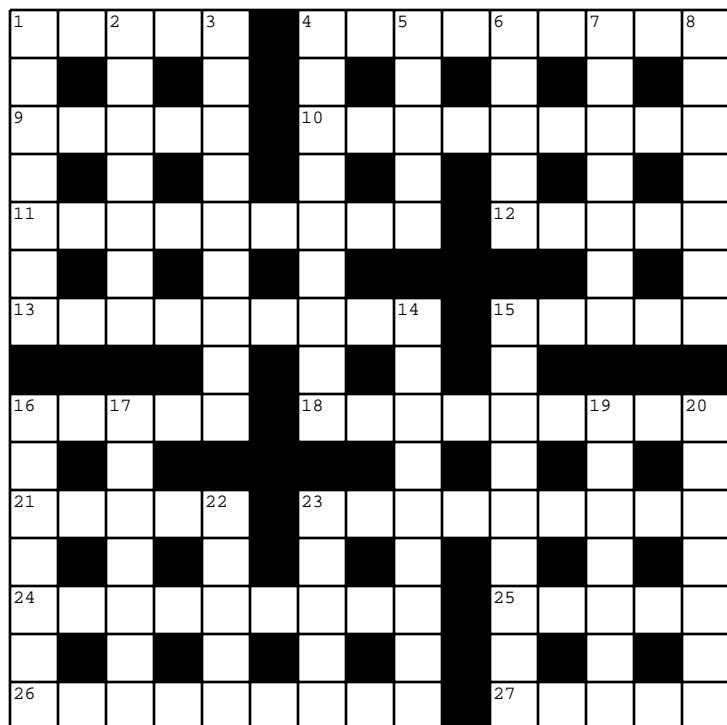
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| 4. BACKPACKS  | 2. AMONGST    |
| 9. GROUP      | 3. AMPUTATES  |
| 10. FORESTALL | 4. BAFFLED    |
| 11. BAGATELLE | 5. CARTELS    |
| 12. DRIVE     | 6. POSED      |
| 13. APTITUDES | 7. CZARINA    |
| 14. CHART     | 8. SALTEST    |
| 15. BINDS     | 14. CONTRALTO |
| 17. PARTNERED | 15. BOUNCED   |
| 21. UNCLE     | 16. NUCLEIC   |
| 23. DISGRACED | 17. PEDANTS   |
| 24. CRESCENDI | 18. RESCIND   |
| 25. LACKS     | 19. RECYCLE   |
| 26. DECREASED | 20. DODGSON   |
| 27. OCEAN     | 22. EMCEE     |



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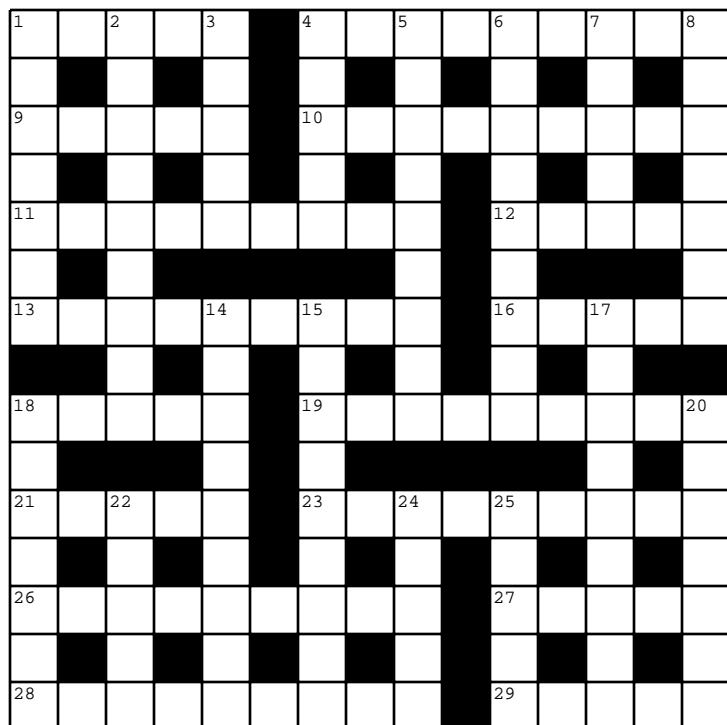
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| 4. INCIDENTS  | 2. ALGENIB    |
| 9. NEGRO      | 3. FLORSHEIM  |
| 10. SALVAGING | 4. INSOMNIAC  |
| 11. HANDSOMER | 5. COLOR      |
| 12. ENEMA     | 6. DRAPE      |
| 13. GIBBERISH | 7. NAIVELY    |
| 15. ABYSS     | 8. SIGNALS    |
| 16. NAHUM     | 14. HANDBOOKS |
| 18. CENOTAPHS | 15. ANTITRUST |
| 21. RUMBA     | 16. NKRUMAH   |
| 23. SUBSTRATA | 17. HOMONYM   |
| 24. MANIFESTO | 19. PLATEAU   |
| 25. UTERI     | 20. SEASICK   |
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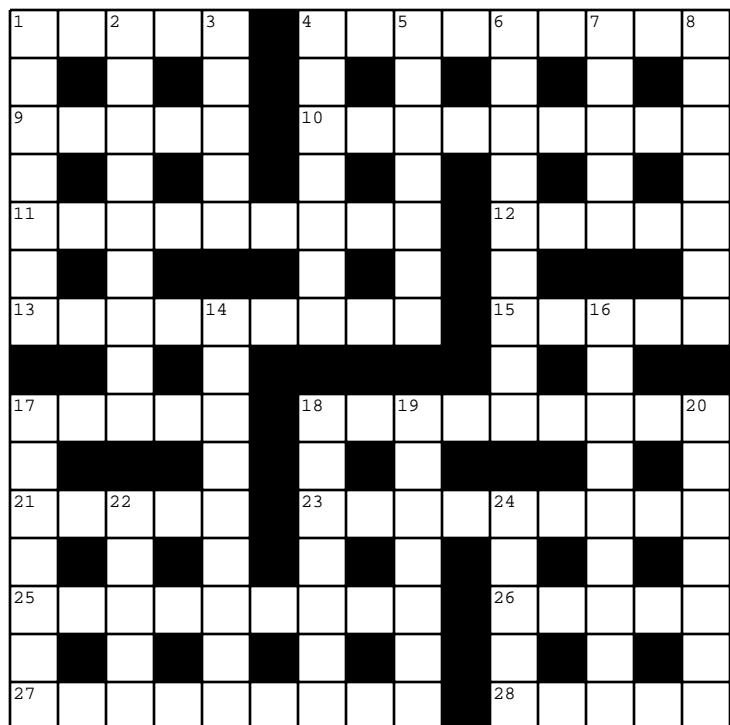
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| 4. EMBRACING  | 2. REOPENING  |
| 9. SWORN      | 3. BANAL      |
| 10. ISOLATING | 4. EXITS      |
| 11. IDEALISTS | 5. BLOSSOMED  |
| 12. AURAL     | 6. AVALANCHE  |
| 13. RAINSTORM | 7. ICIER      |
| 16. COKES     | 8. GIGGLES    |
| 18. BIGOT     | 14. SATELLITE |
| 19. ENDLESSLY | 15. OVERBLOWN |
| 21. VINYL     | 17. KOSCIUSKO |
| 23. BACTERIAL | 18. BEVELED   |
| 26. LOLLIPOPS | 20. YELPING   |
| 27. BASSI     | 22. NYLON     |
| 28. DUNGEONED | 24. CASED     |
| 29. WRONG     | 25. ELBOW     |



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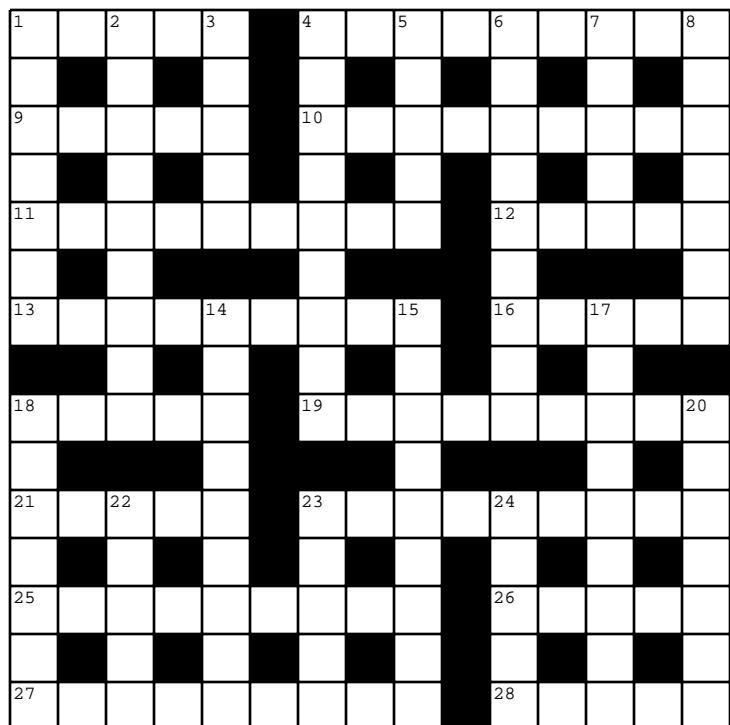
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| 1. AMIDS      | 1. ASHTRAY    |
| 4. ACCESSING  | 2. ILLEGALLY  |
| 9. HELLO      | 3. SPOKE      |
| 10. OVULATING | 4. APOSTLE    |
| 11. REGRETTED | 5. COULDNT    |
| 12. MITZI     | 6. SPASMODIC  |
| 13. YELLOWEST | 7. IDIOT      |
| 15. DOING     | 8. GAGGING    |
| 17. LAYER     | 14. OURSELVES |
| 18. BICYCLING | 16. IMITATING |
| 21. SABRE     | 17. LISTENS   |
| 23. OPTIONALS | 18. BRONCHI   |
| 25. EQUIVOCAL | 19. CATALOG   |
| 26. CHILI     | 20. GASSING   |
| 27. STRESSING | 22. BLUER     |
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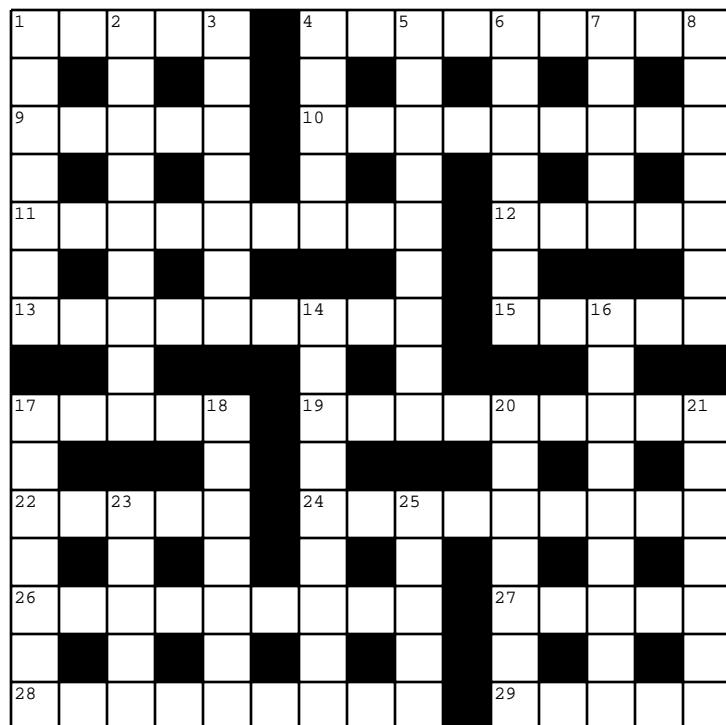
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| 4. DETECTIVE  | 2. KEYSTROKE  |
| 9. STYLI      | 3. STICK      |
| 10. PRACTISES | 4. DIPLOMACY  |
| 11. ANTIKNOCK | 5. THANK      |
| 12. ARENA     | 6. COTTAGING  |
| 13. DEODORANT | 7. ISSUE      |
| 16. IMPLY     | 8. ECSTASY    |
| 18. CREDO     | 14. ODOMETERS |
| 19. YOUNGSTER | 15. THUNDERED |
| 21. VERGE     | 17. PATCHWORK |
| 23. GODMOTHER | 18. COVERED   |
| 25. RACKETEER | 20. REREADS   |
| 26. AROMA     | 22. RECAP     |
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| 28. YOKES     | 24. OVARY     |



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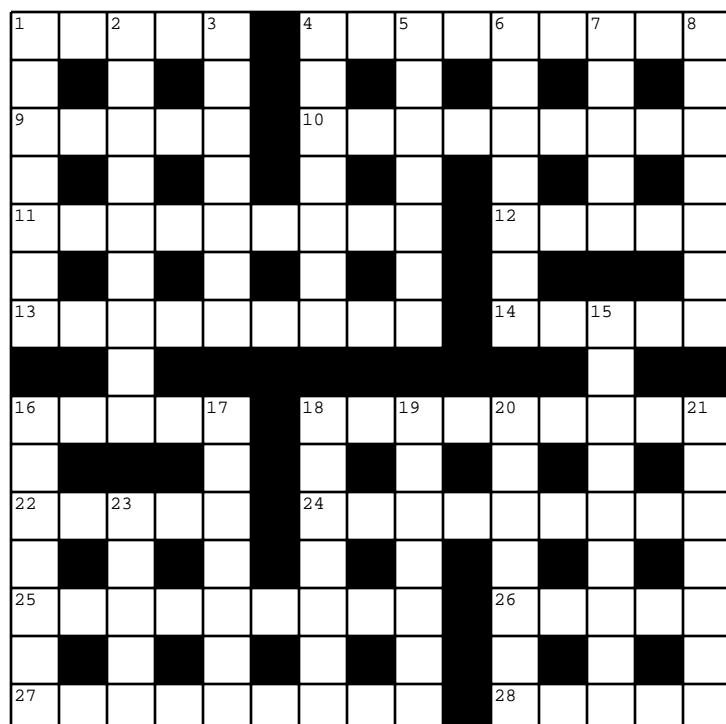
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| 1. SIDLE      | 1. STIRRUP    |
| 4. KILOCYCLE  | 2. DRUGGISTS  |
| 9. INUIT      | 3. ESTELLE    |
| 10. PARTICLES | 4. KAPUT      |
| 11. RIGOLETTO | 5. LARBOARDS  |
| 12. ALIVE     | 6. CHICANO    |
| 13. POSTERIOR | 7. CELLI      |
| 15. ORBIT     | 8. EASIEST    |
| 17. ISSUE     | 14. INDUCTION |
| 19. DISGRACED | 16. BACTERIUM |
| 22. TYLER     | 17. INTENDS   |
| 24. CASTANEDA | 18. EARTHED   |
| 26. NAUGHTIER | 20. REALISM   |
| 27. IDIOT     | 21. DRASTIC   |
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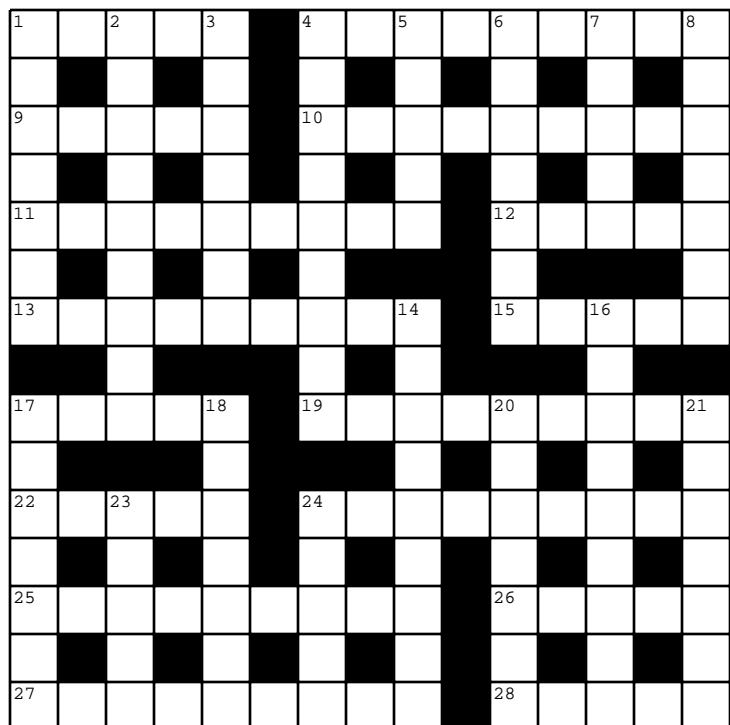
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| 4. HOMICIDAL  | 2. UPLIFTING  |
| 9. GOLAN      | 3. FUNERAL    |
| 10. STILLBORN | 4. HISSING    |
| 11. NEFERTITI | 5. MAILING    |
| 12. INPUT     | 6. CALCIUM    |
| 13. WHIRLIGIG | 7. DROOP      |
| 14. MUCKS     | 8. LENGTHS    |
| 16. MAGIC     | 15. CRESCENDI |
| 18. BEDSPREAD | 16. MANHUNT   |
| 22. NEIGH     | 17. COHERES   |
| 24. PRACTICES | 18. BIPLANE   |
| 25. UNDERLAIN | 19. DRAINED   |
| 26. INNER     | 20. PATTING   |
| 27. TRANSCEND | 21. DESIRES   |
| 28. GAINS     | 23. INDIA     |



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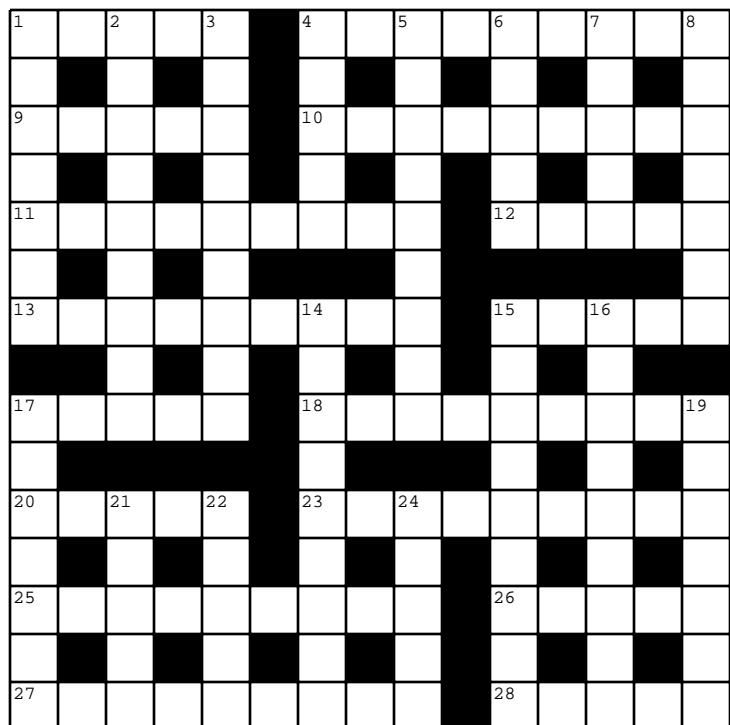
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| 4. SCANTIEST  | 2. THESAURUS  |
| 9. THEIR      | 3. PERTURB    |
| 10. NAKEDNESS | 4. SYNTACTIC  |
| 11. COAGULATE | 5. ANKLE      |
| 12. OLDIE     | 6. TADPOLE    |
| 13. ACROBATIC | 7. EMEND      |
| 15. EMACS     | 8. TESTERS    |
| 17. BUSCH     | 14. CONGRUENT |
| 19. CONVINCED | 16. ARCHITECT |
| 22. WIDER     | 17. BEWITCH   |
| 24. FORMATIVE | 18. HERSELF   |
| 25. THEREFORE | 20. IMAGINE   |
| 26. IDEAS     | 21. DRESSER   |
| 27. HEADFIRST | 23. DEENA     |
| 28. ENTER     | 24. FLOUR     |



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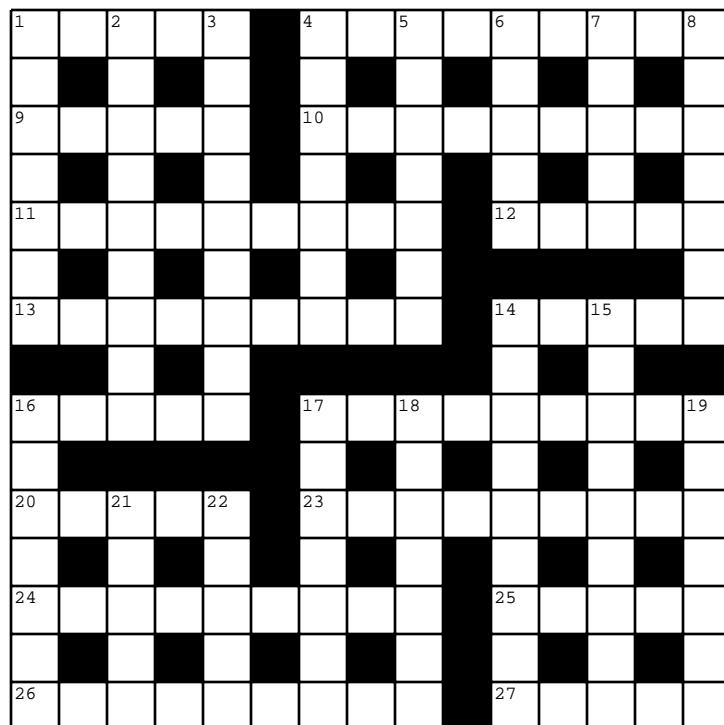
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| 4. ENMESHING  | 2. PRESSURES  |
| 9. NOEMI      | 3. SLIGHTEST  |
| 10. ULCERATES | 4. EQUIP      |
| 11. MISSHAPEN | 5. MACINTOSH  |
| 12. TORSI     | 6. STRUT      |
| 13. CORREGGIO | 7. INTER      |
| 15. LYING     | 8. GASPING    |
| 17. WASNT     | 14. GLIMMERED |
| 18. INHIBITED | 15. LABYRINTH |
| 20. CLAIM     | 16. INTRINSIC |
| 23. MODERNISM | 17. WICHITA   |
| 25. INAUGURAL | 19. DEMISES   |
| 26. NOSES     | 21. AVAIL     |
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| 28. HACKS     | 24. DELAY     |



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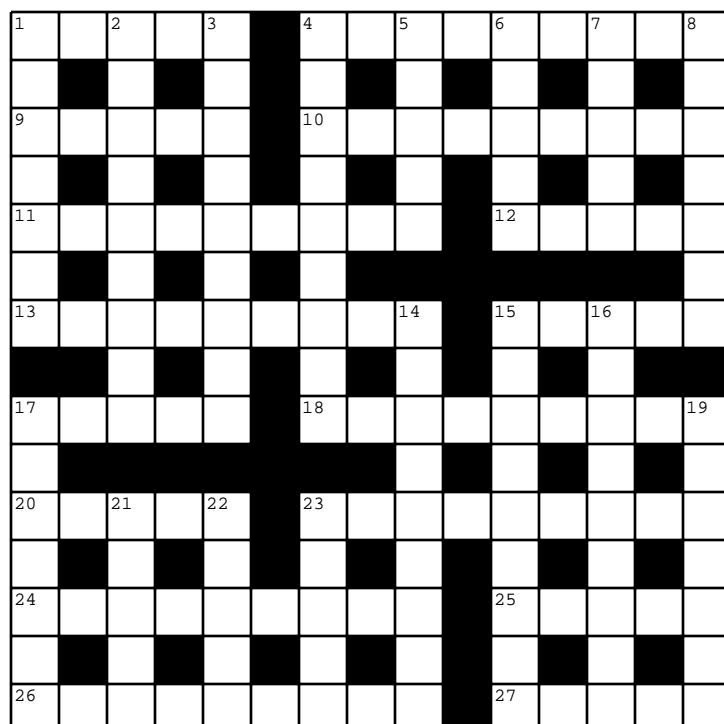
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| 4. ACTIVATED   | 2. RECONNECT  |
| 9. LACKS       | 3. ASSERTION  |
| 10. SENSIBLER  | 4. ARSENAL    |
| 11. IGNORANCE  | 5. TUNNELS    |
| 12. ENNUI      | 6. VOICE      |
| 13. GUERRILLAS | 7. TALON      |
| 14. GAPES      | 8. DERAILS    |
| 16. OFTEN      | 14. GANGSTERS |
| 17. ORGANISED  | 15. PISTACHIO |
| 20. NOSES      | 16. OMNIBUS   |
| 23. CARDSHARP  | 17. ORCHARD   |
| 24. BOOMERANG  | 18. GARAGED   |
| 25. ECHOS      | 19. DEPOSIT   |
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| 27. SPORT      | 22. SCENE     |



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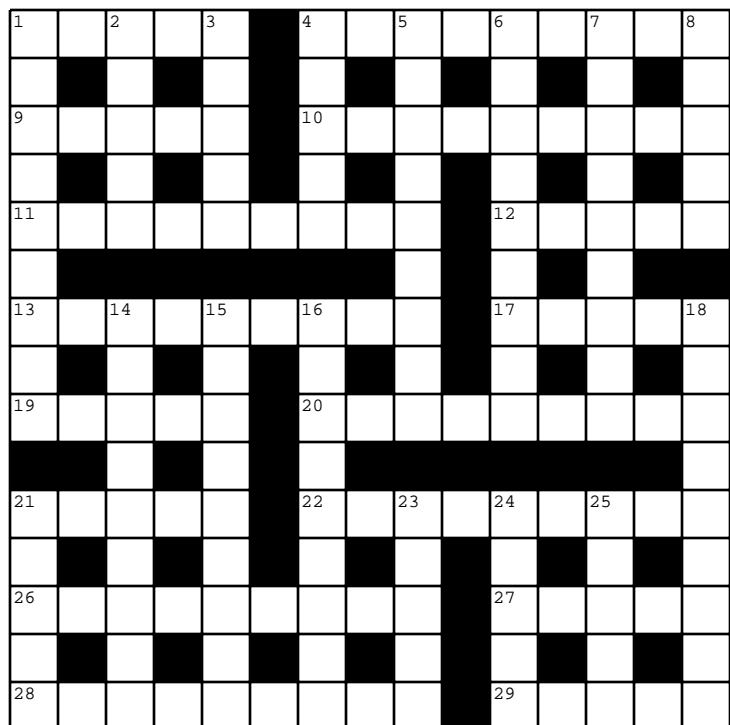
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| 4. NATIONALS  | 2. POLYHEDRA  |
| 9. LILAC      | 3. ASCERTAIN  |
| 10. GARLANDED | 4. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 11. INHERITED | 5. TYRED      |
| 12. SISAL     | 6. OPALS      |
| 13. HYDRAULIC | 7. AIDES      |
| 15. OARED     | 8. SADDLED    |
| 17. DRAIN     | 14. COLLAPSED |
| 18. BALLERINA | 15. OVERSLEEP |
| 20. TILED     | 16. RHINOCERI |
| 23. TRANSPORT | 17. DETECTS   |
| 24. COMEDOWNS | 19. ASTUTER   |
| 25. EVENT     | 21. LEMMA     |
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| 27. PRIOR     | 23. TOWER     |



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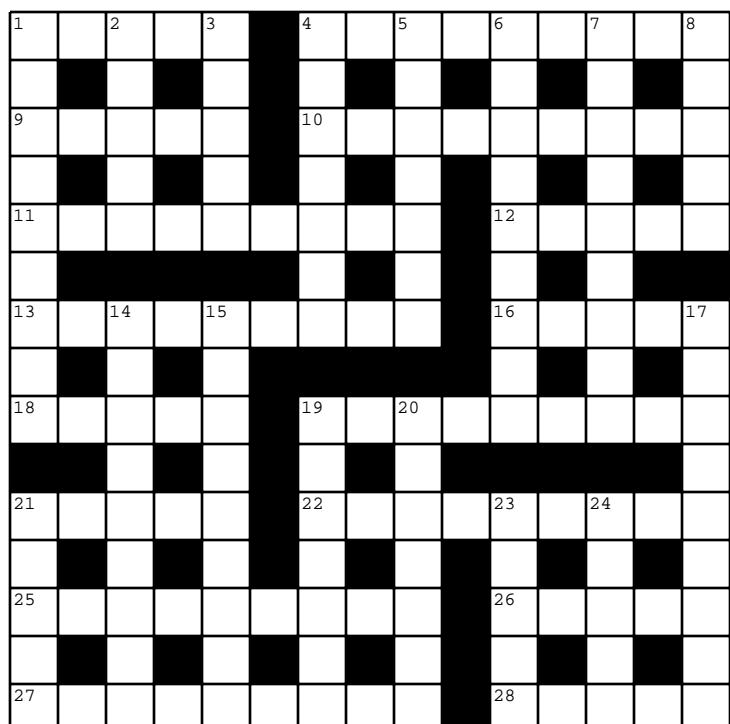
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| 4. NATIONALS  | 2. ABYSS      |
| 9. STYLI      | 3. FLIPS      |
| 10. MAILBOXES | 4. NIMBI      |
| 11. INSISTING | 5. TRIGGERED  |
| 12. DEEMS     | 6. OMBUDSMAN  |
| 13. INFIELDER | 7. ANXIETIES  |
| 17. MAIDS     | 8. SISES      |
| 19. NOISE     | 14. FLIGHTIER |
| 20. HEDONISTS | 15. EXERCISES |
| 21. ETHIC     | 16. DEHYDRATE |
| 22. DIRECTIVE | 18. SUSPENDED |
| 26. REINSTATE | 21. EGRET     |
| 27. UPEND     | 23. REEFS     |
| 28. THRESHERS | 24. CRUMB     |
| 29. BASED     | 25. IDEAS     |



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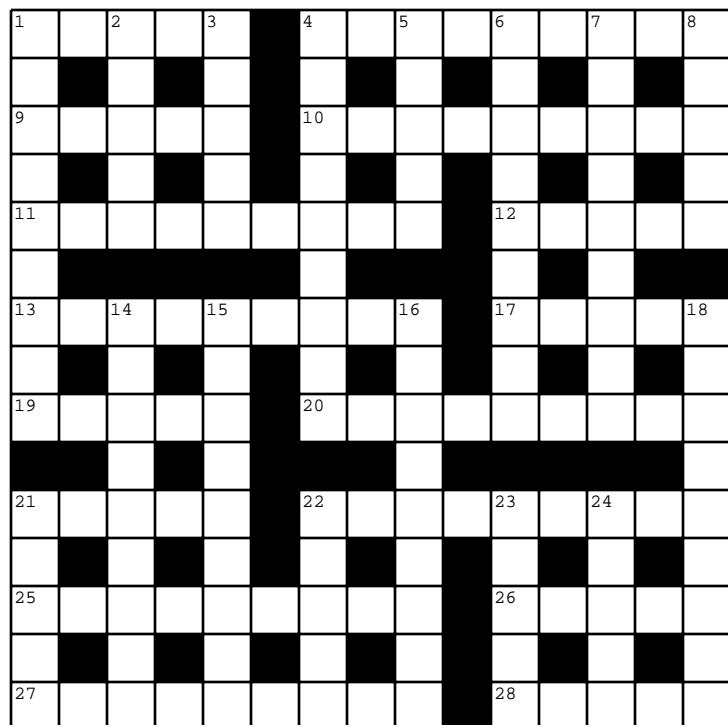
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| 4. STEADICAM  | 2. MUSIC      |
| 9. POSED      | 3. SIDED      |
| 10. GLASSIEST | 4. SAGINAW    |
| 11. DECADENCE | 5. ENAMELS    |
| 12. EXCEL     | 6. DYSPEPSIA  |
| 13. TOMAHAWKS | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 16. SONIC     | 8. METAL      |
| 18. DEITY     | 14. MAINLANDS |
| 19. MEDIATION | 15. HAYSTACKS |
| 21. SPLIT     | 17. CANADIANS |
| 22. NOSEBLEED | 19. MANCINI   |
| 25. FINICKIER | 20. DISHRAG   |
| 26. SASHA     | 21. SOFIA     |
| 27. ASSISTING | 23. BASIN     |
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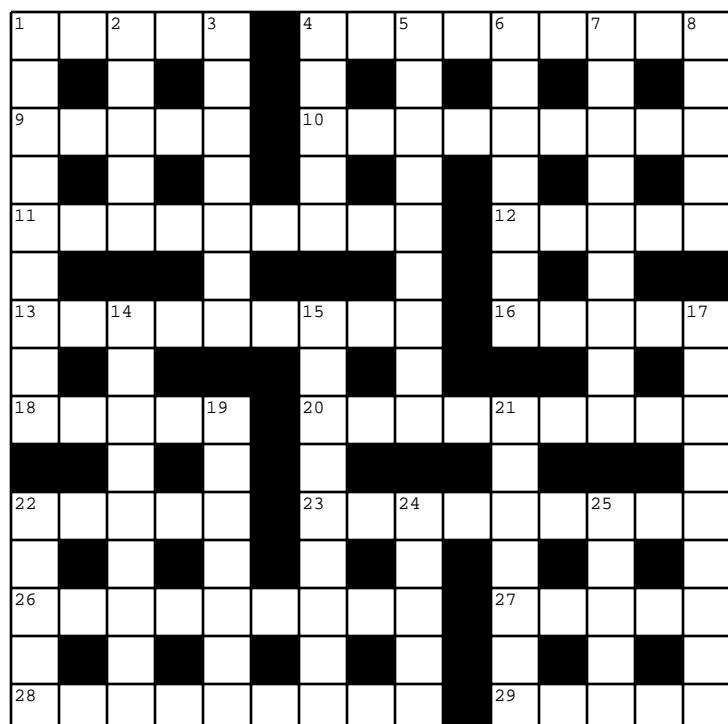
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| 4. CAPACITOR  | 2. RADIO      |
| 9. OLDEN      | 3. WINDS      |
| 10. NICKNAMES | 4. CONCRETES  |
| 11. SPONSORED | 5. PACED      |
| 12. IDLES     | 6. CONTINUAL  |
| 13. NAVIGATED | 7. TIMELIEST  |
| 17. UTERI     | 8. RISES      |
| 19. SINKS     | 14. VENTRICLE |
| 20. SIMULATED | 15. GESTURING |
| 21. CORFU     | 16. DEMAGOGIC |
| 22. DIGESTING | 18. INDIGNITY |
| 25. INCLINING | 21. CRIME     |
| 26. GENII     | 22. DRIFT     |
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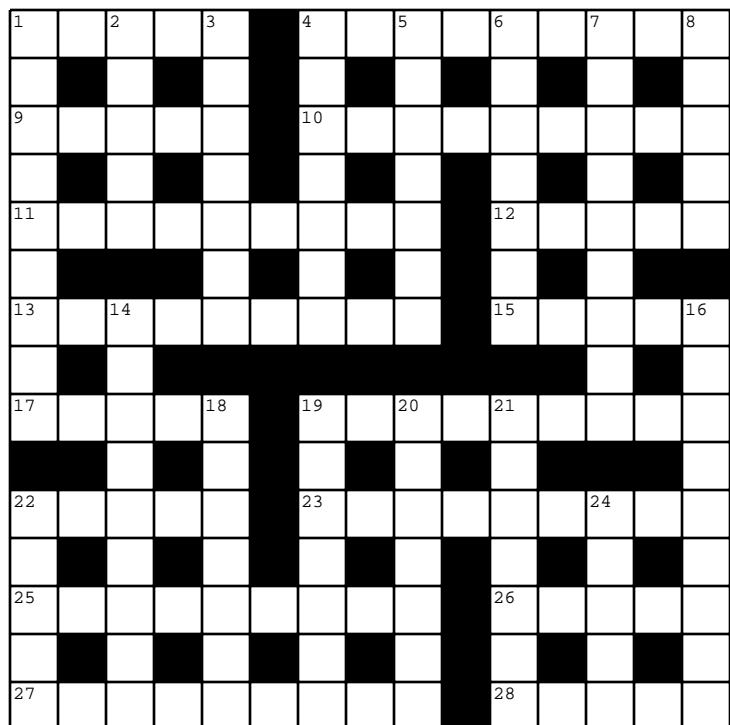
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| 1. STAND       | 1. SEQUENCES  |
| 4. REROUTING   | 2. ADIEU      |
| 9. QUILTS      | 3. DESPAIR    |
| 10. BEMOANING  | 4. RABBI      |
| 11. EMULATION  | 5. REMINISCE  |
| 12. AWARD      | 6. UNAWARE    |
| 13. CATARACTS  | 7. IMITATIVE  |
| 16. ELITE      | 8. GAGED      |
| 18. STAFF      | 14. TEACHINGS |
| 20. ACETYLENE  | 15. CHARITIES |
| 22. MAHDI      | 17. EXECUTION |
| 23. IMPROMPTU  | 19. FAILURE   |
| 26. CONFUSION  | 21. YAOBANG   |
| 27. ALIBI      | 22. MECCA     |
| 28. ABSCESSSES | 24. PANTS     |
| 29. GREEN      | 25. PRIME     |



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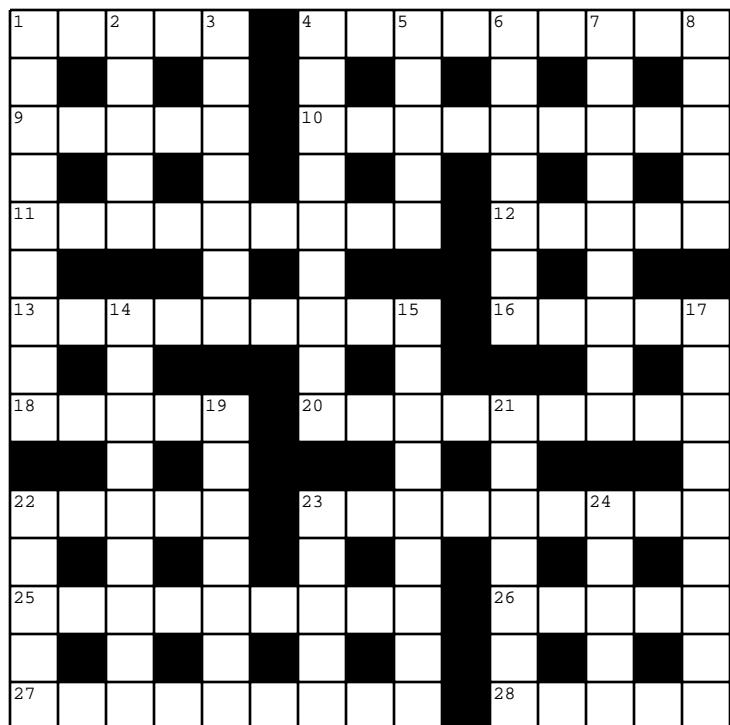
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| 1. PANIC      | 1. PRINCIPLE  |
| 4. REFRESHES  | 2. NOVEL      |
| 9. IRVIN      | 3. CENTAUR    |
| 10. FIRESIDES | 4. REFUSES    |
| 11. COLLAPSES | 5. FORESTS    |
| 12. EMAIL     | 6. EASTERN    |
| 13. PRIMROSES | 7. HYDRANGEA  |
| 15. NEGEV     | 8. SISAL      |
| 17. ELIZA     | 14. IDIOMATIC |
| 19. THUMBNAIL | 16. VOLUNTEER |
| 22. HUMOR     | 18. AGRIPPA   |
| 23. FORBIDDEN | 19. TUFTING   |
| 25. AUTOPSIES | 20. UNRESTS   |
| 26. NAIVE     | 21. BRIANNA   |
| 27. EXCHANGES | 22. HEAVE     |
| 28. ANGER     | 24. DOING     |



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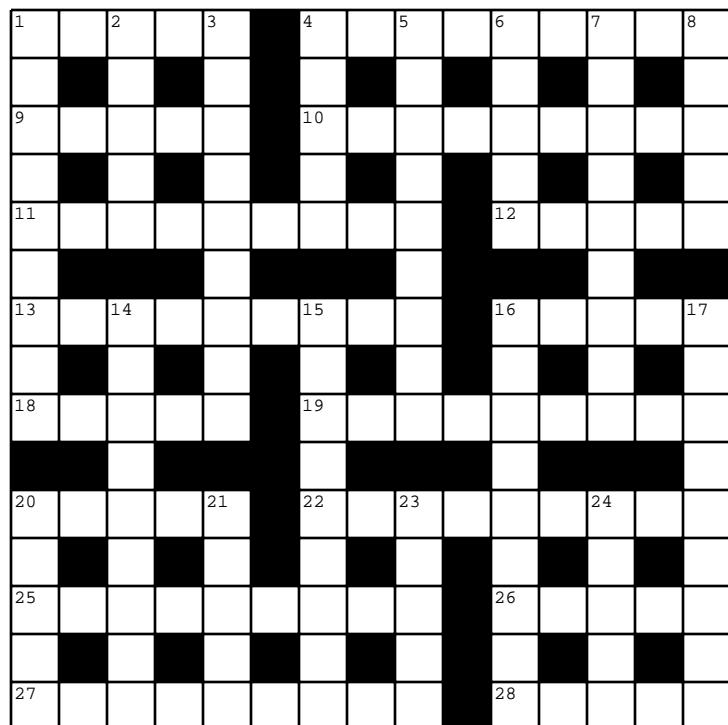
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| 1. CUBIC      | 1. CARDBOARD  |
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| 9. RURAL      | 3. COLOMBO    |
| 10. GRAPHICAL | 4. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 11. BAROMETER | 5. STAIR      |
| 12. BUILT     | 6. INHABIT    |
| 13. AYATOLLAH | 7. ENCHILADA  |
| 16. TEACH     | 8. SPLIT      |
| 18. DIRAC     | 14. AERIALIST |
| 20. BACKSLASH | 15. HICKORIES |
| 22. CHAIN     | 17. HOHENLOHE |
| 23. SPOKESMEN | 19. CONSORT   |
| 25. RHINOCERI | 21. SHEBANG   |
| 26. AUDIO     | 22. CIRCA     |
| 27. ATTITUDES | 23. SPEND     |
| 28. GRADE     | 24. MEDIA     |



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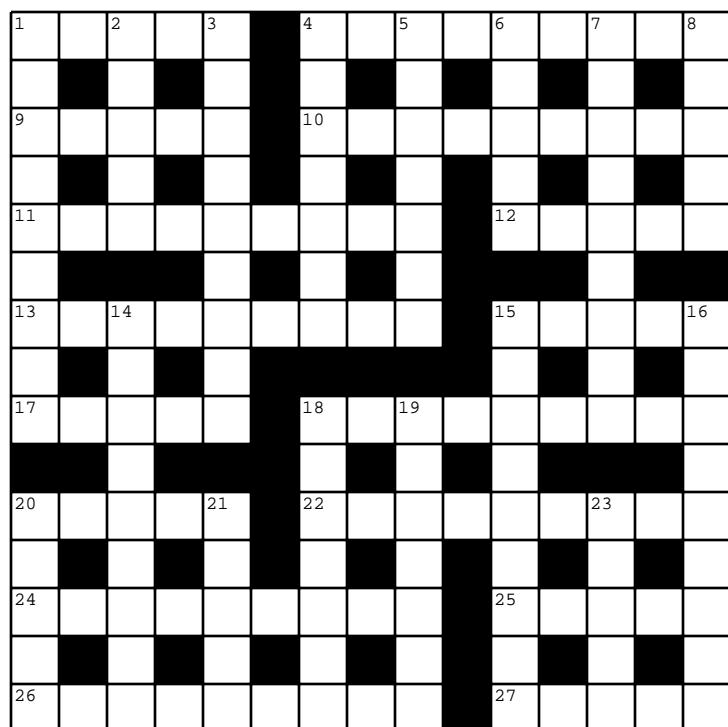
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| 1. GROUP      | 1. GAMECOCKS  |
| 4. DRINKABLE  | 2. OLDER      |
| 9. MEDIA      | 3. PLANETARY  |
| 10. IMPORTANT | 4. DYING      |
| 11. CORREGGIO | 5. IMPROMPTU  |
| 12. IMPLY     | 6. KERRI      |
| 13. CANTALOUP | 7. BLASPHEME  |
| 16. UTERI     | 8. ENTRY      |
| 18. STORY     | 14. NEODYMIUM |
| 19. BOUNDLESS | 15. OGBOMOSHO |
| 20. BAYES     | 16. UNDERLAIN |
| 22. MISERABLE | 17. INSPECTED |
| 25. PRIMROSES | 20. BIPED     |
| 26. ABOUT     | 21. STRUT     |
| 27. DEMOTIONS | 23. SISES     |
| 28. NAKED     | 24. BLOCK     |



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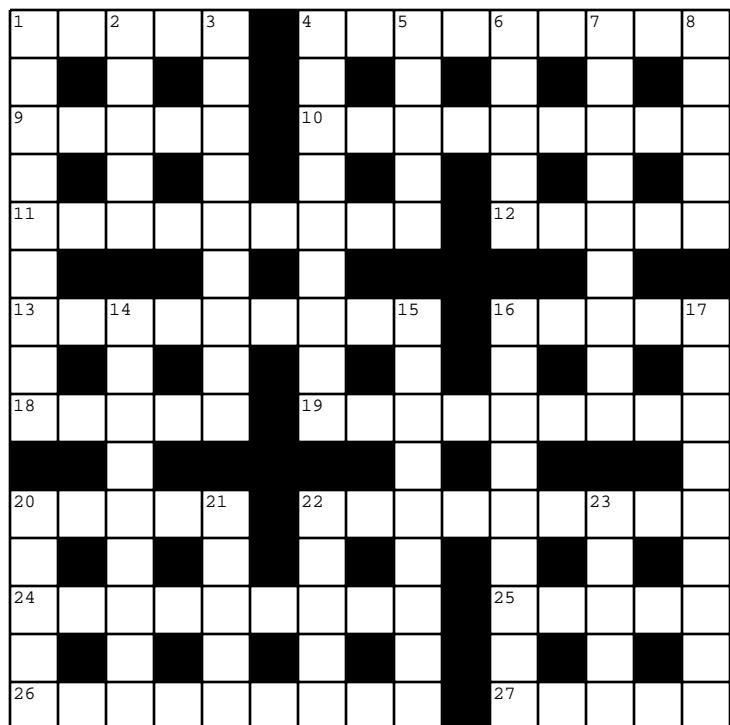
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| 1. SHARP      | 1. SNOWPLOWS  |
| 4. GROSBEAKS  | 2. AGENT      |
| 9. OPERA      | 3. PRACTICES  |
| 10. NOMINATED | 4. GONDOLA    |
| 11. PETITIONS | 5. OSMOSIS    |
| 12. SHOTS     | 6. BONES      |
| 13. OFFICIALS | 7. ASTRONAUT  |
| 15. SLASH     | 8. SIDES      |
| 17. SHOES     | 14. FRONTIERS |
| 18. ALGORITHM | 15. STRETCHER |
| 20. ANTIC     | 16. HIMALAYAS |
| 22. PRACTICAL | 18. APPENDS   |
| 24. CRESCENDI | 19. GLACIAL   |
| 25. HOBBY     | 20. ARCED     |
| 26. DISMISSAL | 21. COCCI     |
| 27. READS     | 23. COBRA     |



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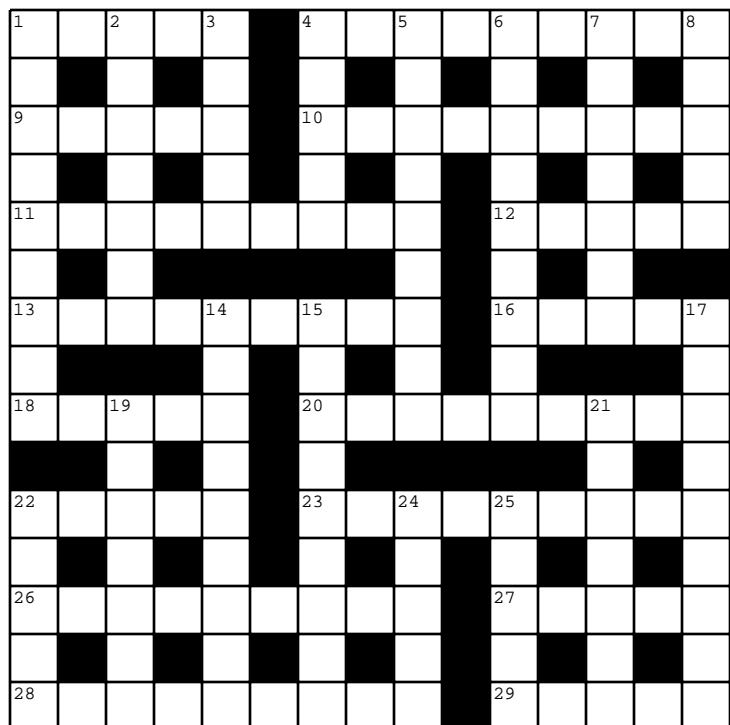
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| 1. GREED      | 1. GUARDRAIL  |
| 4. ESCAPADES  | 2. ETHIC      |
| 9. ASHES      | 3. DISAPPEAR  |
| 10. CEAUSESCU | 4. ENCHILADA  |
| 11. DECEPTIVE | 5. CEASE      |
| 12. ACHES     | 6. PASTA      |
| 13. AMATERASU | 7. DISCHARGE  |
| 16. SORTA     | 8. SHUTS      |
| 18. LATER     | 14. ARTHROPOD |
| 19. ABHORRENT | 15. UNHITCHES |
| 20. NARCS     | 16. STRANGEST |
| 22. BOTANICAL | 17. ANTELOPES |
| 24. HOPSCOTCH | 20. NAHUM     |
| 25. EQUIP     | 21. SACCO     |
| 26. MADHOUSES | 22. BITES     |
| 27. TUNES     | 23. CHURN     |



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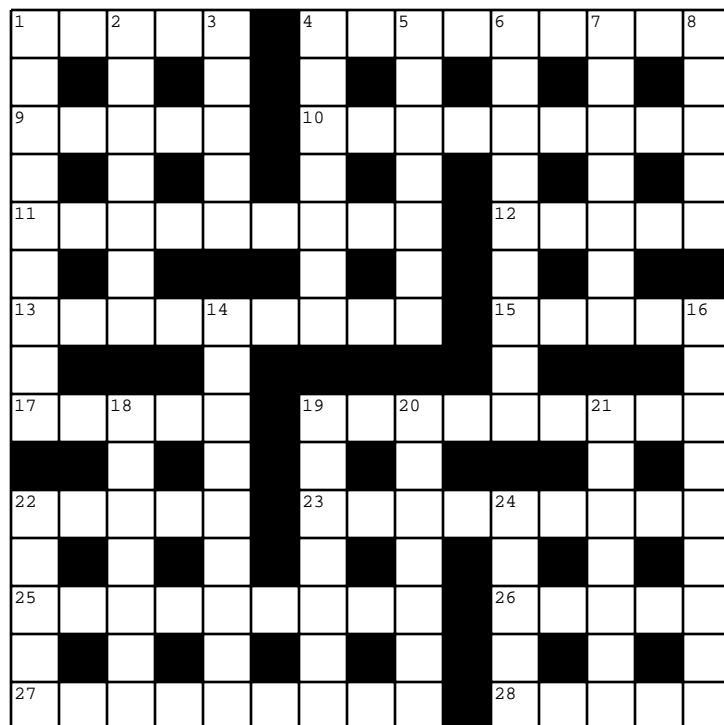
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| 4. ANARCHIST  | 2. RINGING    |
| 9. LINGO      | 3. WHOLE      |
| 10. ILLOGICAL | 4. ALIBI      |
| 11. SLIVERING | 5. ALLEGEDLY  |
| 12. RUSTY     | 6. CIGARILLO  |
| 13. ORGANIZED | 7. INCISOR    |
| 16. LURKS     | 8. TALLY      |
| 18. ELBOW     | 14. NEWSFLASH |
| 20. OXYCONTIN | 15. ZOOLOGIST |
| 22. WOLFF     | 17. SENSELESS |
| 23. ORIGINATE | 19. BELUSHI   |
| 26. TOSCANINI | 21. THANKED   |
| 27. ANKLE     | 22. WATER     |
| 28. REICHSTAG | 24. ICING     |
| 29. TIDES     | 25. INAPT     |



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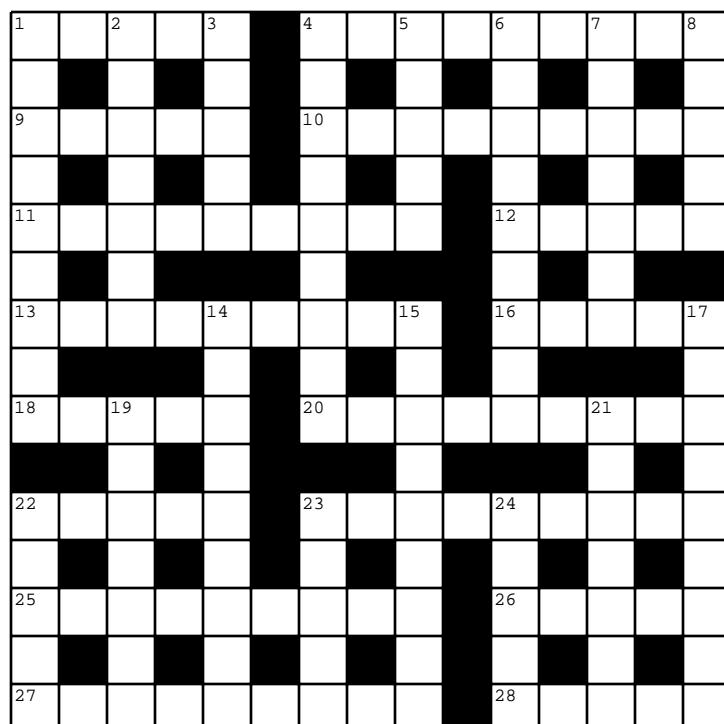
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| 1. HACKS      | 1. HABITABLE  |
| 4. TICKETING  | 2. CASCADE    |
| 9. BASIC      | 3. SACKS      |
| 10. ENVISAGED | 4. TREMOLO    |
| 11. TRANSFORM | 5. CAVEMAN    |
| 12. NASTY     | 6. ESSENTIAL  |
| 13. BREAKDOWN | 7. INGESTS    |
| 15. ISSUE     | 8. GIDDY      |
| 17. ERATO     | 14. KNOTTIEST |
| 19. MODELLING | 16. EAGERNESS |
| 22. START     | 18. ANALYZE   |
| 23. SUSPENDER | 19. MISTIER   |
| 25. GLYCERINE | 20. DESCEND   |
| 26. UNCLE     | 21. INDUCED   |
| 27. SHELTERED | 22. SIGNS     |
| 28. LADES     | 24. EQUAL     |



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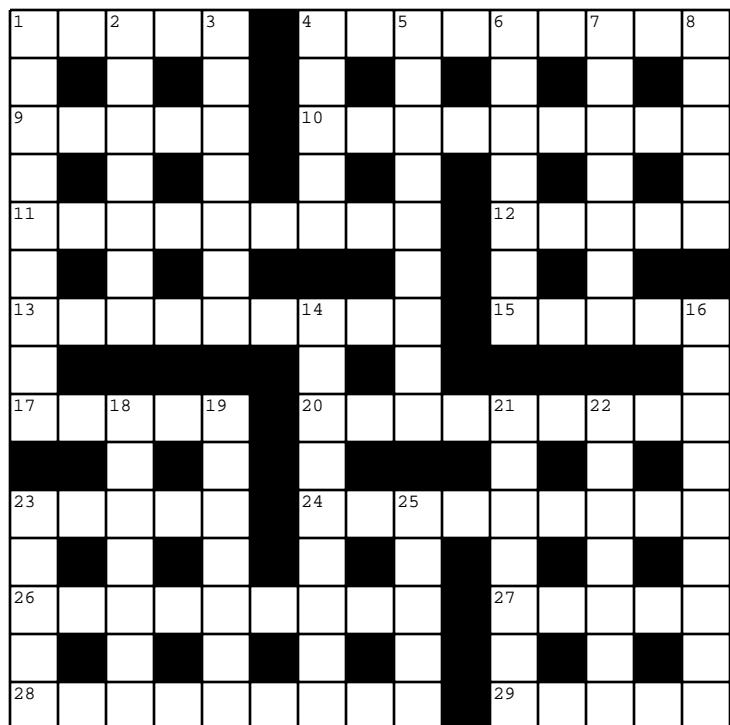
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| 1. DITTO      | 1. DECORATED  |
| 4. SUNSCREEN  | 2. TANKARD    |
| 9. CANOE      | 3. OBEYS      |
| 10. RESEMBLES | 4. SURPRISED  |
| 11. REASSURED | 5. NOSED      |
| 12. EARNS     | 6. COMMERCES  |
| 13. TEDIOUSLY | 7. ENLARGE    |
| 16. CREAM     | 8. NESTS      |
| 18. DECKS     | 14. OBSOLETED |
| 20. DRUGSTORE | 15. YOUNGSTER |
| 22. TOTAL     | 17. MAELSTROM |
| 23. MEGABYTES | 19. CATFISH   |
| 25. SKINTIGHT | 21. OPTIMAL   |
| 26. RUMOR     | 22. TASKS     |
| 27. SCHEDULER | 23. MOGUL     |
| 28. XYLEM     | 24. BORAX     |



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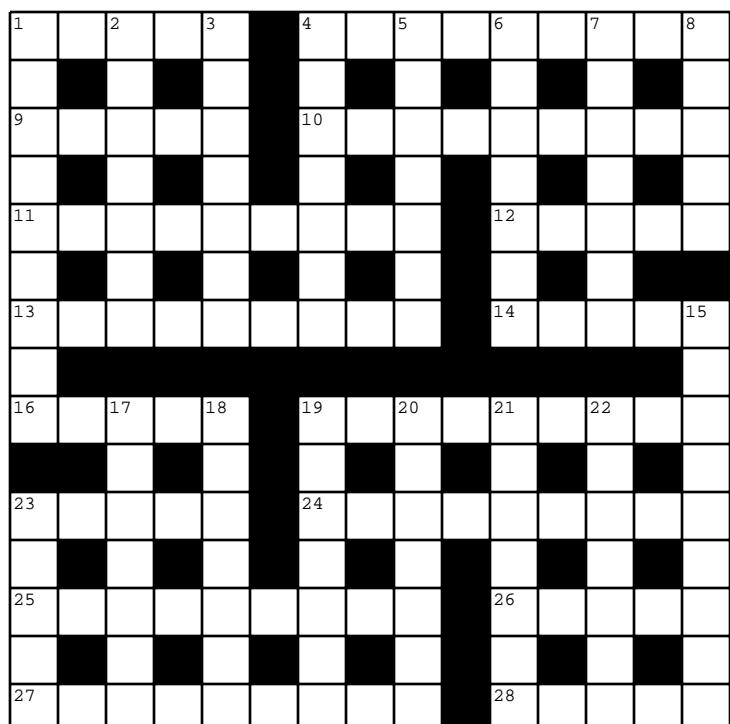
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| 1. ECHOS      | 1. ECUADORAN  |
| 4. BUTTERCUP  | 2. HYUNDAI    |
| 9. UVULA      | 3. SHAPIRO    |
| 10. DROPPINGS | 4. BIDES      |
| 11. DIDRIKSON | 5. TROUNCING  |
| 12. RISKS     | 6. EMPEROR    |
| 13. RHINOCERI | 7. CANASTA    |
| 15. REACH     | 8. POSTS      |
| 17. NEVER     | 14. EPHEMERAL |
| 20. HIGHLIGHT | 16. HATEFULLY |
| 23. TROOP     | 18. VIOLENT   |
| 24. MUSHARRAF | 19. REPLICA   |
| 26. PREMIERED | 21. LEAFLET   |
| 27. LEGAL     | 22. GARAGED   |
| 28. CATCALLED | 23. TOPIC     |
| 29. TODAY     | 25. SIDED     |



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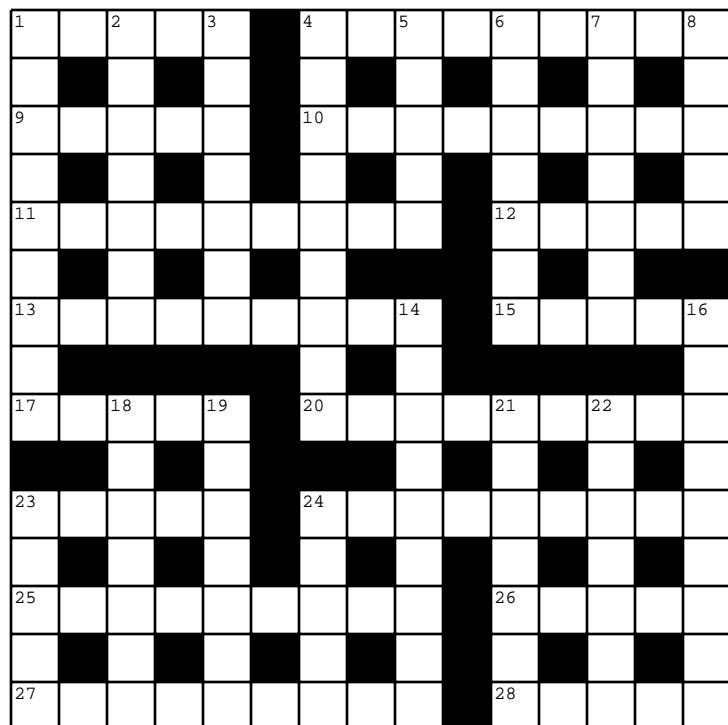
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| 4. MIDDLEMAN  | 2. ONESELF    |
| 9. GREEN      | 3. DYNAMOS    |
| 10. CONQUERED | 4. MOCKERY    |
| 11. RHEUMIEST | 5. DINETTE    |
| 12. GIBES     | 6. LOUNGES    |
| 13. LIFESTYLE | 7. MARABOU    |
| 14. SNUCK     | 8. NODES      |
| 16. OCTET     | 15. KIDNAPING |
| 19. REIMPOSED | 17. THEOREM   |
| 23. THETA     | 18. TRACHEA   |
| 24. GUERRILLA | 19. REGALIA   |
| 25. PERIHELIA | 20. INEXACT   |
| 26. SWAMI     | 21. PHRASED   |
| 27. COMBATANT | 22. SYLLABI   |
| 28. DYING     | 23. TOPIC     |



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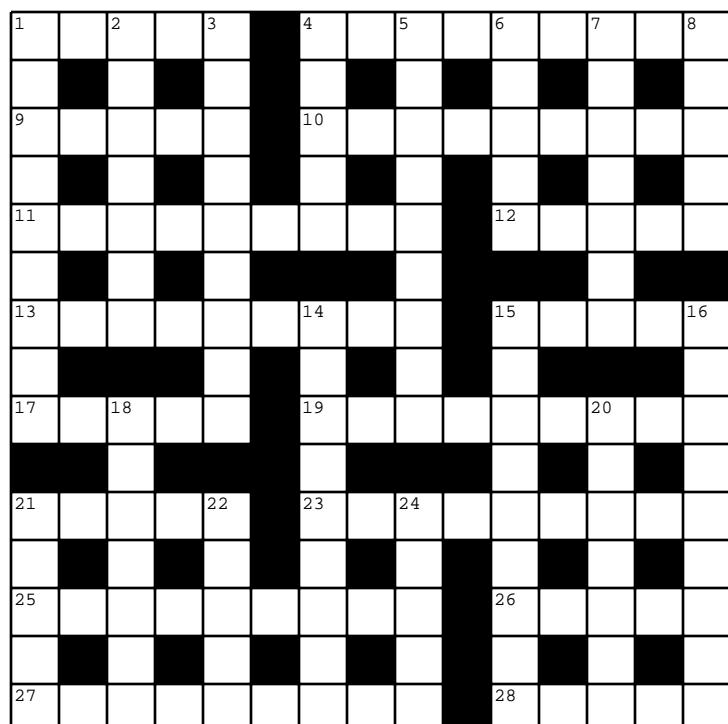
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| 1. PAGAN      | 1. PATCHWORK  |
| 4. ADVOCATED  | 2. GENERAL    |
| 9. TONIC      | 3. NICKING    |
| 10. HEADPHONE | 4. ATHEISTIC  |
| 11. HORRIFIED | 5. VIAND      |
| 12. ASSET     | 6. CAPTAIN    |
| 13. OBLIGATED | 7. TROUSER    |
| 15. NORTH     | 8. DOEST      |
| 17. KUDZU     | 14. DIRECTORY |
| 20. CARETAKER | 16. HARDSHIPS |
| 23. DOLED     | 18. DELUGED   |
| 24. BACKBONES | 19. UNDERGO   |
| 25. CIGARILLO | 21. TIBETAN   |
| 26. TORSI     | 22. KINDRED   |
| 27. ARDUOUSLY | 23. DACHA     |
| 28. NODES     | 24. BALDS     |



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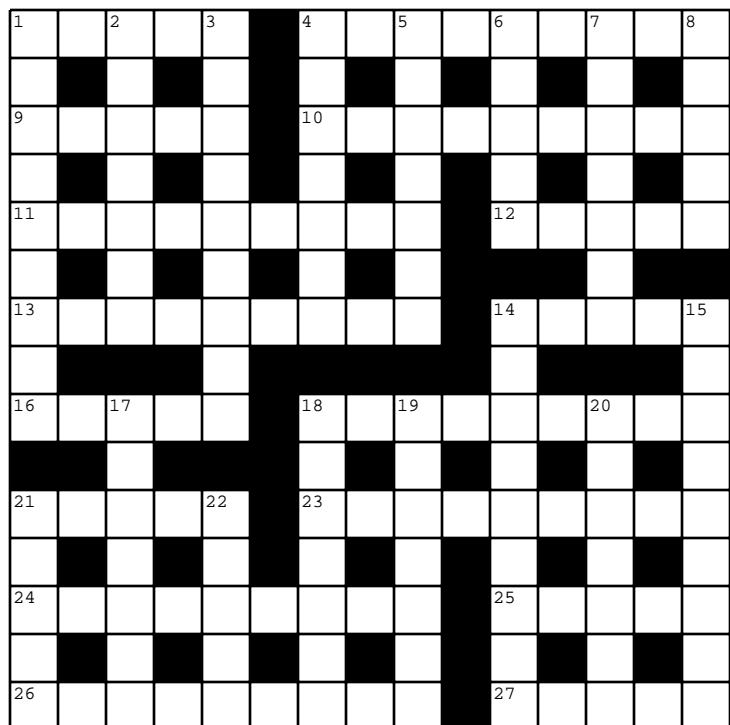
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| 4. REDIRECTS  | 2. MELANIN    |
| 9. LILAC      | 3. RECLUSIVE  |
| 10. DISEMBARK | 4. RADAR      |
| 11. CONQUEROR | 5. DISCREDIT  |
| 12. TEENS     | 6. REMIT      |
| 13. CONTINUED | 7. CHATEAU    |
| 15. FAUNA     | 8. SIKHS      |
| 17. ERASE     | 14. UNHEALTHY |
| 19. HETERODOX | 15. FIREPROOF |
| 21. ETHIC     | 16. ANXIOUSLY |
| 23. ALTIPLANO | 18. ADHERES   |
| 25. BARRISTER | 20. DRAGOON   |
| 26. OBOES     | 21. EMBED     |
| 27. DISOBeyed | 22. CLIMB     |
| 28. FUNNY     | 24. TYRED     |



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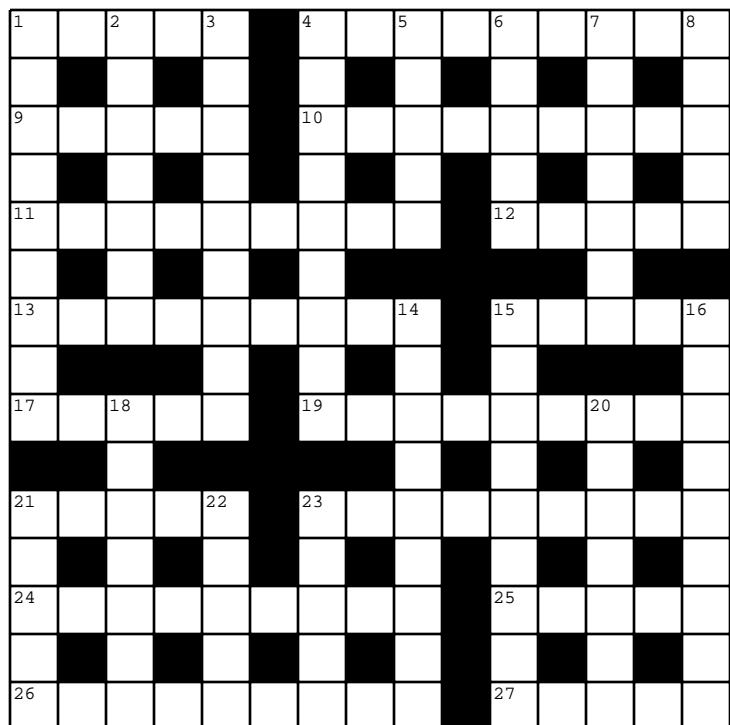
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| 1. CAKED      | 1. COCKSCOMB  |
| 4. DIETARIES  | 2. KNEECAP    |
| 9. CHEWS      | 3. DISDAINED  |
| 10. SUCCESSOR | 4. DISCERN    |
| 11. SACRAMENT | 5. EXCITES    |
| 12. DIALS     | 6. AHEAD      |
| 13. OPPONENTS | 7. INSTANT    |
| 14. ULTRA     | 8. SORTS      |
| 16. BRAND     | 14. UNDERTAKE |
| 18. ARMADILLO | 15. ANONYMITY |
| 21. SAMES     | 17. ALMANAC   |
| 23. INVERSELY | 18. ALIMONY   |
| 24. HONEYCOMB | 19. MOVABLE   |
| 25. ALIBI     | 20. LEERIER   |
| 26. ARCHETYPE | 21. SCHWA     |
| 27. EARLY     | 22. STYLE     |



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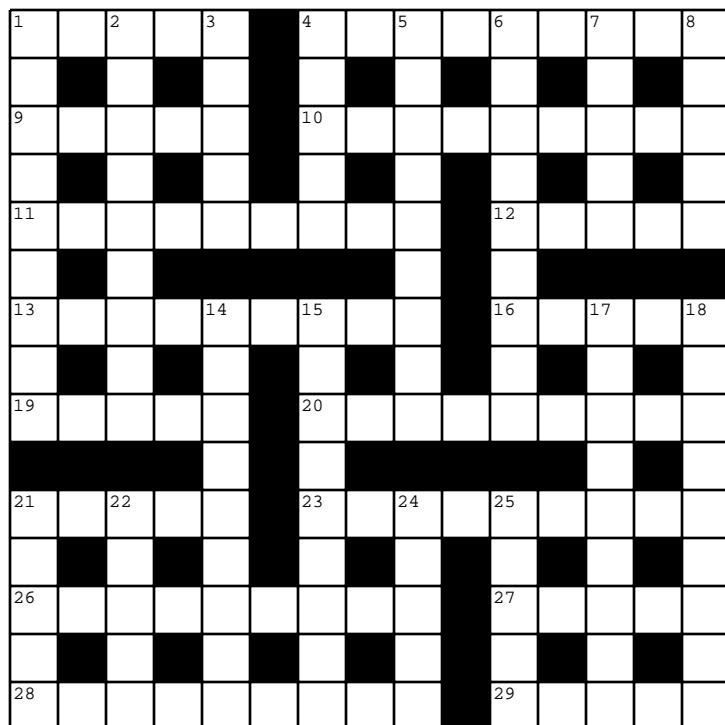
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| 4. INCAPABLE  | 2. CARISSA    |
| 9. SORER      | 3. SURPRISED  |
| 10. TERRITORY | 4. INTRINSIC  |
| 11. ABSURDITY | 5. CARRY      |
| 12. YACHT     | 6. PRIVY      |
| 13. CEAUSESCU | 7. BRONCHI    |
| 15. FLIED     | 8. EGYPT      |
| 17. SPEED     | 14. UNIFORMLY |
| 19. CHIEFTAIN | 15. FIFTEENTH |
| 21. VOCAL     | 16. DONALDSON |
| 23. PROVENCAL | 18. EXCLAIM   |
| 24. ANARCHISM | 20. ACCLAIM   |
| 25. NEARS     | 21. VEALS     |
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| 27. HUMAN     | 23. PRIOR     |



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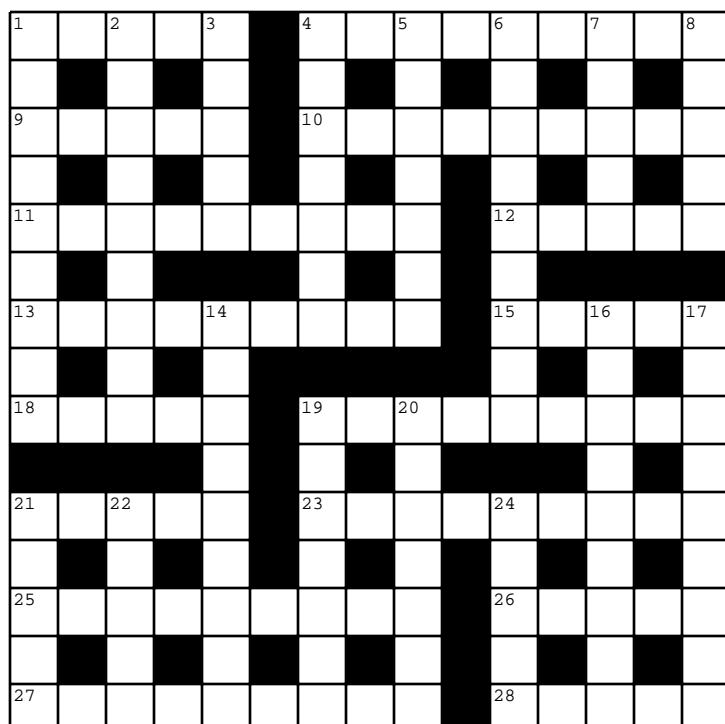
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| 1. SECTS      | 1. SKYROCKET  |
| 4. CHAMPAGNE  | 2. COUNCILOR  |
| 9. YOURE      | 3. SLEEP      |
| 10. LEAPFROGS | 4. CELLI      |
| 11. OCCUPYING | 5. ANALGESIC  |
| 12. BELLY     | 6. PUFFBALLS  |
| 13. KILOBYTES | 7. GHOUL      |
| 16. LEPER     | 8. ESSAY      |
| 19. THREW     | 14. BOWLEGGED |
| 20. ACCUSTOMS | 15. TRAVELING |
| 21. STONE     | 17. PROPRIETY |
| 23. ELECTORAL | 18. RESOLUTER |
| 26. RECOGNIZE | 21. STRIP     |
| 27. AGENT     | 22. OCCUR     |
| 28. PARADIGMS | 24. EVENS     |
| 29. LAYER     | 25. TRAIL     |



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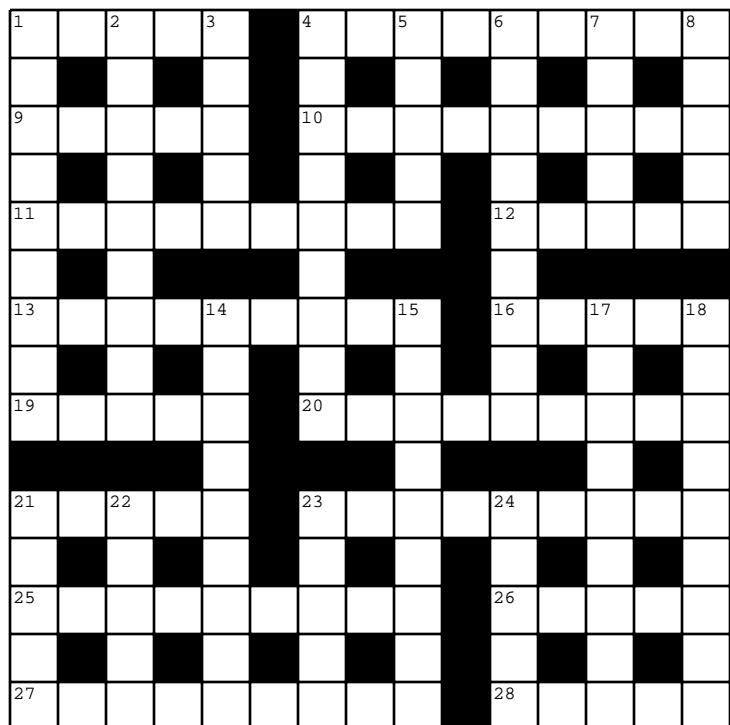
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| 4. SICKENING  | 2. LABYRINTH  |
| 9. AMBER      | 3. SARIS      |
| 10. ALIENATES | 4. STATION    |
| 11. ARRESTING | 5. CRINGES    |
| 12. BURNS     | 6. ENNOBLING  |
| 13. CONSTANTS | 7. INTER      |
| 15. IDIOM     | 8. GUSTS      |
| 18. ECHOS     | 14. TESTICLES |
| 19. BODYGUARD | 16. IRATENESS |
| 21. NIMBI     | 17. MEDITATED |
| 23. LIMBEREST | 19. BELLINI   |
| 25. PANELLING | 20. DEMAGOG   |
| 26. DOEST     | 21. NAPES     |
| 27. STRESSING | 22. MINOR     |
| 28. DOSED     | 24. ENDED     |



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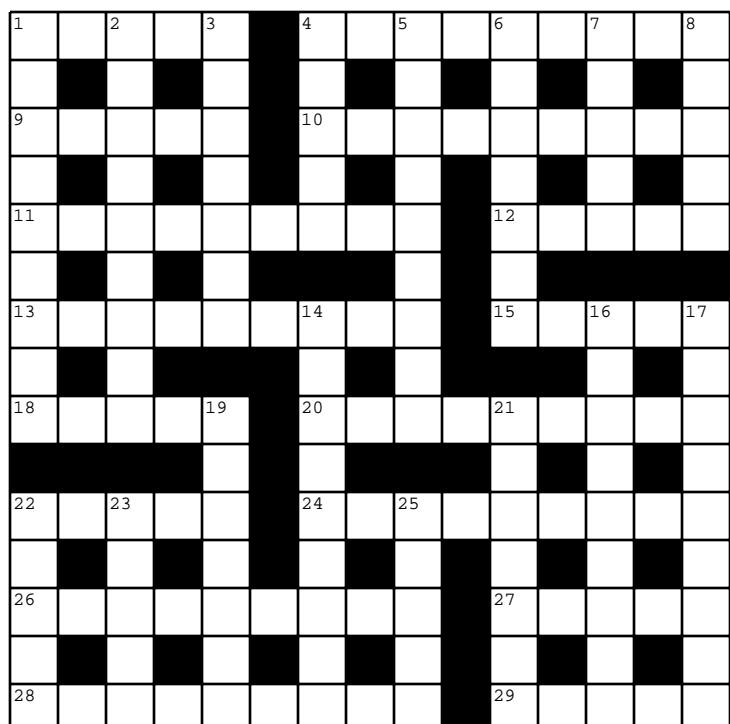
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| 1. DOGMA      | 1. DECEITFUL  |
| 4. ESTABLISH  | 2. GUIDEBOOK  |
| 9. COINS      | 3. AISLE      |
| 10. ELECTIONS | 4. EYEBALLED  |
| 11. INELEGANT | 5. TREAT      |
| 12. ESSAY     | 6. BUTTERCUP  |
| 13. FOOTBALLS | 7. ICONS      |
| 16. CODED     | 8. HASTY      |
| 19. LIKED     | 14. BODYGUARD |
| 20. DROPPINGS | 15. SHOWCASES |
| 21. YOUNG     | 17. DENSITIES |
| 23. PICKETING | 18. DESIGNATE |
| 25. CASTAWAYS | 21. YUCCA     |
| 26. AMIGA     | 22. UPSET     |
| 27. ANTIDOTES | 23. PLANT     |
| 28. TASTE     | 24. EXACT     |



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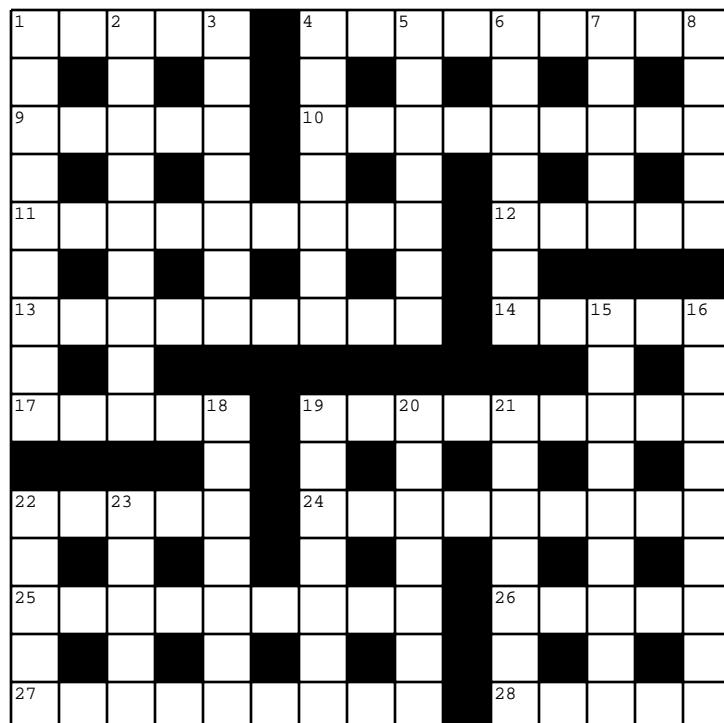
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| 1. RIGHT      | 1. RECURRENT  |
| 4. OGBOMOSHO  | 2. GROUCHIER  |
| 9. CLOSE      | 3. THEATER    |
| 10. ABOUNDING | 4. OHARA      |
| 11. RACETRACK | 5. BLOCKADED  |
| 12. INEPT     | 6. MANNISH    |
| 13. EMIGRATED | 7. SPIKE      |
| 15. HIPPO     | 8. OUGHT      |
| 18. TERSE     | 14. THATCHING |
| 20. ADDICTIVE | 16. PRIVATELY |
| 22. STYLI     | 17. OVEREATEN |
| 24. CORPORATE | 19. EDITORS   |
| 26. MNEMONICS | 21. CHOPPER   |
| 27. PLEAT     | 22. SAMAR     |
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| 29. RAYON     | 25. RESTS     |



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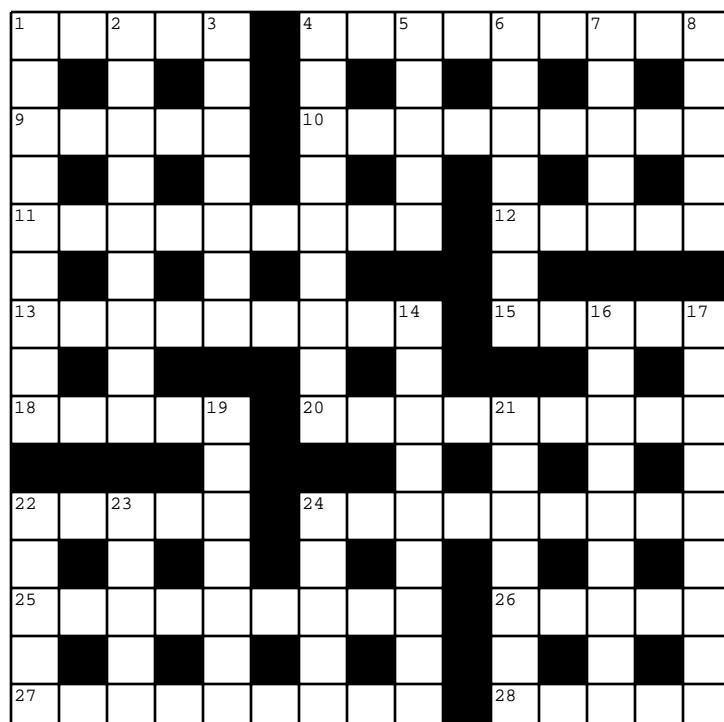
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| 1. HOSED      | 1. HONEYCOMB  |
| 4. ALLOCATED  | 2. SWALLOWED  |
| 9. NEARS      | 3. DESPOIL    |
| 10. AGGRESSOR | 4. ARACELI    |
| 11. YELLOWEST | 5. LIGHTEN    |
| 12. LOSER     | 6. CREEOLES   |
| 13. ORWELLIAN | 7. TESTS      |
| 14. SCRUB     | 8. DIRER      |
| 17. BADGE     | 15. REUNITING |
| 19. HARANGUED | 16. BODYGUARD |
| 22. EQUIP     | 18. EXPLORE   |
| 24. UNPACKING | 19. HYUNDAI   |
| 25. ABSCONDED | 20. RAPIDLY   |
| 26. ELISA     | 21. NUCLEIC   |
| 27. EXTREMITY | 22. EVADE     |
| 28. CAGED     | 23. UPSET     |



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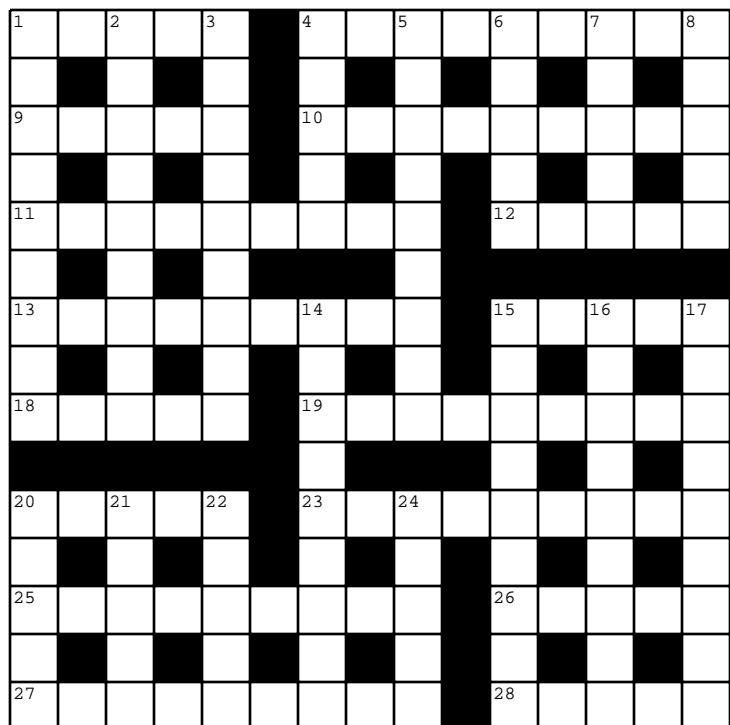
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| 4. ABUNDANCE  | 2. UNSEATING  |
| 9. RUSTY      | 3. DAYTIME    |
| 10. AMIDSHIPS | 4. ANALGESIC  |
| 11. AMAZINGLY | 5. UNIFY      |
| 12. TEENY     | 6. DESKTOP    |
| 13. UNIVERSAL | 7. NOISE      |
| 15. PAPAW     | 8. ESSAY      |
| 18. ANGST     | 14. LANDMARKS |
| 20. CONFUSION | 16. PHILANDER |
| 22. WHOOP     | 17. WINDSURFS |
| 24. DEMOCRATS | 19. TYPICAL   |
| 25. PANICKIER | 21. UNCOUTH   |
| 26. UNDER     | 22. WIPES     |
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| 28. HIRES     | 24. DRIVE     |



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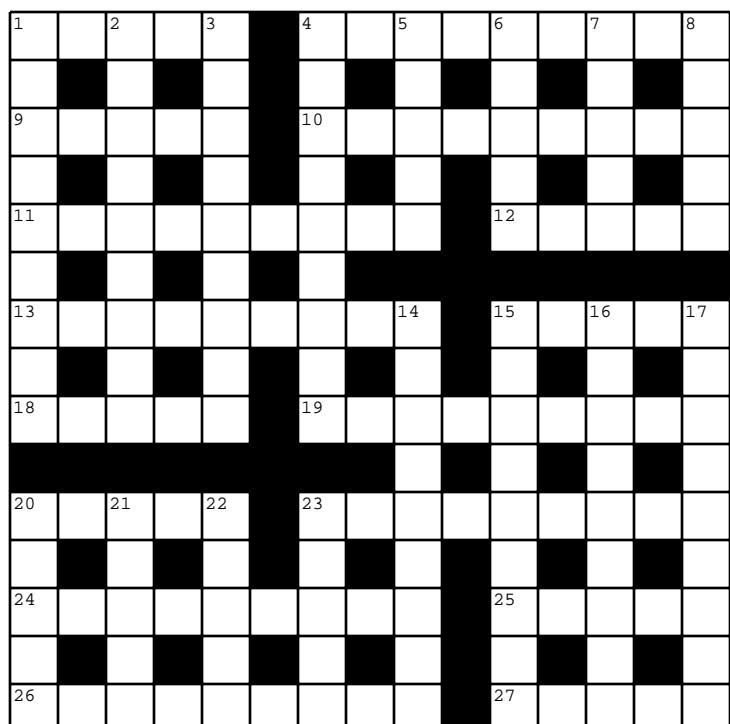
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| 1. DRILL      | 1. DEPRAVITY  |
| 4. TENACIOUS  | 2. IMPROMPTU  |
| 9. PEPSI      | 3. LOINCLOTH  |
| 10. INSURANCE | 4. TYING      |
| 11. ACONCAGUA | 5. NOSTALGIA  |
| 12. SIDES     | 6. CURES      |
| 13. IMPLORING | 7. OWNED      |
| 15. GUAVA     | 8. SEEKS      |
| 18. YOUTH     | 14. INQUIRING |
| 19. QUALIFIED | 15. GRISLIEST |
| 20. SNAFU     | 16. ALIGNMENT |
| 23. IMBALANCE | 17. ADDRESSED |
| 25. REDDENING | 20. SCREW     |
| 26. EVENS     | 21. ABDUL     |
| 27. WILLINGLY | 22. UTERI     |
| 28. TOTED     | 24. BAGGY     |



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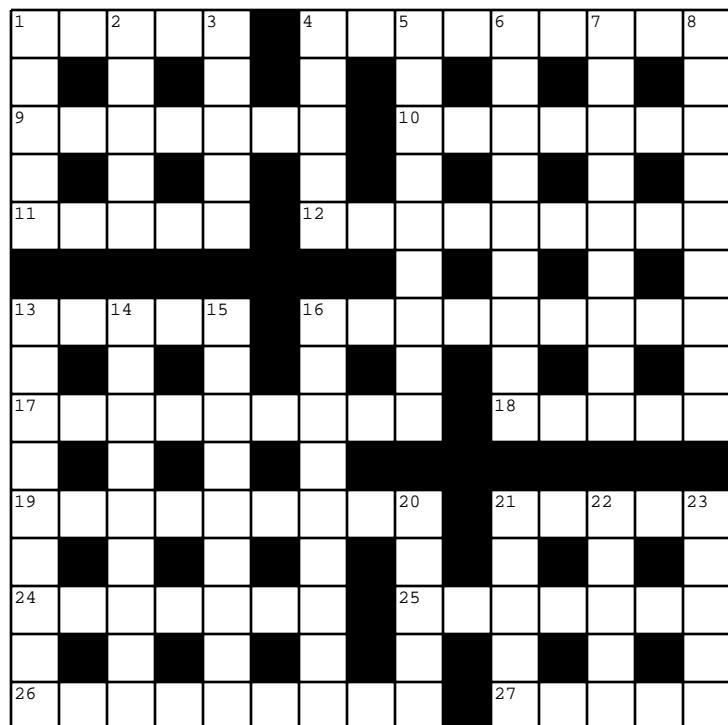
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| 4. FUNCTIONS  | 2. HONEYCOMB  |
| 9. GONNA      | 3. DIACRITIC  |
| 10. AUTHORISE | 4. FRAMEWORK  |
| 11. BOYFRIEND | 5. NOTED      |
| 12. SIGHT     | 6. THOUS      |
| 13. ADOPTIONS | 7. OWING      |
| 15. DECAF     | 8. SPENT      |
| 18. CUBIC     | 14. SEDUCTION |
| 19. KIDNAPPER | 15. DRAWBACKS |
| 20. MEANS     | 16. CAPACITOR |
| 23. KICKBACKS | 17. FIRESIDES |
| 24. MAHARISHI | 20. MIMIC     |
| 25. CITED     | 21. ASHEN     |
| 26. CONTAGION | 22. SERRA     |
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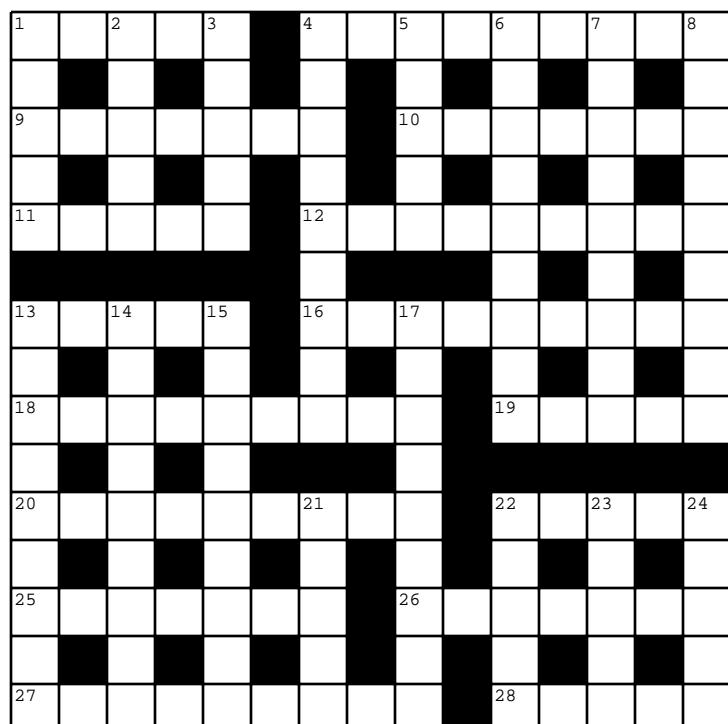
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| Across        | Down          |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. GAMES      | 1. GAMMA      |
| 4. EMERGENCE  | 2. MIXED      |
| 9. MAXILLA    | 3. SALTS      |
| 10. TRAINEE   | 4. EMAIL      |
| 11. AIDES     | 5. ESTIMATES  |
| 12. LYMPHATIC | 6. GOATHERDS  |
| 13. MERER     | 7. NINETEENS  |
| 16. ATTORNEYS | 8. EXERCISES  |
| 17. NONEVENTS | 13. MANIFESTS |
| 18. SISES     | 14. RANDOMIZE |
| 19. FOODSTUFF | 15. REVISITED |
| 21. ALONG     | 16. ANNOUNCER |
| 24. SCIATIC   | 20. FIBER     |
| 25. BURRITO   | 21. AGREE     |
| 26. SLENDERER | 22. OWING     |
| 27. EIGHT     | 23. GHOST     |



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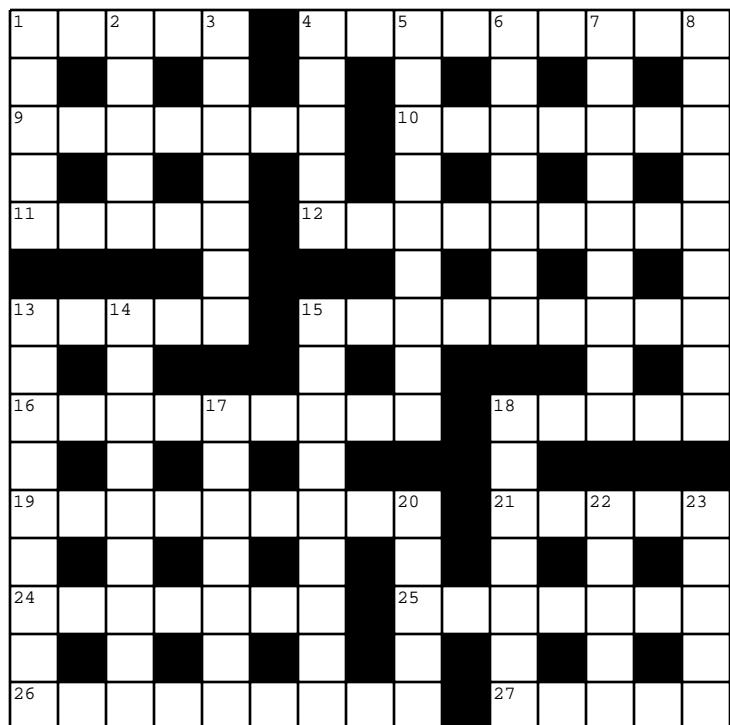
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| 4. ABANDONED  | 2. OGLES      |
| 9. MOLLUSK    | 3. STUNS      |
| 10. GASTRIC   | 4. AWKWARDER  |
| 11. SISES     | 5. ANGLO      |
| 12. AFORESAID | 6. DISPERSAL  |
| 13. ALPHA     | 7. NARRATION  |
| 16. DIGESTION | 8. DECADENCE  |
| 18. REENTERED | 13. AGRIPPINA |
| 19. LANCE     | 14. PRETTIEST |
| 20. POTPOURRI | 15. ASTRONAUT |
| 22. CLIFF     | 17. GIDDINESS |
| 25. INEXACT   | 21. RATED     |
| 26. ERNESTO   | 22. CYNIC     |
| 27. ATTITUDES | 23. ISSUE     |
| 28. CHEAT     | 24. FLOAT     |



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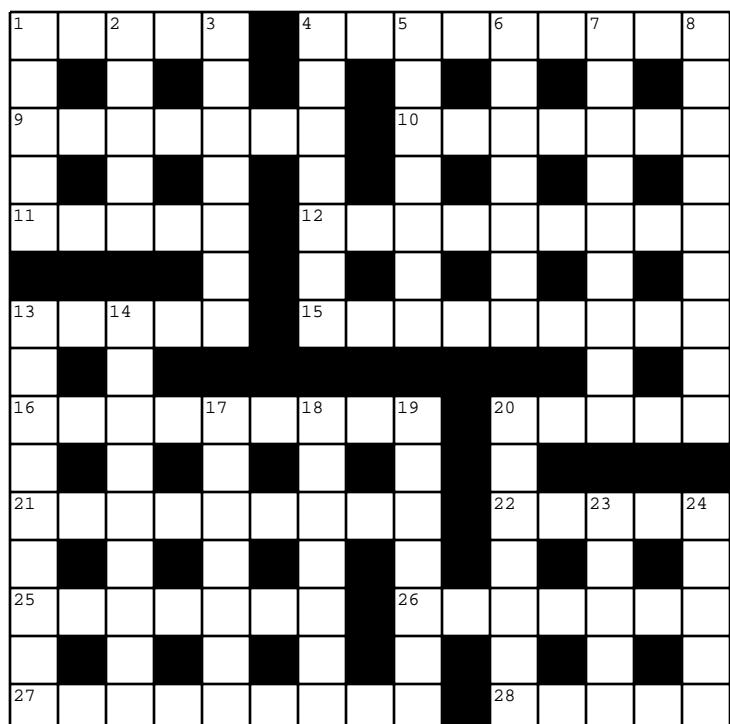
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| 4. ANASTASIA  | 2. LEGAL      |
| 9. SAGUARO    | 3. PLAYERS    |
| 10. BURUNDI   | 4. ALONG      |
| 11. SOLVE     | 5. ARBORETUM  |
| 12. GARGANTUA | 6. TORNADO    |
| 13. REEFS     | 7. SANITARIA  |
| 15. POTPOURRI | 8. ANIMATION  |
| 16. ALGORITHM | 13. READJUSTS |
| 18. TRAIN     | 14. ERGONOMIC |
| 19. JUNCTIONS | 15. PATRONIZE |
| 21. OGRES     | 17. RETIRER   |
| 24. SAMURAI   | 18. TROUSER   |
| 25. LASAGNA   | 20. SPLIT     |
| 26. SECRETEST | 22. RIGID     |
| 27. RIDGE     | 23. SHAME     |



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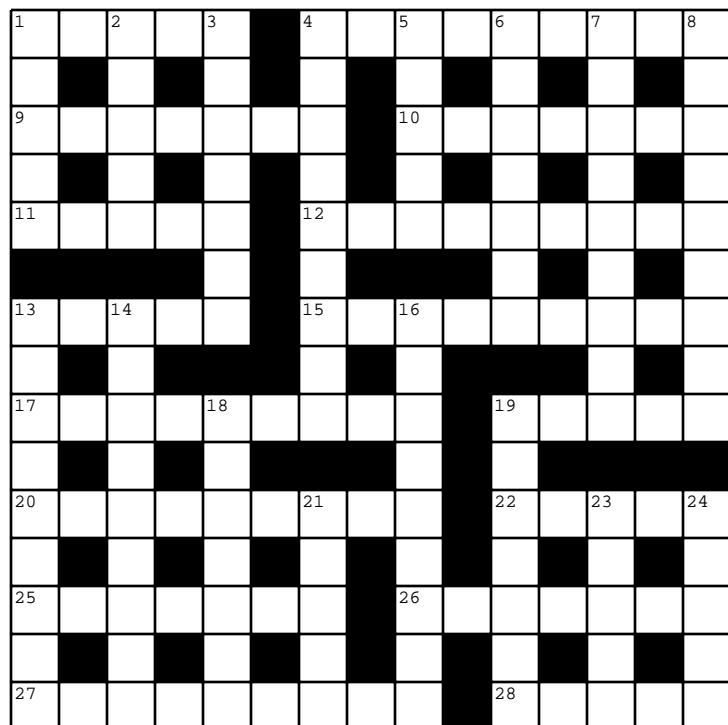
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| 1. DRIED      | 1. DIRAC      |
| 4. BAROMETER  | 2. ICIER      |
| 9. RAINBOW    | 3. DUBIOUS    |
| 10. SERENED   | 4. BEWITCH    |
| 11. CARGO     | 5. RESCUER    |
| 12. TRUNCHEON | 6. MOROCCO    |
| 13. PICKS     | 7. TANGERINE  |
| 15. HARMONICA | 8. REDUNDANT  |
| 16. LEUKAEMIA | 13. POLYMERIC |
| 20. EVENT     | 14. COURTESAN |
| 21. MOTORBIKE | 17. ADRIANA   |
| 22. AROMA     | 18. MOISTEN   |
| 25. RESTART   | 19. ALERTER   |
| 26. TSUNAMI   | 20. ERASURE   |
| 27. CONTAINER | 23. OKAYS     |
| 28. EASES     | 24. ALIAS     |



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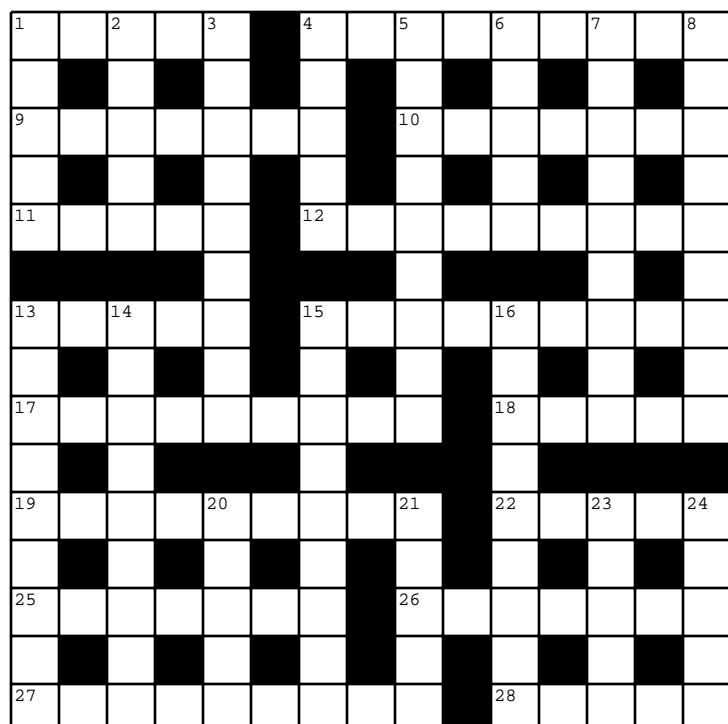
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| 1. STAGE      | 1. SLEEP      |
| 4. PRIVATEST  | 2. ALANA      |
| 9. ELASTIC    | 3. ENTITLE    |
| 10. SPRUCER   | 4. POCKETFUL  |
| 11. PLANT     | 5. ISSAC      |
| 12. EUCALYPTI | 6. ACRYLIC    |
| 13. AWAKE     | 7. ESCAPISTS  |
| 15. FRANCISCO | 8. TERRITORY  |
| 17. ENTANGLED | 13. AMERICANA |
| 19. RUSTY     | 14. AFTERNOON |
| 20. IRRITABLE | 16. ADDRESSEE |
| 22. CHARM     | 18. NOTABLY   |
| 25. AMOEBOAS  | 19. RECLAIM   |
| 26. SCARLET   | 21. BASIN     |
| 27. ANNOYANCE | 23. ABLER     |
| 28. MARCH     | 24. MATCH     |



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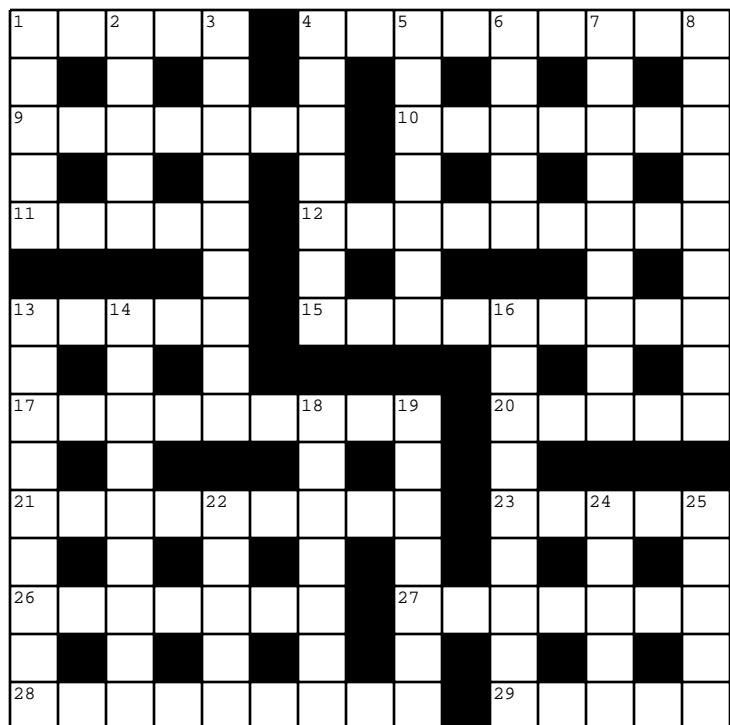
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| 9. COTONOU    | 3. MANHANDLE  |
| 10. EASTERN   | 4. POUND      |
| 11. SERRA     | 5. OVERSLEEP  |
| 12. DESPERADO | 6. HASTE      |
| 13. OARED     | 7. THESAURUS  |
| 15. MAELSTROM | 8. CONFORMED  |
| 17. JUDGESHIP | 13. OBJECTIVE |
| 18. EASED     | 14. REDBREAST |
| 19. CORKSCREW | 15. MAHARISHI |
| 22. CASED     | 16. STEPCHILD |
| 25. ITALICS   | 20. SCION     |
| 26. ORIGAMI   | 21. WROTE     |
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| 28. DIGIT     | 24. DRIFT     |



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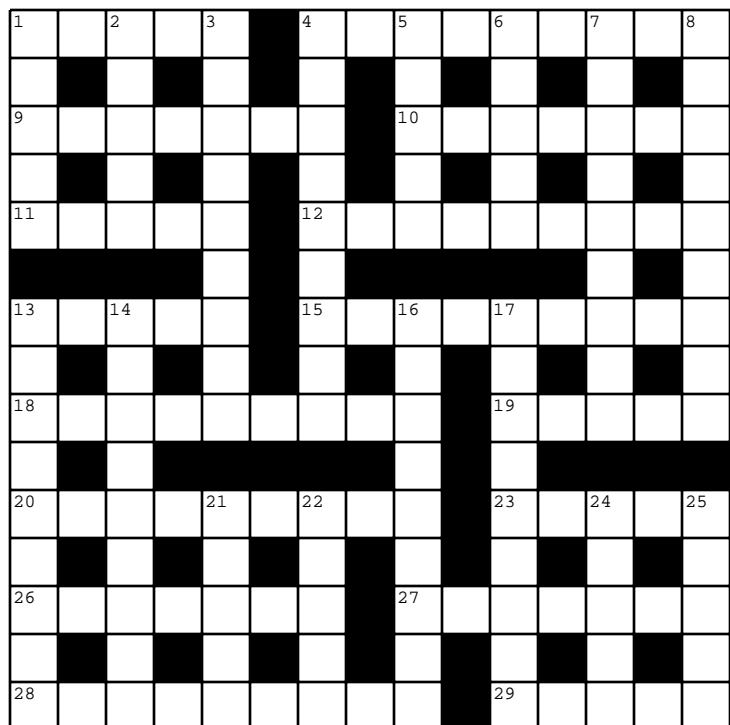
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| 4. REMINISCE  | 2. ABEAM      |
| 9. BLEEPED    | 3. HOPSCOTCH  |
| 10. NEIGHED   | 4. RODOLFO    |
| 11. COMIC     | 5. MANUMIT    |
| 12. LAMPSHADE | 6. NAILS      |
| 13. AUDIT     | 7. SCHNAUZER  |
| 15. OPTIMIZES | 8. ENDLESSLY  |
| 17. HUNCHBACK | 13. APHORISMS |
| 20. HARDY     | 14. DENIGRATE |
| 21. REGRETFUL | 16. MAHARAJAH |
| 23. REACH     | 18. ALFALFA   |
| 26. SPATIAL   | 19. KILLJOY   |
| 27. JUJITSU   | 22. ERICK     |
| 28. SPEAKEASY | 24. AFTER     |
| 29. HURTS     | 25. HOURS     |



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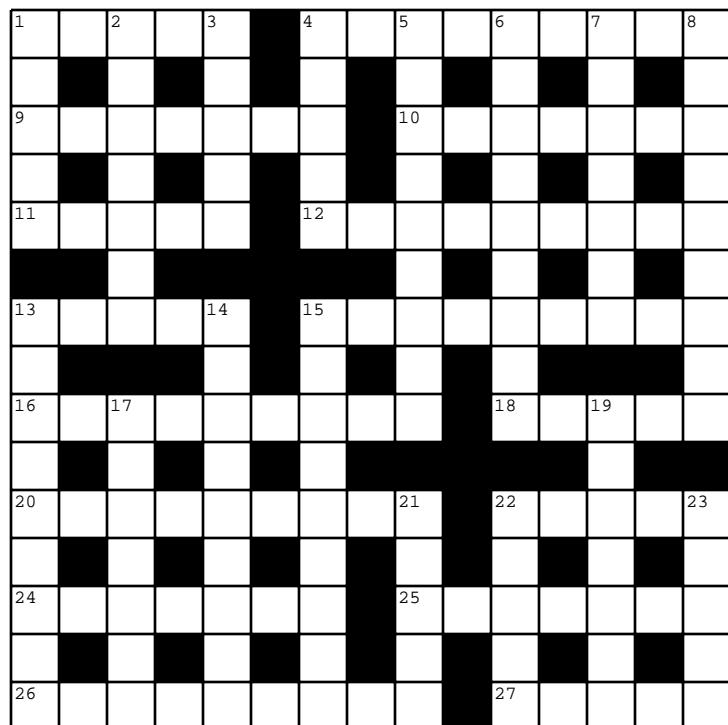
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| 4. PUBLISHED  | 2. TROOP      |
| 9. SHOWBIZ    | 3. LOBBYISTS  |
| 10. ANAEMIA   | 4. PIZZICATI  |
| 11. YUPPY     | 5. BLAST      |
| 12. INTRODUCE | 6. IDAHO      |
| 13. BUCKS     | 7. HAMMURABI  |
| 15. ASSOCIATE | 8. DIAMETERS  |
| 18. ARMISTICE | 13. BOATSWAIN |
| 19. MAILS     | 14. COMBATANT |
| 20. SPAGHETTI | 16. SEEMINGLY |
| 23. ASHEN     | 17. COMMANDOS |
| 26. AGAINST   | 21. HONOR     |
| 27. GODUNOV   | 22. TOTAL     |
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| 29. SMALL     | 25. NOVEL     |



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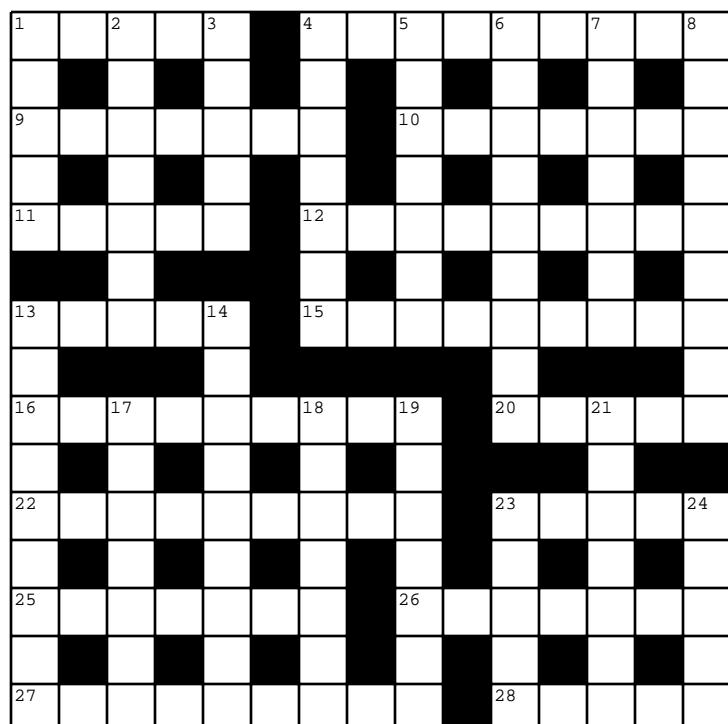
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| 1. ALBUM      | 1. ASCOT      |
| 4. ATHABASCA  | 2. BUNGLED    |
| 9. CANTATA    | 3. MEANS      |
| 10. NORMAND   | 4. ALARM      |
| 11. TALKS     | 5. HINDRANCE  |
| 12. MERCERIZE | 6. BARRENEST  |
| 13. AIDES     | 7. SEASIDE    |
| 15. SENSELESS | 8. ADDRESSEE  |
| 16. BARRICADE | 13. AMBIGUOUS |
| 18. TABLE     | 14. SHIRTTAIL |
| 20. GENITALIA | 15. SCARLATTI |
| 22. ROADS     | 17. RANKEST   |
| 24. OVERACT   | 19. BRAVADO   |
| 25. POLKAED   | 21. AMPLE     |
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| 27. SLOTS     | 23. SIDES     |



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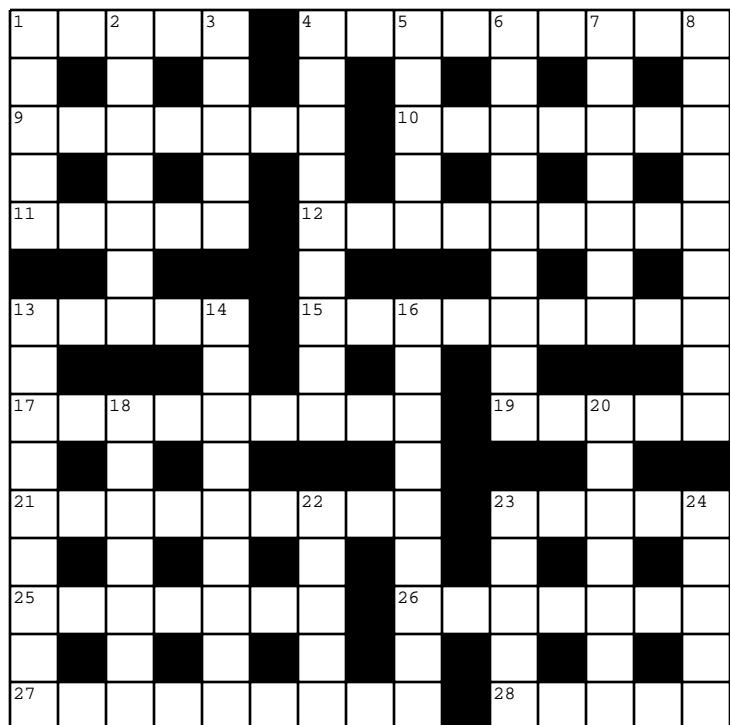
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| 4. FORWARDED  | 2. ENGAGES    |
| 9. EAGERER    | 3. MERIT      |
| 10. FACIALS   | 4. FORBEAR    |
| 11. NIGHT     | 5. REFORMS    |
| 12. EARTHWORM | 6. ALCOHOLIC  |
| 13. ESSAY     | 7. DRAGOON    |
| 15. ROSALINDA | 8. DISEMBARK  |
| 16. TITILLATE | 13. EXTRACTED |
| 20. CHALK     | 14. YELLOWING |
| 22. ABSCONDED | 17. TUSSLES   |
| 23. LOGIC     | 18. ANDANTE   |
| 25. TALLINN   | 19. ENDLESS   |
| 26. EMBARGO   | 21. ALGERIA   |
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| 28. AGAIN     | 24. CROON     |



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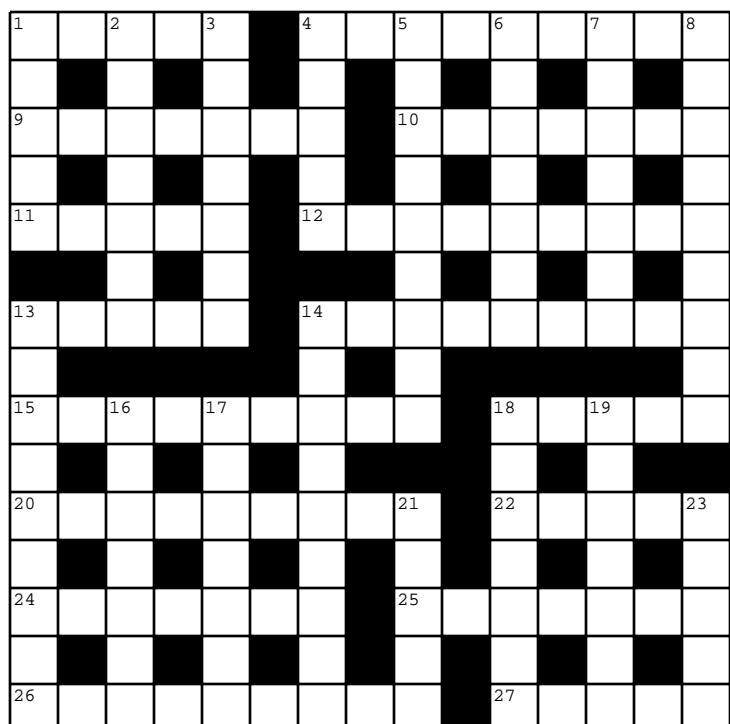
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| 1. DUCKS      | 1. DEFER      |
| 4. COURTSHIP  | 2. CRUSADE    |
| 9. FOUNDER    | 3. SODOM      |
| 10. CLEANUP   | 4. CORDIALLY  |
| 11. REALM     | 5. ULCER      |
| 12. IRRADIATE | 6. THEODORIC  |
| 13. GUESS     | 7. HANGARS    |
| 15. LAMBRUSCO | 8. PEPPERONI  |
| 17. DESTROYER | 13. GODFATHER |
| 19. CACTI     | 14. SURPRISES |
| 21. ASSERTION | 16. MARINATED |
| 23. INNER     | 18. SUSANNA   |
| 25. HANDSET   | 20. CONSIGN   |
| 26. TRIVIAL   | 22. INTER     |
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| 28. MINOR     | 24. RULER     |



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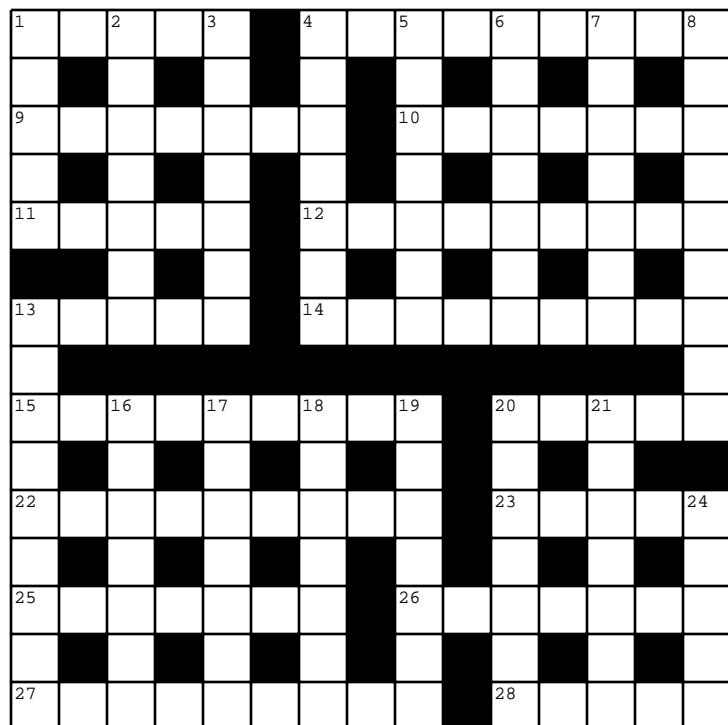
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| 1. ENJOY      | 1. EXCEL      |
| 4. BLACKOUTS  | 2. JUJITSU    |
| 9. CAJOLED    | 3. YELLOWS    |
| 10. TONSURE   | 4. BUDDY      |
| 11. LOTTO     | 5. ARTILLERY  |
| 12. YELLOWEST | 6. KINFOLK    |
| 13. DRUGS     | 7. UKULELE    |
| 14. CREAKIEST | 8. SPECTATOR  |
| 15. TEMPORARY | 13. DUTIFULLY |
| 18. MOTOR     | 14. CRAFTSMEN |
| 20. FANTASTIC | 16. MINUTIA   |
| 22. TYRES     | 17. ORATION   |
| 24. LITHIUM   | 18. MUTTERS   |
| 25. SEEMING   | 19. TERMINI   |
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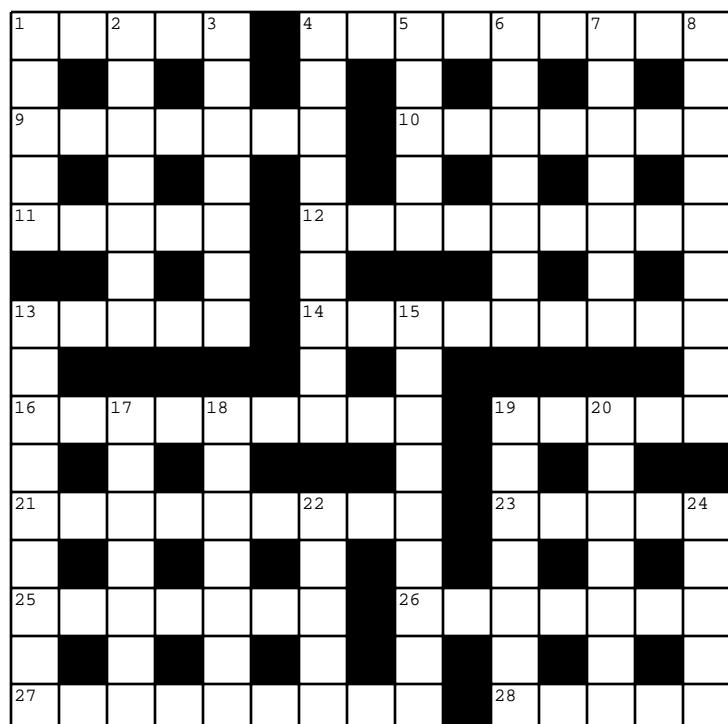
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| 1. BASED      | 1. BIDES      |
| 4. CONTINUUM  | 2. SYLLABI    |
| 9. DELIVER    | 3. DIVINER    |
| 10. TASTIER   | 4. CEREALS    |
| 11. SPAWN     | 5. NATASHA    |
| 12. ABSOLVING | 6. INSULAR    |
| 13. PRIOR     | 7. UTILIZE    |
| 14. STAIRWELL | 8. MARIGOLDS  |
| 15. SUPERNOVA | 13. POSTPONED |
| 20. POETS     | 16. PUZZLES   |
| 22. PIZZICATO | 17. RAINIER   |
| 23. CAPER     | 18. OMAYYAD   |
| 25. NULLIFY   | 19. AMONGST   |
| 26. GEOLOGY   | 20. PICCOLO   |
| 27. DISCREDIT | 21. EXPLODE   |
| 28. OBEYS     | 24. REYES     |



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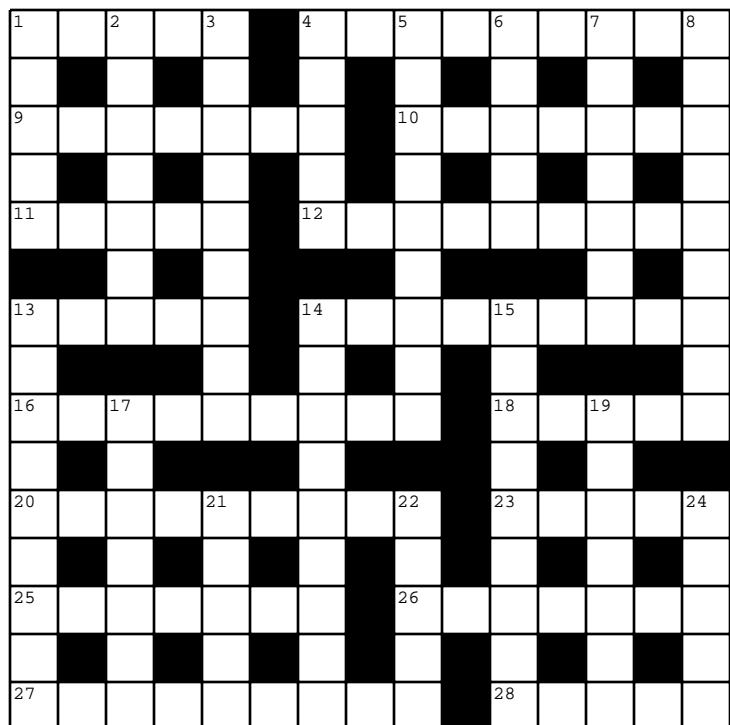
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| 1. BASED      | 1. BACON      |
| 4. EASTBOUND  | 2. STARVES    |
| 9. CLASSIC    | 3. DISPLAY    |
| 10. ALLUDES   | 4. EUCALYPTI  |
| 11. NAVEL     | 5. SNAFU      |
| 12. LOUISIANA | 6. BELUSHI    |
| 13. BOSSY     | 7. UPDRAFT    |
| 14. PATRIOTIC | 8. DISTANCES  |
| 16. ANARCHISM | 13. BLAMELESS |
| 19. BASES     | 15. TIMETABLE |
| 21. ENJOYMENT | 17. ADJOURN   |
| 23. OCTET     | 18. CRYBABY   |
| 25. EDUCATE   | 19. BOOKLET   |
| 26. BULWARK   | 20. SETBACK   |
| 27. SUNNYVALE | 22. ENEMA     |
| 28. TAKEN     | 24. TOKEN     |



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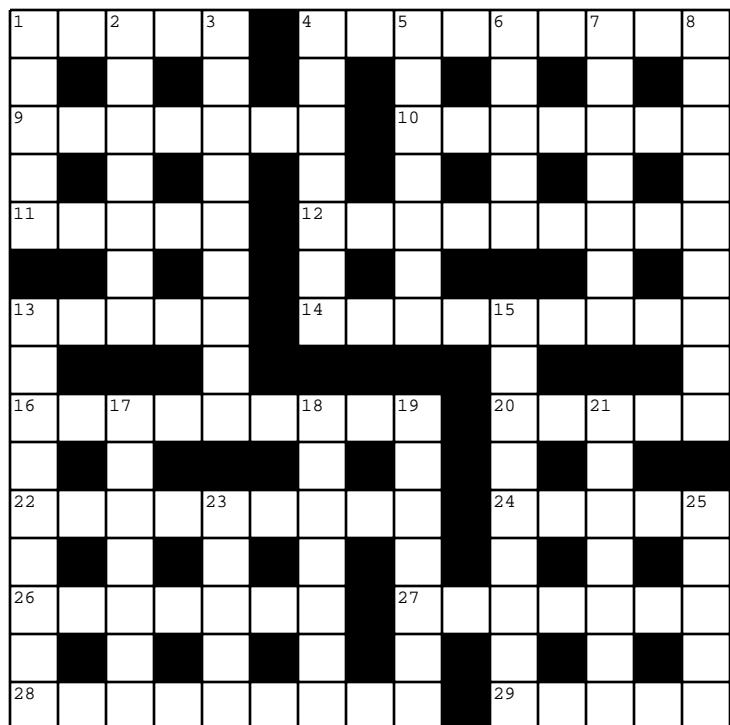
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| 1. LUIGI      | 1. LOCKS      |
| 4. LABYRINTH  | 2. ILLNESS    |
| 9. COLOSSI    | 3. INSIDIous  |
| 10. NOMINAL   | 4. LYING      |
| 11. SPEND     | 5. BUNDESTAG  |
| 12. GREASIEST | 6. RAMPS      |
| 13. RUSSO     | 7. NONZERO    |
| 14. WATCHDOGS | 8. HALITOSIS  |
| 16. ASSESSING | 13. REAPPEARS |
| 18. NEARS     | 14. WHIRLPOOL |
| 20. PORTFOLIO | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 23. YOUTH     | 17. SCRUNCH   |
| 25. ARNULFO   | 19. AQUATIC   |
| 26. FRONTAL   | 21. FILED     |
| 27. SCHEDULER | 22. OFFER     |
| 28. BUCKS     | 24. HELPS     |



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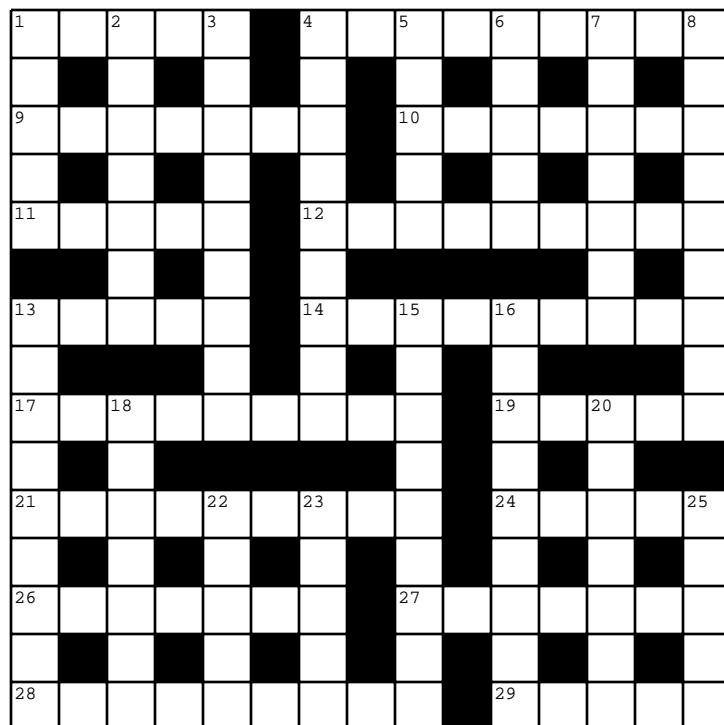
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| 1. ESTES      | 1. EMBED      |
| 4. ENTRANCED  | 2. TACKLES    |
| 9. BICYCLE    | 3. SUCCESSOR  |
| 10. UNCLASP   | 4. ENEMATA    |
| 11. DELVE     | 5. TRUMPET    |
| 12. ASPIDISKE | 6. ARCED      |
| 13. DISCS     | 7. CLASSIC    |
| 14. ARTIFICES | 8. DEPRESSED  |
| 16. MEMORANDA | 13. DEMOCRATS |
| 20. NOTED     | 15. FINGERTIP |
| 22. CRESCENDI | 17. MEETING   |
| 24. EMMYS     | 18. NANETTE   |
| 26. AGILEST   | 19. ALIENED   |
| 27. NITRATE   | 21. TIMPANI   |
| 28. SIGHTREAD | 23. CHEST     |
| 29. PRIOR     | 25. SWEAR     |



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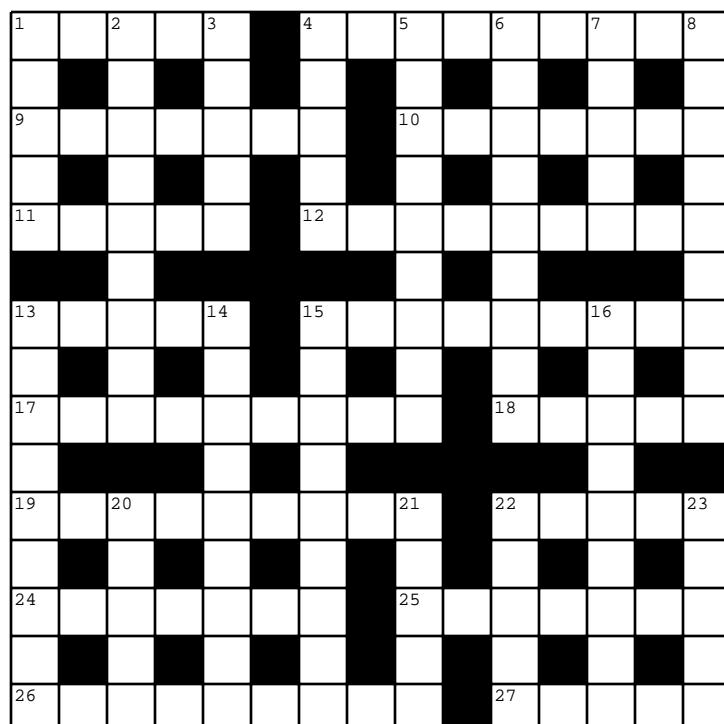
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| 1. FLOWN      | 1. FIGHT      |
| 4. COCKSCOMB  | 2. ORIOLES    |
| 9. GRIMMER    | 3. NUMERICAL  |
| 10. PREVIEW   | 4. CARPETBAG  |
| 11. TYLER     | 5. COPSE      |
| 12. EVENTUATE | 6. SPENT      |
| 13. BASIC     | 7. ORIGAMI    |
| 14. BICKERING | 8. BOWLEGGED  |
| 17. CATALOGUE | 13. BACKTRACK |
| 19. HADED     | 15. CREATIONS |
| 21. TAILLIGHT | 16. EXHIBITOR |
| 24. BLURB     | 18. TRIBUTE   |
| 26. ALUMNAE   | 20. DRUDGED   |
| 27. OCTAGON   | 22. LINKS     |
| 28. KEEPSAKES | 23. GREEK     |
| 29. RADIO     | 25. BANJO     |



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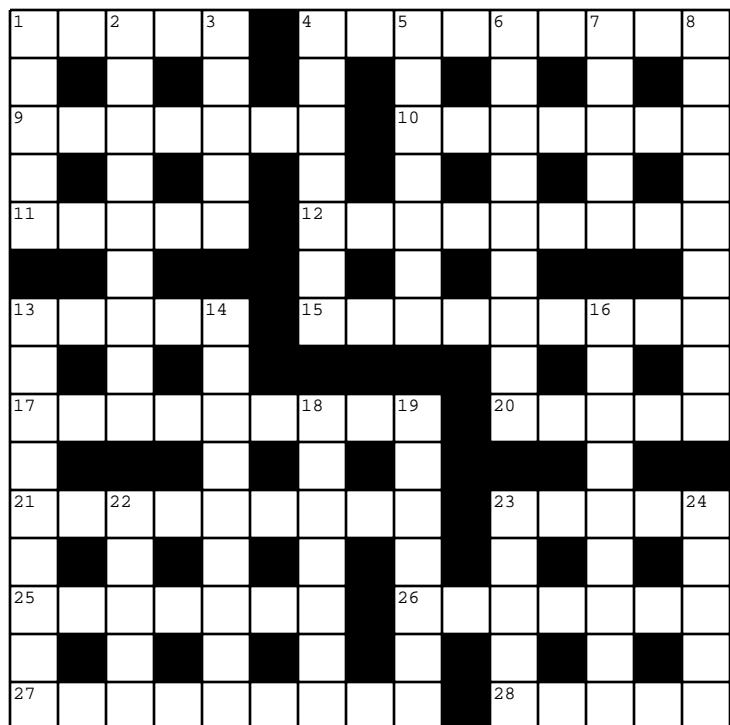
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| 4. TYPEFACES  | 2. HOODWINKS  |
| 9. PROVERB    | 3. NEEDY      |
| 10. INSANER   | 4. TIBIA      |
| 11. NEWLY     | 5. PRINCIPAL  |
| 12. ALCOHOLIC | 6. FISHHOOKS  |
| 13. MINOT     | 7. CANAL      |
| 15. IMPROMPTU | 8. STRUCTURE  |
| 17. DISMISSAL | 13. MIDSUMMER |
| 18. SPREE     | 14. TRILOGIES |
| 19. UROLOGIST | 15. INSPIRING |
| 22. BLOOD     | 16. PERFORMER |
| 24. MARTINI   | 20. OARED     |
| 25. DELIMIT   | 21. TIDES     |
| 26. REDESIGNS | 22. BELOW     |
| 27. WORTH     | 23. DITCH     |



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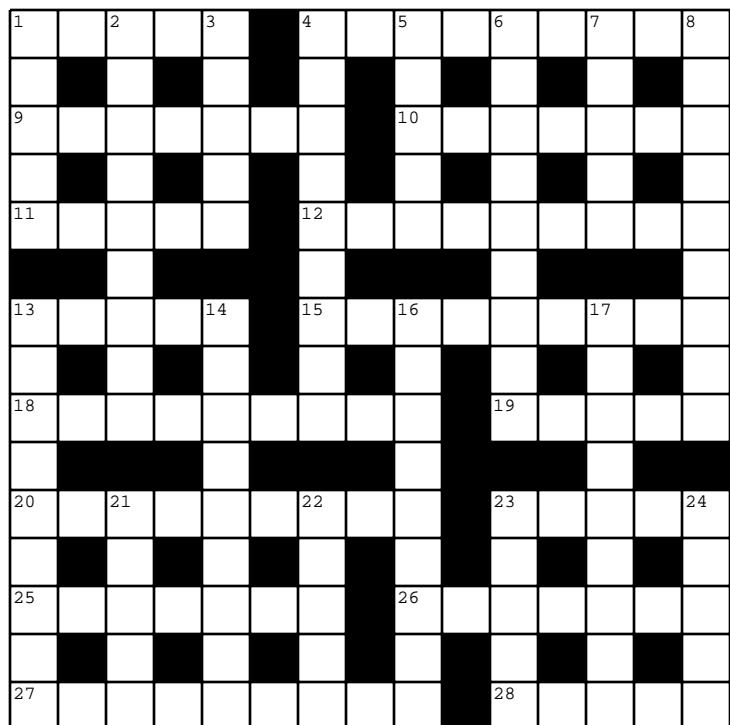
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| 1. ATTIC      | 1. ANGLE      |
| 4. BATHSHEBA  | 2. TRADITION  |
| 9. GRADUAL    | 3. CHUMS      |
| 10. AIRDROP   | 4. BELLHOP    |
| 11. EVILS     | 5. TRAINER    |
| 12. HENRIETTA | 6. SERVITUDE  |
| 13. DRIFT     | 7. EGRET      |
| 15. PERSUADED | 8. APPLAUSED  |
| 17. FINALIZED | 13. DEFECATES |
| 20. ERRED     | 14. TELEPHONE |
| 21. CHAMPAGNE | 16. DAREDEVIL |
| 23. MEDIA     | 18. ZIGZAGS   |
| 25. TAPIOCA   | 19. DREAMER   |
| 26. MINIVAN   | 22. ASPIC     |
| 27. SUCCESSOR | 23. MONTH     |
| 28. HALLS     | 24. AUNTS     |



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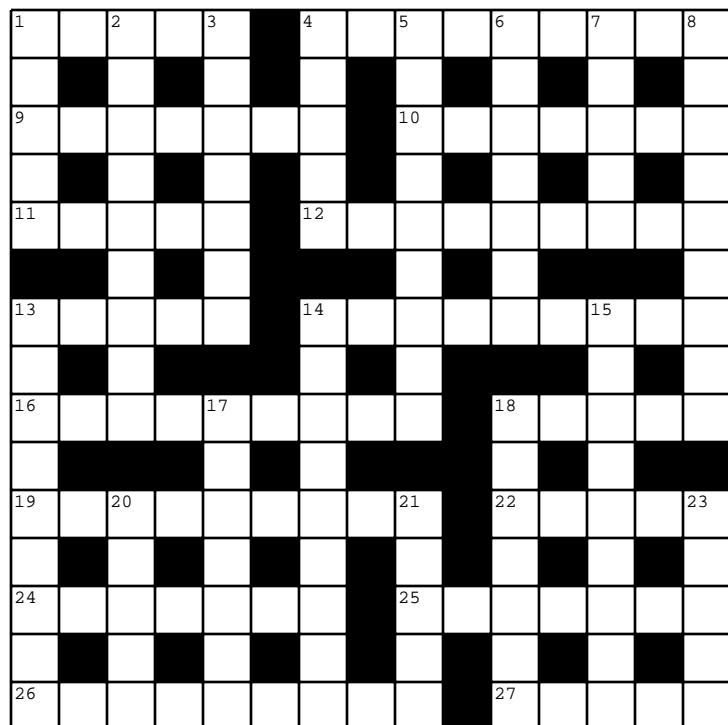
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| 4. CRAPPIEST  | 2. AGAMEMNON  |
| 9. BRACKET    | 3. DUKEDE     |
| 10. ACANTHI   | 4. CATNAPPED  |
| 11. EMEND     | 5. AWARD      |
| 12. AUDITORIA | 6. PRACTICAL  |
| 13. ARNEB     | 7. ENTER      |
| 15. PRINCIPLE | 8. TAIWANESE  |
| 18. BANDWIDTH | 13. ALBANIANS |
| 19. LITRE     | 14. BEWITCHES |
| 20. NIGHTCLUB | 16. INHIBITED |
| 23. STOIC     | 17. POTPOURRI |
| 25. AIRSHIP   | 21. GARBO     |
| 26. TANTRUM   | 22. LEPER     |
| 27. SPONSORED | 23. SANTA     |
| 28. ALIVE     | 24. COMAE     |



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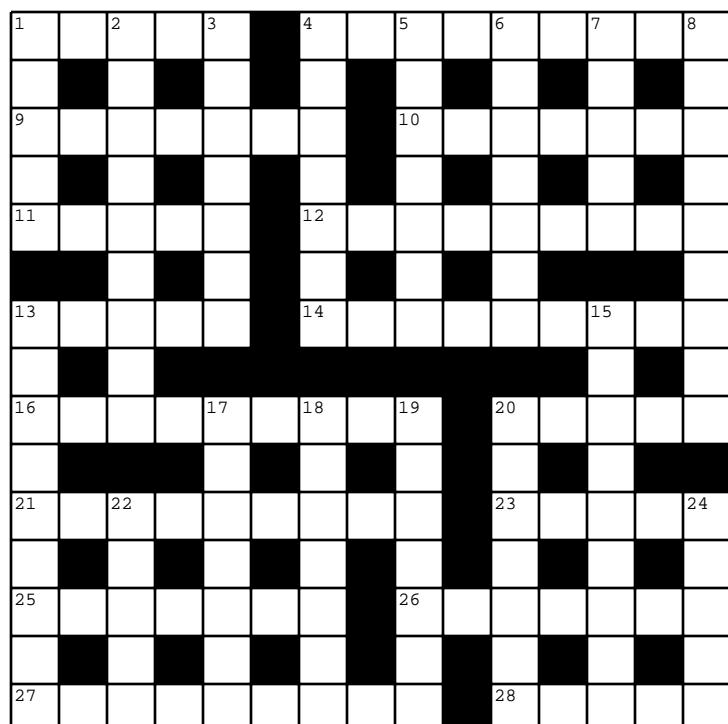
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| 4. APPRAISER  | 2. OVERSLEEP  |
| 9. EXECUTE    | 3. COULDNT    |
| 10. INURING   | 4. ARENA      |
| 11. POSED     | 5. PRINTOUTS  |
| 12. ATTITUDES | 6. AQUATIC    |
| 13. ARENT     | 7. SKIED      |
| 14. ENUNCIADE | 8. REGISTERS  |
| 16. DIPSTICKS | 13. ANDALUSIA |
| 18. EXAMS     | 14. ECCENTRIC |
| 19. LABYRINTH | 15. APARTHEID |
| 22. EATER     | 17. TERMITE   |
| 24. SHINIER   | 18. EYEBROW   |
| 25. PARVENU   | 20. BUILD     |
| 26. AUDIENCES | 21. HOPES     |
| 27. WADED     | 23. ROUND     |



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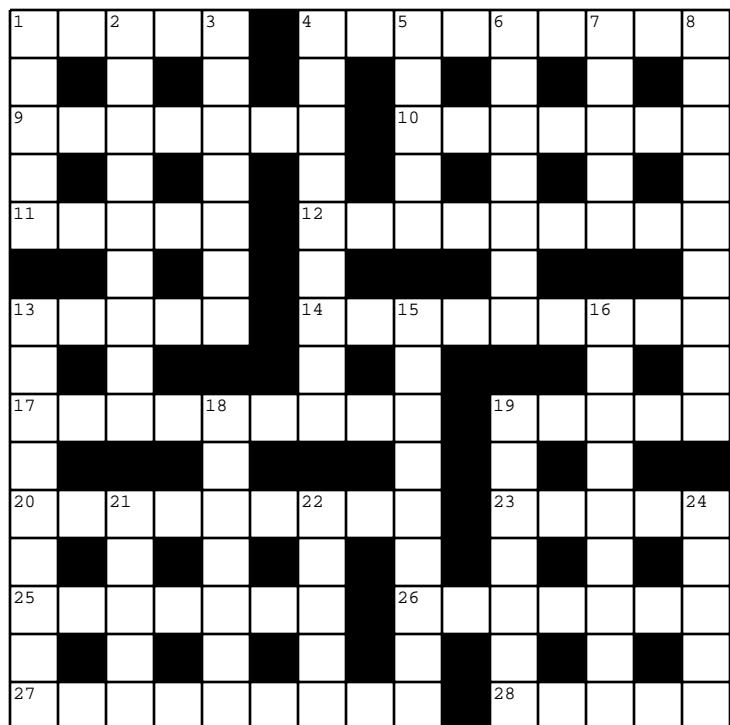
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| 4. TRANSLATE  | 2. NEEDINESS  |
| 9. CHEWING    | 3. EXISTED    |
| 10. READING   | 4. TIGHTEN    |
| 11. SHIRT     | 5. ACRYLIC    |
| 12. TELEPHOTO | 6. SHARPEN    |
| 13. AMEND     | 7. AMIGO      |
| 14. NICKNAMES | 8. ENGROSSES  |
| 16. VESTMENTS | 13. ADVENTURE |
| 20. PILLS     | 15. MILLENNIA |
| 21. NOMINATED | 17. MINTAKA   |
| 23. AGENT     | 18. NOTHING   |
| 25. UCAYALI   | 19. SADNESS   |
| 26. ETERNAL   | 20. PLANETS   |
| 27. ESTRANGES | 22. MEANT     |
| 28. STAKE     | 24. TILDE     |



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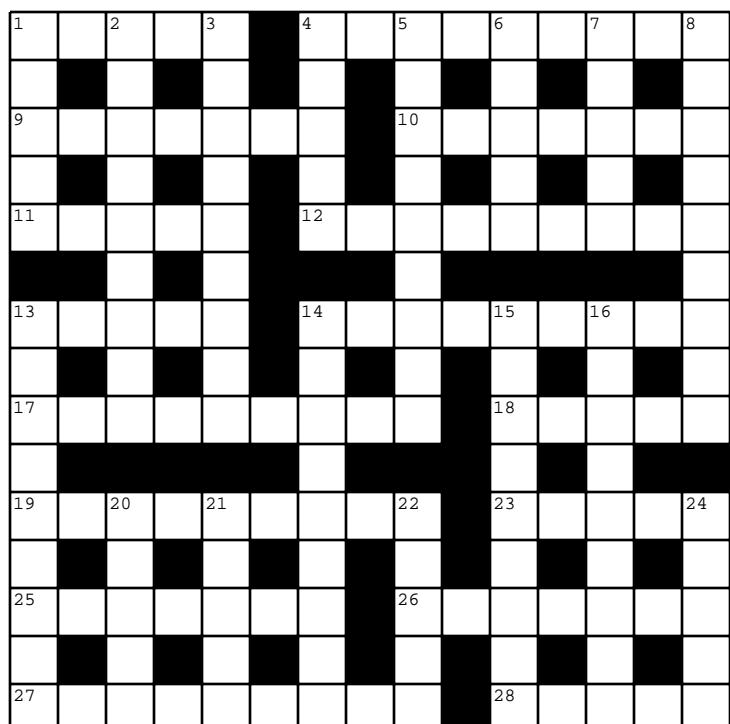
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| 4. IMBECILIC  | 2. SAINTLIER  |
| 9. ALIASES    | 3. RESUMES    |
| 10. ARACELI   | 4. INSTITUTE  |
| 11. DATUM     | 5. BLAST      |
| 12. INTRINSIC | 6. CRANIUM    |
| 13. EVILS     | 7. LEERS      |
| 14. UNDAMAGED | 8. COINCIDES  |
| 17. THREATENS | 13. ESTIMATES |
| 19. DEEMS     | 15. DISTANCES |
| 20. MARIJUANA | 16. GUERRILLA |
| 23. ARROW     | 18. ADJOURN   |
| 25. TEMPURA   | 19. DRASIC    |
| 26. CATALPA   | 21. RUMOR     |
| 27. SPRINKLES | 22. AVAIL     |
| 28. CHART     | 24. WRAPT     |



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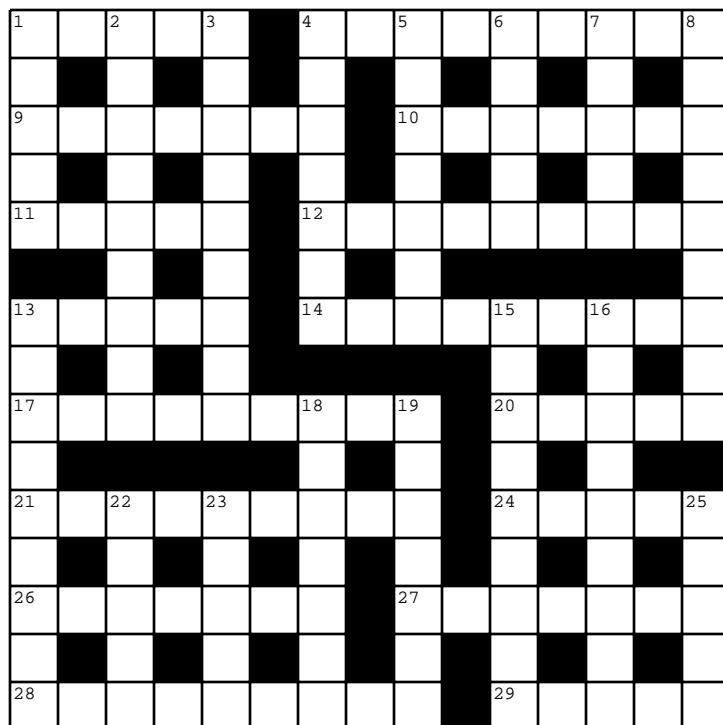
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| 1. ARBOR      | 1. AMBER      |
| 4. ORCHESTRA  | 2. BROADCAST  |
| 9. BRONCHI    | 3. RECURSION  |
| 10. NARMADA   | 4. OMITS      |
| 11. RIDER     | 5. CONTINUAL  |
| 12. SLIGHTEST | 6. EARTH      |
| 13. KHAKI     | 7. TRACE      |
| 14. EQUITABLE | 8. APARTHEID  |
| 17. BOTANICAL | 13. KIBBUTZIM |
| 18. AILED     | 14. EXCHANGED |
| 19. UPHEAVALS | 15. TEAMSTERS |
| 23. SPLIT     | 16. BALALAIKA |
| 25. ZIPPING   | 20. HOPES     |
| 26. TREVINO   | 21. ADIEU     |
| 27. MISGUIDED | 22. SITED     |
| 28. SWAPS     | 24. TOOLS     |



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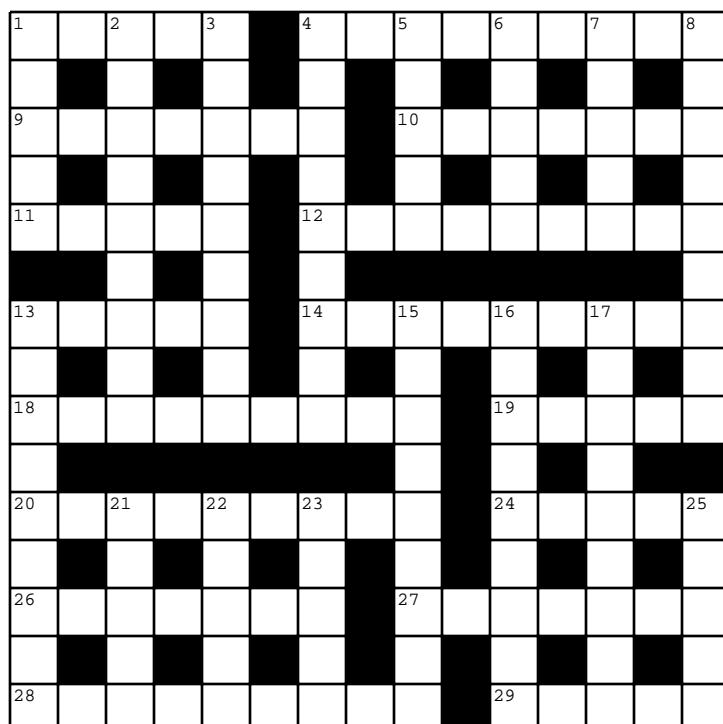
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| 1. HOFFA      | 1. HACKS      |
| 4. NIGHTCLUB  | 2. FLOWERPOT  |
| 9. CHOWDER    | 3. ADDRESSEE  |
| 10. LANTERN   | 4. NIRVANA    |
| 11. SIEGE     | 5. GELATIN    |
| 12. AFTERGLOW | 6. TENOR      |
| 13. WIPES     | 7. LYELL      |
| 14. ANNOUNCED | 8. BANDWIDTH  |
| 17. LITTERBUG | 13. WALLPAPER |
| 20. FIFTH     | 15. UNFASTENS |
| 21. PORTFOLIO | 16. CAFETERIA |
| 24. SATIN     | 18. BILLOWS   |
| 26. PICCOLO   | 19. GROSSES   |
| 27. SIERRAS   | 22. RACED     |
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| 29. STALL     | 25. NASAL     |



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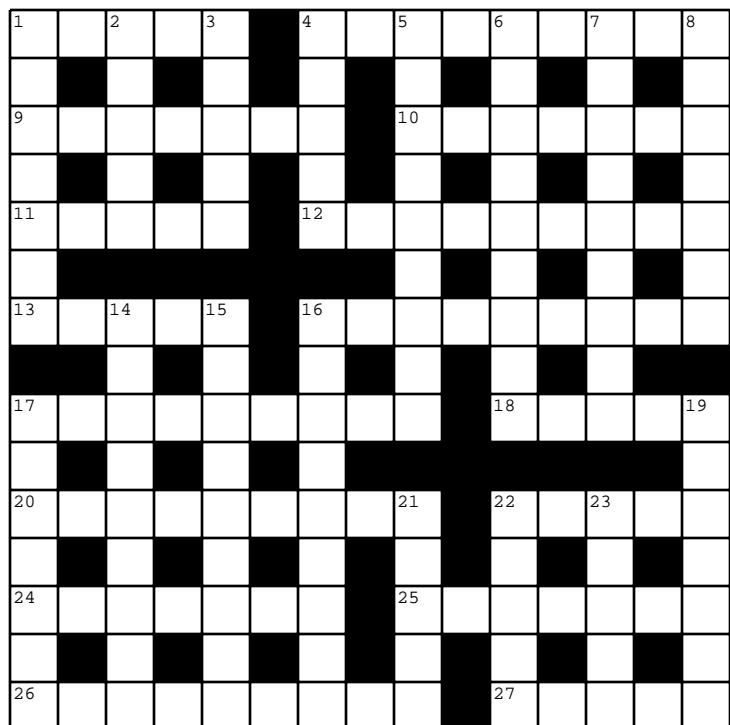
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| 9. SMITTEN    | 3. ANTIPASTI  |
| 10. DESKTOP   | 4. CANISTERS  |
| 11. SHARP     | 5. SEDAN      |
| 12. SANATORIA | 6. ASSET      |
| 13. MOONS     | 7. ENTER      |
| 14. ENVELOPES | 8. APPRAISAL  |
| 18. DISMISSAL | 13. MODELINGS |
| 19. TOTAL     | 15. VOLUNTARY |
| 20. LAMEBRAIN | 16. LETHARGIC |
| 24. AROMA     | 17. POTPOURRI |
| 26. NUNAVUT   | 21. MINIM     |
| 27. ANGERED   | 22. BEVEL     |
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| 29. CHILD     | 25. ADDED     |



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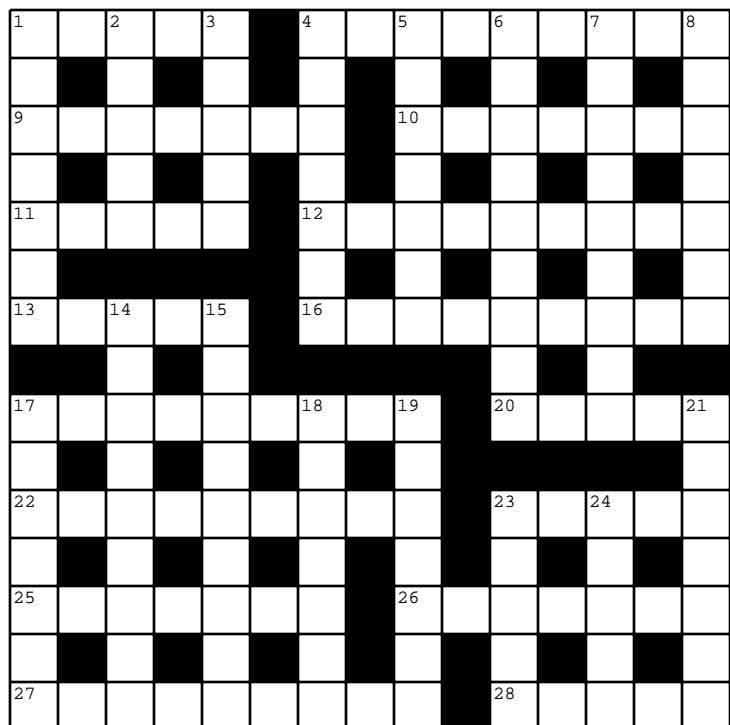
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| 1. GAMES      | 1. GESTURE    |
| 4. AGITATING  | 2. MOIST      |
| 9. STIMULI    | 3. SKULL      |
| 10. BRONCHI   | 4. ARISE      |
| 11. UNTIL     | 5. IMBECILIC  |
| 12. EXCHANGED | 6. ANOMALOUS  |
| 13. ENTER     | 7. INCOGNITO  |
| 16. PILLORIED | 8. GRIDDED    |
| 17. STATISTIC | 14. TRADITION |
| 18. SHORT     | 15. RHINOCERI |
| 20. EDITORIAL | 16. PATRIOTIC |
| 22. KIROV     | 17. SKEPTIC   |
| 24. TRITEST   | 19. TAVERNS   |
| 25. NEITHER   | 21. LINED     |
| 26. CONVINCED | 22. KEITH     |
| 27. HOBOS     | 23. REHAB     |



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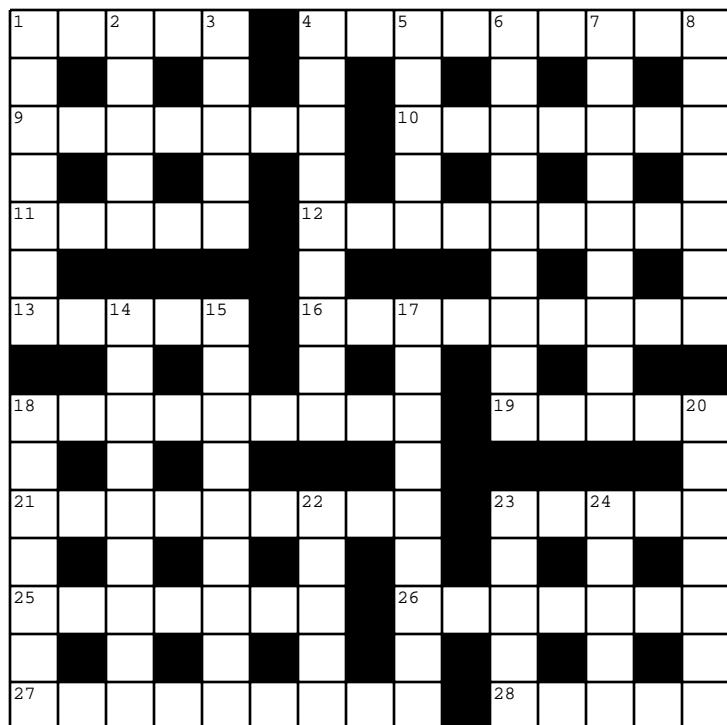
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| 4. FORGATHER  | 2. HANDY      |
| 9. MANDATE    | 3. CEASE      |
| 10. CASINOS   | 4. FREEDOM    |
| 11. NOYCE     | 5. RACISTS    |
| 12. DESTROYED | 6. ASSERTION  |
| 13. SPITS     | 7. HONEYCOMB  |
| 16. MESTIZOES | 8. RESIDES    |
| 17. OPTIMISED | 14. INTEGRITY |
| 20. NOBLE     | 15. SIMPATICO |
| 22. ENGRAVERS | 17. OBELISK   |
| 23. SAUNA     | 18. STEAMER   |
| 25. IRIDIUM   | 19. DISMISS   |
| 26. INITIAL   | 21. ENABLES   |
| 27. KEYBOARDS | 23. SCION     |
| 28. NOYES     | 24. UNIFY     |



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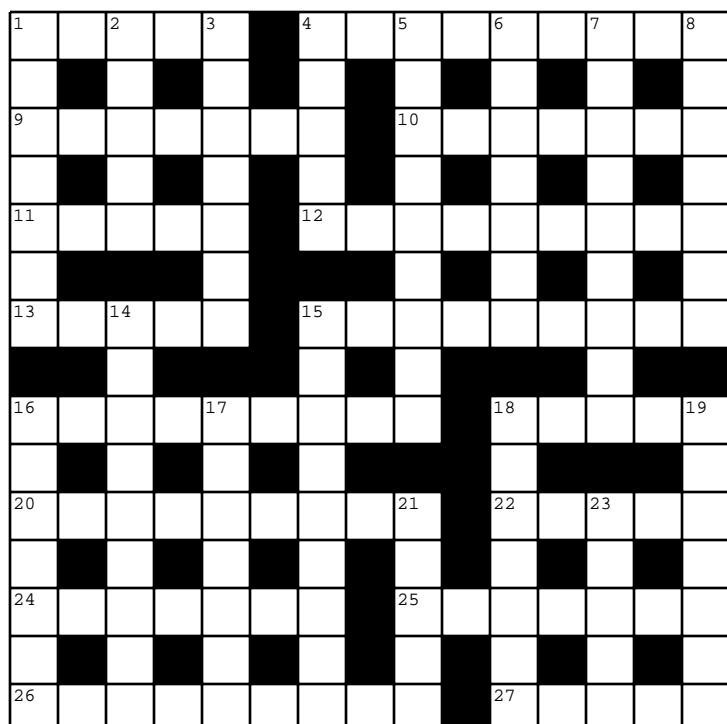
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| 1. ALERT      | 1. ASCETIC    |
| 4. INVISIBLE  | 2. ENDED      |
| 9. CADENCE    | 3. TANGY      |
| 10. MARIANA   | 4. IDEALISTS  |
| 11. TODAY     | 5. VOMIT      |
| 12. LATITUDES | 6. STRATEGIC  |
| 13. COOKS     | 7. BOARDWALK  |
| 16. SAFEGUARD | 8. ELAPSED    |
| 18. CAPARISON | 14. ORPHANAGE |
| 19. CAKES     | 15. SURPRISED |
| 21. DIARRHOEA | 17. FANTASIES |
| 23. POLAR     | 18. CEDILLA   |
| 25. LIAISES   | 20. STRAYED   |
| 26. INQUIRY   | 22. ONSET     |
| 27. ANECDOTES | 23. PIQUE     |
| 28. EASED     | 24. LAIRS     |



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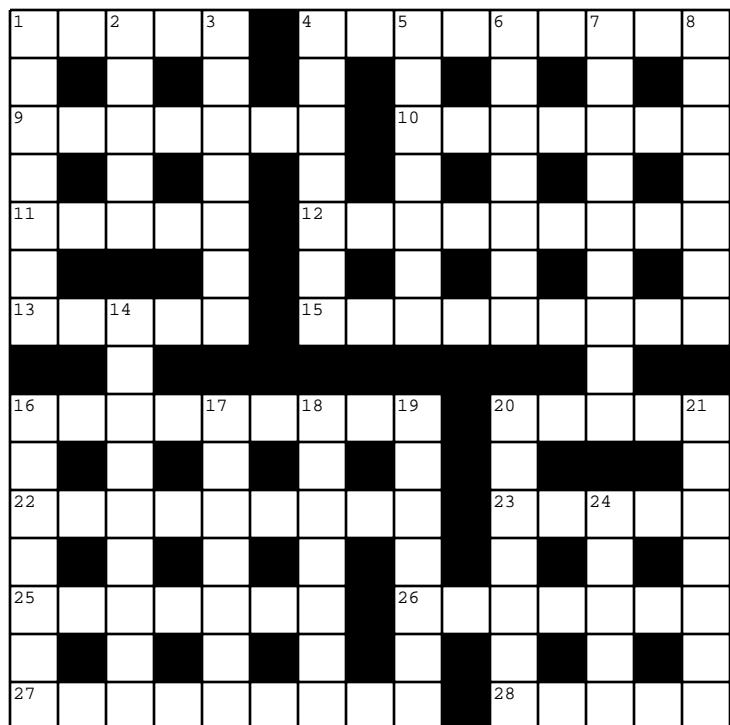
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| 9. REPLACE    | 3. SCALARS    |
| 10. MCCLAIN   | 4. UTERI      |
| 11. ALCOA     | 5. HAMSTRUNG  |
| 12. INTERFERE | 6. ACCORDS    |
| 13. TUBES     | 7. AMATERASU  |
| 15. GRUBSTAKE | 8. SINCERE    |
| 16. BREACHING | 14. BLEACHING |
| 18. STUFF     | 15. GLISSANDI |
| 20. SUCCESSOR | 16. BASTARD   |
| 22. CUBED     | 17. CHENNAI   |
| 24. AVIGNON   | 18. SICKENS   |
| 25. CLEANSE   | 19. FIDGETY   |
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| 27. STORY     | 23. BINGO     |



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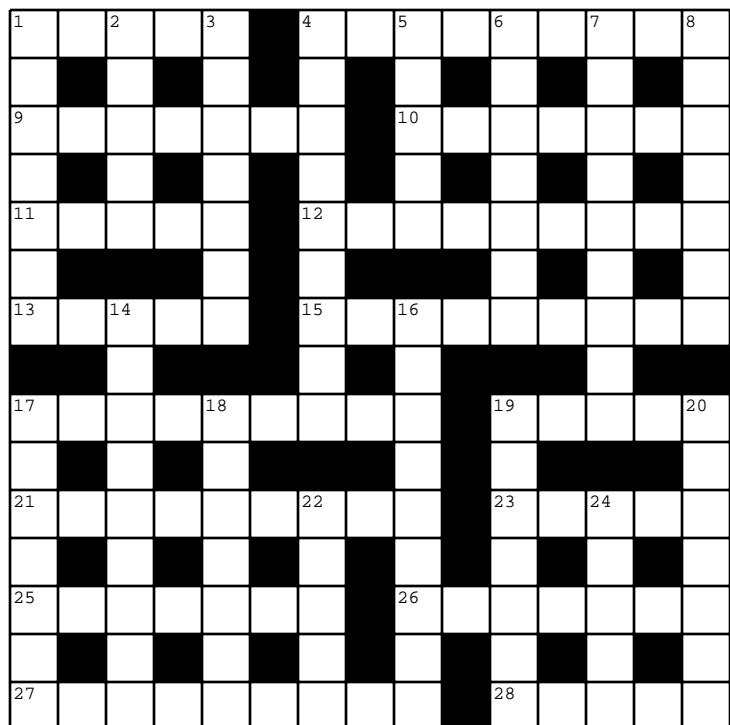
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| 4. CAMSHAFTS  | 2. MANIC      |
| 9. MINIVAN    | 3. ADVISER    |
| 10. TANGOED   | 4. CONIFER    |
| 11. NECKS     | 5. MOTTLES    |
| 12. FILAMENTS | 6. HANGMAN    |
| 13. OLDER     | 7. FOOTNOTES  |
| 15. RESONATES | 8. SADISTS    |
| 16. AUTHENTIC | 14. DETONATED |
| 20. BASER     | 16. ALCMENA   |
| 22. CANONICAL | 17. ENNOBLE   |
| 23. BUCKS     | 18. TICKETS   |
| 25. EATABLE   | 19. COLLATE   |
| 26. ALIGNED   | 20. BABYISH   |
| 27. ADDRESSEE | 21. RESIDES   |
| 28. HACKS     | 24. CYNIC     |



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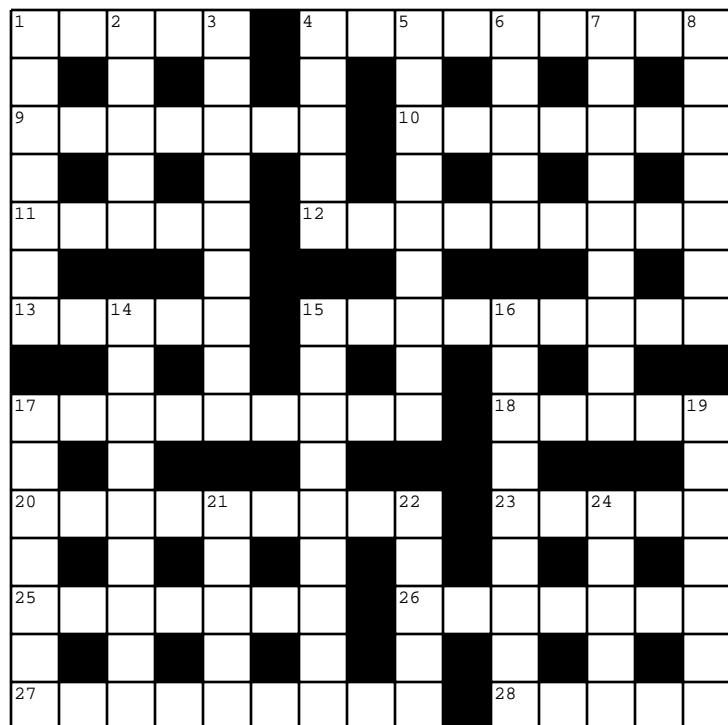
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| 9. CHECKUP    | 3. WAKENED    |
| 10. ANAHEIM   | 4. DIPLOMATA  |
| 11. ICAHN     | 5. SWAMI      |
| 12. OLIGARCHS | 6. ANASAZI    |
| 13. HIDED     | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 15. APPLIANCE | 8. DEMESNE    |
| 17. DESPERADO | 14. DISENGAGE |
| 19. CRISP     | 16. PROSPECTS |
| 21. OWNERSHIP | 17. DOODLED   |
| 23. LIKED     | 18. EURASIA   |
| 25. LIAISON   | 19. CELLIST   |
| 26. CHICANO   | 20. PADDOCK   |
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| 28. TRICK     | 24. KHAKI     |



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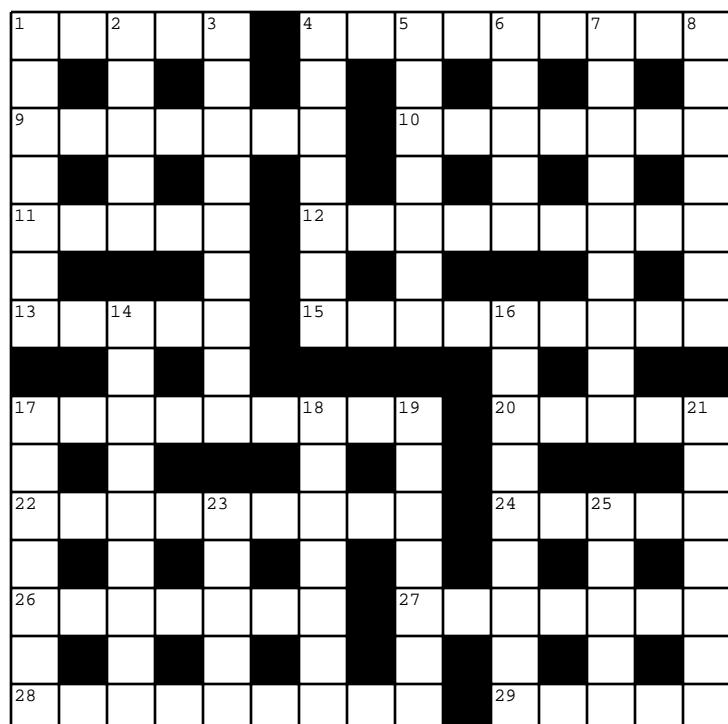
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| 4. OUTSPOKEN  | 2. ELVIN      |
| 9. SAVIOUR    | 3. BLOODSHOT  |
| 10. INSURED   | 4. OPRAH      |
| 11. URNED     | 5. TAILLIGHT  |
| 12. HALFTIMES | 6. POSIT      |
| 13. BENCH     | 7. KARAMAZOV  |
| 15. ORGANIZES | 8. NUDISTS    |
| 17. INUKTITUT | 14. NEUTRINOS |
| 18. GIVEN     | 15. OUTSTRIPS |
| 20. SARCASTIC | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 23. TOAST     | 17. INSIPID   |
| 25. PUNJABI   | 19. NATIVES   |
| 26. MOLOTOV   | 21. AWAKE     |
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| 28. BARKS     | 24. ALTER     |



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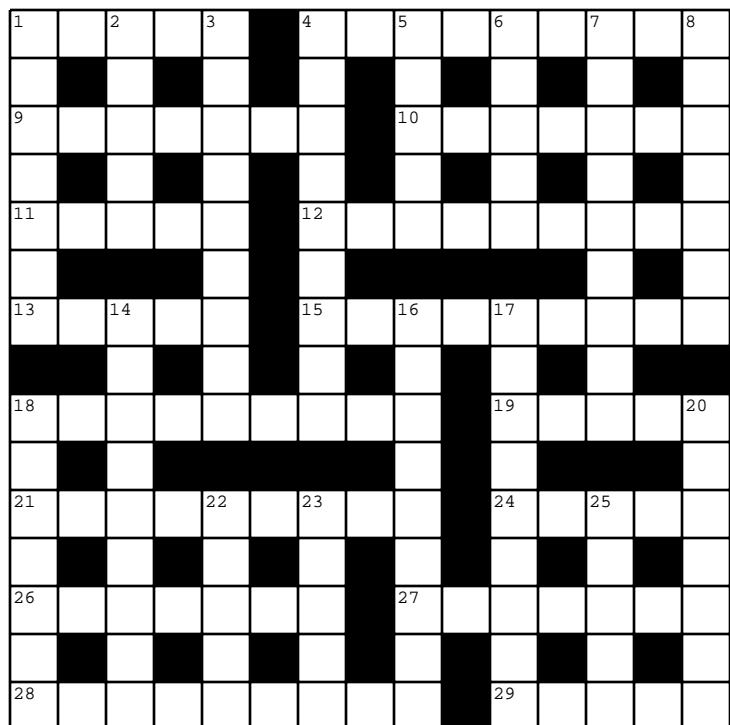
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| 4. LOCKSMITH  | 2. INANE      |
| 9. KHARKOV    | 3. MAKESHIFT  |
| 10. ELLISON   | 4. LAVERNE    |
| 11. IDEAS     | 5. CHECKUP    |
| 12. REKINDLED | 6. SALON      |
| 13. GENII     | 7. INSULTING  |
| 15. EXPECTING | 8. HANGDOG    |
| 17. LIGHTENED | 14. NEGATIVES |
| 20. NEGEV     | 16. CONNECTOR |
| 22. ANTIPASTI | 17. LEASHED   |
| 24. EASEL     | 18. NESTING   |
| 26. HAVARTI   | 19. DRIPPED   |
| 27. PETUNIA   | 21. VOLCANO   |
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| 29. RADIO     | 25. SANED     |



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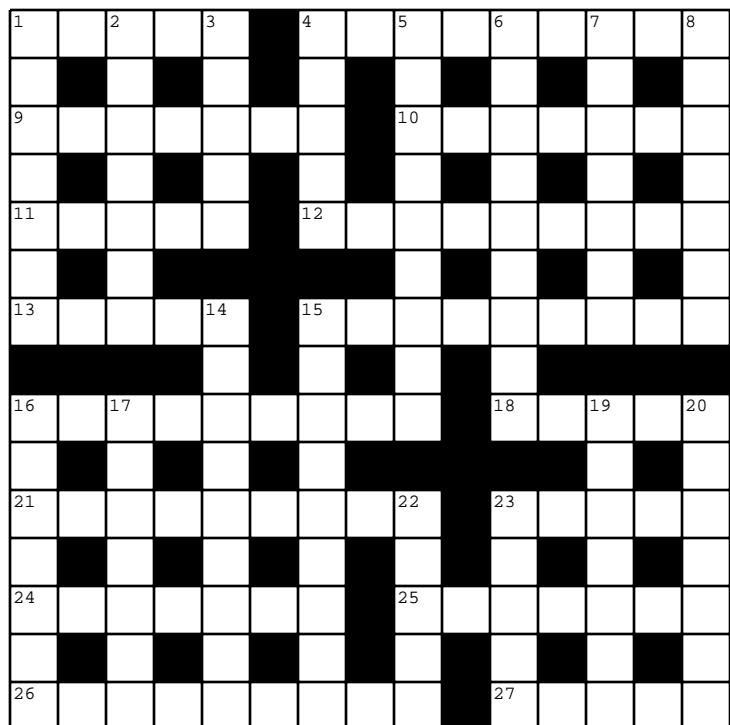
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| 4. DRAGONFLY  | 2. SHOWN      |
| 9. BROTHER    | 3. SCHEDULER  |
| 10. ALIGNED   | 4. DARTBOARD  |
| 11. TUNED     | 5. ALARM      |
| 12. BOMBSHELL | 6. OMITS      |
| 13. CANAL     | 7. FINGERTIP  |
| 15. ASPHALTED | 8. YODELED    |
| 18. DISCREDIT | 14. NOSFERATU |
| 19. GAPED     | 16. PITCHFORK |
| 21. SHELLFISH | 17. ALGORITHM |
| 24. RABBI     | 18. DISBAND   |
| 26. ANAEMIA   | 20. DRIVELS   |
| 27. OUTLINE   | 22. LIMBS     |
| 28. DRUMSTICK | 23. IRAQI     |
| 29. MAKES     | 25. BLINK     |



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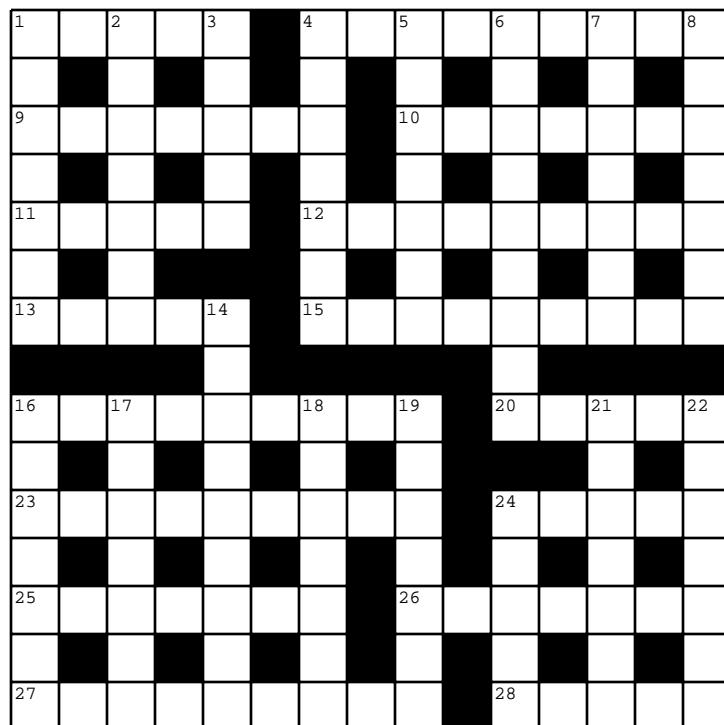
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| 9. SALUTED    | 3. EATEN      |
| 10. BENARES   | 4. ORDER      |
| 11. UNMAN     | 5. TOBACCOES  |
| 12. RICKETIER | 6. MINNESOTA  |
| 13. TEACH     | 7. ZEROING    |
| 15. PROLONGED | 8. DESIRED    |
| 16. COMPUTERS | 14. HOUSEHOLD |
| 18. APPAL     | 15. PRESUMING |
| 21. EXCHEQUER | 16. CLEANUP   |
| 23. REALM     | 17. MUCKIER   |
| 24. NAIROBI   | 19. PLAYERS   |
| 25. LACIEST   | 20. LIMITED   |
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| 27. DOSED     | 23. RACED     |



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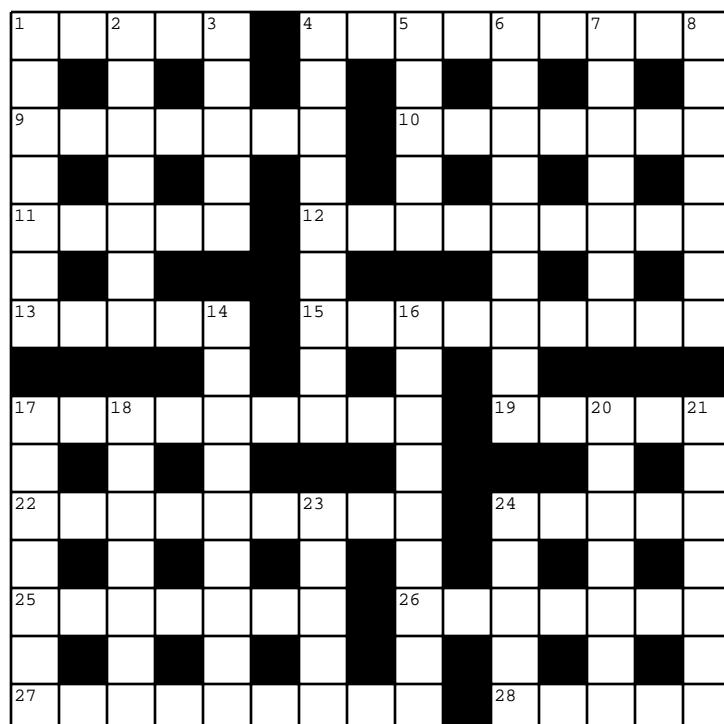
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| 1. ORDER      | 1. OUTPUTS    |
| 4. FILAMENTS  | 2. DUSTMEN    |
| 9. TASKING    | 3. REIGN      |
| 10. MULATTO   | 4. FIGURED    |
| 11. UNMAN     | 5. LIMITED    |
| 12. RETRIEVAL | 6. MOLLIFIED  |
| 13. SONGS     | 7. NATIVES    |
| 15. DIDRIKSON | 8. SWOLLEN    |
| 16. ANALGESIC | 14. SEGMENTED |
| 20. DEEDS     | 16. ANOTHER   |
| 23. OPPRESSED | 17. AMPERES   |
| 24. INPUT     | 18. SASOON    |
| 25. HORATIO   | 19. CUDDLES   |
| 26. LOGICAL   | 21. EXPECTS   |
| 27. RESIDENTS | 22. SETTLES   |
| 28. TASKS     | 24. INGOT     |



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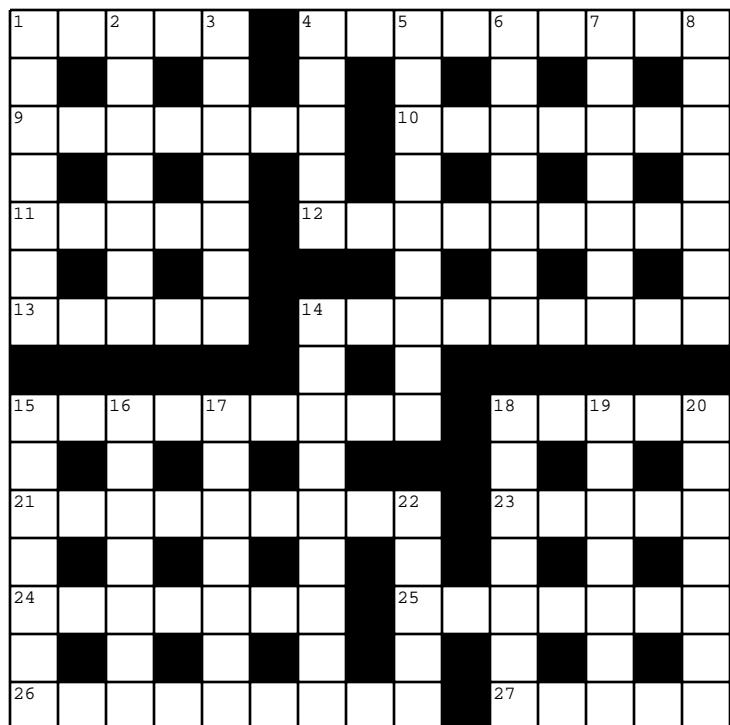
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| 1. BATHE      | 1. BERSERK    |
| 4. POSTPONES  | 2. TORPEDO    |
| 9. REREADS    | 3. EXAMS      |
| 10. RITUALS   | 4. PISTACHIO  |
| 11. EVENS     | 5. SERVO      |
| 12. APOLOGISE | 6. PATROLLED  |
| 13. KNOWN     | 7. NEARING    |
| 15. HEADLIGHT | 8. SUSPECT    |
| 17. AUDACIOUS | 14. NECTARINE |
| 19. DIMER     | 16. ASSEMBLED |
| 22. FEUDALISM | 17. AFFIRMS   |
| 24. CASES     | 18. DOUBLES   |
| 25. RELYING   | 20. MUSEUMS   |
| 26. LECTURE   | 21. RESPELL   |
| 27. SUSPECTED | 23. INGOT     |
| 28. SISAL     | 24. COCKS     |



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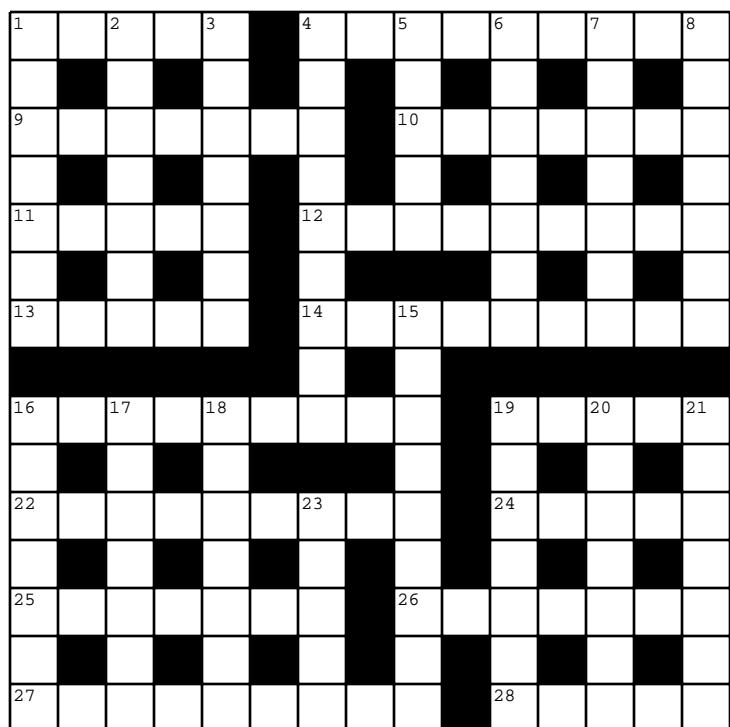
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| 1. DAMNS      | 1. DABBLED    |
| 4. BARBECUED  | 2. MUSTANG    |
| 9. BISHOPS    | 3. SLOWEST    |
| 10. STOICAL   | 4. BUSHY      |
| 11. LEAVE     | 5. RESULTANT  |
| 12. YELLOWING | 6. ECOLOGY    |
| 13. DIGIT     | 7. UNCLING    |
| 14. PHARYNGES | 8. DELUGES    |
| 15. DEODORANT | 14. PLASTERED |
| 18. CARED     | 15. DIPLOMA   |
| 21. PREDICTED | 16. OVERACT   |
| 23. NEGEV     | 17. OVIDUCT   |
| 24. OPAQUER   | 18. CENTAUR   |
| 25. ADAPTER   | 19. RIGHTLY   |
| 26. ATTITUDES | 20. DIVORCE   |
| 27. RHYME     | 22. DEALS     |



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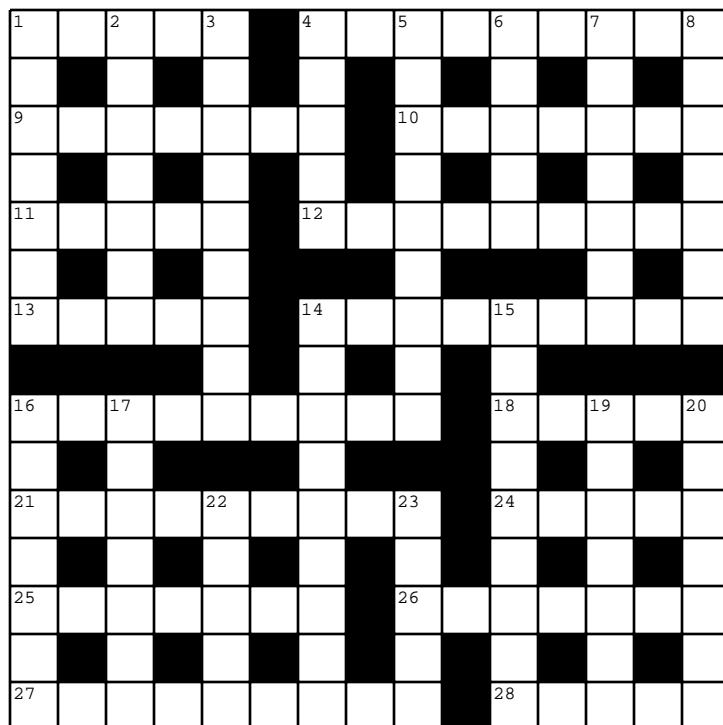
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| 1. PALED      | 1. PERTURB    |
| 4. CLIMACTIC  | 2. LANKIER    |
| 9. RENAMES    | 3. DAMAGES    |
| 10. MARCEAU   | 4. CASTRATED  |
| 11. USING     | 5. IAMBS      |
| 12. RESTARTED | 6. ABREAST    |
| 13. BORES     | 7. TRESTLE    |
| 14. TREATMENT | 8. COULDNT    |
| 16. COMMANDED | 15. ENDEARING |
| 19. CUTUP     | 16. COLLATE   |
| 22. LEUKAEMIA | 17. MOUNDED   |
| 24. NEWER     | 18. ADAPTER   |
| 25. AUDITOR   | 19. CONIFER   |
| 26. INFECTS   | 20. THWACKS   |
| 27. ENDORSING | 21. PHRASES   |
| 28. RISES     | 23. MARCI     |



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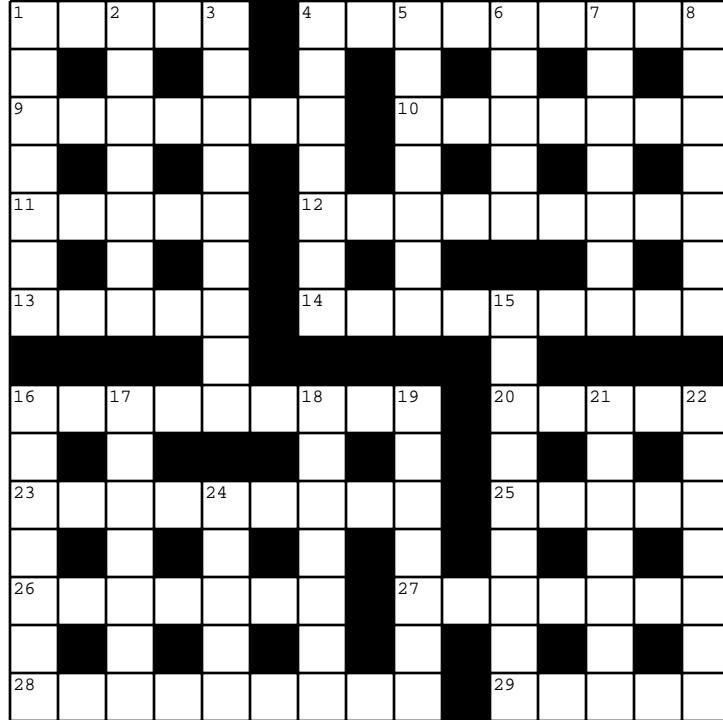
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| 1. ABACI      | 1. ARCHAIC    |
| 4. DRAWBACKS  | 2. AMERICA    |
| 9. CHEAPER    | 3. IMPROMPTU  |
| 10. SILLIER   | 4. DIRAC      |
| 11. AMIGO     | 5. ASSEMBLER  |
| 12. COMPACTED | 6. BELLA      |
| 13. CRAMP     | 7. CRITTER    |
| 14. BILLIARDS | 8. STRIDES    |
| 16. ASSAULTER | 14. BATHROOMS |
| 18. DEANA     | 15. INDICATOR |
| 21. CORKSCREW | 16. ACCEPTS   |
| 24. COVER     | 17. SIRLOIN   |
| 25. PROVISO   | 19. ALVAREZ   |
| 26. RETIRED   | 20. ACRIDER   |
| 27. SYNTHESES | 22. SMITH     |
| 28. RAZOR     | 23. WARPS     |



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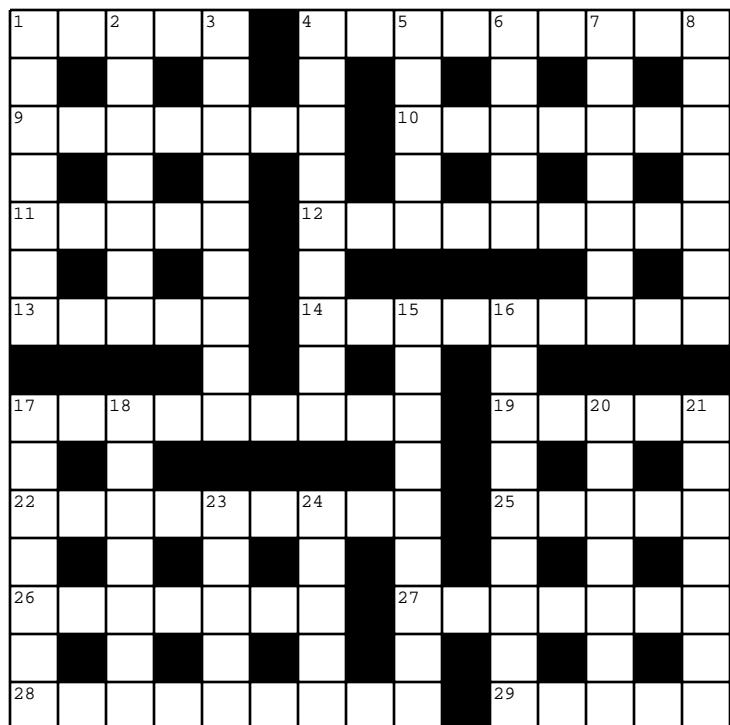
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| 1. SISAL      | 1. SHALLOW    |
| 4. OPERATORS  | 2. STIMULI    |
| 9. ALIGNED    | 3. LINEAMENT  |
| 10. HORATIO   | 4. ORDERED    |
| 11. LAURA     | 5. EXHIBIT    |
| 12. REBELLING | 6. AURAL      |
| 13. WHILE     | 7. OBTAINS    |
| 14. DATABASES | 8. SPONGES    |
| 16. CHATTIEST | 15. BACKFIRES |
| 20. CAFES     | 16. CLICKED   |
| 23. IMBROGLIO | 17. AMBIENT   |
| 25. FIGHT     | 18. ECLIPSE   |
| 26. KNEECAP   | 19. THOUGHT   |
| 27. GERARDO   | 21. FIGURED   |
| 28. DETERRENT | 22. SITCOMS   |
| 29. SIDES     | 24. OCCUR     |



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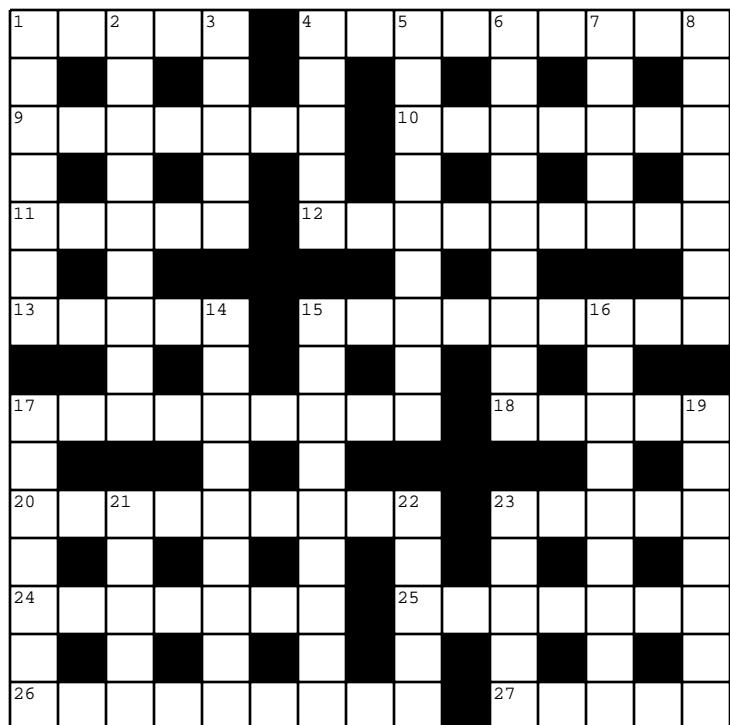
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| 1. GLENS      | 1. GUMDROP    |
| 4. MORALISTS  | 2. EXHIBIT    |
| 9. MAHFOUZ    | 3. SCOLIOSIS  |
| 10. SETTLER   | 4. MEZZANINE  |
| 11. RABBI     | 5. RESET      |
| 12. ALTIPLANO | 6. LETUP      |
| 13. PATHS     | 7. SYLLABI    |
| 14. INDUCTION | 8. SIRLOIN    |
| 17. BRASSIEST | 15. DETECTING |
| 19. NODES     | 16. CANVASSES |
| 22. ENIGMATIC | 17. BEEPERS   |
| 25. ANGLO     | 18. ABILITY   |
| 26. ELITISM   | 20. DAGGERS   |
| 27. INSPECT   | 21. SHORTLY   |
| 28. SKYDIVING | 23. MBINI     |
| 29. SASSY     | 24. TEMPI     |



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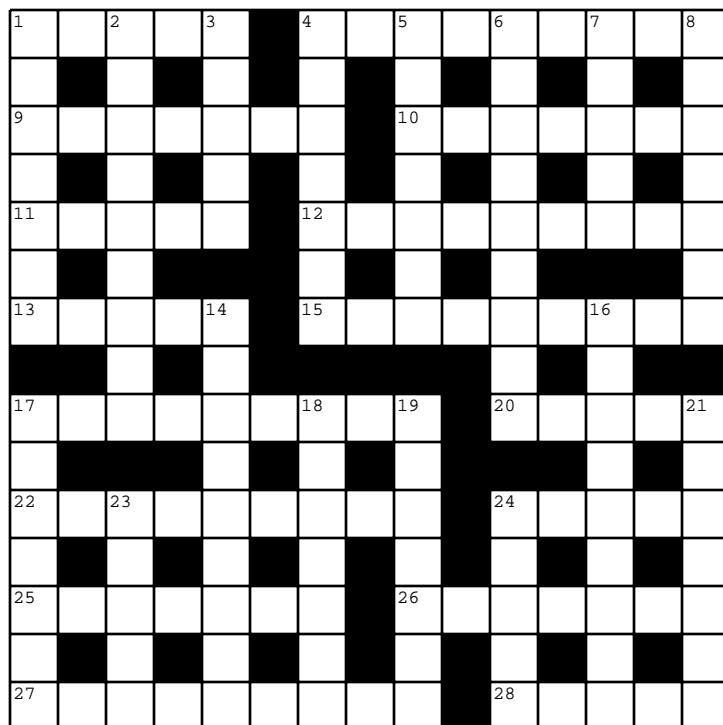
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| 1. HACKS      | 1. HIMSELF    |
| 4. KNOBBIEST  | 2. CENTRALLY  |
| 9. MINUTIA    | 3. SATYR      |
| 10. ENLARGE   | 4. KOALA      |
| 11. ERROR     | 5. OVERCOMES  |
| 12. ARCHITECT | 6. BILLIARDS  |
| 13. FALSE     | 7. EERIE      |
| 15. MEMORABLE | 8. THEATRE    |
| 17. FLYSPECKS | 14. ESPERANTO |
| 18. SHRUG     | 15. MACINTOSH |
| 20. REFERENDA | 16. BIRTHMARK |
| 23. COHAN     | 17. FORELEG   |
| 24. LORENZO   | 19. GENESIS   |
| 25. BEMOANS   | 21. FIRED     |
| 26. GODMOTHER | 22. AMBER     |
| 27. CAKES     | 23. COMIC     |



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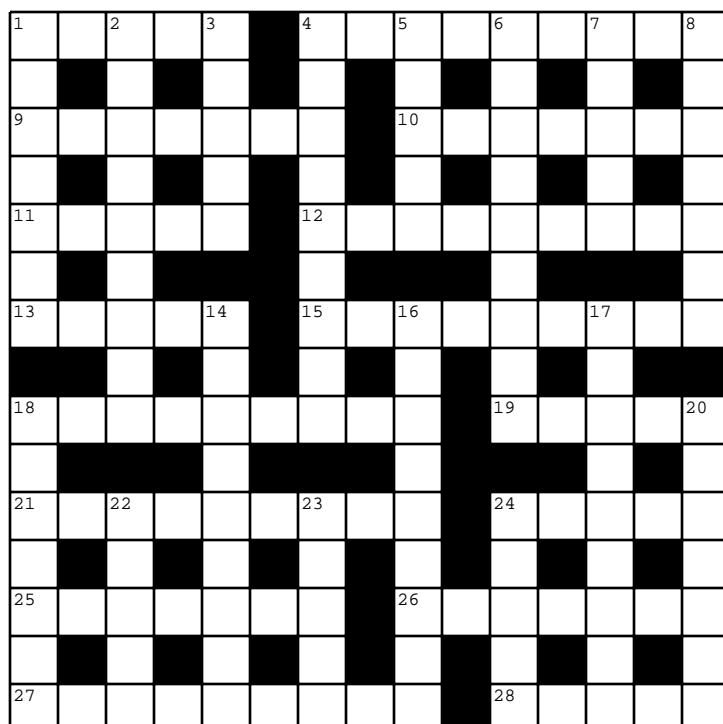
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| 1. PLANT      | 1. PERTURB    |
| 4. BELITTLES  | 2. ARGENTINA  |
| 9. RAGGING    | 3. THIRD      |
| 10. THEREETO  | 4. BUGATTI    |
| 11. URNED     | 5. LATVIAN    |
| 12. THIRTEENS | 6. TWENTIETH  |
| 13. BEING     | 7. LIEGE      |
| 15. INNKEEPER | 8. SPONSOR    |
| 17. EPAULETTE | 14. GOLDSMITH |
| 20. HOTEL     | 16. POTENTIAL |
| 22. FOODSTUFF | 17. ENFORCE   |
| 24. SANDY     | 18. TOUGHEN   |
| 25. RAFFISH   | 19. EFFECTS   |
| 26. CRUCIAL   | 21. LOYALTY   |
| 27. EARPHONES | 23. OFFER     |
| 28. FULLY     | 24. STUFF     |



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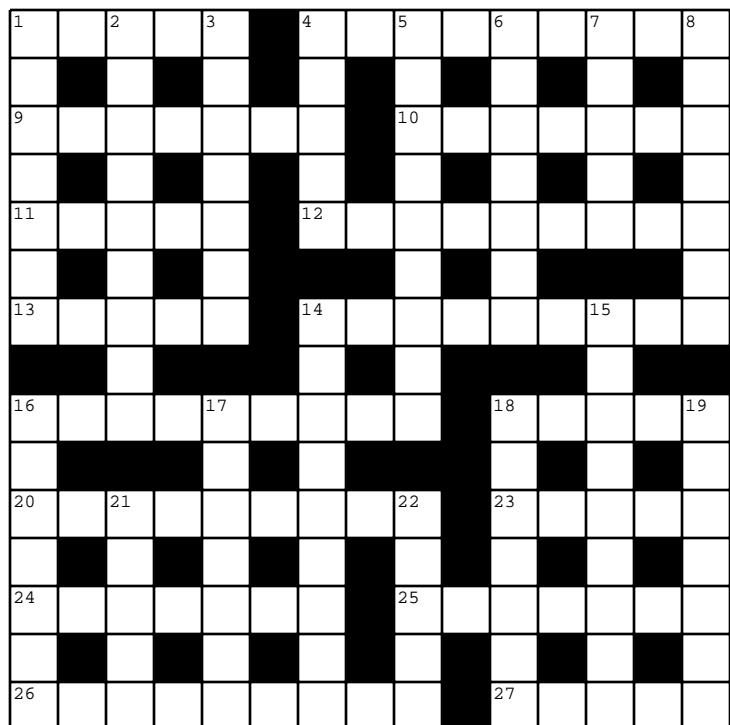
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| 4. ASSISTING   | 2. GORBACHEV  |
| 9. TERMINI     | 3. TRIBE      |
| 10. INQUIRE    | 4. ALIGHIERI  |
| 11. LEAVE      | 5. SLIER      |
| 12. HARNESSSES | 6. SEQUENCER  |
| 13. REHAB      | 7. IVIES      |
| 15. EXERCISED  | 8. GUESSED    |
| 18. CAVORTING  | 14. BARBARISM |
| 19. ROADS      | 16. ERGONOMIC |
| 21. DAMNATION  | 17. SPAGHETTI |
| 24. TAHOE      | 18. CADUCEI   |
| 25. COOLING    | 20. SHERIFF   |
| 26. MENOTTI    | 22. MAORI     |
| 27. IDIOMATIC  | 23. INGOT     |
| 28. CLIFF      | 24. TONIC     |



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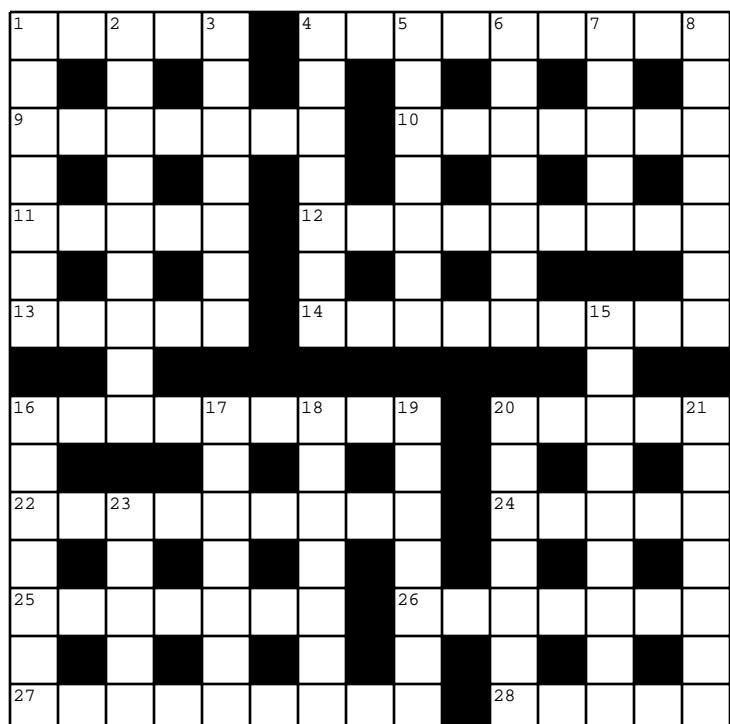
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| 4. SHARPENER  | 2. INJUSTICE  |
| 9. JUJITSU    | 3. MATTOCK    |
| 10. THEREOF   | 4. SAUNA      |
| 11. RUSSO     | 5. ARTIFICES  |
| 12. AFFECTING | 6. PIERCES    |
| 13. DRINK     | 7. NOEMI      |
| 14. EXCUSABLE | 8. REFUGEE    |
| 16. CLEAVAGES | 14. EIGHTEENS |
| 18. ISSUE     | 15. BYSTANDER |
| 20. AUTOMATIC | 16. CLAUDIO   |
| 23. PLANT     | 17. VOMITED   |
| 24. DINETTE   | 18. IMPEACH   |
| 25. SWADDLE   | 19. EXTREME   |
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| 27. HORDE     | 22. CYSTS     |



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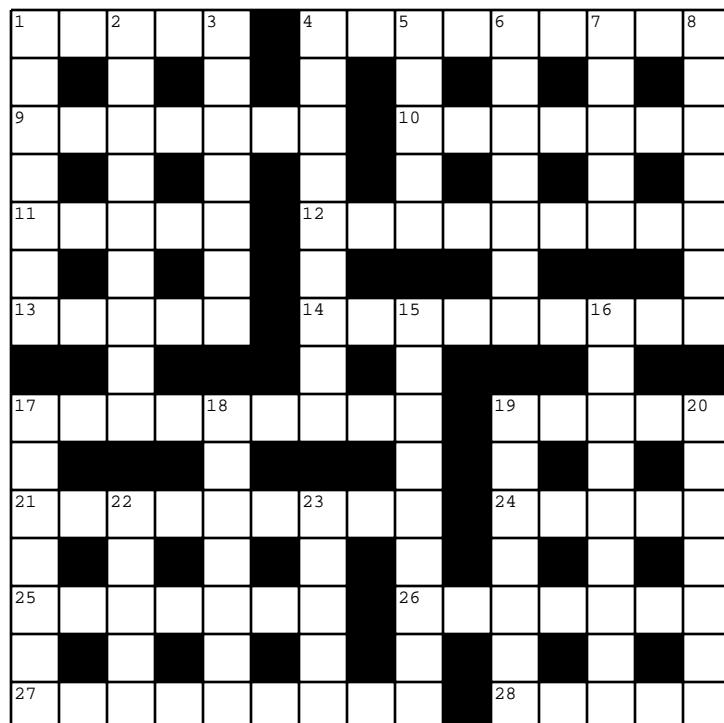
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| 1. HIDED      | 1. HEEDING    |
| 4. RESONATED  | 2. DEPRIVING  |
| 9. EXPLAIN    | 3. DIAGRAM    |
| 10. EXPANDS   | 4. RENAMED    |
| 11. ICIER     | 5. SIERRAS    |
| 12. MORATORIA | 6. NAPHTHA    |
| 13. GRIMM     | 7. TENOR      |
| 14. DISPARAGE | 8. DISEASE    |
| 16. NIGHTCLUB | 15. ANTIPASTI |
| 20. SITES     | 16. NATTIER   |
| 22. TREASURER | 17. TASTIER   |
| 24. UPPER     | 18. LORETTA   |
| 25. IMPRINT   | 19. BAROQUE   |
| 26. QUONSET   | 20. SPUMONI   |
| 27. RESURFACE | 21. STRATUM   |
| 28. IDIOM     | 23. EXPOS     |



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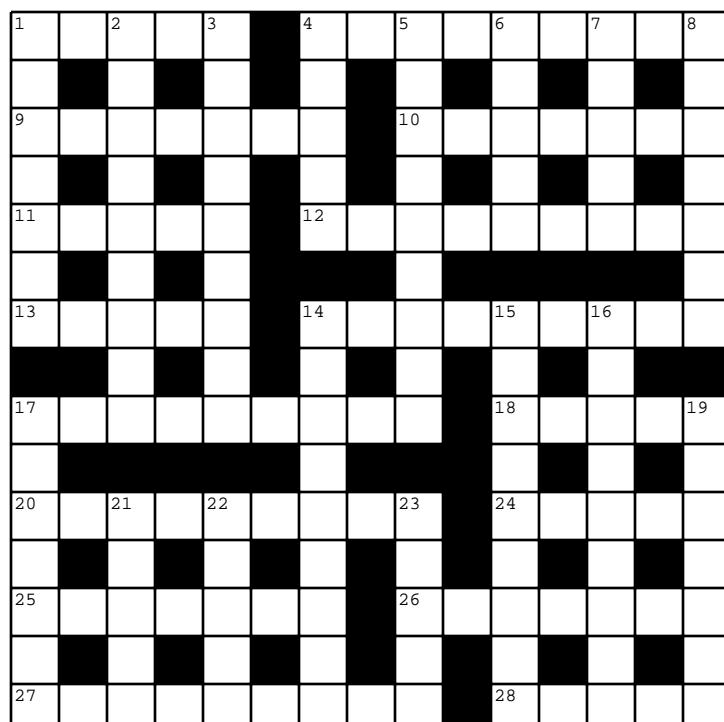
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| 1. BASSI      | 1. BUGABOO    |
| 4. REDEFINES  | 2. STATISTIC  |
| 9. GRAPHIC    | 3. INHERIT    |
| 10. EROTICA   | 4. RECTANGLE  |
| 11. BRIER     | 5. DIEGO      |
| 12. ABOLISHED | 6. FOOLISH    |
| 13. OCTET     | 7. NEIGH      |
| 14. GRAPHICAL | 8. SCANDAL    |
| 17. RECUMBENT | 15. ARTIFICES |
| 19. CRAMP     | 16. CRAGGIEST |
| 21. FOODSTUFF | 17. REFRESH   |
| 24. NEGRO     | 18. MISSTEP   |
| 25. ELECTED   | 19. CENTRED   |
| 26. CORNEAL   | 20. PROBLEM   |
| 27. HELIPORTS | 22. ONEIL     |
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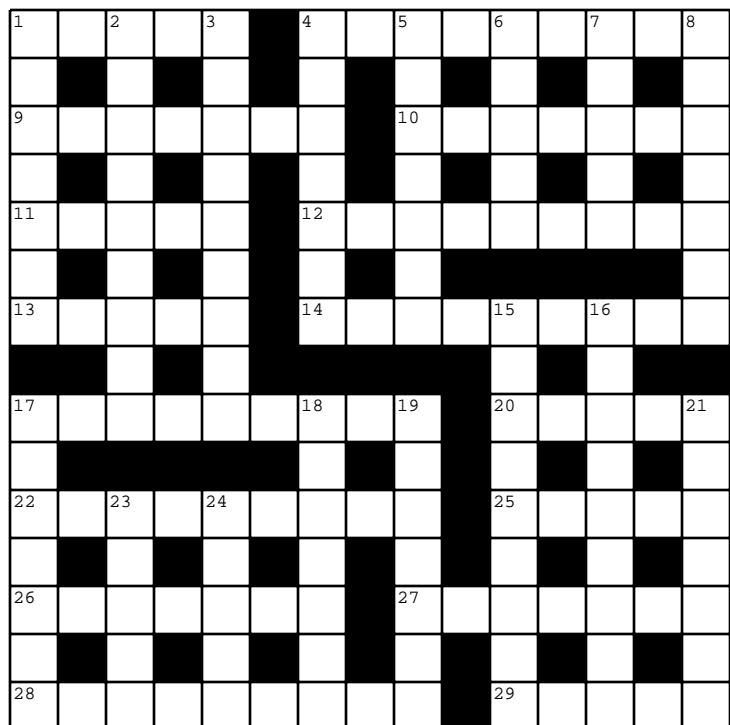
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| 4. BABUSHKAS  | 2. AESTHETIC  |
| 9. ASSIGNS    | 3. DIGESTION  |
| 10. IZANAGI   | 4. BUSCH      |
| 11. ACHES     | 5. BLIZZARDS  |
| 12. HAZARDING | 6. STAIR      |
| 13. ALTAI     | 7. KHAKI      |
| 14. CARDBOARD | 8. SWIGGED    |
| 17. NICKNAMES | 14. CAMPANILI |
| 18. RACKS     | 15. BARRACUDA |
| 20. PIZZICATO | 16. ANCIENTER |
| 24. ARENT     | 17. NAPHTHA   |
| 25. TERMINI   | 19. SATINED   |
| 26. GLUTTON   | 21. ZEROS     |
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| 28. AIRED     | 23. ORGAN     |



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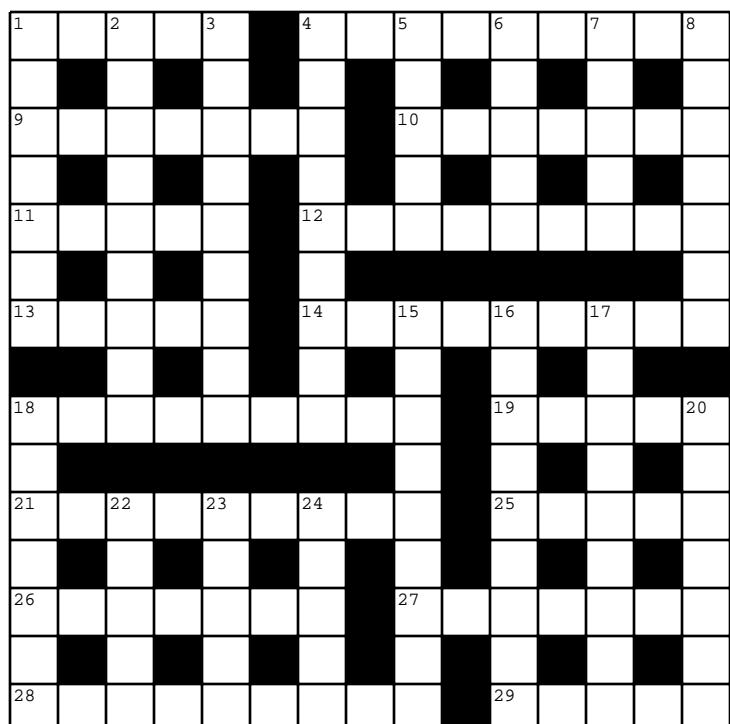
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| 1. LOADS      | 1. LEBLANC    |
| 4. CASTRATED  | 2. AESTHETIC  |
| 9. BASEMAN    | 3. SOMBREROS  |
| 10. ROSTRUM   | 4. CANASTA    |
| 11. ABHOR     | 5. SCRUFFS    |
| 12. SAFETYING | 6. RESET      |
| 13. CATER     | 7. TORSI      |
| 14. ABSORBING | 8. DEMAGOG    |
| 17. BACKSLASH | 15. RHINOCERI |
| 20. IMBUE     | 16. IMBROGLIO |
| 22. SACCHARIN | 17. BESPOKE   |
| 25. OVOID     | 18. AFRICAN   |
| 26. OCEANIC   | 19. HANDFUL   |
| 27. FEEBLER   | 21. ELDERLY   |
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| 29. IRONY     | 24. HENRI     |



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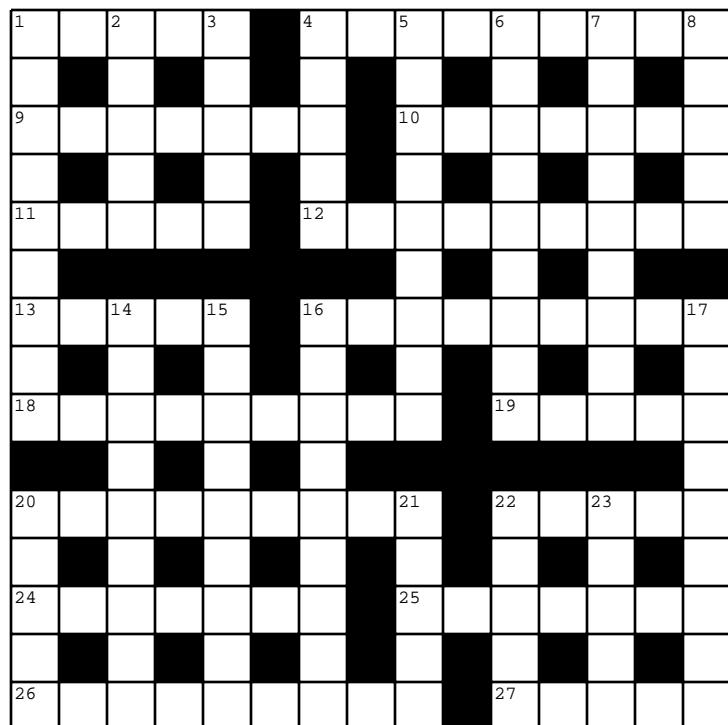
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| 4. ANNOUNCED  | 2. ADULATION  |
| 9. CHURNED    | 3. CENTURIES  |
| 10. GRIMACE   | 4. ADDRESSEE  |
| 11. SNAFU     | 5. NEGEV      |
| 12. ENVISAGES | 6. UNITS      |
| 13. ALIBI     | 7. CLANG      |
| 14. SAFEGUARD | 8. DRESSED    |
| 18. CANISTERS | 15. FISHBOWLS |
| 19. OPTIC     | 16. GHOSTLIER |
| 21. NIGHTCLUB | 17. ALTIMETER |
| 25. TAMER     | 18. CONFORM   |
| 26. OPULENT   | 20. CORONER   |
| 27. WRITTEN   | 22. GAUNT     |
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| 29. RARER     | 24. LETHA     |



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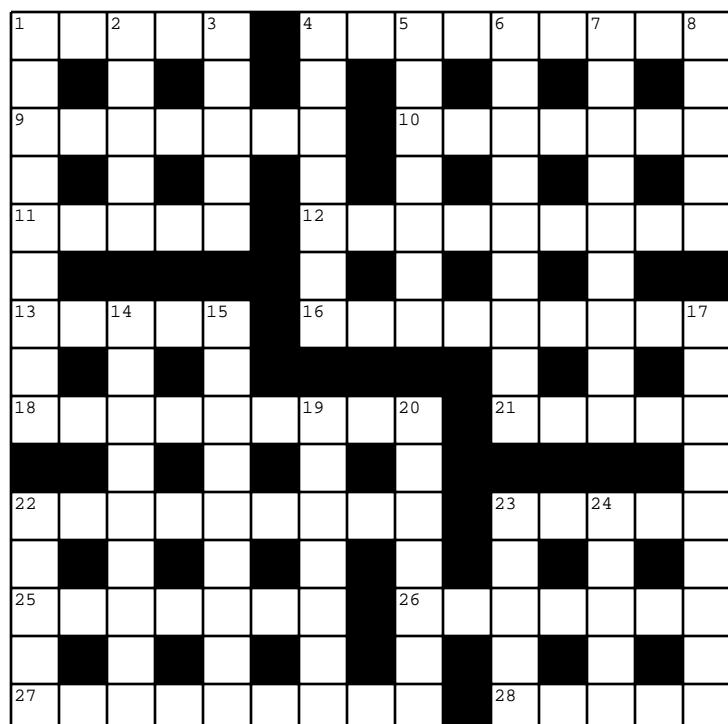
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| 1. AWFUL      | 1. ACTIVATED  |
| 4. WINDBREAK  | 2. FIBER      |
| 9. TOBACCO    | 3. LACES      |
| 10. GROUCHY   | 4. WHOLE      |
| 11. VIRUS     | 5. NIGGARDED  |
| 12. ENAMELLED | 6. BOOMERANG  |
| 13. TWICE     | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 16. KIDNAPPED | 8. KEYED      |
| 18. DISOBEYED | 14. INSTITUTE |
| 19. GOING     | 15. EMBODYING |
| 20. CHILDHOOD | 16. KEYBOARDS |
| 22. TORSI     | 17. DIGNIFIES |
| 24. COURIER   | 20. CYCLE     |
| 25. TERMINI   | 21. DATES     |
| 26. ENERGISES | 22. THROW     |
| 27. WEEKS     | 23. RAISE     |



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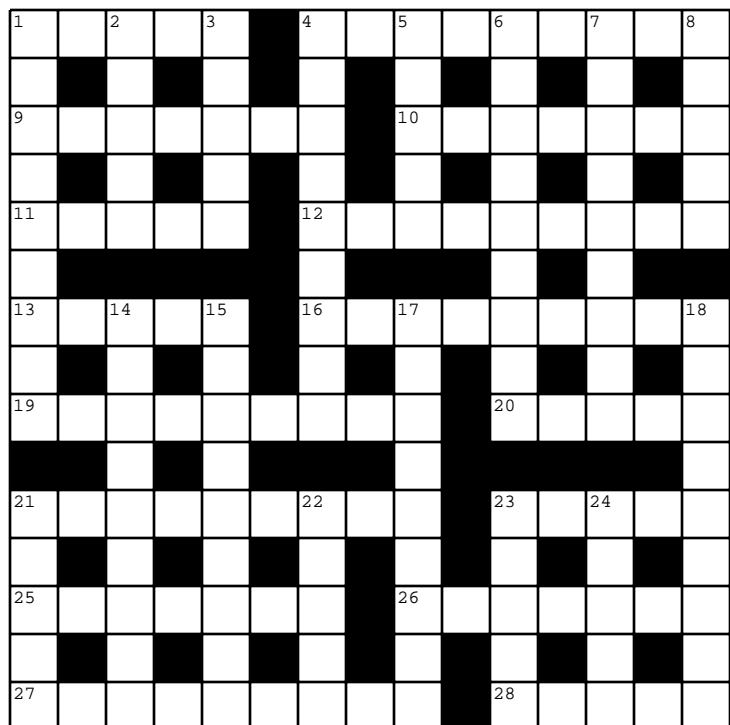
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| 4. ALLEGEDLY  | 2. LEACH      |
| 9. SHAMPOO    | 3. WIPED      |
| 10. REISSUE   | 4. APOSTLE    |
| 11. ACCHED    | 5. LARIATS    |
| 12. TRANSCEND | 6. GLISSANDO  |
| 13. NAPES     | 7. DISBELIEF  |
| 16. ESSENTIAL | 8. YIELD      |
| 18. DESERVING | 14. PASSIONED |
| 21. OFFER     | 15. SARCASTIC |
| 22. TAIWANESE | 17. LARCENIES |
| 23. PRONE     | 19. INEXACT   |
| 25. MINUTIA   | 20. GLEAMED   |
| 26. MARTINI   | 22. TEMPI     |
| 27. INDICATED | 23. PARTY     |
| 28. YANKS     | 24. ONION     |



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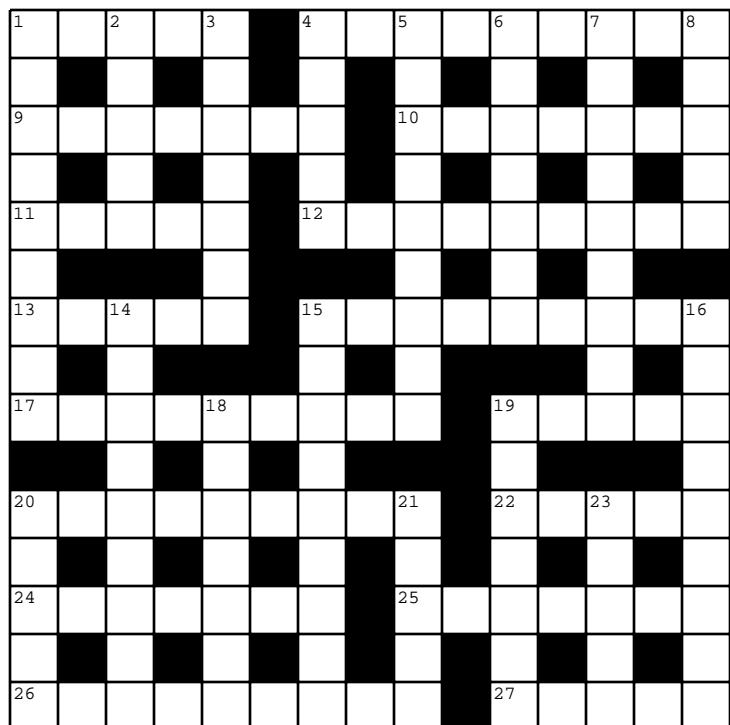
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| 1. ECHOS      | 1. ERRONEOUS  |
| 4. DISMEMBER  | 2. HUFFS      |
| 9. REFUSAL    | 3. SISSY      |
| 10. LOGICAL   | 4. DELUSIONS  |
| 11. NASTY     | 5. SOLVE      |
| 12. SWEETNESS | 6. EIGHTIETH  |
| 13. OWNED     | 7. BACTERIAL  |
| 16. OBSCENITY | 8. ROLES      |
| 19. SURPRISES | 14. NARRATING |
| 20. HOLDS     | 15. DIRECTIVE |
| 21. FRANCHISE | 17. SUSPENDED |
| 23. CYCLE     | 18. YESTERDAY |
| 25. TBILISI   | 21. FATES     |
| 26. DROWNED   | 22. IDIOT     |
| 27. SUGGESTED | 23. CROSS     |
| 28. SHYLY     | 24. CANNY     |



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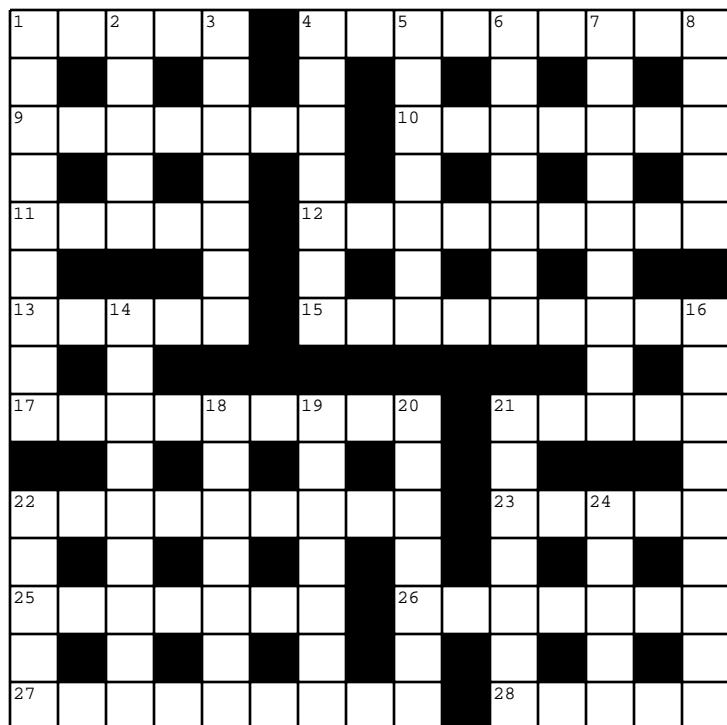
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| 4. ACCOSTING  | 2. ENNUI      |
| 9. NONSTOP    | 3. MOTLIER    |
| 10. SCANTED   | 4. APPLE      |
| 11. HEIDI     | 5. CASSETTES  |
| 12. EXEMPLIFY | 6. SHAMPOO    |
| 13. SHEER     | 7. INTUITIVE  |
| 15. METEORITE | 8. GODLY      |
| 17. SOCIABLES | 14. ECCENTRIC |
| 19. BLEST     | 15. MALDONADO |
| 20. HONEYCOMB | 16. ENTRYWAYS |
| 22. TODAY     | 18. ABYSSES   |
| 24. EURASIA   | 19. BATHTUB   |
| 25. ANTENNA   | 20. HYENA     |
| 26. ANCESTORS | 21. BEATS     |
| 27. BOOTS     | 23. DUNNO     |



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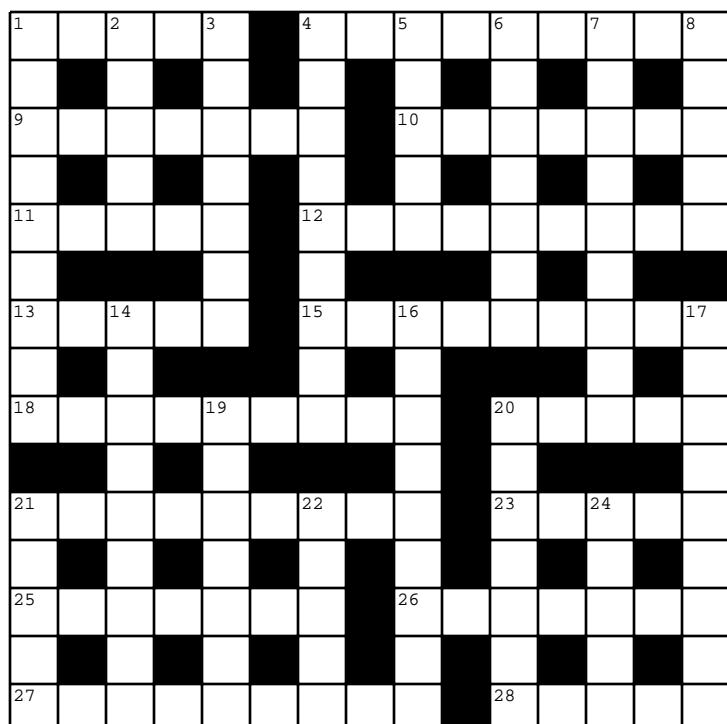
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| 4. MIDDLEMEN  | 2. OVULE      |
| 9. THUNDER    | 3. GODSEND    |
| 10. THEOREM   | 4. MARITAL    |
| 11. DEERE     | 5. DOTTING    |
| 12. TRISECTED | 6. LIEFEST    |
| 13. ARCED     | 7. MORATORIA  |
| 15. LIGATURES | 8. NAMED      |
| 17. NIGHTCLUB | 14. COGNITION |
| 21. CHAIN     | 16. SINCERELY |
| 22. RHINOCERI | 18. TOOTING   |
| 23. TASTE     | 19. LEECHED   |
| 25. SWINISH   | 20. BLISSED   |
| 26. SEIZURE   | 21. CATFISH   |
| 27. RENEGADED | 22. RISER     |
| 28. HEAVY     | 24. SAUNA     |



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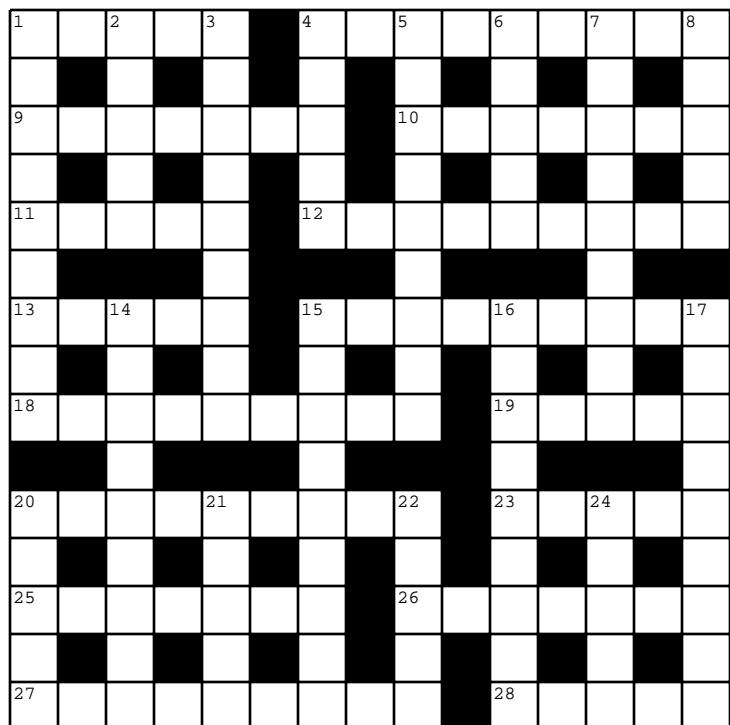
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| 4. SACRAMENT  | 2. TRAIN      |
| 9. CHAOTIC    | 3. CATFISH    |
| 10. ORATION   | 4. SUCCESSES  |
| 11. ENNUI     | 5. CLOUT      |
| 12. EXTREMELY | 6. ARACELI    |
| 13. TEETH     | 7. EPILEPTIC  |
| 15. SUBMITTED | 8. TINNY      |
| 18. ANALGESIC | 14. EVALUATED |
| 20. CACAO     | 16. BACKPACKS |
| 21. COURTSHIP | 17. DOORSTEPS |
| 23. BASKS     | 19. GETTING   |
| 25. ARTSIER   | 20. COBBING   |
| 26. COINAGE   | 21. CRAMP     |
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| 28. GIFTS     | 24. SCARF     |



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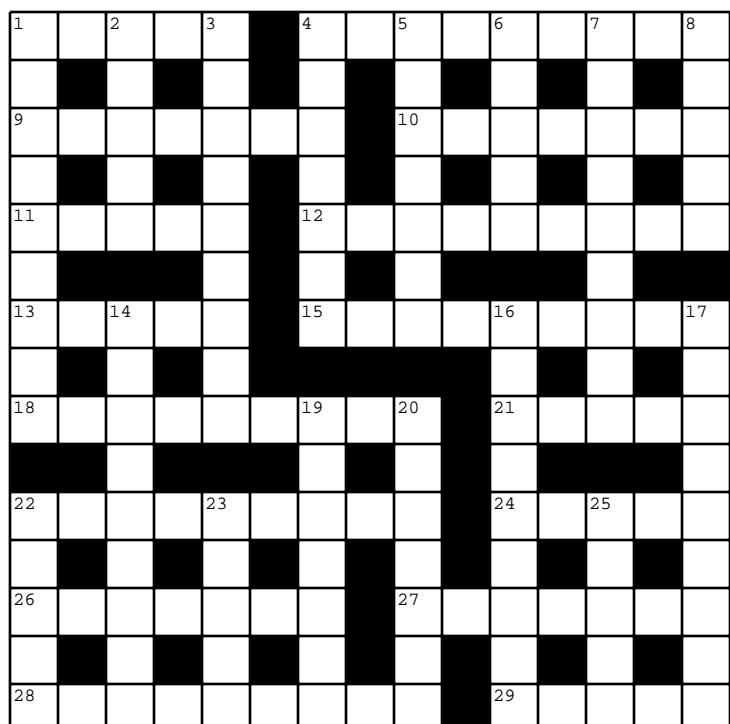
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| 4. EMINENCES  | 2. DARLA      |
| 9. CARIBOU    | 3. AMBIGUOUS  |
| 10. PARENTS   | 4. EQUIP      |
| 11. SLANG     | 5. IMPROMPTU  |
| 12. PYORRHOEA | 6. ERROR      |
| 13. AUDIO     | 7. CONSORTIA  |
| 15. HOPSCOTCH | 8. SASHA      |
| 18. TROUSSEAU | 14. DIOCESANS |
| 19. LEARN     | 15. HIERARCHY |
| 20. AMERICANA | 16. CALENDARS |
| 23. NIKKI     | 17. HANDIWORK |
| 25. DRASIC    | 20. ADDED     |
| 26. CLAUDIO   | 21. INTEL     |
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| 28. SNUCK     | 24. KUDZU     |



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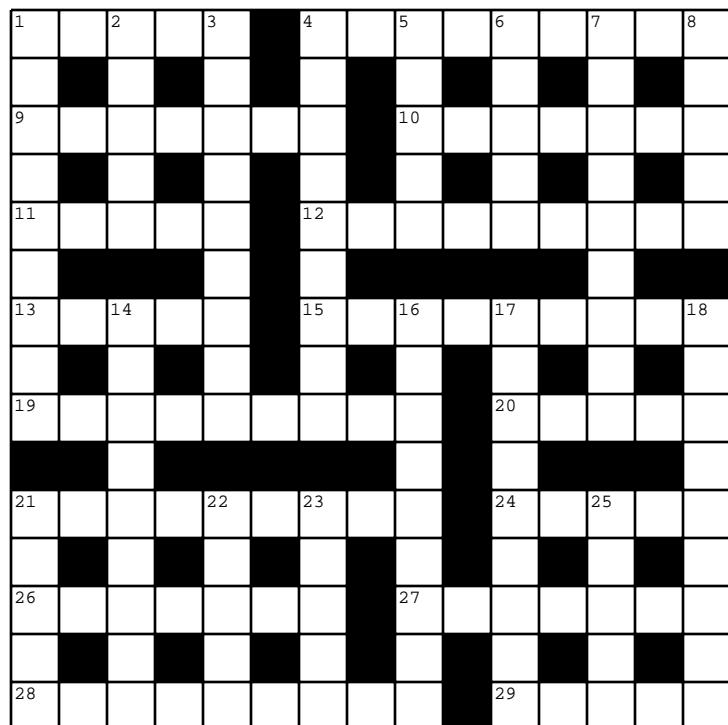
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| 9. CARIBOU    | 3. HIBERNATE  |
| 10. PAINFUL   | 4. CAUSTIC    |
| 11. ENTER     | 5. SUPREME    |
| 12. THESAURUS | 6. IBIZA      |
| 13. EXTRA     | 7. REFERENDA  |
| 15. CRESCENDO | 8. DILLS      |
| 18. TICKETING | 14. TECHNICAL |
| 21. AWARE     | 16. CHARWOMAN |
| 22. RENDITION | 17. OVERDOSES |
| 24. WADED     | 19. IDIOTIC   |
| 26. CYCLIST   | 20. GENERAL   |
| 27. RUMOURS   | 22. RECAP     |
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| 29. NOTES     | 25. DOUBT     |



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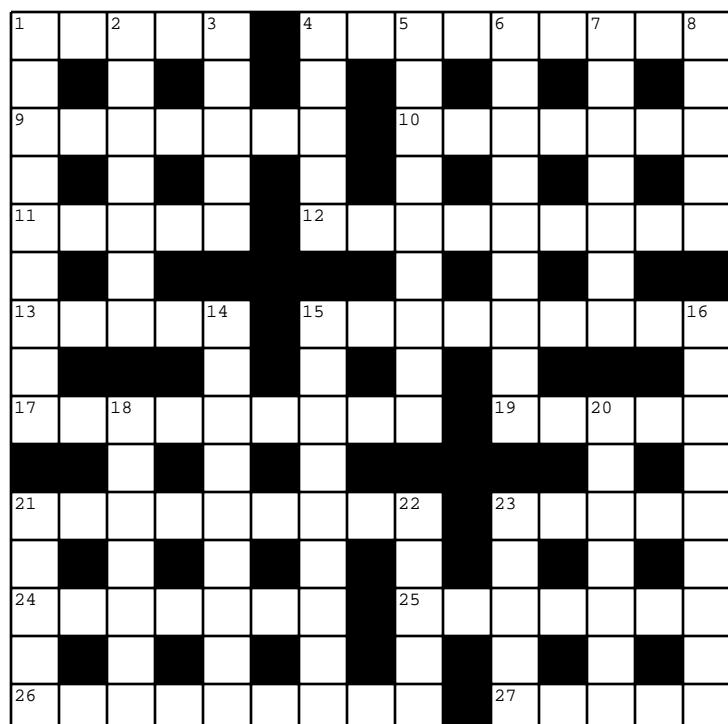
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| 4. ATTENTION  | 2. BASER      |
| 9. PASSIVE    | 3. GLISSANDI  |
| 10. PLEASES   | 4. ALEJANDRA  |
| 11. OGRES     | 5. TOPIC      |
| 12. ANCESTRAL | 6. NEEDS      |
| 13. ALIEN     | 7. INSERTION  |
| 15. DISBELIEF | 8. NASAL      |
| 19. AMERICANA | 14. IDEALIZES |
| 20. TANIA     | 16. SCALLOPED |
| 21. POLITICAL | 17. ESTIMATES |
| 24. MICAH     | 18. FLASHBACK |
| 26. BUZZARD   | 21. PUBIC     |
| 27. PATELLA   | 22. TIARA     |
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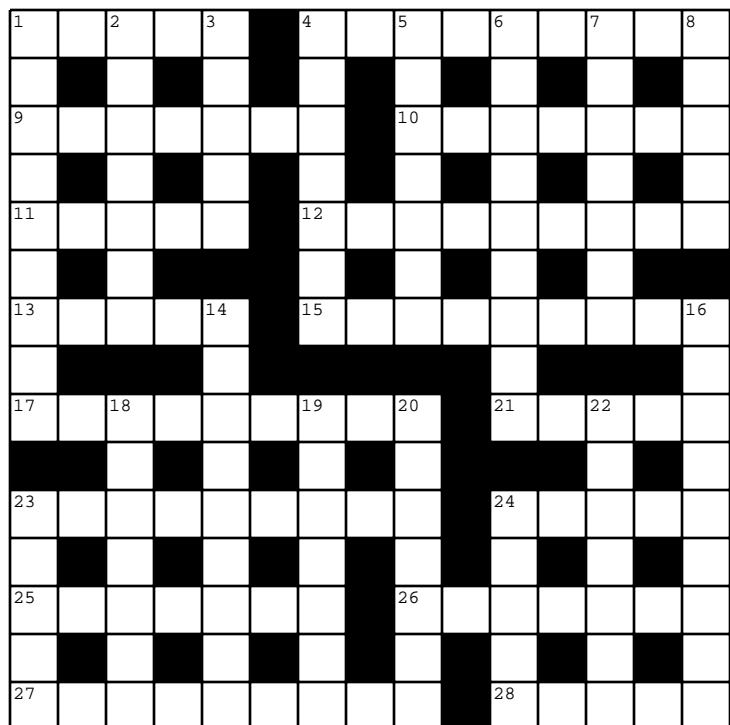
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| 9. EAGERER    | 3. DIRAC      |
| 10. BRIMMED   | 4. ARROW      |
| 11. CUBIC     | 5. ALBANIANS  |
| 12. WINDSURFS | 6. GLISSANDO  |
| 13. STORM     | 7. SAMURAI    |
| 15. PLAINTIFF | 8. CODES      |
| 17. DESCRIBES | 14. MARGARITO |
| 19. OFFER     | 15. PUBLISHER |
| 21. SITUATION | 16. FORESTALL |
| 23. NEARS     | 18. SATIRES   |
| 24. TARNISH   | 20. FRANTIC   |
| 25. REGATTA   | 21. SITED     |
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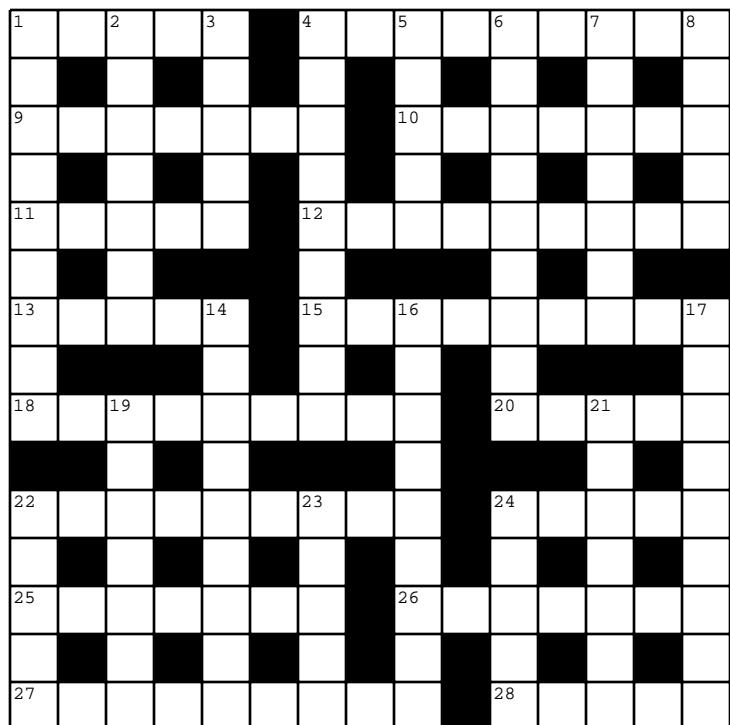
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| 4. AESTHETIC  | 2. CHEAPEN    |
| 9. REEFERS    | 3. EVERY      |
| 10. AMNESIA   | 4. ASSUMED    |
| 11. IMPLY     | 5. SCALLOP    |
| 12. MALAYSIAN | 6. HONEYCOMB  |
| 13. OWNED     | 7. TOSHIBA    |
| 15. DIPLOMATA | 8. CHAIN      |
| 17. AXIOMATIC | 14. DEMOCRACY |
| 21. BEEFY     | 16. ANYWHERE  |
| 23. CRESCENDO | 18. ICECAPS   |
| 24. SOUTH     | 19. TANISHA   |
| 25. AVATARS   | 20. CHOICES   |
| 26. CLEANER   | 22. EQUINOX   |
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| 28. MIXES     | 24. STEAM     |



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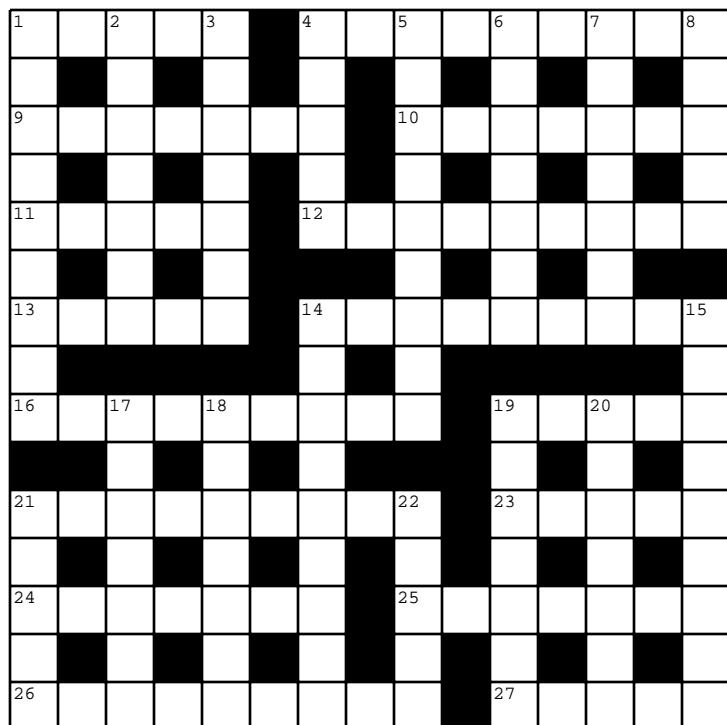
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| 9. RAMIREZ    | 3. RARER      |
| 10. COLITIS   | 4. PIZZICATO  |
| 11. STAIR     | 5. RECAP      |
| 12. IMPRESSES | 6. BALLERINA  |
| 13. ALIAS     | 7. LATISHA    |
| 15. AMERICANA | 8. SISES      |
| 18. PEPPERONI | 14. SMELLIEST |
| 20. AWARD     | 16. EXISTENCE |
| 22. CONFLUENT | 17. ADDRESSES |
| 24. PURGE     | 19. PANACEA   |
| 25. LECTERN   | 21. AIRPORT   |
| 26. NEURONS   | 22. COLIC     |
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| 28. BYTES     | 24. PLUMB     |



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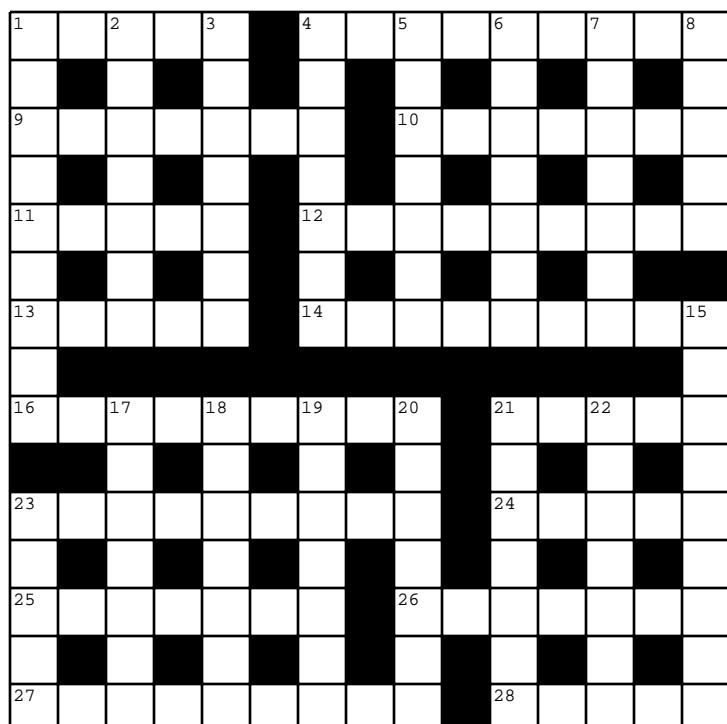
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| 4. REPULSIVE   | 2. ANAGRAM    |
| 9. GRAPHIC     | 3. ASHAMED    |
| 10. TYPICAL    | 4. RECAP      |
| 11. THRUM      | 5. POTPOURRI  |
| 12. PROGNOSSES | 6. LUPINES    |
| 13. AIMED      | 7. INCISOR    |
| 14. CORKSCREW  | 8. ELLIS      |
| 16. EUCALYPTI  | 14. CAPSULING |
| 19. OTHER      | 15. WORLDWIDE |
| 21. BILINGUAL  | 17. CULPRIT   |
| 23. FUSED      | 18. LYNETTE   |
| 24. MARATHI    | 19. OFFBEAT   |
| 25. CHENNAI    | 20. HOSANNA   |
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| 27. TRACE      | 22. LACKS     |



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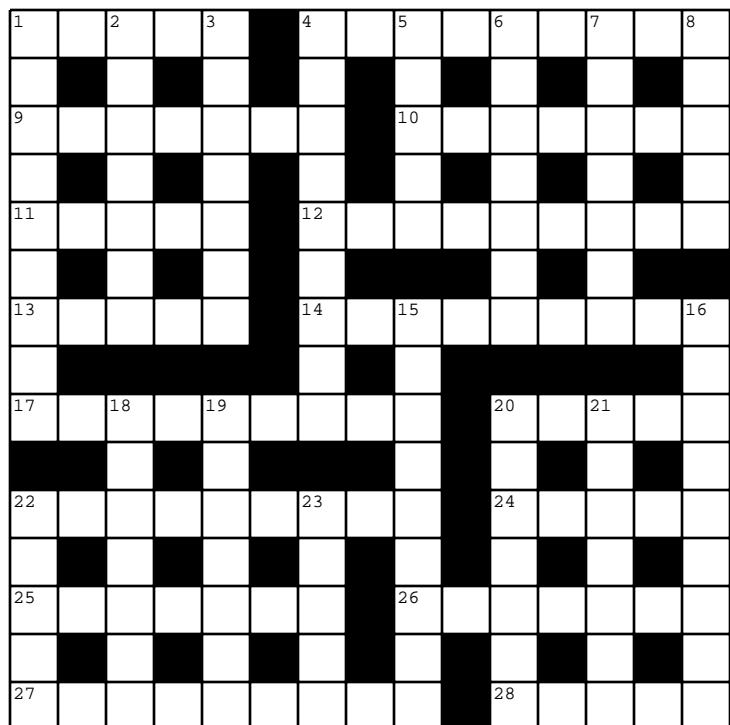
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| 4. ADJUSTING  | 2. SCRIPTS    |
| 9. ERRANDS    | 3. DENSELY    |
| 10. JANITOR   | 4. ABSENTS    |
| 11. MAPLE     | 5. JUJITSU    |
| 12. NUTMEGGED | 6. SENNETT    |
| 13. NASTY     | 7. INTEGER    |
| 14. SAUNTERED | 8. GORED      |
| 16. ANTIPASTO | 15. DISASTERS |
| 21. FACES     | 17. TROLLEY   |
| 23. BOOKSHELF | 18. PASTEUR   |
| 24. CARDS     | 19. SCEPTRE   |
| 25. OILIEST   | 20. OFFICER   |
| 26. COURAGE   | 21. FACTUAL   |
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| 28. LUNGS     | 23. BLOOM     |



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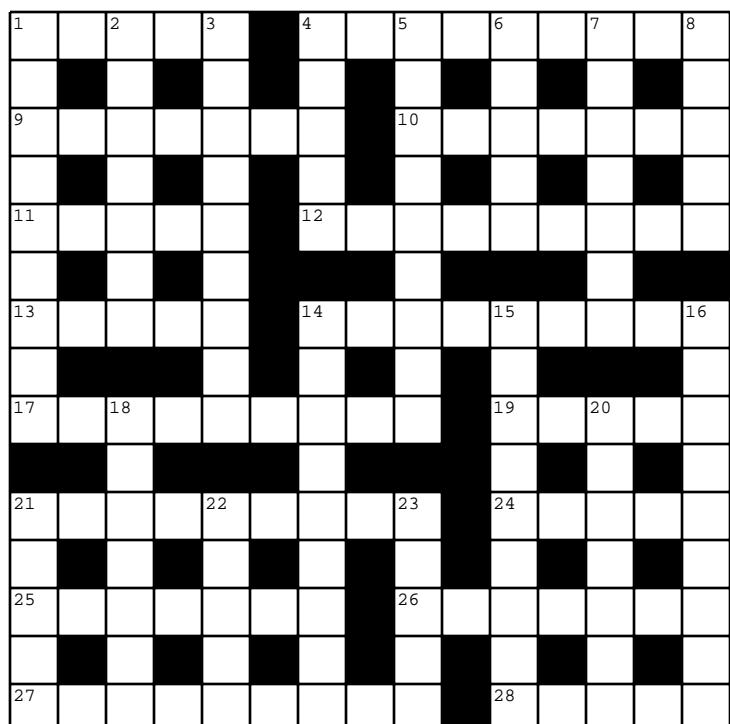
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| 4. DIRECTORY  | 2. SPENSER    |
| 9. INERTIA    | 3. OUTSIDE    |
| 10. IONISER   | 4. DIAPHRAGM  |
| 11. SUSHI     | 5. REIGN      |
| 12. HANGOVERS | 6. CANDOUR    |
| 13. NERVE     | 7. OBSCENE    |
| 14. ABSURDEST | 8. YARDS      |
| 17. OMBUDSMAN | 15. SENTIMENT |
| 20. NIECE     | 16. TWENTIETH |
| 22. GLISSANDI | 18. BRIDGET   |
| 24. NIGHT     | 19. DESKTOP   |
| 25. EIGHTHS   | 20. NONSTOP   |
| 26. EXTREME   | 21. EDGIES    |
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| 28. PATCH     | 23. NASAL     |



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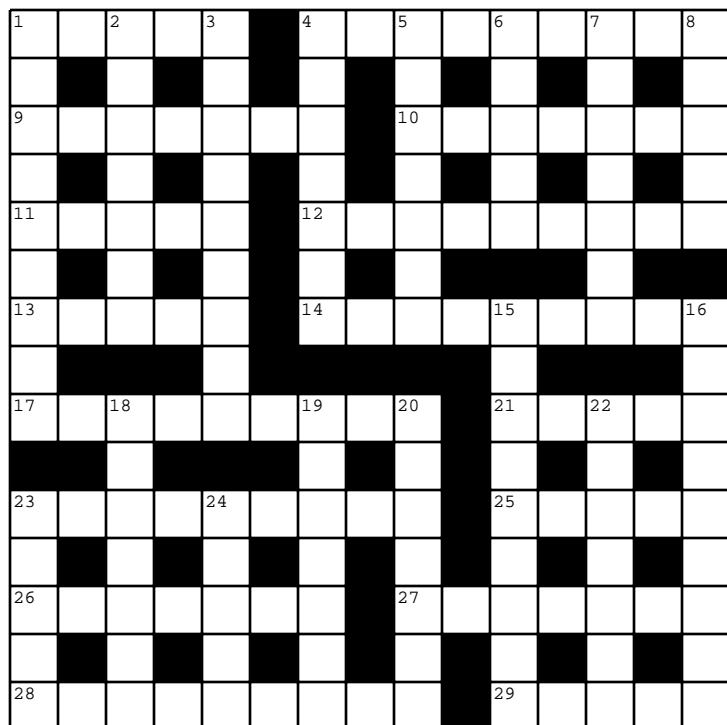
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| 4. AUDIENCES  | 2. CUSTARD    |
| 9. DESKTOP    | 3. AFTERMATH  |
| 10. SLOWEST   | 4. APPLE      |
| 11. CHAIR     | 5. DISAPPEAR  |
| 12. EXPLAINED | 6. EBOLA      |
| 13. INDIA     | 7. CHENNAI    |
| 14. CLEANLIER | 8. SITED      |
| 17. NEIGHBOUR | 14. CROSSWORD |
| 19. WATCH     | 15. NEWSPAPER |
| 21. CAPARISON | 16. REHEARSES |
| 24. PARKA     | 18. IMPULSE   |
| 25. ALLEGRO   | 20. TERMINI   |
| 26. REPLIES   | 21. CHAMP     |
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| 28. RAIDS     | 23. NARCS     |



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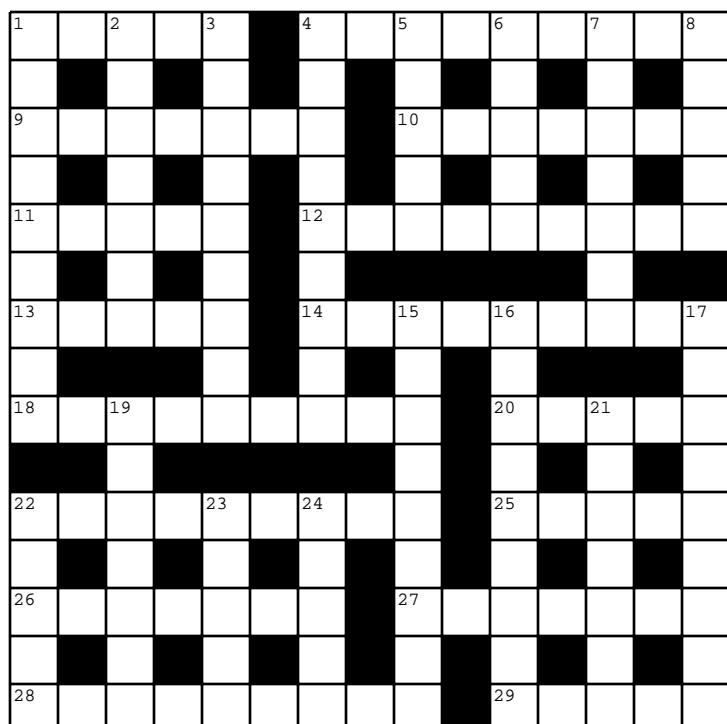
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| 4. MEALTIMES  | 2. ACRYLIC    |
| 9. THROUGH    | 3. NAUGHTIER  |
| 10. BRAGGED   | 4. MAHATMA    |
| 11. FILCH     | 5. AMBLING    |
| 12. THICKENED | 6. TRACK      |
| 13. CACTI     | 7. MAGENTA    |
| 14. ALGEBRAIC | 8. SIDED      |
| 17. SUBTRACTS | 15. BALALAIKA |
| 21. LOBES     | 16. CASSETTES |
| 23. MAELSTROM | 18. BEEHIVE   |
| 25. LOOSE     | 19. CURATOR   |
| 26. TRIPLET   | 20. SOMEHOW   |
| 27. HAIRCUT   | 22. BRONCHI   |
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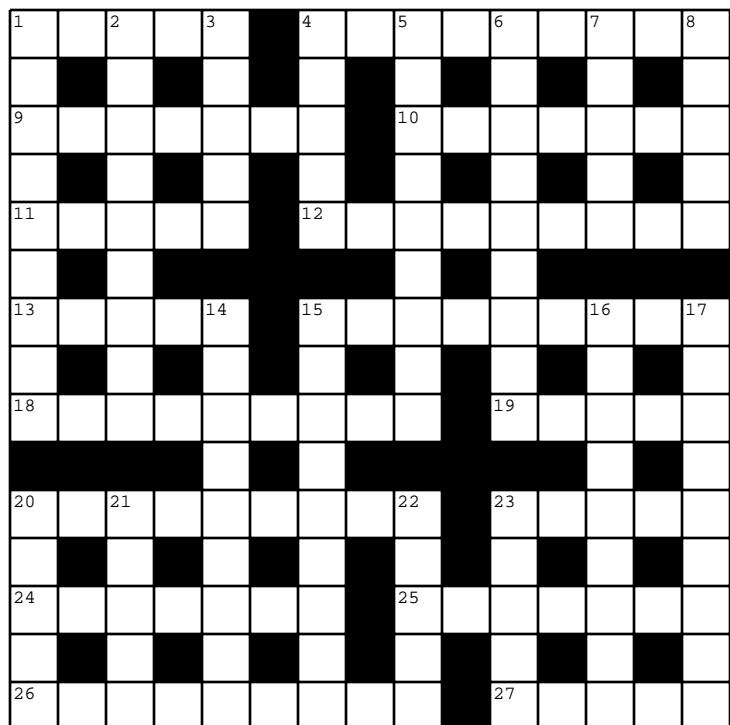
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| 9. BRAVEST    | 3. AVERAGING  |
| 10. LACQUER   | 4. INTERPRET  |
| 11. TERRA     | 5. HALVE      |
| 12. REELECTED | 6. ROCHE      |
| 13. NIMBI     | 7. TAUNTED    |
| 14. RHAPSODIC | 8. DARED      |
| 18. ENERGETIC | 15. ANCESTRAL |
| 20. BEGIN     | 16. SUBNORMAL |
| 22. MNEMONICS | 17. CONTRIVED |
| 25. OLDER     | 19. ETERNAL   |
| 26. GONDOLA   | 21. GODUNOV   |
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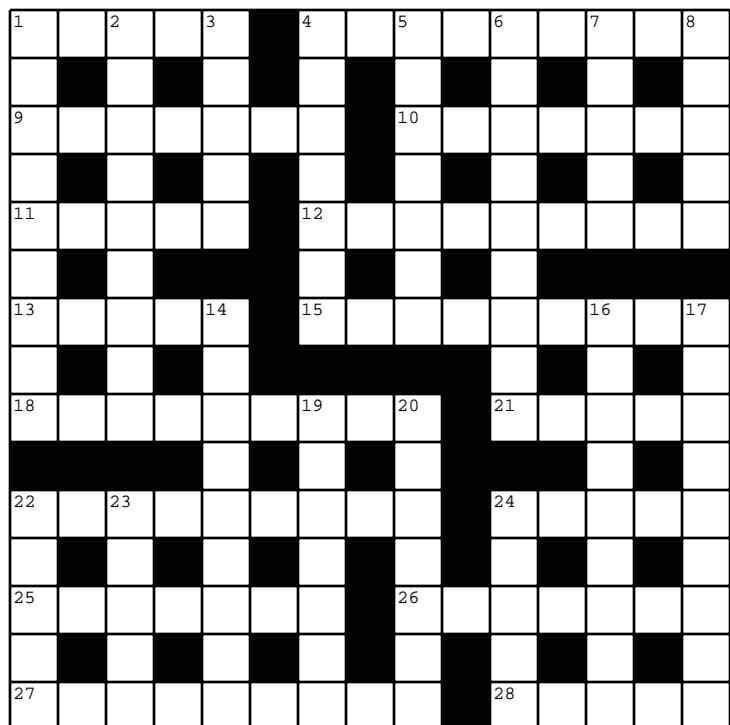
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| 4. COMMANDER  | 2. AFFIDAVIT  |
| 9. NIFTIER    | 3. SHIED      |
| 10. NEARING   | 4. CURER      |
| 11. REDID     | 5. MINEFIELD  |
| 12. REFLECTED | 6. AMATERASU  |
| 13. HAVOC     | 7. DRIFT      |
| 15. ALEXANDRA | 8. RIGID      |
| 18. CATNAPPED | 14. CHASTISES |
| 19. UNFIT     | 15. AMPLIFIER |
| 20. CICATRICE | 16. DIFFERENT |
| 23. CHEAP     | 17. ANTIPASTO |
| 24. BELUSHI   | 20. CUBIC     |
| 25. BEAKERS   | 21. COLOR     |
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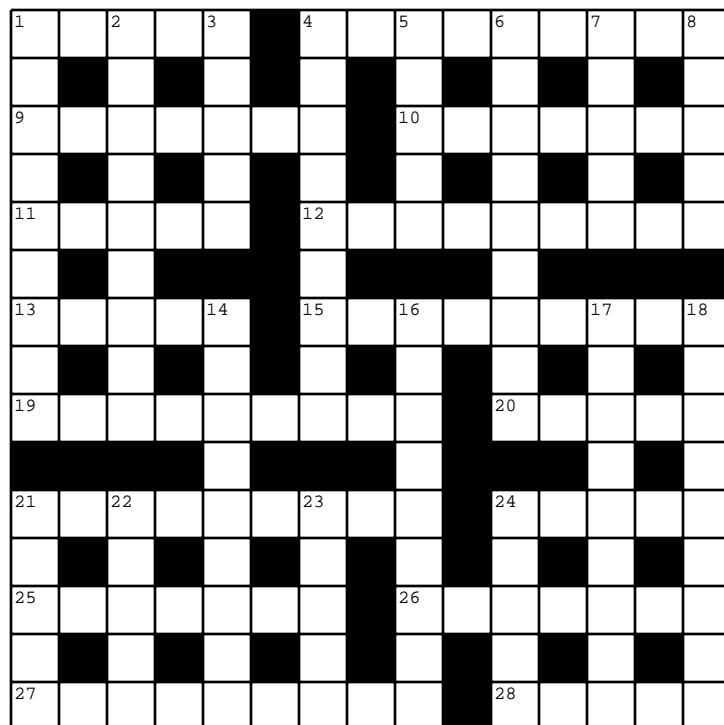
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| 9. AQUATIC    | 3. EATEN      |
| 10. AMNESIA   | 4. BECOMES    |
| 11. GRAIN     | 5. CLASSIC    |
| 12. MISTYPING | 6. HONEYCOMB  |
| 13. RAINS     | 7. NISEI      |
| 15. SOCIOPATH | 8. SLANG      |
| 18. LEGENDARY | 14. SYNDICATE |
| 21. BLOOM     | 16. APOCRYPHA |
| 22. ASSAILING | 17. HIMALAYAS |
| 24. ENROL     | 19. AMIABLE   |
| 25. RHUBARB   | 20. YOGHURT   |
| 26. UNHAPPY   | 22. AORTA     |
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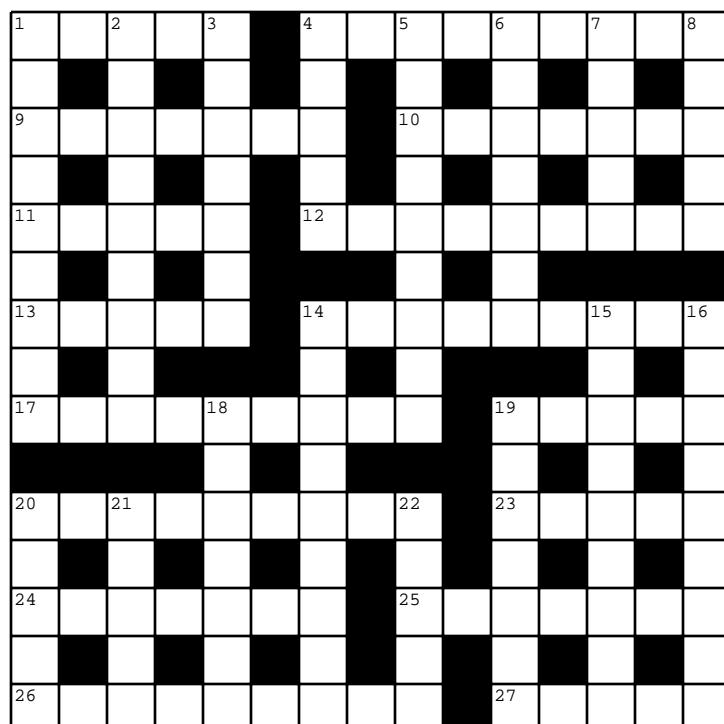
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| 4. BYSTANDER  | 2. INTRINSIC  |
| 9. OSTRICH    | 3. EVILS      |
| 10. ANYWAYS   | 4. BEHAVIOUR  |
| 11. OMITS     | 5. SNAFU      |
| 12. VOUCHSAFE | 6. ANYWHEREIS |
| 13. INSET     | 7. DEANA      |
| 15. OWNERSHIP | 8. ROSIE      |
| 19. ECCENTRIC | 14. TENACIOUS |
| 20. SUNUP     | 16. NICKNAMES |
| 21. INDUCTION | 17. HENRIETTA |
| 24. DRIER     | 18. PAPERWORK |
| 25. PERSONA   | 21. INPUT     |
| 26. MULATTO   | 22. DIRER     |
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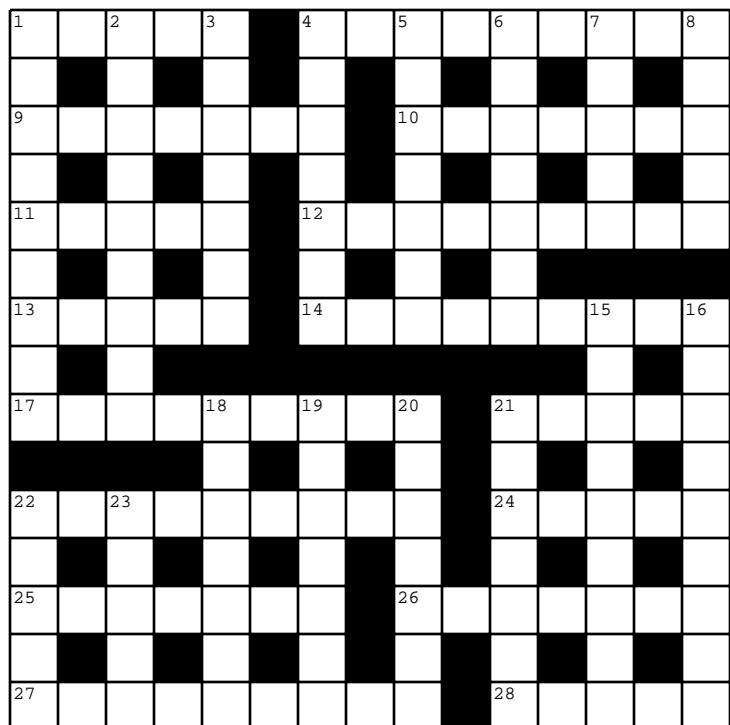
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| 9. TACKLES    | 3. ATLASES    |
| 10. OUTPUTS   | 4. ASSAM      |
| 11. OASIS     | 5. CROSSROAD  |
| 12. MISGUIDED | 6. ASTOUND    |
| 13. ROOMS     | 7. MOULD      |
| 14. BLOODSHED | 8. DOSED      |
| 17. INSTALLED | 14. BELITTLES |
| 19. CYNIC     | 15. HANDIWORK |
| 20. PARAMETER | 16. DICTATION |
| 23. ORIYA     | 18. ALMANAC   |
| 24. ORDINAL   | 19. CROQUET   |
| 25. SPUMONI   | 20. PROOF     |
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| 27. TAKEN     | 22. RISES     |



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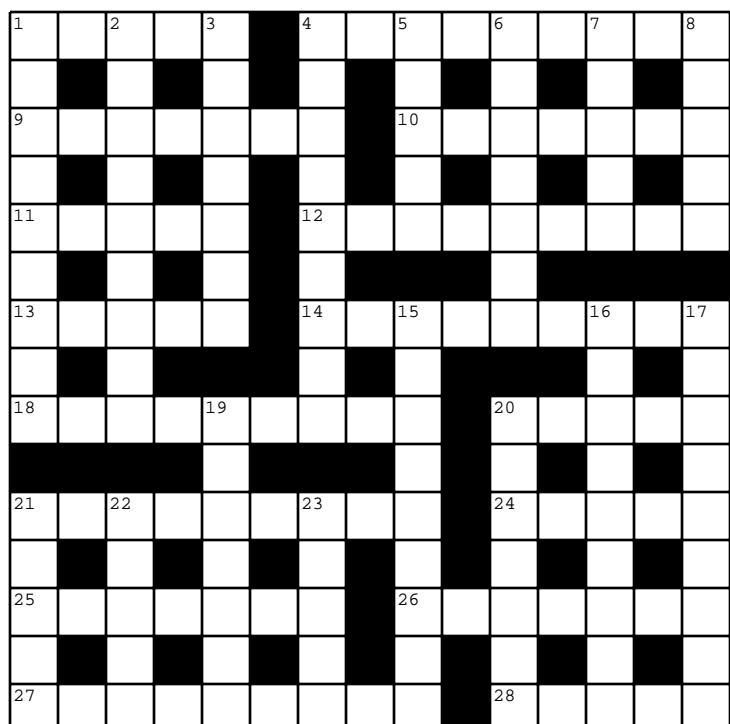
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| 4. THATCHING  | 2. SCHEDULER  |
| 9. APHASIA    | 3. ASSISTS    |
| 10. MARTINA   | 4. TRAFFIC    |
| 11. NODES     | 5. ADMIRER    |
| 12. FIREBRAND | 6. CARIBOU    |
| 13. IDLES     | 7. IBIZA      |
| 14. CORPUSCLE | 8. GUARD      |
| 17. EARMARKED | 15. CRESCENDO |
| 21. DWELL     | 16. ELLESMORE |
| 22. MENDELEEV | 18. AVERAGE   |
| 24. SACKS     | 19. KEENING   |
| 25. SYLLABI   | 20. DIVERTS   |
| 26. REVENGE   | 21. DISAVOW   |
| 27. CONVERGES | 22. MUSIC     |
| 28. WHOLE     | 23. NYLON     |



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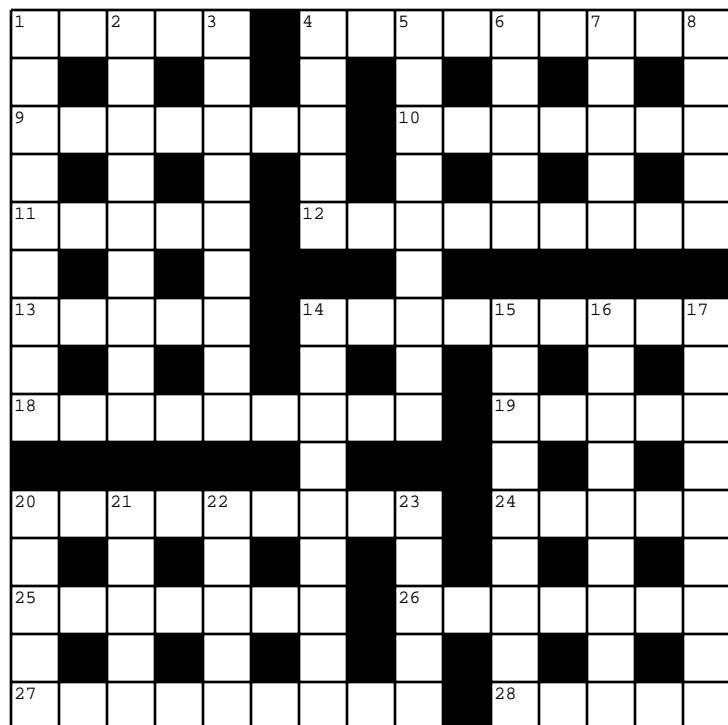
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| 10. RESUMED   | 4. CONDORCET  |
| 11. HOODS     | 5. NERVE      |
| 12. OPERATORS | 6. INSTALS    |
| 13. TREAD     | 7. CAMEO      |
| 14. CARDSHARP | 8. SIDES      |
| 18. CLIMACTIC | 15. RECHARGES |
| 20. PLAZA     | 16. AMATERASU |
| 21. HARMONICA | 17. PRACTISED |
| 24. ELECT     | 19. AMOUNTS   |
| 25. ACCENTS   | 20. PREVIEW   |
| 26. GUITARS   | 21. HEARD     |
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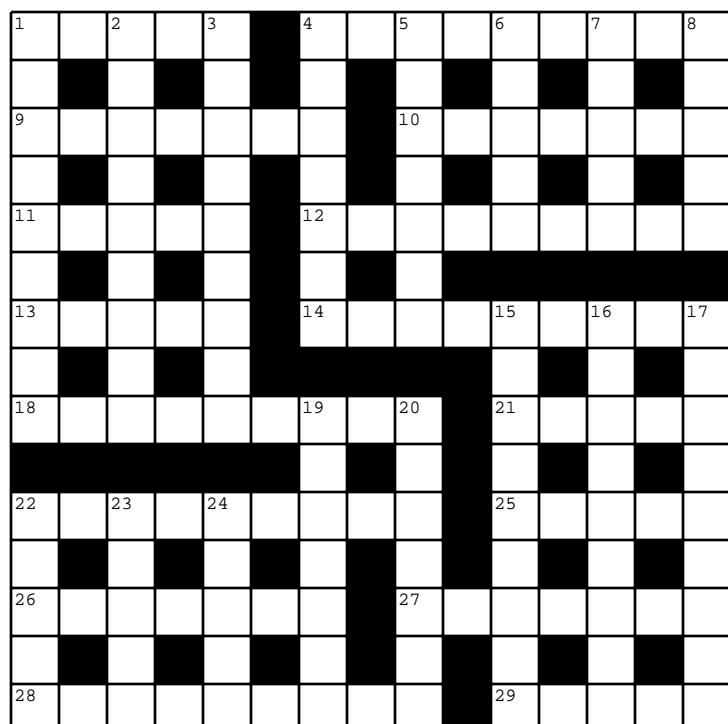
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| 4. REVIEWING  | 2. MACHINIST  |
| 9. RECIPES    | 3. APPRAISAL  |
| 10. OMNIBUS   | 4. RISEN      |
| 11. IBIZA     | 5. VIOLENTLY  |
| 12. NEEDINESS | 6. ENNUI      |
| 13. UNITS     | 7. IMBUE      |
| 14. CATALOGUE | 8. GASES      |
| 18. ARTILLERY | 14. CRESCENDO |
| 19. MEETS     | 15. LIMELIGHT |
| 20. CONDORCET | 16. GUERRILLA |
| 24. LARGO     | 17. ENSCONCES |
| 25. MCCLAIN   | 20. COMIC     |
| 26. ANGELIC   | 21. NACHO     |
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| 28. TEARS     | 23. THANK     |



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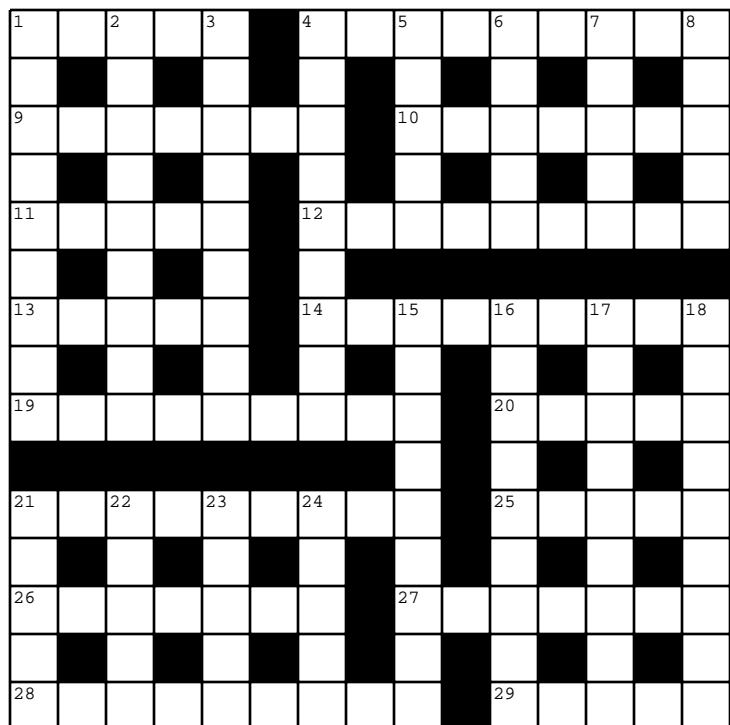
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| 9. ROSETTE    | 3. AUTOGRAPH  |
| 10. SOLACED   | 4. STEPSON    |
| 11. THING     | 5. MESTIZO    |
| 12. SLITHERED | 6. ALLAH      |
| 13. RONDA     | 7. INCUR      |
| 14. NEOLITHIC | 8. ENDED      |
| 18. ALCOHOLIC | 15. INTERVIEW |
| 21. TORSO     | 16. HORSEBACK |
| 22. AUSTRALIA | 17. CLOISTERS |
| 25. REEDS     | 19. LOLLING   |
| 26. NAUTILI   | 20. CRABBED   |
| 27. BRIGADE   | 22. ARNEB     |
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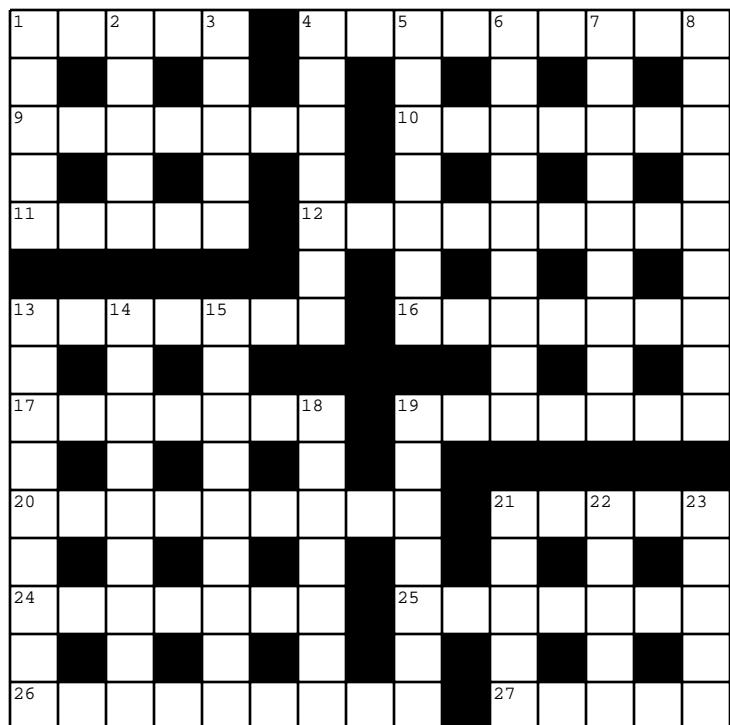
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| 9. CAPTAIN    | 3. GHASTLIER  |
| 10. IZANAGI   | 4. ANNOUNCED  |
| 11. STRUT     | 5. BRIEF      |
| 12. UNFITTING | 6. START      |
| 13. UTERI     | 7. IRAQI      |
| 14. CHIEFTAIN | 8. GOING      |
| 19. DISCREDIT | 15. INTERFACE |
| 20. NOTES     | 16. FINGERTIP |
| 21. DISAPPEAR | 17. ANTIPASTO |
| 25. EXPEL     | 18. NASALISED |
| 26. TOURIST   | 21. DETER     |
| 27. ATTESTS   | 22. STUFF     |
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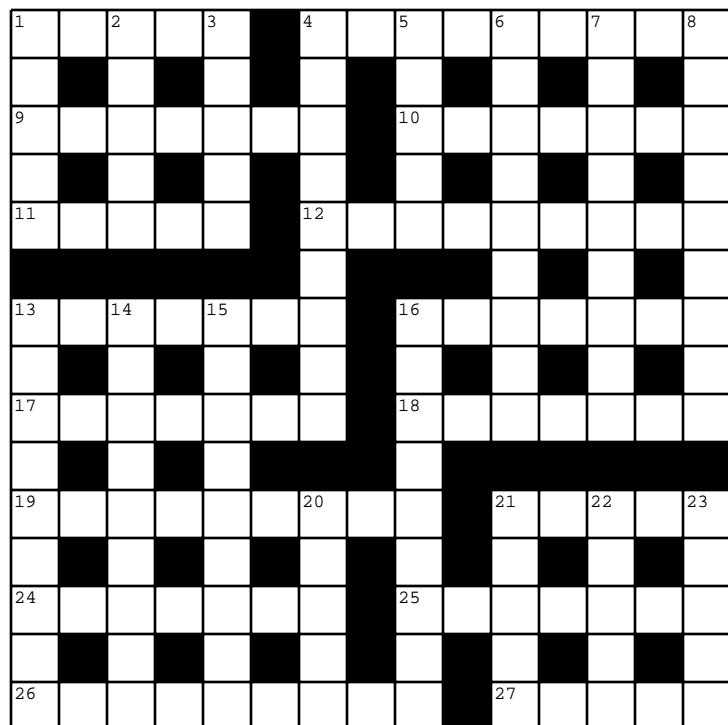
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| 11. RESTS     | 5. ERASING    |
| 12. GRIDIRONS | 6. ARCHIVING  |
| 13. STUFFED   | 7. DRACONIAN  |
| 16. GRIMIER   | 8. ANCESTRAL  |
| 17. ALCMENA   | 13. SCAMPERED |
| 19. VAGINAL   | 14. UNCERTAIN |
| 20. PARAGRAPH | 15. FLEDGLING |
| 21. FAITH     | 18. ANAEMIA   |
| 24. REALISM   | 19. VEHICLE   |
| 25. CONTOUR   | 21. FUNGI     |
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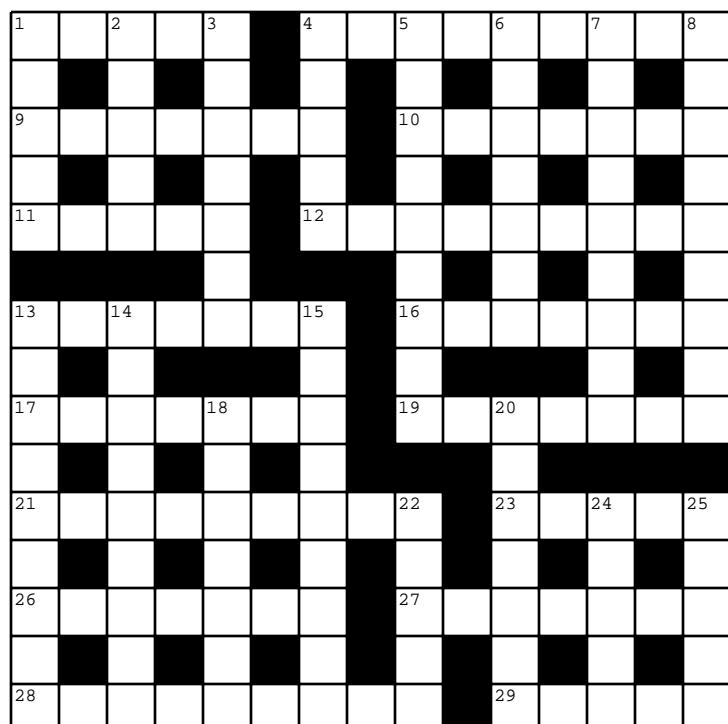
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| 9. CHATEAU     | 3. SIEGE      |
| 10. NUCLEAR    | 4. ABUNDANCE  |
| 11. YOURE      | 5. ANNAM      |
| 12. DOMINICAN  | 6. ASCENDANT  |
| 13. HOLBEIN    | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 16. GRANNIE    | 8. EHRENBERG  |
| 17. CAMERAE    | 13. HACIENDAS |
| 18. NOTHING    | 14. LAMBRUSCO |
| 19. EARTHPLIER | 15. EARTHLING |
| 21. CRACK      | 16. GENERATES |
| 24. DASHIKI    | 20. ICIER     |
| 25. TOBACCO    | 21. CUBED     |
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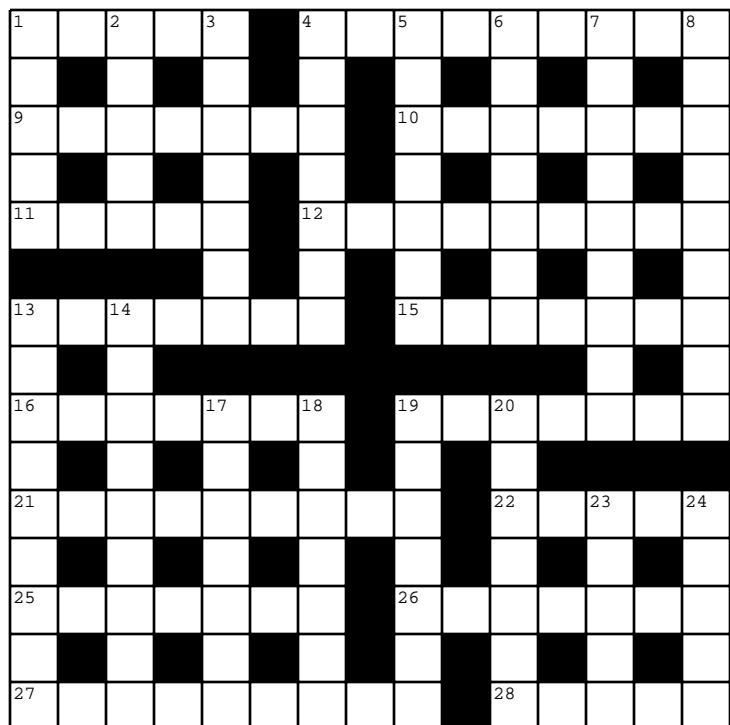
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| 9. DELAYED    | 3. ABYSMAL    |
| 10. EMERSON   | 4. HADED      |
| 11. STEAM     | 5. PNEUMONIA  |
| 12. DOMINANCE | 6. OCEANIC    |
| 13. RUBELLA   | 7. INSINCERE  |
| 16. NUCLEAR   | 8. MONTERREY  |
| 17. IDIOTIC   | 13. RHINOCERI |
| 19. ARCHERY   | 14. BRITISHER |
| 21. ORIENTATE | 15. ARCHANGEL |
| 23. LOGIC     | 18. TANNING   |
| 26. ECHOING   | 20. COLORED   |
| 27. TORNADO   | 22. EATER     |
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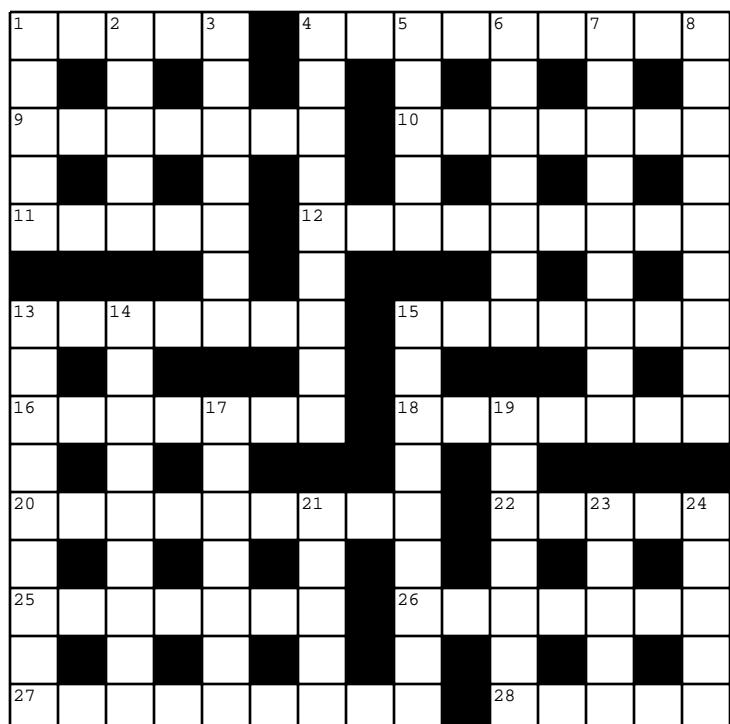
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| 9. CONCEPT    | 3. SHELTER    |
| 10. ANTIPAS   | 4. KITSCHY    |
| 11. START     | 5. DIAGRAM    |
| 12. CARTWHEEL | 6. ANTIWAR    |
| 13. DESTROY   | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 15. MARCONI   | 8. RESULTING  |
| 16. FLOWERS   | 13. DEFAULTED |
| 19. COINING   | 14. SHODDIEST |
| 21. UNDERLINE | 17. EARLIER   |
| 22. SCREW     | 18. SMIDGEN   |
| 25. TEEMING   | 19. CHEQUES   |
| 26. UNDERGO   | 20. INSIDES   |
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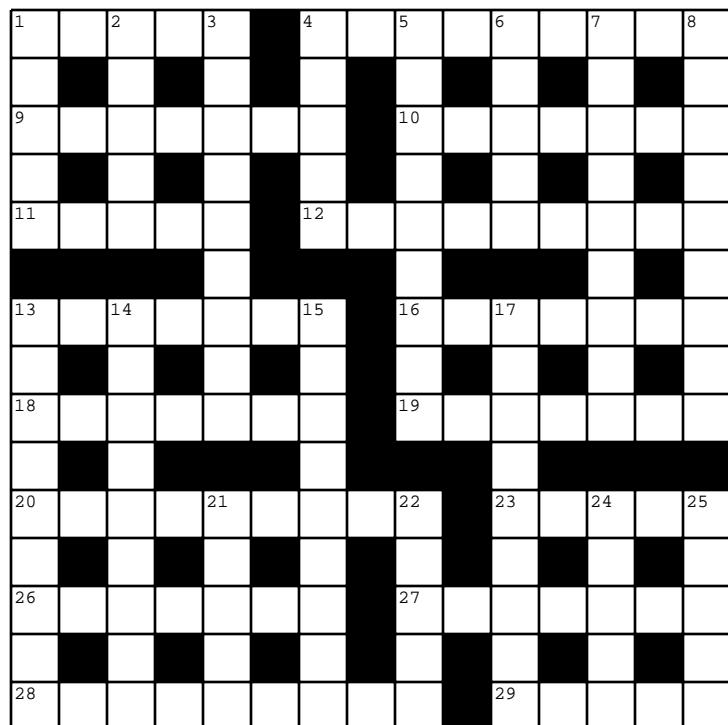
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| 10. BLOOMER   | 4. CLEAVAGES  |
| 11. SHOOT     | 5. URBAN      |
| 12. VENGEANCE | 6. THOREAU    |
| 13. DIPPING   | 7. HUMANISER  |
| 15. IGUASSU   | 8. PERPETUAL  |
| 16. LICHENS   | 13. DOLEFULLY |
| 18. SEVERAL   | 14. PICTORIAL |
| 20. FOOLISHER | 15. INSTRUCTS |
| 22. SPOOL     | 17. EVIDENT   |
| 25. LOITERS   | 19. VISITOR   |
| 26. CATWALK   | 21. HOSED     |
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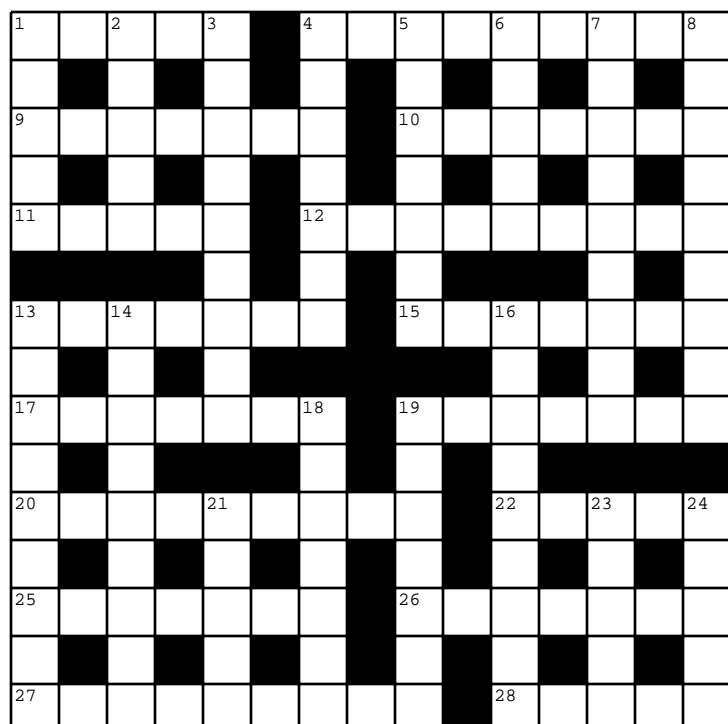
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| 9. BELUSHI    | 3. RESISTANT  |
| 10. RESTORE   | 4. OPIUM      |
| 11. NOTES     | 5. CARDSHARP  |
| 12. MYSTERIED | 6. ENSUE      |
| 13. PASSAGE   | 7. TROPICANA  |
| 16. ASPHALT   | 8. ANECDOTAL  |
| 18. RICOTTA   | 13. PARASITIC |
| 19. PREVAIL   | 14. SACCHARIN |
| 20. SCHEDULES | 15. EPAULETTE |
| 23. MODES     | 17. PNEUMONIA |
| 26. TURNOUT   | 21. DHOTI     |
| 27. GENUINE   | 22. SIGHT     |
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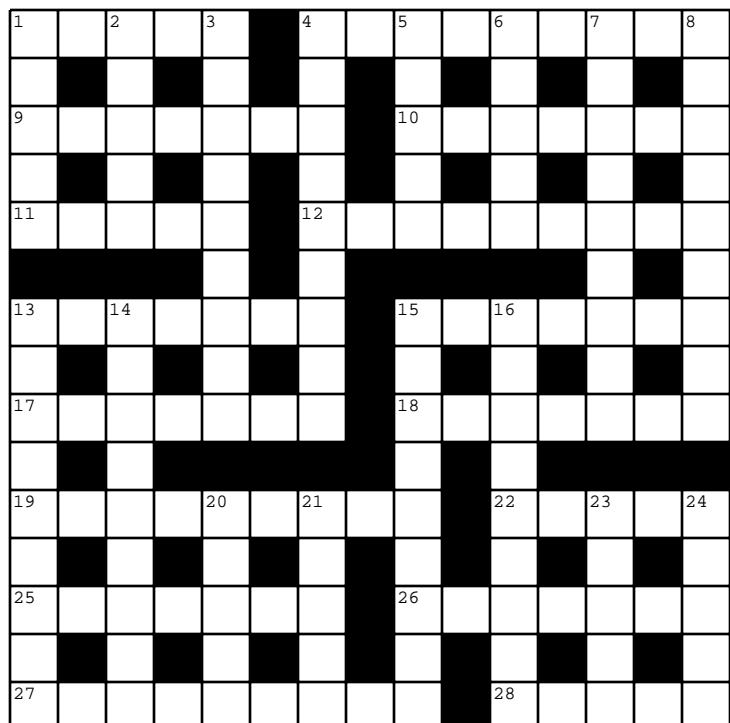
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| 9. RAVIOLI    | 3. PRONGHORN  |
| 10. TEETERS   | 4. HAIRDOS    |
| 11. SHRUG     | 5. NOTICED    |
| 12. DOCUDRAMA | 6. YIELD      |
| 13. SEASONS   | 7. OVERACTED  |
| 15. DEBUTED   | 8. BYSTANDER  |
| 17. ALGENIB   | 13. SWAZILAND |
| 19. BOARDER   | 14. ALGEBRAIC |
| 20. IMBROGLIO | 16. BLACKOUTS |
| 22. KEEPS     | 18. BULLION   |
| 25. ACANTHI   | 19. BROWSES   |
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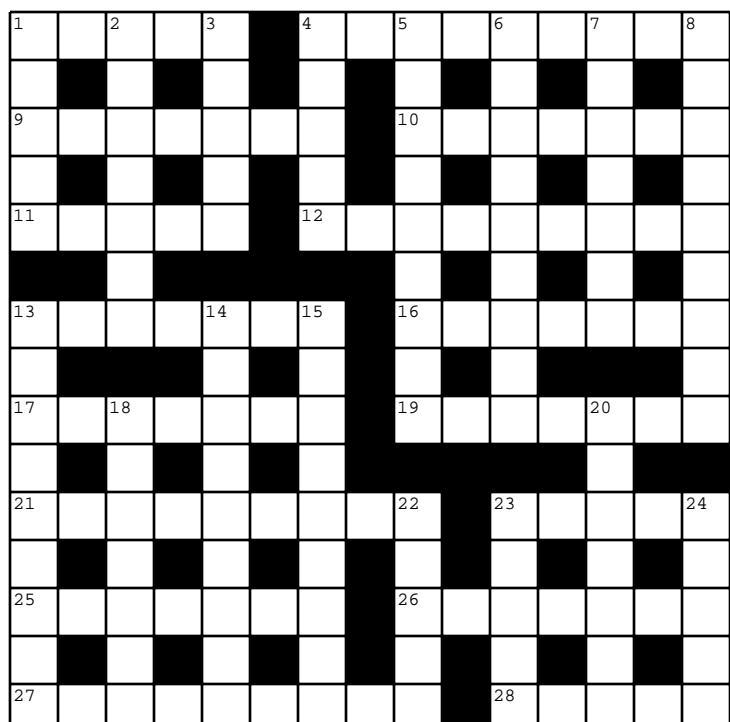
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| 9. REFRAIN    | 3. SPAGHETTI  |
| 10. SAMURAI   | 4. SINGULARS  |
| 11. NORTH     | 5. POSED      |
| 12. UNDERTOOK | 6. RUMOR      |
| 13. RICOTTA   | 7. FORLORN    |
| 15. ENDINGS   | 8. CHICKASAW  |
| 17. MUFFINS   | 13. REMAINDER |
| 18. UNSCREW   | 14. CAFETERIA |
| 19. INTRINSIC | 15. ENUNCiate |
| 22. RENEW     | 16. DESCRIBES |
| 25. DARLING   | 20. ICIER     |
| 26. ALBERTO   | 21. SAGAN     |
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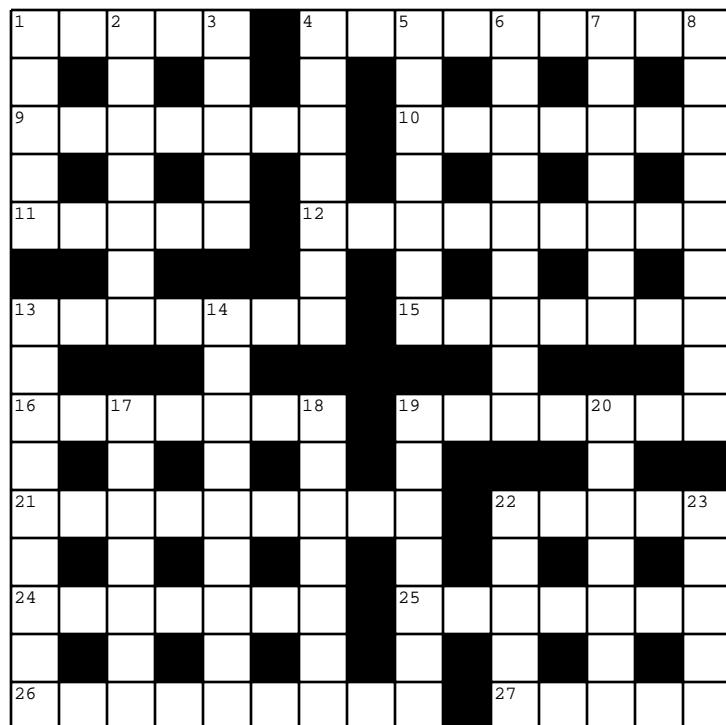
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| 9. INROADS    | 3. READY      |
| 10. MUTABLE   | 4. RISKS      |
| 11. STUDY     | 5. SUMMARIES  |
| 12. SHAMROCKS | 6. AFTERMATH  |
| 13. DEBATES   | 7. TOBACCO    |
| 16. IDAHOAN   | 8. DRESSINGS  |
| 17. SUCCOUR   | 13. DESIGNATE |
| 19. SCHEMES   | 14. TROUSSEAU |
| 21. GLISSANDI | 15. SPRINGIER |
| 23. BEGIN     | 18. CLIMATE   |
| 25. ARACELI   | 20. MAGENTA   |
| 26. FRIENDS   | 22. INFIX     |
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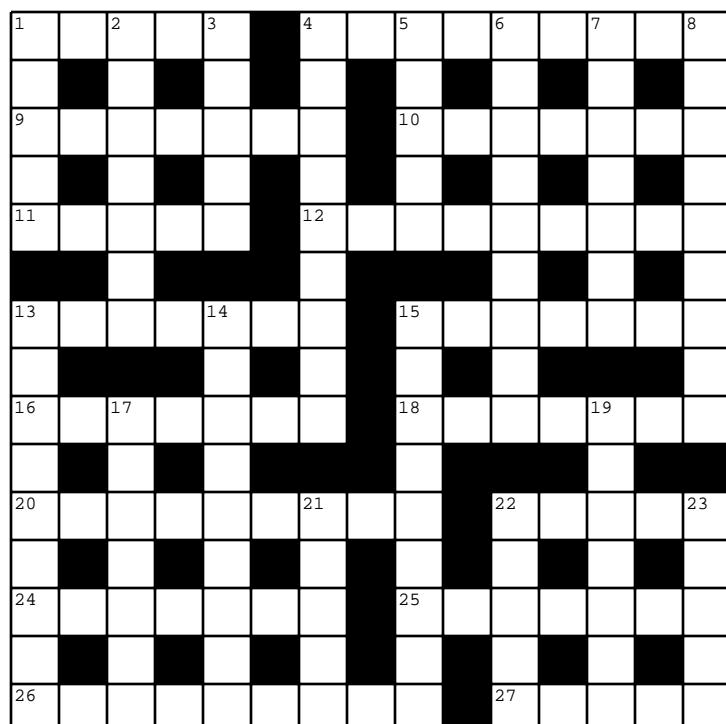
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| 9. ONESELF    | 3. STEAL      |
| 10. CARMELO   | 4. SAFARIS    |
| 11. FINAL     | 5. ARCHAIC    |
| 12. READJUSTS | 6. MARIJUANA  |
| 13. HAIRDOS   | 7. DRESSED    |
| 15. CLAUDIO   | 8. CROSSROAD  |
| 16. NORWICH   | 13. HONEYCOMB |
| 19. CHAMPED   | 14. DAINTIEST |
| 21. YACHTSMAN | 17. RICKSHA   |
| 22. KOALA     | 18. HIMSELF   |
| 24. OBSCENE   | 19. CENTRAL   |
| 25. REDNECK   | 20. PLATEAU   |
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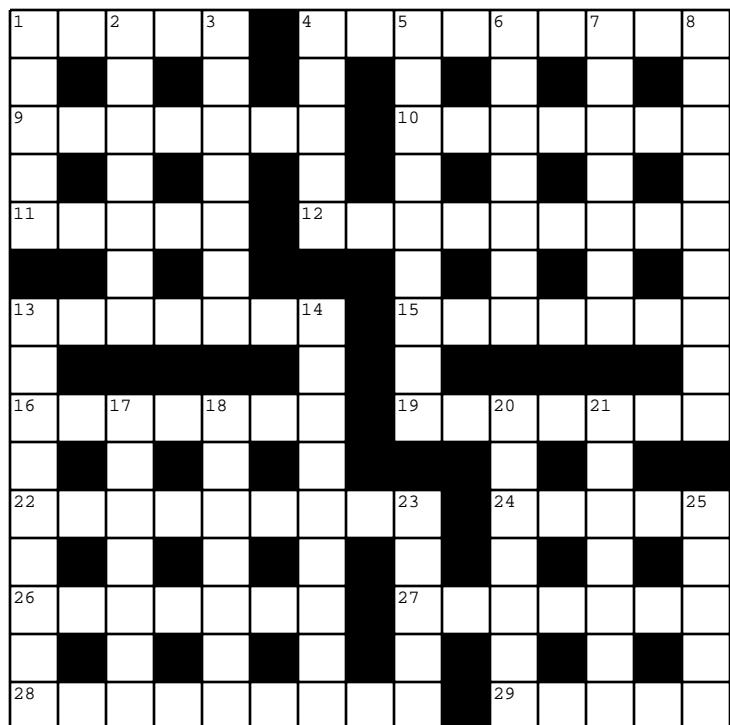
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| 9. DEVELOP    | 3. DELLA      |
| 10. CONDONE   | 4. EMPIRICAL  |
| 11. DELTA     | 5. RACES      |
| 12. RESTRAINS | 6. NONPROFIT  |
| 13. ANAEMIC   | 7. EROTICA    |
| 15. BUFFALO   | 8. GUESSWORK  |
| 16. TOPICAL   | 13. ANTIPASTI |
| 18. CUTBACK   | 14. MACKINAWS |
| 20. PIZZICATO | 15. BECKONING |
| 22. BERRA     | 17. PUZZLES   |
| 24. SYLLABI   | 19. ACRONYM   |
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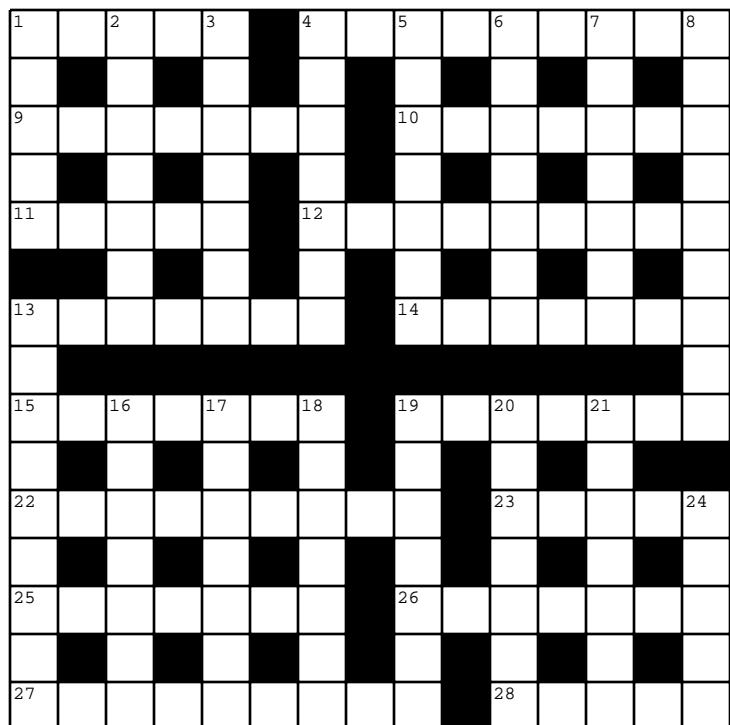
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| 9. FREEDOM    | 3. PADDIES    |
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| 11. SWAMI     | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. CATALONIA | 6. ORACLES    |
| 13. GUESSES   | 7. ASHANTI    |
| 15. LISTING   | 8. EXCHANGES  |
| 16. ANSELMO   | 13. GRADUATED |
| 19. BEHOLDS   | 14. SHORELINE |
| 22. UNEASIEST | 17. SIERRAS   |
| 24. RIGID     | 18. LASTING   |
| 26. TERMINI   | 20. HERSELF   |
| 27. SWEETEN   | 21. LIGHTER   |
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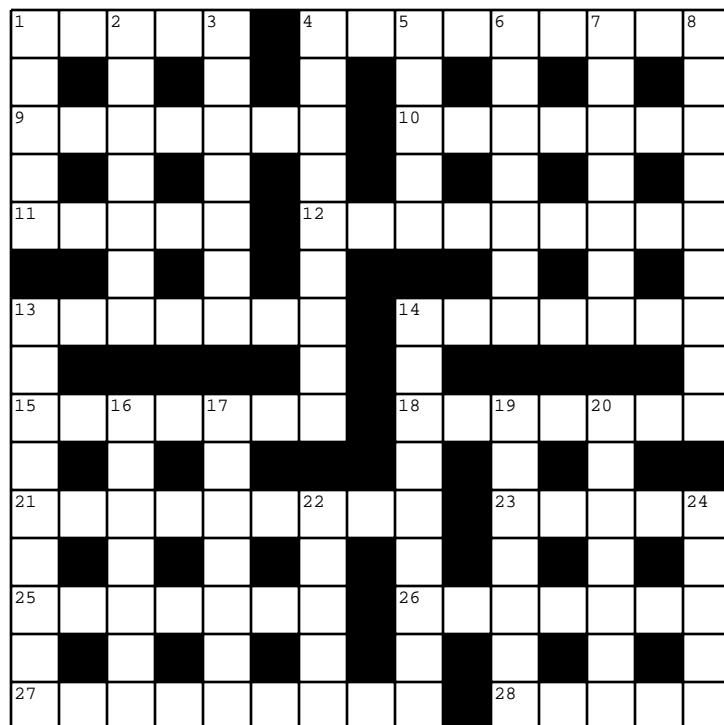
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| 9. SHIELDS    | 3. SYLLABI    |
| 10. SEMITIC   | 4. GESTURE    |
| 11. SAUNA     | 5. RESPELL    |
| 12. UNEARTHED | 6. IMMURES    |
| 13. SUICIDE   | 7. KITCHEN    |
| 14. LYSENKO   | 8. DECIDUOUS  |
| 15. CASINGS   | 13. SOCIOPATH |
| 19. INSECTS   | 16. SWEETEN   |
| 22. OVERSLEEP | 17. NASTIER   |
| 23. CREEP     | 18. SLEDGED   |
| 25. ANTEING   | 19. IMPEACH   |
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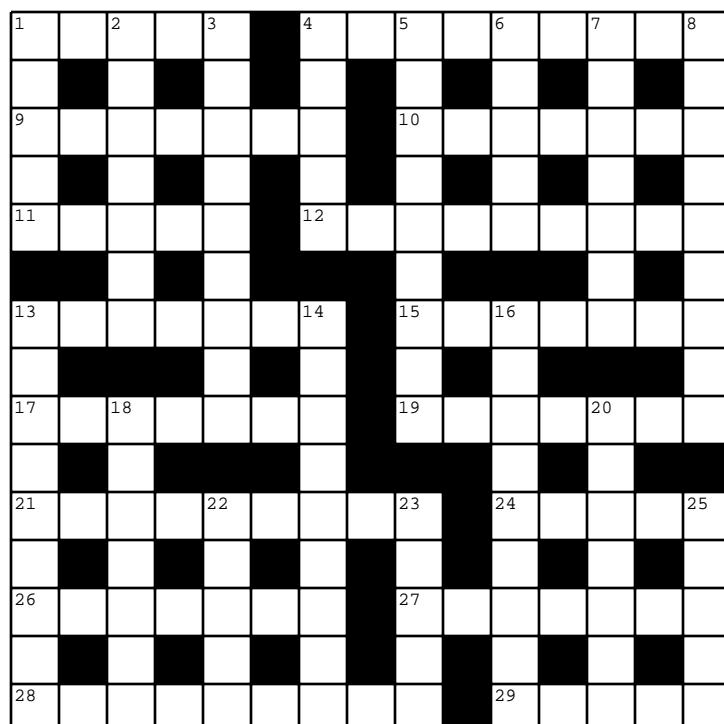
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| 9. ALKALIS    | 3. BELUSHI    |
| 10. MALINDA   | 4. DISCUSSED  |
| 11. EMMYS     | 5. TAMIL      |
| 12. UNLIMITED | 6. COLOMBO    |
| 13. OBTAINS   | 7. IGNITES    |
| 14. FLOSSED   | 8. GUARDEDLY  |
| 15. NIGGARD   | 13. OWNERSHIP |
| 18. ANARCHY   | 14. FLAMINGOS |
| 21. RHINOCERI | 16. GLIBBER   |
| 23. ARROW     | 17. ABOLISH   |
| 25. HOBBIES   | 19. ANAGRAM   |
| 26. GARBLED   | 20. CIRCLET   |
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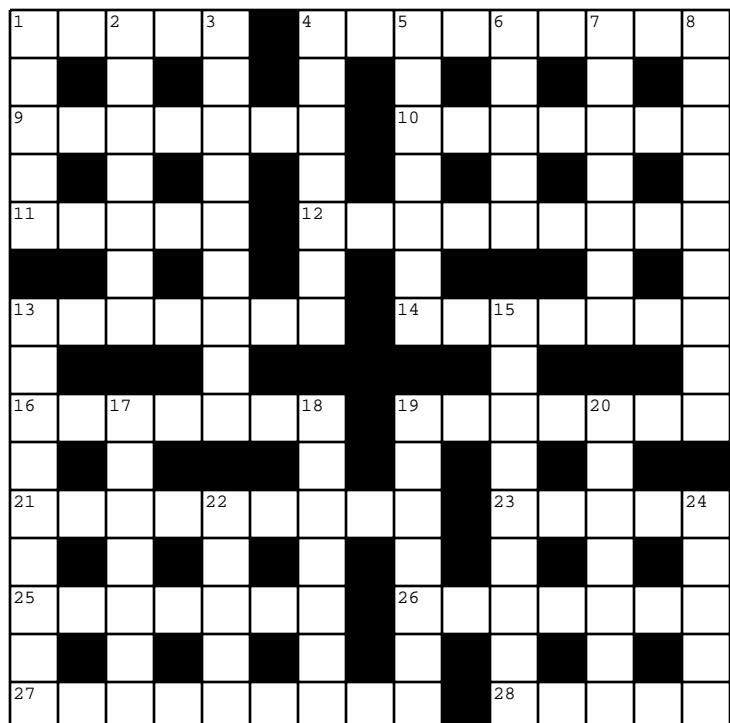
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| 10. SYNONYM   | 4. BALSA      |
| 11. DRIES     | 5. DISPOSALS  |
| 12. ABOLITION | 6. ENNUI      |
| 13. BUGGIES   | 7. SUNRISE    |
| 15. AIMLESS   | 8. REMINISCE  |
| 17. ORIENTS   | 13. BLOODSHED |
| 19. SOLUBLE   | 14. SUSPICION |
| 21. DRACONIAN | 16. MILLENNIA |
| 24. ECHOS     | 18. IQALUIT   |
| 26. HYUNDAI   | 20. BEHAVES   |
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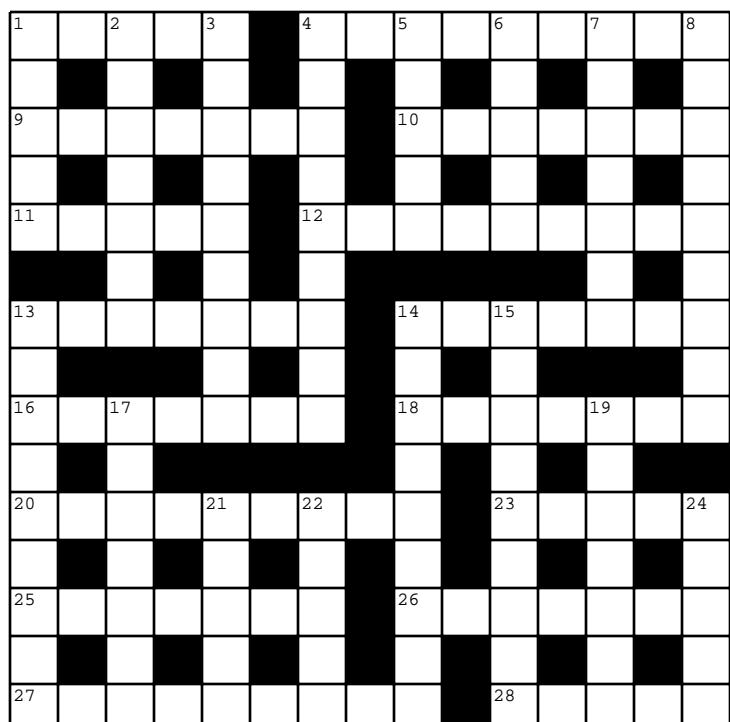
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| 4. PRACTICAL  | 2. MARRING    |
| 9. FIRSTLY    | 3. SATISFIES  |
| 10. KICKOFF   | 4. PAYABLE    |
| 11. SHIPS     | 5. ASKANCE    |
| 12. BANISTERS | 6. TACES      |
| 13. RAGTIME   | 7. CLOSETS    |
| 14. EMBASSY   | 8. LIFESTYLE  |
| 16. FORESTS   | 13. REFLECTOR |
| 19. VIOLATE   | 15. BOOKSHELF |
| 21. EXAMPLING | 17. ROADBED   |
| 23. SMART     | 18. SPINOZA   |
| 25. TOBACCO   | 19. VAGUEST   |
| 26. ELEVENS   | 20. AMATEUR   |
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| 28. FORMS     | 24. TESTS     |



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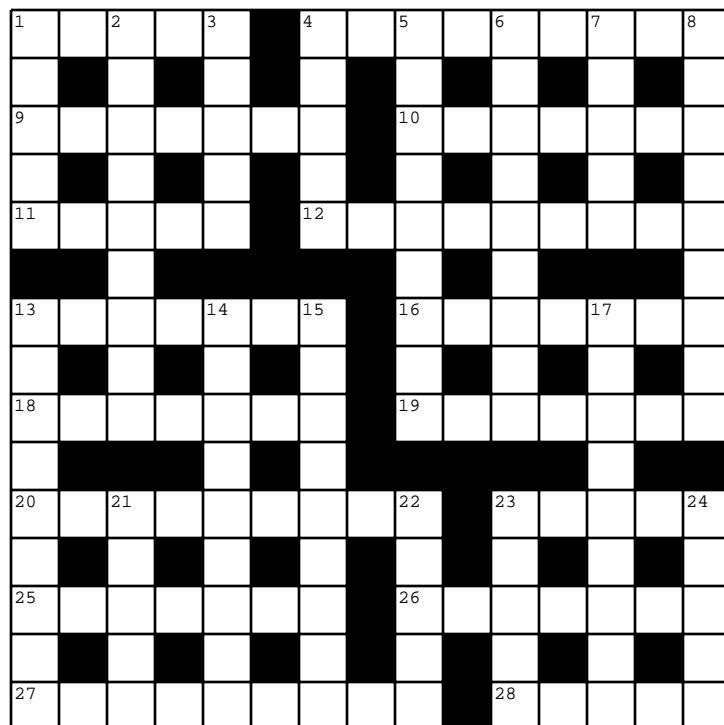
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| 9. BACILLI    | 3. SELECTION  |
| 10. PROBLEM   | 4. PAINTINGS  |
| 11. COLIC     | 5. RIPER      |
| 12. TURNSTILE | 6. MOODS      |
| 13. STATION   | 7. CALCIUM    |
| 14. SCHEMES   | 8. AIMLESSLY  |
| 16. OFFENDS   | 13. SHOWCASED |
| 18. HEADWAY   | 14. SCHWINGER |
| 20. CRESCENDI | 15. HEADFIRST |
| 23. FOLIO     | 17. FEEDERS   |
| 25. SHEBELI   | 19. WILLING   |
| 26. GIRLISH   | 21. CHEAP     |
| 27. DISAPPEAR | 22. NOISE     |
| 28. TIGER     | 24. OTHER     |



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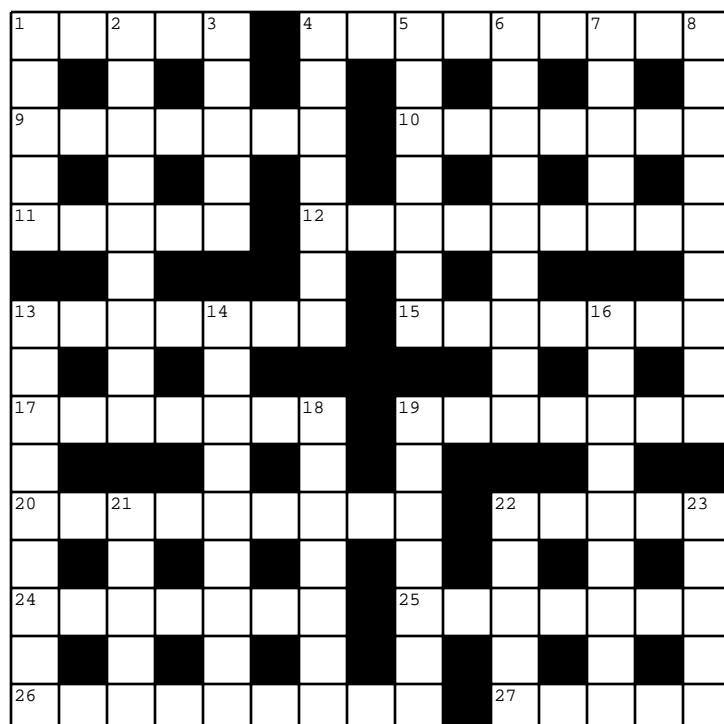
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| 1. DICED      | 1. DECAY      |
| 4. PREFABBED  | 2. CARTRIDGE  |
| 9. CARRION    | 3. DRIES      |
| 10. INTENTS   | 4. PINCH      |
| 11. YARDS     | 5. ENIGMATIC  |
| 12. HOMOPHONE | 6. ANTIPASTI  |
| 13. RIDDING   | 7. BANJO      |
| 16. TOSHIBA   | 8. DISREPAIR  |
| 18. DRESSES   | 13. RADICALLY |
| 19. CHIPPER   | 14. INSTALLED |
| 20. COMBATANT | 15. GESTATION |
| 23. CHOPS     | 17. IMPROMPTU |
| 25. LORELEI   | 21. MERGE     |
| 26. PLUMPER   | 22. TAPES     |
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| 28. BLUES     | 24. SORTS     |



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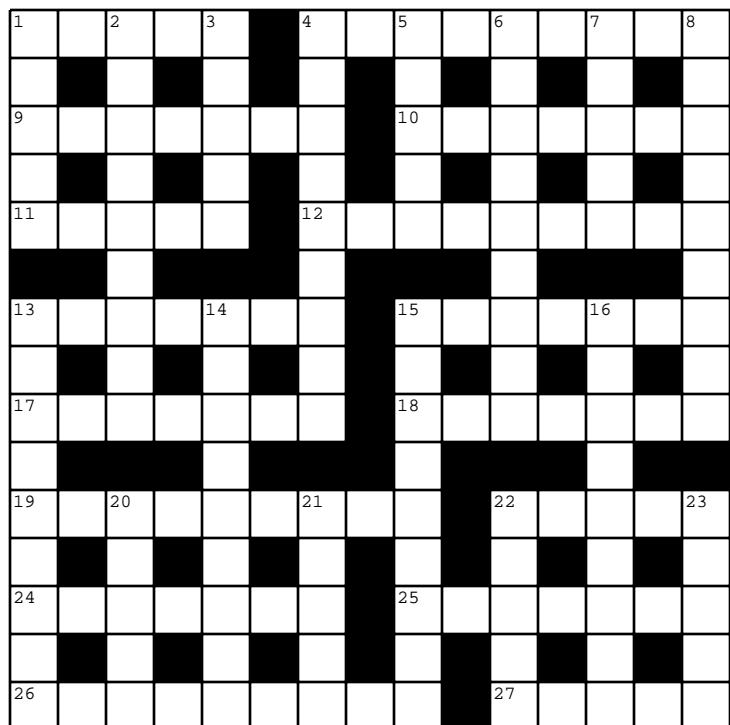
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| 4. HYPERBOLA  | 2. BLUEPRINT  |
| 9. REUNION    | 3. DRIES      |
| 10. ORCHIDS   | 4. HANDCAR    |
| 11. RAPES     | 5. PROVERB    |
| 12. CHERNENKO | 6. RECONQUER  |
| 13. SKIPPER   | 7. ONION      |
| 15. BOUNCED   | 8. ABSCONDED  |
| 17. BATHTUB   | 13. SUBMERGES |
| 19. PORTEND   | 14. POTBOILER |
| 20. EMBROIDER | 16. CRESCENDI |
| 22. CACAO     | 18. BEDROOM   |
| 24. GALILEO   | 19. PHRASES   |
| 25. SCIENCE   | 21. BELEM     |
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| 27. PRIME     | 23. OBESE     |



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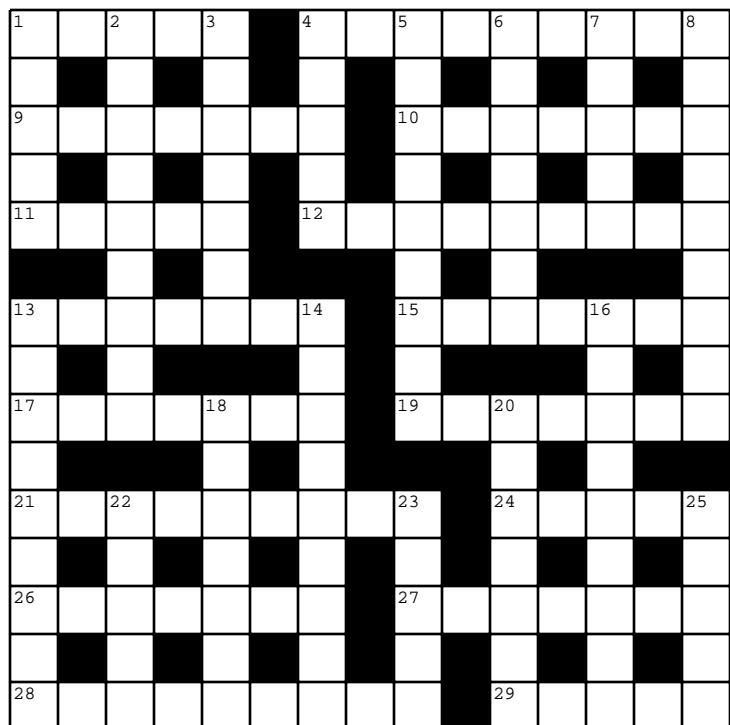
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| 4. REHEARSAL  | 2. CYCLOTRON  |
| 9. SECRETS    | 3. IDEAS      |
| 10. RATLIFF   | 4. RESERVING  |
| 11. SHOWS     | 5. HARED      |
| 12. REDEPLOYS | 6. AUTOPILOT  |
| 13. MARTINI   | 7. SEIKO      |
| 15. GALLERY   | 8. LIFESTYLE  |
| 17. HANDBAG   | 13. MAHARAJAH |
| 18. NOTABLE   | 14. IMBECILES |
| 19. RAINCOATS | 15. GANGSTERS |
| 22. WADED     | 16. EMBODYING |
| 24. JUBILEE   | 20. IQBAL     |
| 25. EROSION   | 21. AHEAD     |
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| 27. PAGED     | 23. DINED     |



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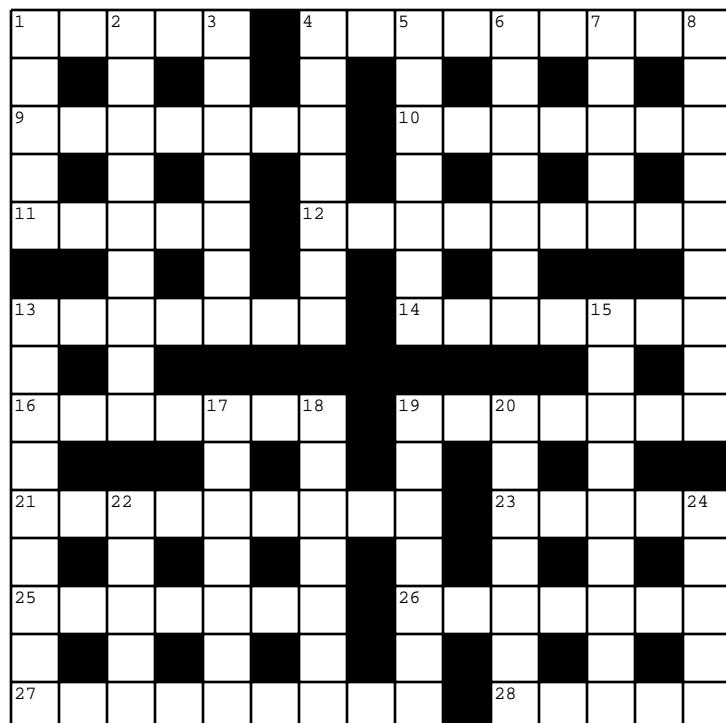
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| 9. RAVIOLI    | 3. SPOILED    |
| 10. GEARING   | 4. PAINS      |
| 11. SISAL     | 5. ERGONOMIC  |
| 12. SYNDICATE | 6. OVATION    |
| 13. BROADLY   | 7. ELIZA      |
| 15. MONKEYS   | 8. AGGRESSOR  |
| 17. BASHFUL   | 13. BABUSHKAS |
| 19. CLAPPER   | 14. YELLOWING |
| 21. SALVATORE | 16. EMPIRICAL |
| 24. AGREE     | 18. FIANCEE   |
| 26. KARACHI   | 20. ADAPTER   |
| 27. ATTACKS   | 22. LARVA     |
| 28. SCAVENGES | 23. EXAMS     |
| 29. RELAY     | 25. ESSAY     |



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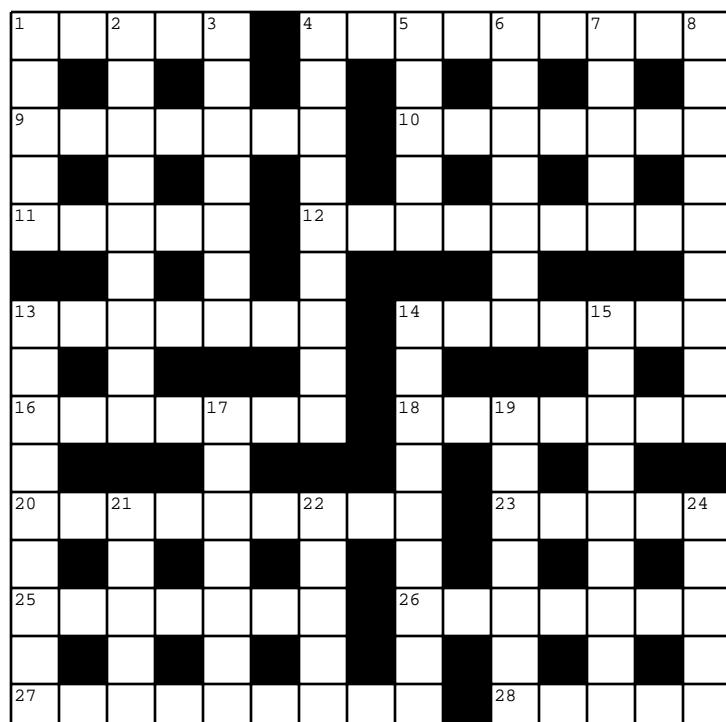
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| 4. COLLATION  | 2. CIGARILLO  |
| 9. ALGEBRA    | 3. NABOKOV    |
| 10. BACKLOG   | 4. CHAPTER    |
| 11. DEREK     | 5. LEBLANC    |
| 12. TRANSPORT | 6. ACCUSES    |
| 13. DELIVER   | 7. IGLOO      |
| 14. CASSAVA   | 8. NEGOTIATE  |
| 16. STOPGAP   | 13. DISABLING |
| 19. ANIMATE   | 15. AMATERASU |
| 21. BARGAINER | 17. GRANADA   |
| 23. CREED     | 18. PENANCE   |
| 25. INGRAIN   | 19. AIRPORT   |
| 26. ORIGAMI   | 20. ITCHIER   |
| 27. GODPARENT | 22. RIGID     |
| 28. ROUND     | 24. DRIED     |



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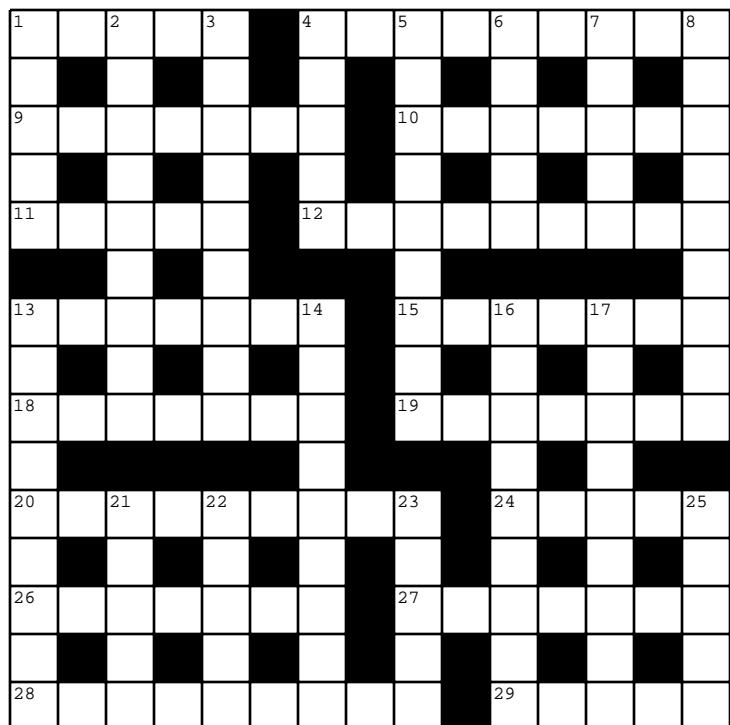
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| 9. KICKOFF    | 3. DUODENA    |
| 10. ELEGANT   | 4. INFECTION  |
| 11. MOUSE     | 5. CLEAN      |
| 12. CONSTRAIN | 6. BREATHE    |
| 13. SYLLABI   | 7. TIARA      |
| 14. ELEMENT   | 8. DETONATES  |
| 16. KRYPTON   | 13. SIKKIMESE |
| 18. INDEEDS   | 14. EMINENCES |
| 20. INTERFERE | 15. EXECUTRIX |
| 23. FOUND     | 17. THREATS   |
| 25. ESTRADA   | 19. DEFENDS   |
| 26. CONTROL   | 21. TUTSI     |
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| 28. SIXTY     | 24. DELAY     |



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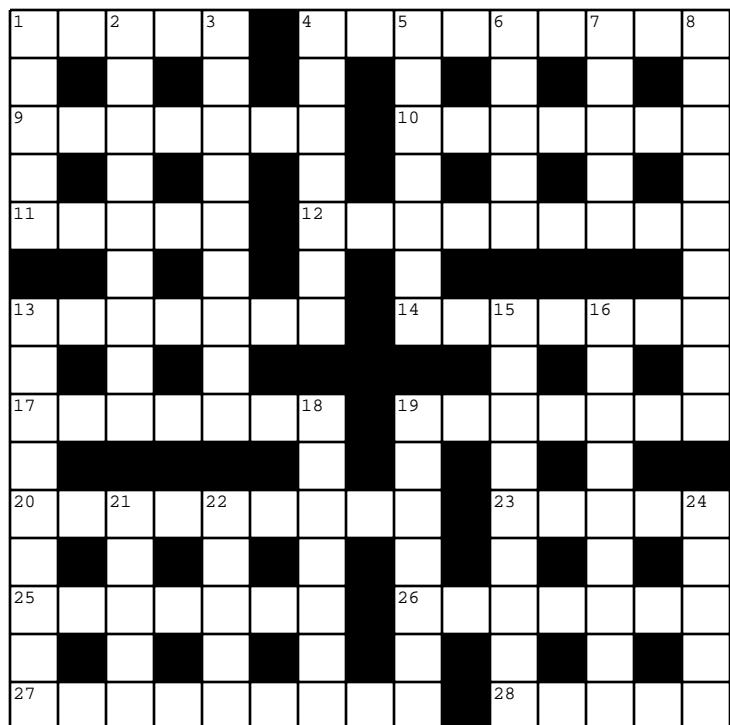
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| 4. INFLUENZA  | 2. NULLIFIED  |
| 9. VOLCANO    | 3. SPANKINGS  |
| 10. ORIGAMI   | 4. IDOLS      |
| 11. STICK     | 5. FLOWERPOT  |
| 12. STEVENSON | 6. UNITE      |
| 13. ORIENTS   | 7. NEARS      |
| 15. POKIEST   | 8. ALIENATES  |
| 18. NUDISTS   | 13. OWNERSHIP |
| 19. THRUSTS   | 14. SASHAYING |
| 20. REPRIMAND | 16. KARAMAZOV |
| 24. MEWED     | 17. ELSEWHERE |
| 26. HYUNDAI   | 21. PAULA     |
| 27. BUZZERS   | 22. INDIA     |
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| 29. VIEWS     | 25. DOSES     |



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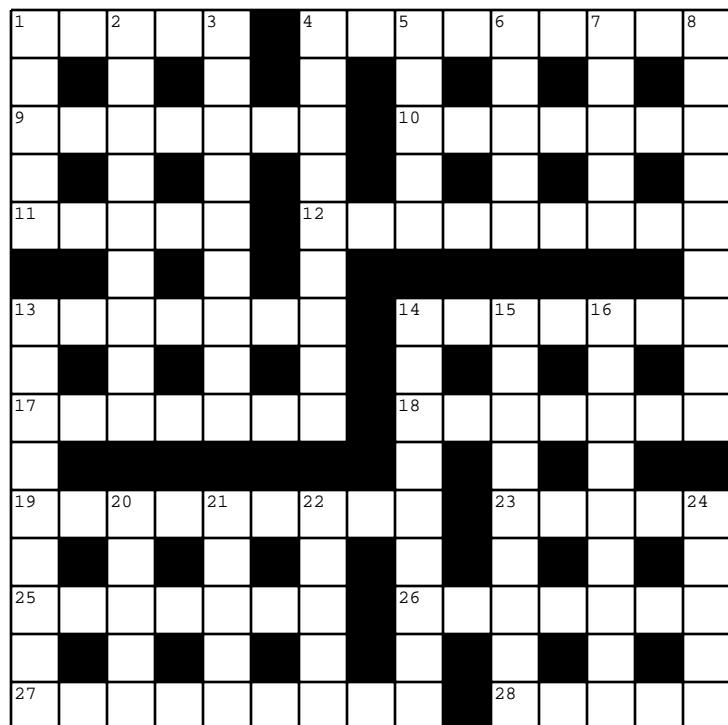
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| 9. SPECIAL    | 3. RAILROADS  |
| 10. SUCCEED   | 4. HELICAL    |
| 11. ODOUR     | 5. NOSTRUM    |
| 12. CARDSHARP | 6. YUCKS      |
| 13. OVERALL   | 7. OPERA      |
| 14. MUNDANE   | 8. BEDSPREAD  |
| 17. CLASSES   | 13. ORCHESTRA |
| 19. LIGHTED   | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 20. ENHANCING | 16. ANTIPASTI |
| 23. TAPES     | 18. SCISSOR   |
| 25. TAVERNS   | 19. LOGICAL   |
| 26. CELESTA   | 21. HAVOC     |
| 27. ANCESTRAL | 22. NARCS     |
| 28. BRIEF     | 24. STAFF     |



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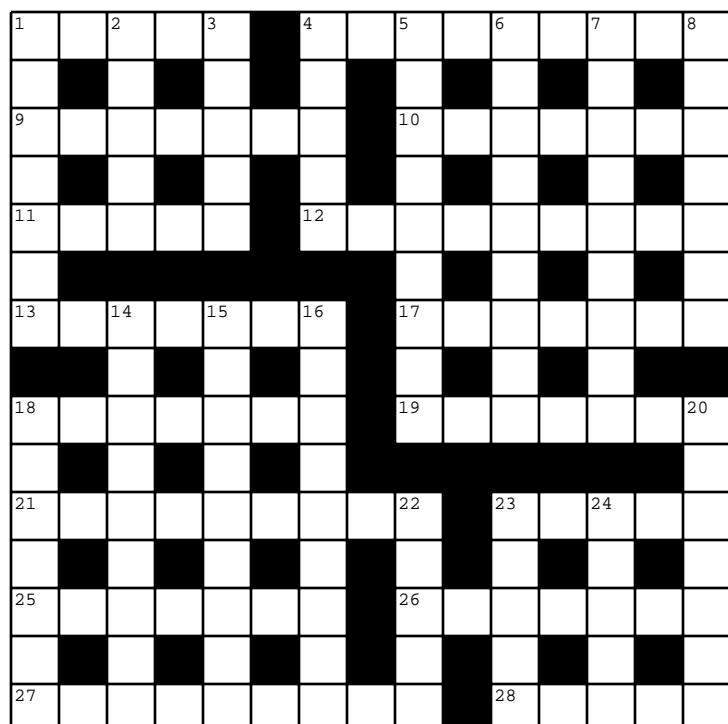
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| 9. BUFFALO    | 3. SCAPEGOAT  |
| 10. KINGDOM   | 4. SMOLDERED  |
| 11. SAUTE     | 5. ASKED      |
| 12. DEDUCTION | 6. MANIC      |
| 13. CONTOUR   | 7. RADII      |
| 14. EMBRYOS   | 8. REMINISCE  |
| 17. AWAITED   | 13. CLAUDETTE |
| 18. PROCURE   | 14. EMPIRICAL |
| 19. DISREPAIR | 15. BOOTSTRAP |
| 23. SUGAR     | 16. YOUNGSTER |
| 25. TSUNAMI   | 20. SAUDI     |
| 26. CAROTID   | 21. ERATO     |
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| 28. PURGE     | 24. RIDGE     |



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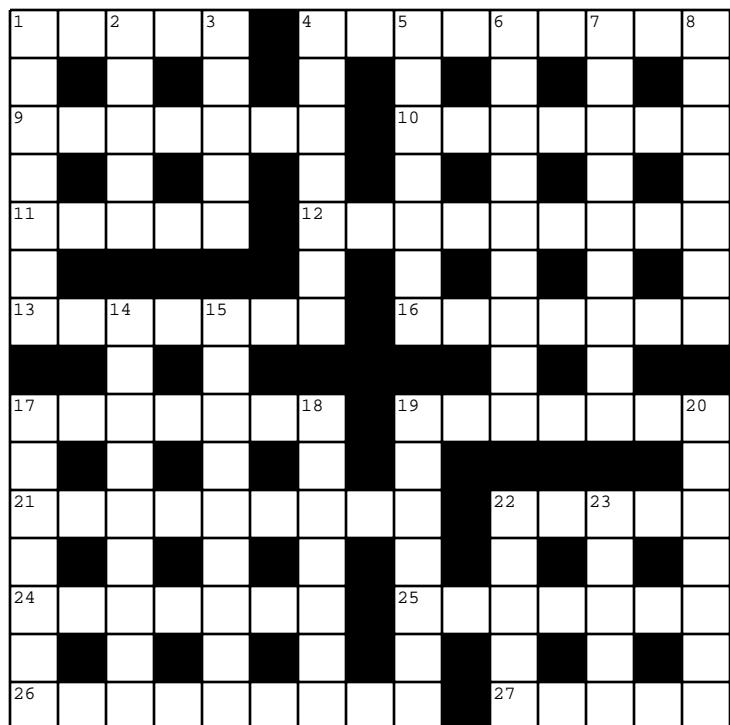
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| 9. ERASING    | 3. CHINO      |
| 10. OLYMPIC   | 4. EAGER      |
| 11. HELLO     | 5. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 12. RESERVOIR | 6. SKYWRITER  |
| 13. VESICLE   | 7. IMPROMPTU  |
| 17. RETYPED   | 8. SECURED    |
| 18. DEMONIC   | 14. SYMMETRIC |
| 19. PERTURB   | 15. CONFERES  |
| 21. GUERRILLA | 16. EUCALYPTI |
| 23. FISHY     | 18. DEGRADE   |
| 25. AIRDROP   | 20. BOYHOOD   |
| 26. PLACEBO   | 22. APPLE     |
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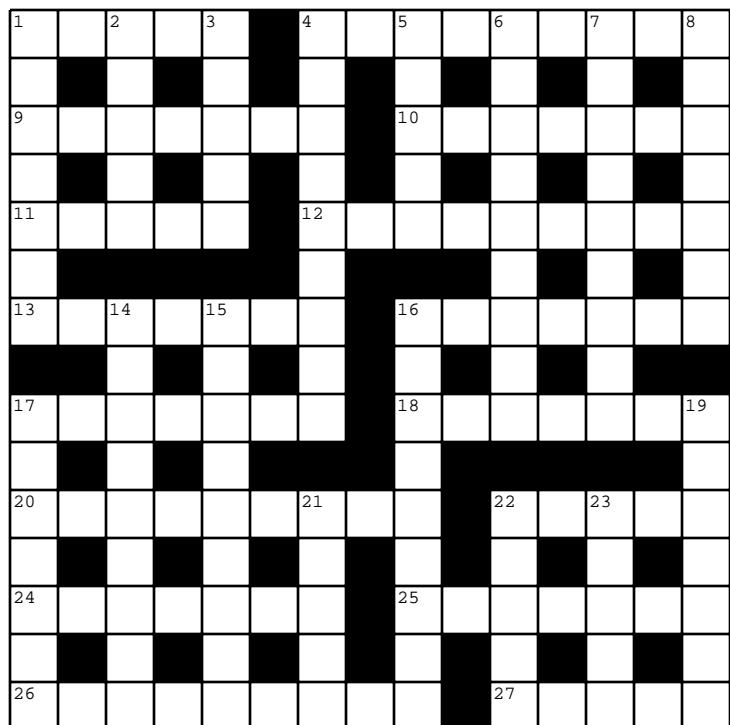
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| 4. UNIFORMLY  | 2. REACT      |
| 9. ERASING    | 3. SAILS      |
| 10. JUJITSU   | 4. UNGODLY    |
| 11. RATES     | 5. INJURES    |
| 12. DIRECTING | 6. OBJECTIVE  |
| 13. WRONGLY   | 7. MATRIARCH  |
| 16. STIRRER   | 8. YOUNGER    |
| 17. HUFFIER   | 14. OFFSTAGES |
| 19. CHEKHOV   | 15. GLIMPSING |
| 21. ANTIPASTI | 17. HEARSED   |
| 22. SENDS     | 18. RESERVE   |
| 24. SOGGIER   | 19. CHILDED   |
| 25. DRAUGHT   | 20. VISITOR   |
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| 27. RIVER     | 23. NEGEV     |



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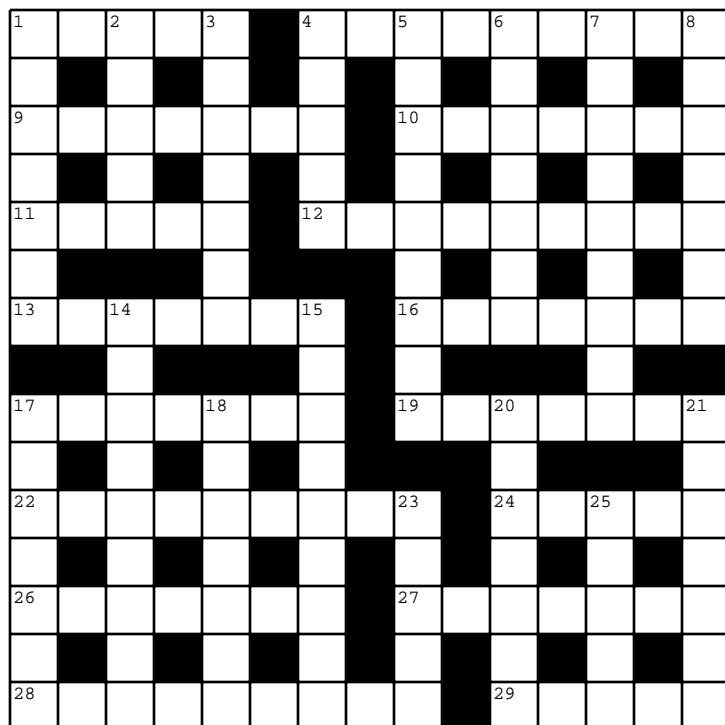
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| 9. KNEECAP    | 3. MUCKS      |
| 10. EXPLAIN   | 4. APPRAISED  |
| 11. LADES     | 5. EVENS      |
| 12. ANSWERING | 6. DEPRESSED  |
| 13. SCRAPES   | 7. TRADITION  |
| 16. AISLING   | 8. SYNAGOG    |
| 17. REDWOOD   | 14. REDOUBLES |
| 18. ADDENDA   | 15. PROPAGATE |
| 20. FEUDALISM | 16. ALARMISTS |
| 22. SOLAR     | 17. REFUSED   |
| 24. SYLLABI   | 19. ACRYLIC   |
| 25. SPATIAL   | 21. IDIOT     |
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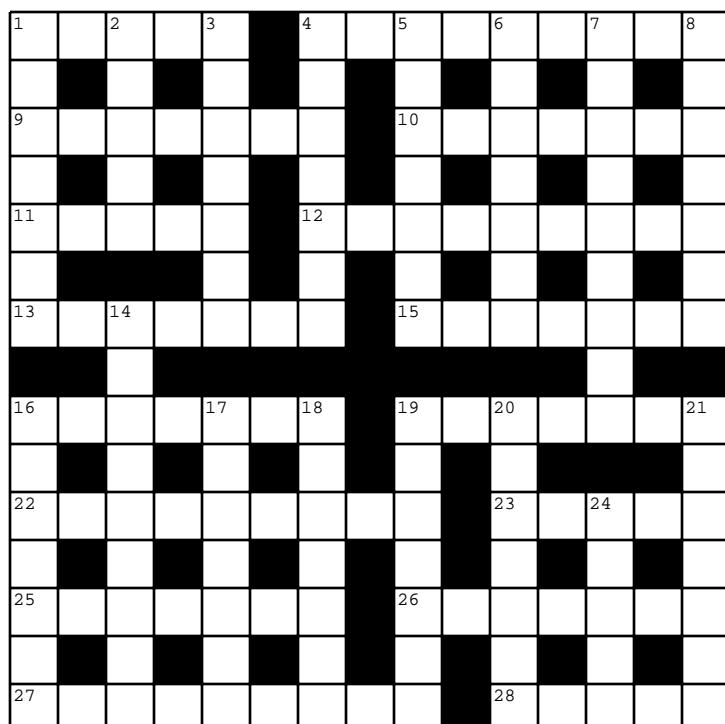
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| 4. COMBATANT  | 2. RACED      |
| 9. PICCOLO    | 3. SCOURGE    |
| 10. TOASTED   | 4. CLOSE      |
| 11. CIDER     | 5. MATCHBOOK  |
| 12. Ephemeral | 6. ANAEMIC    |
| 13. LOUDEST   | 7. AFTERMATH  |
| 16. ORCHARD   | 8. TODDLED    |
| 17. ENDOWED   | 14. UNDERLAIN |
| 19. KINSHIP   | 15. TIDEWATER |
| 22. CORNROWED | 17. EXCLAIM   |
| 24. WAKES     | 18. WARRANT   |
| 26. ADAMANT   | 20. NOWHERE   |
| 27. ENEMATA   | 21. POSTAGE   |
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| 29. ELITE     | 25. KHAKI     |



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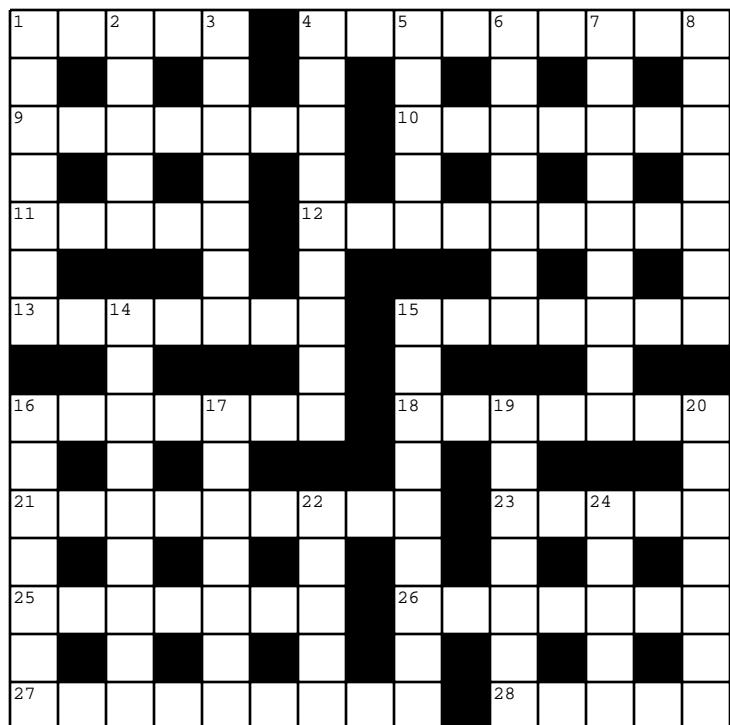
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| 9. ACQUIRE    | 3. RAISING    |
| 10. DUODENA   | 4. COERCED    |
| 11. CHERI     | 5. MODERN     |
| 12. CARDINALS | 6. OXONIAN    |
| 13. RAVAGED   | 7. ELEVATION  |
| 15. SANDIER   | 8. SPARSER    |
| 16. TANISHA   | 14. VENEERING |
| 19. ORGANIC   | 16. TAPIOCA   |
| 22. PREMATURE | 17. SEASIDE   |
| 23. LIBEL     | 18. AQUARIA   |
| 25. OLIVIER   | 19. OVERDUE   |
| 26. DASHIKI   | 20. GALOSHE   |
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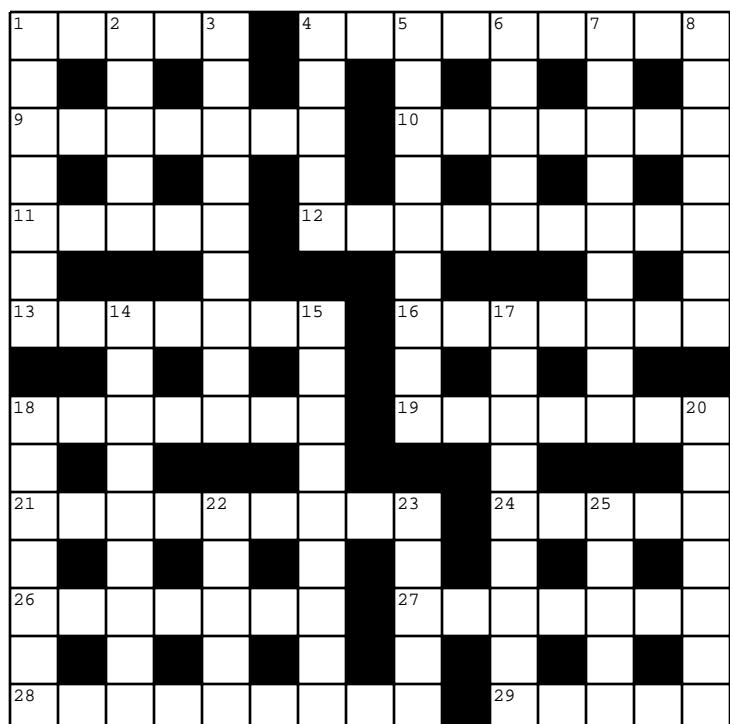
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| 9. SCHERZO    | 3. THRUSTS    |
| 10. WARBLER   | 4. KNOXVILLE  |
| 11. FOCUS     | 5. DOWEL      |
| 12. VALIDATED | 6. ABRIDGE    |
| 13. REFUSAL   | 7. POLITICAL  |
| 15. PIERCED   | 8. DERIDED    |
| 16. CURABLE   | 14. FORTUNATE |
| 18. ACRYLIC   | 15. PRACTICED |
| 21. CHUNKIEST | 16. COCKPIT   |
| 23. MEDIA     | 17. BIKINIS   |
| 25. PLAINER   | 19. REMOVAL   |
| 26. CAVEATS   | 20. CLASSED   |
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| 28. LIKED     | 24. DRANK     |



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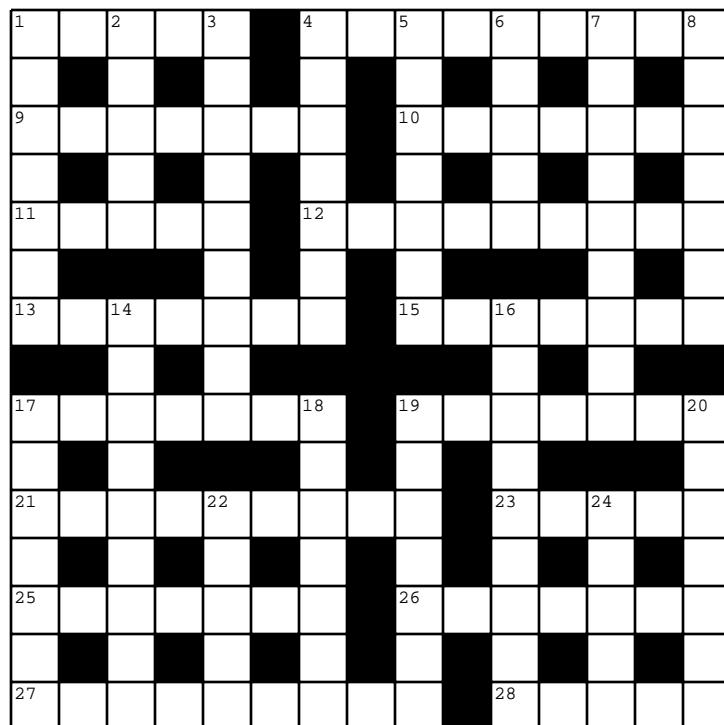
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| 4. OTHERWISE  | 2. UNDER      |
| 9. RADICAL    | 3. BOCCACCIO  |
| 10. PAYOFFS   | 4. OWLET      |
| 11. AORTA     | 5. HAPHAZARD  |
| 12. TRANSFUSE | 6. REYES      |
| 13. KNEECAP   | 7. INFLUENZA  |
| 16. ASSENTS   | 8. EASTERS    |
| 18. EARLOBE   | 14. EHRENBERG |
| 19. DICTATE   | 15. PRECURSOR |
| 21. PENINSULA | 17. SOCIALISM |
| 24. AIMED     | 18. EMPOWER   |
| 26. WHENCES   | 20. ENDURES   |
| 27. BRIEFER   | 22. NICKS     |
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| 29. MEALS     | 25. MAFIA     |



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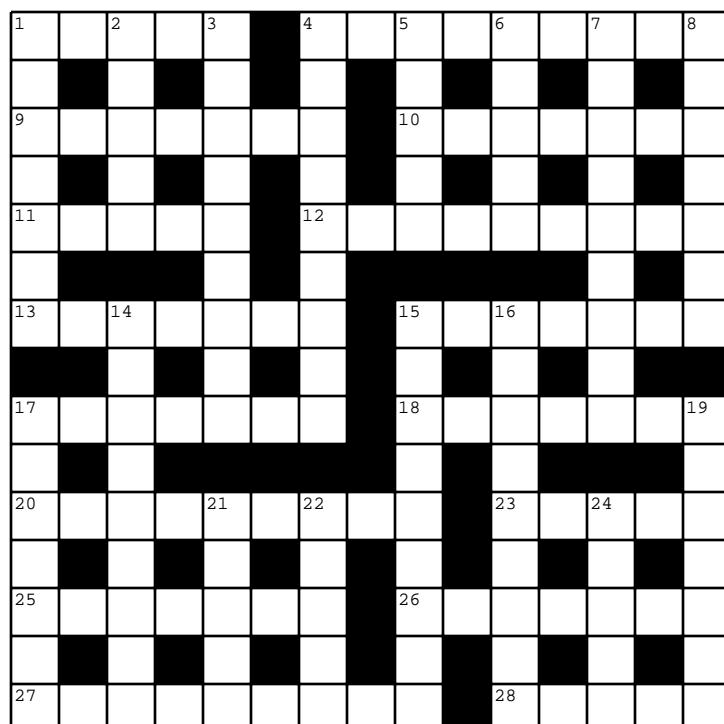
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| 4. PIGHEADED  | 2. BILBO      |
| 9. MILITIA    | 3. AUTHENTIC  |
| 10. NATURES   | 4. PLASTIC    |
| 11. LOOSE     | 5. GENERIC    |
| 12. THROATIER | 6. EXTRA      |
| 13. ASCETIC   | 7. DARWINIAN  |
| 15. CABBING   | 8. DISHrag    |
| 17. CHUKCHI   | 14. COURSHIP  |
| 19. VERANDA   | 16. BARRACUDA |
| 21. MATRIARCH | 17. COMPETE   |
| 23. ARMOR     | 18. ISRAELI   |
| 25. ENHANCE   | 19. VEHICLE   |
| 26. CAUSTIC   | 20. APRICOT   |
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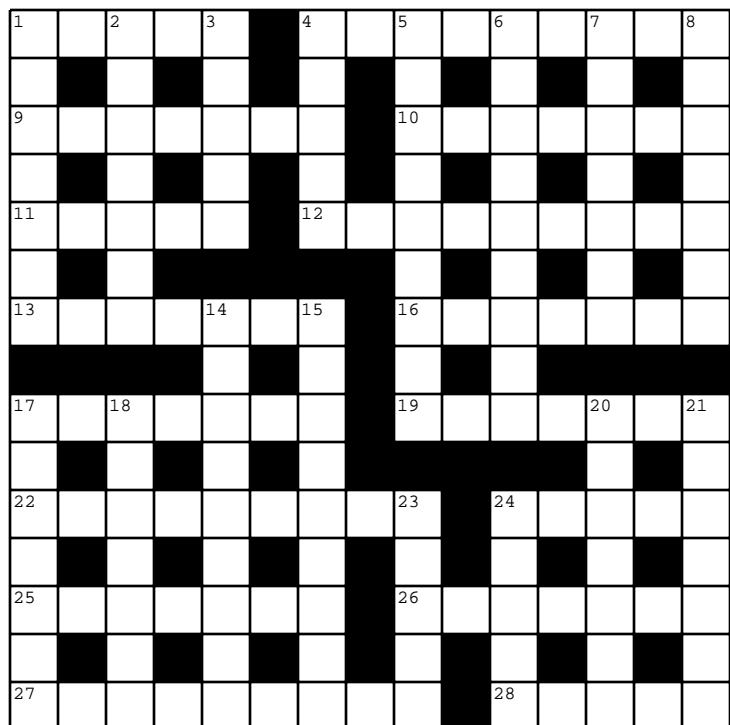
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| 10. VANUATU   | 4. DISLODGES  |
| 11. AMONG     | 5. MOVIE      |
| 12. OVERDRAFT | 6. GONAD      |
| 13. TEEMING   | 7. GUARANTEE  |
| 15. ADAPTOR   | 8. EQUATOR    |
| 17. BECKONS   | 14. ESCAPADES |
| 18. SUCCESS   | 15. ASSAULTED |
| 20. IMPROMPTU | 16. ARCHITECT |
| 23. IDIOM     | 17. BRIGADE   |
| 25. ADDENDA   | 19. SOMEHOW   |
| 26. TWELFTH   | 21. OWNER     |
| 27. ENSHRINED | 22. PRAWN     |
| 28. THREW     | 24. INFER     |



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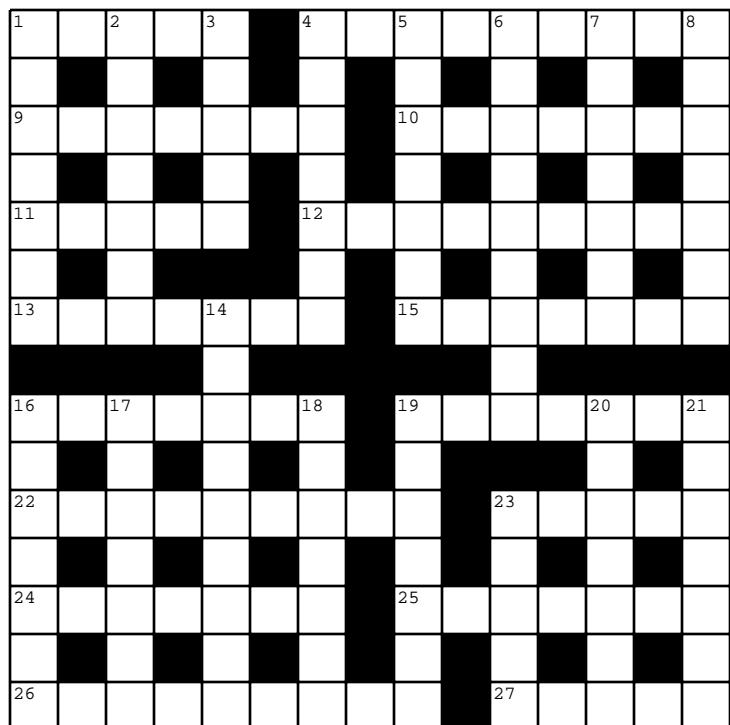
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| 1. EARTH      | 1. ENCASED    |
| 4. AUDITORIA  | 2. REREADS    |
| 9. CAREFUL    | 3. HUFFY      |
| 10. OMNIBUS   | 4. ABLES      |
| 11. SCALY     | 5. DEODORANT  |
| 12. STOREROOM | 6. TINDERBOX  |
| 13. DISTURB   | 7. RUBDOWN    |
| 16. ALBINOS   | 8. ASSUMES    |
| 17. ROSETTE   | 14. UNTENABLE |
| 19. TAXICAB   | 15. BLEARIEST |
| 22. ECCENTRIC | 17. RIEMANN   |
| 24. PUNTS     | 18. SACKING   |
| 25. AMIABLE   | 20. CONVENE   |
| 26. PARVENU   | 21. BISCUIT   |
| 27. NEGLECTED | 23. CAPED     |
| 28. AGENT     | 24. PARKA     |



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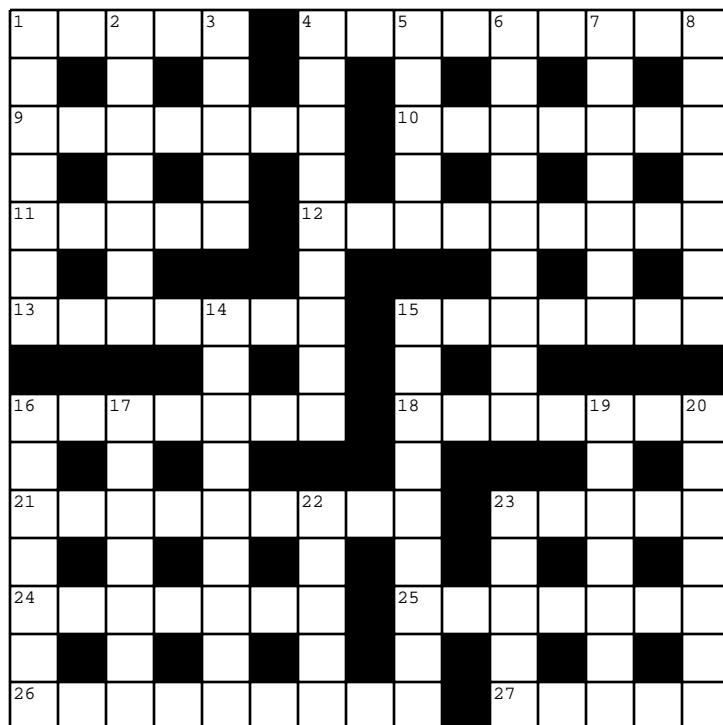
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| 4. DECREASED  | 2. VINTAGE    |
| 9. MANURES    | 3. DIRTY      |
| 10. NIPPIER   | 4. DESERTS    |
| 11. READY     | 5. CONIFER    |
| 12. REFLECTED | 6. EXPRESSED  |
| 13. DRESSES   | 7. SHIFTED    |
| 15. RESIDED   | 8. DERIDED    |
| 16. TOASTER   | 14. SATELLITE |
| 19. FIDDLED   | 16. THERMOS   |
| 22. EUCALYPTI | 17. ACCORDS   |
| 23. DUMBS     | 18. REPLIED   |
| 24. MARTINI   | 19. FAINTED   |
| 25. TIMPANI   | 20. LUMBAGO   |
| 26. SUSPENDED | 21. DESTINY   |
| 27. STORY     | 23. DUMPS     |



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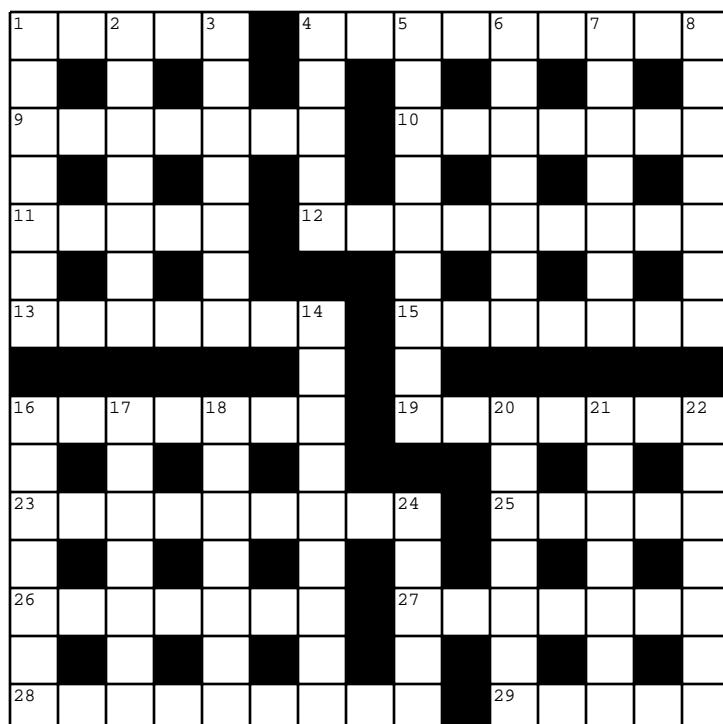
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| 4. BULLFIGHT  | 2. SAMURAI    |
| 9. DEMEANS    | 3. SCALY      |
| 10. GORILLA   | 4. BISECTING  |
| 11. EARLY     | 5. LIGHT      |
| 12. CATAULTS  | 6. FIREPROOF  |
| 13. STIMULI   | 7. GALILEE    |
| 15. PROJECT   | 8. TRANSIT    |
| 16. BULLDOG   | 14. UNDERRATE |
| 18. INFECTS   | 15. PAINTINGS |
| 21. ABSORBENT | 16. BRAISES   |
| 23. FREER     | 17. LESBIAN   |
| 24. SPIRALS   | 19. CHEKHOV   |
| 25. NOTCHED   | 20. STRIDES   |
| 26. SENSELESS | 22. ENSUE     |
| 27. DIVES     | 23. FETED     |



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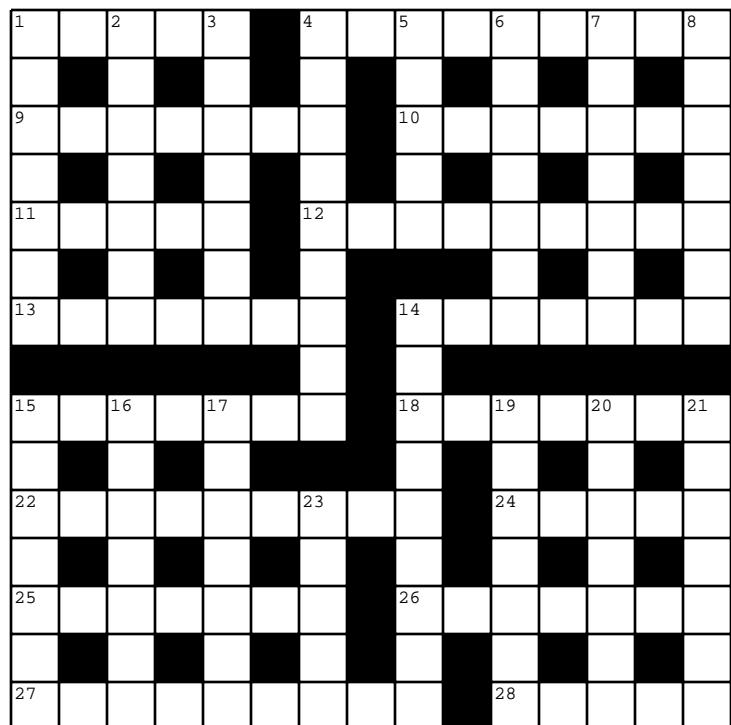
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| 4. AFFLUENCE  | 2. ABREAST    |
| 9. XEROXED    | 3. WAXIEST    |
| 10. OUSTING   | 4. AUDIO      |
| 11. LEAVE     | 5. FOODSTUFF  |
| 12. OBSCUREST | 6. UNSOUND    |
| 13. ASTUTER   | 7. NAIVETE    |
| 15. UNDRESS   | 8. EIGHTHS    |
| 16. BLAMING   | 14. REGISTRAR |
| 19. FIREMEN   | 16. BEANBAG   |
| 23. ANTIPASTO | 17. ANTONIO   |
| 25. TESTS     | 18. IMPULSE   |
| 26. BANALER   | 20. RETRACT   |
| 27. TRAVAIL   | 21. MASCARA   |
| 28. GEOMETRIC | 22. NESTLES   |
| 29. TEARS     | 24. OPTIC     |



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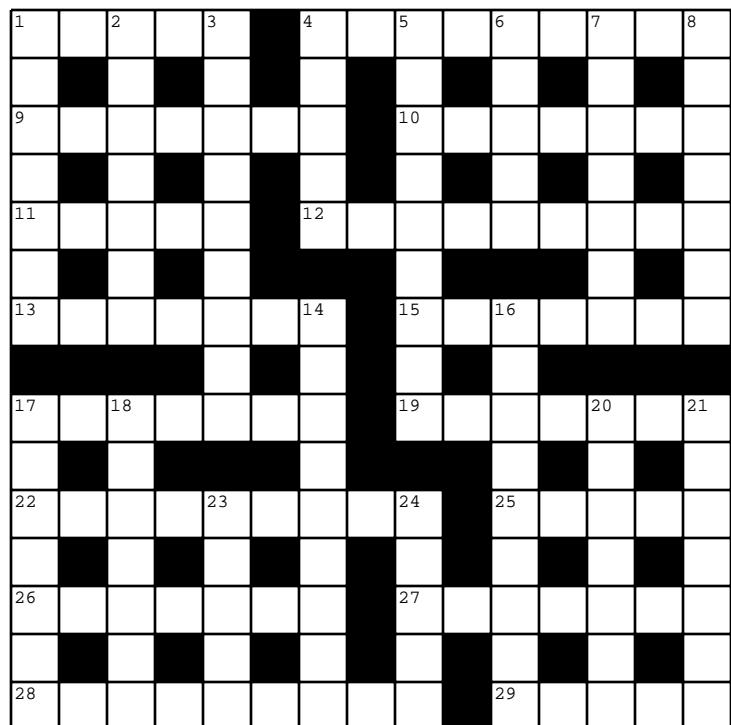
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| 4. CUDDLIEST   | 2. MARABOUT   |
| 9. MARGRET     | 3. SIROCCO    |
| 10. EDGARDO    | 4. CATECHISM  |
| 11. CUBIC      | 5. DREAM      |
| 12. COMPILEING | 6. LEGGIER    |
| 13. SPUMONI    | 7. EARLINE    |
| 14. CORRECT    | 8. THOUGHT    |
| 15. SIDEARM    | 14. CYLINDERS |
| 18. LIBIDOS    | 15. SLAVISH   |
| 22. ACCORDION  | 16. DECIMAL   |
| 24. LOSES      | 17. AIRDROP   |
| 25. IMMORAL    | 19. BULKIER   |
| 26. EDIFICE    | 20. DASHIKI   |
| 27. HELIPORTS  | 21. SYSTEMS   |
| 28. RAIDS      | 23. IDLER     |



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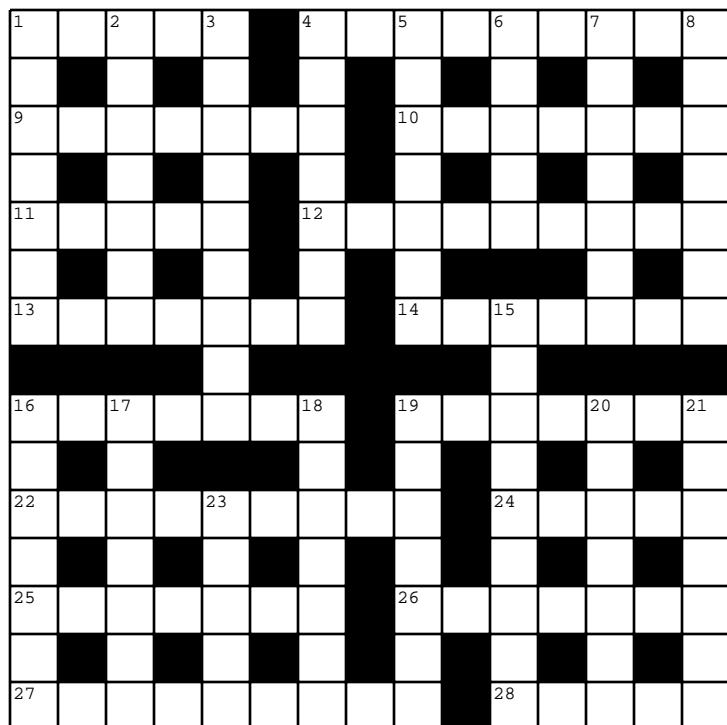
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| 1. ACCHED     | 1. AMBLING    |
| 4. AFFABLEST  | 2. HITTING    |
| 9. BATHTUB    | 3. DETERMINE  |
| 10. ORBITAL   | 4. AMBER      |
| 11. ICIER     | 5. FOOLISHER  |
| 12. REITERATE | 6. BIBLE      |
| 13. GAGGING   | 7. EXTRACT    |
| 15. HABITAT   | 8. TALLEST    |
| 17. MAGNETO   | 14. GHOSTLIER |
| 19. RIOTERS   | 16. BOOTSTRAP |
| 22. NONWHITES | 17. MINUTED   |
| 25. SUPER     | 18. GENERIC   |
| 26. TERMINI   | 20. EMPORIA   |
| 27. GERARDO   | 21. SCROOGE   |
| 28. DOCKYARDS | 23. HAIRY     |
| 29. PEACE     | 24. SIGNS     |



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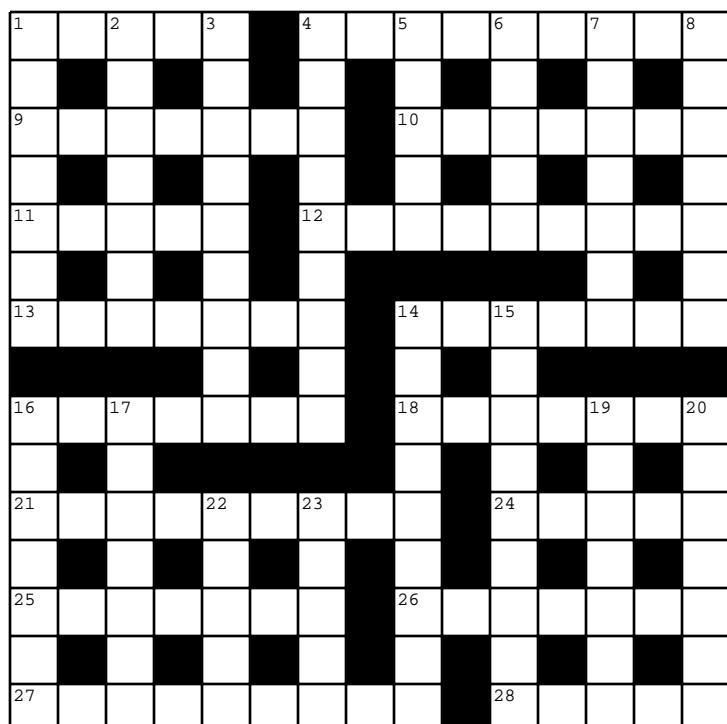
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| 1. RARER      | 1. RADIADE    |
| 4. INDOLENCE  | 2. ROOFTOP    |
| 9. DIORAMA    | 3. REARRANGE  |
| 10. ARTICLE   | 4. IMAGINE    |
| 11. ACTOR     | 5. DRASTIC    |
| 12. INTERNIST | 6. LATER      |
| 13. EXPENSE   | 7. NICKING    |
| 14. CHARGED   | 8. ELECTED    |
| 16. SICKENS   | 15. APARTHEID |
| 19. CLASSIC   | 16. SUBURBS   |
| 22. BALLERINA | 17. CALYPSO   |
| 24. TRACI     | 18. SCISSOR   |
| 25. REPAIRS   | 19. CHANCED   |
| 26. CHEEPED   | 20. SHAMPOO   |
| 27. SPONSORED | 21. CHIDDEN   |
| 28. DROWN     | 23. EXITS     |



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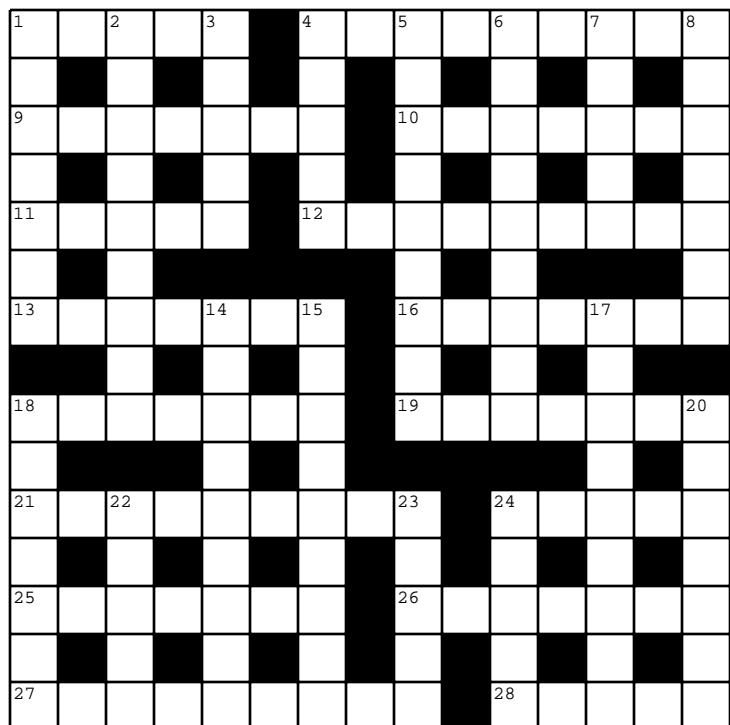
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| 4. COMPELLED  | 2. BURGLAR    |
| 9. CHRISTA    | 3. ENSEMBLES  |
| 10. MOLOTOV   | 4. CLASSICAL  |
| 11. SELIM     | 5. MAMBO      |
| 12. SHORTLIST | 6. ECLAT      |
| 13. ACRYLIC   | 7. LATRINE    |
| 14. INBREED   | 8. DEVOTED    |
| 16. REFUSAL   | 14. INDELIBLE |
| 18. DWARFER   | 15. BLACKLIST |
| 21. PRINCIPAL | 16. REPROOF   |
| 24. KARAT     | 17. FAINTER   |
| 25. OUTDOOR   | 19. FARTHER   |
| 26. BLITHER   | 20. RETURNS   |
| 27. FORETASTE | 22. CLOUT     |
| 28. TURNS     | 23. PARKS     |



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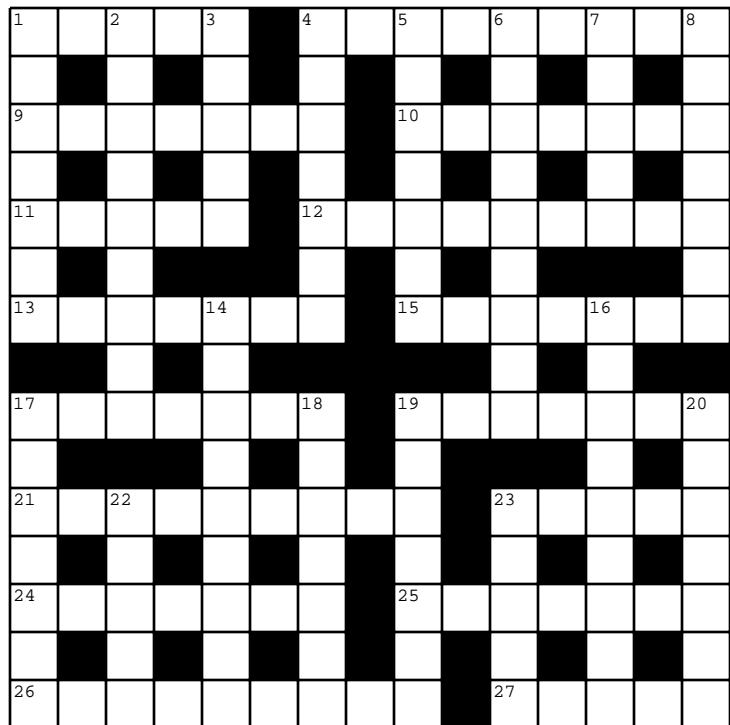
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| 1. IDIOM      | 1. INDULGE    |
| 4. BLOODYING  | 2. INVISIBLY  |
| 9. DIVINER    | 3. MINES      |
| 10. NESTLED   | 4. BURST      |
| 11. LASTS     | 5. OWNERSHIP  |
| 12. THREESOME | 6. DISREPAIR  |
| 13. ELBOWED   | 7. IGLOO      |
| 16. HOARDED   | 8. GODSEND    |
| 18. PHYSICS   | 14. WHICHEVER |
| 19. PURSUED   | 15. DISREGARD |
| 21. CATCHIEST | 17. DRUNKARDS |
| 24. TAKER     | 18. PICASSO   |
| 25. SEGOVIA   | 20. DERIDES   |
| 26. SQUARED   | 22. TOGAE     |
| 27. OVERRIDES | 23. TASKS     |
| 28. BASIS     | 24. THUMB     |



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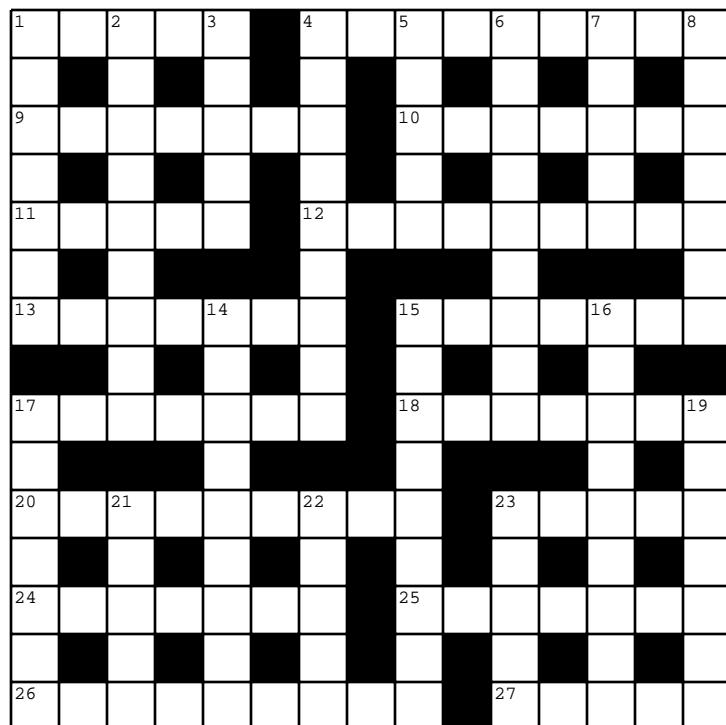
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| 4. DOWNPOURS  | 2. ATHEISTIC  |
| 9. ATHEIST    | 3. HEIRS      |
| 10. CAPTURE   | 4. DETECTS    |
| 11. TRIES     | 5. WICHITA    |
| 12. CHIPEWYAN | 6. PEPPERONI  |
| 13. NOTICES   | 7. USURY      |
| 15. ANOMALY   | 8. STERNLY    |
| 17. ALCMENA   | 14. CRESCENDO |
| 19. TAILORS   | 16. ALONGSIDE |
| 21. DETECTIVE | 17. AUDIBLE   |
| 23. BOGUS     | 18. AKIHITO   |
| 24. BURUNDI   | 19. THEREBY   |
| 25. ELUSIVE   | 20. SUSPECT   |
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| 27. BLEST     | 23. BLURB     |



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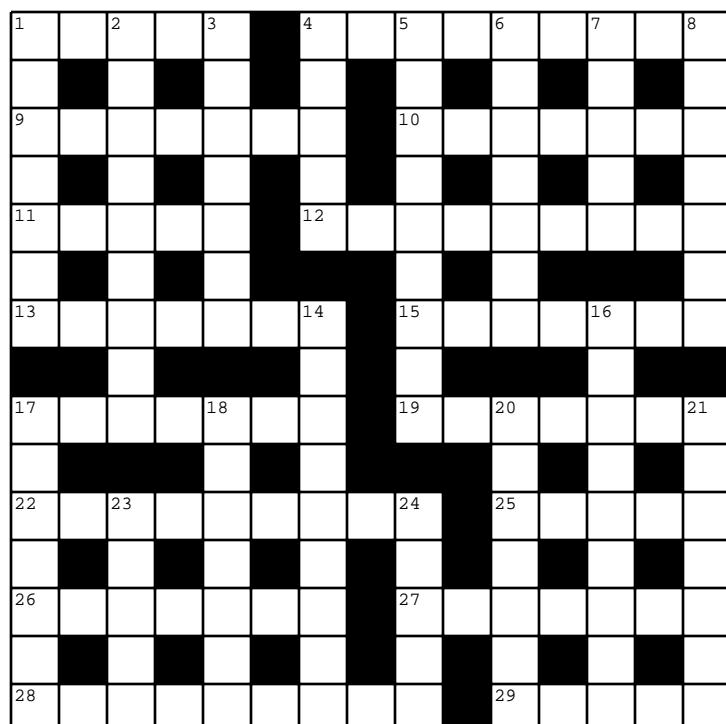
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| 4. ABSTRUSER  | 2. MATCHBOOK  |
| 9. SATANIC    | 3. DINER      |
| 10. ANDROID   | 4. ACCREDITS  |
| 11. USHER     | 5. SNAFU      |
| 12. EQUIVOCAL | 6. REDEVELOP  |
| 13. BRONCHI   | 7. STOIC      |
| 15. OBLIGES   | 8. RIDDLES    |
| 17. ALKALIS   | 14. COLLAPSES |
| 18. EMPTIED   | 15. OVERCOMES |
| 20. SYNTACTIC | 16. GLISSANDI |
| 23. POSED     | 17. ASSUMES   |
| 24. MORISON   | 19. DIDEROT   |
| 25. MOURNER   | 21. NORAD     |
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| 27. BUILT     | 23. PLUMB     |



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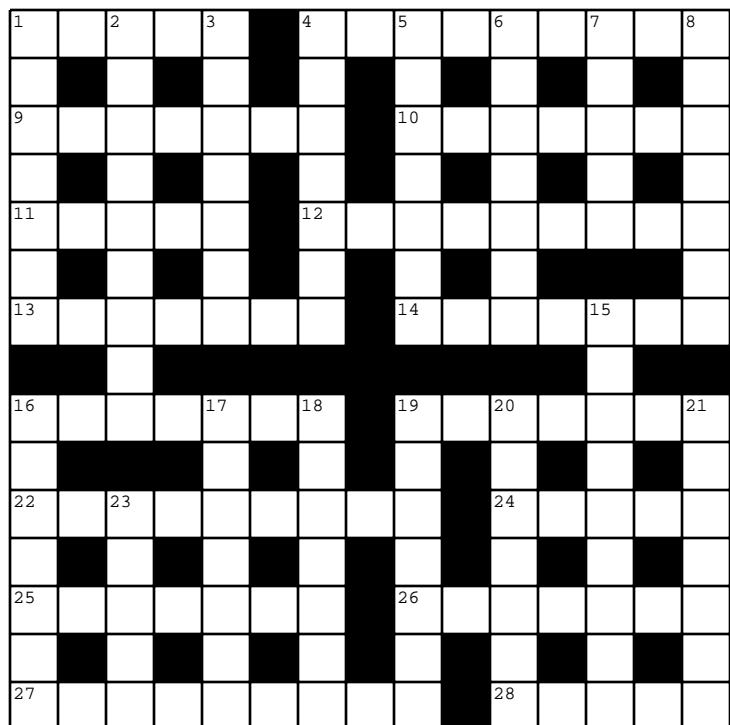
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| 9. MARILYN    | 3. SPLOTCH    |
| 10. AUDITOR   | 4. MANGE      |
| 11. HEART     | 5. SPAGHETTI  |
| 12. ETHICALLY | 6. CADUCEI    |
| 13. WORSHIP   | 7. INTEL      |
| 15. THIRSTS   | 8. MARTYRS    |
| 17. BICYCLE   | 14. PHENOMENA |
| 19. IMPRESS   | 16. SLENDERER |
| 22. FIREPROOF | 17. BUFFALO   |
| 25. OLDER     | 18. CAPITAL   |
| 26. APOSTLE   | 20. PROBLEM   |
| 27. CALORIE   | 21. SORCERY   |
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| 29. MERCY     | 24. FACES     |



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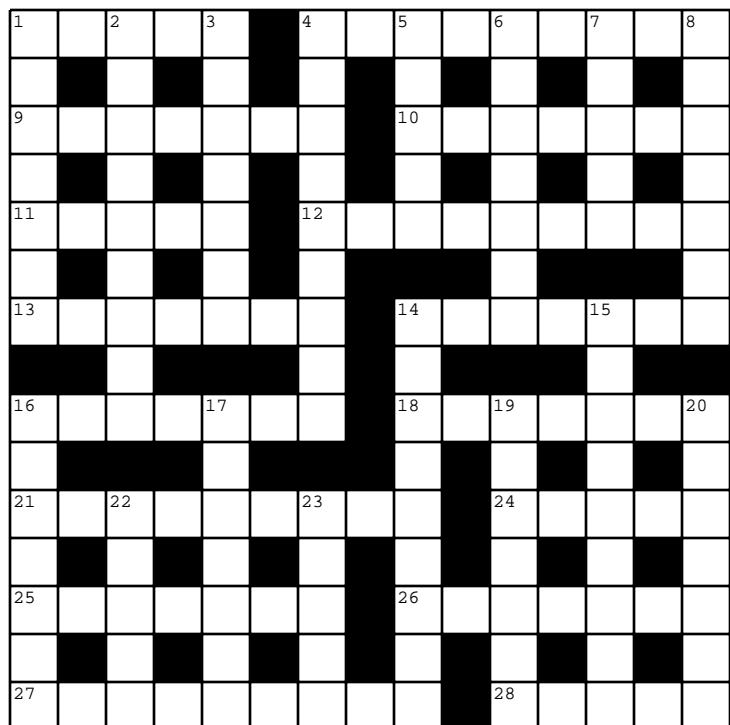
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| 4. PADLOCKED  | 2. AFFECTION  |
| 9. SUFFICE    | 3. SCISSOR    |
| 10. INDIANA   | 4. PREMIUM    |
| 11. BACKS     | 5. DRIPPED    |
| 12. IMPORTANT | 6. ORDERED    |
| 13. EPIGRAM   | 7. KOALA      |
| 14. DADDIES   | 8. DEARTHES   |
| 16. PONTIAC   | 15. INTERFERE |
| 19. DESKTOP   | 16. PUMICES   |
| 22. MENDELEEV | 17. INERTIA   |
| 24. AGREE     | 18. CHENNAI   |
| 25. CARLTON   | 19. DEVICES   |
| 26. COPPERS   | 20. SHAMPOO   |
| 27. SCENARIOS | 21. PLEASES   |
| 28. OPENS     | 23. NERVE     |



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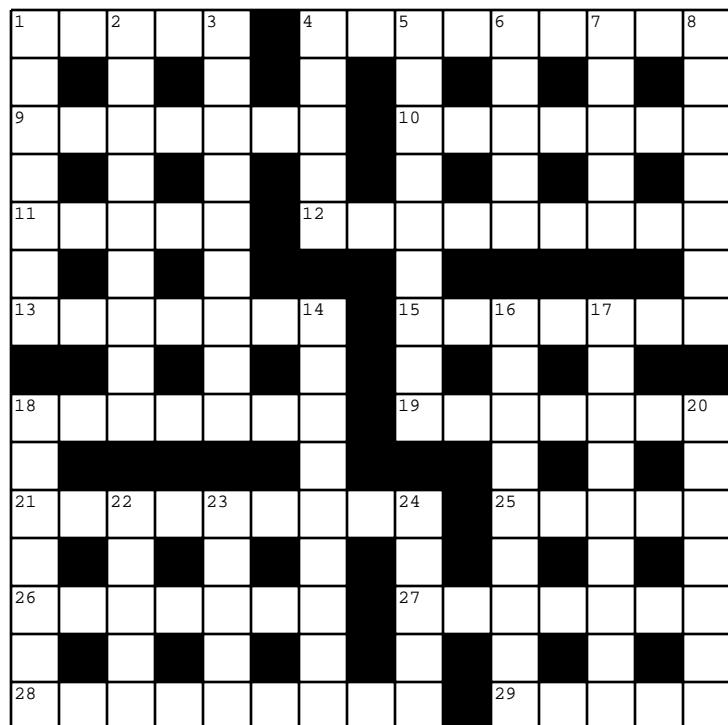
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| 4. FABRICATE  | 2. EXPANSION  |
| 9. DEPRIVE    | 3. GUIDING    |
| 10. SISSIES   | 4. FREQUENCY  |
| 11. ENNUI     | 5. BASIC      |
| 12. UNCLEANER | 6. INSTEAD    |
| 13. SMIDGEN   | 7. ALIGN      |
| 14. DEDUCED   | 8. ENSURED    |
| 16. MONTHLY   | 14. DERELICTS |
| 18. RYDBERG   | 15. CRESCENDO |
| 21. DECEITFUL | 16. MODICUM   |
| 24. BUCKS     | 17. HAIRCUT   |
| 25. CADUCEI   | 19. DEBRIEF   |
| 26. CHIANTI   | 20. GUSTIER   |
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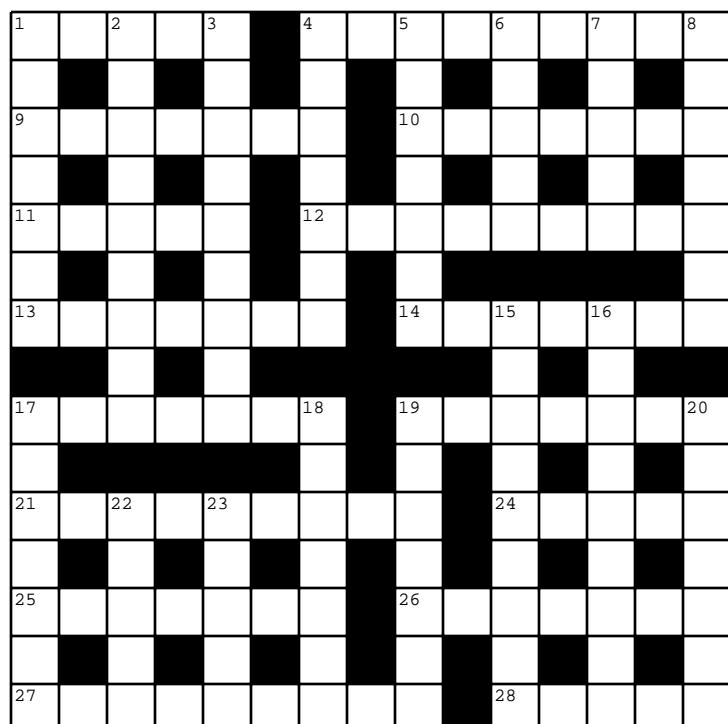
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| 1. DECOY      | 1. DISCUSS    |
| 4. ACCUSTOMS  | 2. CRITICISM  |
| 9. STIMULI    | 3. YOUNGSTER  |
| 10. CRUCIAL   | 4. ALIGN      |
| 11. USING     | 5. COCKSCOMB  |
| 12. NOSTALGIA | 6. SAUNA      |
| 13. SCIATIC   | 7. OWING      |
| 15. ORIGAMI   | 8. SYLLABI    |
| 18. SAMURAI   | 14. COINTREAU |
| 19. BIPLANE   | 16. IMPROMPTU |
| 21. REALISTIC | 17. AMATERASU |
| 25. OBESE     | 18. SPRUCED   |
| 26. COTTAGE   | 20. ETERNAL   |
| 27. CAPTAIN   | 22. ALTOS     |
| 28. DISREPUTE | 23. INANE     |
| 29. USUAL     | 24. CYCLE     |



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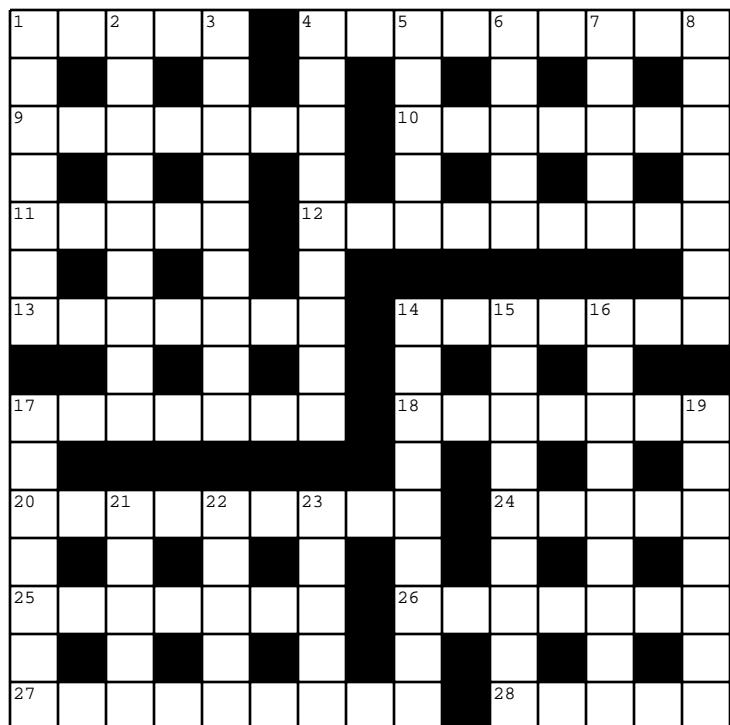
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| 4. STOPWATCH  | 2. CLUTTERED  |
| 9. NEUTRON    | 3. OURSELVES  |
| 10. GIGGLES   | 4. SENSUAL    |
| 11. ARTIE     | 5. ORGANIC    |
| 12. UNNATURAL | 6. WIGHT      |
| 13. ARRIVAL   | 7. TYLER      |
| 14. CADAVER   | 8. HUSTLER    |
| 17. NUDISTS   | 15. DISBELIEF |
| 19. ARSENIC   | 16. VANDALISM |
| 21. TORMENTOR | 17. NATTIER   |
| 24. EXACT     | 18. SITTING   |
| 25. IZANAGI   | 19. ACROBAT   |
| 26. BRITISH   | 20. CATCHES   |
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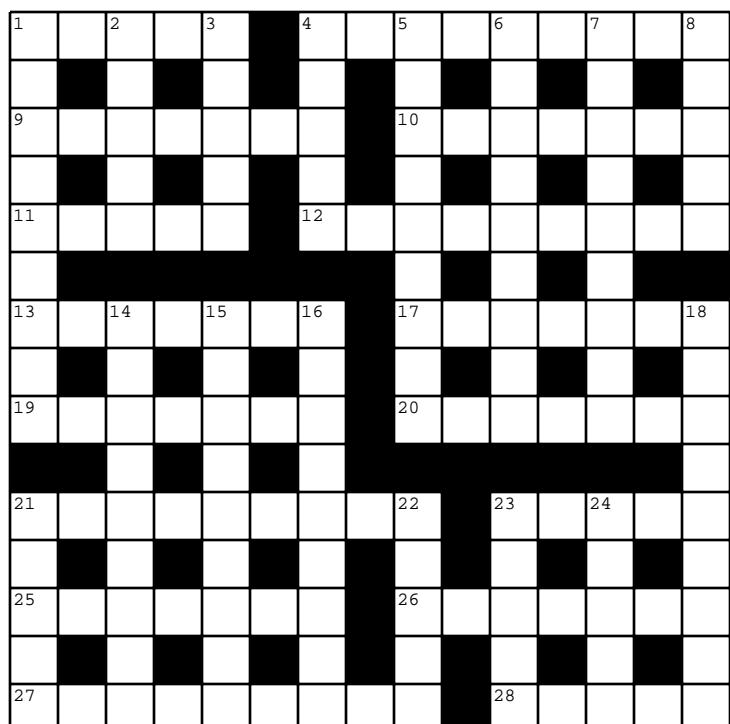
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| 4. NARRATORS  | 2. LIKELIEST  |
| 9. IRKUTSK    | 3. AUTHENTIC  |
| 10. MIDTERM   | 4. NAKEDNESS  |
| 11. ELLIE     | 5. RAMPS      |
| 12. DESPERADO | 6. ADDLE      |
| 13. THEATRE   | 7. OPERA      |
| 14. TREACLE   | 8. SOMEONE    |
| 17. NOTICES   | 14. THEREUPON |
| 18. EXHALES   | 15. EXHIBITOR |
| 20. NEGOTIATE | 16. CELESTIAL |
| 24. BOSSY     | 17. NONSTOP   |
| 25. THALAMI   | 19. SHYSTER   |
| 26. PATRIOT   | 21. GUANO     |
| 27. PROVISION | 22. TRACI     |
| 28. RULER     | 23. ALIBI     |



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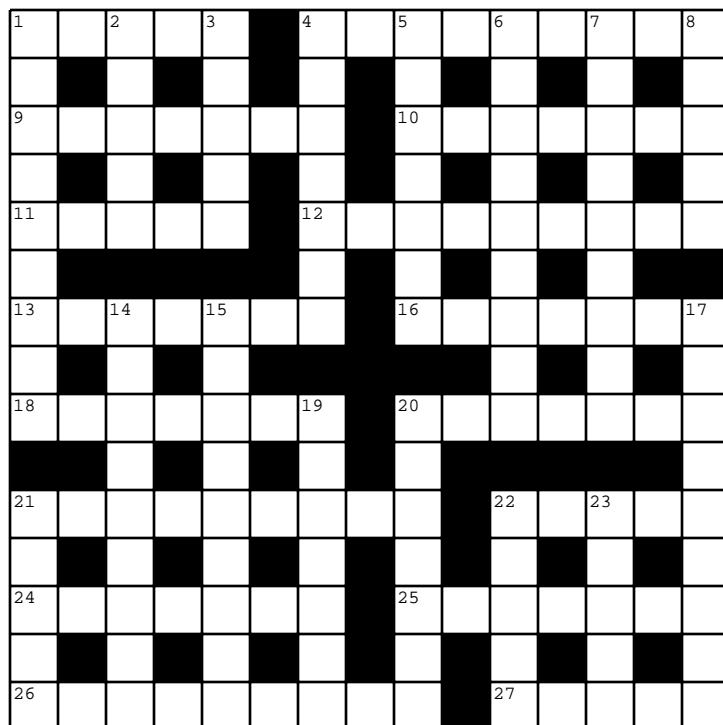
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| 4. ASHAMEDLY  | 2. BIOKO      |
| 9. BRONCHI    | 3. CYCLE      |
| 10. MARITAL   | 4. ASIDE      |
| 11. ELOPE     | 5. HAMSTRUNG  |
| 12. ENTRYWAYS | 6. MARTYRDOM  |
| 13. ASCENDS   | 7. DETRACTOR  |
| 17. UPDATER   | 8. YELPS      |
| 19. TRANCES   | 14. CHAITANYA |
| 20. GUMDROP   | 15. NECKLACES |
| 21. ANTELOPES | 16. SISYPHEAN |
| 23. HOBBY     | 18. REPAYMENT |
| 25. PANACHE   | 21. ASPIC     |
| 26. VILLAGE   | 22. SAVED     |
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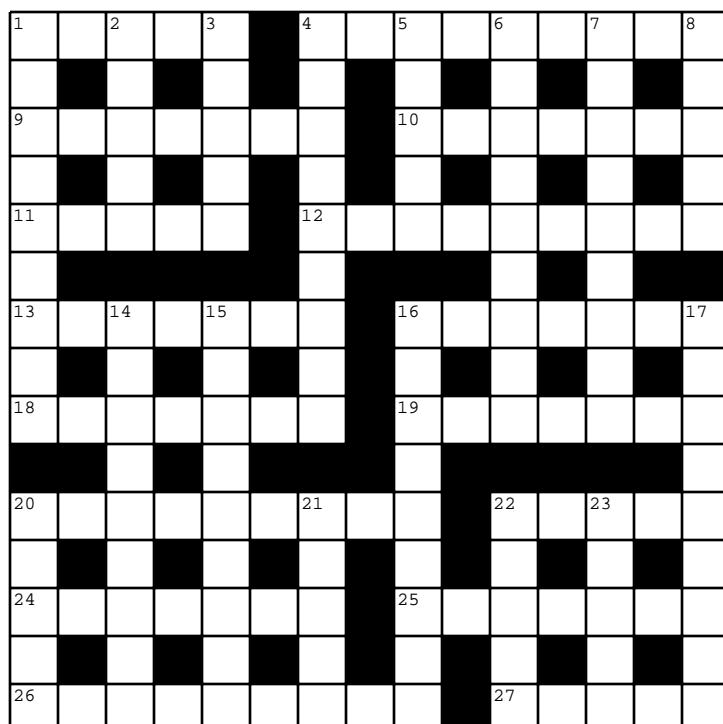
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| 1. VOMIT      | 1. VIOLATION  |
| 4. ENDANGERS  | 2. MOTTO      |
| 9. OSTRICH    | 3. THIRD      |
| 10. SIGNING   | 4. ETHICAL    |
| 11. AVOID     | 5. DISTURB    |
| 12. COUNTRIES | 6. NIGHTMARE  |
| 13. ILLEGAL   | 7. ELIMINATE  |
| 16. BRAVADO   | 8. SAGAS      |
| 18. NOWHERE   | 14. LOWERCASE |
| 20. PRECEDE   | 15. GREEDIEST |
| 21. MERIDIANS | 17. OVERSLEEP |
| 22. TYPES     | 19. EXAMPLE   |
| 24. SHAKEUP   | 20. PASTELS   |
| 25. ENLARGE   | 21. MISTS     |
| 26. SWEETNESS | 22. TELLS     |
| 27. SLEEP     | 23. PARSE     |



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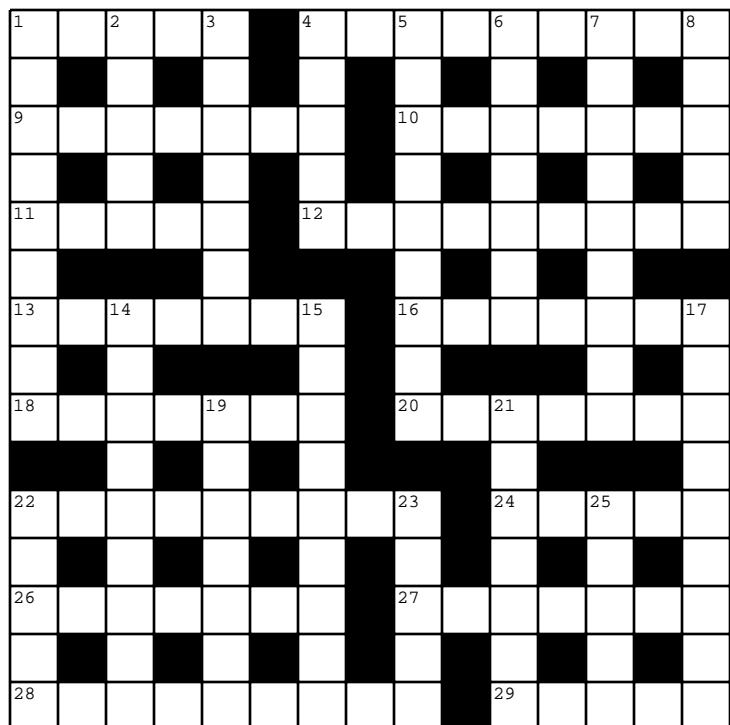
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| 9. TIMPANI    | 3. REAMS      |
| 10. ASSUMED   | 4. BLINDFOLD  |
| 11. RATES     | 5. OKAYS      |
| 12. DESTITUTE | 6. DISTILLER  |
| 13. AVOCADO   | 7. HAMMURABI  |
| 16. SYLLABI   | 8. DODGE      |
| 18. NATURED   | 14. OUTBREAKS |
| 19. MARXIST   | 15. ABRIDGING |
| 20. DAREDEVIL | 16. SIMULATES |
| 22. FLAIR     | 17. INTERVIEW |
| 24. SWAHILI   | 20. DOSED     |
| 25. TSUNAMI   | 21. VOICE     |
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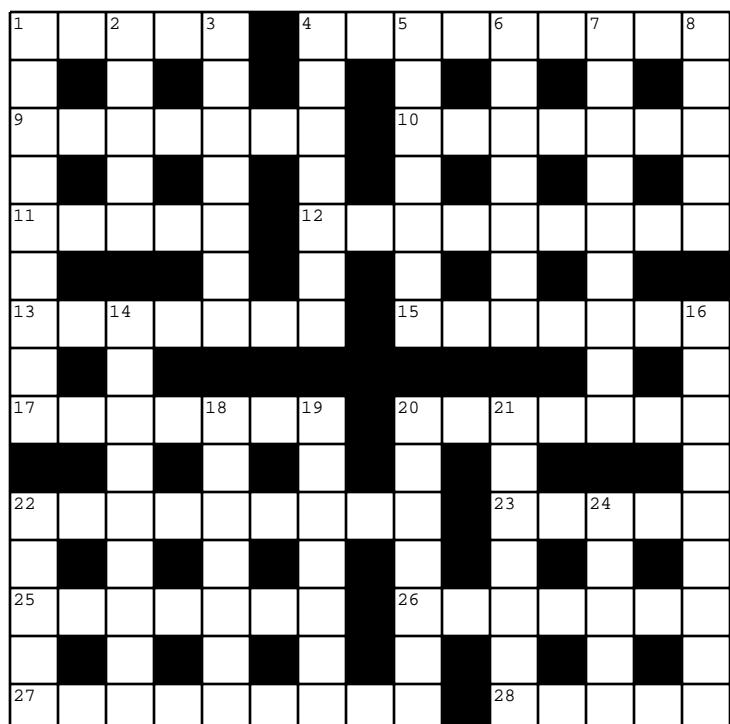
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| 4. SNAPPIEST  | 2. AWFUL      |
| 9. INFERO     | 3. DORMANT    |
| 10. LAZIEST   | 4. SHOON      |
| 11. LELIA     | 5. ALLOWABLE  |
| 12. NEWCASTLE | 6. PIZZAZZ    |
| 13. AUDITOR   | 7. ELECTORAL  |
| 16. BIZARRE   | 8. TITLE      |
| 18. TESTING   | 14. DISHTOWEL |
| 20. EXHALED   | 15. REGISTRAR |
| 22. ANTIPASTI | 17. ENDANGERS |
| 24. LEMON     | 19. IMPRINT   |
| 26. NEWSIER   | 21. HELPFUL   |
| 27. ENFORCE   | 22. ARNEB     |
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| 29. LUNGS     | 25. MORON     |



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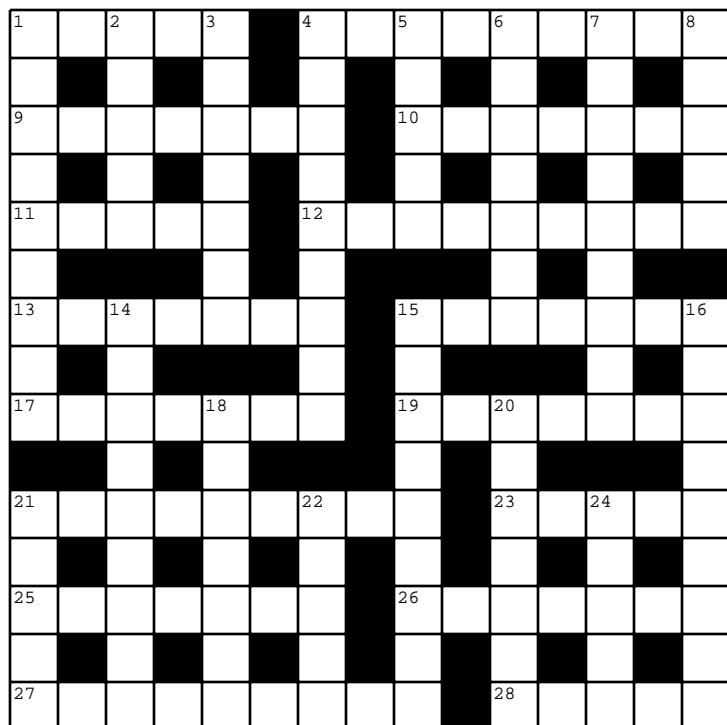
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| 9. RINGLET    | 3. BELUSHI    |
| 10. BLOOPER   | 4. MATADOR    |
| 11. EVENS     | 5. NABISCO    |
| 12. DESTROYED | 6. SCOURGE    |
| 13. BAGGIER   | 7. EMPHYSEMA  |
| 15. ONESELF   | 8. SHRED      |
| 17. GRANOLA   | 14. GUARANTOR |
| 20. CHICANO   | 16. FOOTSTEPS |
| 22. AMATERASU | 18. ONEROUS   |
| 23. PILLS     | 19. ARACELI   |
| 25. PETIOLE   | 20. COURAGE   |
| 26. ANALYZE   | 21. IMPEACH   |
| 27. YORKSHIRE | 22. APPLY     |
| 28. HEROS     | 24. LAYER     |



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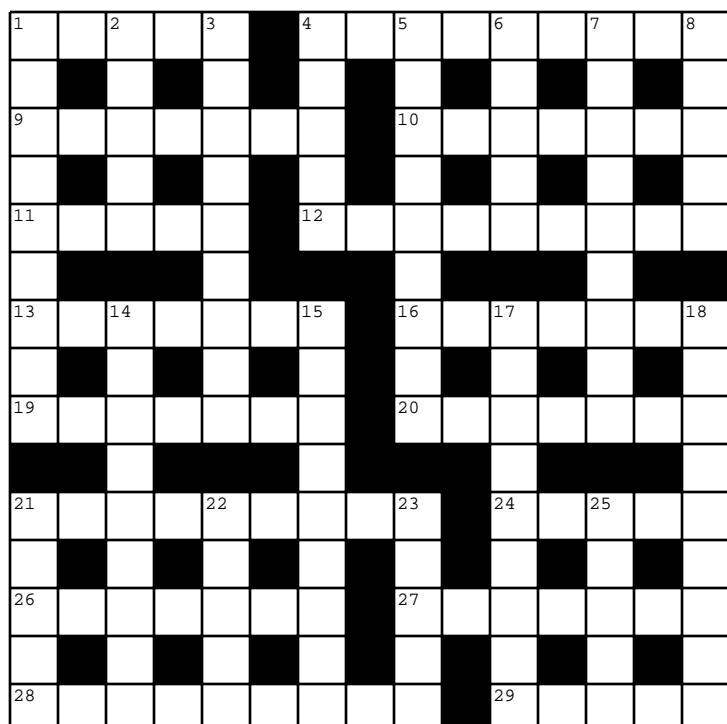
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| 4. BLINDNESS  | 2. RULER      |
| 9. CALYPSO    | 3. ASPIRIN    |
| 10. EASTERN   | 4. BLOODSHED  |
| 11. ERROR     | 5. IDEAL      |
| 12. DELIRIUMS | 6. DISHrag    |
| 13. STAUNCH   | 7. EXECUTIVE  |
| 15. ANGUISH   | 8. SINGS      |
| 17. REPUTED   | 14. APPETISER |
| 19. CABRERA   | 15. ACCLIMATE |
| 21. POTPOURRI | 16. HEADRESTS |
| 23. OFFER     | 18. THOREAU   |
| 25. LISTENS   | 20. BLOSSOM   |
| 26. ASSENTS   | 21. POLYP     |
| 27. PIROUETTE | 22. RESET     |
| 28. MAILS     | 24. FUNGI     |



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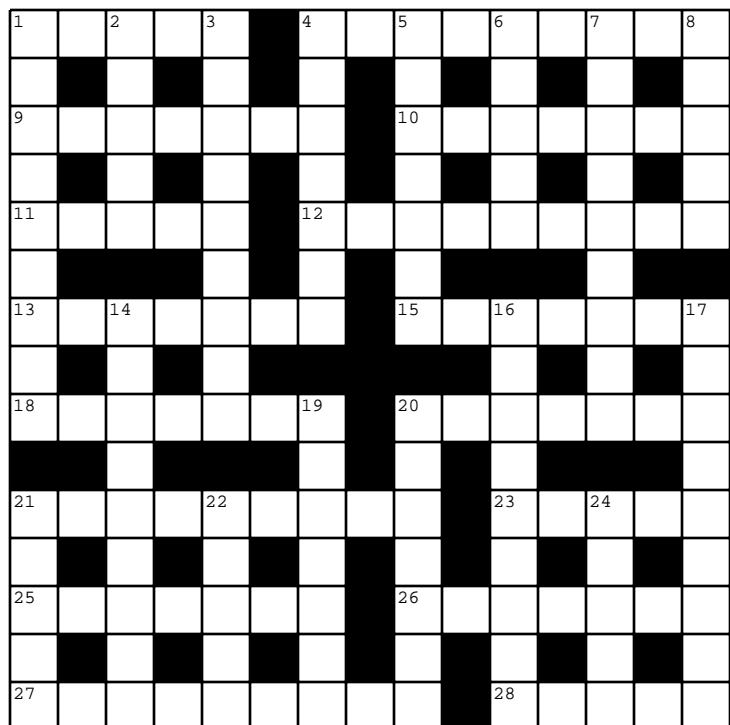
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| 4. DEFINABLE  | 2. ENNUI      |
| 9. CONTACT    | 3. AMATERASU  |
| 10. ORACLES   | 4. DATUM      |
| 11. NAIVE     | 5. FOODSTUFF  |
| 12. MASTHEADS | 6. NEATH      |
| 13. RECLAIM   | 7. BELEAGUER  |
| 16. UNCOUTH   | 8. EASES      |
| 19. CONQUER   | 14. CONNECTOR |
| 20. FUNERAL   | 15. MARCELINO |
| 21. OVERSLEEP | 17. CONSTRICT |
| 24. TUBES     | 18. HILLSIDES |
| 26. INTAGLI   | 21. ONION     |
| 27. GRILLED   | 22. SIGMA     |
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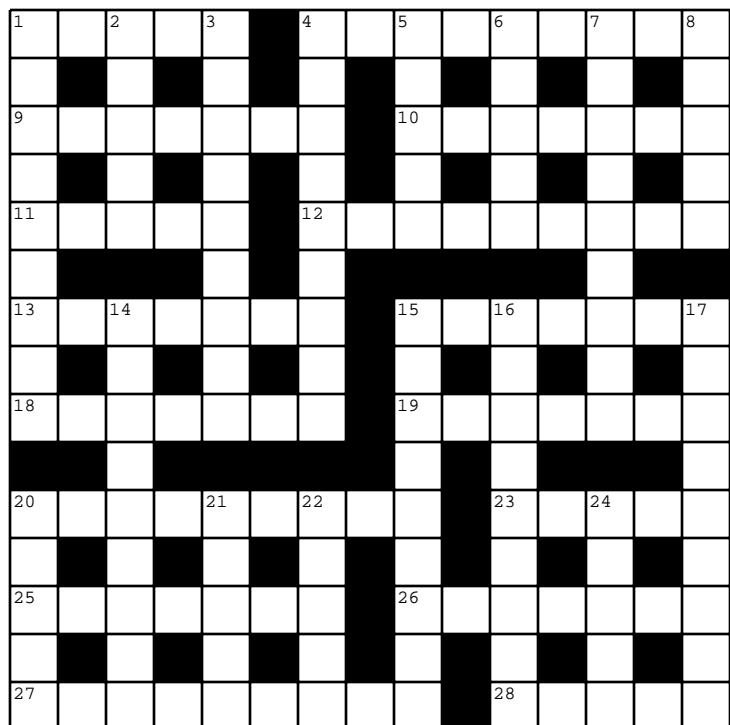
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| 4. AFFLUENCE  | 2. MELON      |
| 9. ONLIES     | 3. SPECIFIER  |
| 10. DWARFED   | 4. ARTICLE    |
| 11. ENNUI     | 5. FEDERAL    |
| 12. CORKSCREW | 6. URALS      |
| 13. ARCHIVE   | 7. NEFERTITI  |
| 15. LOFTING   | 8. ENDOW      |
| 18. GUMDROP   | 14. COMMISSAR |
| 20. FICTION   | 16. FICTIONAL |
| 21. AXIOMATIC | 17. GENERATOR |
| 23. INNER     | 19. PATIENT   |
| 25. RESERVE   | 20. FACETED   |
| 26. TONIGHT   | 21. ARROW     |
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| 28. LOVER     | 24. NEGEV     |



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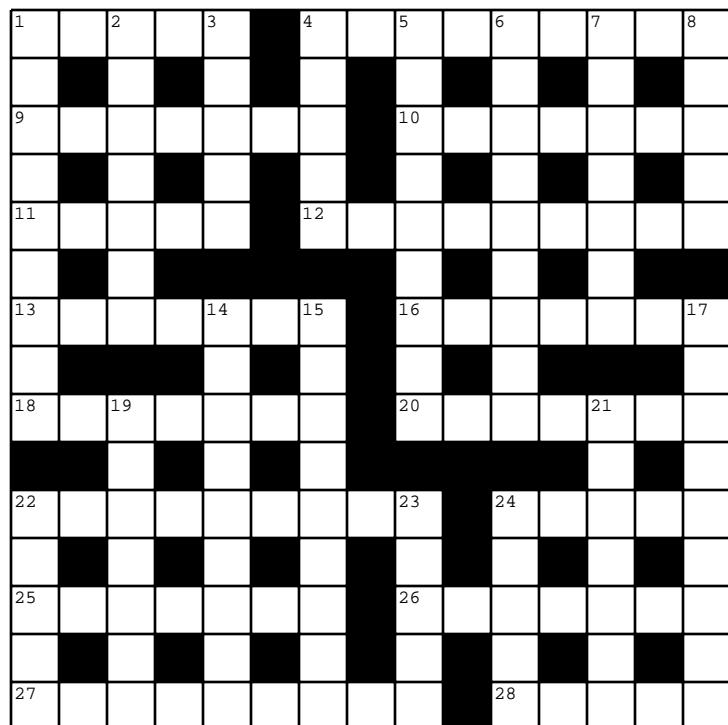
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| 9. MOLLUSC    | 3. UNUKALHAI  |
| 10. GRISTLE   | 4. INCLUSIVE  |
| 11. AISHA     | 5. CAGED      |
| 12. UNDERWENT | 6. PRIOR      |
| 13. SONGHAI   | 7. BUTTERNUT  |
| 15. AMMONIA   | 8. ELECT      |
| 18. DECLINE   | 14. NICARAGUA |
| 19. SALUTED   | 15. ASSEMBLED |
| 20. TERRORISM | 16. MILLIONTH |
| 23. INANE     | 17. ADDRESSEE |
| 25. ALGEBRA   | 20. TIARA     |
| 26. LENGTHS   | 21. ORBIT     |
| 27. APARTHEID | 22. IRATE     |
| 28. HORDE     | 24. ALTER     |



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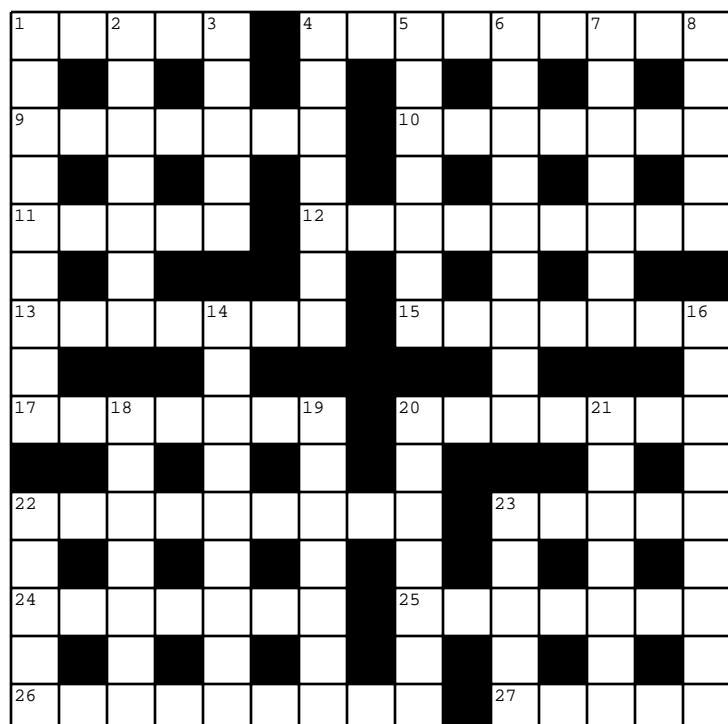
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| 4. BASICALLY  | 2. HEFTIER    |
| 9. OFFENCE    | 3. ERNIE      |
| 10. EARMARK   | 4. BEERS      |
| 11. SLIDE     | 5. STEADICAM  |
| 12. SIDEWALKS | 6. CARTWHEEL  |
| 13. EARACHE   | 7. LEAFLET    |
| 16. CHEETAH   | 8. YOKES      |
| 18. USTINOV   | 14. CONVIVIAL |
| 20. MILKSOP   | 15. EAVESDROP |
| 22. INTRINSIC | 17. HOPSCOTCH |
| 24. RELIC     | 19. TITANIC   |
| 25. SANDIER   | 21. SILLIER   |
| 26. CONVICT   | 22. ISSUE     |
| 27. EUCALYPTI | 23. CACTI     |
| 28. WORTH     | 24. RENEW     |



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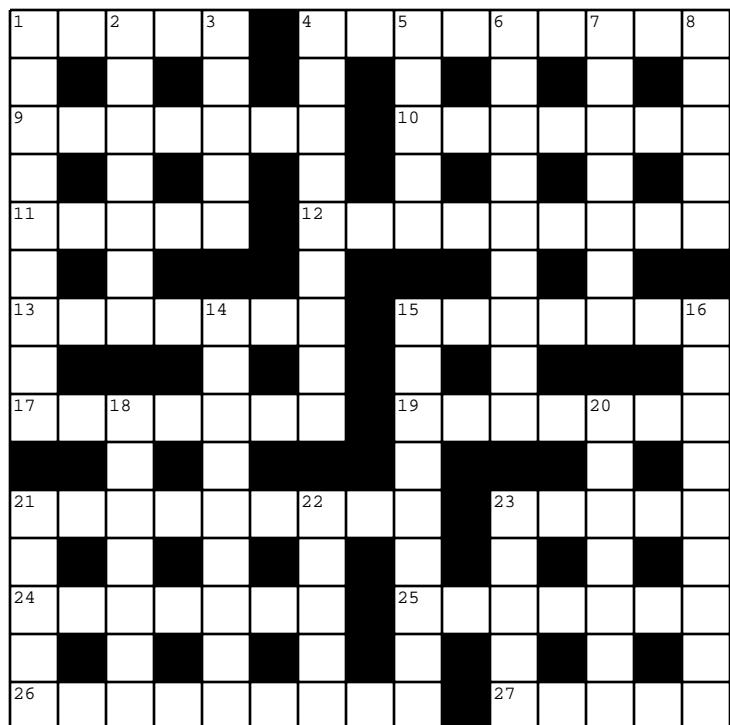
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| 9. EROTICA    | 3. SPITS      |
| 10. EATABLE   | 4. FEARFUL    |
| 11. ITEMS     | 5. OVERLAP    |
| 12. FOLLOWERS | 6. POTPOURRI  |
| 13. HARMFUL   | 7. TABLEAU    |
| 15. PERTURB   | 8. STEMS      |
| 17. SCHEMED   | 14. FEMINISTS |
| 20. STIFFEN   | 16. BANDWIDTH |
| 22. CANONICAL | 18. HANDLES   |
| 23. AGLOW     | 19. DECLINE   |
| 24. BELUSHI   | 20. SELECTS   |
| 25. COLLIED   | 21. FILMIER   |
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| 27. WORTH     | 23. ALLOW     |



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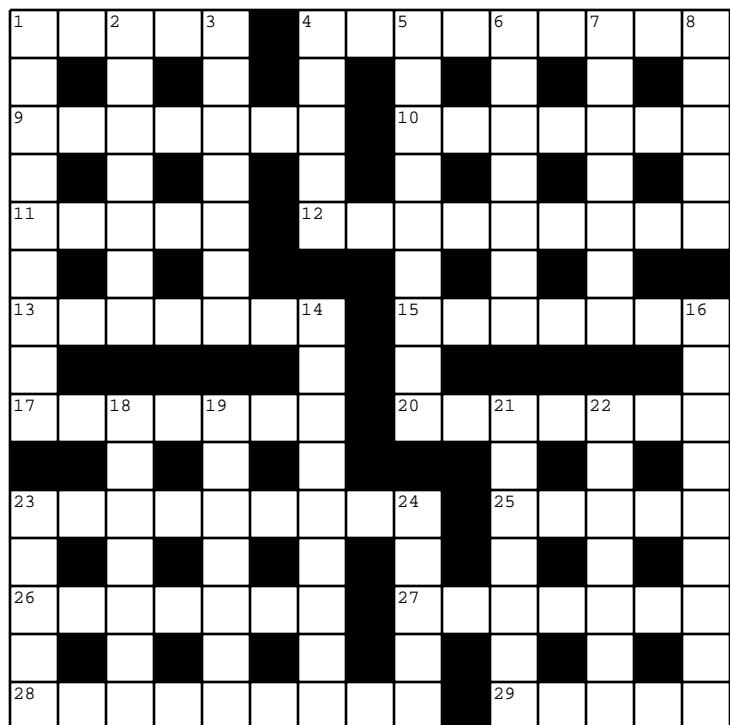
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| 4. PECUNIARY  | 2. EMBROIL    |
| 9. ALBERIO    | 3. DARES      |
| 10. TONGUES   | 4. PROTOTYPE  |
| 11. ROOTS     | 5. CATER      |
| 12. OURSELVES | 6. NONVERBAL  |
| 13. BELLBOY   | 7. AQUAVIT    |
| 15. ROBOTIC   | 8. YESES      |
| 17. COMPOSE   | 14. BLOODSHOT |
| 19. SILICON   | 15. RESPONSES |
| 21. ARMADILLO | 16. CONCLUDES |
| 23. PUPIL     | 18. MEMENTO   |
| 24. PYNCHON   | 20. CAPITAL   |
| 25. SHIFTED   | 21. ALPHA     |
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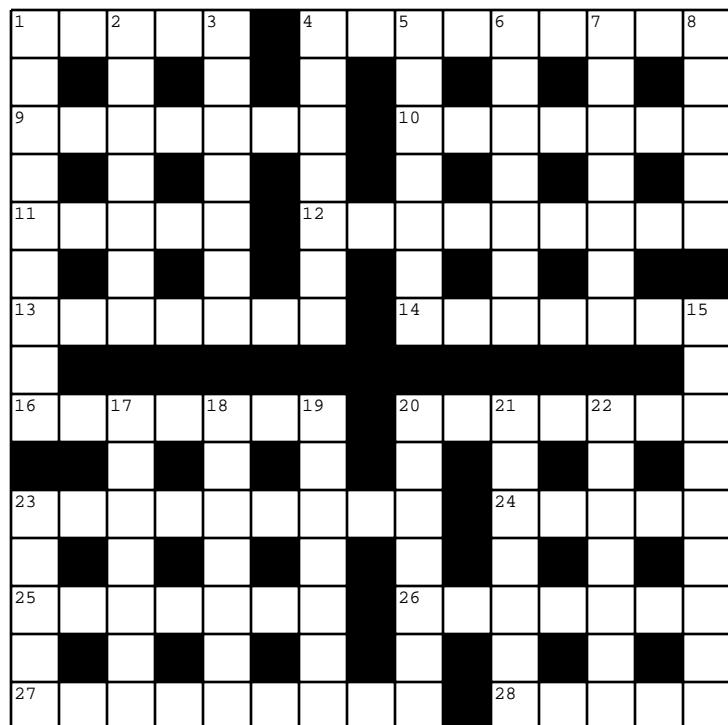
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| 9. NORMANS    | 3. THALAMI    |
| 10. NARRATE   | 4. CASES      |
| 11. NINJA     | 5. MANHANDLE  |
| 12. SHAGGIEST | 6. ENRAGES    |
| 13. UNITING   | 7. CHATEAU    |
| 15. DISTURB   | 8. SPELT      |
| 17. ATACAMA   | 14. GUARNIERI |
| 20. EMBARGO   | 16. BOOKSHELF |
| 23. PERSONNEL | 18. AURELIO   |
| 25. TASKS     | 19. AVOCADO   |
| 26. RELEASE   | 21. BATHTUB   |
| 27. ASTRIDE   | 22. ROSSINI   |
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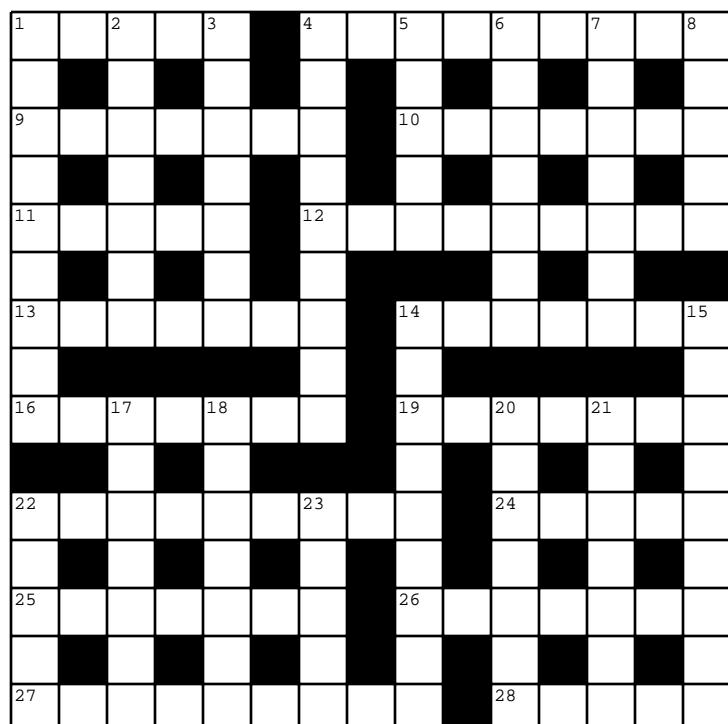
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| 4. DESIGNATE  | 2. JUTLAND    |
| 9. KUTUZOV    | 3. BIZARRE    |
| 10. OEDIPAL   | 4. DIVIDES    |
| 11. STAIR     | 5. SPONGES    |
| 12. DEGENERES | 6. GODUNOV    |
| 13. INDEEDS   | 7. ASPIRIN    |
| 14. SEVENTH   | 8. ELLIS      |
| 16. TRAVELS   | 15. HELLEBORE |
| 20. MUSICAL   | 17. AKIHITO   |
| 23. RHINOCERI | 18. EMOTIVE   |
| 24. AMUSE     | 19. STEINEM   |
| 25. OPINION   | 20. MAILMAN   |
| 26. MULATTO   | 21. SWALLOW   |
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| 28. WORSE     | 23. ROOMS     |



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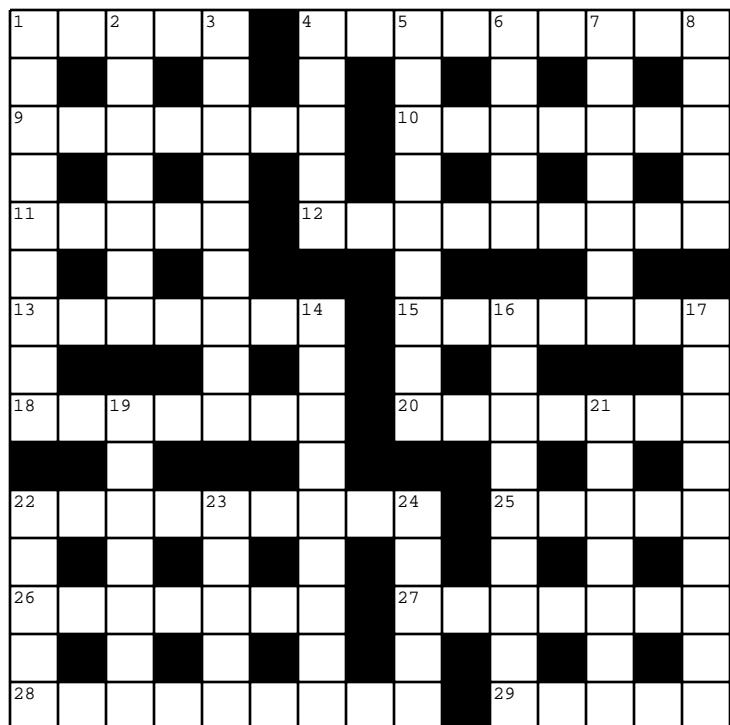
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| 9. CLASSIC    | 3. HOSANNA    |
| 10. GIGGLED   | 4. INCEPTION  |
| 11. REIGN     | 5. SUGAR      |
| 12. PARAMOUNT | 6. REGIMEN    |
| 13. TIMPANI   | 7. CALCULI    |
| 14. MENDING   | 8. SADAT      |
| 16. DUSTBIN   | 14. MOBILISES |
| 19. BELLBOY   | 15. GLYCERINE |
| 22. APPRAISAL | 17. SAPLING   |
| 24. TILDE     | 18. BRAVURA   |
| 25. CLIQUES   | 20. LATENTS   |
| 26. SONGHAI   | 21. BOLSHOI   |
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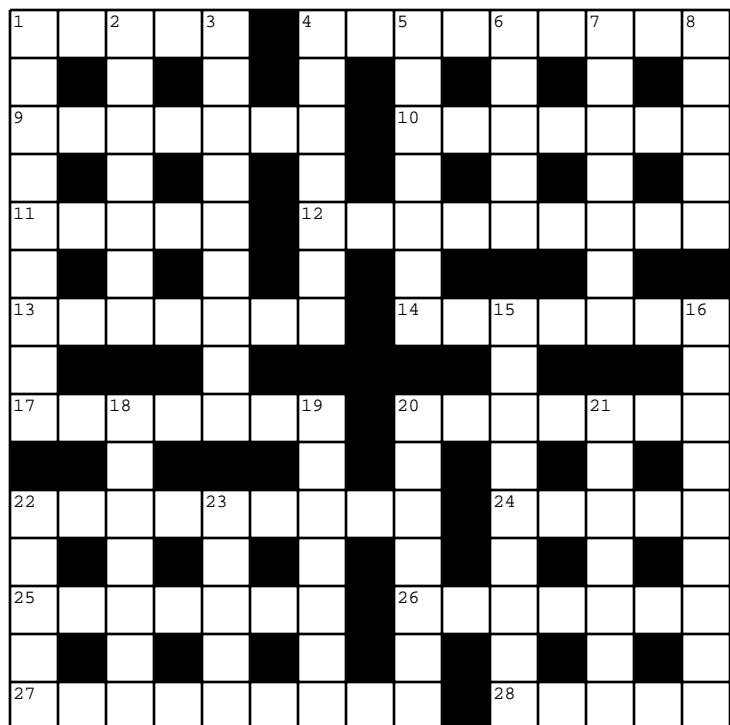
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| 4. RESENTFUL  | 2. DECODER    |
| 9. JACUZZI    | 3. DAZZLINGS  |
| 10. NATURED   | 4. RUING      |
| 11. YODEL     | 5. SENTENCED  |
| 12. GREYHOUND | 6. NOTCH      |
| 13. BARENTS   | 7. FORMULA    |
| 15. CHICANO   | 8. LADED      |
| 18. ELAPSES   | 14. SUSTAINED |
| 20. DETECTS   | 16. INTERVIEW |
| 22. BACKSLASH | 17. OBSESSION |
| 25. ROLES     | 19. ARCHAIC   |
| 26. STATION   | 21. CALCIUM   |
| 27. TBILISI   | 22. BASRA     |
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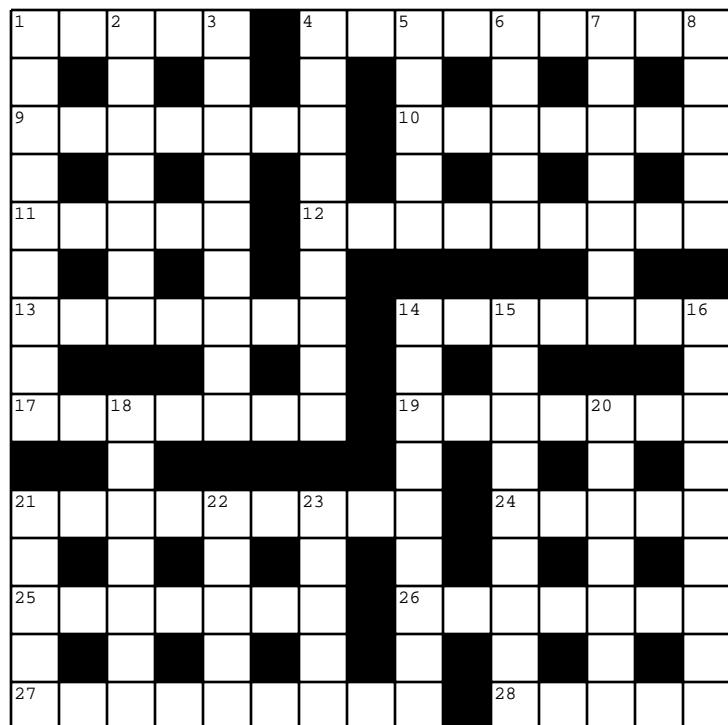
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| 9. INHIBIT    | 3. IMBALANCE  |
| 10. ANALYZE   | 4. MATRONS    |
| 11. AURAL     | 5. DEADEST    |
| 12. OVERCOMES | 6. ISAAC      |
| 13. TIDINGS   | 7. ABYSMAL    |
| 14. TRAILED   | 8. SEEKS      |
| 17. COMPETE   | 15. ANALGESIC |
| 20. CHANCES   | 16. DISASTERS |
| 22. COMPANION | 18. MEMENTO   |
| 24. GENES     | 19. EPIGRAM   |
| 25. RANCOUR   | 20. CENTRED   |
| 26. RESTORE   | 21. CONFORM   |
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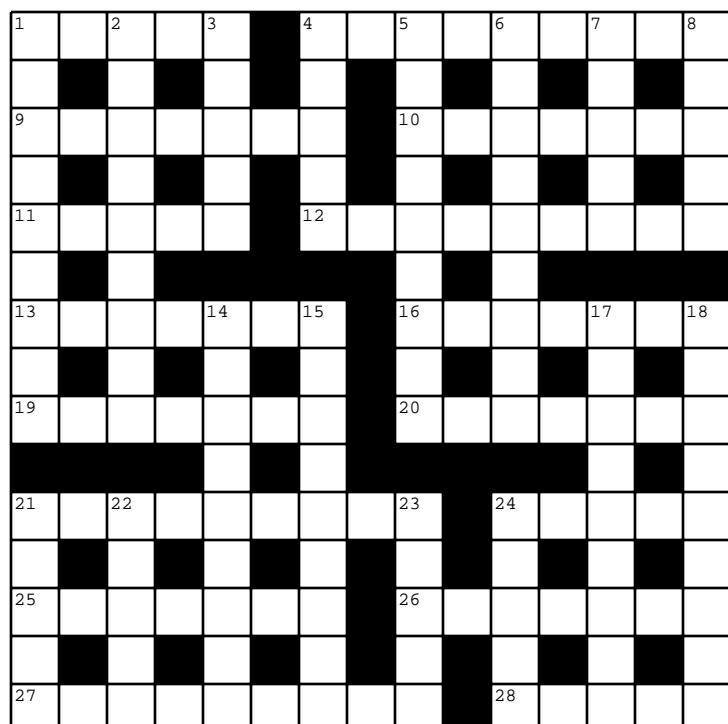
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| 4. HIERARCHY  | 2. AUDITOR    |
| 9. UNDOING    | 3. ORIENTATE  |
| 10. EAGERER   | 4. HIGHBROWS  |
| 11. TITAN     | 5. EVENT      |
| 12. BATTERIES | 6. ANGLE      |
| 13. TORNADO   | 7. CARDIAC    |
| 14. ABDUCTS   | 8. YARDS      |
| 17. TRAVELS   | 14. AMBULANCE |
| 19. BESEECH   | 15. DISPERSAL |
| 21. EMPIRICAL | 16. SCHEDULES |
| 24. EBBED     | 18. ASPIRIN   |
| 25. UNRAVEL   | 20. EMBARKS   |
| 26. NOSTRIL   | 21. EQUAL     |
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| 28. LOSES     | 23. CILIA     |



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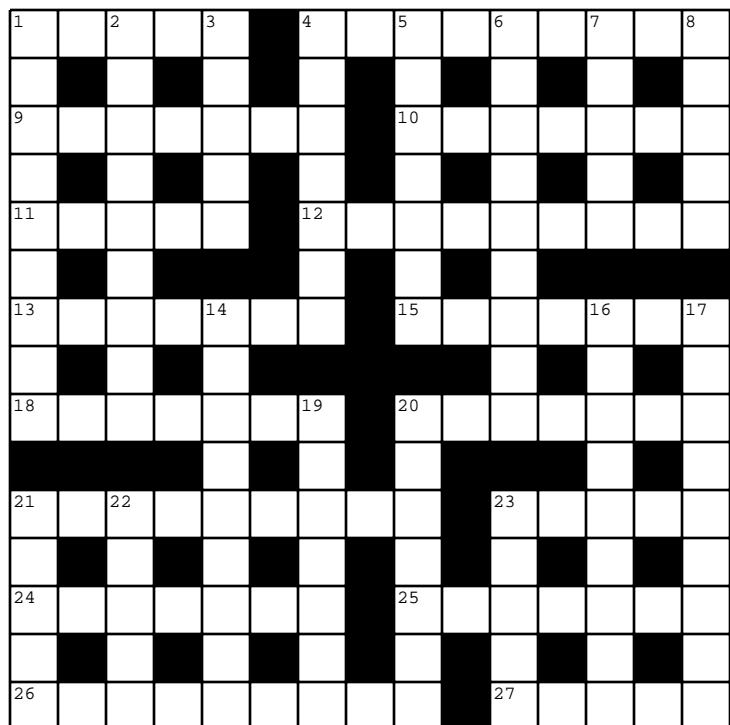
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| 9. MESTIZO    | 3. NAIVE      |
| 10. RENDING   | 4. ALOHA      |
| 11. HORDE     | 5. BIRTHMARK  |
| 12. ADHERENTS | 6. GONORRHEA  |
| 13. THORIUM   | 7. ONION      |
| 16. ASHAMED   | 8. SIGNS      |
| 19. AFRICAN   | 14. INCESSANT |
| 20. KHARKOV   | 15. MENDELEEV |
| 21. OVERSLEEP | 17. MAKESHIFT |
| 24. LASER     | 18. DIVERSION |
| 25. CASCADE   | 21. OCCUR     |
| 26. MANCINI   | 22. EASEL     |
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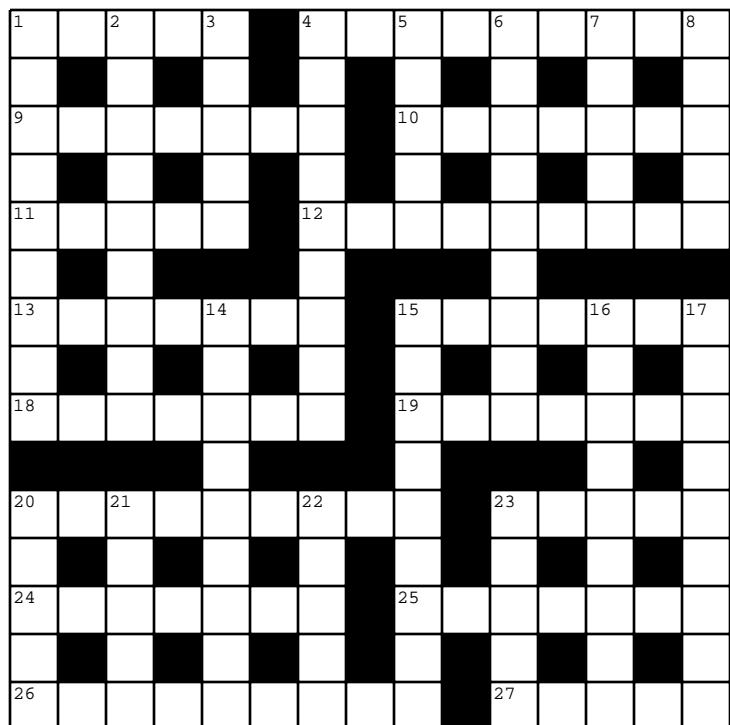
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| 4. DISPOSING  | 2. EMERGENCY  |
| 9. SPECIAL    | 3. ARISE      |
| 10. STEWARD   | 4. DELIGHT    |
| 11. MCGEE     | 5. SESSION    |
| 12. GRITTIEST | 6. OVERTIMES  |
| 13. LENIENT   | 7. IMAGE      |
| 15. NUMERIC   | 8. GODOT      |
| 18. STYLISH   | 14. EMINENTLY |
| 20. MUSICAL   | 16. RACKETEER |
| 21. SAUCEPANS | 17. COLLECTOR |
| 23. SCENE     | 19. HEARTEN   |
| 24. HABITAT   | 20. MESSAGE   |
| 25. AWAREST   | 21. SCHWA     |
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| 27. ERROR     | 23. SCALE     |



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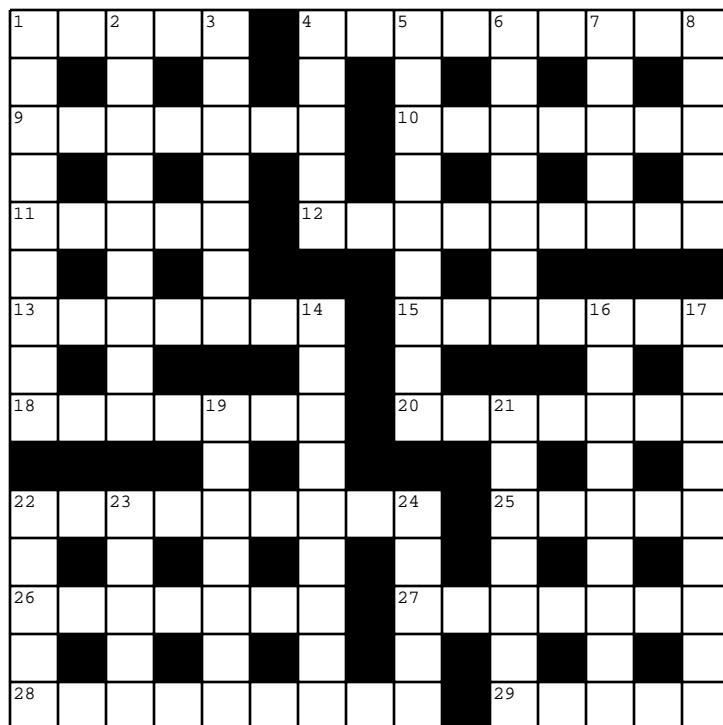
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| 9. SOUPCON    | 3. ARCED      |
| 10. ACTUATE   | 4. CONCOURSE  |
| 11. OARED     | 5. SCARF      |
| 12. OFFSPRING | 6. AUTOPILOT  |
| 13. GLUMMER   | 7. IRAQI      |
| 15. SULTANA   | 8. GREGG      |
| 18. DESTINE   | 14. MAINFRAME |
| 19. ATTEMPT   | 15. SHADOWBOX |
| 20. MANIFESTO | 16. ARMADILLO |
| 23. WIDER     | 17. ARTHRITIS |
| 24. DESPAIR   | 20. MIDST     |
| 25. BOOKLET   | 21. NISAN     |
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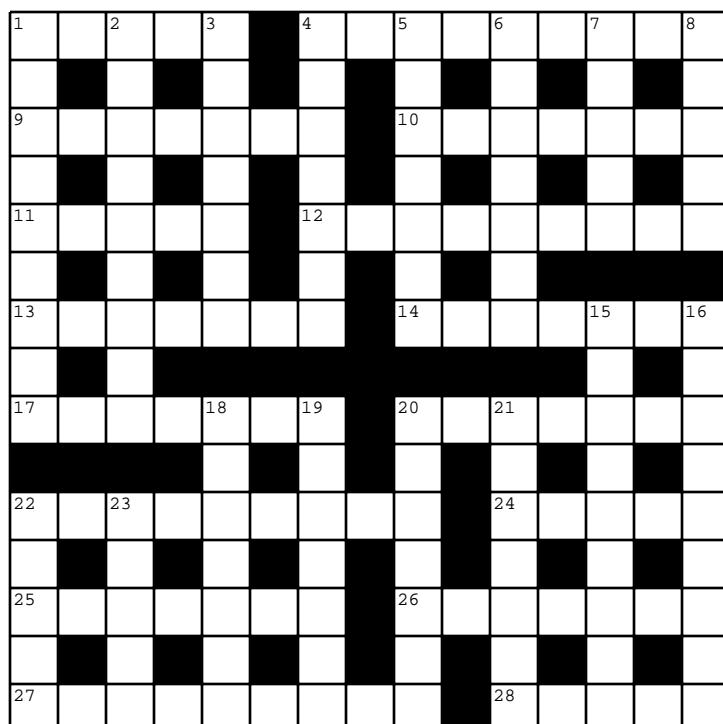
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| 4. REBUFFING  | 2. ATTESTING  |
| 9. BATHTUB    | 3. ENTREAT    |
| 10. OVERLAP   | 4. RABBI      |
| 11. ISSUE     | 5. BLOSSOMED  |
| 12. INSIDIOUS | 6. FREEDOM    |
| 13. HOISTED   | 7. IGLOO      |
| 15. MAMMOTH   | 8. GAPES      |
| 18. DEGRADE   | 14. DIESELING |
| 20. DUDGEON   | 16. OVERSLEEP |
| 22. PURIFIERS | 17. HONEYWELL |
| 25. SASSY     | 19. AFFRONT   |
| 26. RAVIOLI   | 21. DESKTOP   |
| 27. EXTREME   | 22. PARCH     |
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| 29. PUPIL     | 24. SEEKS     |



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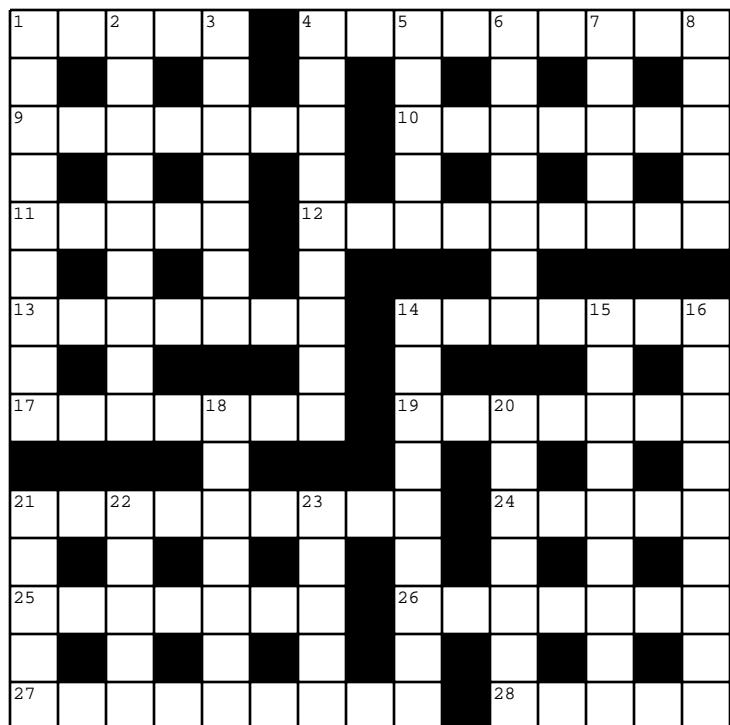
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| 4. NAKEDNESS  | 2. ANIMATION  |
| 9. NEIGHED    | 3. SCHOOLS    |
| 10. TACKIER   | 4. NUDISTS    |
| 11. ERATO     | 5. KETCHUP    |
| 12. SPHINCTER | 6. DECENCY    |
| 13. THIRSTS   | 7. EXIST      |
| 14. PSYCHIC   | 8. SORER      |
| 17. PANACEA   | 15. HARMONICA |
| 20. EMBARGO   | 16. CROSSWALK |
| 22. HARVESTER | 18. COEXIST   |
| 24. TOOLS     | 19. ANTONIO   |
| 25. REUNION   | 20. EUREKAS   |
| 26. KATRINA   | 21. BATHTUB   |
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| 28. BLACK     | 23. ROUTE     |



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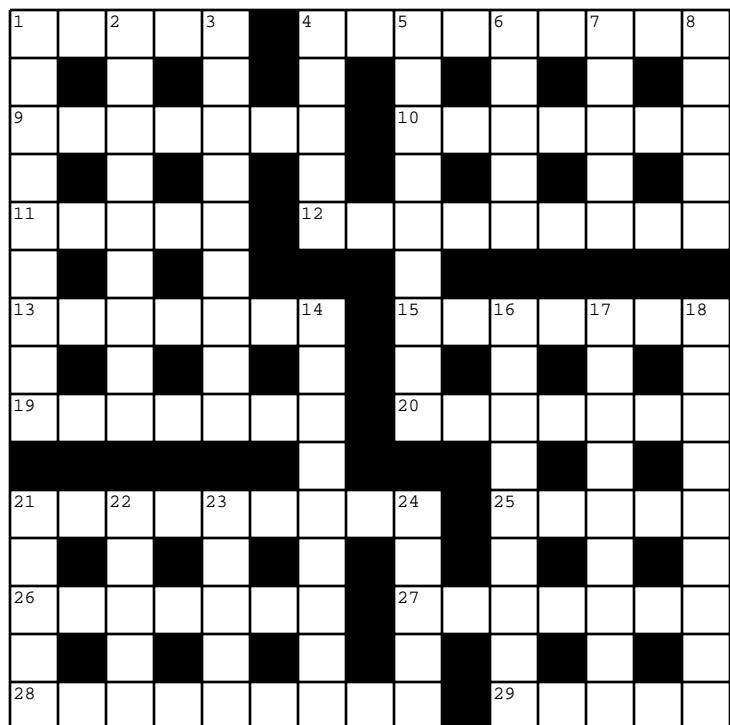
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| 4. FOUNDERED  | 2. BOUNTIFUL  |
| 9. NEUTRON    | 3. AURELIO    |
| 10. INSIDER   | 4. FINGERTIP  |
| 11. INTEL     | 5. UNITE      |
| 12. EXECUTION | 6. DISTURB    |
| 13. UPFRONT   | 7. RADII      |
| 14. NABOKOV   | 8. DAREN      |
| 17. MILKSOP   | 14. NOTEPAPEP |
| 19. TYPHOON   | 15. KNOWLEDGE |
| 21. OWNERSHIP | 16. VINEYARDS |
| 24. DELAY     | 18. SCRUNCH   |
| 25. ELTANIN   | 20. PADDOCK   |
| 26. PROUDER   | 21. OBESE     |
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| 28. KNEES     | 23. HENRI     |



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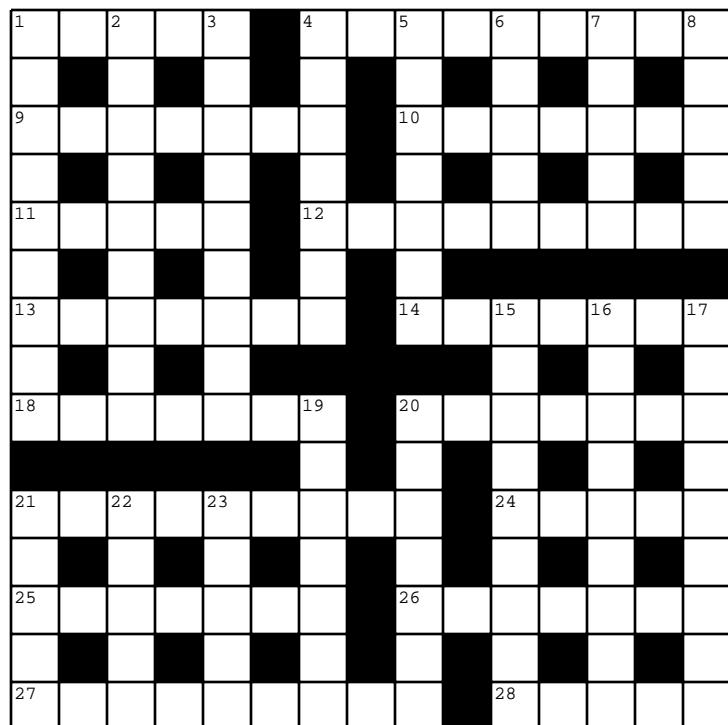
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| 9. GRADUAL    | 3. EBULLIENT  |
| 10. FIRSTLY   | 4. BELOW      |
| 11. NOVEL     | 5. CAFETERIA  |
| 12. WITNESSED | 6. TERSE      |
| 13. EASIEST   | 7. ALTOS      |
| 15. REBUFFS   | 8. KEYED      |
| 19. SEDATED   | 14. TEDIOUSLY |
| 20. AWNING    | 16. BANDWIDTH |
| 21. PALEOZOIC | 17. FINGERTIP |
| 25. WHERE     | 18. SUSPENDED |
| 26. RESIDES   | 21. PARED     |
| 27. AUDITED   | 22. LASTS     |
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| 29. HOPED     | 24. CHAIR     |



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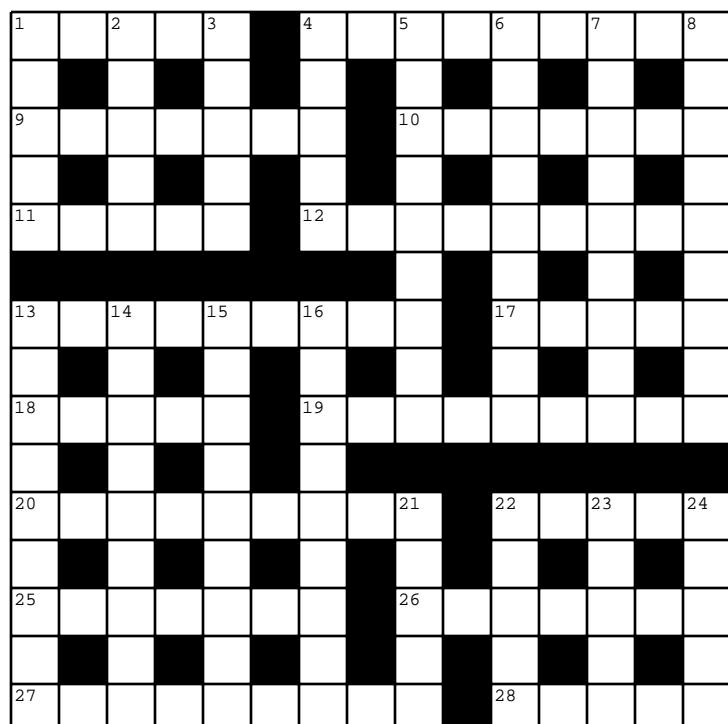
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| 4. AWKWARDLY  | 2. STATIONER  |
| 9. CLASSIC    | 3. DISHTOWEL  |
| 10. CONTOUR   | 4. ACCUSED    |
| 11. SHIRT     | 5. KICKOFF    |
| 12. SHOULDERS | 6. ANNUL      |
| 13. RENEWED   | 7. DROVE      |
| 14. FRESHET   | 8. YARNS      |
| 18. LORELEI   | 15. EMBRYONIC |
| 20. RUBELLA   | 16. HALEAKALA |
| 21. TYPECASTS | 17. TOADSTOOL |
| 24. YEARS     | 19. INSIGHT   |
| 25. BOOTLEG   | 20. RESIGNS   |
| 26. GONZALO   | 21. TUBED     |
| 27. DEFECATES | 22. PROOF     |
| 28. CRAWL     | 23. COLIC     |



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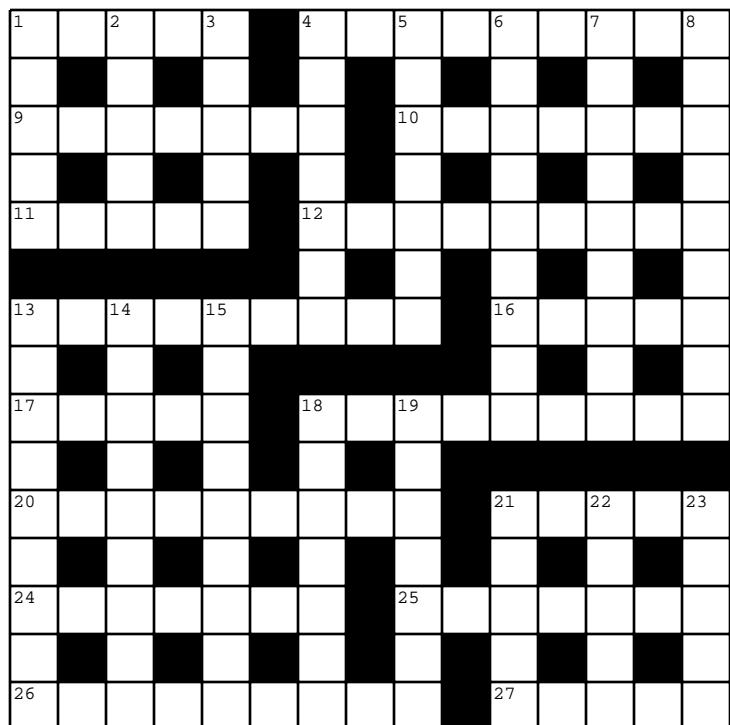
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| 9. SILENCE    | 3. SUNNY      |
| 10. NASTIER   | 4. DREAD      |
| 11. SASSY     | 5. SUNSCREEN  |
| 12. DECREASED | 6. OBSTETRIC  |
| 13. ASSOCIATE | 7. GLISSANDO  |
| 17. RENAL     | 8. STRADDLES  |
| 18. AVIOR     | 13. ANAEROBIC |
| 19. TENACIOUS | 14. SHINTOISM |
| 20. RETRIEVAL | 15. CARCINOMA |
| 22. CLAIM     | 16. ACTIVATED |
| 25. BAILOUT   | 21. LAGER     |
| 26. GODUNOV   | 22. CODES     |
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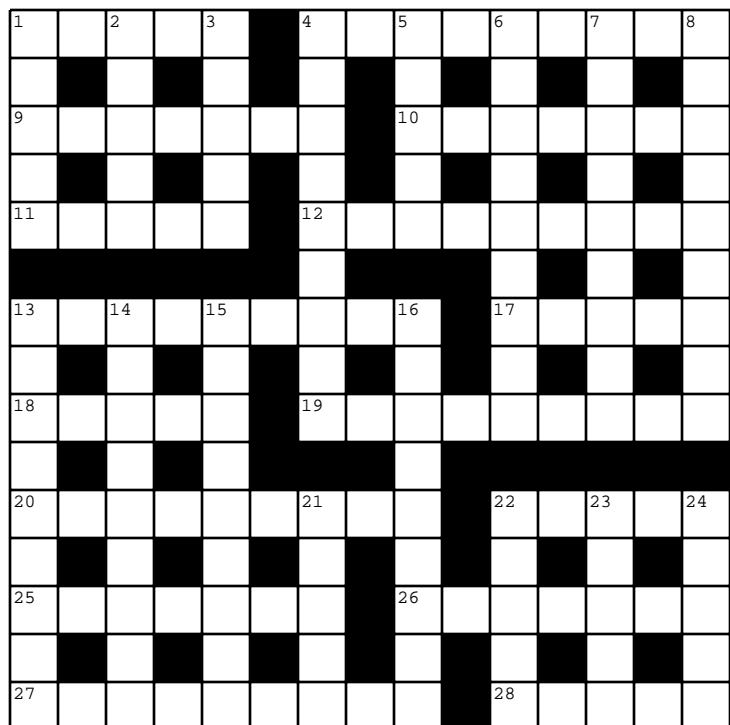
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| 4. ENVISAGED  | 2. ERROR      |
| 9. SERVICE    | 3. SUITS      |
| 10. CHAMBER   | 4. ELEGANT    |
| 11. YARNS     | 5. VICTIMS    |
| 12. ALIGHIERI | 6. SPAGHETTI  |
| 13. CASTRATES | 7. GIBBERISH  |
| 16. THING     | 8. DERRINGER  |
| 17. TOPIC     | 13. CATCALLED |
| 18. PUBLISHER | 14. SUPERNOVA |
| 20. ADROITEST | 15. RECEIVING |
| 21. DYING     | 18. PRESENT   |
| 24. LEONINE   | 19. BOTCHED   |
| 25. HYUNDAI   | 21. DRUGS     |
| 26. DRAUGHTED | 22. INDEX     |
| 27. SEXED     | 23. GRIND     |



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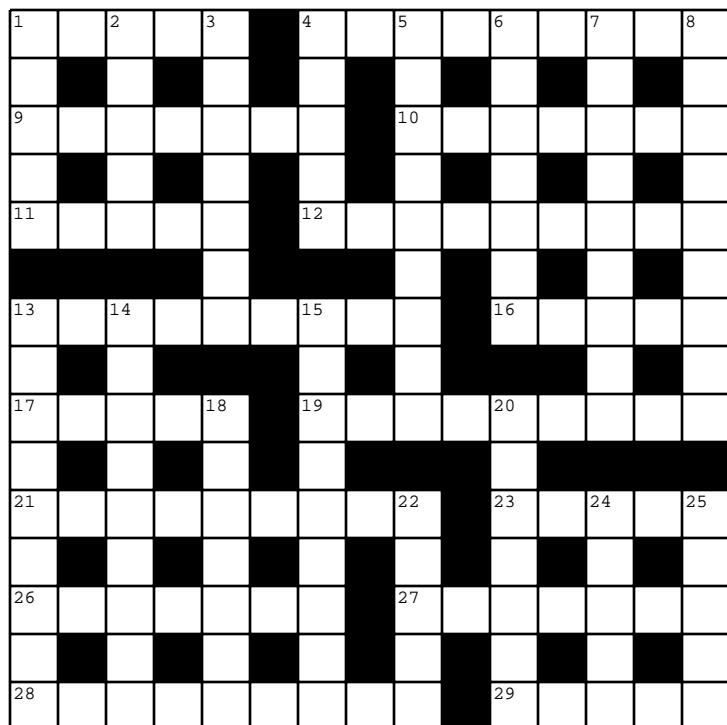
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| 9. CALCIUM    | 3. KNITS      |
| 10. OREGANO   | 4. HAMMURABI  |
| 11. SISES     | 5. STOIC      |
| 12. UNCHANGED | 6. ICELANDER  |
| 13. MARIJUANA | 7. ANALGESIC  |
| 17. DISCO     | 8. SNOWDROPS  |
| 18. CHIMU     | 13. MACEDONIA |
| 19. INTERACTS | 14. RAILROADS |
| 20. DAREDEVIL | 15. JAUNDICED |
| 22. CLIMB     | 16. ANTELOPES |
| 25. NUANCED   | 21. VIDEO     |
| 26. PROVIDE   | 22. CROWN     |
| 27. ASSIDUOUS | 23. IDIOM     |
| 28. NAMED     | 24. BREED     |



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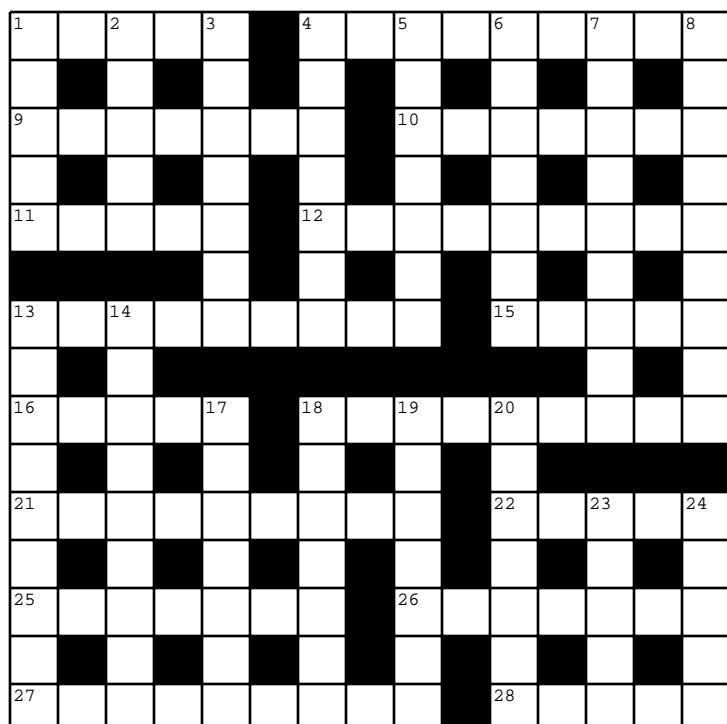
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| 4. BAPTISMAL  | 2. CADET      |
| 9. OLDUVAI    | 3. DEVELOP    |
| 10. BOLSHOI   | 4. BLIMP      |
| 11. HOTEL     | 5. PEBBLIEST  |
| 12. POLYMERIC | 6. ISLAMIC    |
| 13. INCAPABLE | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 16. CASIO     | 8. LOINCLOTH  |
| 17. TUNES     | 13. INTRINSIC |
| 19. ESTABLISH | 14. CONTINUAL |
| 21. IDIOMATIC | 15. BREATHING |
| 23. STAMP     | 18. SOMEONE   |
| 26. SPUMONI   | 20. BISCUIT   |
| 27. CAUTION   | 22. CACHE     |
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| 29. TRUTH     | 25. PUNCH     |



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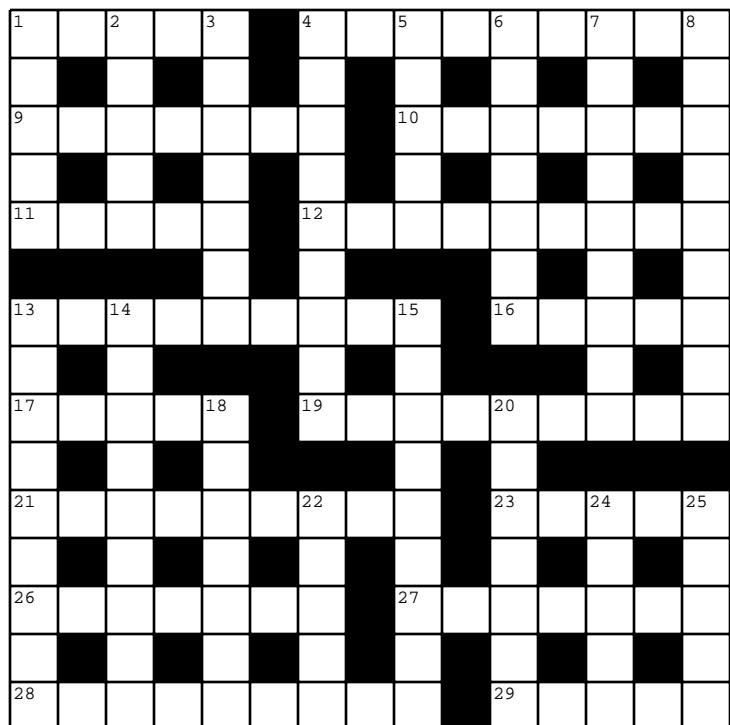
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| 9. ORIGAMI    | 3. CYANIDE    |
| 10. MIDRIFF   | 4. EDITION    |
| 11. NOEMI     | 5. COMPTON    |
| 12. INTRINSIC | 6. ADDLING    |
| 13. AGAMEMNON | 7. GLISSANDI  |
| 15. GENII     | 8. DEFECTIVE  |
| 16. TOUCH     | 13. AUTHORIZE |
| 18. PRIMITIVE | 14. AQUITAINE |
| 21. OPTIMIZED | 17. HAMMING   |
| 22. QUASI     | 18. PUZZLES   |
| 25. INITIAL   | 19. INDUCED   |
| 26. CHIMERA   | 20. INQUIRE   |
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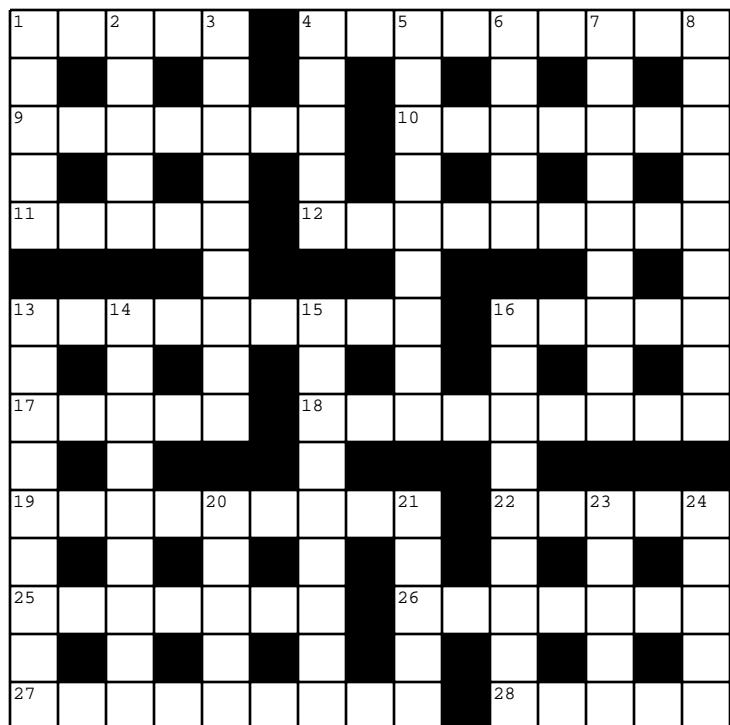
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| 4. BANKRUPTS  | 2. ORGAN      |
| 9. BUGABOO    | 3. HIBACHI    |
| 10. BANALER   | 4. BOOMERANG  |
| 11. PANIC     | 5. NOBEL      |
| 12. ENLIGHTEN | 6. RENEGED    |
| 13. ENCHILADA | 7. POLITICAL  |
| 16. DECAL     | 8. SPRINKLER  |
| 17. VIEWS     | 13. EAVESDROP |
| 19. GLANDULAR | 14. CLEANSERS |
| 21. SANITARIA | 15. AVALANCHE |
| 23. STORM     | 18. SOTTISH   |
| 26. REEDIER   | 20. DISTURB   |
| 27. COULDNT   | 22. RARES     |
| 28. POSTHASTE | 24. ORDER     |
| 29. BARER     | 25. MOTOR     |



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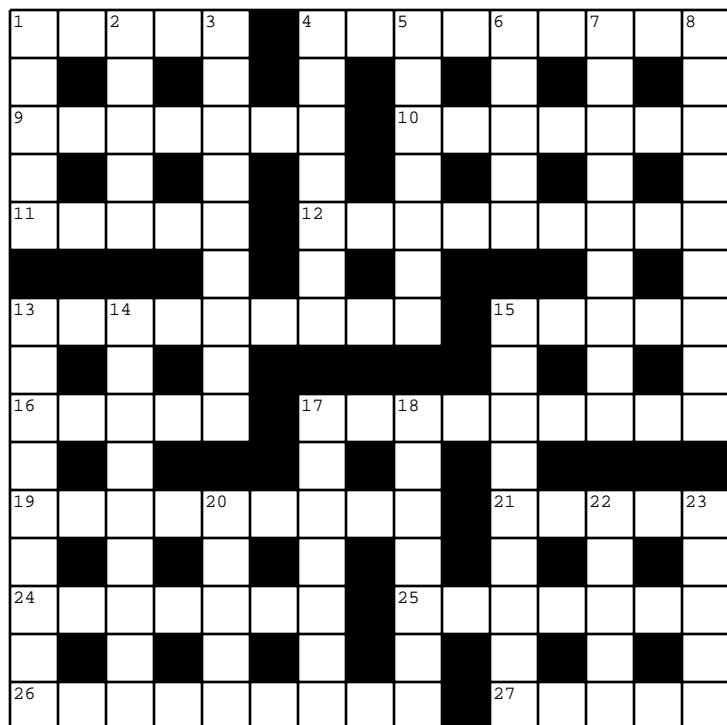
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| 4. REASSURES  | 2. INNER      |
| 9. SINUSES    | 3. FESTIVALS  |
| 10. EMERGED   | 4. RISES      |
| 11. CARPI     | 5. ALEXANDRA  |
| 12. SEAFARERS | 6. SHEBA      |
| 13. ENTRAPPED | 7. RAGGEDEST  |
| 16. CREDO     | 8. SIDESHOWS  |
| 17. SINGS     | 13. ENSCONCED |
| 18. EVALUATES | 14. TENDEREST |
| 19. OVERSLEEP | 15. PRESERVES |
| 22. TRIAL     | 16. COURTROOM |
| 25. CHEKHOV   | 20. SAHIB     |
| 26. EROTICA   | 21. PRESS     |
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| 28. MIGHT     | 24. LEAST     |



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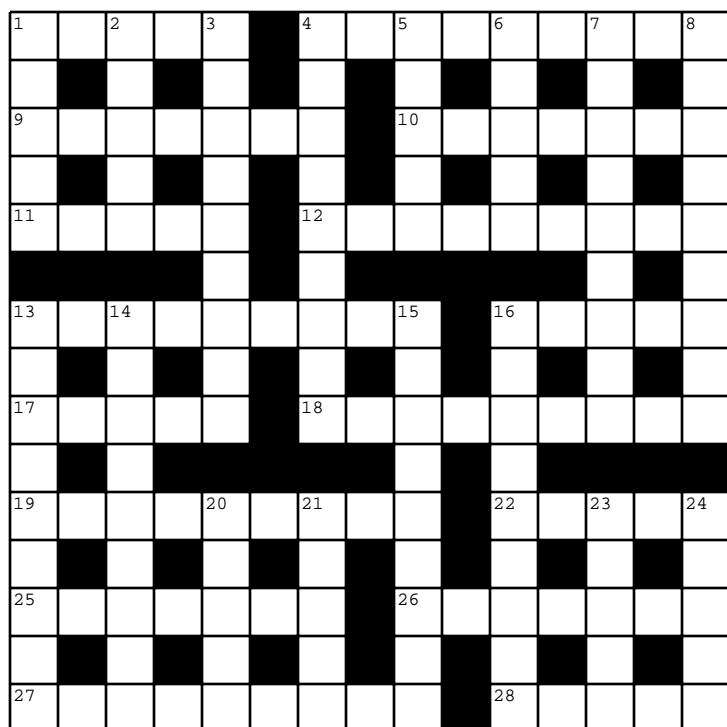
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| 4. APOCRYPHA  | 2. LOGIC      |
| 9. ANGELIC    | 3. MULTIPLEX  |
| 10. EXCITED   | 4. ACCRUED    |
| 11. CACTI     | 5. OVERDUE    |
| 12. UNDERGONE | 6. RACER      |
| 13. KNOWLEDGE | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 15. PARTS     | 8. ADDRESSEE  |
| 16. AFFIX     | 13. KNAPSACKS |
| 17. RECURSIVE | 14. OFFENDING |
| 19. SANITARIA | 15. PERMANENT |
| 21. ARROW     | 17. REREADS   |
| 24. CHIMERA   | 18. CHANCES   |
| 25. CHEWIER   | 20. TWERP     |
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| 27. TASKS     | 23. WARMS     |



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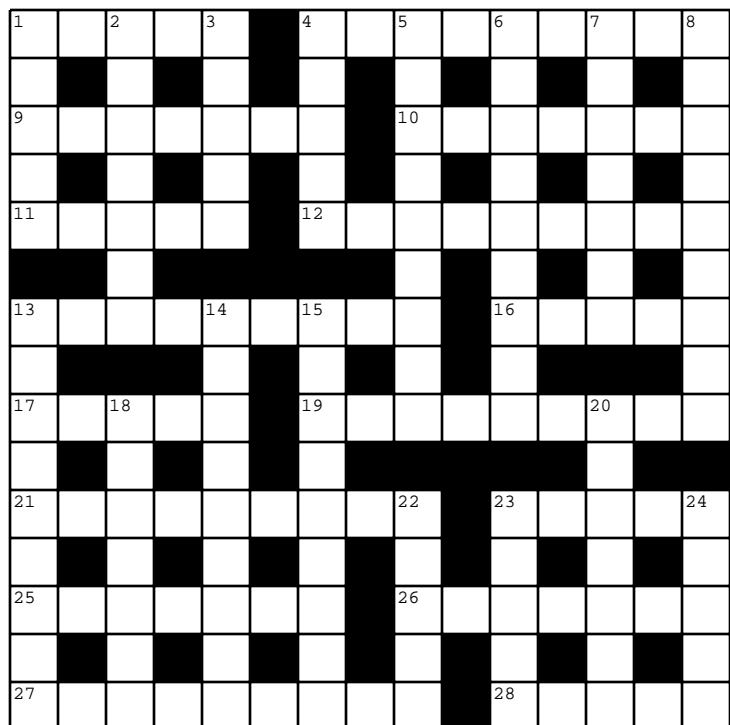
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| 9. AGAINST    | 3. CONTENDER  |
| 10. NANNIED   | 4. ENTANGLED  |
| 11. THERE     | 5. ENNUI      |
| 12. NEIGHBOUR | 6. TENTH      |
| 13. GLANDULAR | 7. RHINOCERI  |
| 16. PIECE     | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 17. INTER     | 13. GLITTERED |
| 18. DESERTING | 14. AUTHORISE |
| 19. TROUSSEAU | 15. RESOURCES |
| 22. RECTA     | 16. PORTRAYED |
| 25. RAINIER   | 20. SHIPS     |
| 26. CRYPTIC   | 21. EFREN     |
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| 28. DARED     | 24. ARCED     |



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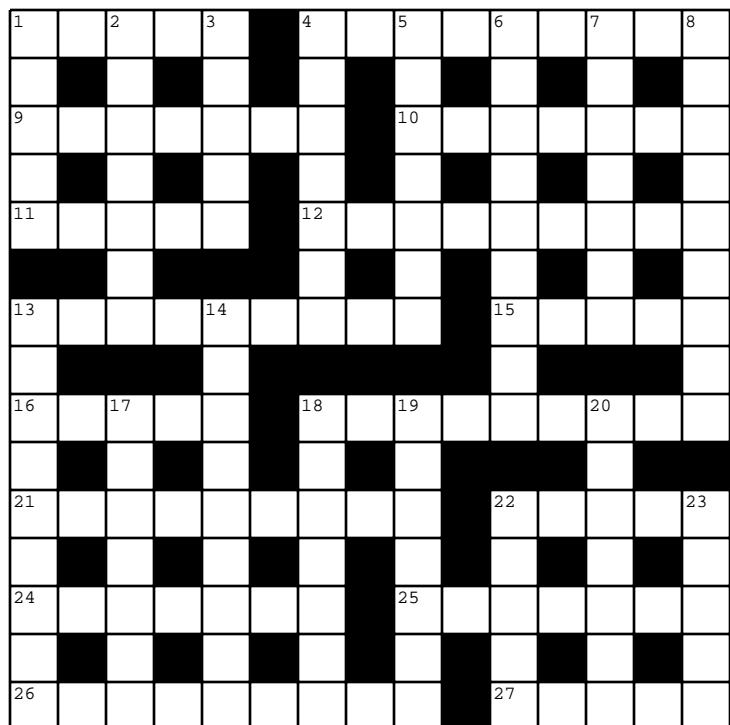
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| 4. SHINGLING  | 2. EMBARGO    |
| 9. HIBACHI    | 3. MICAH      |
| 10. UNIFIED   | 4. SKIRT      |
| 11. NORTH     | 5. IBUPROFEN  |
| 12. TURNSTILE | 6. GLISSANDI  |
| 13. BOOKSHELF | 7. INITIAL    |
| 16. NULLS     | 8. GODDESSES  |
| 17. ABIDE     | 13. BRAINWASH |
| 19. CONVINCES | 14. SWEETNESS |
| 21. NIGHTCLUB | 15. EXCELLING |
| 23. ADELE     | 18. INGRAIN   |
| 25. ARACELI   | 20. CHEKHOV   |
| 26. FILCHED   | 22. BEFIT     |
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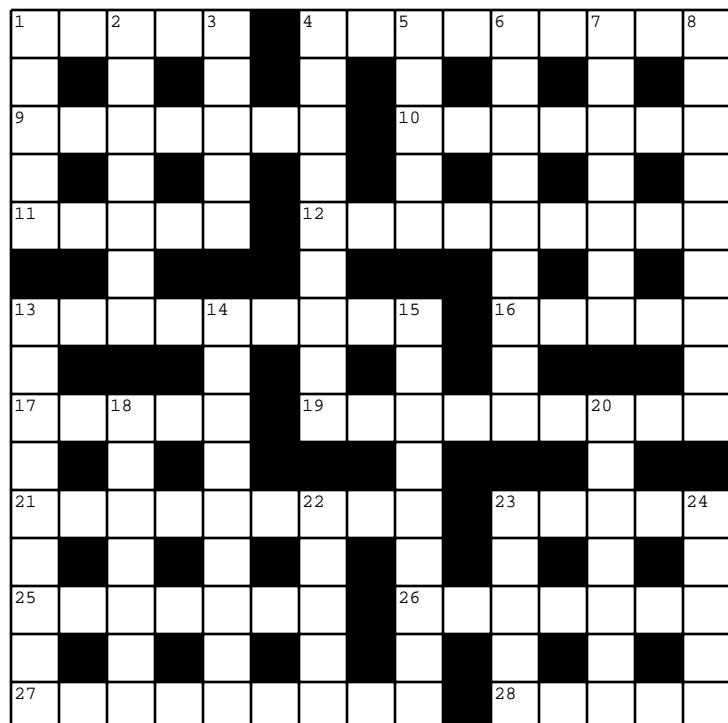
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| 4. BIRDCAGES  | 2. ASCETIC    |
| 9. DECIMAL    | 3. LYMPH      |
| 10. STEWARD   | 4. BULLDOG    |
| 11. DITCH     | 5. RESERVE    |
| 12. DIRECTORS | 6. CRESCENDI  |
| 13. RECTANGLE | 7. GLAMOUR    |
| 15. NERVE     | 8. SIDESTEPS  |
| 16. COMER     | 13. RECHERCHE |
| 18. ABOLISHES | 14. AGREEABLE |
| 21. ENDLESSLY | 17. MADURAI   |
| 22. POSES     | 18. ASSAULT   |
| 24. CARIBOU   | 19. OLYMPIC   |
| 25. PETUNIA   | 20. HOSANNA   |
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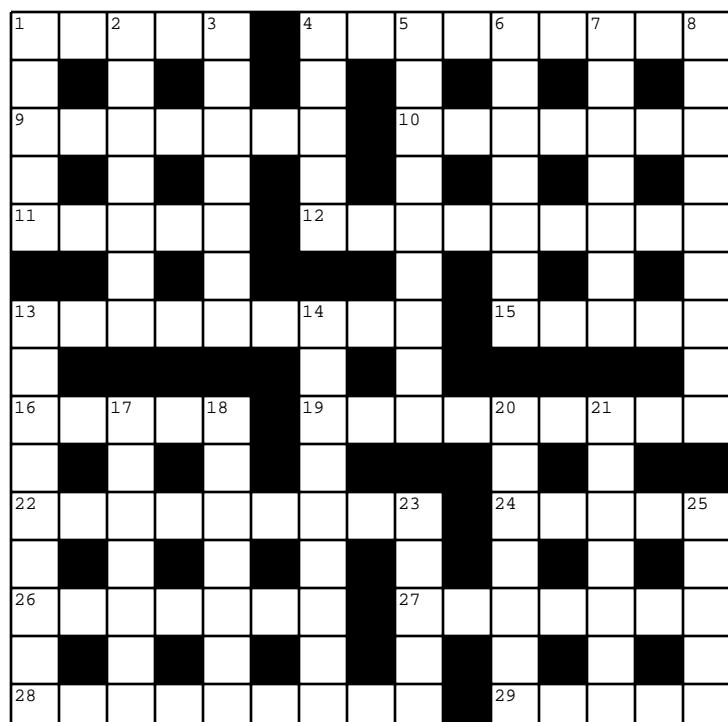
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| 4. PEPPERONI  | 2. OVERALL    |
| 9. DREDGES    | 3. EAGLE      |
| 10. UNTAMED   | 4. POSTPONED  |
| 11. SPACE     | 5. PLUME      |
| 12. PNEUMATIC | 6. ESTIMATOR  |
| 13. MILLIONTH | 7. OSMOTIC    |
| 16. TACIT     | 8. INDICATOR  |
| 17. BASIC     | 13. MOBILISED |
| 19. DECORATOR | 14. INCIDENCE |
| 21. LAUNDRIES | 15. HACKSAWED |
| 23. LOBBY     | 18. SLUDGES   |
| 25. SAGINAW   | 20. TABLEAU   |
| 26. WEDDELL   | 22. IRWIN     |
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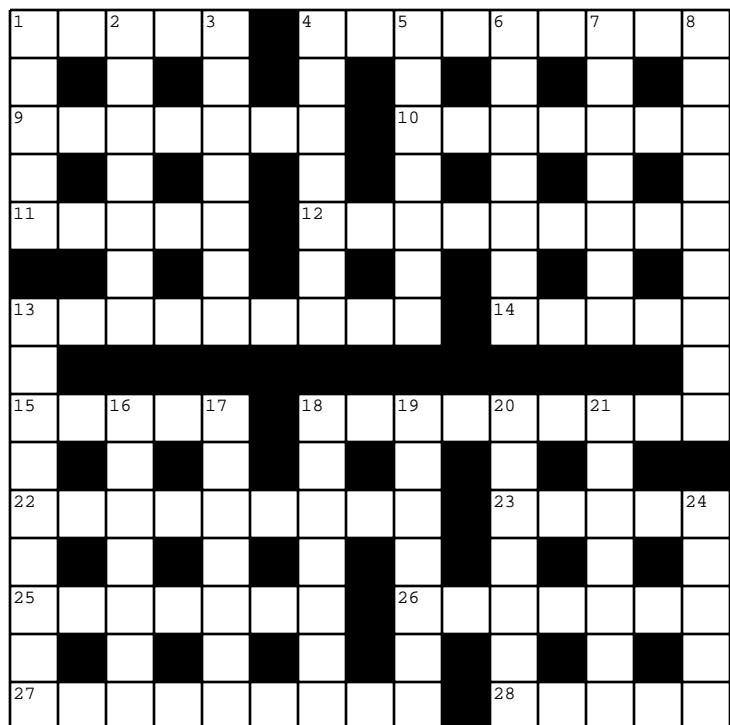
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| 9. HARDEST    | 3. KNESSET    |
| 10. VIBRATE   | 4. ATTIC      |
| 11. DRIES     | 5. MOVEMENTS  |
| 12. COMMISSAR | 6. DEBRIEF    |
| 13. CONSTRAIN | 7. LIAISON    |
| 15. FINED     | 8. OVERRIDES  |
| 16. ARNEB     | 13. CLAMBERED |
| 19. RESOURCES | 14. ACROBATIC |
| 22. BREAKABLE | 17. NEEDLES   |
| 24. INDEX     | 18. BUKHARA   |
| 26. RELIANT   | 20. UNIFIED   |
| 27. INITIAL   | 21. CODEINE   |
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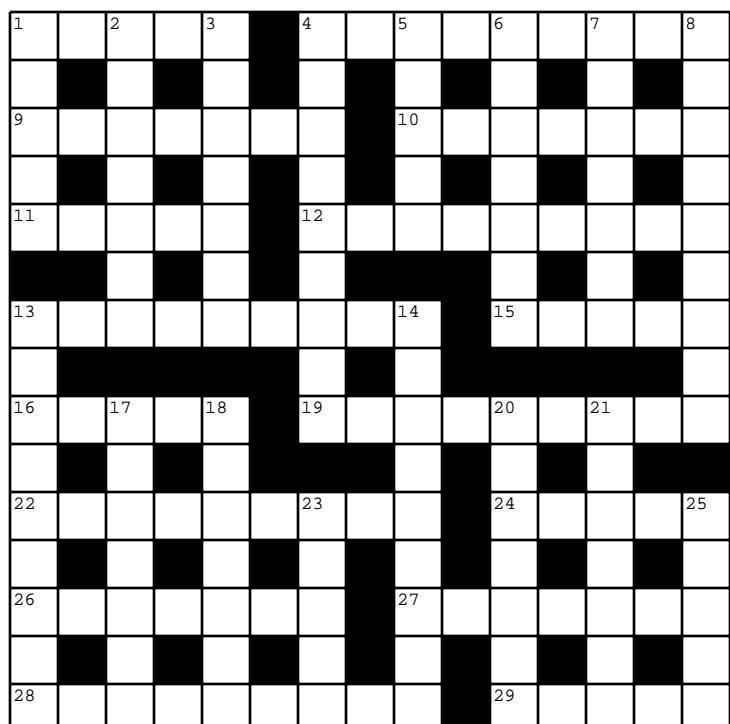
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| 4. MILLENNIA  | 2. SUNBURN    |
| 9. GENERAL    | 3. CARIBOU    |
| 10. SHERBET   | 4. MALICES    |
| 11. THUMB     | 5. LISTENS    |
| 12. CLEARASIL | 6. EYEBROW    |
| 13. CONQUESTS | 7. NABISCO    |
| 14. WHOOP     | 8. ANTELOPES  |
| 15. AMEBA     | 13. CHALKIEST |
| 18. MOTIVATES | 16. EARLIER   |
| 22. KERCHIEFS | 17. ACHIEVE   |
| 23. CARDS     | 18. MAESTRI   |
| 25. EVIDENT   | 19. TASTING   |
| 26. INITIAL   | 20. VACCINE   |
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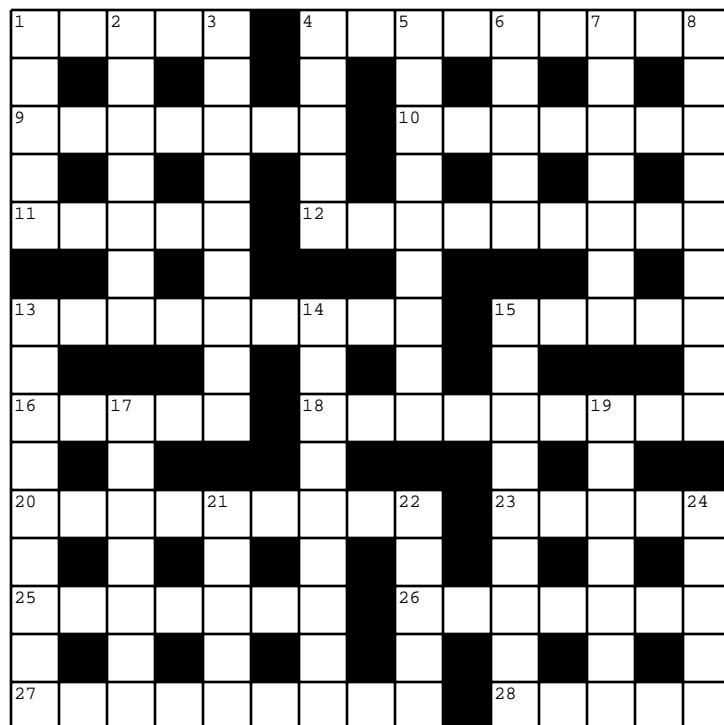
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| 10. REBUILT   | 4. INCEPTION  |
| 11. GENII     | 5. CARGO      |
| 12. PROFITEER | 6. DEBRIEF    |
| 13. DISBELIEF | 7. NAIVETE    |
| 15. FREES     | 8. SATIRISED  |
| 16. CODES     | 13. DECENTEST |
| 19. NAUSEATED | 14. FOUNDRIES |
| 22. NEWSSTAND | 17. DOWDIER   |
| 24. CATER     | 18. SUSPEND   |
| 26. EVIDENT   | 20. ESCAPED   |
| 27. IMPENDS   | 21. TETANUS   |
| 28. TIREDNESS | 23. ARTIE     |
| 29. DISCO     | 25. RUSSO     |



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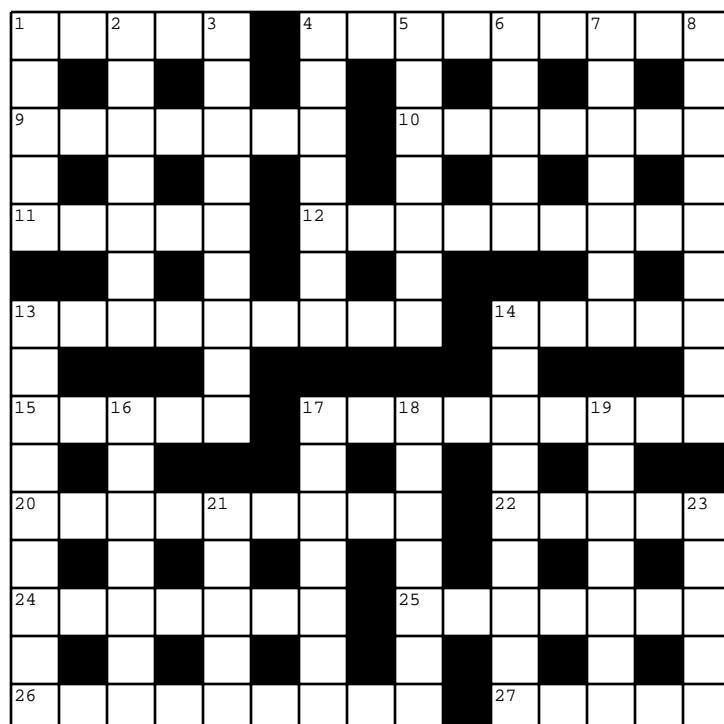
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| 4. FLAGSTAFF  | 2. INANEST    |
| 9. GRANDMA    | 3. UNDERGONE  |
| 10. EARACHE   | 4. FRANC      |
| 11. THEIR     | 5. AVERAGING  |
| 12. CEAUSESCU | 6. SIRES      |
| 13. POTPOURRI | 7. ACCUSER    |
| 15. MORON     | 8. FREQUENCY  |
| 16. ANGLE     | 13. PLAUSIBLE |
| 18. LEGENDARY | 14. RELEASING |
| 20. SIDEBOARD | 15. MENDELEEV |
| 23. ERROR     | 17. GODUNOV   |
| 25. BENGALI   | 19. ACRYLIC   |
| 26. SHELLAC   | 21. BEATS     |
| 27. ENVISAGES | 22. DISCS     |
| 28. VICAR     | 24. RACER     |



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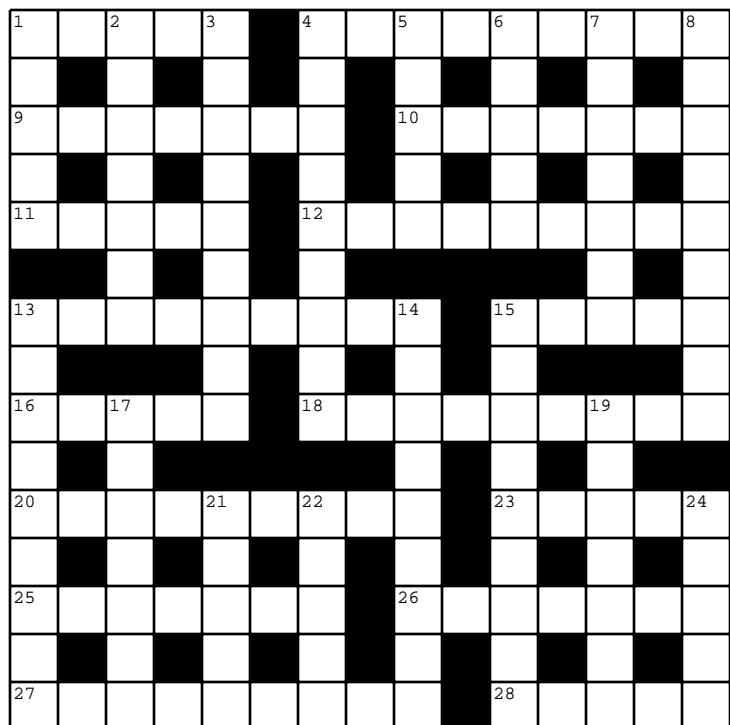
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| 4. JITTERBUG  | 2. BUTCHER    |
| 9. COTONOU    | 3. SUNBONNET  |
| 10. SCHOLAR   | 4. JOUNCED    |
| 11. ACHOO     | 5. TESTERS    |
| 12. CRESCENDI | 6. ETHIC      |
| 13. SERENADES | 7. BELINDA    |
| 14. COACH     | 8. GARNISHES  |
| 15. ROBOT     | 13. STRATEGIC |
| 17. RESPONSES | 14. CROSSINGS |
| 20. TERRORISM | 16. BURGLAR   |
| 22. SHIFT     | 17. RAINIER   |
| 24. GALVANI   | 18. SOMEHOW   |
| 25. HONOURS   | 19. STIMULI   |
| 26. CORKSCREW | 21. OPALS     |
| 27. SKIPS     | 23. TESTS     |



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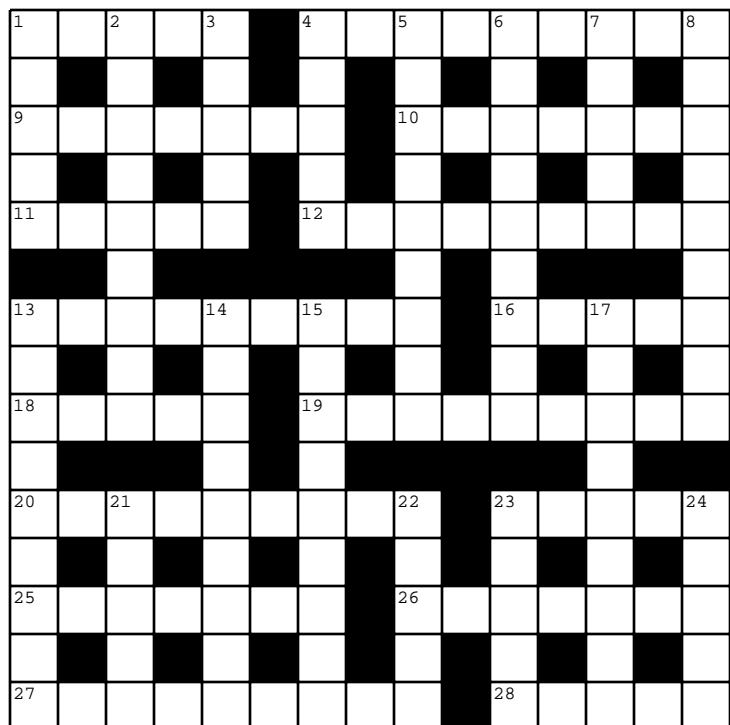
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| 4. GLIMMERED  | 2. DESKTOP    |
| 9. DISTURB    | 3. EDUCATING  |
| 10. ANGULAR   | 4. GIBBERISH  |
| 11. EXTRA     | 5. IMAGE      |
| 12. ENERGETIC | 6. MAGOG      |
| 13. AMPLIFIED | 7. RELATED    |
| 15. PEDRO     | 8. DIRECTORY  |
| 16. DOING     | 13. ADDICTIVE |
| 18. HIERARCHY | 14. DRESSIEST |
| 20. CUSTOMERS | 15. PRACTICAL |
| 23. TRAIL     | 17. INSPECT   |
| 25. IBERIAN   | 19. CLASSIC   |
| 26. EXCUSES   | 21. OLIVE     |
| 27. EXTREMIST | 22. ENNUI     |
| 28. LACKS     | 24. LASTS     |



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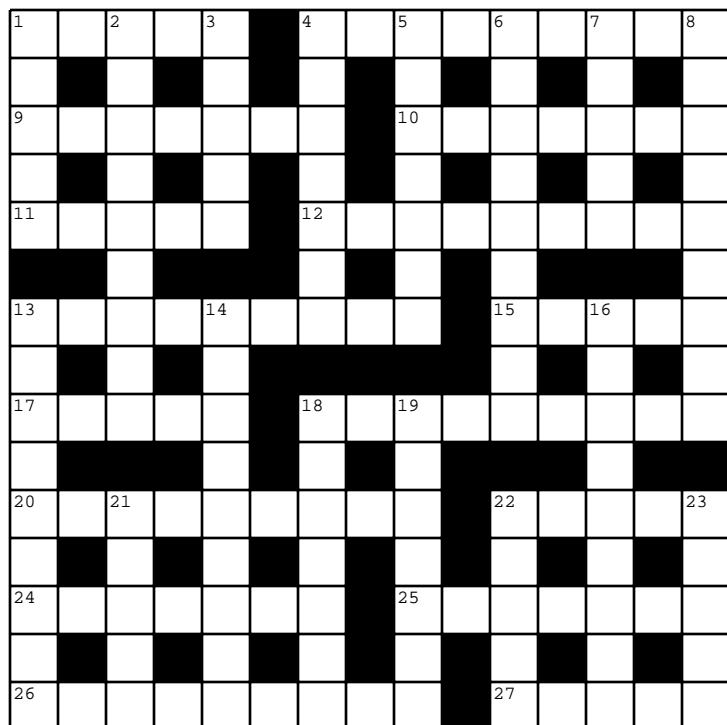
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| 9. CANTEEN    | 3. SHEEP      |
| 10. WASHTUB   | 4. PANIC      |
| 11. EQUIP     | 5. UNWINDING  |
| 12. CONTRALTO | 6. MISERABLY  |
| 13. EUCALYPTI | 7. TOTAL      |
| 16. BISON     | 8. DUBROVNIK  |
| 18. THROB     | 13. ESTIMATES |
| 19. PIGGYBACK | 14. LUBRICATE |
| 20. MUGGINESS | 15. PEPPERING |
| 23. ACHES     | 17. SPAGHETTI |
| 25. TIMPANI   | 21. GAMMA     |
| 26. REPUTED   | 22. SIRED     |
| 27. SCAVENGED | 23. ALPHA     |
| 28. ALIVE     | 24. SIDLE     |



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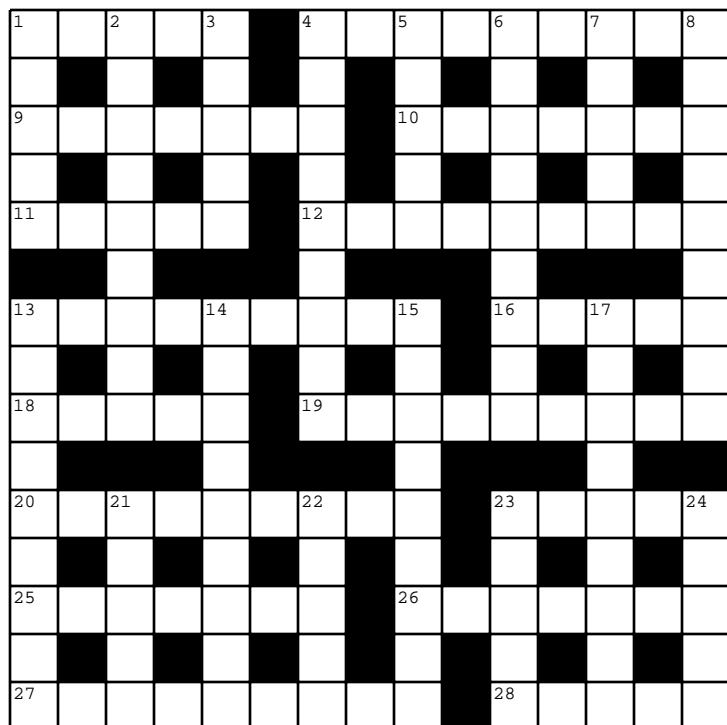
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| 4. REDESIGNS  | 2. INTRINSIC   |
| 9. ENTAILS    | 3. FAIRY       |
| 10. LEGROOM   | 4. RESORTS     |
| 11. DAILY     | 5. DOLPHIN     |
| 12. REHEARSAL | 6. SIGNATURE   |
| 13. WASHBASIN | 7. GROWS       |
| 15. UNDER     | 8. SIMILARLY   |
| 17. LOCAL     | 13. WALLOPING  |
| 18. ENDLESSLY | 14. BALALAIIKA |
| 20. OBSOLETES | 16. DESPERADO  |
| 22. ENEMA     | 18. EXTREME    |
| 24. IMAGINE   | 19. DISGUST    |
| 25. UNHEARD   | 21. SCALD      |
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| 27. COOLS     | 23. AIDES      |



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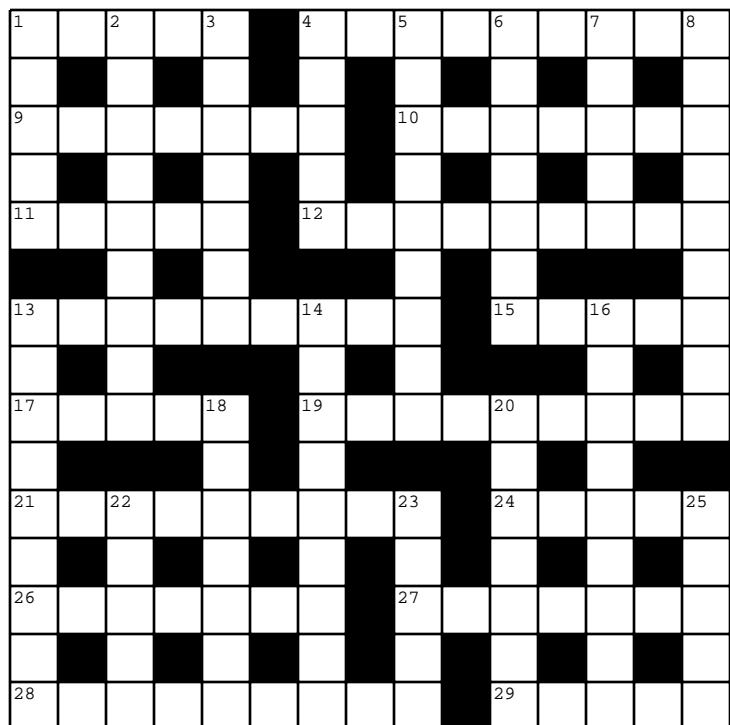
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| 4. MIDSTREAM  | 2. BOYFRIEND  |
| 9. FEYNMAN    | 3. EMMYS      |
| 10. MELANIN   | 4. MANICURED  |
| 11. Sires     | 5. DEMON      |
| 12. CANOPYING | 6. TELEPHOTO  |
| 13. PREFERRED | 7. ENNUI      |
| 16. OCCUR     | 8. MENAGERIE  |
| 18. RADIO     | 13. PERSONNEL |
| 19. DISCOURSE | 14. ELOPEMENT |
| 20. ORCHESTRA | 15. DISTANCES |
| 23. DOOMS     | 17. CORROSION |
| 25. NEAREST   | 21. CHAFF     |
| 26. CONCISE   | 22. TOTEM     |
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| 28. OWNER     | 24. SWEAR     |



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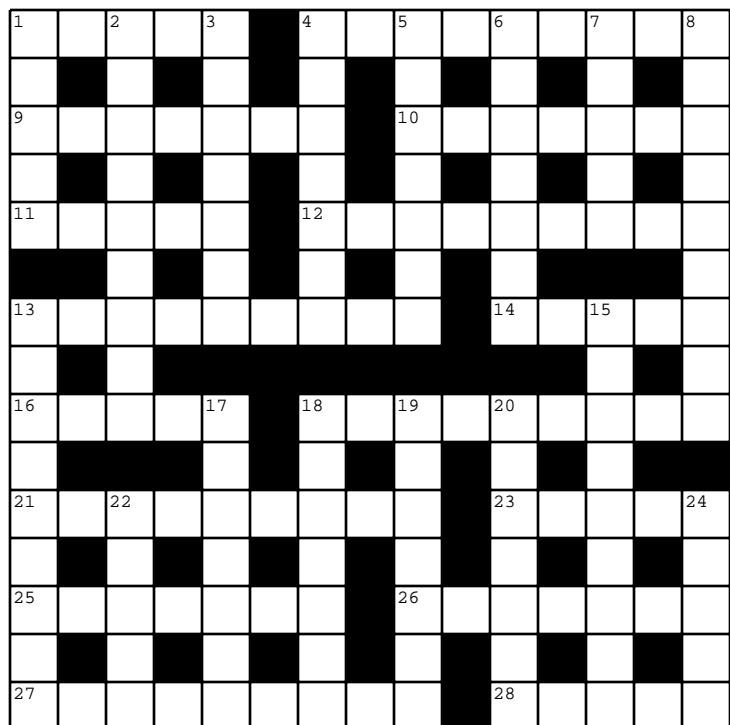
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| 4. BROTHERED  | 2. CURIOUSER  |
| 9. WORDING    | 3. SCISSOR    |
| 10. ERMINES   | 4. BEGIN      |
| 11. ROOMS     | 5. OVERSLEEP  |
| 12. NOSFERATU | 6. HIMSELF    |
| 13. DESIRABLE | 7. RONDA      |
| 15. FOCUS     | 8. DISCUSSED  |
| 17. SORTS     | 13. DESCRIBED |
| 19. DEPOSITED | 14. BUDGETING |
| 21. ROSENBERG | 16. CATHEDRAL |
| 24. CLEAN     | 18. SANDHOG   |
| 26. BOLSHOI   | 20. SUCCEED   |
| 27. OVERRAN   | 22. SELIM     |
| 28. DEMAGOGUE | 23. GLOVE     |
| 29. DELTA     | 25. NINJA     |



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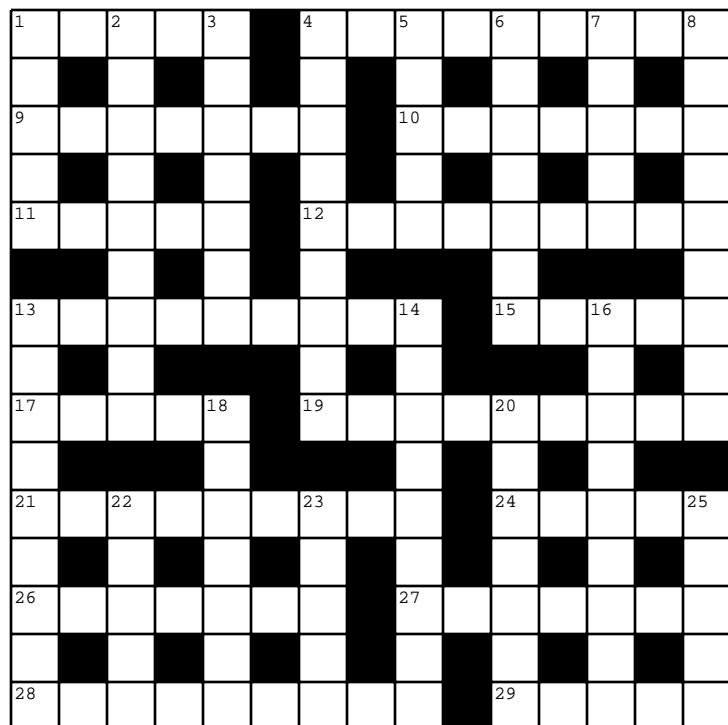
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| 4. MIDSUMMER  | 2. IMPROMPTU  |
| 9. EMPOWER    | 3. UPWARDS    |
| 10. MAHATMA   | 4. MARTINI    |
| 11. SCOUR     | 5. DEMAGOG    |
| 12. INGENIOUS | 6. UNHANDS    |
| 13. BYPASSING | 7. METRO      |
| 14. STEER     | 8. REASSURED  |
| 16. THUMP     | 13. BUTTERCUP |
| 18. INUNDATED | 15. ESTIMABLE |
| 21. ENTRAPPED | 17. PIANIST   |
| 23. NAMES     | 18. IMPOSES   |
| 25. CABBIERS  | 19. UPDATED   |
| 26. TAMABLE   | 20. DYNAMIC   |
| 27. PRACTISED | 22. TIBIA     |
| 28. CHEST     | 24. SHEET     |



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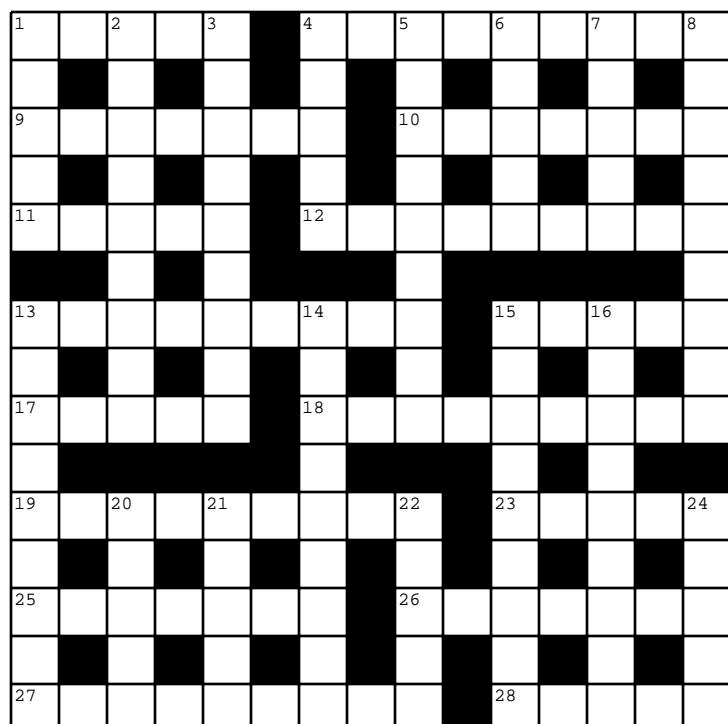
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| 4. GLISSANDI  | 2. DICKERSON  |
| 9. FACTUAL    | 3. TOURISM    |
| 10. COMPTON   | 4. GOLDSMITH  |
| 11. SHERI     | 5. INCUR      |
| 12. SURCHARGE | 6. SOMEHOW    |
| 13. INSOMNIAC | 7. NITER      |
| 15. WAKED     | 8. INNUENDOS  |
| 17. PANEL     | 13. IMPAIRING |
| 19. HALLMARKS | 14. COLOURFUL |
| 21. IMPROMPTU | 16. KARAMAZOV |
| 24. COMIC     | 18. LEOPARD   |
| 26. INDIANA   | 20. MICHEAL   |
| 27. FREEZER   | 22. PODIA     |
| 28. GUARDRAIL | 23. PLAZA     |
| 29. LOVED     | 25. CURED     |



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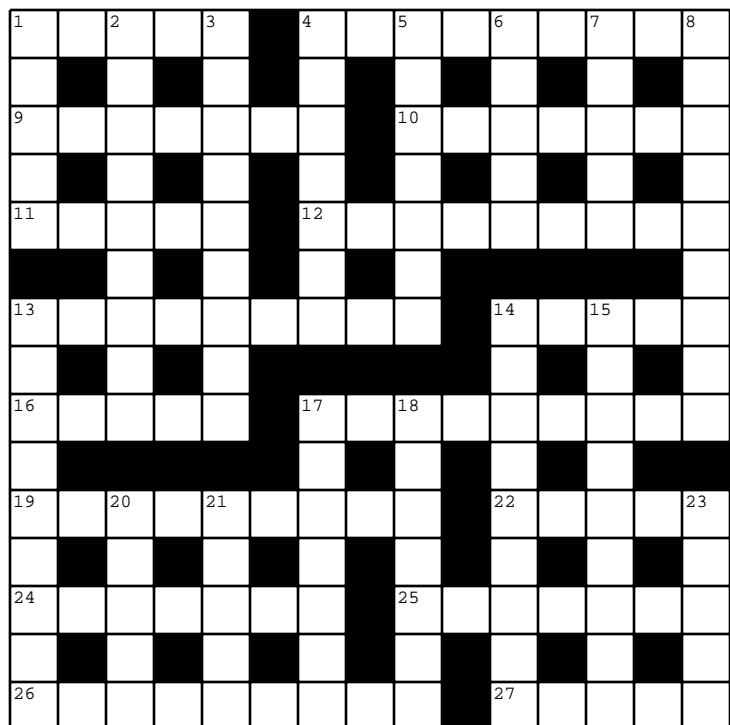
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| 4. CONTRALTO  | 2. INCLINING  |
| 9. JACUZZI    | 3. GAZETTING  |
| 10. GILDING   | 4. CHILD      |
| 11. HOIST     | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. DETECTION | 6. RELIC      |
| 13. SPIRITUAL | 7. LUIGI      |
| 15. BIRDS     | 8. ORGANISER  |
| 17. MAGOG     | 13. SOMEPLACE |
| 18. EMBROIDER | 14. UNEARTHED |
| 19. PASSPORTS | 15. BOOKSHELF |
| 23. SHAKA     | 16. RADIATION |
| 25. ANOUILH   | 20. STOIC     |
| 26. CHERISH   | 21. PRIMP     |
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| 28. FONTS     | 24. ASHES     |



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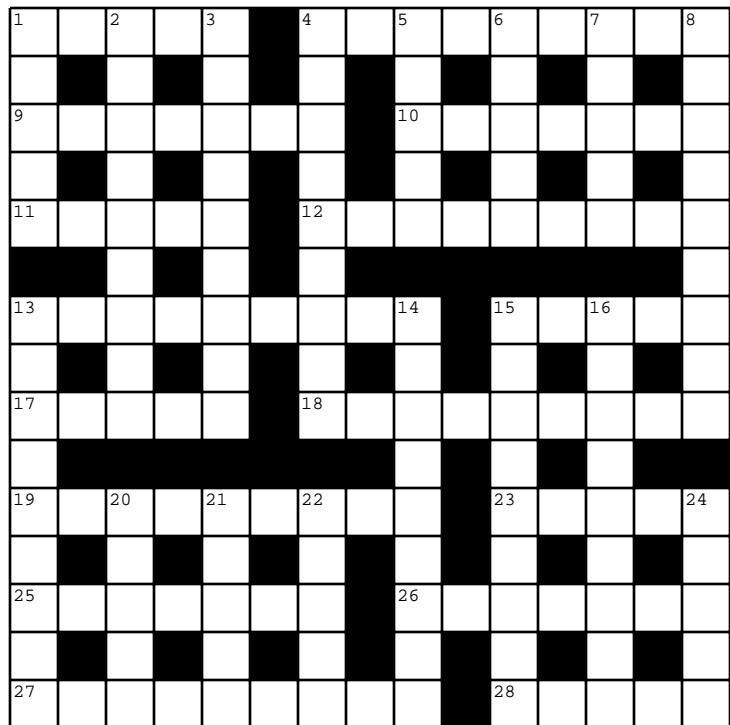
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| 4. ANALGESIA  | 2. RHINOCERI  |
| 9. STIRRED    | 3. EHRENBERG  |
| 10. BARBELL   | 4. AUDITED    |
| 11. FLOWN     | 5. ABBASID    |
| 12. TASSELING | 6. GORGE      |
| 13. WEEKENDED | 7. SHERI      |
| 14. BIPED     | 8. ALLEGEDLY  |
| 16. ICING     | 13. WHITEWASH |
| 17. FRIVOLITY | 14. BOOKSHELF |
| 19. EAVESDROP | 15. PRINCIPAL |
| 22. SACKS     | 17. FARTHER   |
| 24. ANTIOCH   | 18. IMPOSES   |
| 25. STEPPED   | 20. VITAL     |
| 26. HALLMARKS | 21. STORM     |
| 27. FALLS     | 23. SIDES     |



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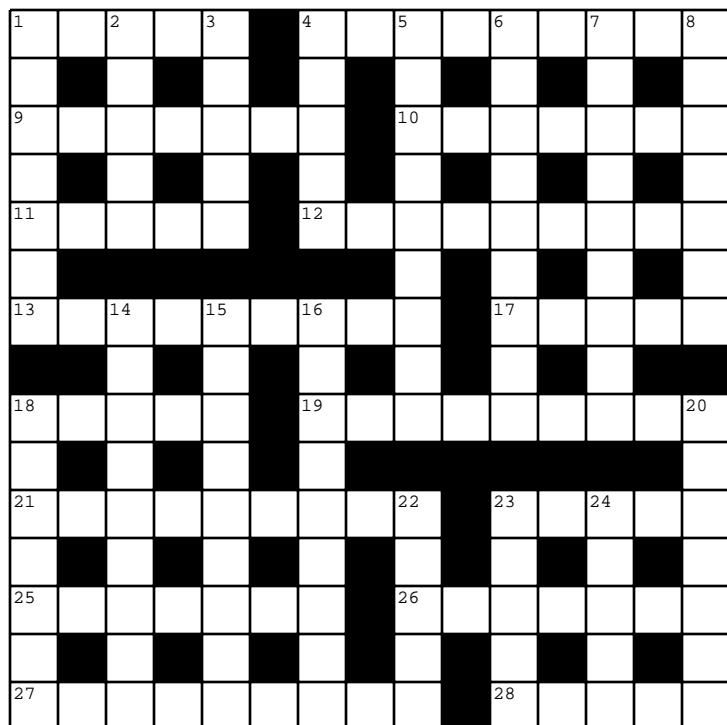
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| 4. KEYNOTING  | 2. GUILLERMO  |
| 9. GRIMIER    | 3. EXISTENCE  |
| 10. READIED   | 4. KARAMAZOV  |
| 11. ALLOT     | 5. YARNS      |
| 12. MISBEHAVE | 6. ORATE      |
| 13. AURANGZEB | 7. IBIZA      |
| 15. EARLS     | 8. GODDESSES  |
| 17. OZONE     | 13. AMORPHOUS |
| 18. VARIETIES | 14. BARRICADE |
| 19. PEPPERONI | 15. ENERGETIC |
| 23. GASES     | 16. REINSTATE |
| 25. OROURKE   | 20. PRONG     |
| 26. ATTRACT   | 21. EERIE     |
| 27. SEGREGATE | 22. OPERA     |
| 28. CHEWS     | 24. SITES     |



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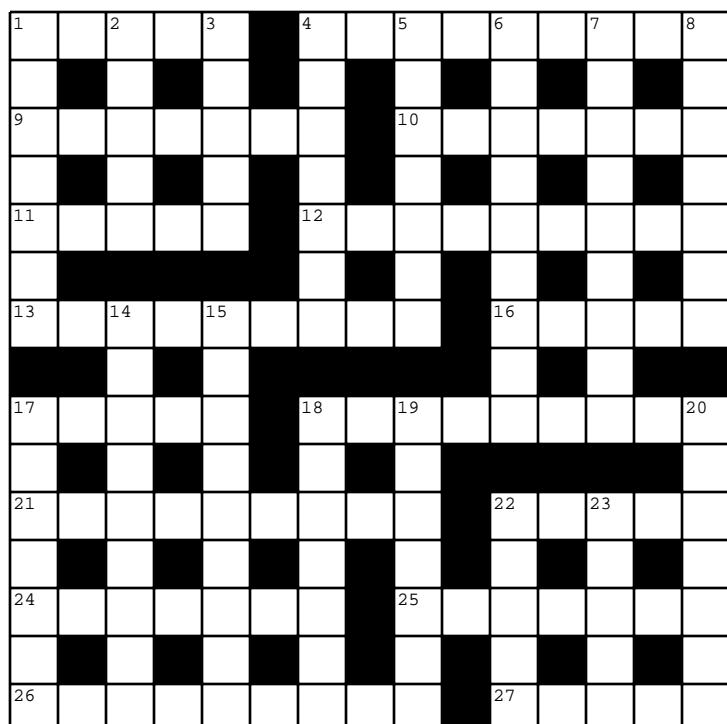
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| 4. NAKEDNESS  | 2. GUANO      |
| 9. PEACOCK    | 3. THOUS      |
| 10. REDUCED   | 4. NAKED      |
| 11. OBOES     | 5. KARAMAZOV  |
| 12. DOMICILES | 6. DEDICATES  |
| 13. ALPHERATZ | 7. ESCALATOR  |
| 17. TOTES     | 8. SADISTS    |
| 18. TROOP     | 14. PLOUGHING |
| 19. EAVESDROP | 15. EXPULSION |
| 21. RIGOLETTO | 16. APERTURES |
| 23. CHEST     | 18. TORONTO   |
| 25. NOISIER   | 20. PATTERN   |
| 26. DEMESNE   | 22. OLDER     |
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| 28. CLEAN     | 24. ENSUE     |



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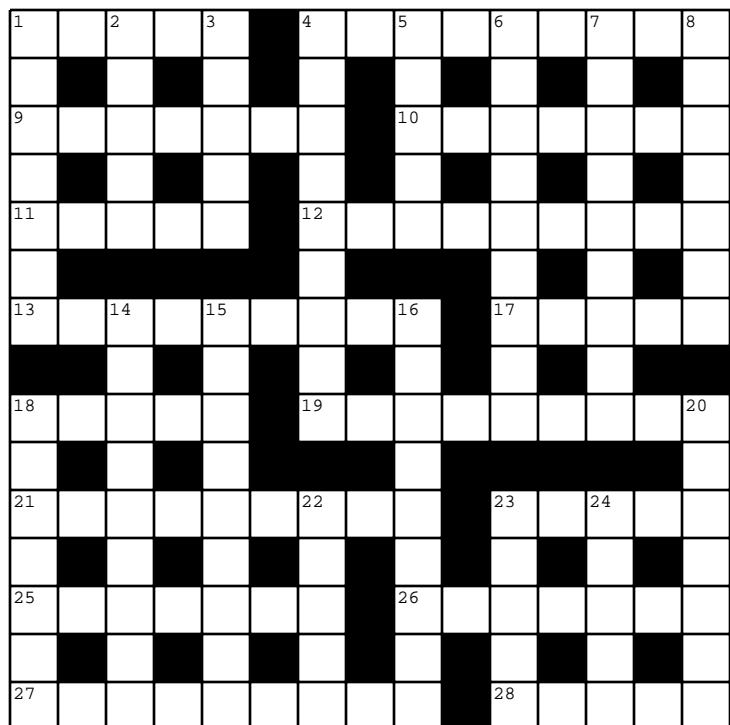
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| 9. NONSTOP    | 3. PETTY      |
| 10. ECLIPSE   | 4. GAPINGS    |
| 11. MERCY     | 5. OVERSAW    |
| 12. NOSEBLEED | 6. ROLBACKS   |
| 13. CHICKASAW | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 16. CHORD     | 8. YIELDED    |
| 17. PLUTO     | 14. INUKTITUT |
| 18. GOLDSMITH | 15. KNOWINGER |
| 21. OBTAINING | 17. PROSAIC   |
| 22. LOCKS     | 18. GOIANIA   |
| 24. ANTIGEN   | 19. LOGICAL   |
| 25. CONCISE   | 20. HOSIERY   |
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| 27. HAPPY     | 23. CRISP     |



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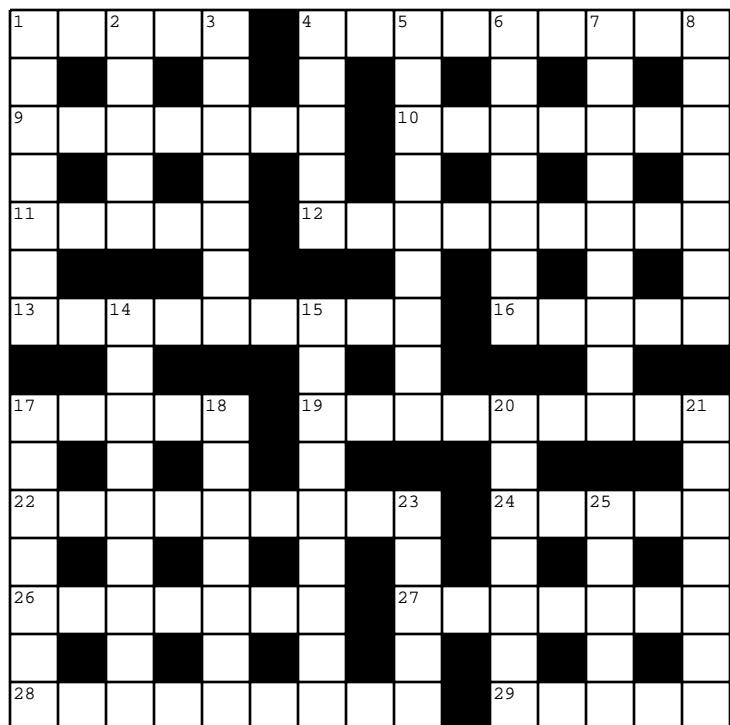
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| 4. SUBSTRATA   | 2. INANE      |
| 9. MEALIER     | 3. SPIES      |
| 10. BLOTTER    | 4. STRATEGIC  |
| 11. NEEDS      | 5. BIBLE      |
| 12. THEOSOPHY  | 6. TROUSSEAU  |
| 13. LETHARGIC  | 7. ANTIPASTI  |
| 17. EASES      | 8. ARROYOS    |
| 18. CARED      | 14. TARPAULIN |
| 19. CONDUCTIVE | 15. ADDRESSES |
| 21. AMATERASU  | 16. CONJUGATE |
| 23. CODED      | 18. CHANCEL   |
| 25. CELESTA    | 20. ELDERLY   |
| 26. ALERTER    | 22. ABACI     |
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| 28. MUMMY      | 24. DATUM     |



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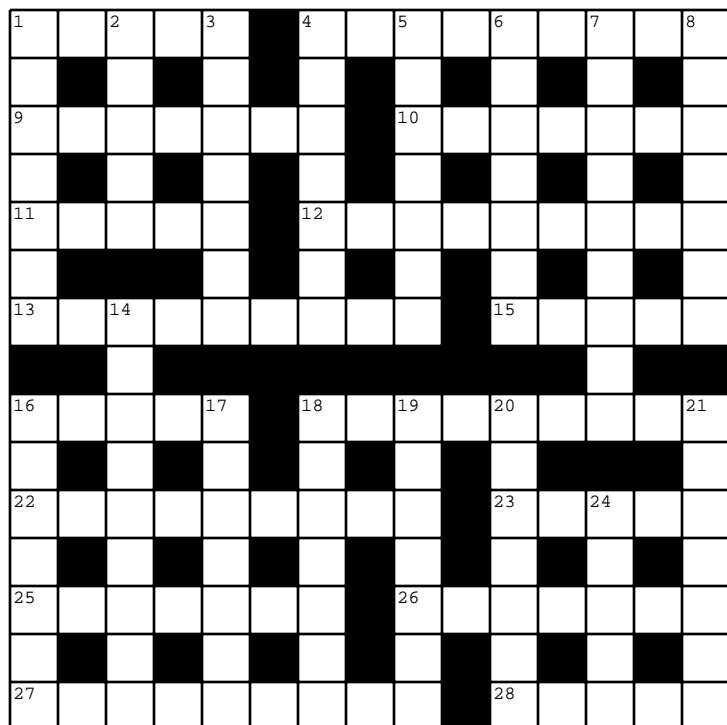
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| 9. AMASSED    | 3. HOSANNA    |
| 10. SCUFFLE   | 4. WIDTH      |
| 11. TOKEN     | 5. DISCARDED  |
| 12. HEARTLAND | 6. EQUATES    |
| 13. COLLAPSED | 7. DEFILATION |
| 16. SHIED     | 8. YIELDED    |
| 17. VELEZ     | 14. LULLABIES |
| 19. REDEFINES | 15. SCRATCHED |
| 22. STATISTIC | 17. VISCERA   |
| 24. ETHIC     | 18. ZHIVAGO   |
| 26. EPITAPH   | 20. FREIGHT   |
| 27. SEGOVIA   | 21. SOCIALS   |
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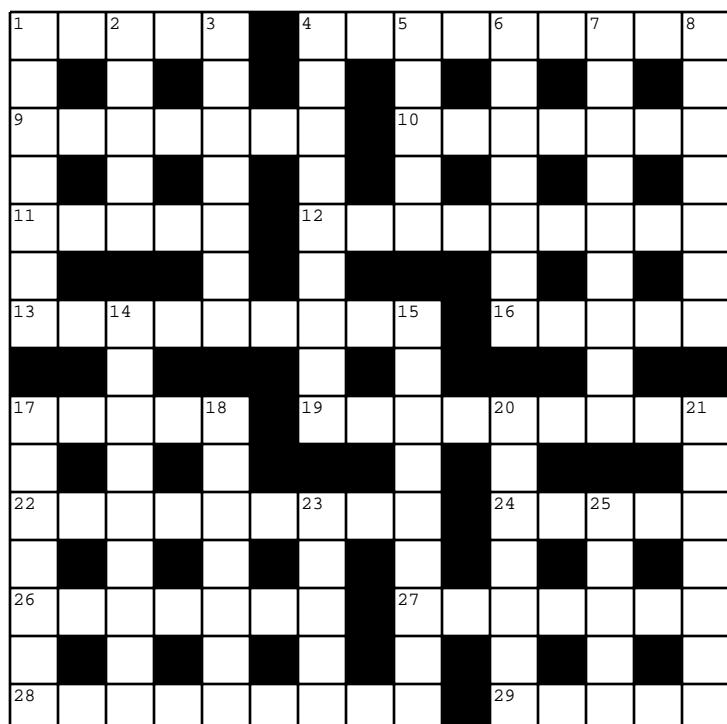
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| 4. INDOCHINA  | 2. KHANS      |
| 9. LEARNED    | 3. NONSTOP    |
| 10. PANACEA   | 4. INDUCED    |
| 11. ONSET     | 5. DEPENDS    |
| 12. CUNNINGLY | 6. CONFIRM    |
| 13. ESCAPADES | 7. INCOGNITO  |
| 15. MOIST     | 8. ANALYST    |
| 16. HUMOR     | 14. COMMUNIST |
| 18. HEADPHONE | 16. HOLCOMB   |
| 22. LEUKAEMIA | 17. REALIZE   |
| 23. RAJAH     | 18. HIMSELF   |
| 25. ORIFICE   | 19. ANALOGY   |
| 26. ORGANIC   | 20. PHRYGIA   |
| 27. BUTTERFLY | 21. ETHICAL   |
| 28. AVAIL     | 24. JUNTA     |



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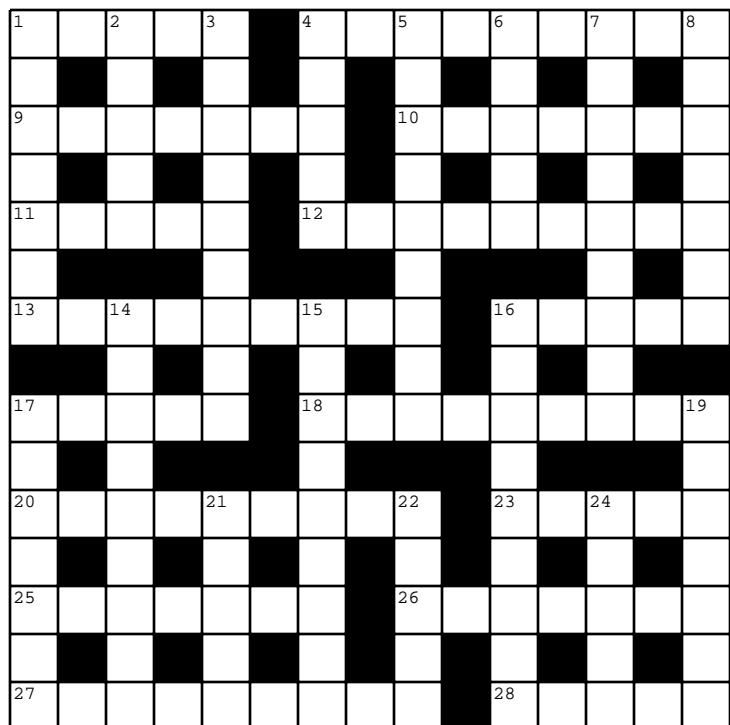
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| 9. ABSTAIN    | 3. CRACKLE    |
| 10. SCRUPLE   | 4. BENIGHTED  |
| 11. PRICK     | 5. SUSHI      |
| 12. GRIDIRONS | 6. CARDIAC    |
| 13. OVEREATEN | 7. IMPROMPTU  |
| 16. COPED     | 8. GUESSED    |
| 17. APPLE     | 14. EXPANDING |
| 19. DOWNPOURS | 15. NEWSPAPER |
| 22. OWNERSHIP | 17. AVOCADO   |
| 24. OFTEN     | 18. EARTHEN   |
| 26. ALIGHTS   | 20. PROVERB   |
| 27. PREMIUM   | 21. SANDMAN   |
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| 29. BEGIN     | 25. THING     |



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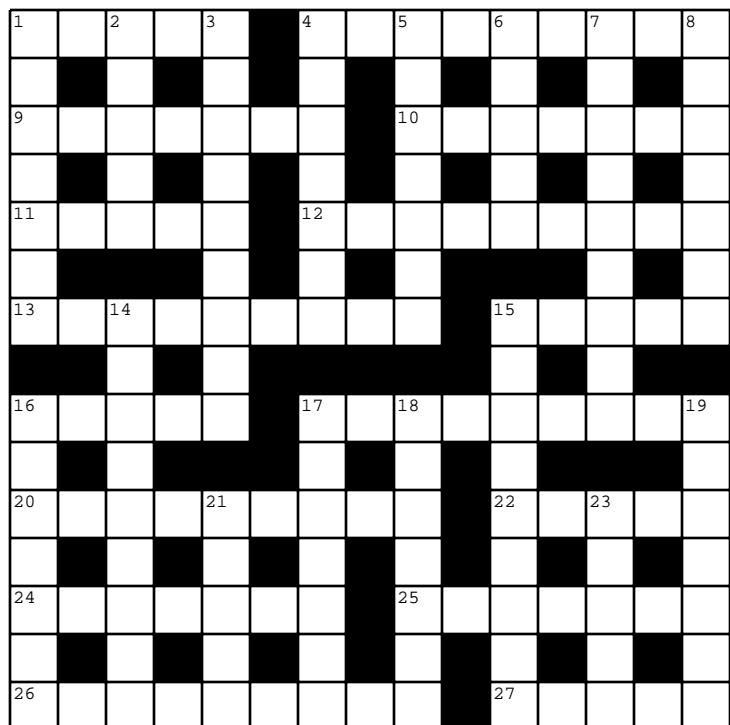
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| 4. BLACKJACK  | 2. ABLER      |
| 9. RELATES    | 3. DETESTING  |
| 10. ALIASES   | 4. BASED      |
| 11. EARNS     | 5. AGAMEMNON  |
| 12. DEEPENING | 6. KNIFE      |
| 13. FORBIDDEN | 7. ASSAILANT  |
| 16. SLAIN     | 8. KOSYGIN    |
| 17. ALONG     | 14. REORDERED |
| 18. GENERATED | 15. DIGRESSES |
| 20. GIDDINESS | 16. STRUCTURE |
| 23. CUFFS     | 17. ALGEBRA   |
| 25. BURIALS   | 19. DISTANT   |
| 26. AQUARIA   | 21. INANE     |
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| 28. ELECT     | 24. FORCE     |



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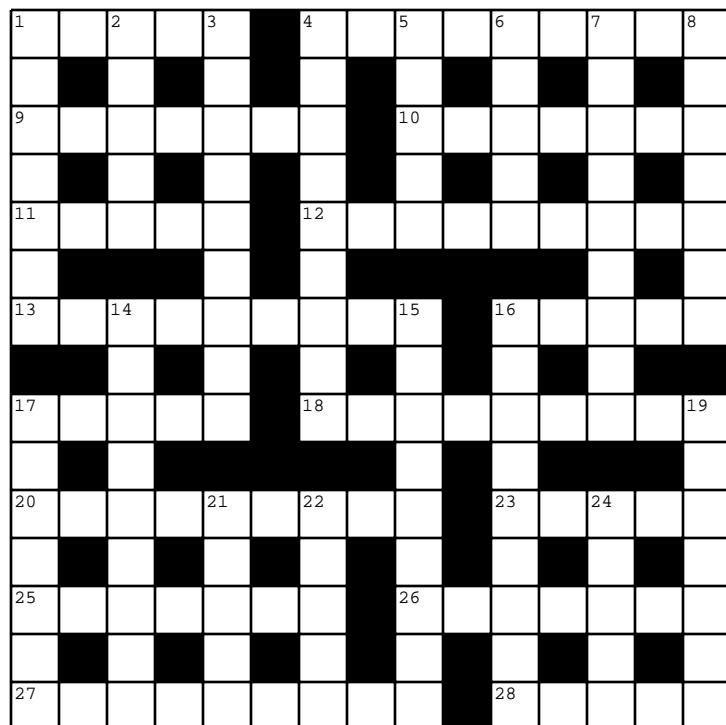
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| 4. BENEFITED  | 2. TWANG      |
| 9. REALISM    | 3. RAILROADS  |
| 10. OFFERED   | 4. BEMUSES    |
| 11. EAGER     | 5. NEOGENE    |
| 12. STEPHANIE | 6. FIFTH      |
| 13. FRICASSEE | 7. TARANTULA  |
| 15. HOURS     | 8. DODDERS    |
| 16. TRIES     | 14. INITIATES |
| 17. MELODRAMA | 15. HYDRANGEA |
| 20. WHIRLIGIG | 16. TOWHEAD   |
| 22. ALPHA     | 17. MAGENTA   |
| 24. ELTANIN   | 18. LEGIBLE   |
| 25. BIGOTED   | 19. ABANDON   |
| 26. DISLOCATE | 21. LINGO     |
| 27. ACORN     | 23. PATIO     |



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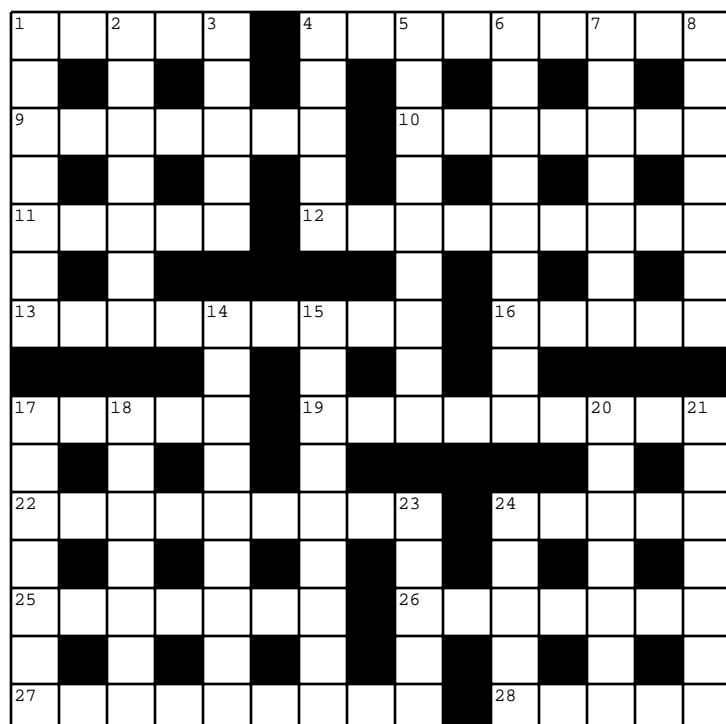
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| 4. EPIDERMIS  | 2. AISLE      |
| 9. DISTANT    | 3. PLANETARY  |
| 10. NABISCO   | 4. EXTREMIST  |
| 11. LIEGE     | 5. IONIC      |
| 12. ENCIRCLES | 6. EMBER      |
| 13. SIMPATICO | 7. MISPLACES  |
| 16. INCUR     | 8. SPONSOR    |
| 17. GIDDY     | 14. MODIFYING |
| 18. TREATISES | 15. OVERNIGHT |
| 20. DIFFUSION | 16. INTERVIEW |
| 23. RELIC     | 17. GADSDEN   |
| 25. DRIVERS   | 19. SECEDED   |
| 26. GRIEVED   | 21. UTERI     |
| 27. NEGLIGENT | 22. ISSUE     |
| 28. WADED     | 24. LOVED     |



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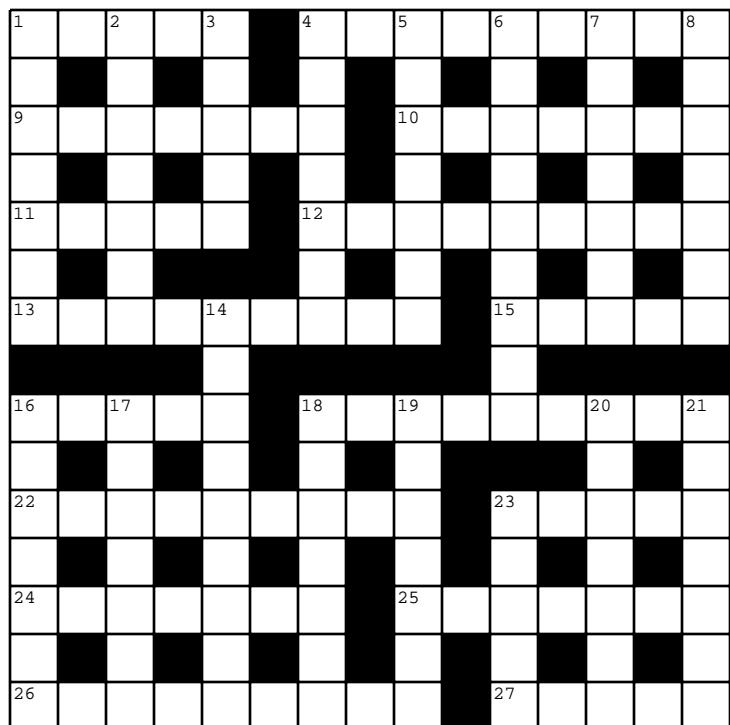
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| 9. JACUZZI    | 3. DOZEN      |
| 10. SPINOZA   | 4. ADIEU      |
| 11. ICAHN     | 5. AESTHETIC  |
| 12. UNHOOKING | 6. RHINOCERI  |
| 13. SNEAKIEST | 7. BOOGIED    |
| 16. ENDED     | 8. CHARGED    |
| 17. PICKY     | 14. KEYBOARDS |
| 19. PECKINPAH | 15. EXPLOITED |
| 22. OSTROGOTH | 17. PROVERB   |
| 24. THORN     | 18. CUTICLE   |
| 25. EXCERPT   | 20. PROTEIN   |
| 26. THEREOF   | 21. HANDFUL   |
| 27. BLESSEDER | 23. HATER     |
| 28. ANNUL     | 24. THETA     |



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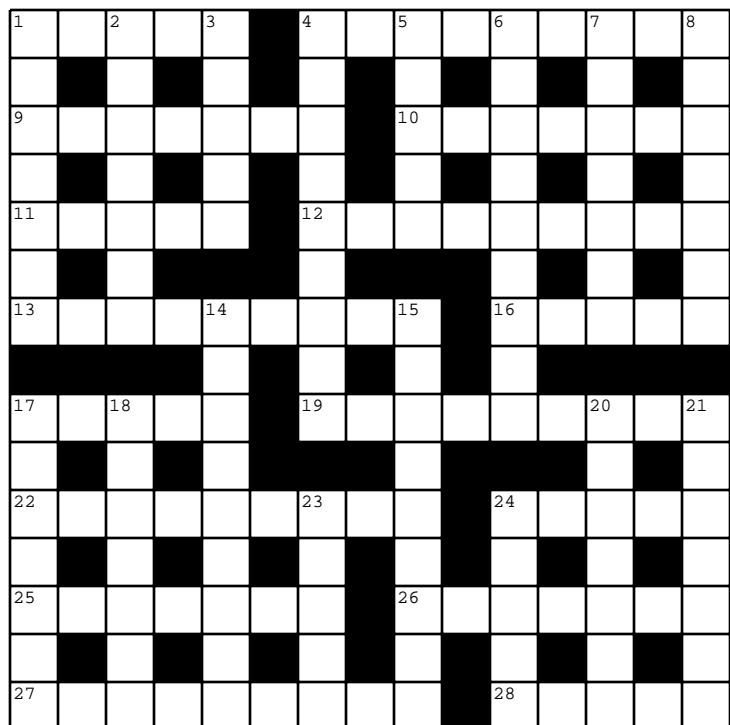
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| 4. BUCCANEER  | 2. PARVENU    |
| 9. CIRCLED    | 3. DALLY      |
| 10. NATURAL   | 4. BADDEST    |
| 11. LEERY     | 5. CONSULT    |
| 12. EQUIPMENT | 6. ANTIPASTO  |
| 13. INUKTITUT | 7. EARNEST    |
| 15. SITES     | 8. RELATES    |
| 16. AMBER     | 14. TERMINALS |
| 18. PERFORMED | 16. ACQUITTS  |
| 22. QUALIFIER | 17. BRANDED   |
| 23. CALLS     | 18. PRIVATE   |
| 24. INDIANA   | 19. REREADS   |
| 25. ADMIRER   | 20. MALARIA   |
| 26. SIDESTEPS | 21. DISHRAG   |
| 27. SLANG     | 23. COMBS     |



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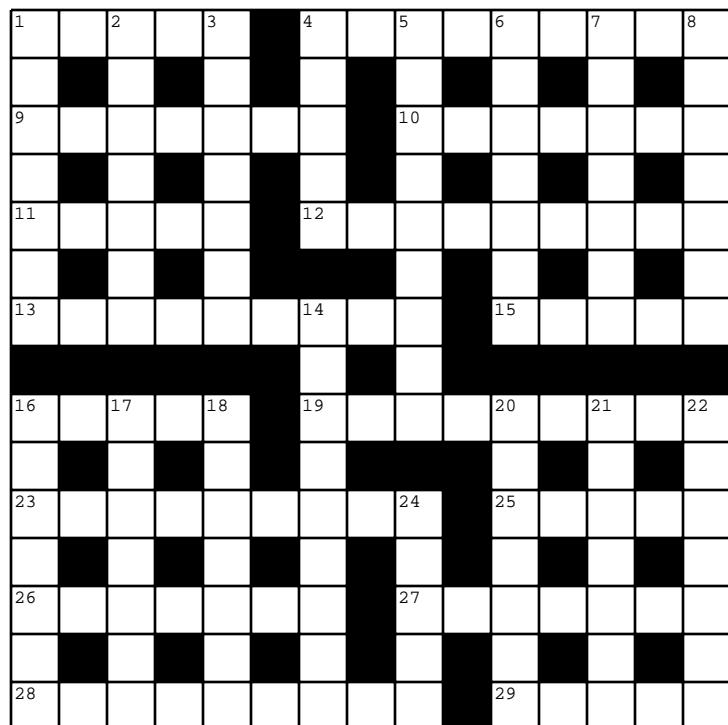
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| 9. RESCUER    | 3. ROUTE      |
| 10. ABSENCE   | 4. BARTHOLDI  |
| 11. MAIZE     | 5. CHARM      |
| 12. HAMSTRUNG | 6. POSITIVER  |
| 13. NIGHTCLUB | 7. CONFUSE    |
| 16. VIEWS     | 8. SLEIGHS    |
| 17. CIDER     | 14. TERMINATE |
| 19. ISOTROPIC | 15. BLOODSHOT |
| 22. AFFLICTED | 17. CHAOTIC   |
| 24. CACAO     | 18. DEFENSE   |
| 25. TONNAGE   | 20. PICCOLO   |
| 26. HEINOUS   | 21. CROSSER   |
| 27. CLEVEREST | 23. THERE     |
| 28. FLOOR     | 24. CHIEF     |



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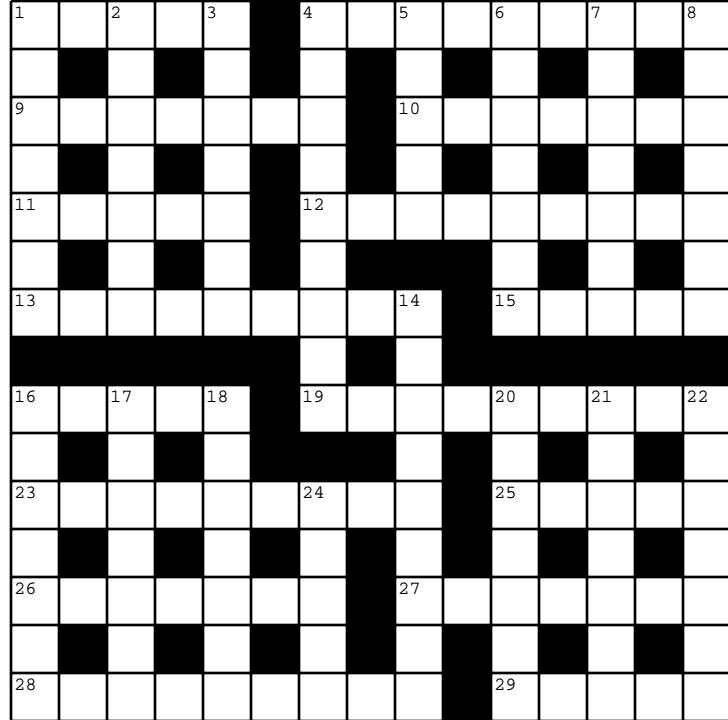
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| 4. DYNAMITED  | 2. REFRAIN    |
| 9. BUFFALO    | 3. SCALENE    |
| 10. TIGRESS   | 4. DROOP      |
| 11. IMAGE     | 5. NOTE PAPER |
| 12. PUPPETEER | 6. MAGNETO    |
| 13. FINGERTIP | 7. THEREIN    |
| 15. OWNED     | 8. DESIRED    |
| 16. CITED     | 14. TYPICALLY |
| 19. PERSUADES | 16. CLASSED   |
| 23. ANNOUNCER | 17. TENDONS   |
| 25. TASTE     | 18. DRUNKER   |
| 26. SNORKEL   | 20. UTTERLY   |
| 27. MORAVIA   | 21. DISAVOW   |
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| 29. YAWNS     | 24. RUMOR     |



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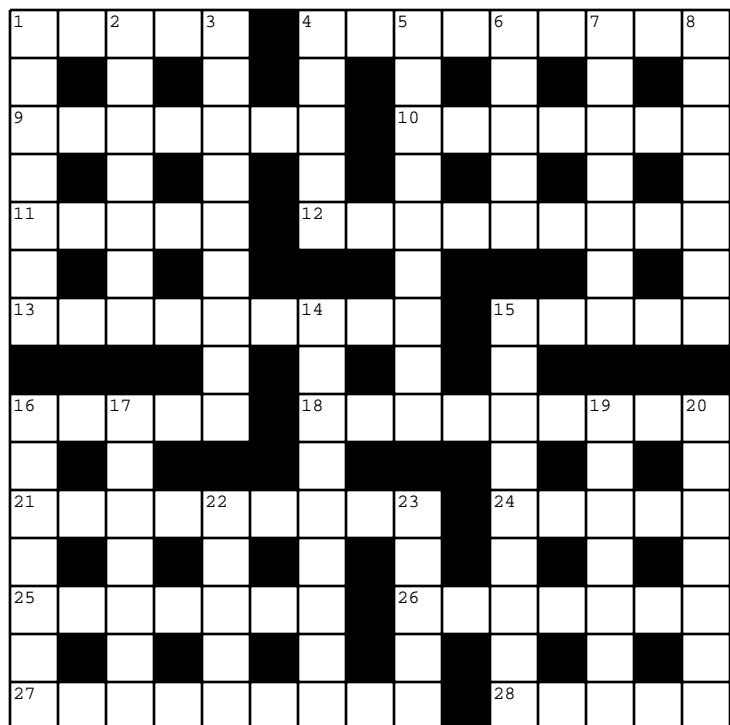
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| 4. MOTHBALLS  | 2. VENISON    |
| 9. BONANZA    | 3. CANTEEN    |
| 10. PORTRAY   | 4. MEANWHILE  |
| 11. TASTE     | 5. TAPER      |
| 12. WORLDWIDE | 6. BOREDOM    |
| 13. TENANCIES | 7. LORRIES    |
| 15. MISTS     | 8. SHYNESS    |
| 16. ICONS     | 14. SHAMROCKS |
| 19. EXAMINING | 16. INJURED   |
| 23. JOYFULLER | 17. OLYMPIC   |
| 25. SHEBA     | 18. STUDIED   |
| 26. REPLICA   | 20. INSTALS   |
| 27. CHATTED   | 21. INERTIA   |
| 28. DECADENTS | 22. GUARDED   |
| 29. SCALD     | 24. LEARN     |



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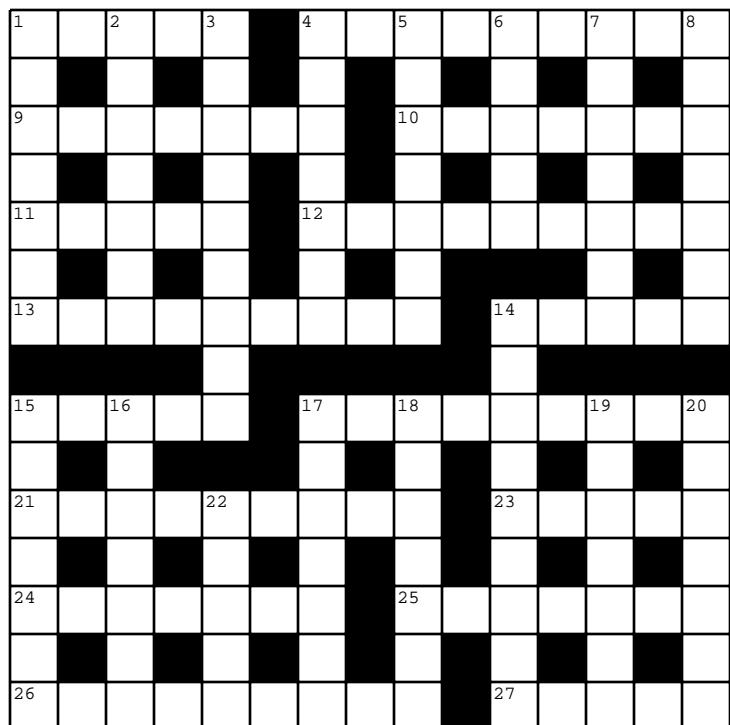
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| 4. COMMUNIST  | 2. RUBICON    |
| 9. SUBMITS    | 3. CRITIQUES  |
| 10. THESPIS   | 4. COSTS      |
| 11. GUCCI     | 5. MATRIARCH  |
| 12. SHIPSHAPE | 6. USERS      |
| 13. ANNOUNCER | 7. IMPLANT    |
| 15. DATES     | 8. TESTERS    |
| 16. EMACS     | 14. CHARCOALS |
| 18. ADHESIVES | 15. DISPLAYED |
| 21. GRAPHICAL | 16. ENGLAND   |
| 24. LARVA     | 17. ATACAMA   |
| 25. ANAEMIA   | 19. VERDICT   |
| 26. STYLING   | 20. STAGGER   |
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| 28. DETER     | 23. LISTS     |



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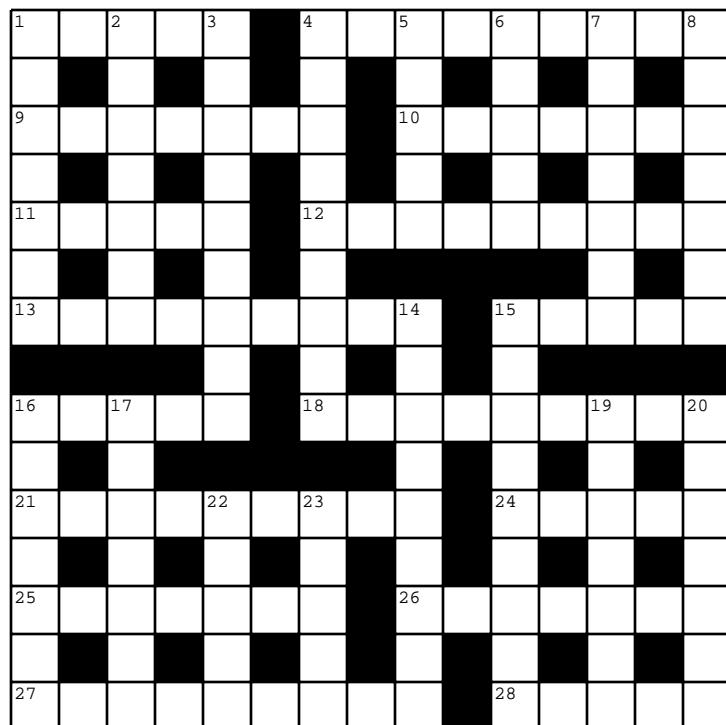
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| 9. SAMURAI    | 3. PERSUADED  |
| 10. DEBRIEF   | 4. HAIRDOS    |
| 11. INONU     | 5. NUDISTS    |
| 12. DISMANTLE | 6. LIBRA      |
| 13. OVERDOSES | 7. BRISTLE    |
| 14. SHEET     | 8. REFLECT    |
| 15. BIPED     | 14. STATISTIC |
| 17. CANVASSES | 15. BUKHARA   |
| 21. KARAMAZOV | 16. PORTRAY   |
| 23. IMAGE     | 17. COZIEST   |
| 24. ABRIDGE   | 18. NOVELTY   |
| 25. LATVIAN   | 19. STAMINA   |
| 26. ASYMMETRY | 20. STERNLY   |
| 27. CRAZY     | 22. MADAM     |



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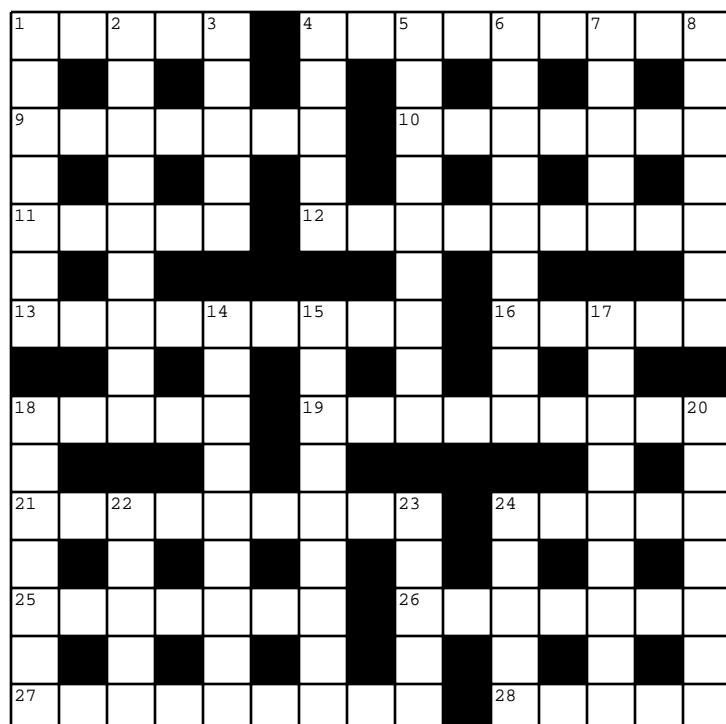
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| 1. PADRE      | 1. PERTURB    |
| 4. GARRISONS  | 2. DEVIANT    |
| 9. RAVIOLI    | 3. ELOPEMENT  |
| 10. SHAMPOO   | 4. GLISSANDI  |
| 11. USAGE     | 5. RESIN      |
| 12. SENTIMENT | 6. IRAQI      |
| 13. BUTTERNUT | 7. OPPRESS    |
| 15. ESSAY     | 8. SHORTLY    |
| 16. PLANT     | 14. TEMPORARY |
| 18. IMMOVABLE | 15. EAVESDROP |
| 21. CIGARILLO | 16. PACIFIC   |
| 24. SHORT     | 17. ALGIEBA   |
| 25. FRESHET   | 19. BRONCHI   |
| 26. APRICOT   | 20. ENTITLE   |
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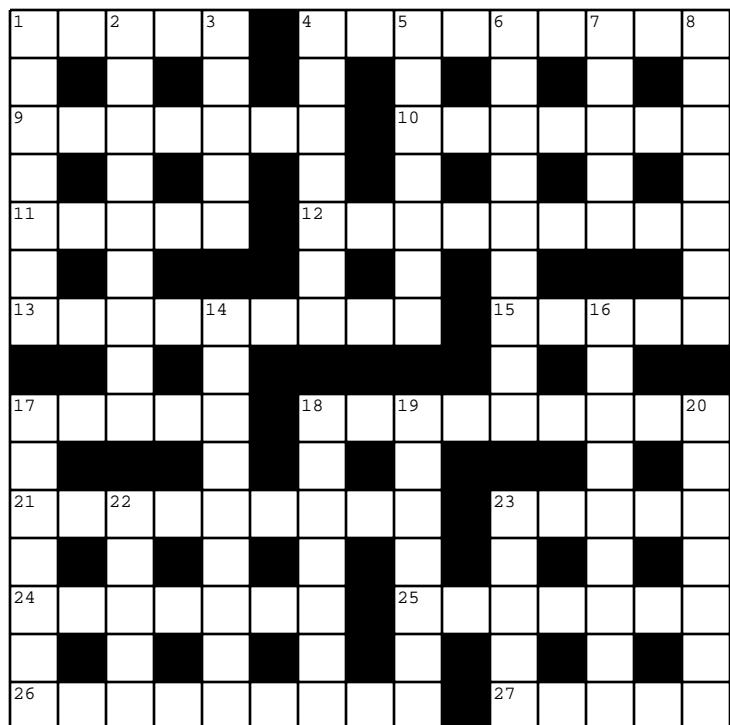
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| 4. TELEPHOTO  | 2. BARTHOLDI  |
| 9. GORDIAN    | 3. SLIER      |
| 10. MEANEST   | 4. TANGO      |
| 11. OTHER     | 5. LAMEBRAIN  |
| 12. OGBOMOSHO | 6. PRAGMATIC  |
| 13. MELODRAMA | 7. OBEYS      |
| 16. TRICK     | 8. OUTLOOK    |
| 18. BLIMP     | 14. DEPRECATE |
| 19. PANICKIER | 15. APPEALING |
| 21. LUTHERANS | 17. IDIOMATIC |
| 24. DAMNS     | 18. BALLOON   |
| 25. ORIGAMI   | 20. RESIDES   |
| 26. LIMITED   | 22. TWIST     |
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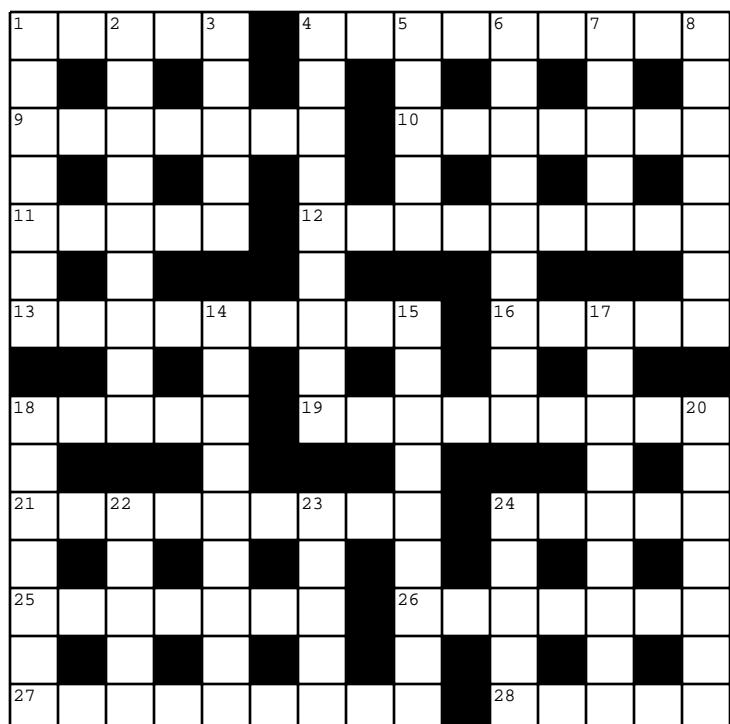
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| 4. EARTHLIER  | 2. DOMINIONS  |
| 9. TEMPURA    | 3. OVULE      |
| 10. SPRUCED   | 4. ELAPSES    |
| 11. HENCE     | 5. RESUMED    |
| 12. SYMMETRIC | 6. HORSESHOE  |
| 13. PROCESSED | 7. INCUR      |
| 15. HANDS     | 8. REDUCES    |
| 17. COSTS     | 14. ESSENTIAL |
| 18. CONVERGES | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 21. REDUNDANT | 17. CHRISTI   |
| 23. EXTRA     | 18. CHAPLIN   |
| 24. SPECIAL   | 19. NOTABLE   |
| 25. BACILLI   | 20. SHAKIER   |
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| 27. LABOR     | 23. EXCEL     |



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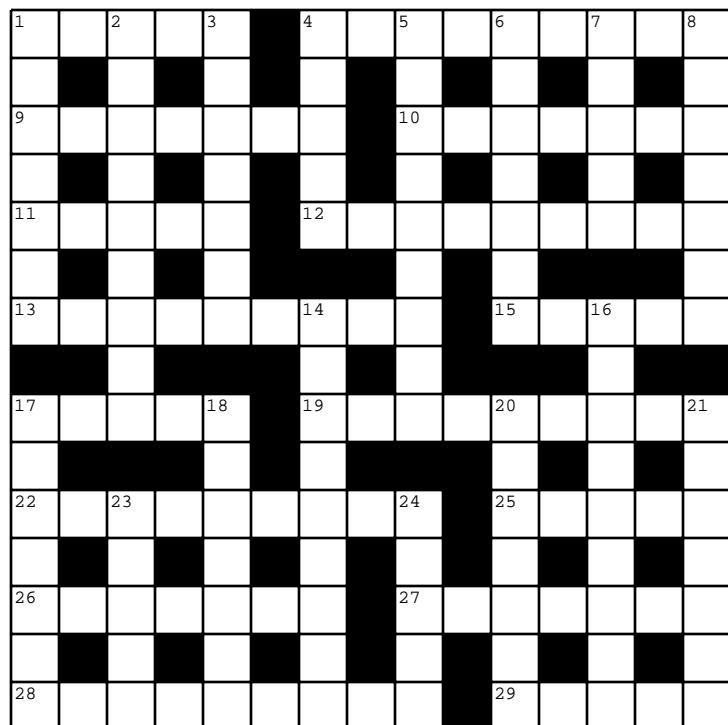
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| 9. ENTRUST    | 3. TRULY      |
| 10. MOROCCO   | 4. INTERVENE  |
| 11. DEITY     | 5. TAMIL      |
| 12. RELATIONS | 6. MORATORIA  |
| 13. DISAGREED | 7. TYCHO      |
| 16. RARER     | 8. SPONSOR    |
| 18. LOCAL     | 14. GOLDENEST |
| 19. EMPHASIZE | 15. DEPRECATE |
| 21. KATHERINE | 17. RHINOCERI |
| 24. ABORT     | 18. LAKISHA   |
| 25. SAUTEED   | 20. EXTREME   |
| 26. ATHLETE   | 22. THUMB     |
| 27. ARBITRATE | 23. INDIA     |
| 28. SUITE     | 24. ASHES     |



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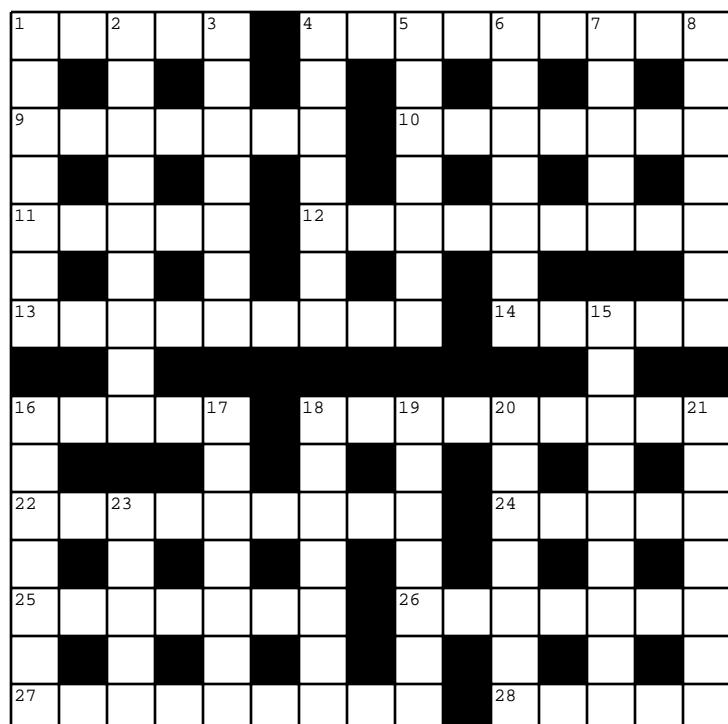
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| 9. CATNAPS     | 3. TRANSIT      |
| 10. LETTUCE    | 4. TASTE        |
| 11. AMENS      | 5. MELODRAMATIC |
| 12. ENDANGERS  | 6. EXTINCT      |
| 13. CAFETERIA  | 7. INURE        |
| 15. TACES      | 8. GUESSES      |
| 17. MAYBE      | 14. RESOURCED   |
| 19. SHARPENER  | 16. CONTRALTO   |
| 22. RECAPTURE  | 17. MARINAS     |
| 25. OARED      | 18. EMPORIA     |
| 26. NUMERIC    | 20. PROVERB     |
| 27. SHELLAC    | 21. REDUCED     |
| 28. STEWARDDED | 23. COMAE       |
| 29. BROAD      | 24. EASED       |



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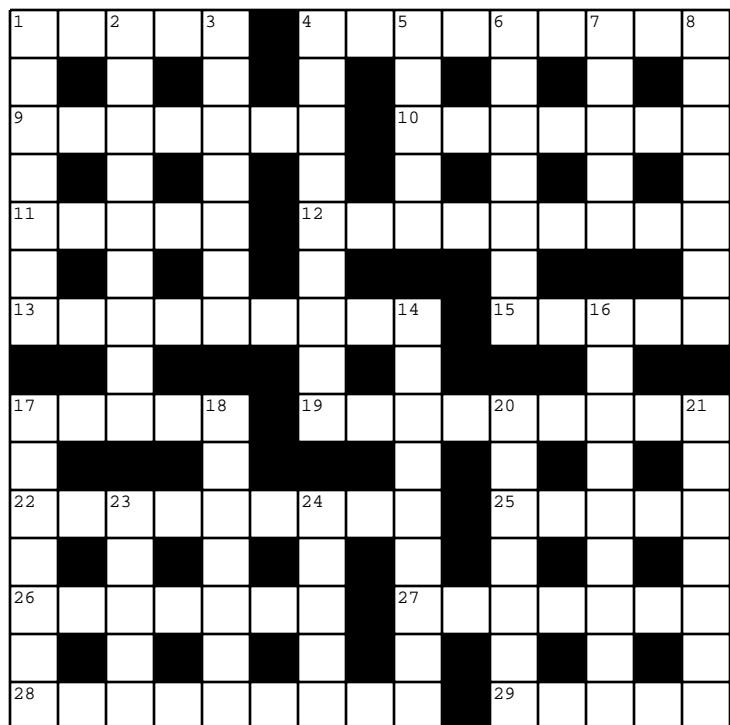
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| 4. DISMISSES  | 2. NARRATORS  |
| 9. SIROCCO    | 3. RECHECK    |
| 10. BRIANNA   | 4. DROPPED    |
| 11. USAGE     | 5. SUBWAYS    |
| 12. PRACTICAL | 6. IDIOTIC    |
| 13. BLOCKADES | 7. SONIC      |
| 14. CADET     | 8. SCARLET    |
| 16. DOSES     | 15. DISEMBARK |
| 18. COMPRISED | 16. DAWDLED   |
| 22. WINTERIER | 17. SPECIAL   |
| 24. COMBS     | 18. CHIRRUP   |
| 25. LEGGIER   | 19. MARINER   |
| 26. NITRATE   | 20. RICOTTA   |
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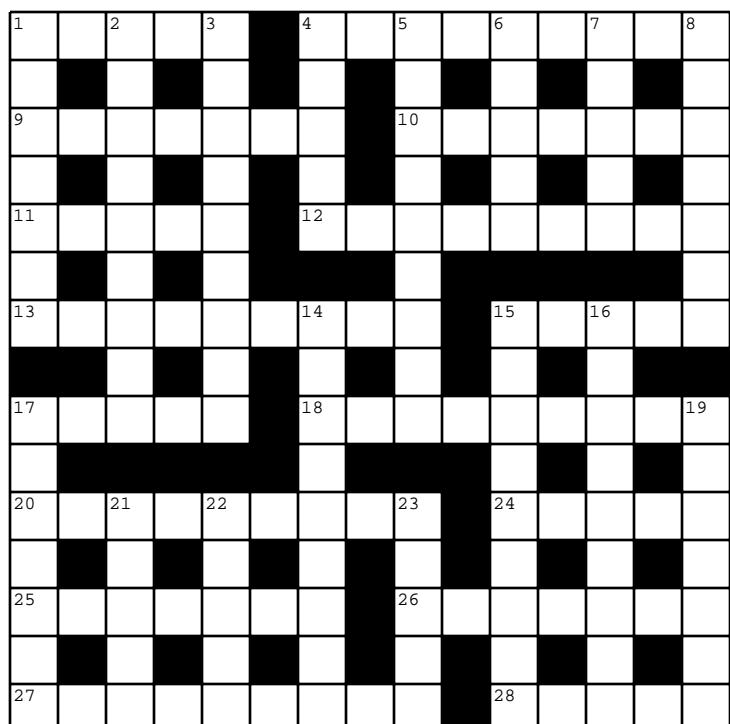
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| 4. OCCUPYING  | 2. MATRIARCH  |
| 9. CUTICLE    | 3. NICOSIA    |
| 10. BRONCHI   | 4. OVERTHREW  |
| 11. IVIES     | 5. COBRA      |
| 12. TRAVERSED | 6. PROVERB    |
| 13. GERIATRIC | 7. INCAS      |
| 15. BADGE     | 8. GRIDDLE    |
| 17. ETHIC     | 14. CONSONANT |
| 19. WINDPIPES | 16. DIPHTHONG |
| 22. CONTRALTO | 17. ENCASED   |
| 25. LITRE     | 18. CAROLYN   |
| 26. SCALLOP   | 20. PALETTE   |
| 27. ARTWORK   | 21. SPEAKER   |
| 28. DISINFECT | 23. NEARS     |
| 29. EAGER     | 24. LAPSE     |



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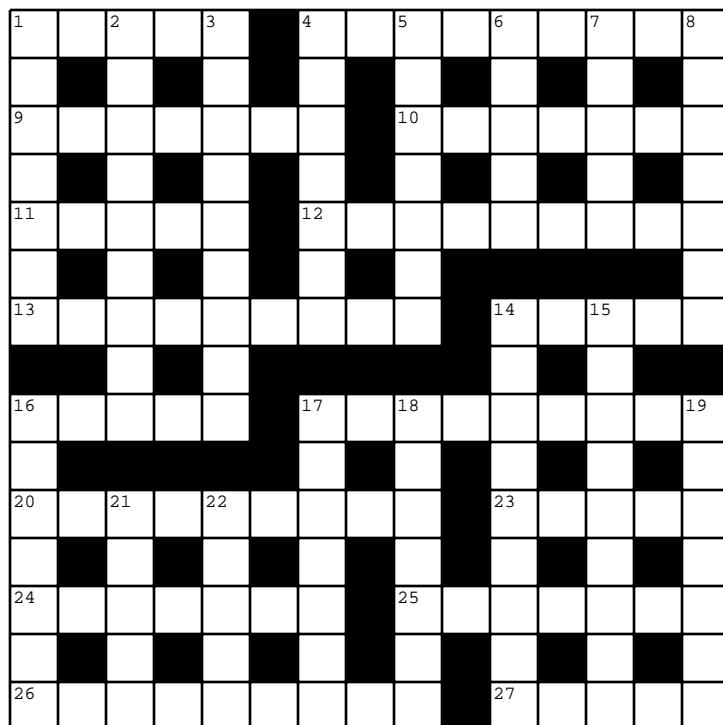
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| 4. STENCILED  | 2. HAMMURABI  |
| 9. REMOTER    | 3. NATIONALS  |
| 10. ROUTINE   | 4. SERVE      |
| 11. PLUTO     | 5. EHRENBERG  |
| 12. ENNOBLING | 6. CRUMB      |
| 13. AVALANCHE | 7. LUIGI      |
| 15. CHEWS     | 8. DREDGES    |
| 17. LAIRS     | 14. CALCULATE |
| 18. LOGOTYPES | 15. CATACLYSM |
| 20. CRITIQUED | 16. EMPHYSEMA |
| 24. COYER     | 17. LOCKOUT   |
| 25. OCARINA   | 19. SPRITES   |
| 26. PAYMENT   | 21. IMAGE     |
| 27. TREATMENT | 22. IDIOT     |
| 28. MOANS     | 23. DEPOT     |



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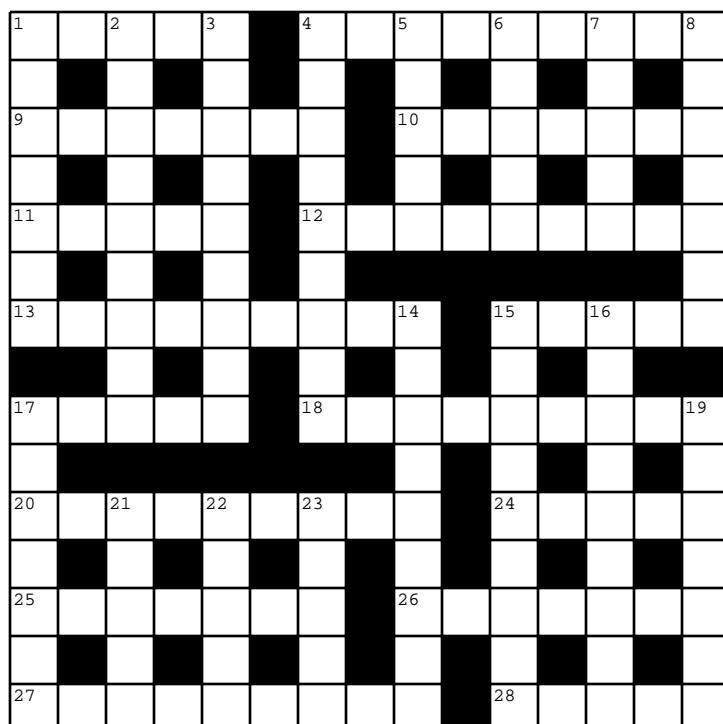
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| 1. DEBUT      | 1. DORITOS    |
| 4. CASTAWAYS  | 2. BACKSPACE  |
| 9. RECLAIM    | 3. TRAVELED   |
| 10. CHIRICO   | 4. CAMPEST    |
| 11. TASTE     | 5. SUCCEED    |
| 12. ELEVATING | 6. ALISA      |
| 13. SCARLETED | 7. ALIBI      |
| 14. ACIDS     | 8. SPONGES    |
| 16. BREAD     | 14. ATHABASCA |
| 17. GRAPHICAL | 15. INCOGNITO |
| 20. GUERRILLA | 16. BUGATTI   |
| 23. BEGAN     | 17. GELATIN   |
| 24. TRIPLET   | 18. ANALYSE   |
| 25. YESHIVA   | 19. LINKAGE   |
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| 27. ATONE     | 22. RULER     |



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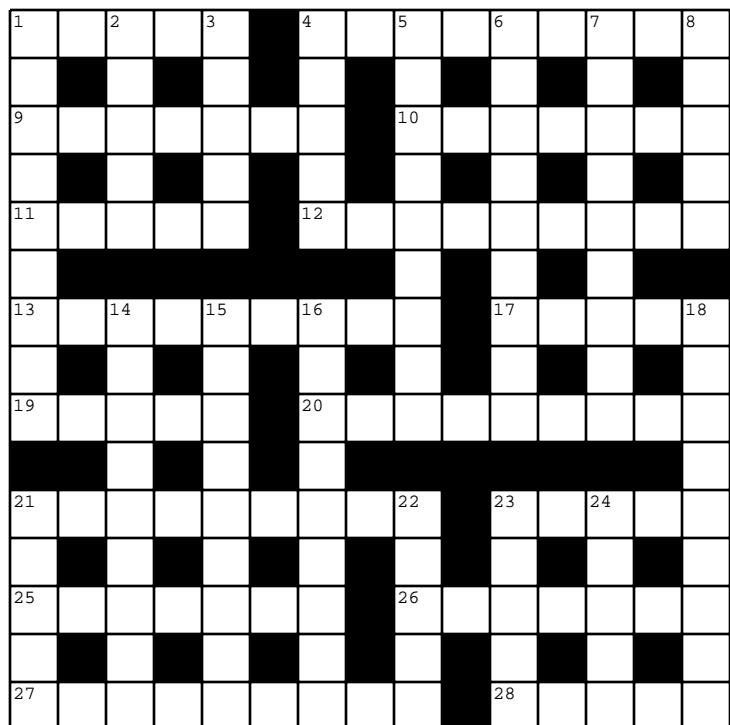
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| 9. CADUCEI    | 3. NICKNAMES  |
| 10. PIGTAIL   | 4. INITIATES  |
| 11. SCION     | 5. COPIES     |
| 12. INSULTING | 6. GOGOL      |
| 13. AXIOMATIC | 7. IRAQI      |
| 15. OKAYS     | 8. OBLIGES    |
| 17. PAGES     | 14. CIRCUITED |
| 18. STRATEGIC | 15. OPTICIANS |
| 20. AMATERASU | 16. ALGEBRAIC |
| 24. CUBED     | 17. PLANTED   |
| 25. TYPISTS   | 19. CADDIES   |
| 26. THALAMI   | 21. ASPIC     |
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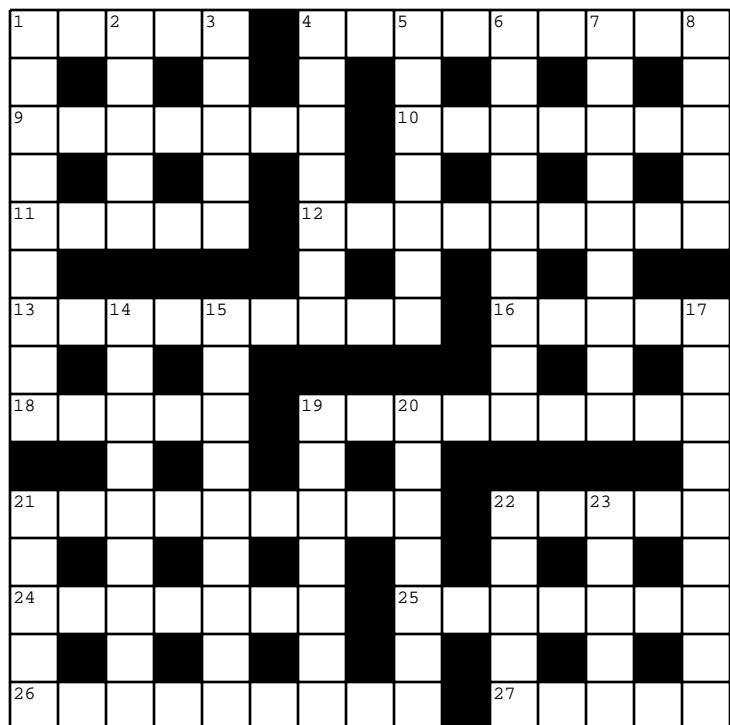
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| 1. HADED      | 1. HAPPINESS  |
| 4. PROSPECTS  | 2. DISCO      |
| 9. PASSION    | 3. DRIES      |
| 10. PRODUCE   | 4. PANIC      |
| 11. ICONS     | 5. OPPONENTS  |
| 12. CONSENTED | 6. PROFESSOR  |
| 13. ENTERTAIN | 7. COUNTERED  |
| 17. SCREW     | 8. SPEED      |
| 19. SUNUP     | 14. TENTATIVE |
| 20. DISCREDIT | 15. REPRIMAND |
| 21. STATISTIC | 16. ADDITIONS |
| 23. NOISE     | 18. WITNESSES |
| 25. CHICANO   | 21. SACCO     |
| 26. DIGESTS   | 22. CEDED     |
| 27. OVERDOSED | 23. NEGEV     |
| 28. VIEWS     | 24. ISSUE     |



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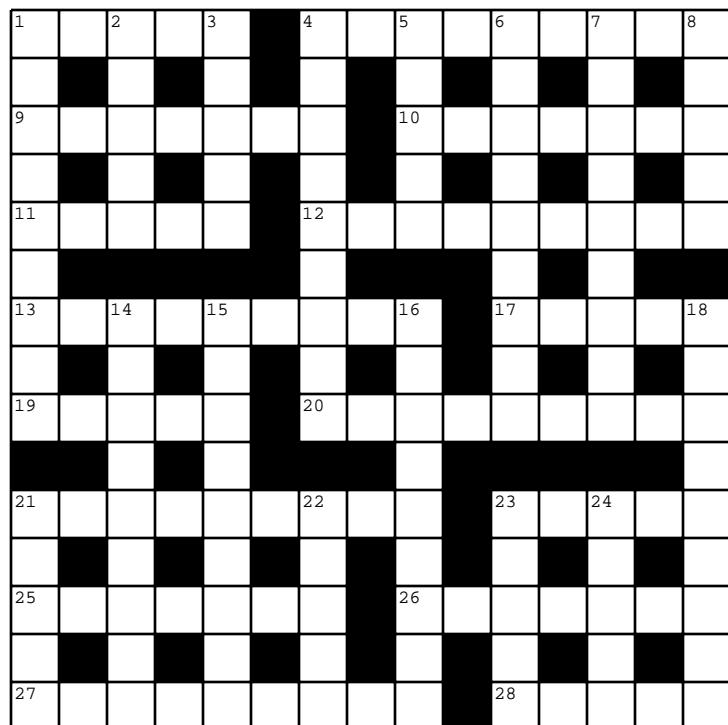
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| 9. CARDIAC    | 3. TRIES      |
| 10. MINUTES   | 4. ACCEPTS    |
| 11. LORDS     | 5. COMPELS    |
| 12. PREFERRED | 6. INNKEEPER  |
| 13. PARADISES | 7. AFTERMATH  |
| 16. PEACE     | 8. DOSED      |
| 18. IOTAS     | 14. RETRODDEN |
| 19. OWNERSHIP | 15. DISMEMBER |
| 21. FLOWERPOT | 17. EXPOSURES |
| 22. FUMES     | 19. OPPRESS   |
| 24. AUDIBLE   | 20. NOTICES   |
| 25. COUNTER   | 21. FRANC     |
| 26. CONTRASTS | 22. FAUNA     |
| 27. ACHES     | 23. MATCH     |



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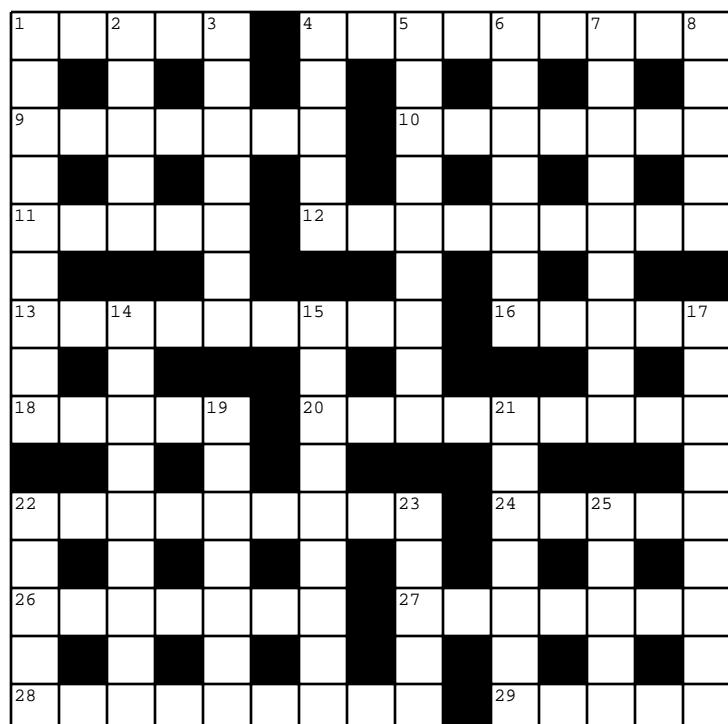
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| 1. POLYP      | 1. PROTRACTS  |
| 4. IMMOVABLE  | 2. LYELL      |
| 9. OVERLAP    | 3. PHLOX      |
| 10. ALLOWED   | 4. IMPEACHED  |
| 11. RELAX     | 5. MIAMI      |
| 12. ALIENATED | 6. VOLUNTEER  |
| 13. CHERISHED | 7. BEWITCHED  |
| 17. ETHIC     | 8. ENDED      |
| 19. SARIS     | 14. ENROLLING |
| 20. DISCREDIT | 15. INSPECTED |
| 21. MILLENNIA | 16. DISTANCES |
| 23. CRISP     | 18. CATAPULTS |
| 25. TWISTER   | 21. METER     |
| 26. CRUCIAL   | 22. NERVE     |
| 27. RIGIDNESS | 23. CRUSH     |
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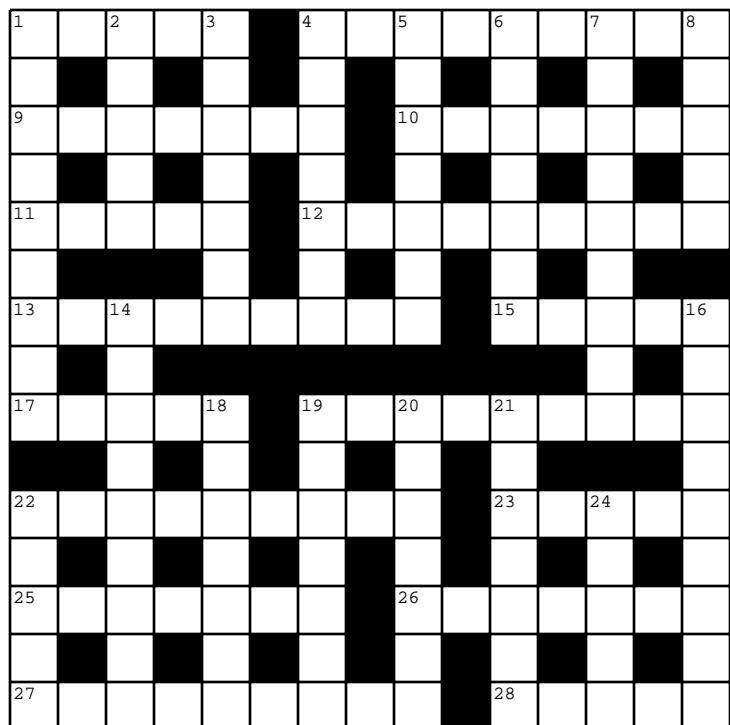
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| 9. ENCORES    | 3. MARTINI    |
| 10. OCULARS   | 4. GUSTO      |
| 11. TORSI     | 5. ALOOFNESS  |
| 12. OFFSTAGES | 6. AQUATIC    |
| 13. MAGNITUDE | 7. ANALGESIA  |
| 16. CASTS     | 8. SISES      |
| 18. STOOD     | 14. GROOVIES  |
| 20. DESPERADO | 15. UNDERTAKE |
| 22. EAVESDROP | 17. SPONSORED |
| 24. POSES     | 19. DESPAIR   |
| 26. ENEMATA   | 21. EMPEROR   |
| 27. PURSUER   | 22. ENEMA     |
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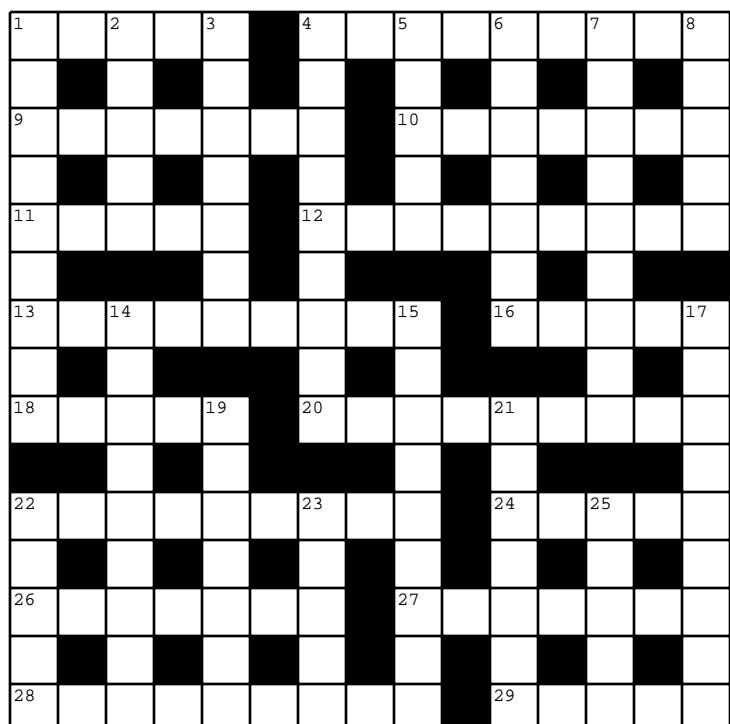
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| 4. BREAKABLE  | 2. ISUZU      |
| 9. TSUNAMI    | 3. GRADUAL    |
| 10. DETROIT   | 4. BLINDED    |
| 11. NAURU     | 5. ENDINGS    |
| 12. DONALDSON | 6. KETTLES    |
| 13. CONCLUDES | 7. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 15. STRIP     | 8. EATEN      |
| 17. LAPEL     | 14. NAPALMING |
| 19. PRINCIPAL | 16. POLYTHENE |
| 22. COLONIZES | 18. LANTERN   |
| 23. ECLAT     | 19. PIZZAZZ   |
| 25. CHIMERA   | 20. INSTEAD   |
| 26. ENHANCE   | 21. CHEKHOV   |
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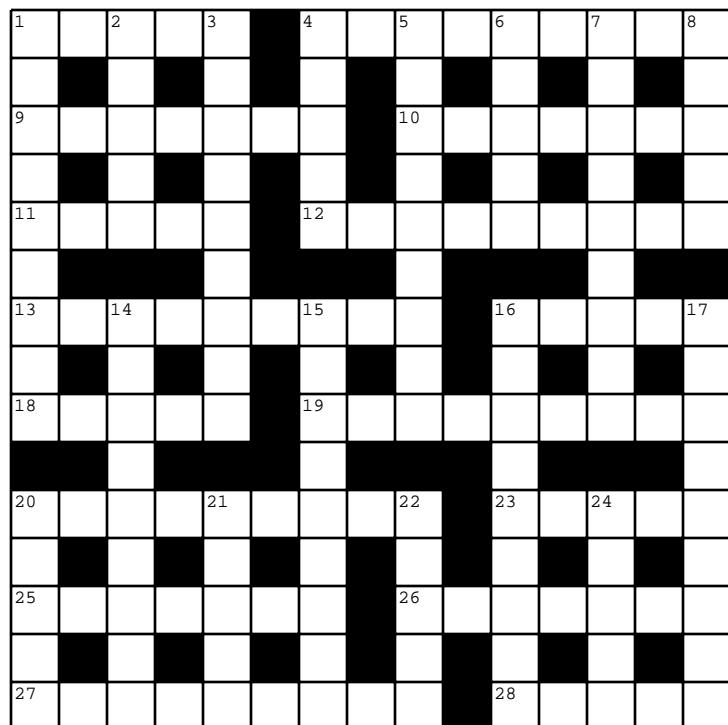
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| 9. ARSENIC    | 3. BENEATH    |
| 10. PILLARS   | 4. ECCENTRIC  |
| 11. SHAKA     | 5. CAPEK      |
| 12. NAKEDNESS | 6. MELODIC    |
| 13. DEATHTRAP | 7. AGAMEMNON  |
| 16. CYNIC     | 8. SISES      |
| 18. SITES     | 14. ANTIPASTI |
| 20. CRESCENDI | 15. PLENTIFUL |
| 22. APPLICANT | 17. CLIENTELE |
| 24. UNMAN     | 19. SEISMIC   |
| 26. SESAMES   | 21. CAUSTIC   |
| 27. FATIGUE   | 22. AESOP     |
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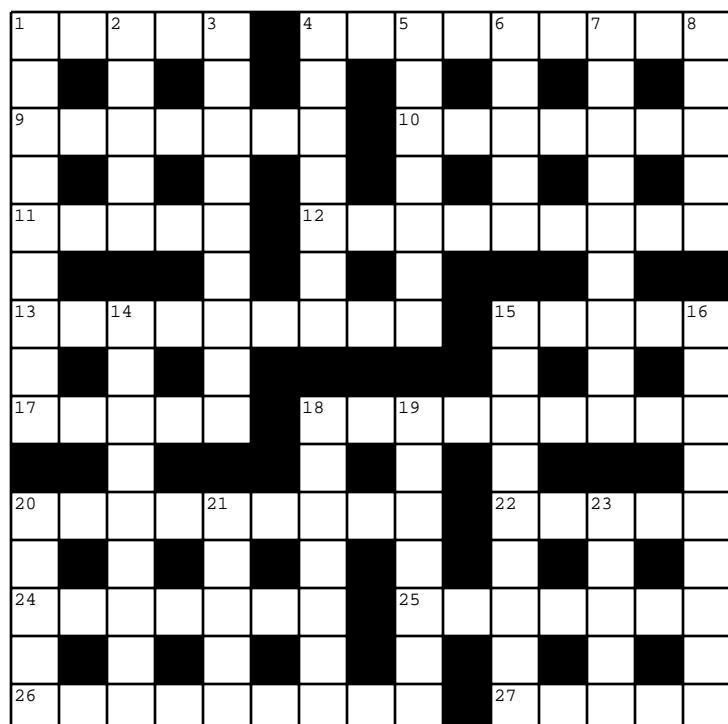
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| 4. ASHAMEDLY  | 2. SLANG      |
| 9. TRANSIT    | 3. DISCOURSE  |
| 10. IGUASSU   | 4. AFTER      |
| 11. NEGRO     | 5. HAIRSTYLE  |
| 12. ROSENBERG | 6. MOURN      |
| 13. ADMIRABLY | 7. DESPERADO  |
| 16. PLACE     | 8. YOUNG      |
| 18. TITLE     | 14. MATERNITY |
| 19. THEREFORE | 15. BETRAYALS |
| 20. PARAGRAPH | 16. PNEUMONIA |
| 23. MAGIC     | 17. EXERCISES |
| 25. ARIZONA   | 20. PEARL     |
| 26. CINDERS   | 21. GHOUL     |
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| 28. ALTOS     | 24. GREAT     |



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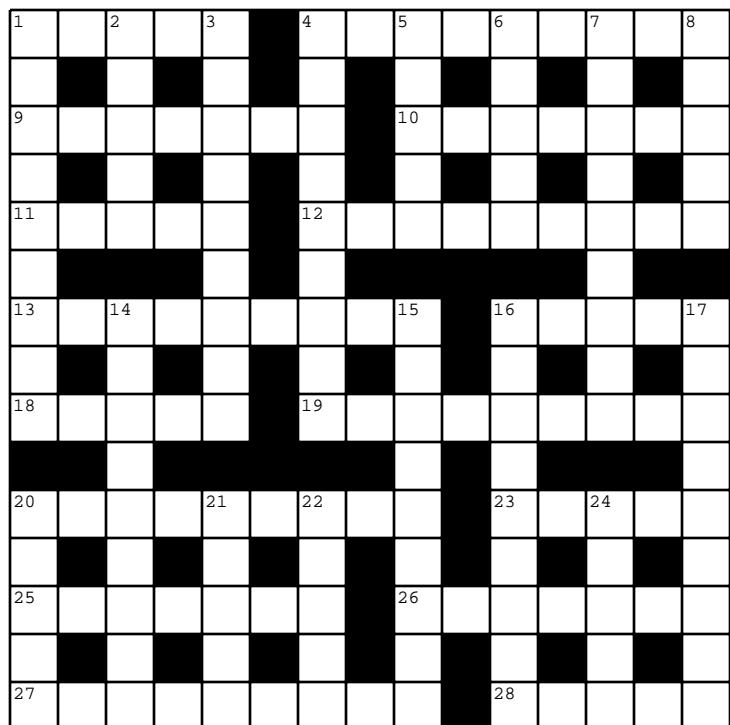
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| 4. FLAMINGOS  | 2. CREAM      |
| 9. URETHRA    | 3. ABHORRENT  |
| 10. DITHERS   | 4. FIANCES    |
| 11. DIMER     | 5. ADDRESS    |
| 12. CLEARINGS | 6. INTER      |
| 13. CYPRESSES | 7. GREENHORN  |
| 15. ABOUT     | 8. SISES      |
| 17. SPENT     | 14. PREMATURE |
| 18. GLISSANDI | 15. AESTHETES |
| 20. DEADLIEST | 16. TRICYCLED |
| 22. HEFTY     | 18. GUESSED   |
| 24. SMUDGES   | 19. INTENDS   |
| 25. NATURAL   | 20. DISCO     |
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| 27. SWORD     | 23. FORGO     |



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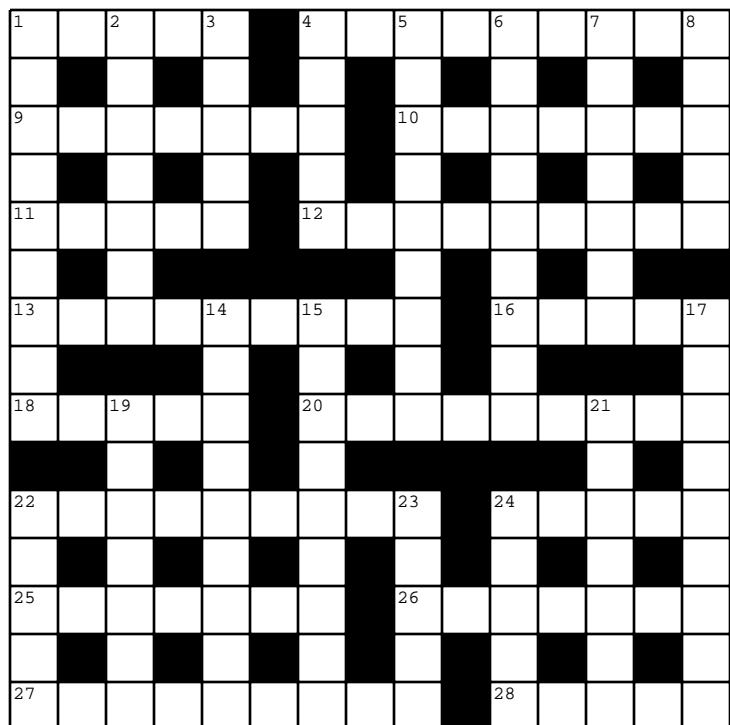
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| 4. NECKLACES  | 2. SLEEP      |
| 9. EVENING    | 3. SHIPYARDS  |
| 10. MOTHERS   | 4. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 11. NAPPY     | 5. COMIC      |
| 12. TECHNICAL | 6. LATIN      |
| 13. GUERRILLA | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 16. FINED     | 8. SISAL      |
| 18. TILES     | 14. ENLARGING |
| 19. BELLOWING | 15. ALLOWABLE |
| 20. CORKSCREW | 16. FOODSTUFF |
| 23. SEMEN     | 17. DEGENERES |
| 25. BLISSED   | 20. CUBIC     |
| 26. BLUFFER   | 21. SUSHI     |
| 27. COGNITIVE | 22. RADII     |
| 28. FAILS     | 24. MUFTI     |



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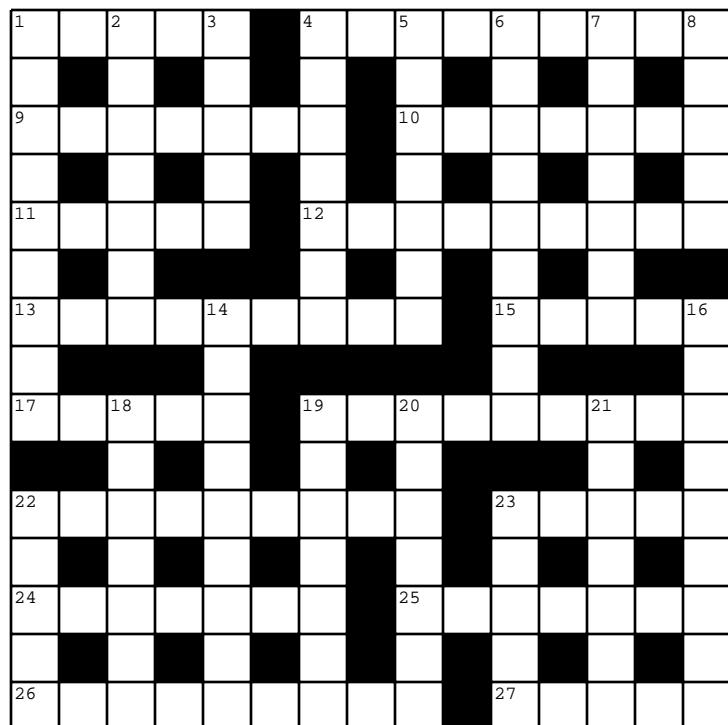
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| 1. MEETS      | 1. MUSICIANS  |
| 4. KILOCYCLE  | 2. ELITIST    |
| 9. STIMULI    | 3. SQUAB      |
| 10. BERGSON   | 4. KNIFE      |
| 11. CLIMB     | 5. LIBRARIAN  |
| 12. ELABORATE | 6. CURIOUSER  |
| 13. ANTIPASTI | 7. CASSAVA    |
| 16. SMASH     | 8. ERNIE      |
| 18. SOBER     | 14. PORTLIEST |
| 20. OWNERSHIP | 15. SMOLDERED |
| 22. KNOWLEDGE | 17. HOPSCOTCH |
| 24. BASIC     | 19. BUOYANT   |
| 25. AMATEUR   | 21. HUSKIER   |
| 26. HARPIST   | 22. KOALA     |
| 27. ALTITUDES | 23. ECHOS     |
| 28. NORTH     | 24. BARON     |



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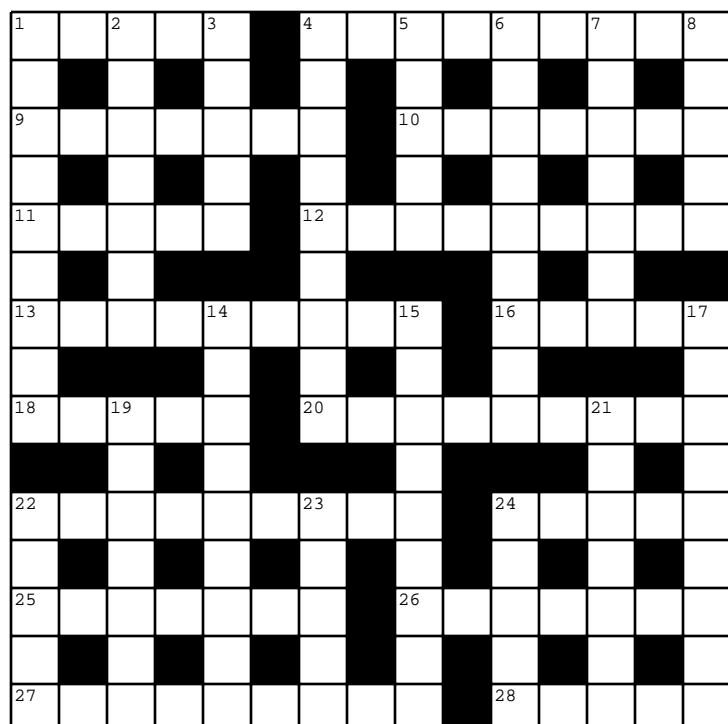
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| 4. UNFITTING  | 2. ADRIANA    |
| 9. OARLOCK    | 3. HOODS      |
| 10. TROTTED   | 4. UNKNOWN    |
| 11. EXAMS     | 5. FATHEAD    |
| 12. OVERSIGHT | 6. TROUSSEAU  |
| 13. ABANDONED | 7. INTEGER    |
| 15. ERROR     | 8. GODOT      |
| 17. GUILT     | 14. DETONATOR |
| 19. RESOURCED | 16. REDESIGNS |
| 22. PENINSULA | 18. INNARDS   |
| 23. PANTS     | 19. ROUGHLY   |
| 24. SCRATCH   | 20. STAMPED   |
| 25. PROLONG   | 21. CONDONE   |
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| 27. FEELS     | 23. PROOF     |



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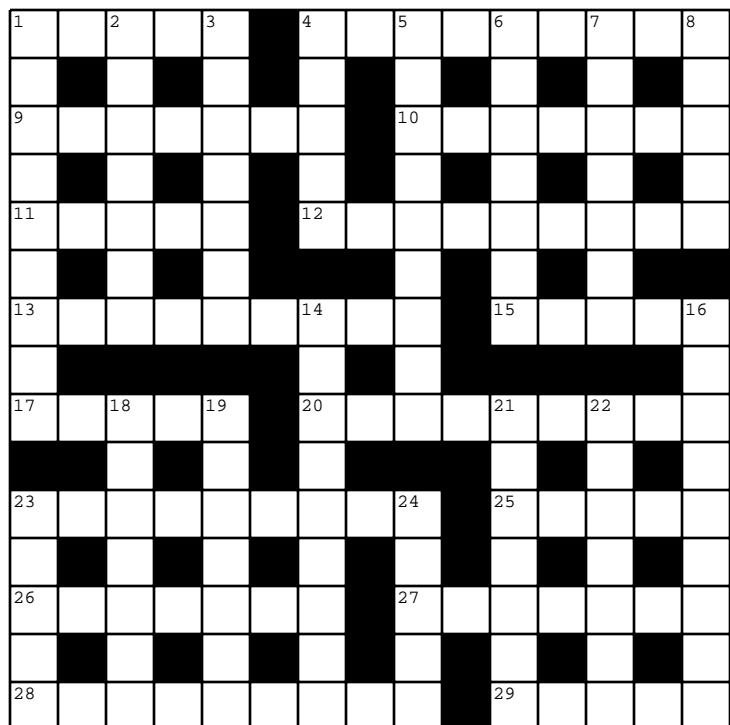
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| 9. AVOCADO    | 3. PLANT      |
| 10. SADDLED   | 4. FOODSTUFF  |
| 11. TACIT     | 5. VISIT      |
| 12. SATIRICAL | 6. UNDERTAKE  |
| 13. FAITHFULS | 7. ILLICIT    |
| 16. ANTES     | 8. GODEL      |
| 18. LEMMA     | 14. HEALTHIER |
| 20. FORGETFUL | 15. SURPRISED |
| 22. GHASTLIER | 17. SILVERIER |
| 24. AGREE     | 19. MEALIES   |
| 25. AKIHITO   | 21. FORSOOK   |
| 26. SPUMONI   | 22. GRAND     |
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| 28. TAKER     | 24. ADULT     |



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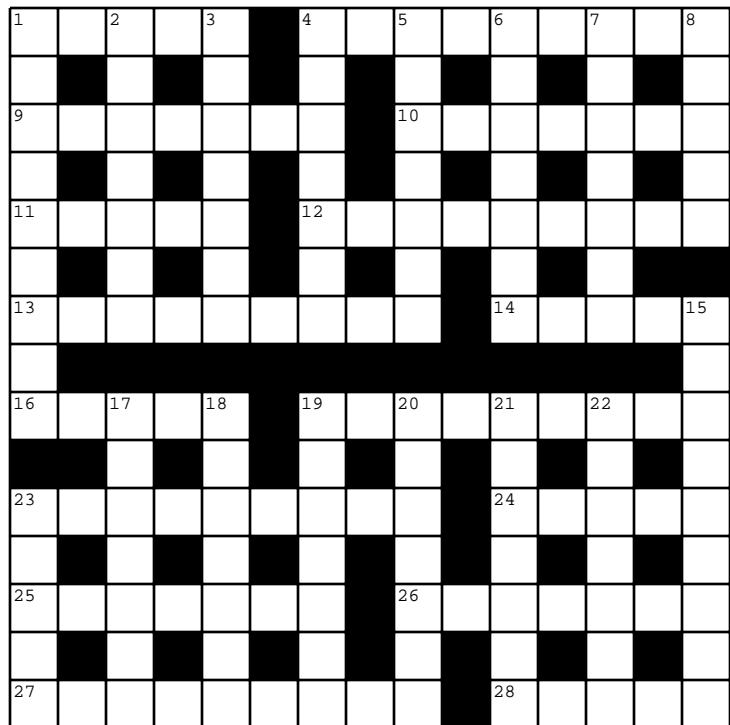
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| 4. LIFESPANS  | 2. LUCIANO    |
| 9. RACIEST    | 3. OVERLIE    |
| 10. NOONING   | 4. LITRE      |
| 11. EMAIL     | 5. FINGERTIP  |
| 12. ELEGANTLY | 6. STOMACH    |
| 13. FLOWERPOT | 7. AVIATOR    |
| 15. HARDY     | 8. SOGGY      |
| 17. LISLE     | 14. PRINTOUTS |
| 20. IMPROMPTU | 16. YOUNGSTER |
| 23. APPARATUS | 18. SOPRANO   |
| 25. DYING     | 19. EARLENE   |
| 26. PLATEAU   | 21. ORDAINS   |
| 27. CRICKET   | 22. PRICKLE   |
| 28. LIONESSES | 23. APPAL     |
| 29. STEER     | 24. SICES     |



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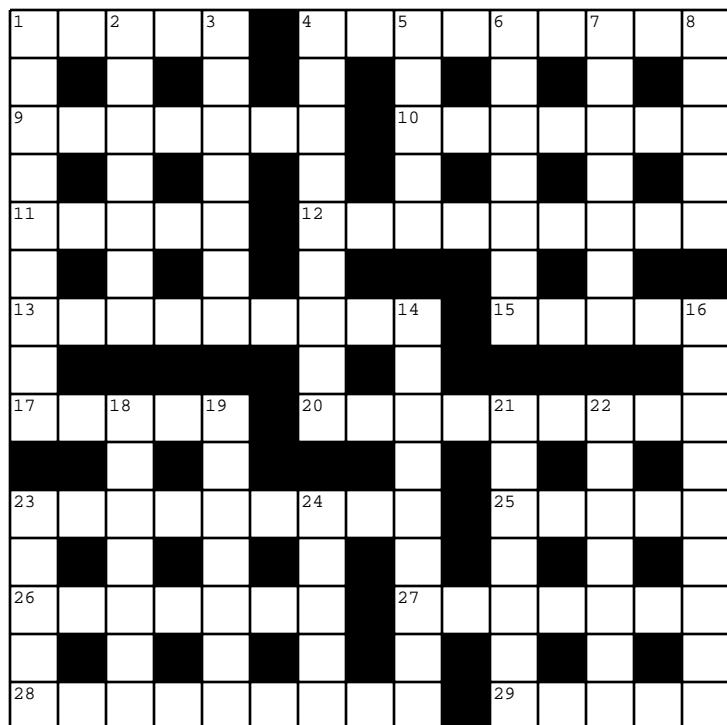
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| 9. EMBARGO    | 3. AERATES    |
| 10. BESIDES   | 4. PROGRAM    |
| 11. ASCOT     | 5. RUBBLED    |
| 12. RELEVANCE | 6. DISAVOW    |
| 13. BLOSSOMED | 7. GODUNOV    |
| 14. WAVES     | 8. SUSIE      |
| 16. DRUNK     | 15. SACRIFICE |
| 19. REALISTIC | 17. UNIFIES   |
| 23. RUINOUSLY | 18. KNOCKED   |
| 24. VERDI     | 19. ROSARIO   |
| 25. DRINKER   | 20. ABYSSES   |
| 26. SYLLABI   | 21. INVALID   |
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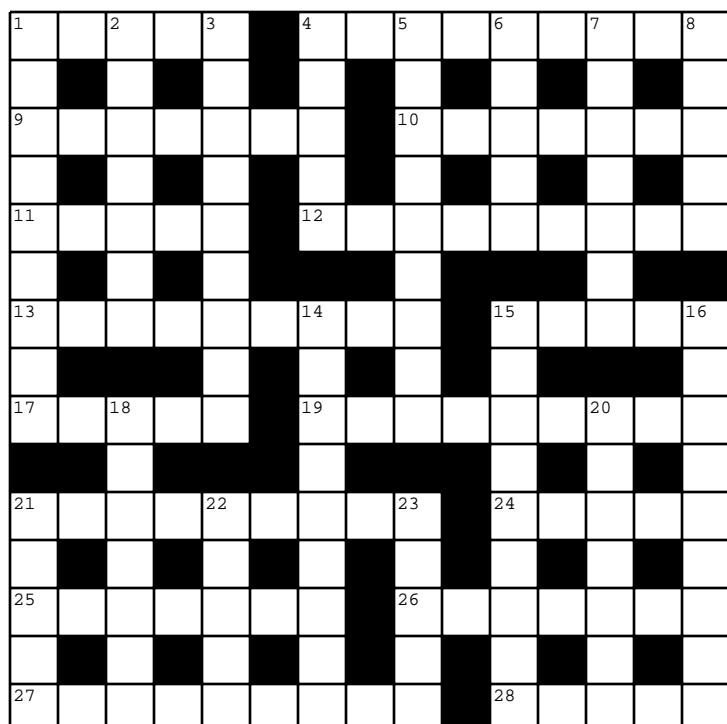
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| 4. HOBNOBBED  | 2. UPRIGHT    |
| 9. BIRETTA    | 3. ASTUTER    |
| 10. BUGGING   | 4. HEADDRESS  |
| 11. ANGST     | 5. BEBOP      |
| 12. DEPENDANT | 6. ORGANIC    |
| 13. INTERVENE | 7. BRIGADE    |
| 15. CREED     | 8. DIGIT      |
| 17. NAKED     | 14. ELOPEMENT |
| 20. SHORTNESS | 16. DISCARDED |
| 23. INNOCENCE | 18. KINSHIP   |
| 25. NYASA     | 19. DECIBEL   |
| 26. INHIBIT   | 21. TONIGHT   |
| 27. ENGLAND   | 22. EMANATE   |
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| 29. TREND     | 24. NITRE     |



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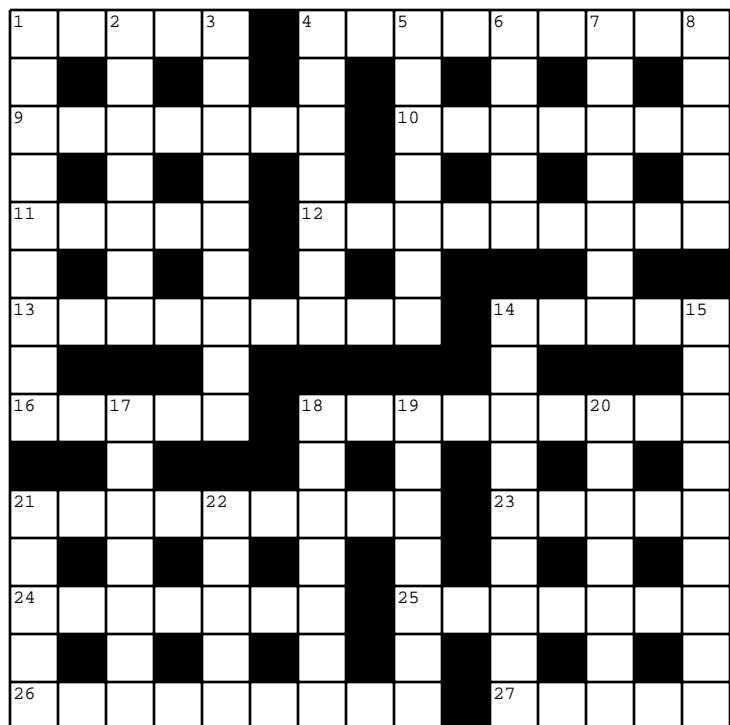
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| 9. MCENROE    | 3. FORECASTS  |
| 10. POLARIS   | 4. WHELP      |
| 11. ETHIC     | 5. IMPROMPTU  |
| 12. PRONOUNCE | 6. HELLO      |
| 13. EAVESDROP | 7. VERANDA    |
| 15. IRATE     | 8. ROSIE      |
| 17. TURNS     | 14. RECTIFIES |
| 19. COURTSHIP | 15. INTEGRITY |
| 21. ACCESSING | 16. EXPLOITED |
| 24. GUSTO     | 18. RECRUIT   |
| 25. TSUNAMI   | 20. HOSTILE   |
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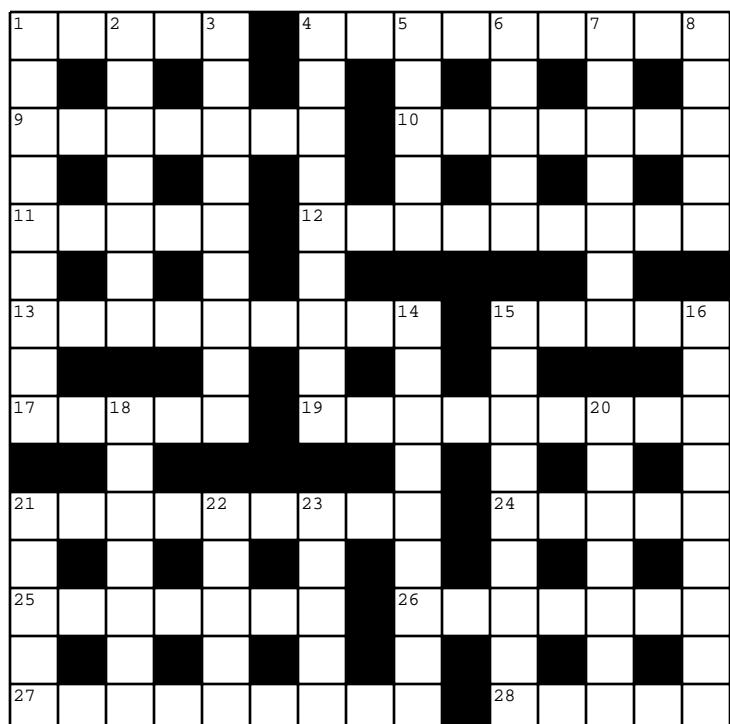
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| 4. COCKROACH   | 2. APHASIC    |
| 9. APHASIA     | 3. INSINCERE  |
| 10. ACTIVES    | 4. CHAPPED    |
| 11. ESSEN      | 5. CHANGED    |
| 12. PEGASUSES  | 6. RATES      |
| 13. SUCCEEDED  | 7. ADVISER    |
| 14. EARNS      | 8. HOSTS      |
| 16. DODGE      | 14. EAVESDROP |
| 18. DELIVERED  | 15. SIDESHOWS |
| 21. TERRORISM  | 17. DERIVES   |
| 23. SINKS      | 18. DAILIES   |
| 24. RAVIOLI    | 19. LIMITED   |
| 25. TORPEDO    | 20. RANKEST   |
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| 27. PATHS      | 22. OZONE     |



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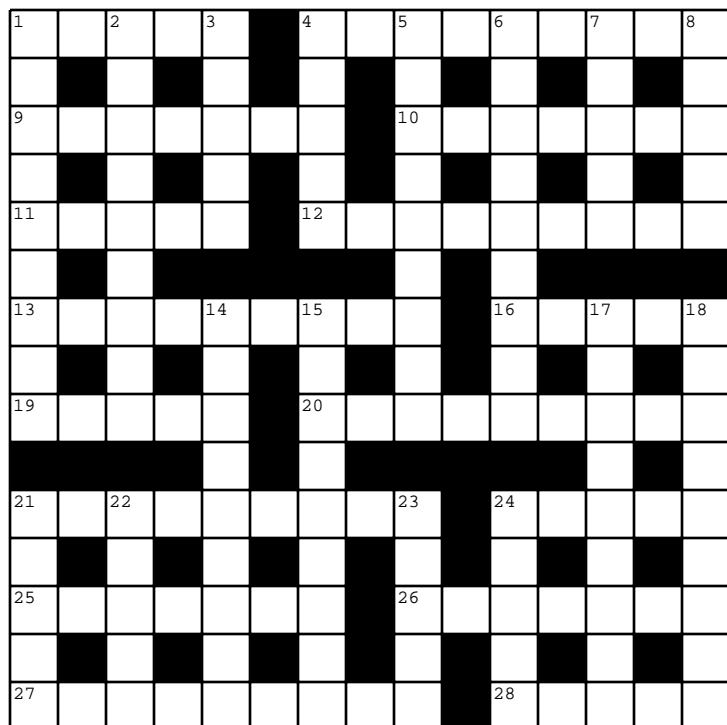
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| 4. EXCEPTION   | 2. KHARKOV    |
| 9. PLASTIC     | 3. ENTANGLED  |
| 10. ASUNDER    | 4. EUCALYPTI  |
| 11. AIKEN      | 5. CHAFF      |
| 12. LIFEBOATS  | 6. PLUMB      |
| 13. DEVELOPED  | 7. INDIANA    |
| 15. FRAME      | 8. NORMS      |
| 17. DIVED      | 14. DAPPEREST |
| 19. IMPROMPTU  | 15. FLOWERPOT |
| 21. ROSEMARIE  | 16. EQUALISES |
| 24. EMAIL      | 18. VISITOR   |
| 25. DETESTS    | 20. PLACEBO   |
| 26. EXPRESS    | 21. REDID     |
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| 28. TOOLS      | 23. ROSIE     |



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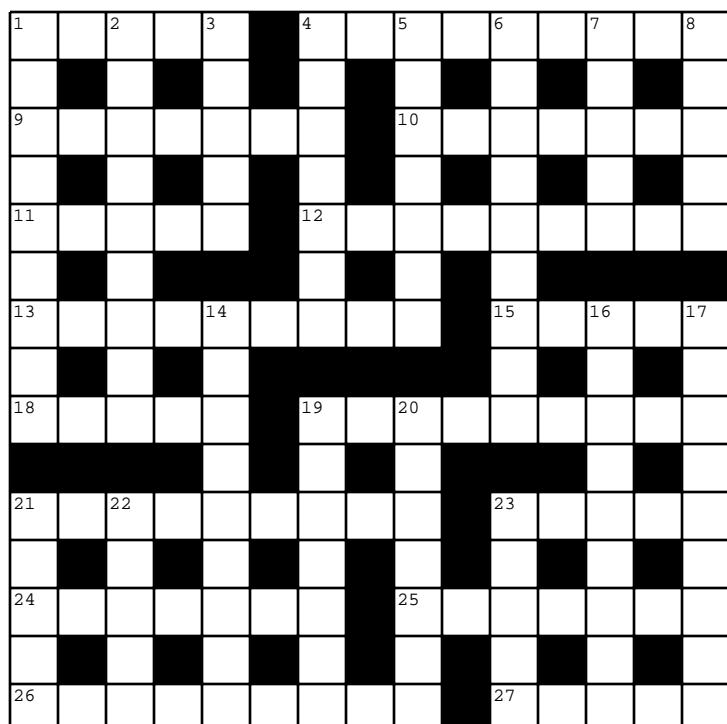
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| 4. DROPPINGS  | 2. INTERVENE  |
| 9. OPTIMUM    | 3. EMMYS      |
| 10. THICKET   | 4. DOMED      |
| 11. SORTS     | 5. OUTWEIGHS  |
| 12. DIETARIES | 6. PRIMARIES  |
| 13. EXECUTING | 7. NIKKI      |
| 16. INPUT     | 8. SITES      |
| 19. USERS     | 14. UNSETTLED |
| 20. ASSISTING | 15. IMAGINARY |
| 21. GHASTLIER | 17. PRINTABLE |
| 24. OCTET     | 18. TIGHTNESS |
| 25. REGALIA   | 21. GIRTH     |
| 26. VISIBLE   | 22. ANGEL     |
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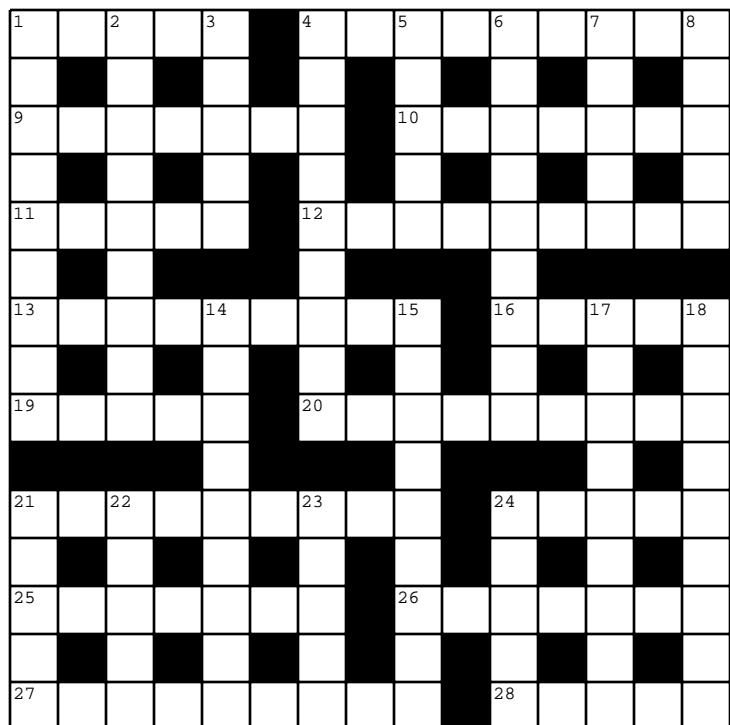
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| 9. EPISODE    | 3. SWORD      |
| 10. UPSIDES   | 4. MAESTRO    |
| 11. DUKED     | 5. VAULTER    |
| 12. TITILLATE | 6. MISPLACED  |
| 13. NEIGHBOUR | 7. NADIA      |
| 15. CUBED     | 8. SUSIE      |
| 18. MARRY     | 14. HAYSTACKS |
| 19. SCHEDULES | 16. BELITTLES |
| 21. SPLATTERS | 17. DISCOVERY |
| 23. METRO     | 19. SHEBELI   |
| 24. RECYCLE   | 20. HASHISH   |
| 25. INDULGE   | 21. SHRUG     |
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| 27. ASSAY     | 23. MEDIA     |



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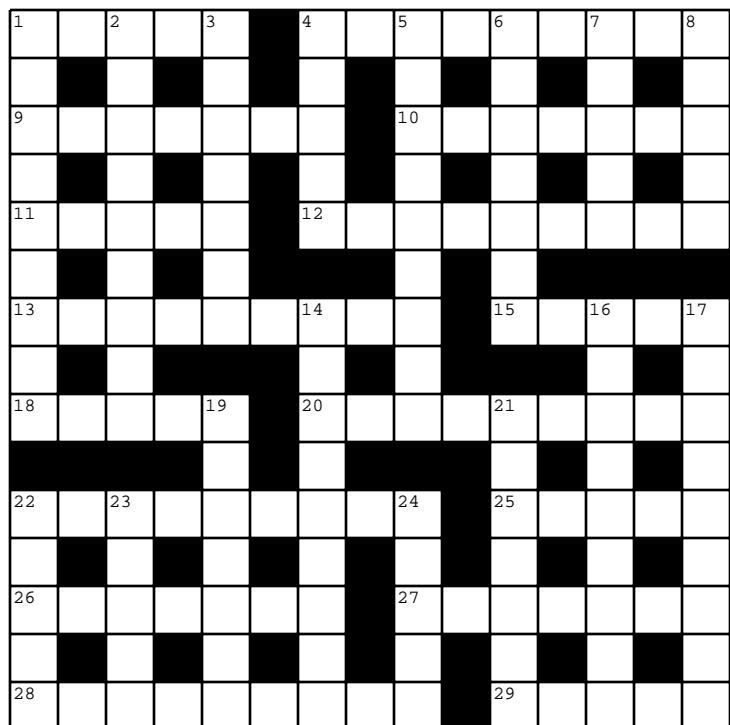
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| 4. PUNISHING  | 2. GRAPHICAL  |
| 9. TRAUMAS    | 3. TAMMI      |
| 10. COARSEN   | 4. POSSESSED  |
| 11. BAHAI     | 5. NICER      |
| 12. EARTHIES  | 6. SPAGHETTI  |
| 13. INCREASED | 7. ISSUE      |
| 16. TOTAL     | 8. GENET      |
| 19. HELPS     | 14. ENSEMBLES |
| 20. DECLINING | 15. DECADENTS |
| 21. ESTIMATED | 17. TRIUMPHED |
| 24. TEMPT     | 18. LIGATURES |
| 25. SMALLER   | 21. EASES     |
| 26. NEITHER   | 22. TOAST     |
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| 28. AIDES     | 24. TRINA     |



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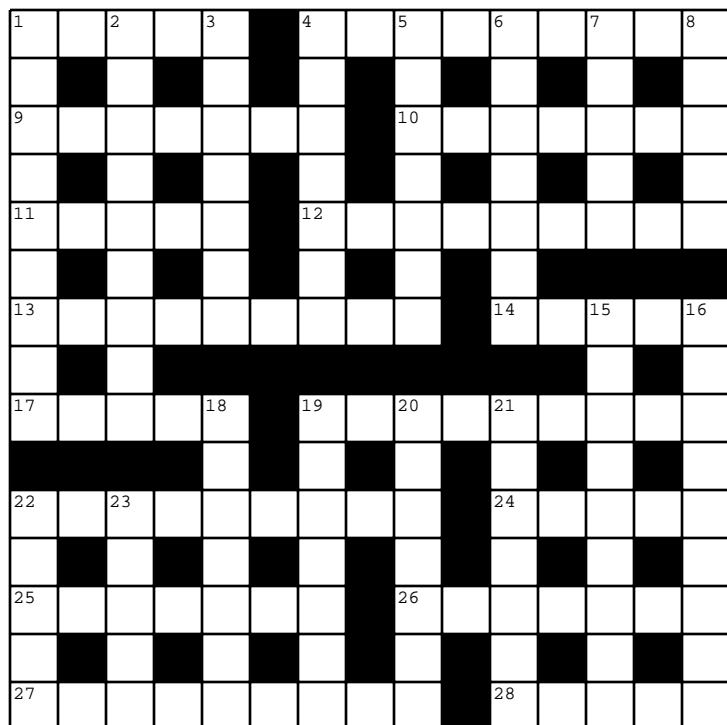
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| 9. OBLONGS    | 3. SANDBAG    |
| 10. MEDIUMS   | 4. POSES      |
| 11. SAHIB     | 5. REMINISCE  |
| 12. SYNDICATE | 6. MIDRIFT    |
| 13. EGREGIOUS | 7. UVULA      |
| 15. FRANC     | 8. TASTE      |
| 18. FIZZY     | 14. OBSOLETES |
| 20. SPEEDBOAT | 16. AVOIDABLE |
| 22. FAREWELLS | 17. CATACLYSM |
| 25. MEDIC     | 19. YAWNING   |
| 26. EGOTIST   | 21. DEMOTED   |
| 27. NOTABLY   | 22. FREDA     |
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| 29. DREAM     | 24. SONIC     |



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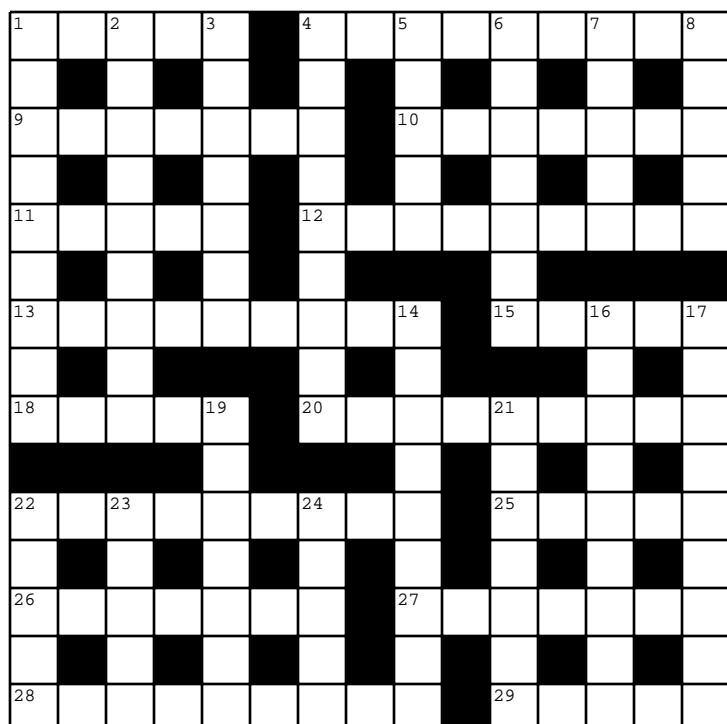
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| 4. DECEPTION  | 2. COLLEAGUE  |
| 9. PALMYRA    | 3. SOYBEAN    |
| 10. ELEMENT   | 4. DEALERS    |
| 11. THERE     | 5. CHEAPER    |
| 12. EXPRESSLY | 6. PREVENT    |
| 13. ORGANISER | 7. ITEMS      |
| 14. TABOO     | 8. NATTY      |
| 17. GREEN     | 15. BOUTIQUES |
| 19. SAGEBRUSH | 16. OTHERWISE |
| 22. KSHATRIYA | 18. NETWORK   |
| 24. DRIER     | 19. SCISSOR   |
| 25. TAILORS   | 20. GLASSES   |
| 26. STIMULI   | 21. BEDSIDE   |
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| 28. ENSUE     | 23. HAIKU     |



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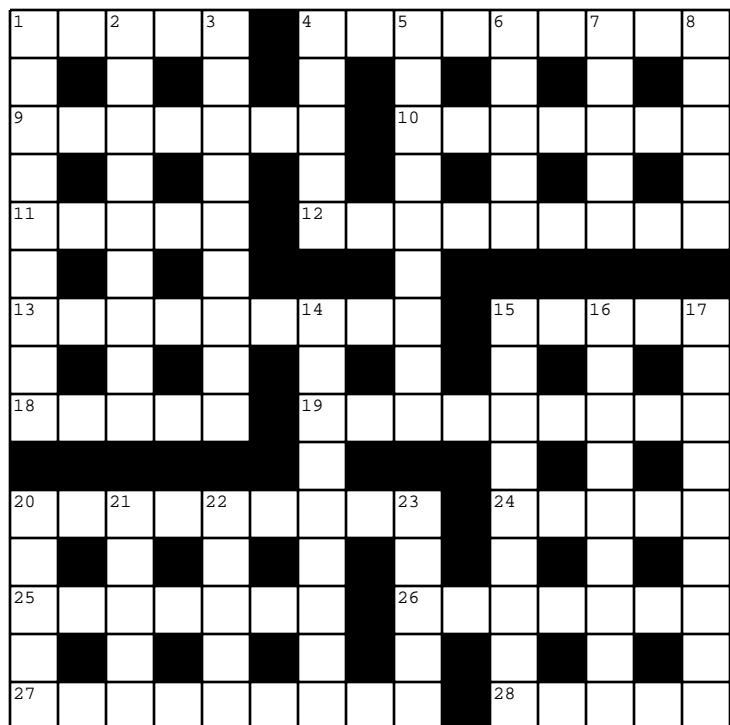
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| 4. COUNSELED  | 2. CRESCENDI  |
| 9. AWESOME    | 3. TROUSER    |
| 10. IMITATE   | 4. CHERISHES  |
| 11. RACES     | 5. UNION      |
| 12. IGNORANCE | 6. STIRRUP    |
| 13. OWNERSHIP | 7. LEARN      |
| 15. POPPA     | 8. DEERE      |
| 18. ARISE     | 14. PIMPLIEST |
| 20. SIMILARLY | 16. PERMANENT |
| 22. FRIGHTFUL | 17. ASYMMETRY |
| 25. CHARM     | 19. ENHANCE   |
| 26. OCONNOR   | 21. LOCKING   |
| 27. EMINENT   | 22. FLORA     |
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| 29. GUTSY     | 24. FARCE     |



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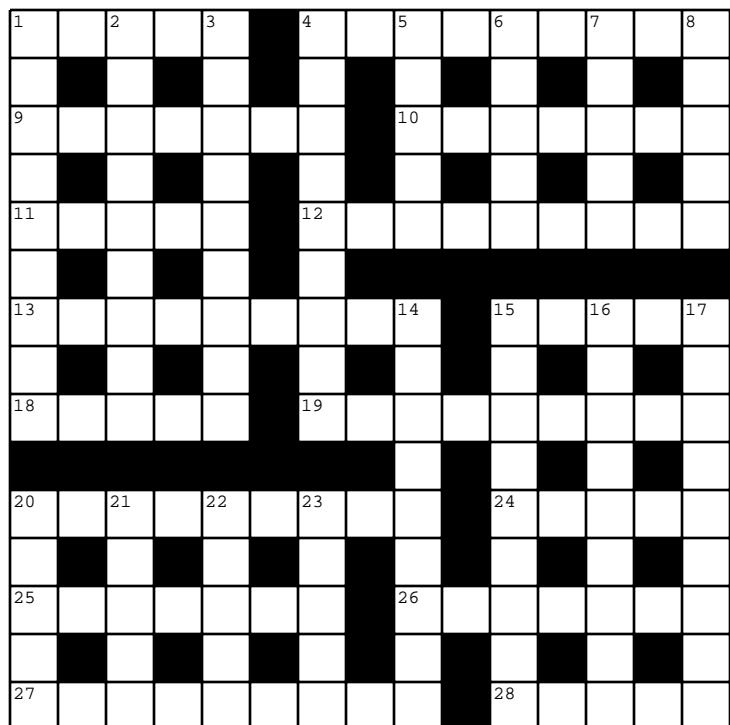
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| 4. HEDGEHOGS  | 2. ASSAULTER  |
| 9. INSPIRE    | 3. SAINTHOOD  |
| 10. WHIFFED   | 4. HEELS      |
| 11. ADULT     | 5. DOWNRIGHT  |
| 12. STRUGGLES | 6. EKING      |
| 13. TATTOOING | 7. OFFAL      |
| 15. SNOOP     | 8. SIDES      |
| 18. CARED     | 14. INVISIBLE |
| 19. VITRIOLIC | 15. SKIPPERED |
| 20. ADDRESSED | 16. ONLOOKERS |
| 24. PROOF     | 17. PACIFISTS |
| 25. PERTURB   | 20. APPLE     |
| 26. GIRDERS   | 21. DIRAC     |
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| 28. DISCS     | 23. DIGIT     |



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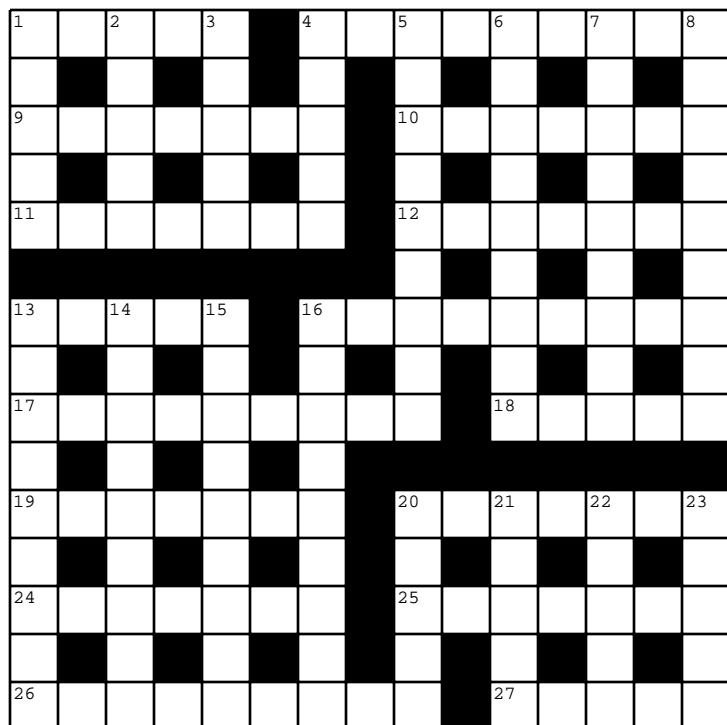
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| 9. NOTEPAD    | 3. REPULSIVE  |
| 10. ANAHEIM   | 4. RADIATION  |
| 11. EXPEL     | 5. TEAED      |
| 12. ADDRESSED | 6. IRATE      |
| 13. TESTIFIED | 7. ITEMS      |
| 15. WHEEL     | 8. GAMED      |
| 18. PRIZE     | 14. DIRECTORS |
| 19. NARROWING | 15. WOODENEST |
| 20. HYDRAULIC | 16. ELIMINATE |
| 24. EDICT     | 17. LIGHTNESS |
| 25. NERVOUS   | 20. HUNTS     |
| 26. OPERATE   | 21. DIRAC     |
| 27. SUCCESSES | 22. ALONE     |
| 28. TREES     | 23. LISTS     |



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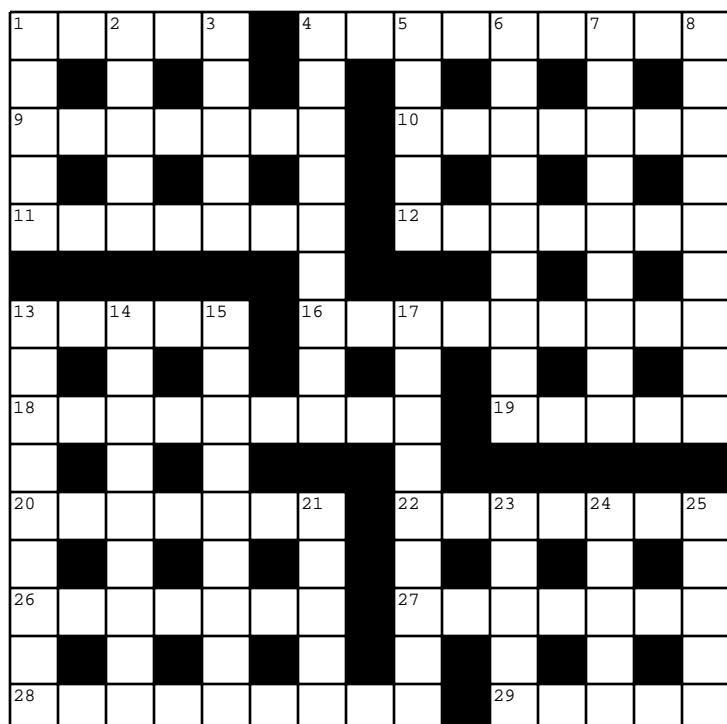
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| 4. CASSANDRA  | 2. PEDAL      |
| 9. UNDERGO    | 3. STRAP      |
| 10. ACCUSES   | 4. CLONE      |
| 11. ELLIPSE   | 5. STANDARDS  |
| 12. DISCERN   | 6. ACCESSING  |
| 13. OFFER     | 7. DESPERATE  |
| 16. TERMINATE | 8. ABSENTEES  |
| 17. CONSCIOUS | 13. OCCASIONS |
| 18. GUESS     | 14. FANTASTIC |
| 19. SCALARS   | 15. RECTANGLE |
| 20. ENEMIES   | 16. THOUSANDS |
| 24. OCTAGON   | 20. EAGER     |
| 25. GODUNOV   | 21. ELDER     |
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| 27. RARES     | 23. SAVES     |



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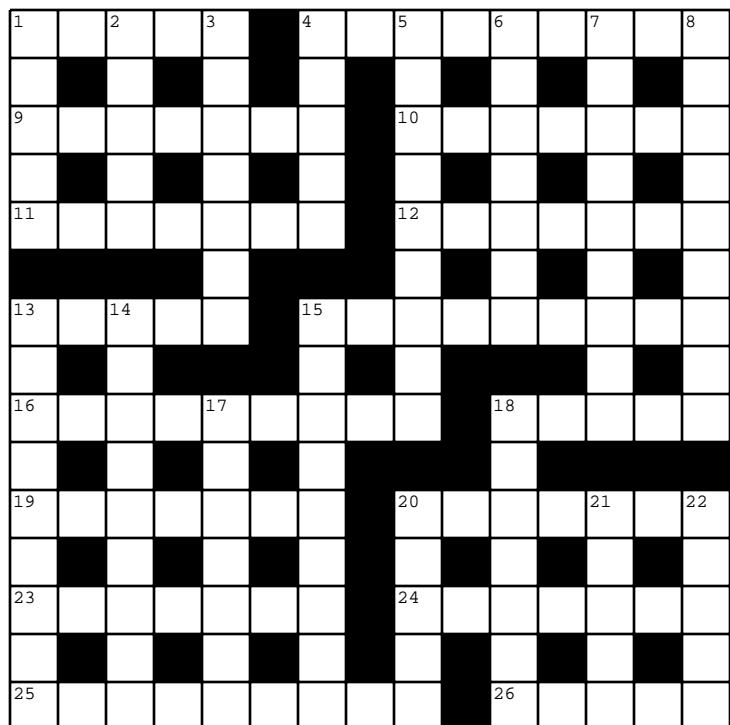
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| 9. TIMPANI    | 3. SWAMI      |
| 10. VESICLE   | 4. FRIGHTFUL  |
| 11. LONGISH   | 5. NEVER      |
| 12. REMODEL   | 6. ASSEMBLED  |
| 13. LANAI     | 7. INCIDENTS  |
| 16. FREELANCE | 8. SWELLHEAD  |
| 18. BAGATELLE | 13. LIBERATES |
| 19. DOSED     | 14. NIGHTCLUB |
| 20. RATTRAP   | 15. INTERFERE |
| 22. CHATEAU   | 17. EXERCISED |
| 26. TALKERS   | 21. POSIT     |
| 27. SAMURAI   | 23. AIMED     |
| 28. SUBJECTED | 24. EARNS     |
| 29. DUSTY     | 25. UNIFY     |



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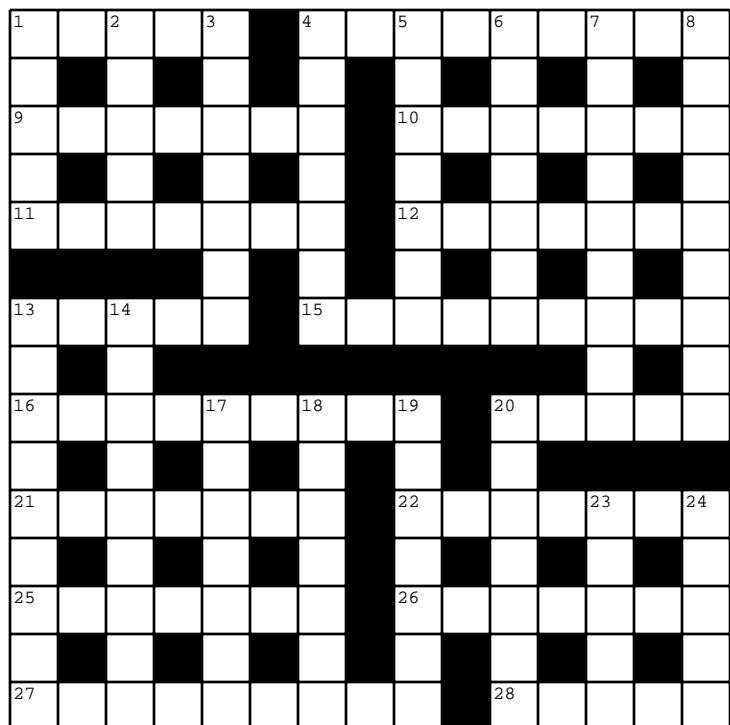
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| 4. SOMETIMES  | 2. ISSUE      |
| 9. DISLIKE    | 3. BLIGHTS    |
| 10. SPONSOR   | 4. SPEND      |
| 11. SEETHED   | 5. MUSICALLY  |
| 12. CELLIST   | 6. TROLLEY    |
| 13. CAFES     | 7. MYSTICISM  |
| 15. JELLYFISH | 8. SCRATCHED  |
| 16. HIERARCHY | 13. COHERENCE |
| 18. AIMED     | 14. FREIGHTED |
| 19. REGATTA   | 15. JACKASSES |
| 20. DISHRAG   | 17. ARTICLE   |
| 23. NOTICES   | 18. ASSUMES   |
| 24. PIMENTO   | 20. DOPEY     |
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| 26. SCENE     | 22. GNOME     |



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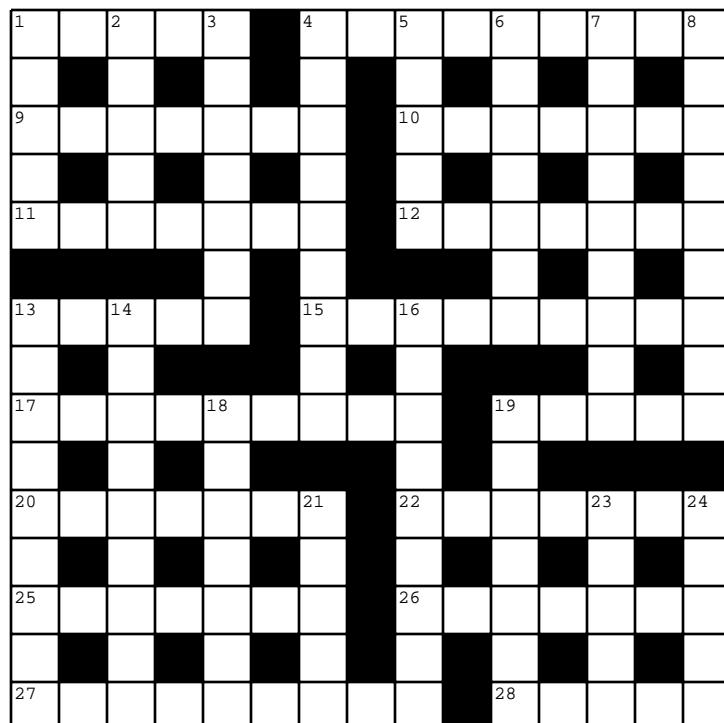
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| 9. THEREBY    | 3. GREMLIN    |
| 10. TOPKNOT   | 4. CRYPTIC    |
| 11. EPAULET   | 5. NATTIER    |
| 12. INSURER   | 6. IMPASSE    |
| 13. CABIN     | 7. CONTRALTO  |
| 15. CORNEILLE | 8. DETERRENT  |
| 16. ATHEISTIC | 13. CHARCOALS |
| 20. ABOUT     | 14. BEHOLDING |
| 21. COLLEEN   | 17. INERTIA   |
| 22. ALCOHOL   | 18. TENDRIL   |
| 25. AVIATOR   | 19. CHAIRED   |
| 26. REALITY   | 20. ARCHAIC   |
| 27. SIGNALLED | 23. HAIKU     |
| 28. CRUEL     | 24. LOYAL     |



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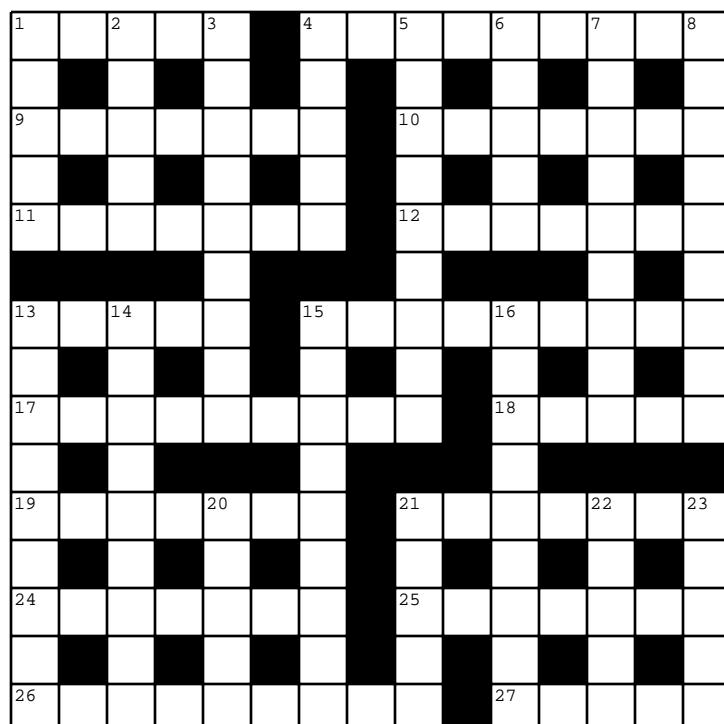
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| 4. GENERATED  | 2. VIOLA      |
| 9. SCORPIO    | 3. LAPSING    |
| 10. REVEALS   | 4. GEOGRAPHY  |
| 11. SCARIER   | 5. NORMS      |
| 12. STOICAL   | 6. RAVIOLI    |
| 13. THING     | 7. THATCHING  |
| 15. PUBLICITY | 8. DISPLAYED  |
| 17. DESTROYER | 13. TEDIOUSLY |
| 19. PAGED     | 14. INSINCERE |
| 20. OMNIBUS   | 16. BIRDCAGES |
| 22. CHEETAH   | 18. REBUILD   |
| 25. STERILE   | 19. PREEMPT   |
| 26. GUMDROP   | 21. SHEEN     |
| 27. YIELDINGS | 23. TURIN     |
| 28. TINNY     | 24. HAPPY     |



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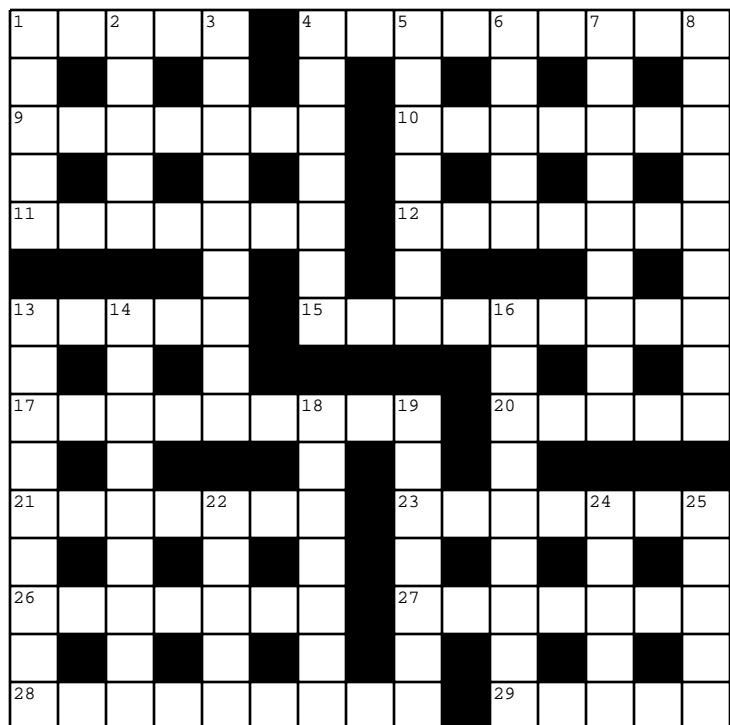
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| 4. TRIBALISM  | 2. ORGAN      |
| 9. ENGINED    | 3. DONALDSON  |
| 10. INSIPID   | 4. TODAY      |
| 11. FINALLY   | 5. INITIALLY  |
| 12. INSTALL   | 6. ASSES      |
| 13. SAMES     | 7. IMPEACHED  |
| 15. UNLEASHED | 8. MUDSLIDES  |
| 17. NONENTITY | 13. SANITARIA |
| 18. SIDES     | 14. MANNERISM |
| 19. TEENAGE   | 15. UNIVERSAL |
| 21. GUESSER   | 16. AMSTERDAM |
| 24. RAIDERS   | 20. AHEAD     |
| 25. CADUCEI   | 21. GECKO     |
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| 27. MASON     | 23. REIGN     |



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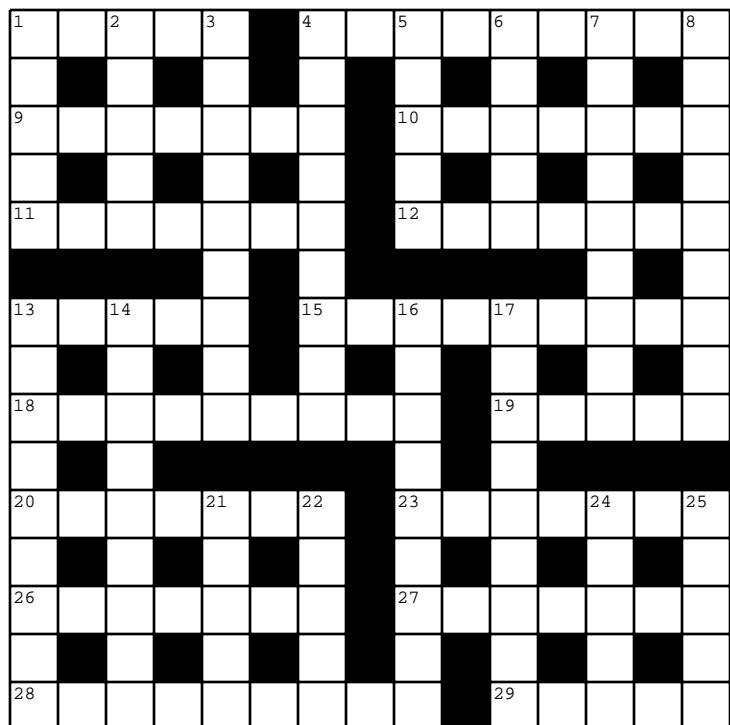
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| 4. DRUNKARDS  | 2. MANGO      |
| 9. CANTEEN    | 3. SPECIFIES  |
| 10. NERDIER   | 4. DYNAMIC    |
| 11. EGOTISM   | 5. UNNERVE    |
| 12. RAVIOLI   | 6. KIROV      |
| 13. MAORI     | 7. RHINOCERI  |
| 15. CLEVEREST | 8. SERVIETTE  |
| 17. CROSSROAD | 13. MACHINIST |
| 20. CRIME     | 14. ODOMETERS |
| 21. INEXACT   | 16. EXCHANGED |
| 23. BEANBAG   | 18. OATMEAL   |
| 26. ITERATE   | 19. DEBASED   |
| 27. SAGUARO   | 22. AWAKE     |
| 28. TASSELLED | 24. BLACK     |
| 29. DIKES     | 25. GOODS     |



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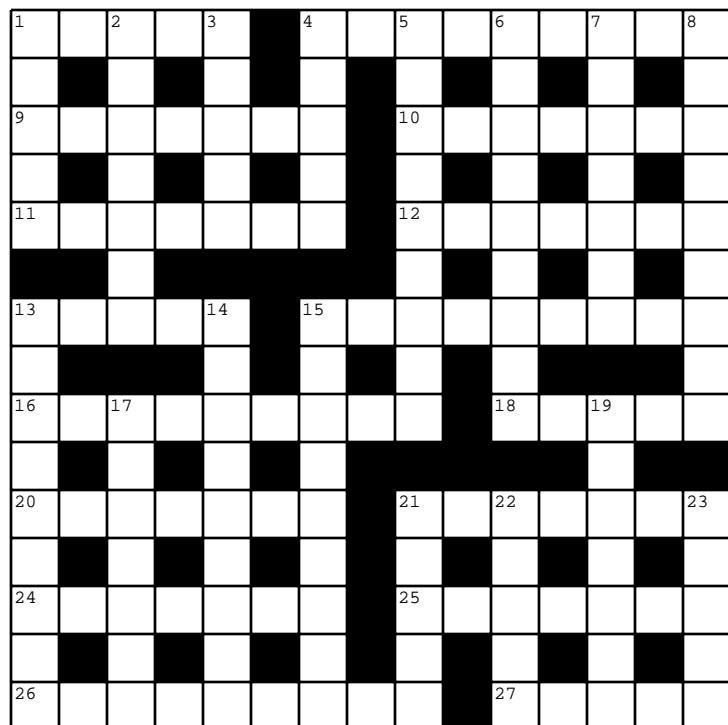
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| 9. UNCOVER    | 3. LIVESTOCK  |
| 10. SOYINKA   | 4. PARAMECIA  |
| 11. BLOSSOM   | 5. BUSCH      |
| 12. HALCYON   | 6. IDYLL      |
| 13. CACAO     | 7. HONEYMOON  |
| 15. CITATIONS | 8. DIAGNOSIS  |
| 18. BLACKMAIL | 13. CABLECAST |
| 19. RINGS     | 14. CHAGRINED |
| 20. EARHART   | 16. TELEPATHY |
| 23. PARSNIP   | 17. TURNROUND |
| 26. ANNUALS   | 21. AMADO     |
| 27. TRUMPET   | 22. TASKS     |
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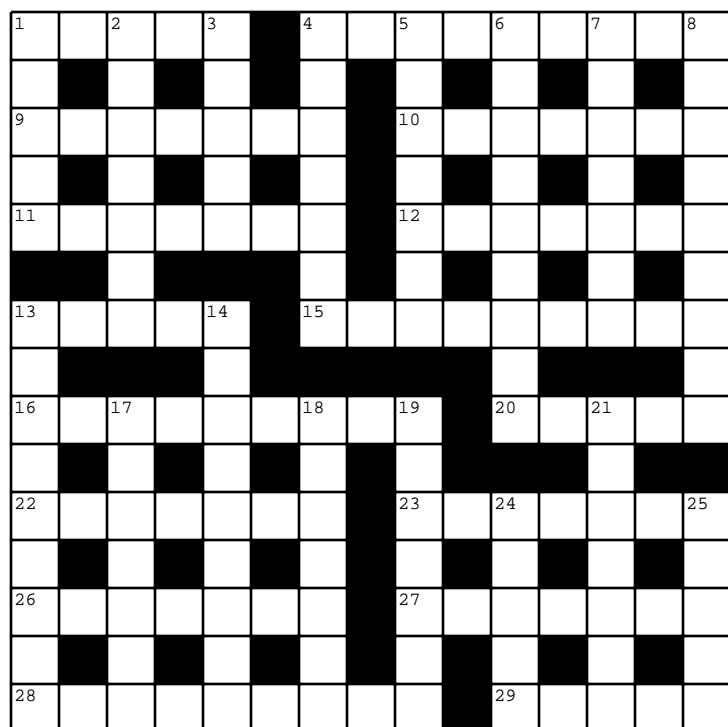
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| 4. PTOLEMAIC   | 2. DECIMAL    |
| 9. AUCTION     | 3. THIEU      |
| 10. IMPLANT    | 4. PUNTS      |
| 11. RUMOURS    | 5. OVIPAROUS  |
| 12. ABYSMAL    | 6. EMPHYSEMA  |
| 13. SALSA      | 7. ANAEMIA    |
| 15. BOOMERANG  | 8. CATALOGUE  |
| 16. ANYWHERE'S | 13. STARRIEST |
| 18. AMBLE      | 14. APHRODITE |
| 20. REWRITES   | 15. BARRETTES |
| 21. CHIANTI    | 17. YAWNING   |
| 24. ELITIST    | 19. BANDUNG   |
| 25. STIMULI    | 21. CASES     |
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| 27. DIGIT      | 23. IDIOT     |



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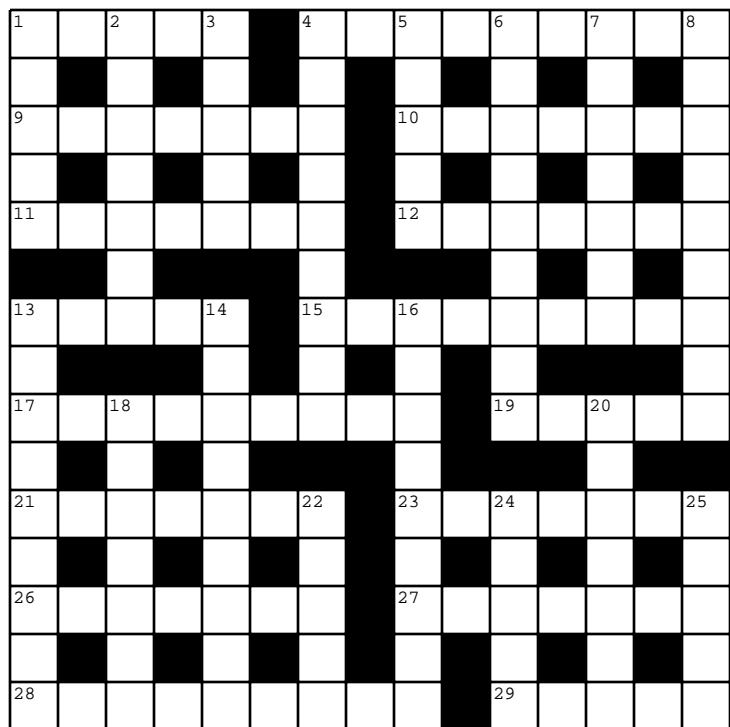
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| 9. CHEQUER    | 3. EQUAL      |
| 10. PASTEUR   | 4. STRIPED    |
| 11. SCALLOP   | 5. NAPHTHA    |
| 12. TEMPTER   | 6. ASSEMBLED  |
| 13. GNOME     | 7. TRENTON    |
| 15. DEADLINED | 8. CARTRIDGE  |
| 16. IMPROMPTU | 13. GRIZZLIES |
| 20. DROVE     | 14. EGOTISTIC |
| 22. ZEROING   | 17. PARRELL   |
| 23. HEPATIC   | 18. PAGEANT   |
| 26. INERTIA   | 19. UNHEARD   |
| 27. ALLEGRO   | 21. OCTAGON   |
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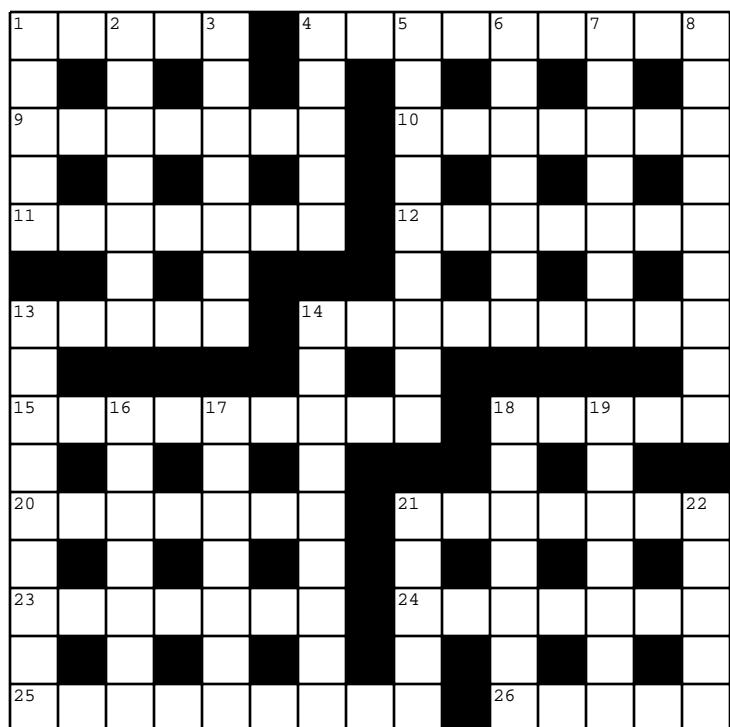
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| 4. ESTIMATED  | 2. COCHLEA    |
| 9. ASCETIC    | 3. ALTAI      |
| 10. RESENTS   | 4. EUCALYPTI  |
| 11. FULFILL   | 5. THROB      |
| 12. BLUBBER   | 6. MASCULINE  |
| 13. CHARM     | 7. TENABLE    |
| 15. PRECISELY | 8. DESTROYED  |
| 17. ASSIGNING | 13. CHAMPIONS |
| 19. EMBED     | 14. MAGNESIUM |
| 21. PROVERB   | 16. EIGHTEENS |
| 23. TENANCY   | 18. SPONGED   |
| 26. ONGOING   | 20. BANDIER   |
| 27. EARLIER   | 22. BEGAN     |
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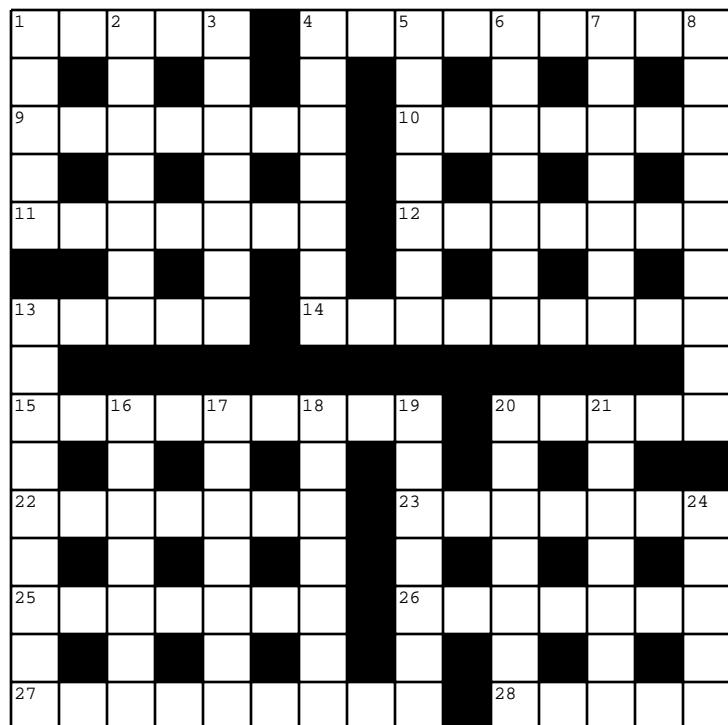
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| 9. MOROCCO    | 3. SOCIETY    |
| 10. GEHENNA   | 4. FLOOD      |
| 11. STIPEND   | 5. NIGGARDED  |
| 12. ACCLAIM   | 6. ETHICAL    |
| 13. SASSY     | 7. TONNAGE    |
| 14. INDULGENT | 8. PRAGMATIC  |
| 15. BEDSPREAD | 13. SUBSTRATA |
| 18. TOPIC     | 14. IDENTICAL |
| 20. TAPROOT   | 16. DEPARTS   |
| 21. COMPOST   | 17. PROWLER   |
| 23. ACRYLIC   | 18. TIMIDER   |
| 24. MIDTERM   | 19. PROVERB   |
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| 26. ROBOT     | 22. TEMPT     |



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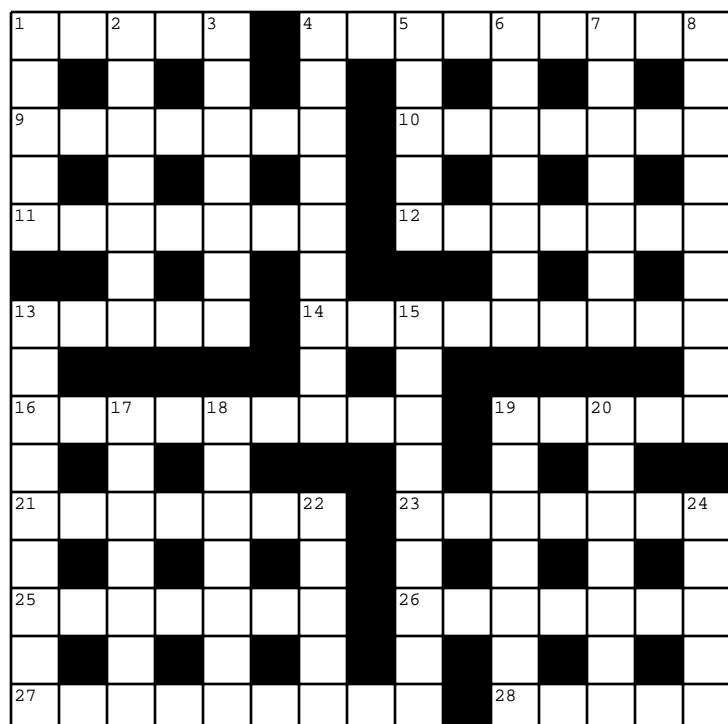
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| 4. SIMPATICO  | 2. PREDICT    |
| 9. OVERJOY    | 3. ADJOURN    |
| 10. SERVANT   | 4. SKYLINE    |
| 11. STIMULI   | 5. MESSIAH    |
| 12. IMITATE   | 6. ARRAIGN    |
| 13. EATEN     | 7. IZANAGI    |
| 14. ENHANCING | 8. OUTWEIGHS  |
| 15. HEURISTIC | 13. ETHICALLY |
| 20. BABES     | 16. UTTERER   |
| 22. CATTIER   | 17. ICICLES   |
| 23. POLITIC   | 18. TERMINI   |
| 25. LORELEI   | 19. CAPABLE   |
| 26. BIGOTRY   | 20. BOLOGNA   |
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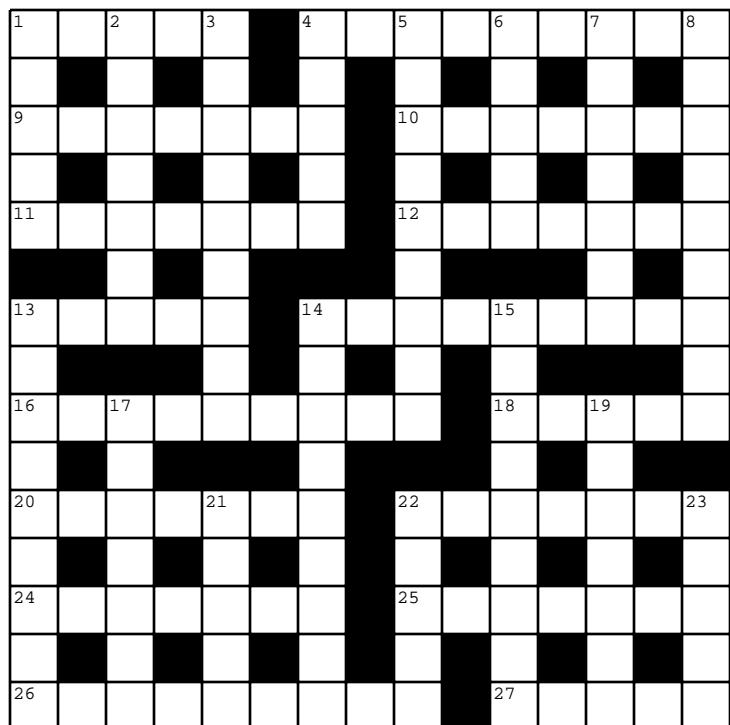
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| 10. EVOLVES   | 4. SPAGHETTI  |
| 11. THROUGH   | 5. OBESE      |
| 12. EMPEROR   | 6. SCORPIO    |
| 13. MENDS     | 7. REVERES    |
| 14. TEDIOUSLY | 8. DESTROYED  |
| 16. HANDMAIDS | 13. MAHARAJAH |
| 19. DATED     | 15. DESERTERS |
| 21. RIVIERA   | 17. NAVAJOS   |
| 23. ROBOTIC   | 18. MAESTRI   |
| 25. JUJITSU   | 19. DEBASES   |
| 26. ESSENCE   | 20. TITANIA   |
| 27. HASTINESS | 22. ACUTE     |
| 28. STAMP     | 24. CREEP     |



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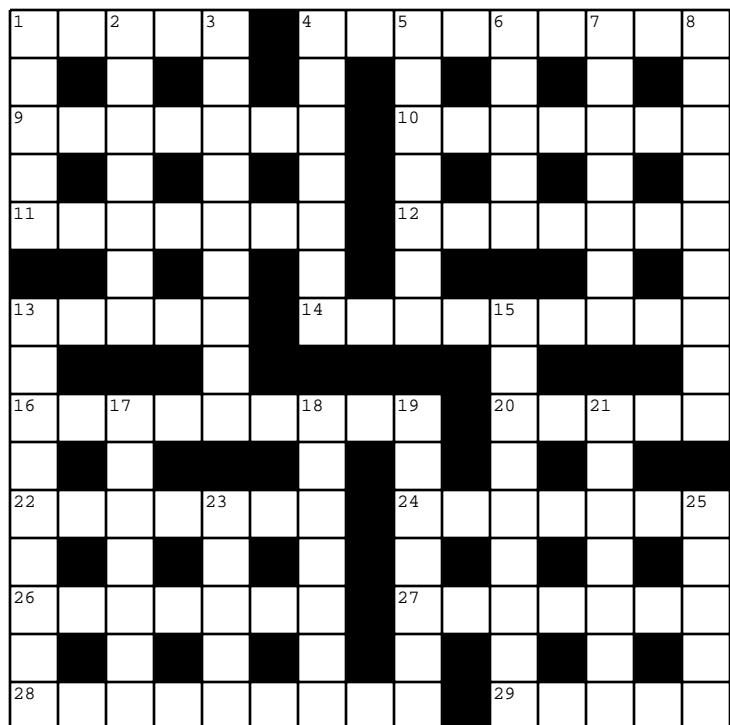
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| 4. INTRINSIC  | 2. LATASHA    |
| 9. ANTENNA    | 3. CONCLUDES  |
| 10. ACCRUAL   | 4. IRATE      |
| 11. ABSOLVE   | 5. TRAPPABLE  |
| 12. PURPOSE   | 6. INCUR      |
| 13. AWARD     | 7. SPUMONI    |
| 14. EMBODYING | 8. COLLEAGUE  |
| 16. TIMESCALE | 13. AFTERMATH |
| 18. UNITE     | 14. EXAMINING |
| 20. ROSSINI   | 15. DRUMSTICK |
| 22. EYSENCK   | 17. MUSTANG   |
| 24. ARACELI   | 19. IGNACIO   |
| 25. EVINCED   | 21. IDEAL     |
| 26. HIGHLIGHT | 22. EVENT     |
| 27. KNOCK     | 23. KODAK     |



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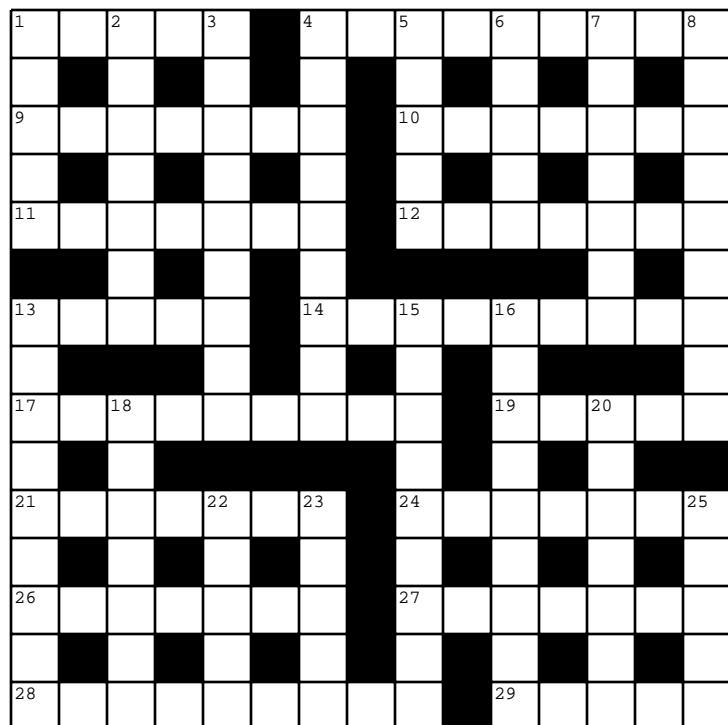
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| 9. TAKEOFF    | 3. BOOKCASES  |
| 10. INSERTS   | 4. REFUSES    |
| 11. SCOTCHS   | 5. CHILLER    |
| 12. LADYBUG   | 6. ASSAD      |
| 13. LINKS     | 7. MARABOUT   |
| 14. STRUCTURE | 8. DISAGREES  |
| 16. GLISSANDO | 13. LAGNIAPPE |
| 20. RUINS     | 15. CORKSCREW |
| 22. ISFAHAN   | 17. INFERO    |
| 24. DESISTS   | 18. NINEPIN   |
| 26. PARSNIP   | 19. OEDIPAL   |
| 27. PARTIAL   | 21. INSPIRE   |
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| 29. WHERE     | 25. SOLVE     |



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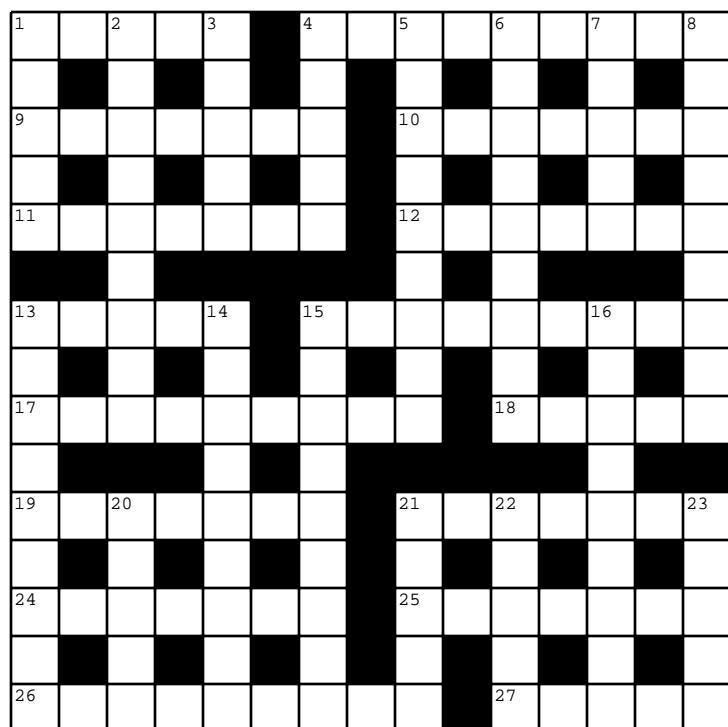
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| 4. RAINSTORM  | 2. SOLUBLE    |
| 9. BOLSHOI    | 3. MAHARISHI  |
| 10. LILLIAN   | 4. RHINOCERI  |
| 11. EMBARGO   | 5. IDLED      |
| 12. DISTAFF   | 6. SALTS      |
| 13. USERS     | 7. ORIGAMI    |
| 14. ESSENTIAL | 8. MANIFOLDS  |
| 17. IMAGINING | 13. UNINJURED |
| 19. CHAOS     | 15. SIGNALLED |
| 21. JUJITSU   | 16. NECTARINE |
| 24. ANALYZE   | 18. ADJUSTS   |
| 26. ROSSINI   | 20. ASYLUMS   |
| 27. LEISURE   | 22. TRIAL     |
| 28. DISPLAYED | 23. UNIFY     |
| 29. EASED     | 25. EMEND     |



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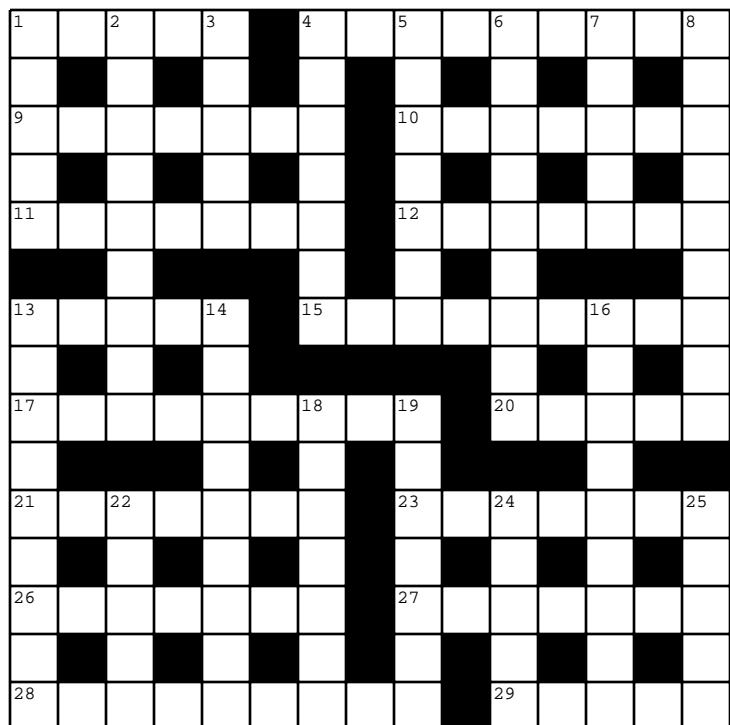
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| 4. DESIRABLE  | 2. CASTIGATE  |
| 9. MESTIZO    | 3. SPITE      |
| 10. IMAGINE   | 4. DROPS      |
| 11. SNIPERS   | 5. SPIRITUAL  |
| 12. IDIOTIC   | 6. REALISTIC  |
| 13. REALM     | 7. BUILT      |
| 15. FOUNTAINS | 8. EXERCISED  |
| 17. SKEPTICAL | 13. RESETTING |
| 18. CAPED     | 14. METHADONE |
| 19. TIMPANI   | 15. FICTIONAL |
| 21. EXCEEDS   | 16. IMPLEMENT |
| 24. INGROWN   | 20. MAGMA     |
| 25. DRIVERS   | 21. ENDED     |
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| 27. BATHS     | 23. SISES     |



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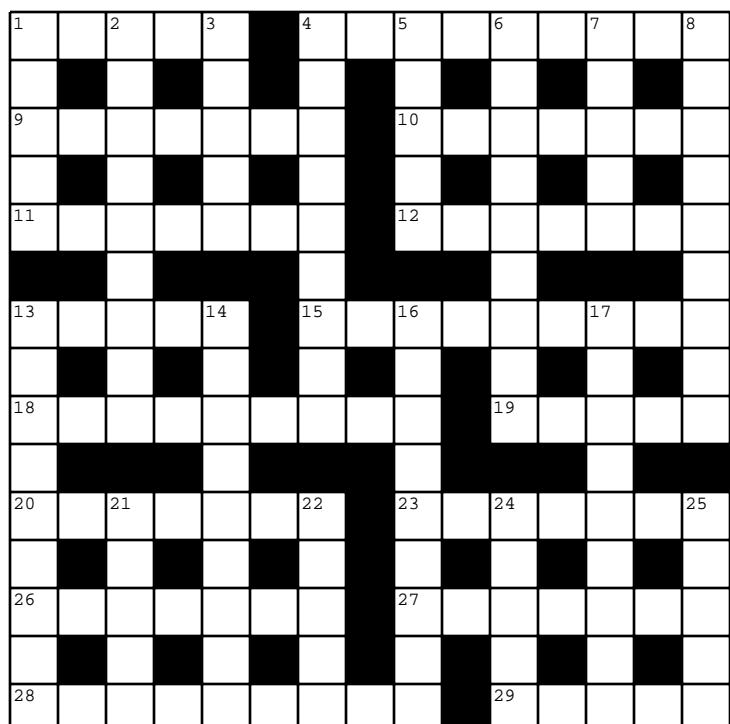
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| 4. SYMMETRIC  | 2. FAVOURING  |
| 9. REVENGE    | 3. SANED      |
| 10. NEVADAN   | 4. SCEPTIC    |
| 11. WOULDNT   | 5. MINUTIA    |
| 12. TYLENOL   | 6. ENVELOPED  |
| 13. EVILS     | 7. RADON      |
| 15. CLAPPERED | 8. CONCLUDES  |
| 17. BIGAMISTS | 13. EMBEZZLES |
| 20. DRIES     | 14. SYMBIOSES |
| 21. ZEROING   | 16. RHINOCERI |
| 23. NOTIONS   | 18. SAGUARO   |
| 26. LAKISHA   | 19. SANDALS   |
| 27. ACUTEST   | 22. RAKED     |
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| 29. SAILS     | 25. SITES     |



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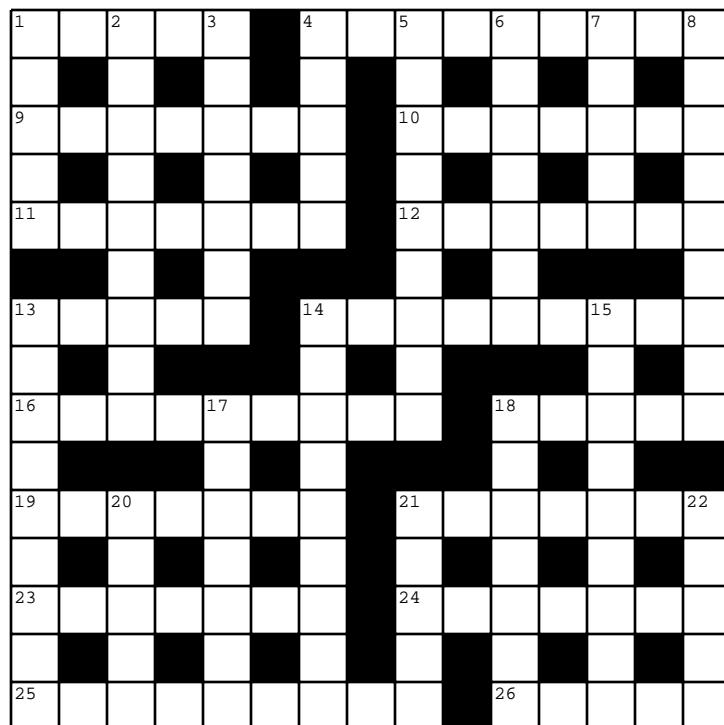
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| 1. ALISA      | 1. ATLAS      |
| 4. PERTAINED  | 2. INELEGANT  |
| 9. LEERIER    | 3. ALIBI      |
| 10. ALLUDES   | 4. PORTFOLIO  |
| 11. SHERIFF   | 5. REACT      |
| 12. THALAMI   | 6. ALLIANCES  |
| 13. CLAIM     | 7. NADIA      |
| 15. LUDICROUS | 8. DISMISSES  |
| 18. NOTORIOUS | 13. CENOTAPHS |
| 19. STEPS     | 14. MARCELINO |
| 20. THEREOF   | 16. DISGRACES |
| 23. REDUCED   | 17. OVERCOMES |
| 26. PROVISO   | 21. EBOLA     |
| 27. COLUMNS   | 22. FOODS     |
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| 29. DESKS     | 25. DISCS     |



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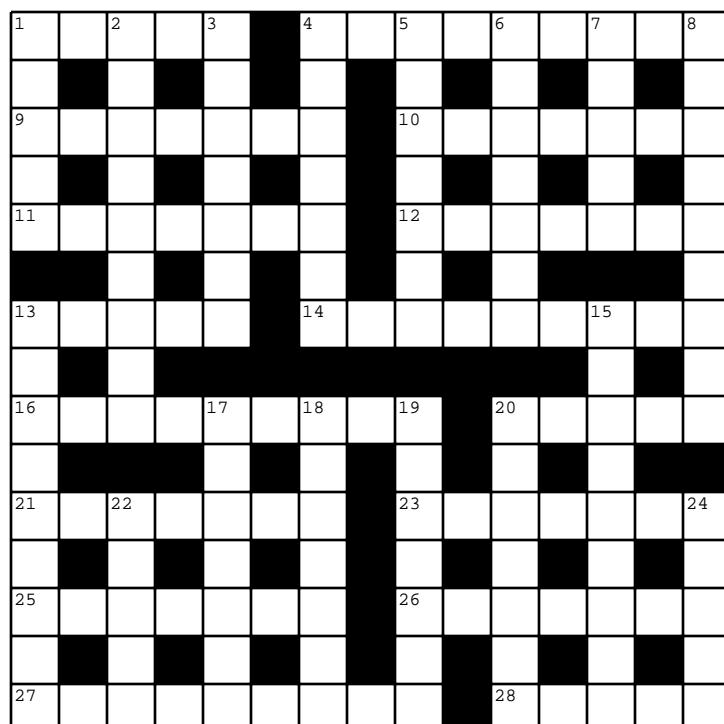
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| 4. BARCELONA  | 2. GROOVIES   |
| 9. PHOENIX    | 3. NONSTOP    |
| 10. PAPRIKA   | 4. BOXES      |
| 11. DEVOTES   | 5. REPEATERS  |
| 12. AVOCADO   | 6. EXPLOIT    |
| 13. CHEAP     | 7. ORIYA      |
| 14. SCEPTICAL | 8. AYATOLLAH  |
| 16. OUTWEIGHS | 13. CHOOSES   |
| 18. GRAPH     | 14. SEGREGATE |
| 19. SISTINE   | 15. CRAGGIEST |
| 21. BODEGAS   | 17. ERITREA   |
| 23. EMPORIA   | 18. GODUNOV   |
| 24. CONCEDE   | 20. SUPER     |
| 25. THREATENS | 21. BUCKS     |
| 26. VOTES     | 22. SEEKS     |



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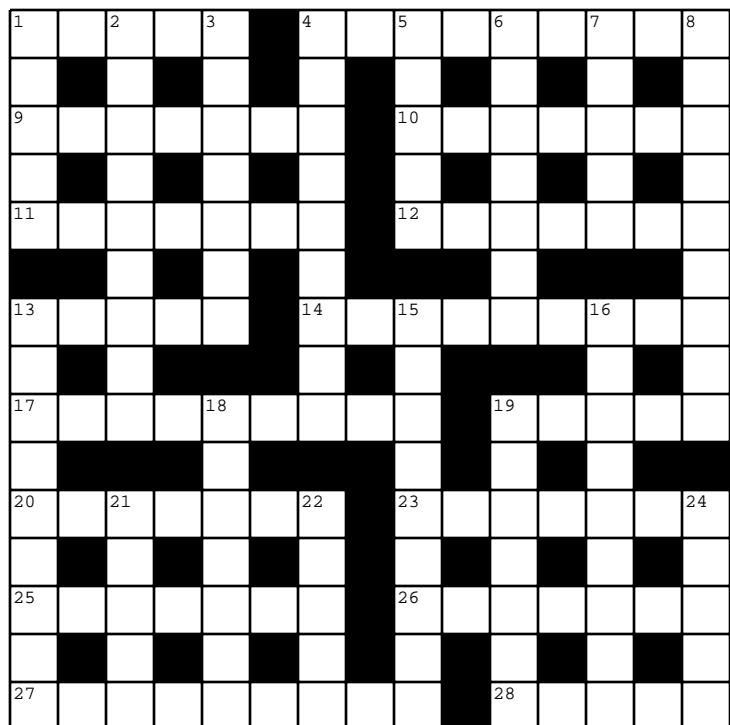
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| 4. MORATORIA  | 2. SUPERNOVA  |
| 9. CAPTURE    | 3. MUUMUUS    |
| 10. DRIPPED   | 4. MAESTRO    |
| 11. PURSUIT   | 5. RADIANT    |
| 12. ARTISTE   | 6. THISTLE    |
| 13. ICONS     | 7. RAPES      |
| 14. OUTWEIGHS | 8. ADDRESSED  |
| 16. TRANSPORT | 13. INTERVIEW |
| 20. HEARD     | 15. GHASTLIER |
| 21. RESERVE   | 17. STRANGE   |
| 23. PIRATED   | 18. ONESELF   |
| 25. IMMENSE   | 19. TYPICAL   |
| 26. CAESIUM   | 20. HERSELF   |
| 27. WONDERFUL | 22. SEMEN     |
| 28. FIRMS     | 24. DAMES     |



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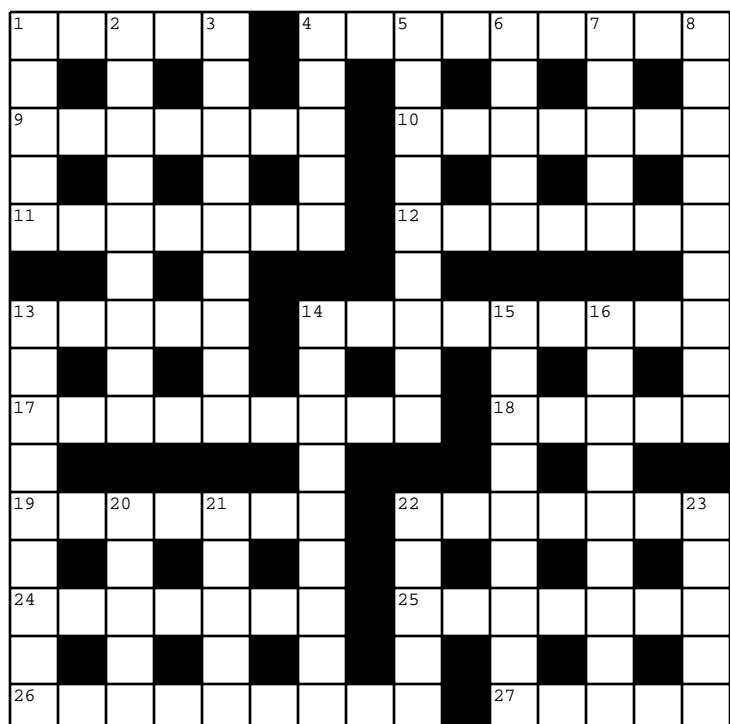
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| 4. GANGRENED  | 2. ACROBATIC  |
| 9. MARTINI    | 3. STIFFEN    |
| 10. ROBOTIC   | 4. GLISSANDI  |
| 11. REBUFFS   | 5. NORMS      |
| 12. STIRRUP   | 6. REBUILT    |
| 13. OFTEN     | 7. NITER      |
| 14. NEGOTIATE | 8. DECIPHERS  |
| 17. NECESSITY | 13. OWNERSHIP |
| 19. ABLES     | 15. GLYCERINE |
| 20. REHIRES   | 16. ALLOWANCE |
| 23. ELBOWED   | 18. SIROCCO   |
| 25. HELICAL   | 19. ALBUMEN   |
| 26. IMMENSE   | 21. HELLO     |
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| 28. NEEDS     | 24. DEEPS     |



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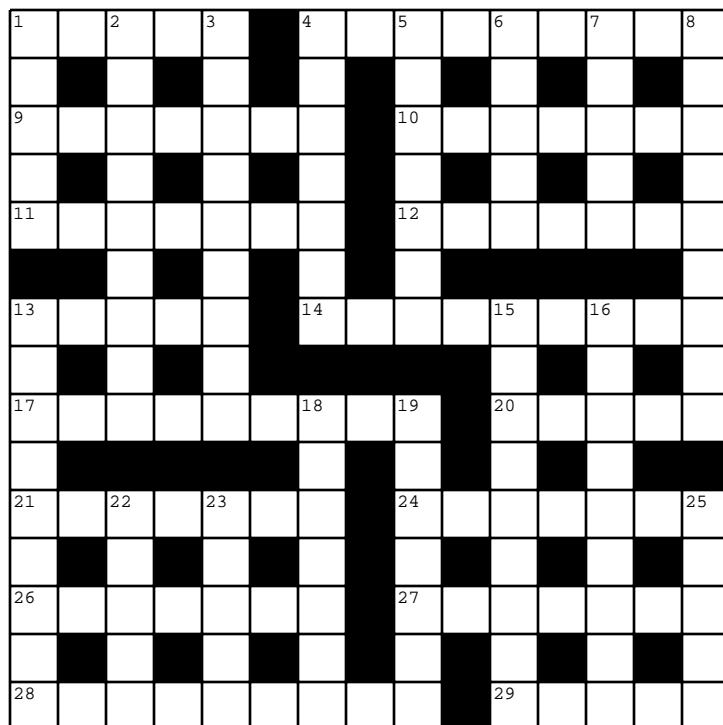
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| 4. CIGARETTE  | 2. SNOOTIEST  |
| 9. ISOLATE    | 3. DIAGHILEV  |
| 10. ARISING   | 4. CHESS      |
| 11. BITCHES   | 5. GUARDIANS  |
| 12. DISTANT   | 6. RAIDS      |
| 13. IDEAL     | 7. TRINA      |
| 14. AVALANCHE | 8. EIGHTIETH  |
| 17. ACTIVISTS | 13. IRASCIBLE |
| 18. TOUCH     | 14. ASSISTING |
| 19. CANINES   | 15. AUTOGRAPH |
| 22. LIGHTER   | 16. COURTSHIP |
| 24. BUGATTI   | 20. NEGEV     |
| 25. DRACHMA   | 21. NOTES     |
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| 27. HAPPY     | 23. READY     |



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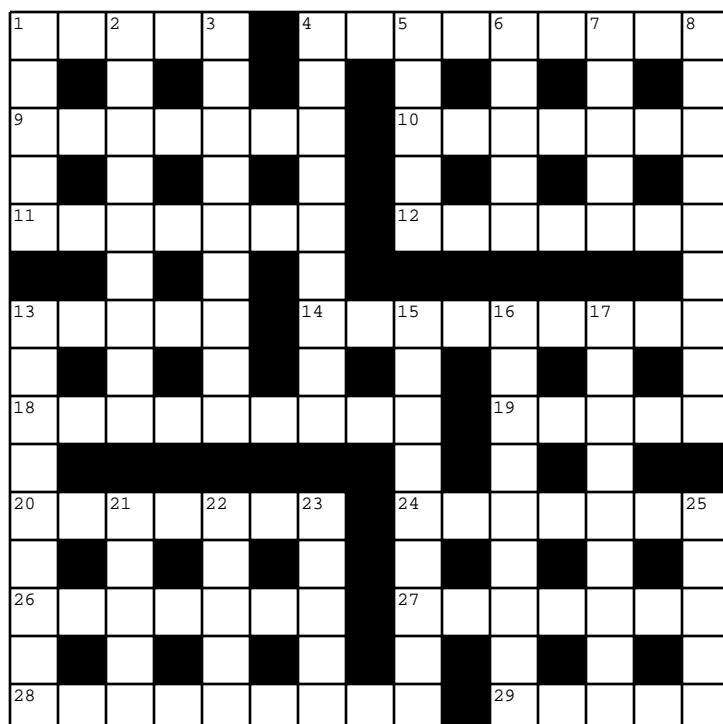
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| 4. AMBITIOUS  | 2. STATIONER  |
| 9. PLAINER    | 3. PENINSULA  |
| 10. GLADDEN   | 4. ACRONYM    |
| 11. CHIGNON   | 5. BUGATTI    |
| 12. TRAINEE   | 6. TIARA      |
| 13. CANTU     | 7. OLDEN      |
| 14. MAINFRAME | 8. SINCEREST  |
| 17. NARRATION | 13. CONCIERGE |
| 20. REACT     | 15. FORTNIGHT |
| 21. INKIEST   | 16. AMATERASU |
| 24. WINNERS   | 18. INTAGLI   |
| 26. RYDBERG   | 19. NEWSMAN   |
| 27. MIGRATE   | 22. KUDZU     |
| 28. EMULATION | 23. ELENA     |
| 29. TRUST     | 25. SPELT     |



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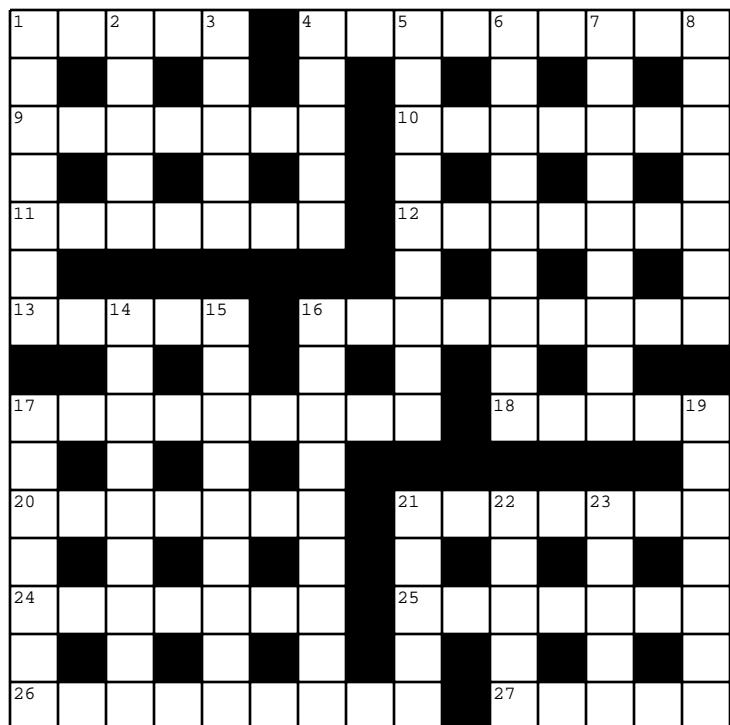
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| 9. WIRETAP    | 3. ANTIPASTI  |
| 10. IRIDIUM   | 4. IMPROMPTU  |
| 11. SHAMPOO   | 5. OPIUM      |
| 12. MASSEUR   | 6. GRIPS      |
| 13. COOLS     | 7. NOISE      |
| 14. PACIFIERS | 8. COMPRISES  |
| 18. ATTRIBUTE | 13. COALESCED |
| 19. LOPES     | 15. CLEARNESS |
| 20. ENVELOP   | 16. FULFILLED |
| 24. RAILWAY   | 17. EMPOWERED |
| 26. CHECKUP   | 21. VIEWS     |
| 27. ENLARGE   | 22. LIKER     |
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| 29. DUDED     | 25. YIELD     |



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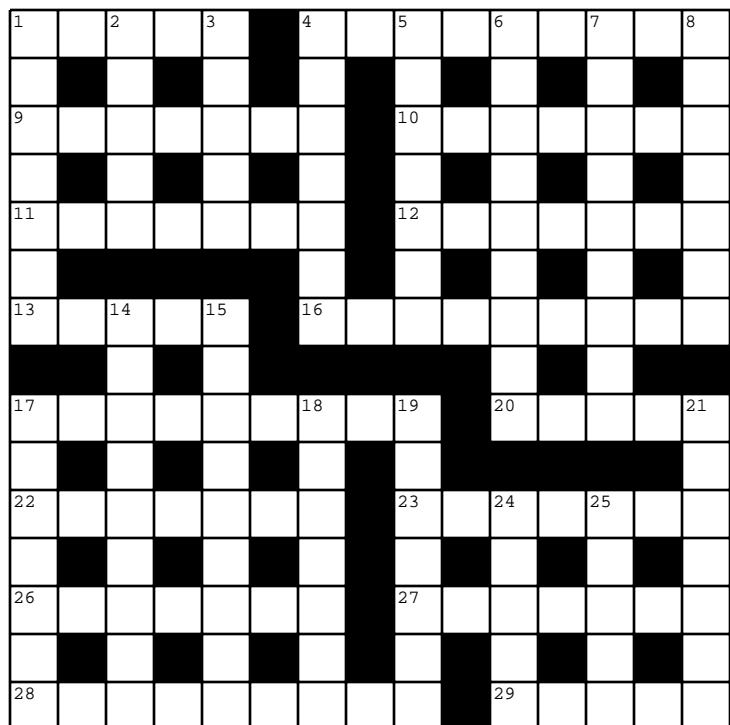
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| 4. OVERCOMES  | 2. RIPEN      |
| 9. REPLACE    | 3. ALANA      |
| 10. SEMINAR   | 4. OPERA      |
| 11. CANTATA   | 5. ELSEWHERE  |
| 12. WILIEST   | 6. COMPLETES  |
| 13. THREE     | 7. MENDELEEV  |
| 16. TWENTIETH | 8. SCRATCH    |
| 17. HOUSEWIFE | 14. RAUNCHIER |
| 18. SEVEN     | 15. EYELINERS |
| 20. RACKING   | 16. TAILGATED |
| 21. MUSTANG   | 17. HERSELF   |
| 24. EMINENT   | 19. NAGGING   |
| 25. ACANTHI   | 21. MEANS     |
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| 27. GOING     | 23. ALTAI     |



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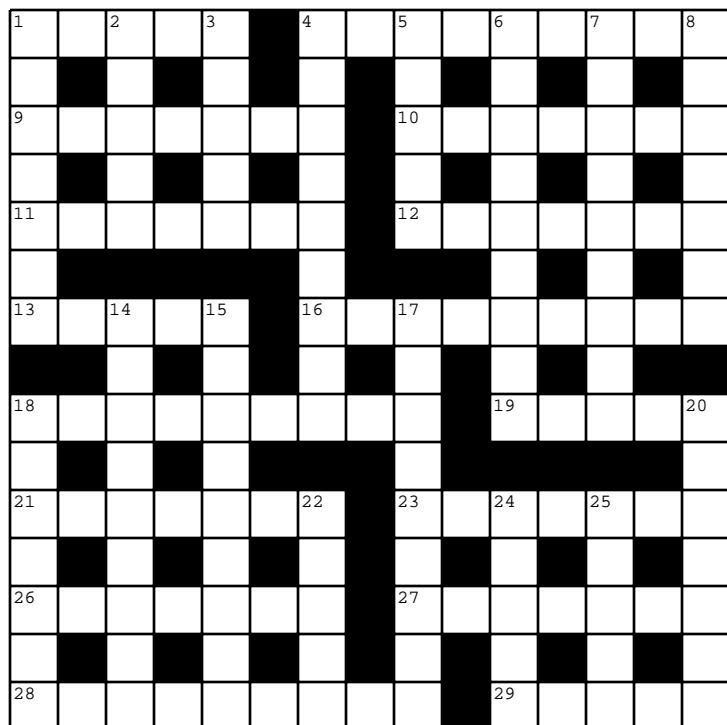
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| 4. KIDNAPPED  | 2. ERROR      |
| 9. CARDIAC    | 3. ALIBI      |
| 10. SPARSER   | 4. KICKING    |
| 11. MARTINI   | 5. DUSKIER    |
| 12. ITERATE   | 6. ACADEMIES  |
| 13. LAKES     | 7. PISTACHIO  |
| 16. GARNISHES | 8. DARKENS    |
| 17. TANGERINE | 14. KINDLIEST |
| 20. STOCK     | 15. SPECTATOR |
| 22. RELATED   | 17. TERMINI   |
| 23. LADYBUG   | 18. INDIANA   |
| 26. INERTIA   | 19. ECLIPSE   |
| 27. PLATYPI   | 21. KEGGING   |
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| 29. YOUNG     | 25. BAYOU     |



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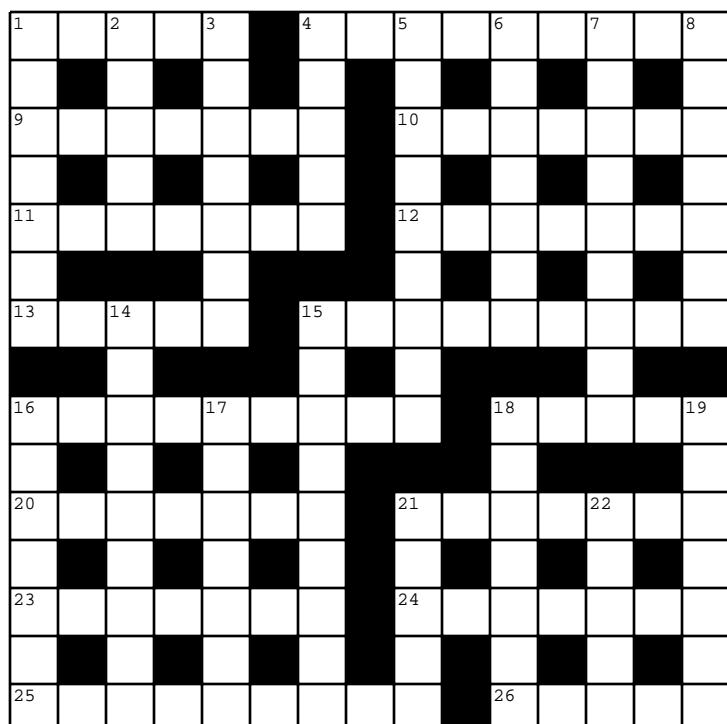
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| 4. ANTIPASTI  | 2. ONION      |
| 9. RAISINS    | 3. EDICT      |
| 10. MCENROE   | 4. AUSTRALIA  |
| 11. MONITOR   | 5. TAMRA      |
| 12. ANDANTE   | 6. PSEUDONYM  |
| 13. EAGLE     | 7. SPRINGIER  |
| 16. LICENCING | 8. ICEBERG    |
| 18. INELEGANT | 14. GREENSPAN |
| 19. MARIA     | 15. ELECTORAL |
| 21. GENETIC   | 17. CATHOLICS |
| 23. OBVIOUS   | 18. INGRAIN   |
| 26. APPAREL   | 20. ASSISTS   |
| 27. IMPAIRS   | 22. CELLS     |
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| 29. RISES     | 25. OMITS     |



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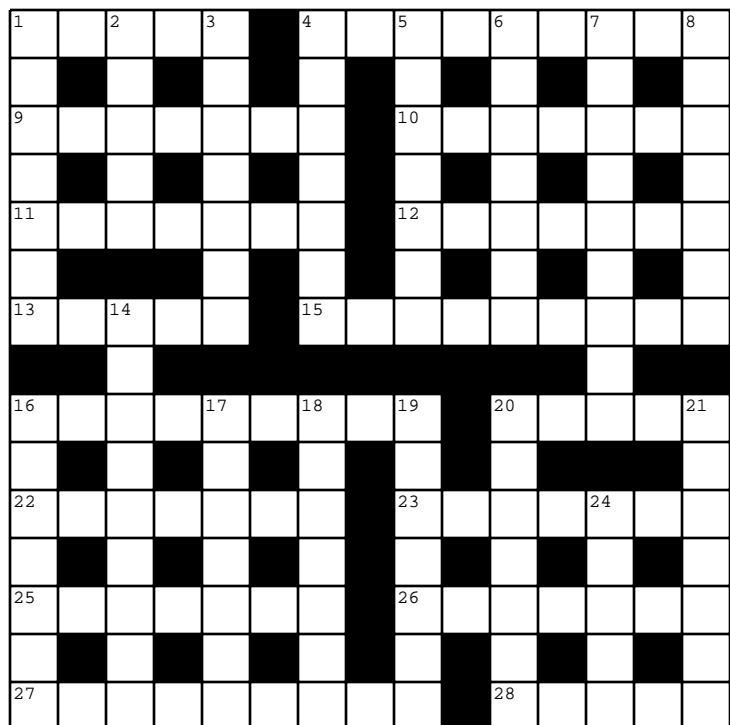
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| 9. ONLIES     | 3. OVERRAN    |
| 10. LIQUEUR   | 4. AFTER      |
| 11. EMPEROR   | 5. RELUCTANT  |
| 12. CHINKED   | 6. ENQUIRE    |
| 13. BARON     | 7. BREAKDOWN  |
| 15. STATEROOM | 8. EARLDOM    |
| 16. CUTTHROAT | 14. RETRODDEN |
| 18. CYNIC     | 15. SNOWSTORM |
| 20. TROUGHS   | 16. CATARRH   |
| 21. CABOOSE   | 17. HAGGLES   |
| 23. RODOLFO   | 18. CABINET   |
| 24. TONIGHT   | 19. CHEETAH   |
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| 26. TENTH     | 22. ORGAN     |



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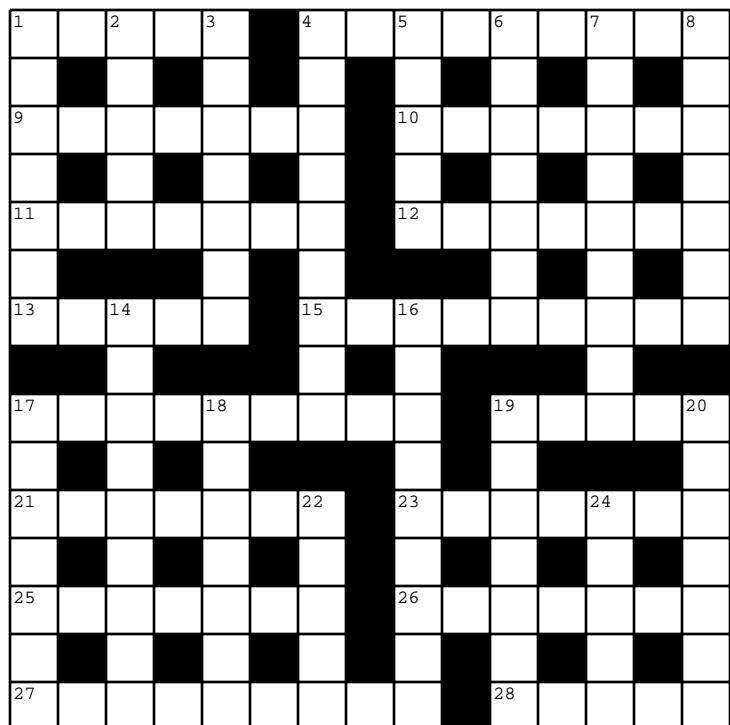
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| 1. ANTIC      | 1. ARTISAN    |
| 4. INSINCERE  | 2. TRACE      |
| 9. TRANSIT    | 3. CUSTARD    |
| 10. RICHEST   | 4. INTEGER    |
| 11. SHEBANG   | 5. SCRIPTS    |
| 12. PRESUME   | 6. NUCLEAR    |
| 13. NOTED     | 7. EXECUTIVE  |
| 15. RESTRAINT | 8. ENTREAT    |
| 16. COLANDERS | 14. TELEPHONE |
| 20. SMELL     | 16. COULDNT   |
| 22. UNPAVED   | 17. NOVELLA   |
| 23. BROADEN   | 18. ENDORSE   |
| 25. DROLLER   | 19. SUBWAYS   |
| 26. APHASIA   | 20. SLOSHES   |
| 27. TEENAGERS | 21. LINKAGE   |
| 28. SPOKE     | 24. DISCO     |



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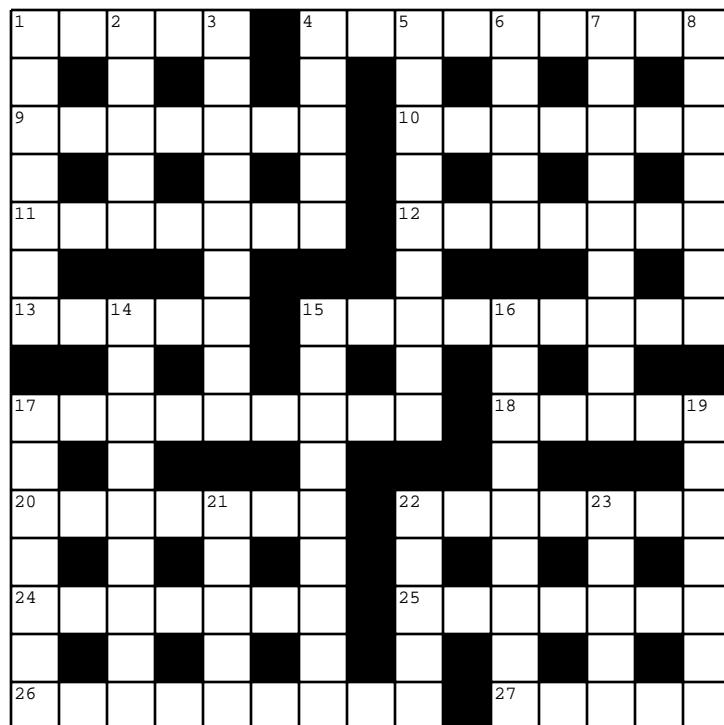
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| 1. FICES      | 1. FURNISH    |
| 4. DETAILING  | 2. CONGA      |
| 9. RENDERS    | 3. SPECIES    |
| 10. DEPOSIT   | 4. DESPERADO  |
| 11. IMAGINE   | 5. TIDES      |
| 12. SPLURGE   | 6. IMPULSE    |
| 13. HUFFS     | 7. INSTRUCTS  |
| 15. AUDIENCES | 8. GATHERS    |
| 17. ATROCIOUS | 14. FORENAMES |
| 19. PASTA     | 16. DISTORTED |
| 21. PANACEA   | 17. ASPIRED   |
| 23. OPENING   | 18. COCHLEA   |
| 25. RAMBLED   | 19. PIERROT   |
| 26. THREADS   | 20. AUGUSTS   |
| 27. DISCARDED | 22. AIDED     |
| 28. TEENS     | 24. INANE     |



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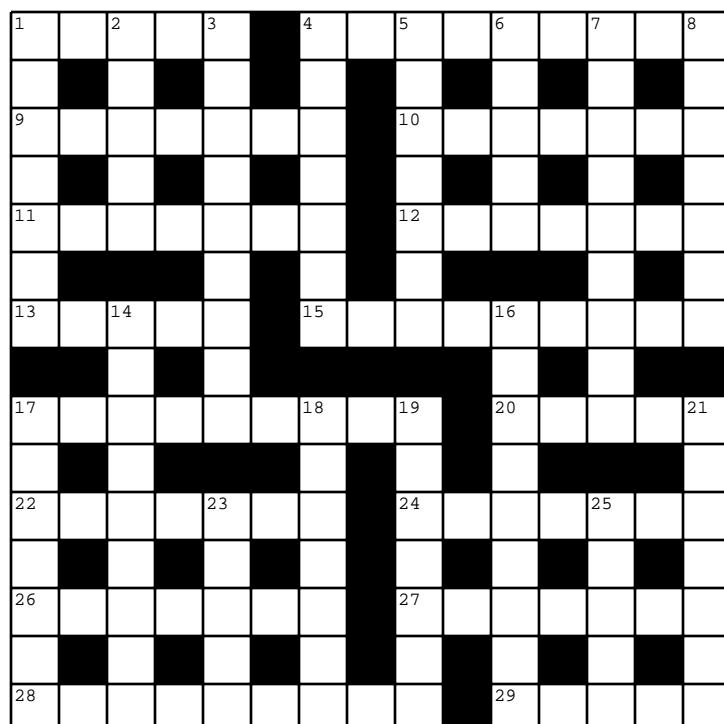
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| 4. LOINCLOTH  | 2. FINAL      |
| 9. CANASTA    | 3. NOSTALGIA  |
| 10. TREASON   | 4. LEANS      |
| 11. PILLARS   | 5. INTRINSIC  |
| 12. IGNORED   | 6. CLEAN      |
| 13. SHRUG     | 7. OBSERVING  |
| 15. INSPIRING | 8. HANGDOG    |
| 17. CLIMACTIC | 14. RHINOCERI |
| 18. NEGEV     | 15. INTERVENE |
| 20. TROUSER   | 16. INNOCUOUS |
| 22. ACCUSER   | 17. CUTLETS   |
| 24. EXECUTE   | 19. VARIANT   |
| 25. DIORAMA   | 21. SOUTH     |
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| 27. SPLIT     | 23. SMALL     |



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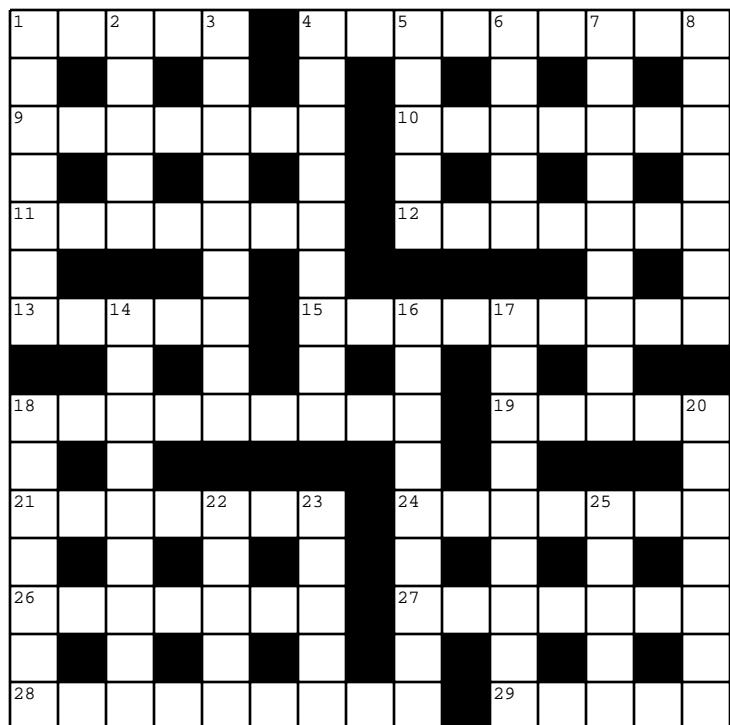
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| 9. SCISSOR    | 3. DISPERSAL  |
| 10. CROATIA   | 4. PERTURB    |
| 11. TABLEAU   | 5. ARCHAIC    |
| 12. ATTENDS   | 6. SHORT      |
| 13. OPENS     | 7. BOTANICAL  |
| 15. BACKPACKS | 8. ELAPSES    |
| 17. BALALAIKA | 14. ENLARGING |
| 20. ROLLS     | 16. PERCEIVED |
| 22. PARTNER   | 17. BAPTISM   |
| 24. THEREON   | 18. ISRAELI   |
| 26. IMITATE   | 19. ARTISAN   |
| 27. SEVENTH   | 21. SANDHOG   |
| 28. MIGRATION | 23. NYASA     |
| 29. DYING     | 25. ENNUI     |



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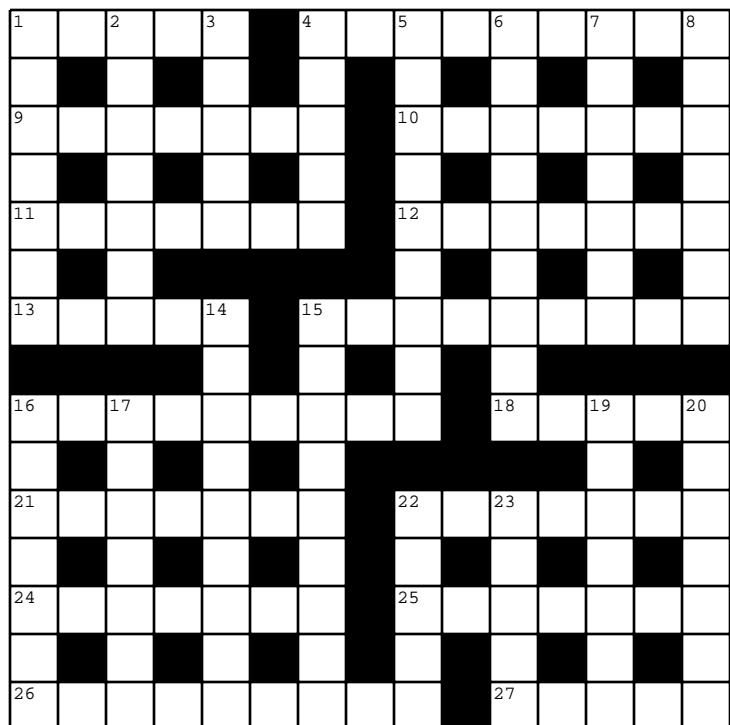
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| 4. WATCHWORD  | 2. UNITS      |
| 9. GLIMMER    | 3. HIMALAYAS  |
| 10. TORPEDO   | 4. WORLDLIER  |
| 11. TUSSLED   | 5. TOTES      |
| 12. SYLLABI   | 6. HERZL      |
| 13. NASTY     | 7. OPERATION  |
| 15. INSERTING | 8. DOOMING    |
| 18. MAELSTROM | 14. SPEARHEAD |
| 19. ENNUI     | 16. SUMMARIES |
| 21. DARNELL   | 17. REELECTED |
| 24. ASEXUAL   | 18. MODICUM   |
| 26. CHEKHOV   | 20. ILLNESS   |
| 27. INTENSE   | 22. ETHIC     |
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| 29. DUDES     | 25. URNED     |



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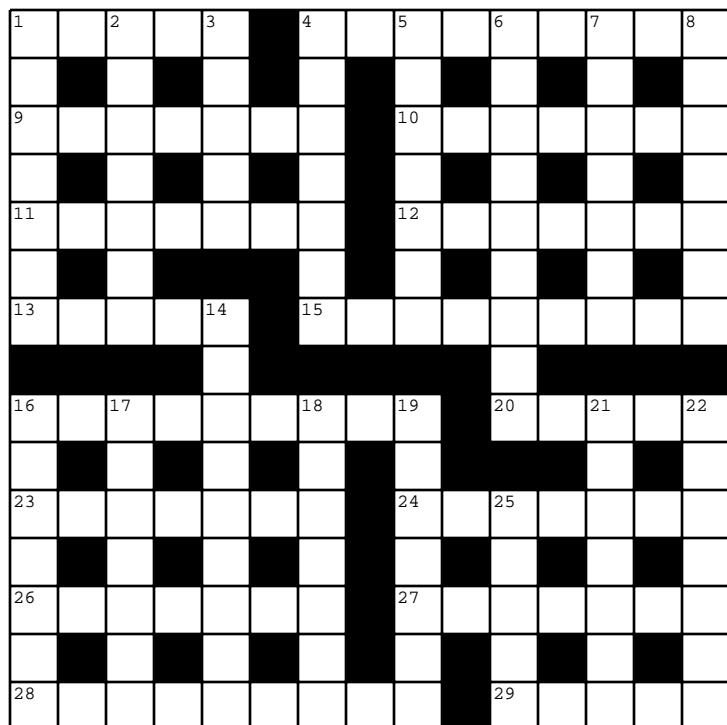
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| 9. NONPLUS    | 3. LELIA      |
| 10. BANDAGE   | 4. AISLE      |
| 11. TESTATE   | 5. SABOTAGED  |
| 12. TEMPERA   | 6. LANDMARKS  |
| 13. PENCE     | 7. INANEST    |
| 15. CIGARETTE | 8. GRENADE    |
| 16. RETREATED | 14. ELEMENTAL |
| 18. STALE     | 15. COTYLEDON |
| 21. FARRELL   | 16. REFRESH   |
| 22. EXCRETE   | 17. TERMINI   |
| 24. EXISTED   | 19. AMERICA   |
| 25. GOUGING   | 20. EMERGED   |
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| 27. BEARD     | 23. CRUMB     |



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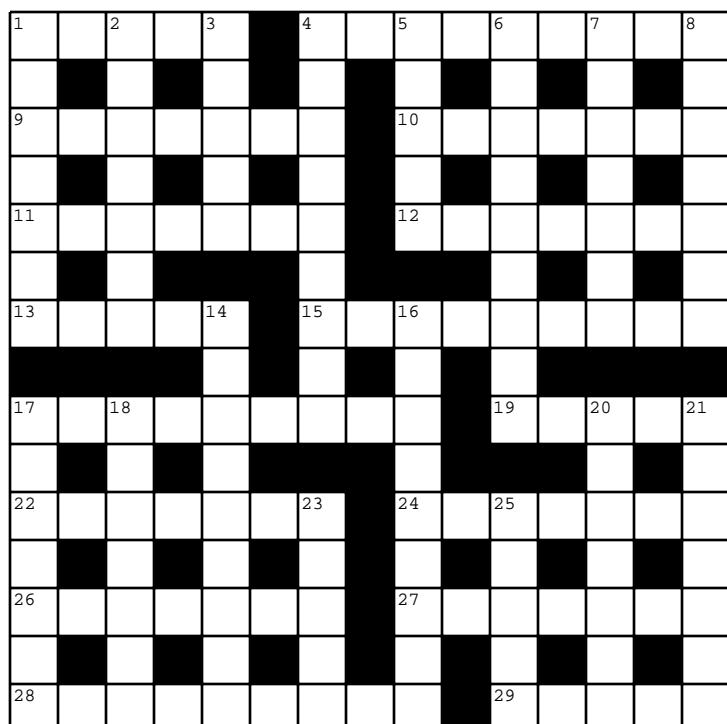
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| 4. ANNOUNCES  | 2. CZARINA    |
| 9. REACHED    | 3. YAHOO      |
| 10. MISTYPE   | 4. ABDOMEN    |
| 11. UNIFORM   | 5. NUMERIC    |
| 12. ROOSTER   | 6. UNSPOILED  |
| 13. BRAKE     | 7. CRYPTIC    |
| 15. NECKLACES | 8. SIERRAS    |
| 16. COLLAPSED | 14. EXAMINERS |
| 20. DOORS     | 16. CELESTA   |
| 23. LANKIER   | 17. LUNATIC   |
| 24. CHIEFER   | 18. SPRAYER   |
| 26. SATIETY   | 19. DECIMAL   |
| 27. MATINEE   | 21. OFFENDS   |
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| 29. RESET     | 25. INTER     |



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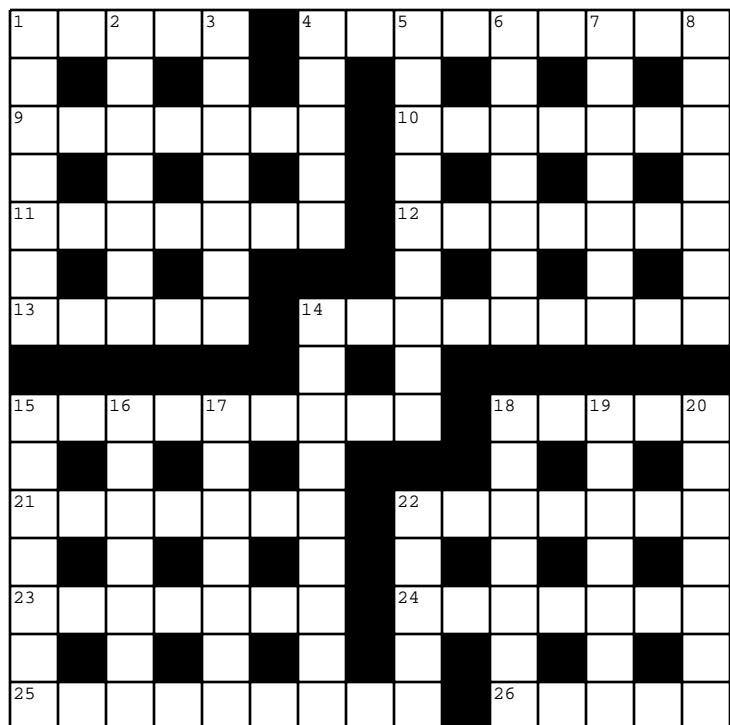
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| 9. AILMENT    | 3. OCEAN      |
| 10. RANKINE   | 4. ANTIPASTI  |
| 11. PARSNIP   | 5. THROB      |
| 12. BOUQUET   | 6. VANGUARDS  |
| 13. RATIO     | 7. STIMULI    |
| 15. SUPERVISE | 8. SHEATHE    |
| 17. EMPATHIZE | 14. OUTNUMBER |
| 19. STAFF     | 16. PREDICTOR |
| 22. PERTURB   | 17. EXPECTS   |
| 24. INHERIT   | 18. PORTRAY   |
| 26. CEREBRA   | 20. AIRLINE   |
| 27. TARRING   | 21. FATIGUE   |
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| 29. SCENE     | 25. HURTS     |



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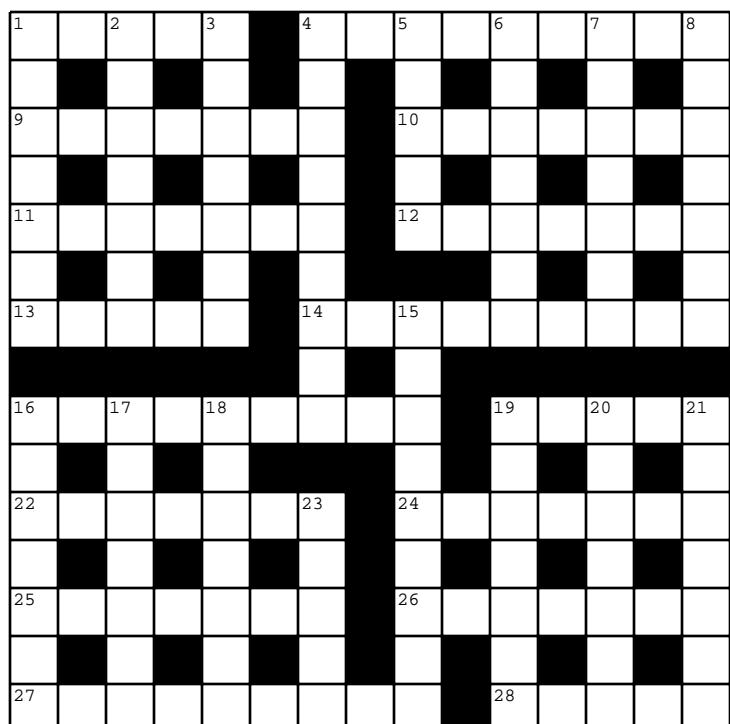
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| 4. MATRIMONY  | 2. ISSUING    |
| 9. LASHING    | 3. SPIRITS    |
| 10. OKHOTSK   | 4. MAGOG      |
| 11. RUINING   | 5. THORAZINE  |
| 12. ANASAZI   | 6. ISHMAEL    |
| 13. EDGES     | 7. OUTRAGE    |
| 14. SPIELBERG | 8. YAKKING    |
| 15. SIGNATURE | 14. SQUEEZING |
| 18. GIRTH     | 15. SOBERER   |
| 21. BRISTLE   | 16. GRIEVED   |
| 22. BANGING   | 17. AUTHORS   |
| 23. RAVIOLI   | 18. GENETIC   |
| 24. LATRINE   | 19. RAINIER   |
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| 26. CARAT     | 22. BALLS     |



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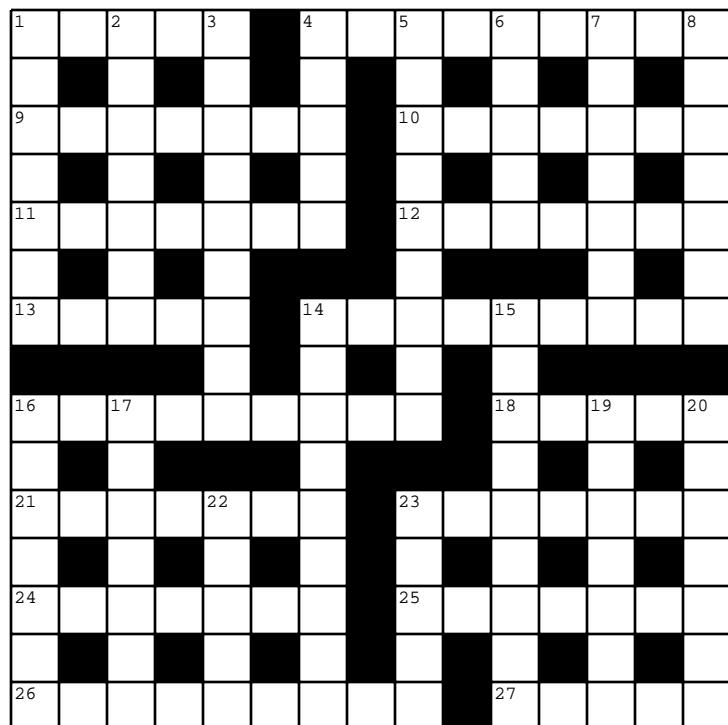
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| 9. INFILCT    | 3. ALIGHTS    |
| 10. GADSDEN   | 4. ANTIPASTI  |
| 11. KETCHUP   | 5. SIGHT      |
| 12. TRAINEE   | 6. RADIATE    |
| 13. DUDES     | 7. CADENZA    |
| 14. SEGREGATE | 8. SINCERE    |
| 16. CELESTIAL | 15. GALLIVANT |
| 19. DIRAC     | 16. CORNCOB   |
| 22. RECLAIM   | 17. LUCIANO   |
| 24. INERTIA   | 18. SEAWEED   |
| 25. CHATEAU   | 19. DIEHARD   |
| 26. ADAPTOR   | 20. ROTATES   |
| 27. BLOODSHOT | 21. CHAGRIN   |
| 28. DYSON     | 23. MOUTH     |



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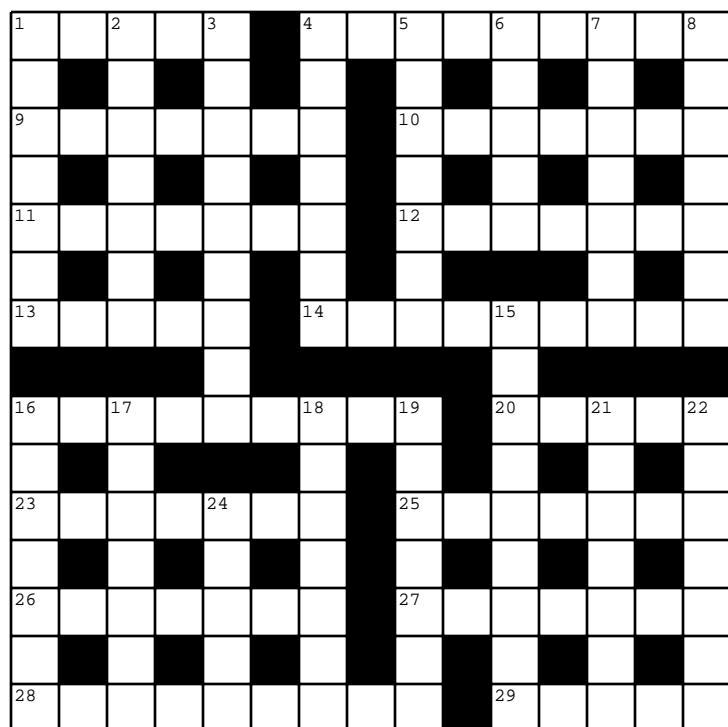
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| 4. CAFETERIA  | 2. VAULTER    |
| 9. SCUTTLE    | 3. CATACLYSM  |
| 10. CHILDES   | 4. CREED      |
| 11. NOTICED   | 5. FICTIONAL  |
| 12. INFECTS   | 6. THIEF      |
| 13. ARRAY     | 7. RADICAL    |
| 14. PINNACLES | 8. ASSISTS    |
| 16. EPHEMERAL | 14. PARODYING |
| 18. TIRED     | 15. ARTIFICES |
| 21. CLASSED   | 16. ENCODES   |
| 23. LIFTING   | 17. HEARSED   |
| 24. DASHIKI   | 19. REIGNED   |
| 25. ACCENTS   | 20. DIGESTS   |
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| 27. SIDES     | 23. LEAST     |



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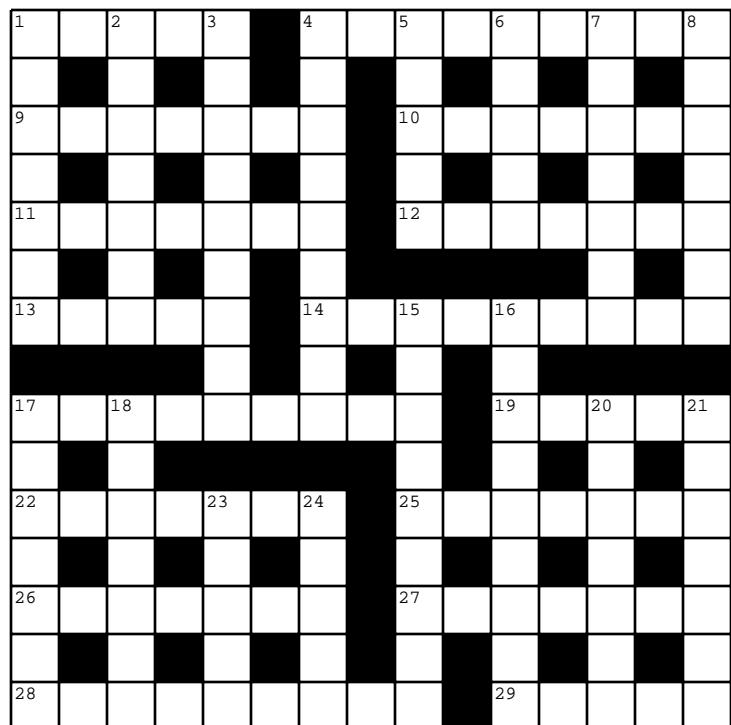
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| 9. ROUNDER    | 3. PADDOCKED  |
| 10. MOLLUSC   | 4. MARTYRS    |
| 11. ECONOMY   | 5. NUMBING    |
| 12. IMPOUND   | 6. POLYP      |
| 13. DRINK     | 7. UNUSUAL    |
| 14. SIGNALLED | 8. ENCODED    |
| 16. BLUNDERED | 15. ANCILLARY |
| 20. CABIN     | 16. BOEOTIA   |
| 23. ELITISM   | 17. UNIFIED   |
| 25. MILDEST   | 18. ROMANOV   |
| 26. TUITION   | 19. DAMAGES   |
| 27. GRAPHIC   | 21. BEECHES   |
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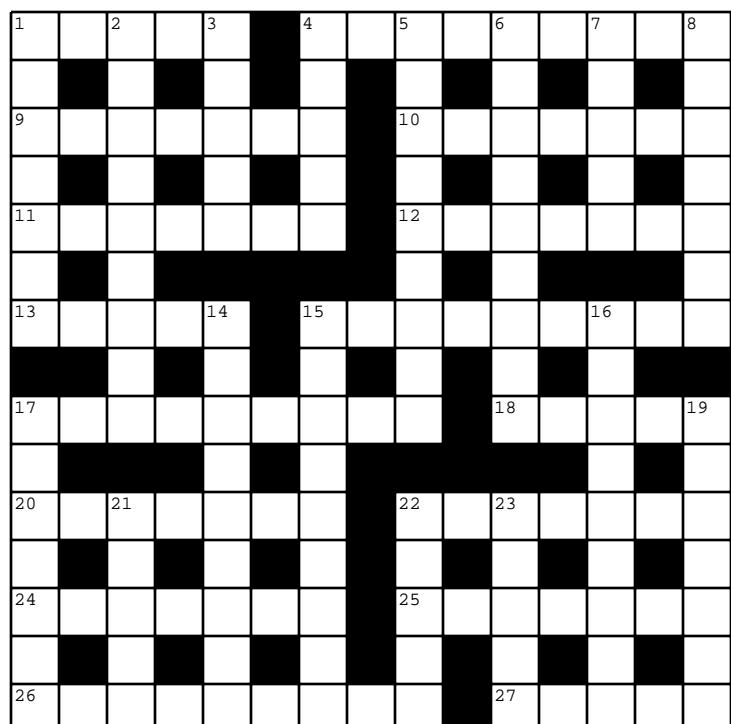
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| 4. PORTRAYED  | 2. MUTABLE    |
| 9. WITHOUT    | 3. TROUSSEAU  |
| 10. HUNCHES   | 4. POTPOURRI  |
| 11. NABISCO   | 5. REHAB      |
| 12. BLITZES   | 6. RANDI      |
| 13. SCENE     | 7. YAHTZEE    |
| 14. REGISTERS | 8. DESISTS    |
| 17. OBSCURITY | 15. GLYCERINE |
| 19. RELIC     | 16. SERGEANTS |
| 22. EGOISTS   | 17. OVERSEE   |
| 25. ELECTOR   | 18. STOPPED   |
| 26. SOPRANO   | 20. LITERAL   |
| 27. IGNORES   | 21. CORPSES   |
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| 29. SELLS     | 24. SHOON     |



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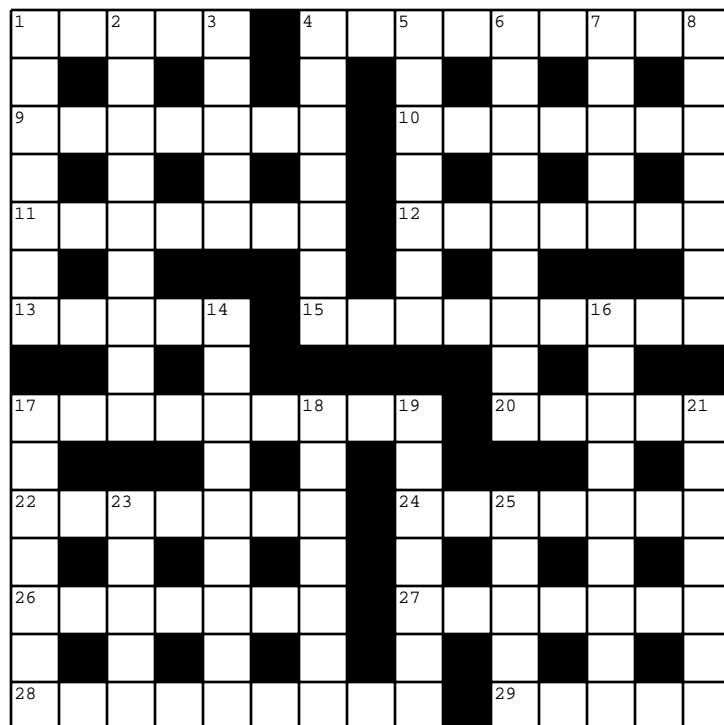
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| 9. JUJITSU    | 3. ALTAI      |
| 10. CONCOCT   | 4. DRUMS      |
| 11. SISSIES   | 5. NECKLINES  |
| 12. LEECHES   | 6. MENDELEEV  |
| 13. SPIKE     | 7. CLOTH      |
| 15. CONDENSES | 8. LOTUSES    |
| 17. EIGHTEENS | 14. EXTRADITE |
| 18. VACUA     | 15. CLEANLIER |
| 20. CAPTAIN   | 16. SUCCESSOR |
| 22. OUTWEAR   | 17. EXCITED   |
| 24. TERMINI   | 19. ABRIDGE   |
| 25. BLESSED   | 21. PYREX     |
| 26. DIXIECRAT | 22. ORBIT     |
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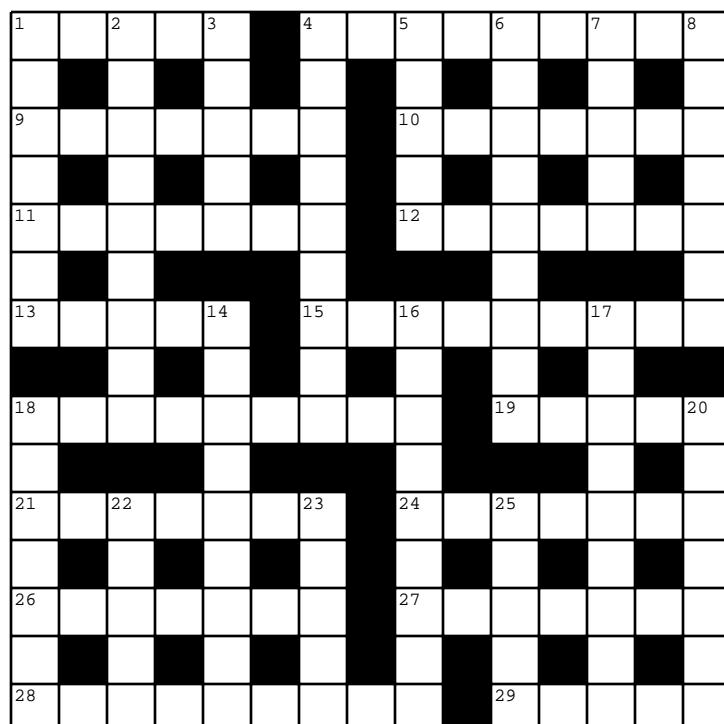
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| 4. DEVIATION  | 2. SUMMARIZE  |
| 9. AIMLESS    | 3. LYELL      |
| 10. RADIATE   | 4. DESKTOP    |
| 11. LEAFLET   | 5. VERTIGO    |
| 12. INTENSE   | 6. AUDITORIA  |
| 13. PRICE     | 7. ICAHN      |
| 15. PROGRAMME | 8. NYERERE    |
| 17. CRESCENDI | 14. EXCITABLE |
| 20. ASHEN     | 16. MAHARISHI |
| 22. ROBOTIC   | 17. CARDIAC   |
| 24. SAMURAI   | 18. NUCLEAR   |
| 26. IGNOBLE   | 19. INSOFAR   |
| 27. FINESSE   | 21. NAIVETE   |
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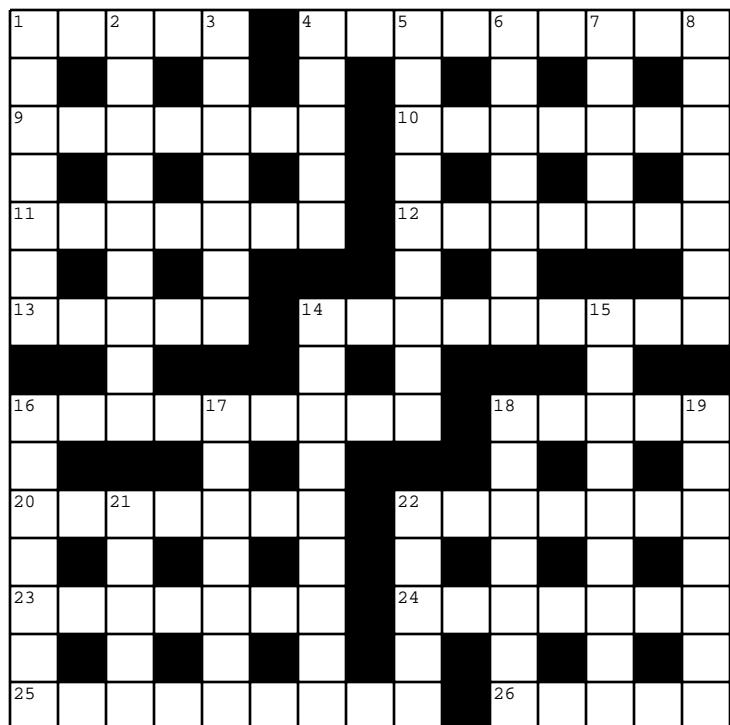
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| 9. TASTIER    | 3. REIGN      |
| 10. ENTITLE   | 4. HARDSHIPS  |
| 11. SPRINGS   | 5. POEMS      |
| 12. SULTANA   | 6. INTELLECT  |
| 13. RABBI     | 7. EXTRA      |
| 15. INCREASED | 8. STEWARD    |
| 18. DISCUSSES | 14. INUKTITUT |
| 19. TOWNS     | 16. CASSETTES |
| 21. ORESTES   | 17. SAWDUSTED |
| 24. ENTRUST   | 18. DOORMEN   |
| 26. MULATTO   | 20. SITUATE   |
| 27. TABATHA   | 22. ELLEN     |
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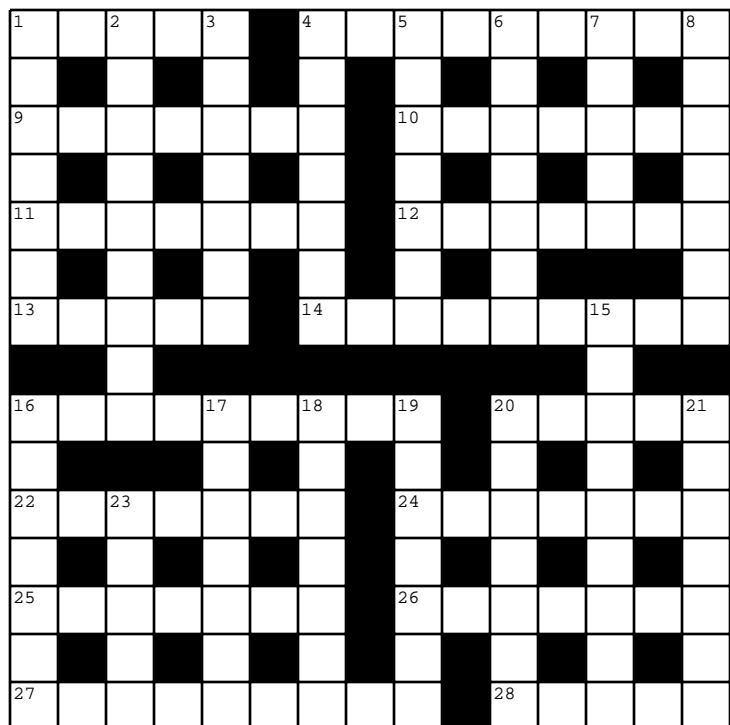
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| 9. CATWALK    | 3. STABLES    |
| 10. DELIRIA   | 4. ASKED      |
| 11. BURBLED   | 5. KIDNAPPED  |
| 12. ANGOLAN   | 6. ALLEGRA    |
| 13. EXAMS     | 7. DARYL      |
| 14. IMPEACHED | 8. YEARNED    |
| 16. DESCRIBED | 14. IMBROGLIO |
| 18. STAIR     | 15. HEARTBURN |
| 20. BRAVADO   | 16. DEBATED   |
| 22. ACANTHI   | 17. READIER   |
| 23. TRIVIAL   | 18. SPARRER   |
| 24. PERTURB   | 19. RAINBOW   |
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| 26. RENEW     | 22. ALPHA     |



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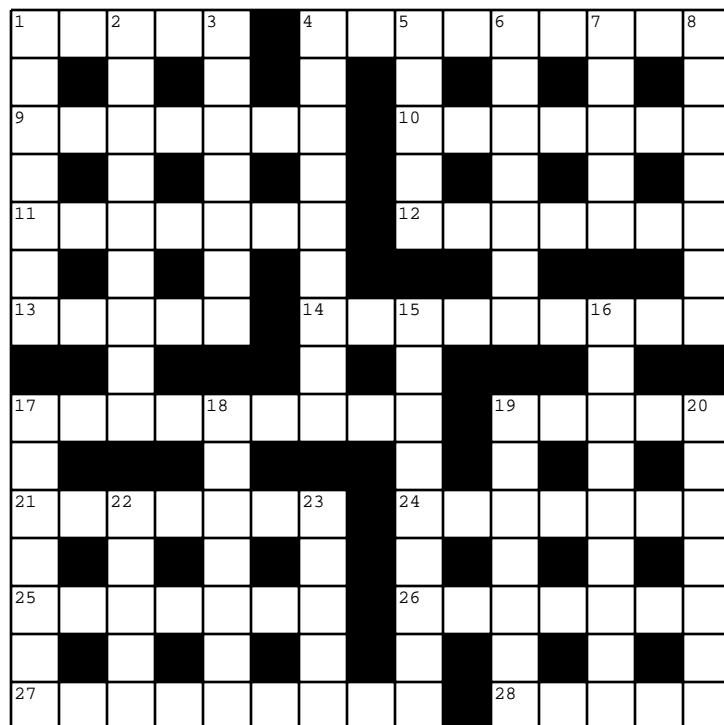
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| 9. DELIRIA    | 3. ERRATAS    |
| 10. RAVAGED   | 4. ELATION    |
| 11. BUGATTI   | 5. GARLICS    |
| 12. ILLEGAL   | 6. NOVELLA    |
| 13. YEARS     | 7. MAGOG      |
| 14. NOSTALGIA | 8. CEDILLA    |
| 16. POTPOURRI | 15. GENTLEMAN |
| 20. SANTA     | 16. PATELLA   |
| 22. TIBETAN   | 17. OPTIMUM   |
| 24. POPULAR   | 18. RANKEST   |
| 25. LARAMIE   | 19. IMPEDED   |
| 26. DOORMEN   | 20. SUPPORT   |
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| 28. TENSE     | 23. BURNT     |



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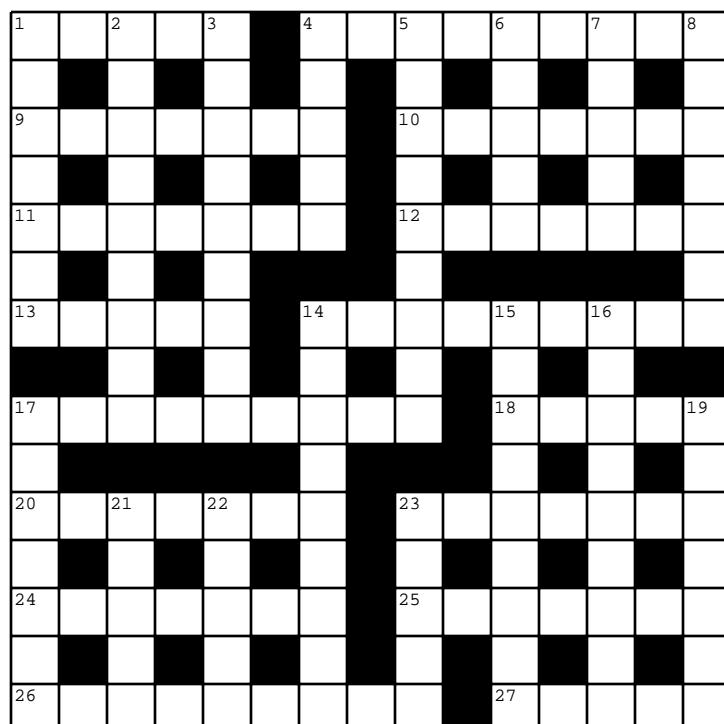
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| 4. POSTPONES  | 2. CRESCENDI  |
| 9. PREVENT    | 3. ONEROUS    |
| 10. APOSTLE   | 4. POTPOURRI  |
| 11. NICCOLO   | 5. SMALL      |
| 12. LATASHA   | 6. PLOTTER    |
| 13. SINGS     | 7. NOTES      |
| 14. RECORDING | 8. SHEBANG    |
| 17. WHITTLING | 15. COGNITIVE |
| 19. SCRAP     | 16. IRRITATES |
| 21. RECLAIM   | 17. WIRETAP   |
| 24. IDIOTIC   | 18. TUAMOTU   |
| 25. TWOFOLD   | 19. SNIDEST   |
| 26. INERTIA   | 20. PACKAGE   |
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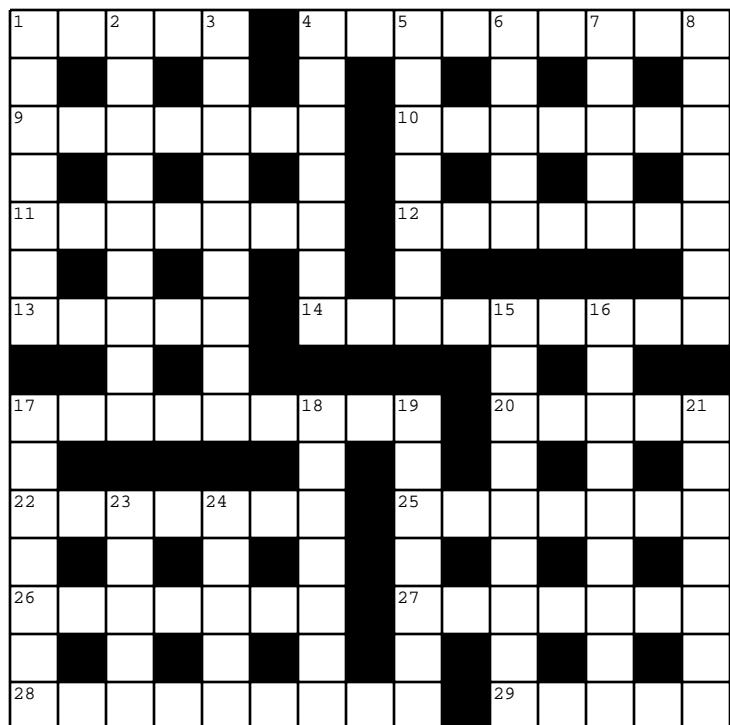
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| 10. ARACELI   | 4. TOWNS      |
| 11. EXTENTS   | 5. BEAUTIFUL  |
| 12. THALAMI   | 6. LLAMA      |
| 13. FARCE     | 7. THETA      |
| 14. BUFFETING | 8. DRIVING    |
| 17. ILLOGICAL | 14. BACKFIRES |
| 18. HEFTY     | 15. EXHAUSTED |
| 20. HERSELF   | 16. INFLUENZA |
| 23. UNUSUAL   | 17. INHERIT   |
| 24. RUDDIER   | 19. YELTSIN   |
| 25. INTENDS   | 21. RIDGE     |
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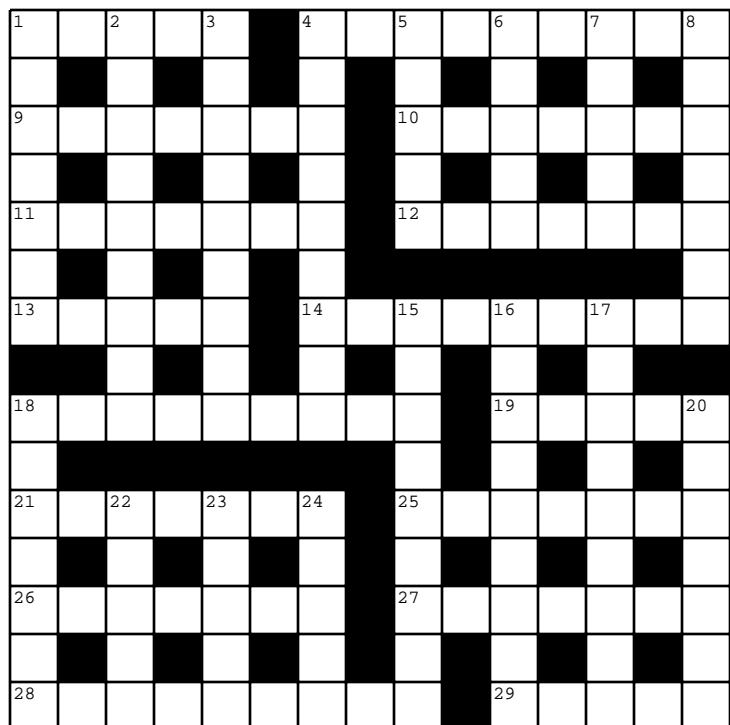
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| 4. TELESCOPE  | 2. RENDITION  |
| 9. CENTAUR    | 3. AMATERASU  |
| 10. ARACELI   | 4. TORNADO    |
| 11. CHIMERA   | 5. LEAFLET    |
| 12. LORELEI   | 6. STAIR      |
| 13. ELISA     | 7. ONEIL      |
| 14. OUTBROKEN | 8. EDITION    |
| 17. ANNOUNCED | 15. RESERVOIR |
| 20. SORTS     | 16. KARAMAZOV |
| 22. TENABLE   | 17. ANTWERP   |
| 25. CARAMEL   | 18. CLEANUP   |
| 26. EMERSON   | 19. DECIBEL   |
| 27. BRONZED   | 21. SOLIDER   |
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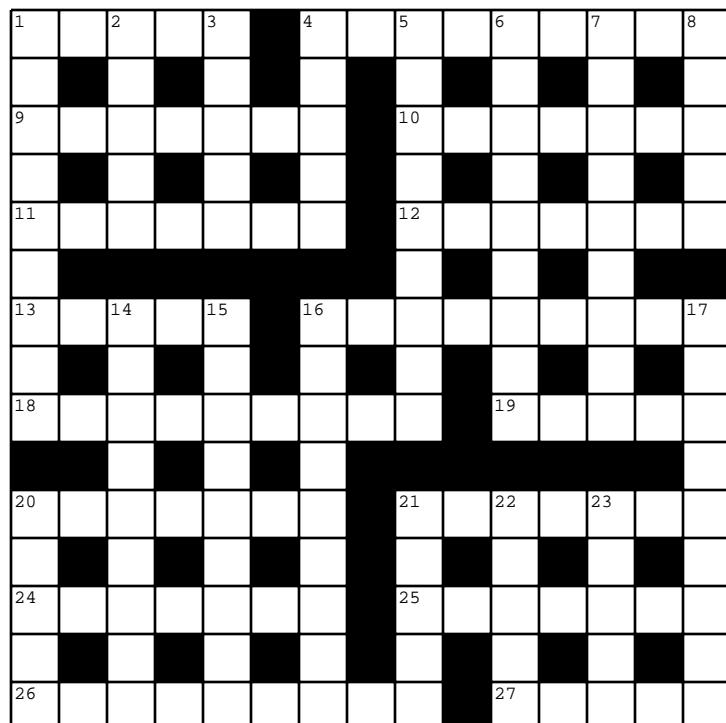
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| 9. CHRONIC    | 3. CONTRALTO  |
| 10. MEMLING   | 4. EUCALYPTI  |
| 11. NUMERAL   | 5. LIMIT      |
| 12. THALAMI   | 6. RUMBA      |
| 13. TOTAL     | 7. IBIZA      |
| 14. PACKAGING | 8. GAGGING    |
| 18. VERBOSITY | 15. CRYBABIES |
| 19. FUMES     | 16. AFFIDAVIT |
| 21. SYSTEMS   | 17. IMMATURES |
| 25. AUDITED   | 18. VISIBLE   |
| 26. BURRITO   | 20. SADDENS   |
| 27. INVERSE   | 22. SCRAP     |
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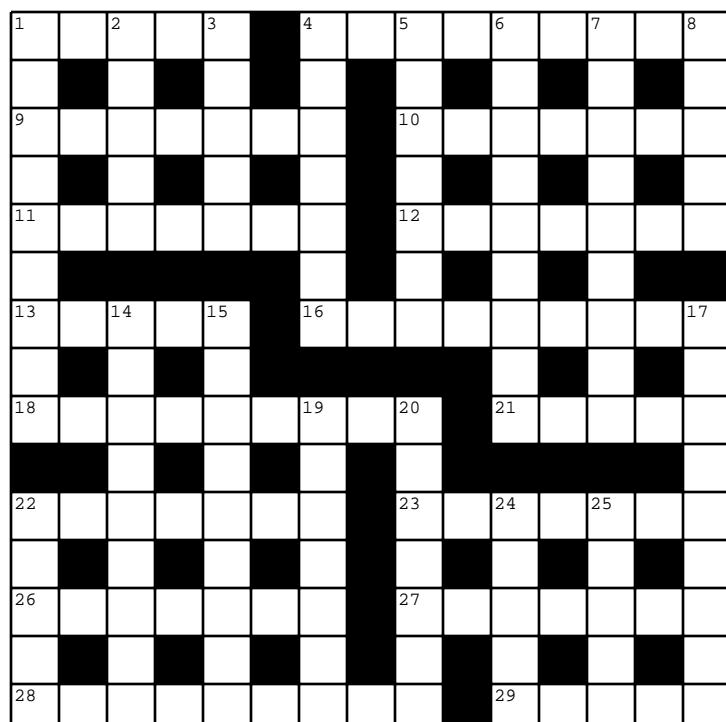
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| 9. RETRACT    | 3. SLASH      |
| 10. MANACLE   | 4. EATEN      |
| 11. HEATHEN   | 5. COMMUNITY  |
| 12. UPRIGHT   | 6. OWNERSHIP  |
| 13. LASER     | 7. INCOGNITO  |
| 16. FLIGHTIER | 8. GREAT      |
| 18. IMAGINARY | 14. SCALAWAGS |
| 19. PHOTO     | 15. RHINOCERI |
| 20. TUAMOTU   | 16. FEATURING |
| 21. DEVOTEE   | 17. REOPENING |
| 24. ARACELI   | 20. TEAED     |
| 25. CALCULI   | 21. DECOY     |
| 26. DASHINGLY | 22. VALID     |
| 27. DEBUG     | 23. THUMB     |



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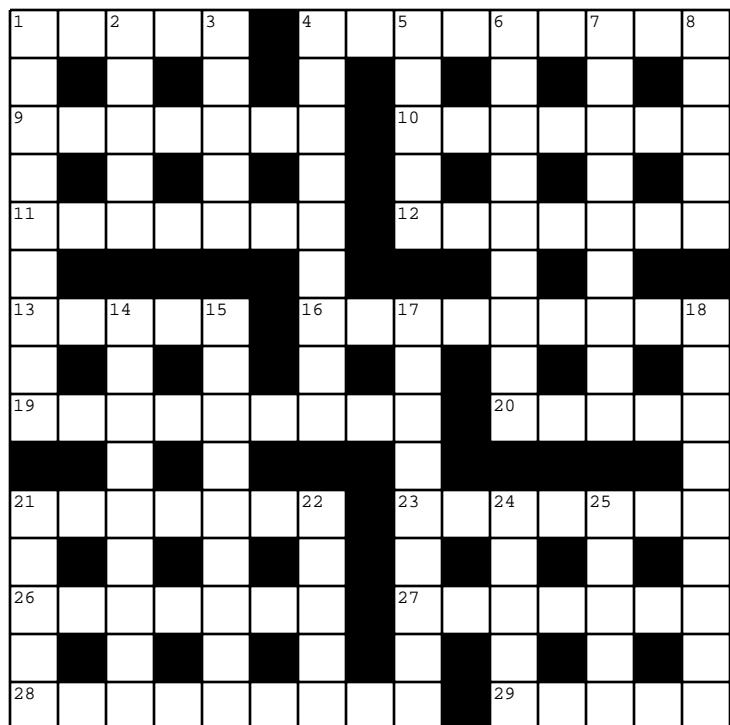
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| 4. HIDEAWAYS  | 2. MUSIC      |
| 9. MASCARA    | 3. SNAIL      |
| 10. BEECHER   | 4. HEAVIER    |
| 11. BACILLI   | 5. DEBRIEF    |
| 12. INTERIM   | 6. APERTURES  |
| 13. LIFTS     | 7. ADHERENCE  |
| 16. REFERENDA | 8. SCRAM      |
| 18. SATURATED | 14. FATIGUING |
| 21. SLEPT     | 15. SERENGETI |
| 22. ALGENIB   | 17. ANTEATERS |
| 23. CHOLERA   | 19. TABLEAU   |
| 26. NAIVETE   | 20. DECLARE   |
| 27. AUDIBLE   | 22. ANNAM     |
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| 29. RIDES     | 25. EMBED     |



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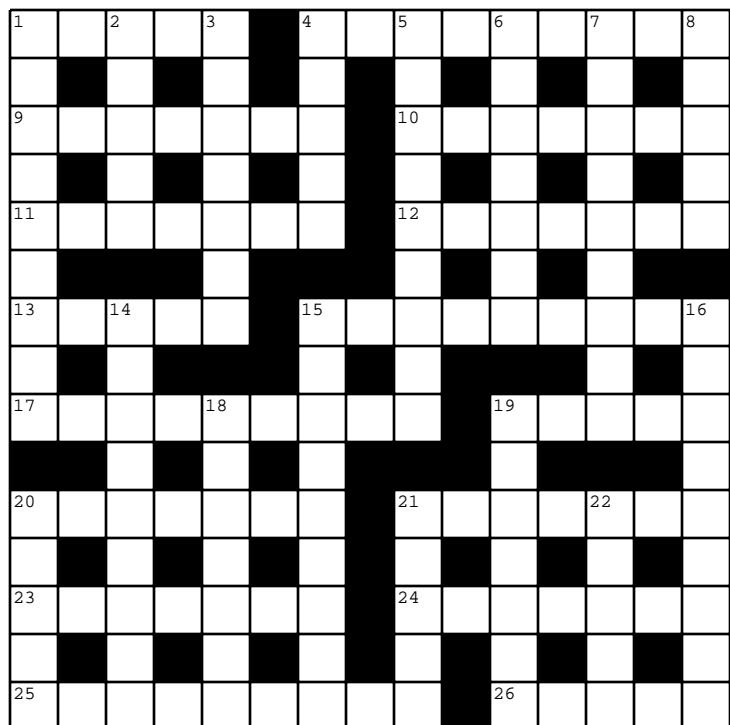
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| 4. PAYCHECKS  | 2. CRUEL      |
| 9. STUDENT    | 3. STEER      |
| 10. ALUMNAE   | 4. POTENTIAL  |
| 11. AILERON   | 5. YEARS      |
| 12. SADDENS   | 6. HAUSDORFF  |
| 13. TOPIC     | 7. CONGENIAL  |
| 16. INSERTING | 8. SHEDS      |
| 19. ETERNALLY | 14. PSEUDONYM |
| 20. FILED     | 15. CENTIPEDE |
| 21. CADDIES   | 17. SKYROCKET |
| 23. OUTCOME   | 18. GODDESSES |
| 26. NONZERO   | 21. CANAL     |
| 27. KEEPERS   | 22. SWORE     |
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| 29. TASKS     | 25. OPENS     |



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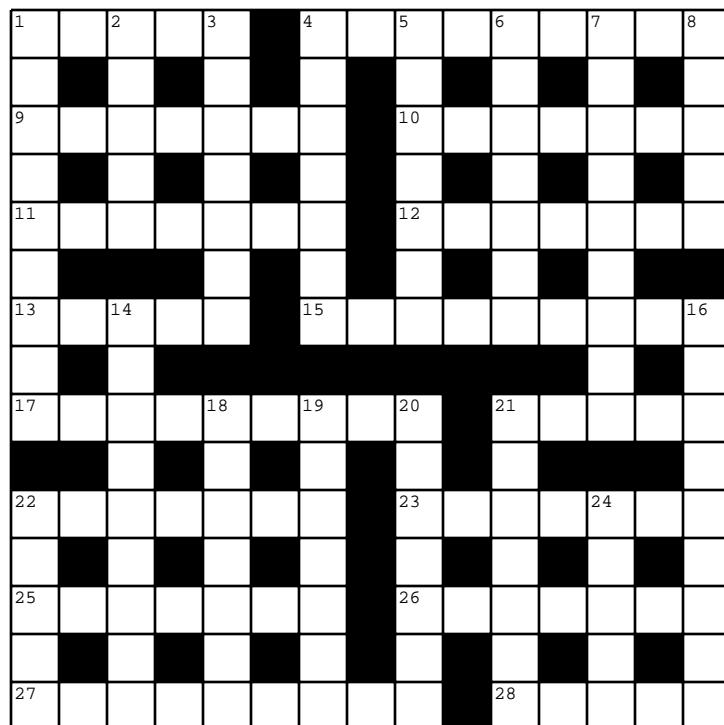
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| 4. BUTTERFLY  | 2. AVOID      |
| 9. PROGRAM    | 3. SERENER    |
| 10. ISHMAEL   | 4. BOMBS      |
| 11. ENDINGS   | 5. TAILLIGHT  |
| 12. LAURELS   | 6. EXHAUST    |
| 13. OFFER     | 7. FLAGELLUM  |
| 15. NIGHTCLUB | 8. YELLS      |
| 17. INUKTITUT | 14. FOURSOMES |
| 19. SAMBA     | 15. NOTORIOUS |
| 20. DESPAIR   | 16. BRASSIERE |
| 21. PHRASES   | 18. THALAMI   |
| 23. LUMBAGO   | 19. SARCASM   |
| 24. PLACATE   | 20. DOLED     |
| 25. DISMISSAL | 21. PUPIL     |
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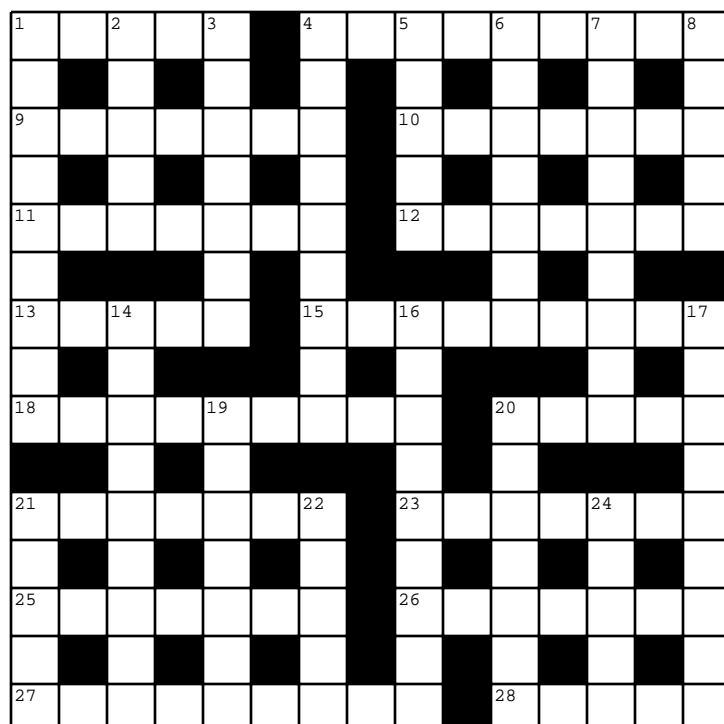
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| 4. BLOSSOMED  | 2. BLUER      |
| 9. TRUMPET    | 3. CAPTURE    |
| 10. LEMONED   | 4. BATHTUB    |
| 11. PURSUIT   | 5. OBLIGES    |
| 12. GARMENT   | 6. SAMURAI    |
| 13. LARGE     | 7. MENDELEEV  |
| 15. BOSSINESS | 8. DIDNT      |
| 17. SENSITIVE | 14. RANCOROUS |
| 21. FEVER     | 16. SURPRISED |
| 22. RIOTOUS   | 18. ISOLATE   |
| 23. CHOICER   | 19. INSTANT   |
| 25. DIORAMA   | 20. ENCASED   |
| 26. SHIELDS   | 21. FOOLISH   |
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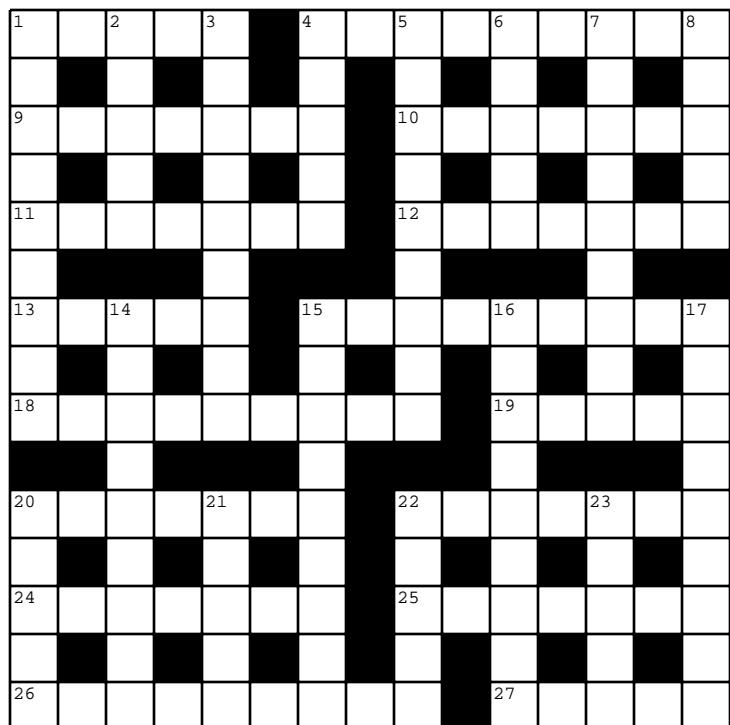
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| 9. EMPORIA     | 3. AIRLIFT    |
| 10. EXPOSED    | 4. SPAGHETTI  |
| 11. SLAVISH    | 5. QUERY      |
| 12. YARDAGE    | 6. EXPERTS    |
| 13. EVENT      | 7. CASTANEDA  |
| 15. TEAMSTERS  | 8. DODGE      |
| 18. PRIMARILY  | 14. EPIDERMIS |
| 20. ERATO      | 16. ANYBODIES |
| 21. USELESS    | 17. SCOURGING |
| 23. OFFICER    | 19. AVERAGE   |
| 25. TIMPANI    | 20. EFFORTS   |
| 26. ISRAELI    | 21. ULTRA     |
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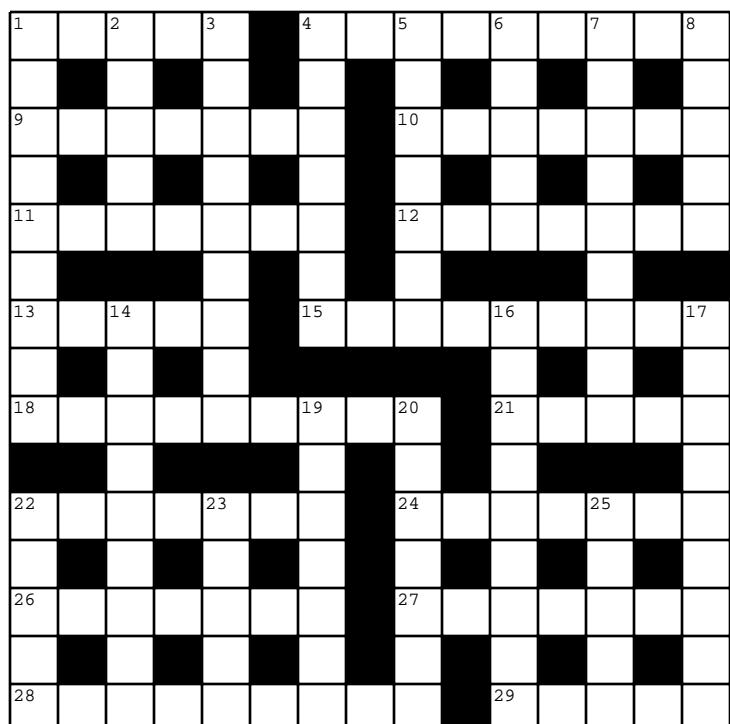
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| 4. DEBRIEFED  | 2. EMBER      |
| 9. TABLEAU    | 3. AMENITIES  |
| 10. OPERAND   | 4. DRUGS      |
| 11. MARGINS   | 5. BLOSSOMED  |
| 12. SUSPECT   | 6. IDEAS      |
| 13. TEMPI     | 7. FLAGELLUM  |
| 15. ARMADILLO | 8. DIDNT      |
| 18. DACHSHUND | 14. MACHINIST |
| 19. SEMEN     | 15. ADULATION |
| 20. ARIZONA   | 16. DISPARAGE |
| 22. TEACHER   | 17. OWNERSHIP |
| 24. NAIROBI   | 20. ARNEB     |
| 25. GRAYISH   | 21. OZONE     |
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| 27. EQUIP     | 23. HAIKU     |



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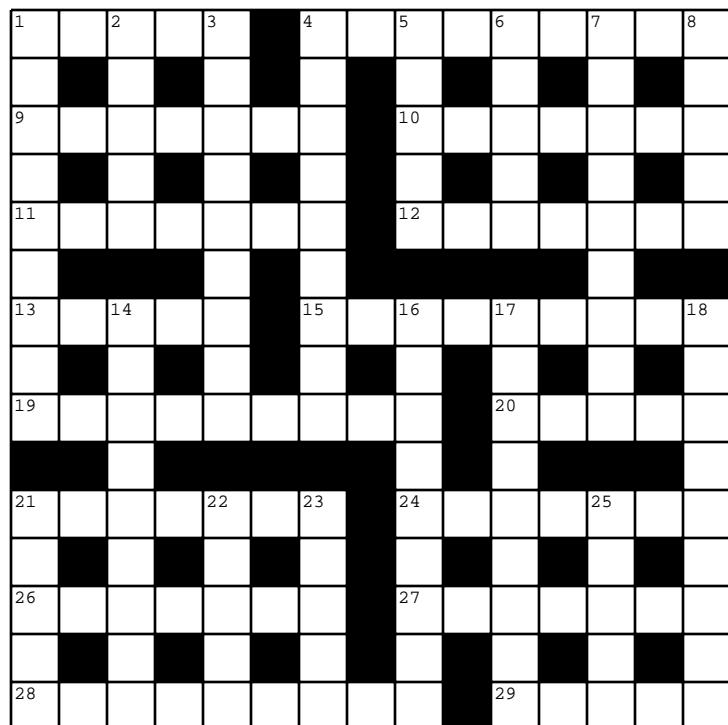
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| 4. FORGETFUL  | 2. WHEEL      |
| 9. SPECTRA    | 3. ROTTENEST  |
| 10. GENERIC   | 4. FRANTIC    |
| 11. DULLEST   | 5. REGATTA    |
| 12. TAILORS   | 6. ENNUI      |
| 13. ABUSE     | 7. FORLORNED  |
| 15. CHAFFINCH | 8. LACES      |
| 18. SPECTACLE | 14. UNEARTHED |
| 21. EFREN     | 16. FREQUENCY |
| 22. TARRIED   | 17. HUNDREDTH |
| 24. PLUMBER   | 19. CADUCEI   |
| 26. APHASIC   | 20. EXPLAIN   |
| 27. ANNOYED   | 22. TRACI     |
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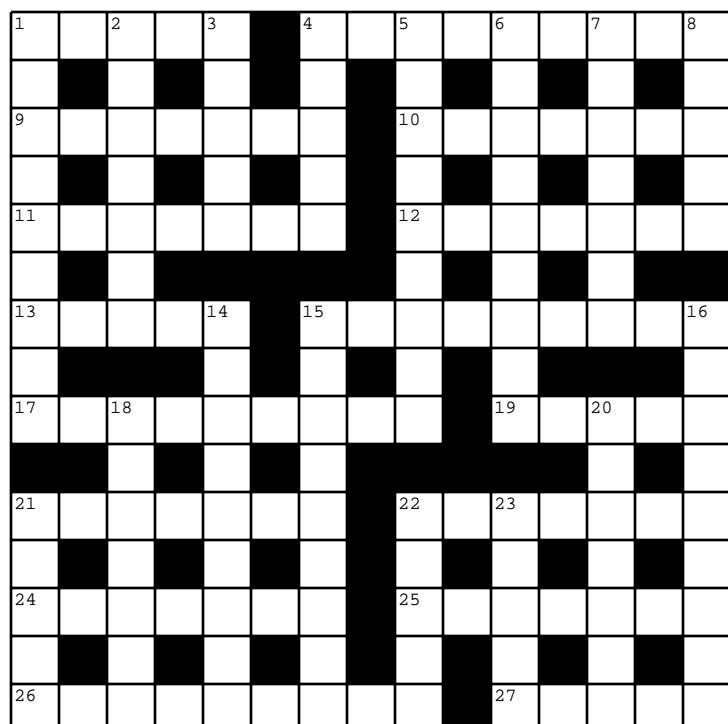
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| 4. STANDOFFS  | 2. WOLFF      |
| 9. MELISSA    | 3. DYSPEPSIA  |
| 10. ADVERSE   | 4. SPAGHETTI  |
| 11. REFRESH   | 5. AMAZE      |
| 12. ESSAYED   | 6. DOVES      |
| 13. ATLAS     | 7. FORSYTHIA  |
| 15. TARNISHED | 8. SPEED      |
| 19. DRAMATICS | 14. LEAPFROGS |
| 20. CRASH     | 16. RESOURCED |
| 21. REFUSED   | 17. INCAPABLE |
| 24. UMPIRED   | 18. DEHYDRATE |
| 26. PROGRAM   | 21. RAPID     |
| 27. CABRERA   | 22. SCRUB     |
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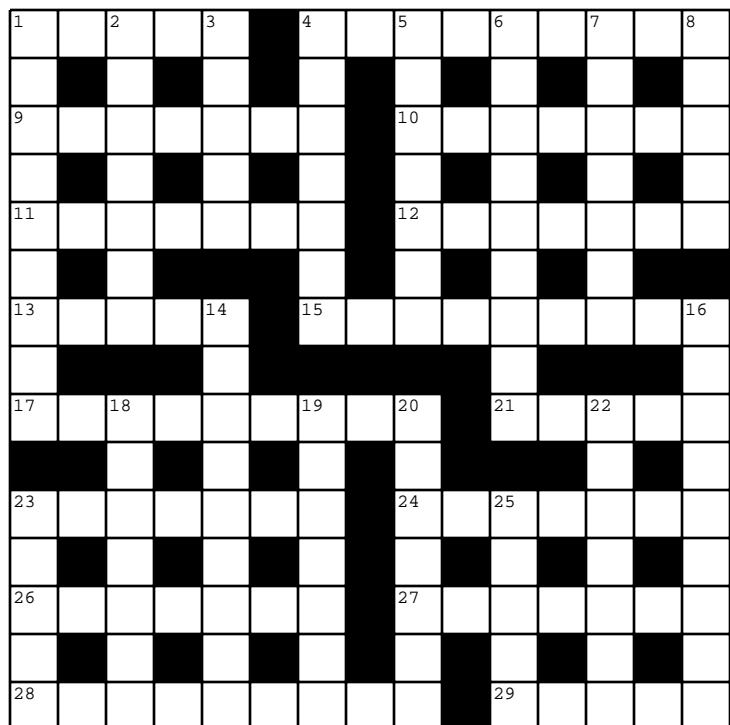
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| 4. PREVALENT  | 2. OREGANO    |
| 9. REEFING    | 3. LUIGI      |
| 10. CATCALL   | 4. PAGES      |
| 11. MEALIES   | 5. EXCHANGES  |
| 12. AGROUND   | 6. ARTHRITIC  |
| 13. CROCI     | 7. EMANUEL    |
| 15. NIGHTCLUB | 8. TILED      |
| 17. ADDITIVES | 14. INTRUSION |
| 19. CACHE     | 15. NAVIGATES |
| 21. BANDUNG   | 16. BLESSINGS |
| 22. EMBLEMS   | 18. DENTING   |
| 24. ANIMIST   | 20. CHEKHOV   |
| 25. DOLPHIN   | 21. BRAVO     |
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| 27. WIVES     | 23. BELOW     |



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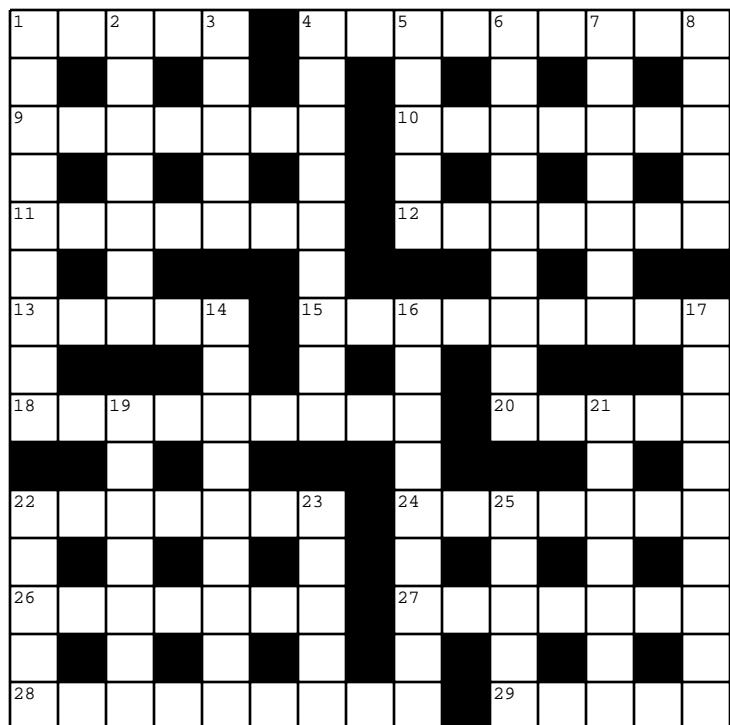
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| 4. SIMULATED  | 2. NOI SOME   |
| 9. THINKER    | 3. YOKEL      |
| 10. IMBIBED   | 4. SCRATCH    |
| 11. BOOKLET   | 5. MOISTER    |
| 12. TARTEST   | 6. LABYRINTH  |
| 13. STEEP     | 7. TABLEAU    |
| 15. HARANGUED | 8. DIDNT      |
| 17. SUPPORTER | 14. PROMINENT |
| 21. HOPES     | 16. DISCREDIT |
| 23. CANNIER   | 18. PENANCE   |
| 24. FERVOUR   | 19. TORPEDO   |
| 26. CONVENE   | 20. REFUGEE   |
| 27. GODSEND   | 22. PROVERB   |
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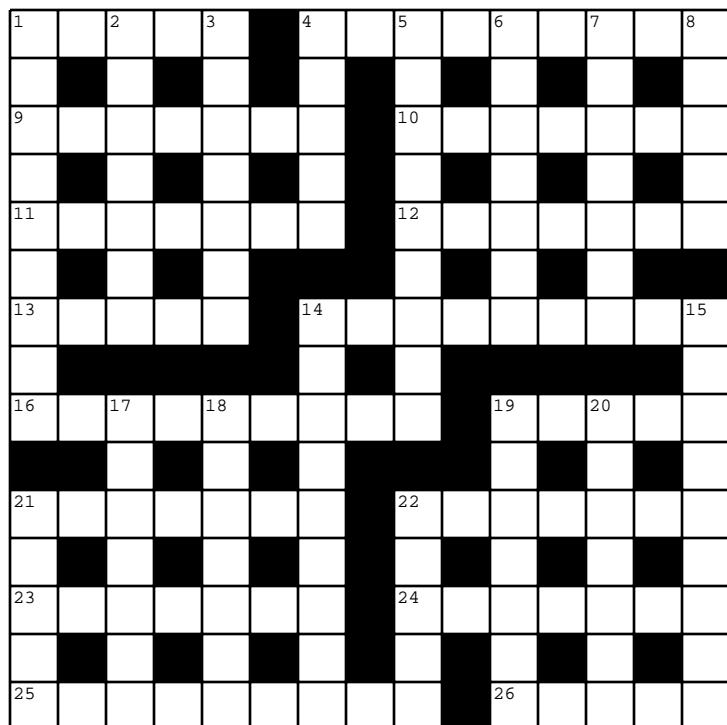
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| 9. DIALING    | 3. DRIED      |
| 10. VISIBLE   | 4. AGGREGATE  |
| 11. TREADLE   | 5. SAVES      |
| 12. SQUARES   | 6. MISGUIDED  |
| 13. RATIO     | 7. LIBERAL    |
| 15. ARMADILLO | 8. REEFS      |
| 18. ABSENTEES | 14. OWNERSHIP |
| 20. DEEDS     | 16. MISPLACES |
| 22. CAMBRIC   | 17. OBSCURING |
| 24. LANZHOU   | 19. SIMILAR   |
| 26. BOLSHOI   | 21. ETHICAL   |
| 27. CADUCEI   | 22. CUBIT     |
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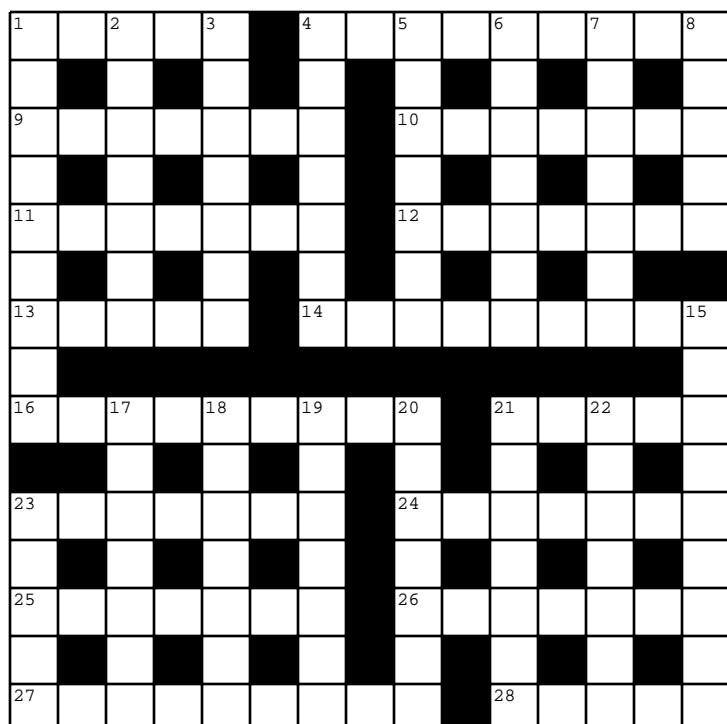
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| 4. AVAILABLE  | 2. ENCODED    |
| 9. BACILLI    | 3. FELLOWS    |
| 10. BRONZES   | 4. ARISE      |
| 11. TADPOLE   | 5. ARBITRARY  |
| 12. TAILORS   | 6. LEONINE    |
| 13. NODES     | 7. BAZOOKA    |
| 14. AMATERASU | 8. EASES      |
| 16. EARNESTLY | 14. AUTHORITY |
| 19. FACED     | 15. UNDERWENT |
| 21. PACHECO   | 17. RECLAIM   |
| 22. CORSAIR   | 18. EYEBALL   |
| 23. THALAMI   | 19. FORESAW   |
| 24. ROSETTE   | 20. CHAPTER   |
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| 26. WORST     | 22. CARDS     |



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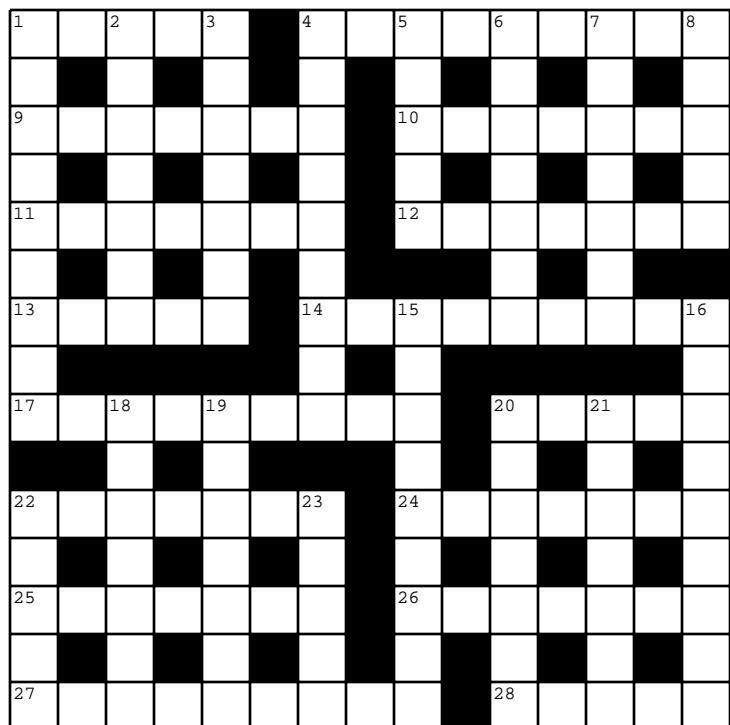
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| 9. MOLOTOV    | 3. ATTESTS    |
| 10. SORGHUM   | 4. ENVELOP    |
| 11. AEROSOL   | 5. INSOFAR    |
| 12. FAINTER   | 6. EARNING    |
| 13. INDUS     | 7. MAHATMA    |
| 14. PARAGRAPH | 8. SAMAR      |
| 16. NIGHTCLUB | 15. HANDSOMER |
| 21. SEMEN     | 17. GONZALO   |
| 23. BENUMBS   | 18. TIMPANI   |
| 24. ALLUDES   | 19. LISTING   |
| 25. THALAMI   | 20. BLADDER   |
| 26. DUALISM   | 21. SYLLABI   |
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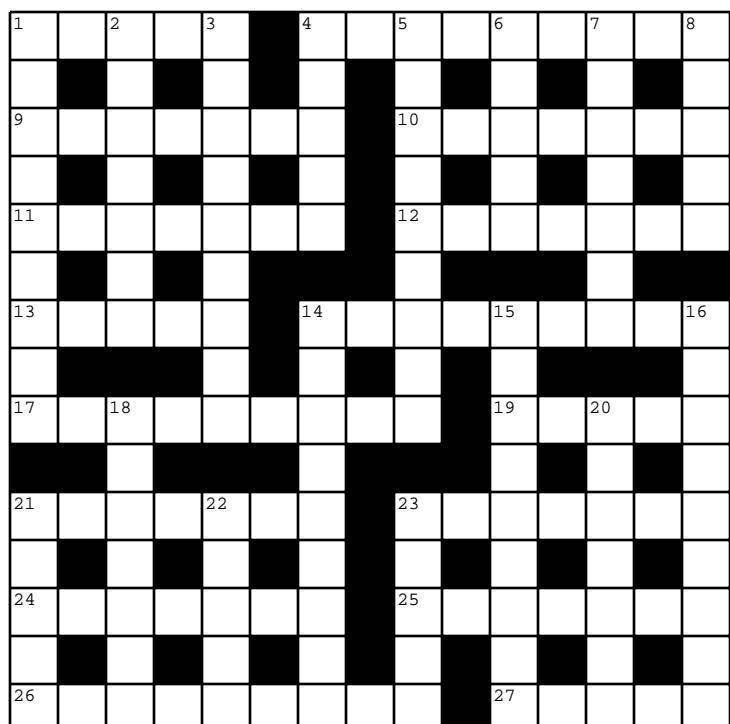
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| 9. VAMPIRE    | 3. SUICIDE    |
| 10. BOGGLES   | 4. ELEVATION  |
| 11. STAMINA   | 5. EMBED      |
| 12. DOLMENS   | 6. ANGELIC    |
| 13. ROSIE     | 7. ONLiest    |
| 14. INDICATES | 8. SISES      |
| 17. POSTPONES | 15. DISMISSED |
| 20. IZMIR     | 16. STRESSING |
| 22. PINBALL   | 18. SUNLAMP   |
| 24. ISLANDS   | 19. PRATTLE   |
| 25. QUANTUM   | 20. ISLAMIC   |
| 26. SAMURAI   | 21. MINERVA   |
| 27. EXPRESSED | 22. PIQUE     |
| 28. CLANG     | 23. LIMBS     |



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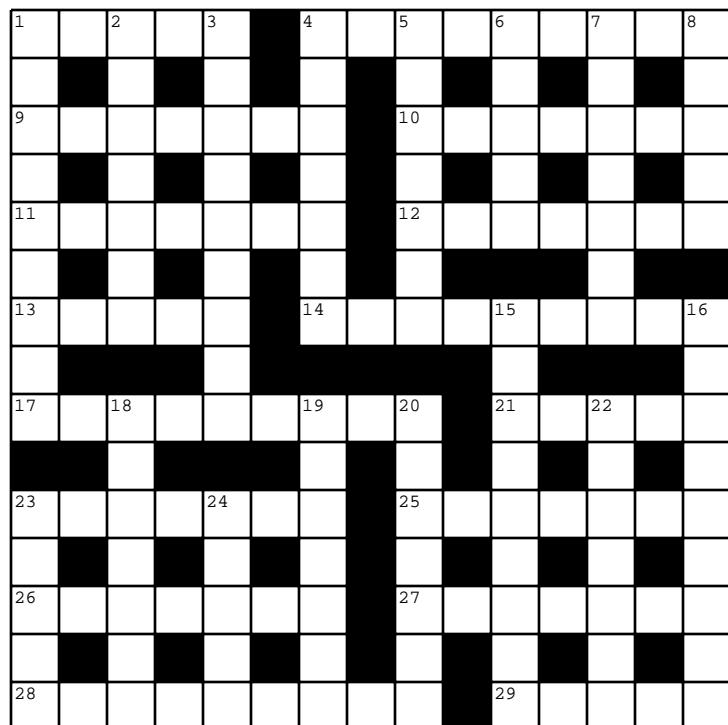
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| 4. DIAGONALS  | 2. NEXUSES    |
| 9. LEXICON    | 3. EUCALYPTI  |
| 10. BUNGLED   | 4. DANDY      |
| 11. DISPLAY   | 5. ARBITRARY  |
| 12. TERSELY   | 6. OWNER      |
| 13. ALSOP     | 7. AILMENT    |
| 14. PRAGMATIC | 8. SADLY      |
| 17. AMAZINGLY | 14. PIGEONING |
| 19. RATIO     | 15. MARIJUANA |
| 21. NONZERO   | 16. CLOUDLESS |
| 23. MAJORED   | 18. ANNULAR   |
| 24. BOLSHOI   | 20. TORNADO   |
| 25. EMANATE   | 21. NABOB     |
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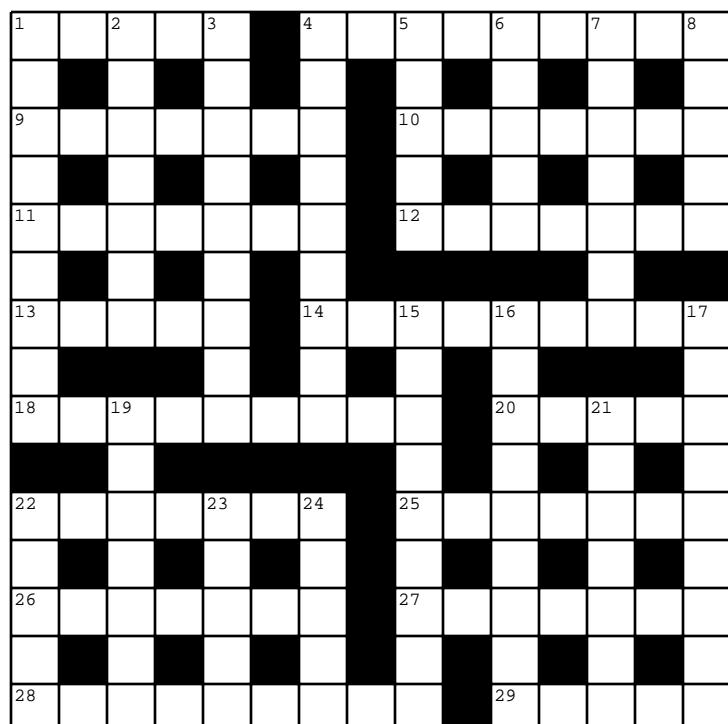
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| 4. ANOMALIES  | 2. RIGHTED    |
| 9. VAGUEST    | 3. CRESCENDI  |
| 10. TROUGHS   | 4. ATTESTS    |
| 11. SHTICKS   | 5. OPTIMUM    |
| 12. MISCALL   | 6. AHOYS      |
| 13. ELDON     | 7. INGRAIN    |
| 14. SEMIFINAL | 8. SISAL      |
| 17. TRADITION | 15. FIRESIDES |
| 21. RIGID     | 16. LEDERBERG |
| 23. REVIEWS   | 18. ADVISER   |
| 25. INSURER   | 19. INSPIRE   |
| 26. DASHIKI   | 20. NAILING   |
| 27. INDULGE   | 22. GORILLA   |
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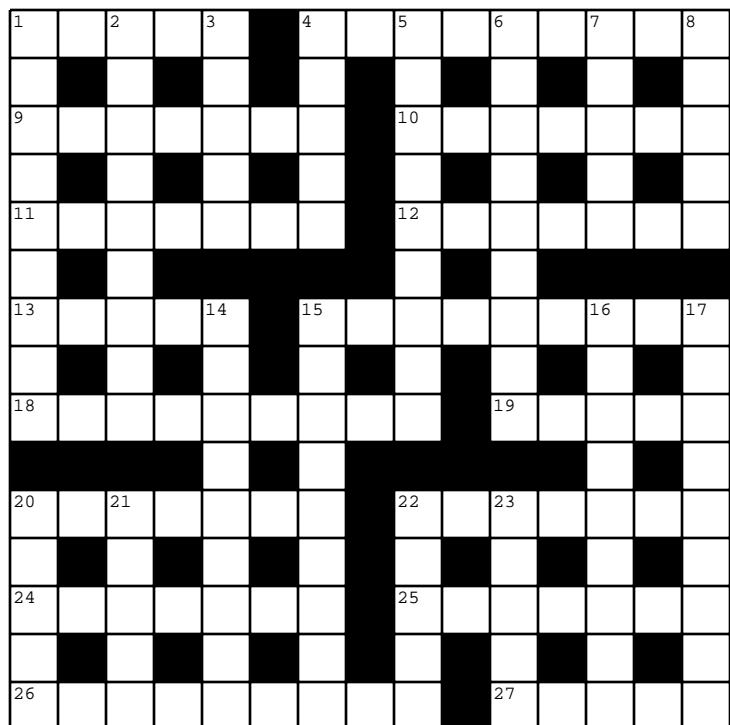
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| 9. SARCASM    | 3. LOATHSOME  |
| 10. CABARET   | 4. COMPRISES  |
| 11. ANOTHER   | 5. LICIT      |
| 12. TERRIFY   | 6. EMBER      |
| 13. HELLO     | 7. GIRLISH    |
| 14. SWEATSHOP | 8. ENTRY      |
| 18. OPPRESSED | 15. ENDANGERS |
| 20. INCUR     | 16. TRIGGERED |
| 22. CHOICES   | 17. PARAGRAPH |
| 25. NAGGING   | 19. PROLONG   |
| 26. AVOCADO   | 21. CHIRRUP   |
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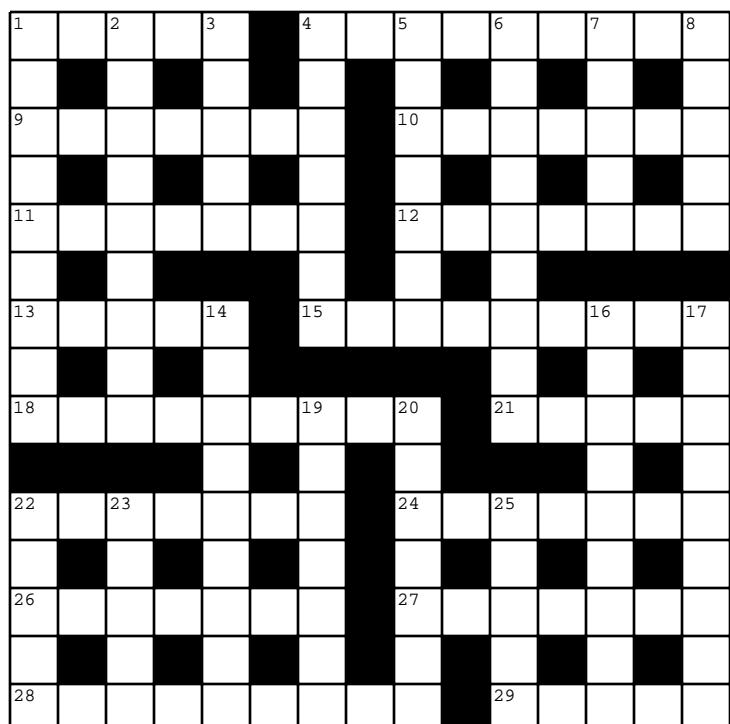
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| 9. CALYPSO    | 3. SUPER      |
| 10. TETANUS   | 4. IRONY      |
| 11. EAGERLY   | 5. BUTTERNUT  |
| 12. EXCEEDS   | 6. CATAclySM  |
| 13. TASHA     | 7. LANCE      |
| 15. HONEYCOMB | 8. SISES      |
| 18. REDUNDANT | 14. ANNOUNCED |
| 19. MECCA     | 15. HEADSTONE |
| 20. RECOUPS   | 16. ORCHESTRA |
| 22. PATTERN   | 17. BRAINWASH |
| 24. MOROCCO   | 20. RAMPS     |
| 25. MINUTIA   | 21. CARPI     |
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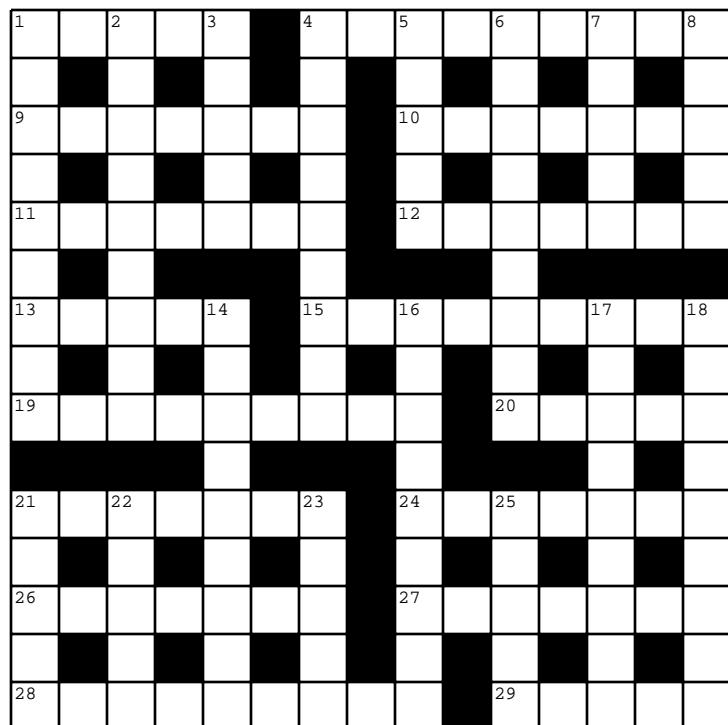
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| 10. SHOWILY   | 4. PADDLES    |
| 11. COMICAL   | 5. NASTIER    |
| 12. INTEGER   | 6. SHORTSTOP  |
| 13. ALERT     | 7. ICING      |
| 15. SCRATCHED | 8. GAYER      |
| 18. EXTRACTED | 14. TRANSFORM |
| 21. PANIC     | 16. HONEYCOMB |
| 22. COLOSSI   | 17. DECREASES |
| 24. ANALYSE   | 19. THICKEN   |
| 26. MENFOLK   | 20. DRAGONS   |
| 27. ONEROUS   | 22. COMIC     |
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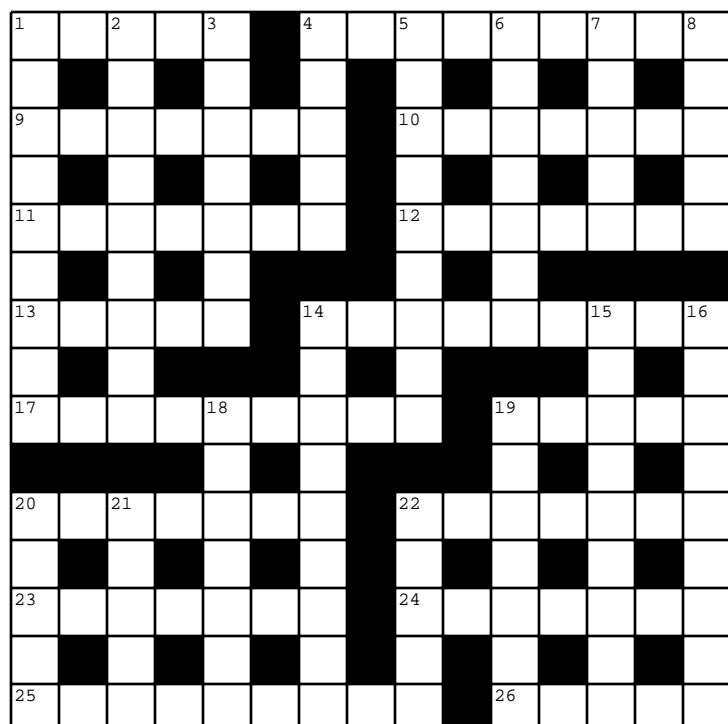
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| 4. NOTORIETY  | 2. EHRENBERG  |
| 9. EARRING    | 3. ALIBI      |
| 10. SHIKOKU   | 4. NIGHTGOWN  |
| 11. DENTIST   | 5. TESTS      |
| 12. STORAGE   | 6. RHINOCERI  |
| 13. CREEP     | 7. EBOLA      |
| 15. OURSELVES | 8. YOURE      |
| 19. MAGAZINES | 14. PIZZICATO |
| 20. INCUR     | 16. RESPECTED |
| 21. SACKING   | 17. VACANCIES |
| 24. EXPENSE   | 18. SERGEANTS |
| 26. THALAMI   | 21. SITES     |
| 27. TUITION   | 22. CLAIM     |
| 28. SUMMONSED | 23. GRIPS     |
| 29. TASKS     | 25. PAINT     |



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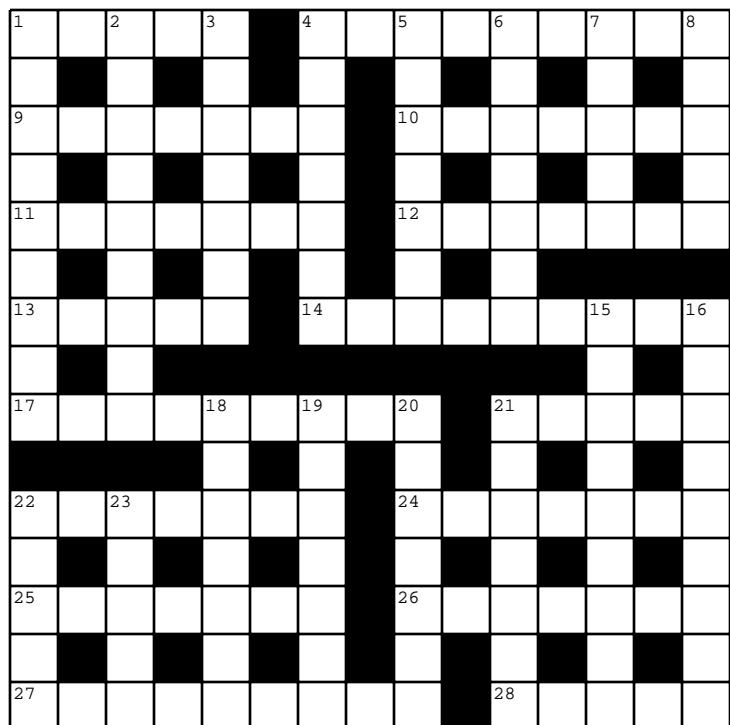
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| 4. KNUCKLING  | 2. COCKTAILS  |
| 9. RICHARD    | 3. SEABORG    |
| 10. CONRAIL   | 4. KODAK      |
| 11. OUTLOOK   | 5. ULCERATES  |
| 12. RAISING   | 6. KINKIER    |
| 13. ICING     | 7. IRAQI      |
| 14. INTERVIEW | 8. GULAG      |
| 17. ABSOLUTES | 14. INTELLECT |
| 19. SIGHT     | 15. INGENIOUS |
| 20. BASHFUL   | 16. WITNESSED |
| 22. TRAINEE   | 18. LIFTING   |
| 23. PROMISE   | 19. SCALLOP   |
| 24. FOLLOWS   | 20. BIPED     |
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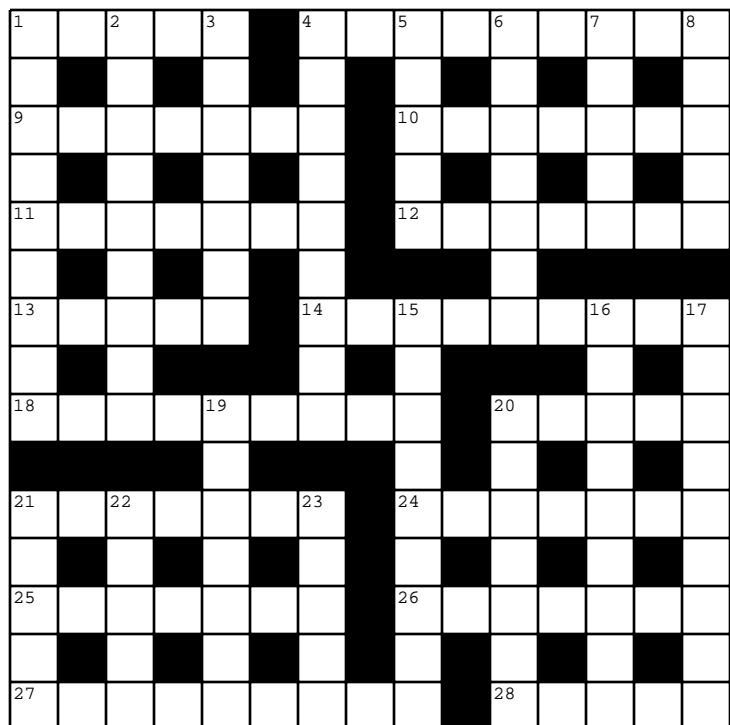
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| 4. TERRITORY  | 2. EXPULSION  |
| 9. POPCORN    | 3. SMOKING    |
| 10. FATTIER   | 4. TONIGHT    |
| 11. TALKING   | 5. REFUSAL    |
| 12. SINUSES   | 6. INTENDS    |
| 13. OWING     | 7. OMITS      |
| 14. TELESCOPE | 8. YARDS      |
| 17. GENITALIA | 15. OPERATION |
| 21. EVENT     | 16. ENTRYWAYS |
| 22. CAPTAIN   | 18. THALAMI   |
| 24. DIETARY   | 19. LENIENT   |
| 25. ULULATE   | 20. ABDOMEN   |
| 26. MARTINA   | 21. EYEBROW   |
| 27. BADMINTON | 22. CRUMB     |
| 28. WANTS     | 23. POUND     |



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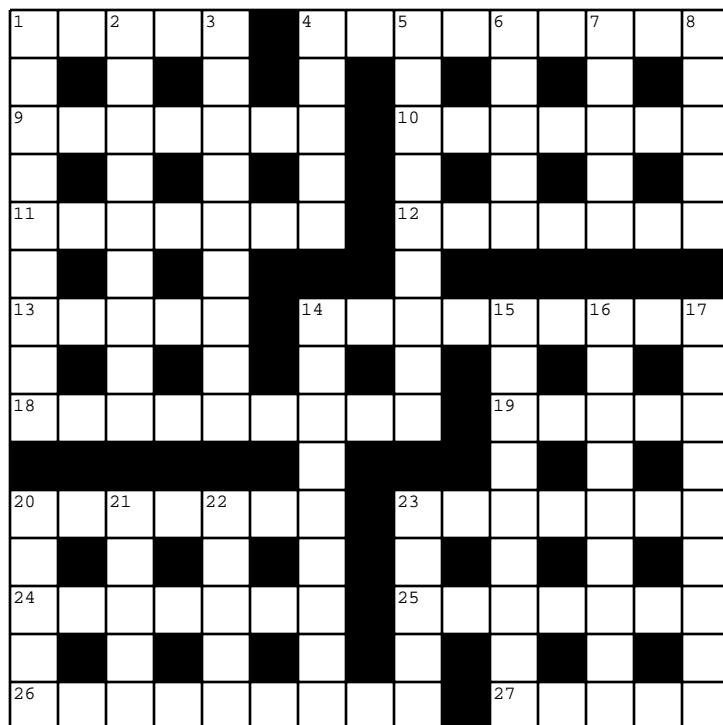
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| 4. RECENTEST  | 2. HONEYCOMB  |
| 9. GENESIS    | 3. MISDONE    |
| 10. DETRACT   | 4. RESIDENCE  |
| 11. THYROID   | 5. CADET      |
| 12. TERSELY   | 6. NATURAL    |
| 13. LOOSE     | 7. ERASE      |
| 14. NEARLIEST | 8. TATTY      |
| 18. BUBBLIEST | 15. ATTEMPTED |
| 20. IDIOM     | 16. EPILOGUED |
| 21. SUMERIA   | 17. TEMPERATE |
| 24. MICROBE   | 19. LARAMIE   |
| 25. DYNAMIC   | 20. INCOMES   |
| 26. TEMPURA   | 21. SIDES     |
| 27. SUCCEEDED | 22. MANIC     |
| 28. SIDLE     | 23. ARCED     |



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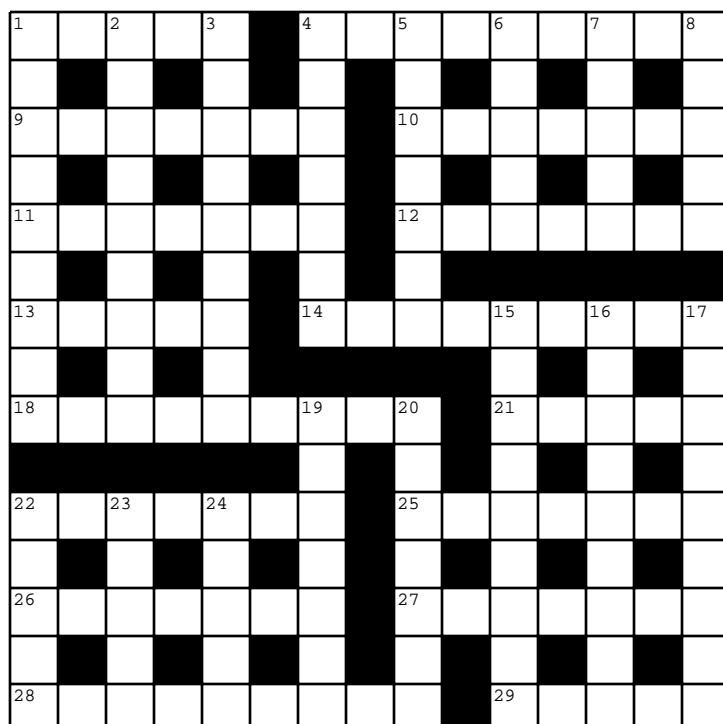
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| 4. BUTTERFLY  | 2. SUNSCREEN  |
| 9. AMNESIA    | 3. DISCREDIT  |
| 10. CATERER   | 4. BOATS      |
| 11. ENCORES   | 5. TECHNICAL  |
| 12. NARROWS   | 6. EATER      |
| 13. AMEND     | 7. FORGO      |
| 14. NICKNAMES | 8. YARDS      |
| 18. UNNATURAL | 14. NARCOTICS |
| 19. GAMMA     | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 20. JERICHO   | 16. MEMORANDA |
| 23. COTERIE   | 17. SHAKEDOWN |
| 24. SAMURAI   | 20. JOSEF     |
| 25. ROLANDO   | 21. ROMAN     |
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| 27. BRAIN     | 23. CURED     |



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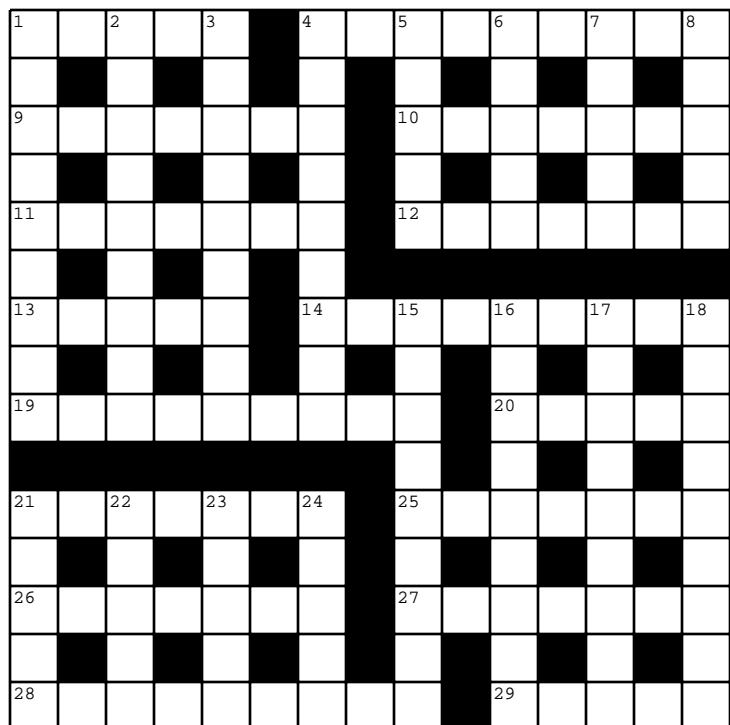
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| 4. CABLECAST  | 2. SCURRYING  |
| 9. USUALLY    | 3. MALIGNANT  |
| 10. ANATOMY   | 4. CRYPTIC    |
| 11. ALRIGHT   | 5. BRAVADO    |
| 12. ACTUATE   | 6. EXACT      |
| 13. IBIZA     | 7. AROMA      |
| 14. CHOCOLATE | 8. THYME      |
| 18. NIGHTCLUB | 15. OWNERSHIP |
| 21. NODAL     | 16. ABDOMINAL |
| 22. CARIBOU   | 17. ELLESMORE |
| 25. CHROMES   | 19. LAUDING   |
| 26. VALENTI   | 20. BUCKETS   |
| 27. ENHANCE   | 22. CAVED     |
| 28. DISLODGES | 23. RULES     |
| 29. PULSE     | 24. BINGO     |



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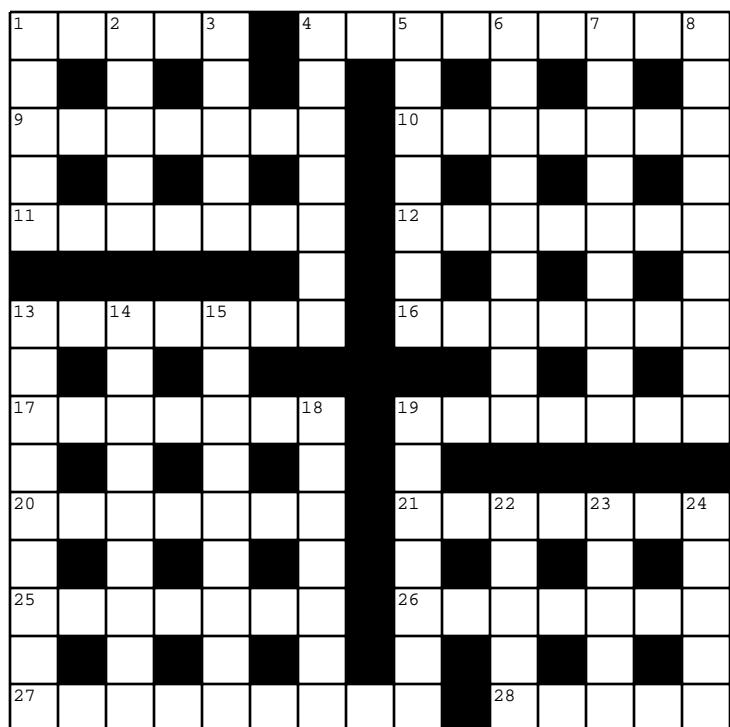
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| 4. FUNCTIONS  | 2. APPOINTEE  |
| 9. NAPSTER    | 3. POTPOURRI  |
| 10. INTEGER   | 4. FORSYTHIA  |
| 11. TRILOGY   | 5. NOISE      |
| 12. ENDINGS   | 6. TOTED      |
| 13. ROTOR     | 7. ORGAN      |
| 14. HACKSAWED | 8. SIRES      |
| 19. AMERICANA | 15. CLATTERED |
| 20. RATES     | 16. SCRAMBLES |
| 21. RUDOLPH   | 17. WITHDRAWN |
| 25. TIMIDER   | 18. DESERTERS |
| 26. CADUCEI   | 21. RACED     |
| 27. RELEASE   | 22. DUDES     |
| 28. DISPLAYED | 23. LOCAL     |
| 29. SINGS     | 24. HAIRY     |



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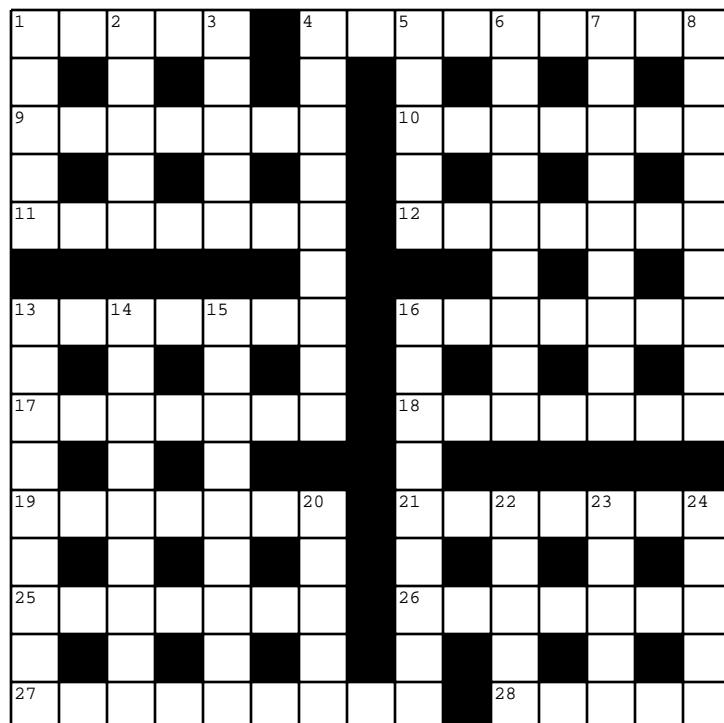
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| 9. BLONDER    | 3. ENDOW      |
| 10. CADDIED   | 4. ACRIDER    |
| 11. RENEWED   | 5. COCOONS    |
| 12. OBTUSER   | 6. AUDITORIA  |
| 13. POINTER   | 7. GLISSANDI  |
| 16. STRANGE   | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 17. RATTLES   | 13. PERSPIRED |
| 19. DEALING   | 14. INTRINSIC |
| 20. PRIMPED   | 15. TELEPHONE |
| 21. EYEBROW   | 18. SADDENS   |
| 25. RESTORE   | 19. DRESSED   |
| 26. SYLLABI   | 22. ECLAT     |
| 27. DECREASED | 23. REAMS     |
| 28. TASTE     | 24. WRITE     |



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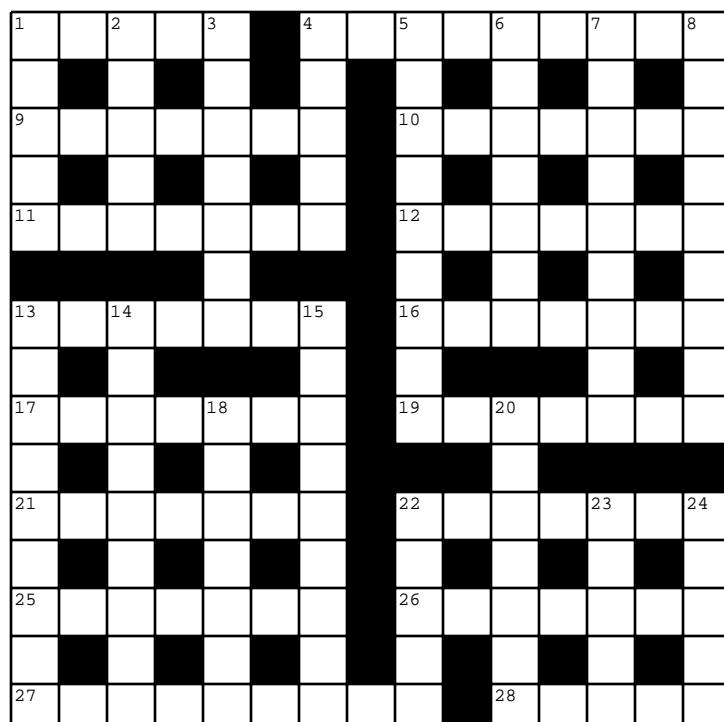
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| 4. CONFERRED  | 2. SHEER      |
| 9. CHEKHOV    | 3. ECHOS      |
| 10. DEPICTS   | 4. CIVILISED  |
| 11. AEROSOL   | 5. NADIA      |
| 12. ABYSMAL   | 6. EMPHYSEMA  |
| 13. KOREANS   | 7. RECOMPILE  |
| 16. ENEMIES   | 8. DISCLOSES  |
| 17. RUMBAED   | 13. KARAMAZOV |
| 18. HEAVENS   | 14. REMAINDER |
| 19. MAIDENS   | 15. AMATERASU |
| 21. CHANCED   | 16. ETHICALLY |
| 25. ZODIACS   | 20. SISAL     |
| 26. LARAMIE   | 22. AORTA     |
| 27. VIRTUALLY | 23. COMMA     |
| 28. AWARD     | 24. DREAD     |



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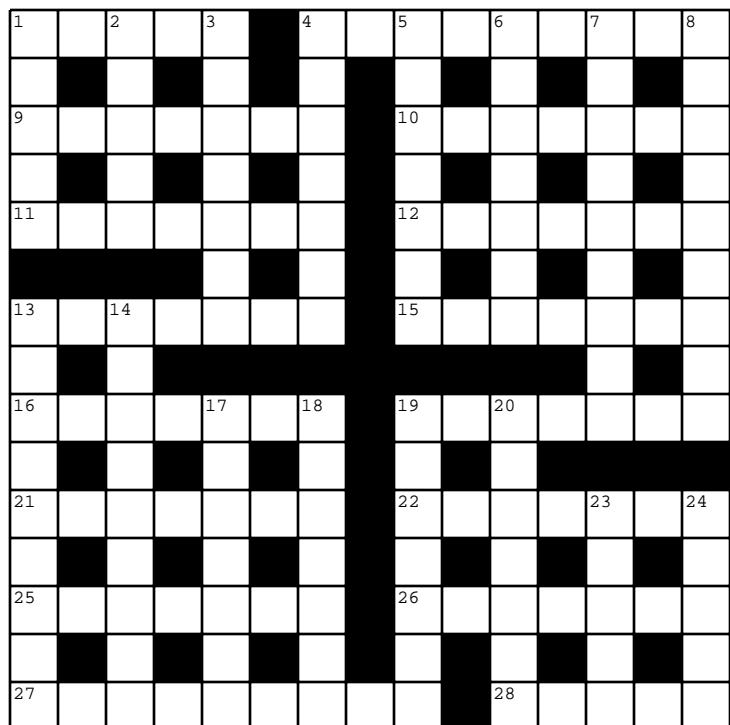
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| 4. PEACEABLE  | 2. HAVOC      |
| 9. REVEALS    | 3. ANALYZE    |
| 10. EXAMINE   | 4. POSED      |
| 11. DECAYED   | 5. ANECDOTES  |
| 12. DEPOSIT   | 6. EXAMPLE    |
| 13. CASHEWS   | 7. BRIMSTONE  |
| 16. TREMOLO   | 8. ELECTIONS  |
| 17. UNIFORM   | 13. COURSHIP  |
| 19. SECRETS   | 14. SPIRITUAL |
| 21. TRIBUTE   | 15. SYMMETRIC |
| 22. LAUNDER   | 18. OPULENT   |
| 25. HAUTEUR   | 20. CLUMPED   |
| 26. CAPTAIN   | 22. LOCAL     |
| 27. POLITICAL | 23. DRANO     |
| 28. DROVE     | 24. RANGE     |



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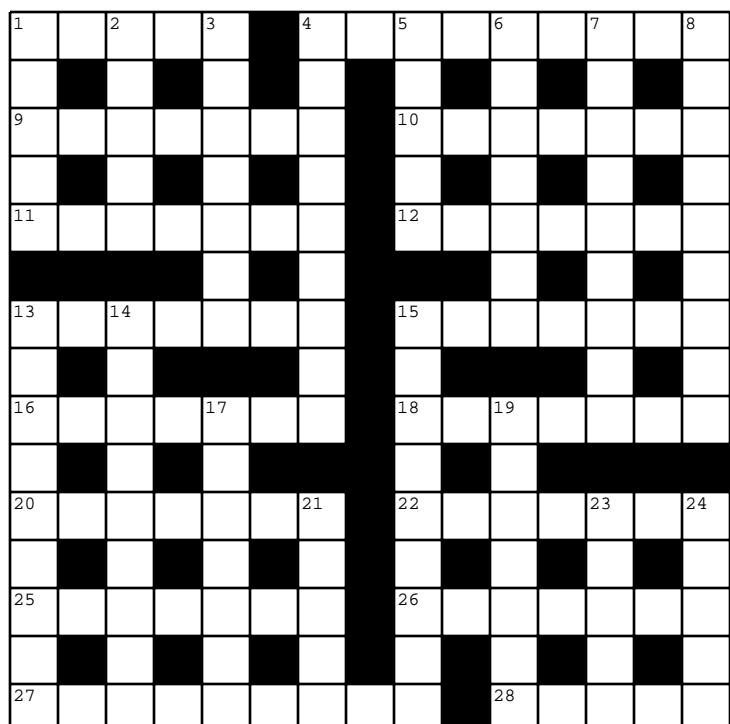
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| 4. DESCRIBES  | 2. RADON      |
| 9. CEDILLA    | 3. BOLSHOI    |
| 10. EXCLUDE   | 4. DRAWING    |
| 11. SONGHAI   | 5. SCEPTIC    |
| 12. TROTTED   | 6. RACCOON    |
| 13. BEAMING   | 7. BOUNTIFUL  |
| 15. CONIFER   | 8. SLENDERER  |
| 16. OPTIONS   | 13. BOOKSHELF |
| 19. SCHOLAR   | 14. AFTERNOON |
| 21. STRATUM   | 17. OUTLINE   |
| 22. IMPEACH   | 18. SAMOSET   |
| 25. EBONIES   | 19. STIRRUP   |
| 26. REFRAIN   | 20. HOPEFUL   |
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| 28. LATER     | 24. HONOR     |



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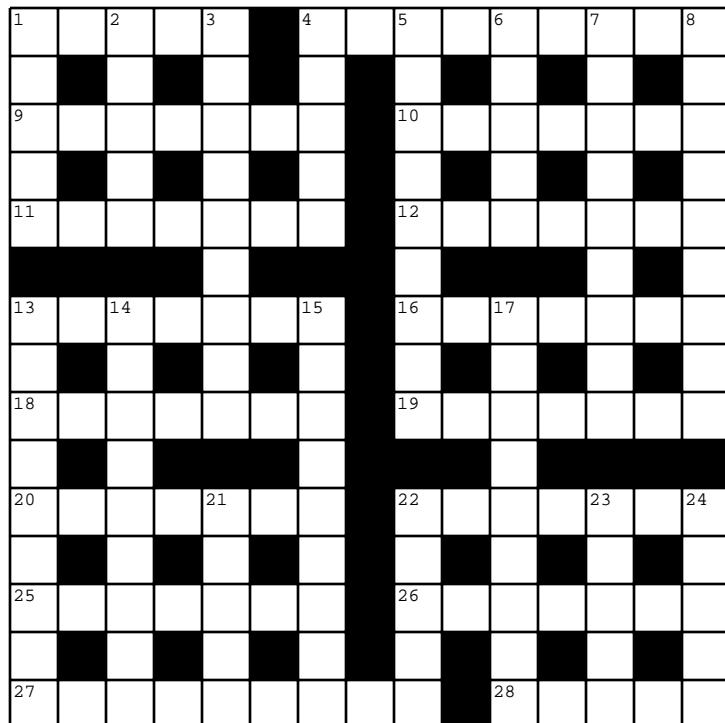
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| 1. WIDER      | 1. WEEDS      |
| 4. HONEYCOMB  | 2. DEVIL      |
| 9. ENVELOP    | 3. RELOADS    |
| 10. MASSEUR   | 4. HAPPINESS  |
| 11. SYLLABI   | 5. NAMES      |
| 12. SCIENCE   | 6. YESHIVA    |
| 13. IMPASSE   | 7. OVERNIGHT  |
| 15. DRAGGED   | 8. BARTENDER  |
| 16. CHOICES   | 13. INCENTIVE |
| 18. ARBITER   | 14. PROTRUDES |
| 20. NERDIER   | 15. DRAWBACKS |
| 22. BATHTUB   | 17. CHIBCHA   |
| 25. INDUCED   | 19. BETRAYS   |
| 26. CHATEAU   | 21. RADII     |
| 27. ECSTASIES | 23. THERE     |
| 28. SPEED     | 24. BOUND     |



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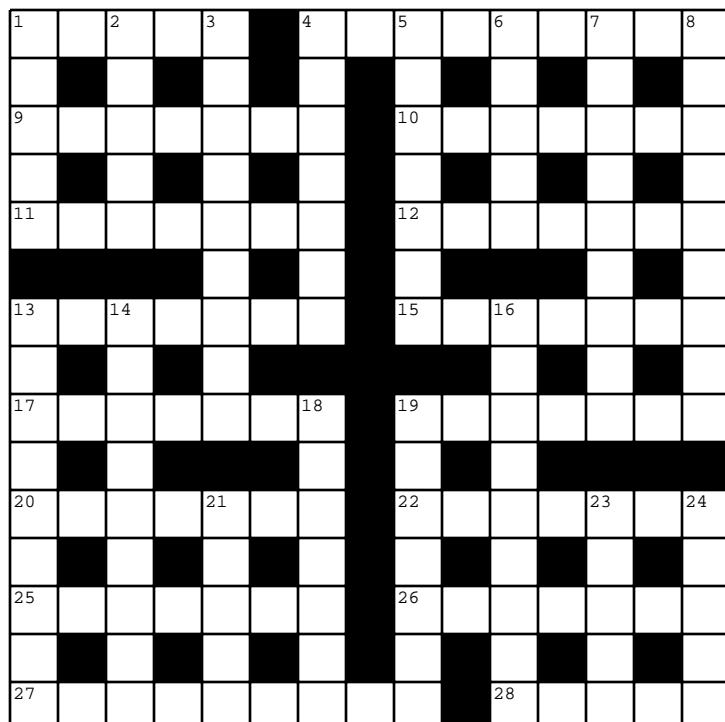
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| 1. AISLE      | 1. ASPEN      |
| 4. LIFESTYLE  | 2. SNAFU      |
| 9. PLATEAU    | 3. ELEPHANTS  |
| 10. RANKLES   | 4. LOUSY      |
| 11. NAUGHTY   | 5. FORGETFUL  |
| 12. ENCLOSE   | 6. SONIC      |
| 13. ARGONNE   | 7. YELLOWISH  |
| 16. FICTION   | 8. EASTERNER  |
| 18. CLASSIC   | 13. ACCLIMATE |
| 19. LEATHER   | 14. GRADUATED |
| 20. IGUASSU   | 15. ENCOURAGE |
| 22. DESKTOP   | 17. CLASSICAL |
| 25. ANTENNA   | 21. SINEW     |
| 26. BACILLI   | 22. DEBIT     |
| 27. ENDOWMENT | 23. TALKS     |
| 28. LISLE     | 24. PRICE     |



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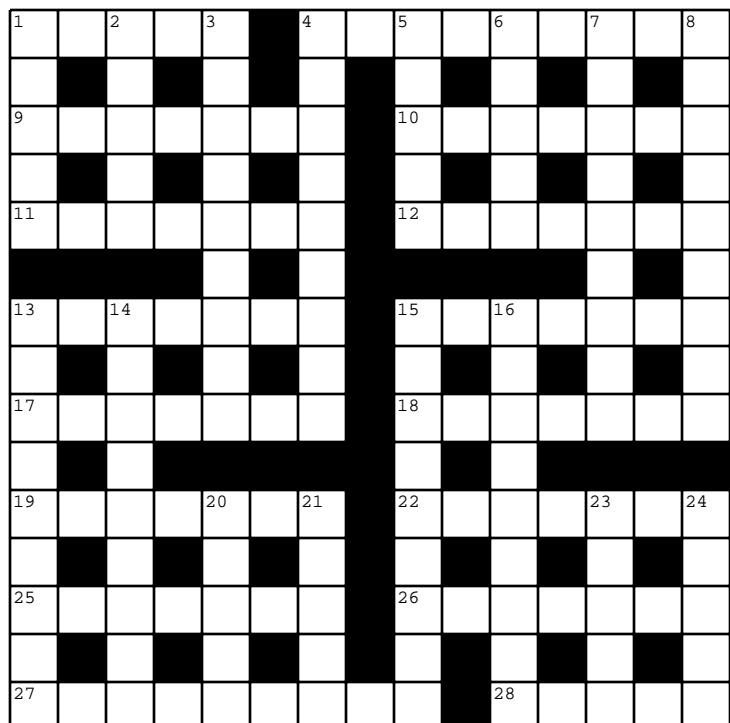
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| 9. BLOSSOM    | 3. ASSEMBLER  |
| 10. SHIKOKU   | 4. DEMURER    |
| 11. GLIMMER   | 5. DISTANT    |
| 12. AZIMUTH   | 6. CHILI      |
| 13. FIDDLER   | 7. INOCULATE  |
| 15. THALAMI   | 8. NAUGHTIES  |
| 17. NATURED   | 13. FINGERTIP |
| 19. ANGLERS   | 14. DETONATOR |
| 20. EUNUCHS   | 16. ALGORITHM |
| 22. THROUGH   | 18. DESSERT   |
| 25. TITMICE   | 19. AUTOPSY   |
| 26. PUTTIED   | 21. CHIME     |
| 27. PERFECTLY | 23. UNION     |
| 28. MINED     | 24. HIDED     |



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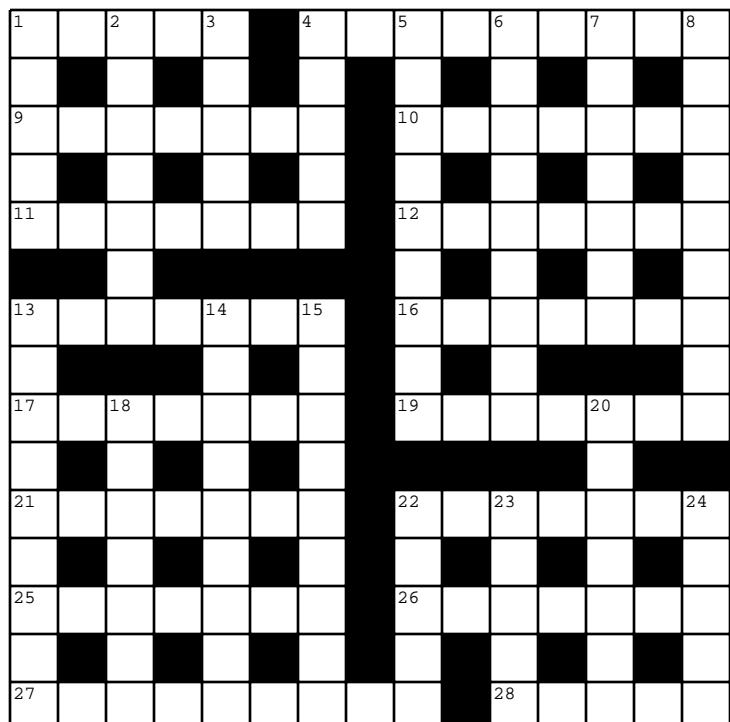
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| 4. BLASPHEME  | 2. FLOUR      |
| 9. SPONSOR    | 3. INSTALLED  |
| 10. STOPGAP   | 4. BARBARIAN  |
| 11. NIRVANA   | 5. ASSET      |
| 12. THEATRE   | 6. PRONE      |
| 13. BACILLI   | 7. EIGHTIETH  |
| 15. HATREDS   | 8. EXPRESSLY  |
| 17. ABANDON   | 13. BLACKMAIL |
| 18. NAUGHTY   | 14. CHASTENED |
| 19. KETTLES   | 15. HANDCUFFS |
| 22. COCONUT   | 16. TRUNCHEON |
| 25. ANNULAR   | 20. LILAC     |
| 26. FREIGHT   | 21. SERVO     |
| 27. LUDICROUS | 23. NEGEV     |
| 28. NEVER     | 24. TUTOR     |



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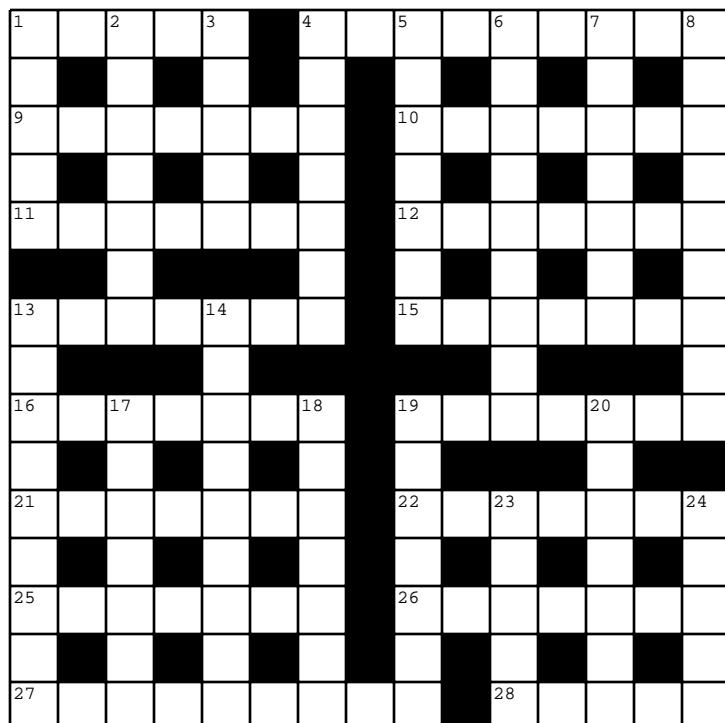
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| 4. BOHEMIANS  | 2. CRINGED    |
| 9. CHICANO    | 3. SNAFU      |
| 10. NATALIE   | 4. BOOST      |
| 11. YOGHURT   | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. YOUNGER   | 6. MUTSUHITO  |
| 13. EDDYING   | 7. ALLEGRA    |
| 16. ORIGAMI   | 8. SPEARMINT  |
| 17. ROSEANN   | 13. EARTHWORM |
| 19. BUOYANT   | 14. INAMORATA |
| 21. HARBOUR   | 15. GENERATED |
| 22. INSECTS   | 18. SURGEON   |
| 25. OVERACT   | 20. ARCHAIC   |
| 26. AVERAGE   | 22. IRATE     |
| 27. MANHANDLE | 23. STEEP     |
| 28. PICKS     | 24. SEEKS     |



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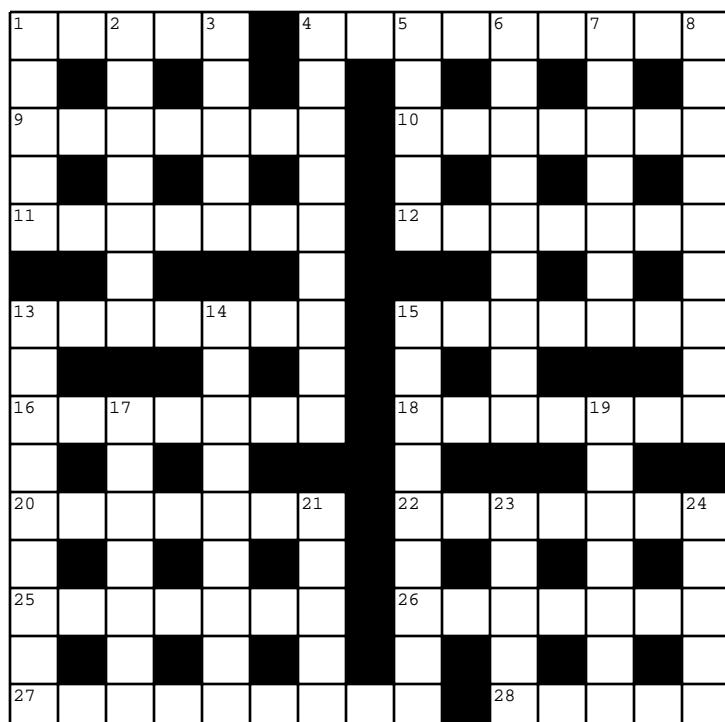
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| 4. CIGARILLO  | 2. BLASTER    |
| 9. STATION    | 3. IDIOM      |
| 10. MEGATON   | 4. CANDLED    |
| 11. OPTIMAL   | 5. GAMBLER    |
| 12. LEERIER   | 6. REGRETFUL  |
| 13. SCREWED   | 7. LATRINE    |
| 15. REFRESH   | 8. OWNERSHIP  |
| 16. BABYSAT   | 13. SUBMERGED |
| 19. BELLHOP   | 14. WASHROOMS |
| 21. ETRURIA   | 17. BORLAUG   |
| 22. CARIBOU   | 18. THALAMI   |
| 25. GRANOLA   | 19. BICYCLE   |
| 26. CADUCEI   | 20. HIBACHI   |
| 27. DIGESTIVE | 23. REDID     |
| 28. DYING     | 24. USING     |



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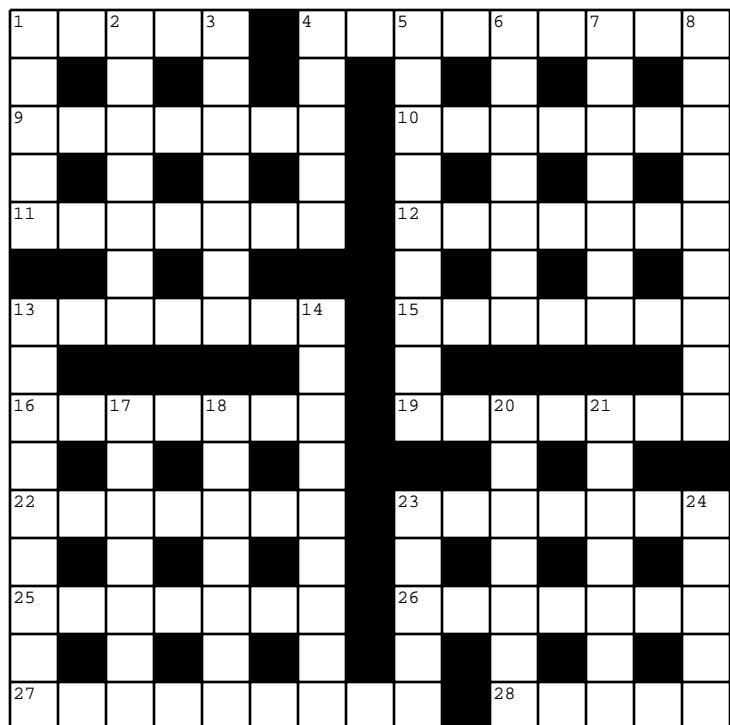
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| 4. PENETRATE  | 2. CARDOZO    |
| 9. TORPEDO    | 3. SHEEP      |
| 10. TALKING   | 4. PROTOTYPE  |
| 11. SCORPIO   | 5. NOTES      |
| 12. SUPPORT   | 6. TELEPHONE  |
| 13. GEOLOGY   | 7. ALIMONY    |
| 15. ACOLYTE   | 8. EIGHTEENS  |
| 16. REALISE   | 13. GARGANTUA |
| 18. SIESTAS   | 14. ORIENTATE |
| 20. ARSENIC   | 15. ASSEMBLED |
| 22. MACABRE   | 17. ASSUMED   |
| 25. TIMPANI   | 19. TABLOID   |
| 26. LESSONS   | 21. CRIES     |
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| 28. SIDES     | 24. EASES     |



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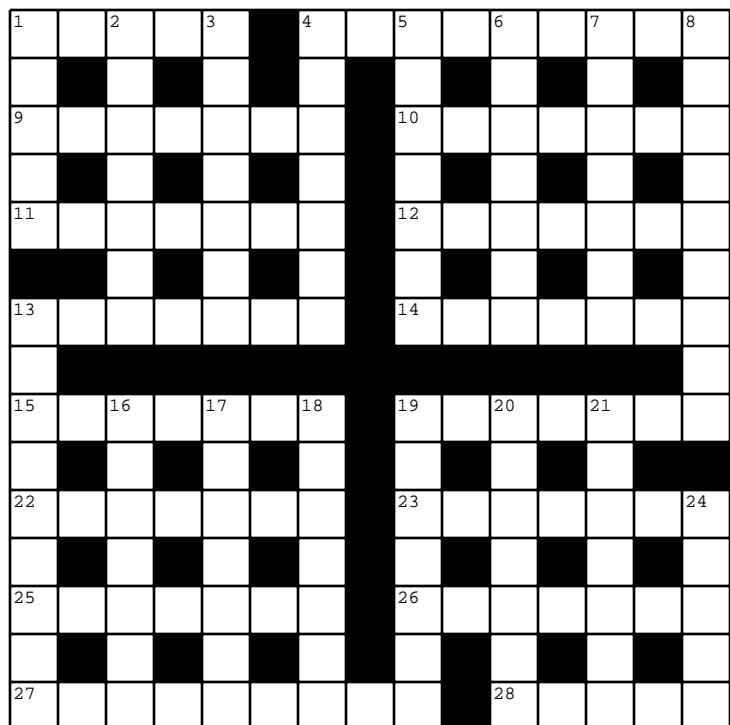
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| 4. ESMERALDA  | 2. APPLIES    |
| 9. EXPENSE    | 3. DENTIST    |
| 10. NETWORK   | 4. EVENS      |
| 11. DEITIES   | 5. MENDELEEV  |
| 12. EROTICA   | 6. RATIONS    |
| 13. VISITED   | 7. LOONIER    |
| 15. ENSURED   | 8. AWKWARDER  |
| 16. RECIPES   | 13. VARIOUSLY |
| 19. VISITOR   | 14. DESPERADO |
| 22. OBSERVE   | 17. CASSAVA   |
| 23. REGARDS   | 18. PERTURB   |
| 25. SPATULA   | 20. SUGGEST   |
| 26. ELEMENT   | 21. TORPEDO   |
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| 28. TOOLS     | 24. SITES     |



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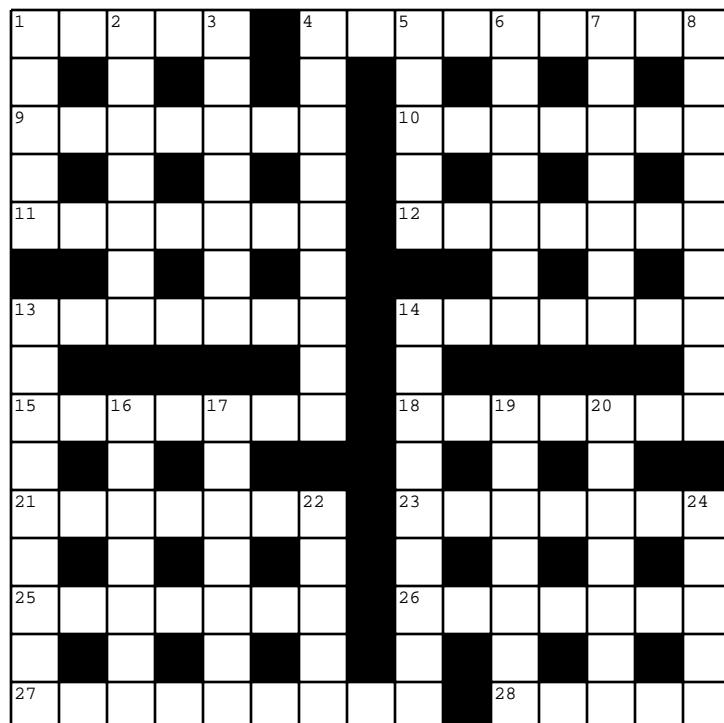
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| 4. INCAPABLE  | 2. MILDEST    |
| 9. COLLIDE    | 3. ORIGAMI    |
| 10. SCALLOP   | 4. ICEBERG    |
| 11. ELEVATE   | 5. COSIGNS    |
| 12. GEORGIA   | 6. PEAFOWL    |
| 13. DOTTING   | 7. BOLOGNA    |
| 14. SYLLABI   | 8. EMPHASISE  |
| 15. CLUBBED   | 13. DICTATORS |
| 19. APPEASE   | 16. UNCLEAR   |
| 22. ACCLAIM   | 17. BRAVADO   |
| 23. ARRAYED   | 18. DAMPENS   |
| 25. OPERATE   | 19. ANARCHY   |
| 26. CINEMAS   | 20. PARSNIP   |
| 27. SERIOUSLY | 21. ABYSMAL   |
| 28. PILES     | 24. DOSES     |



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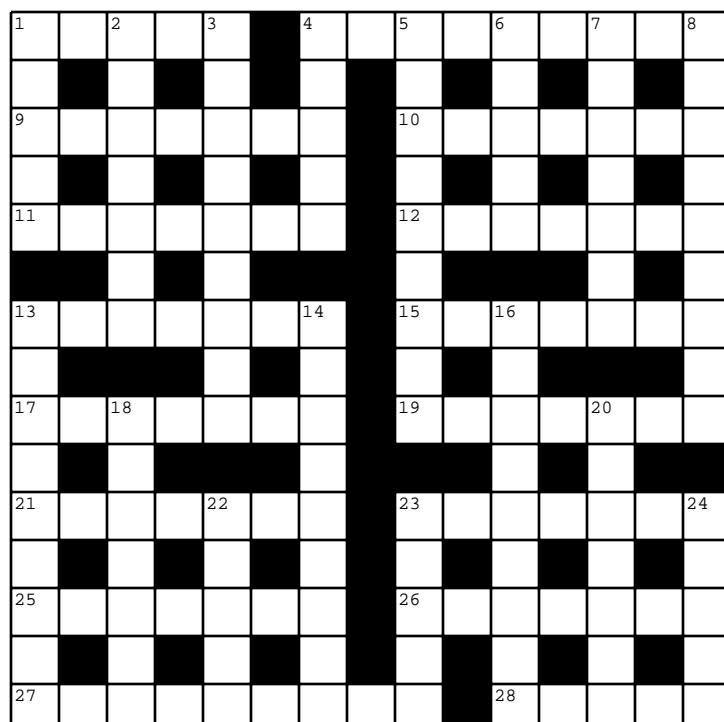
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| 4. OPPONENTS  | 2. EXCRETA    |
| 9. ACCORDS    | 3. MARTINI    |
| 10. NUTTIER   | 4. OESTROGEN  |
| 11. FIERIER   | 5. PANIC      |
| 12. CHILEAN   | 6. NATTIER    |
| 13. QUAKING   | 7. NAIVELY    |
| 14. FORAYED   | 8. SERENADES  |
| 15. ALBUMEN   | 13. QUARRELED |
| 18. LAYOUTS   | 14. FILAMENTS |
| 21. RELAXES   | 16. BOLOGNA   |
| 23. MENACED   | 17. MEXICAN   |
| 25. LOGICAL   | 19. YANKING   |
| 26. NAIVEST   | 20. UNCLEAR   |
| 27. DIAGNOSIS | 22. SELLS     |
| 28. GARBO     | 24. DITTO     |



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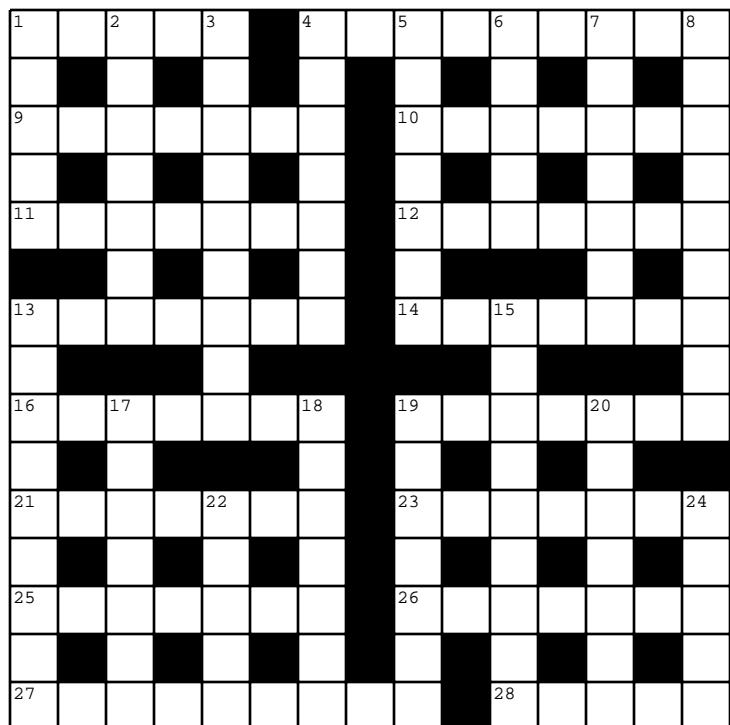
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| 9. BARRELS    | 3. ELEPHANTS  |
| 10. TANISHA   | 4. BASER      |
| 11. ANOTHER   | 5. NATIONALS  |
| 12. ORATION   | 6. GONNA      |
| 13. OCEANIC   | 7. TASTIER    |
| 15. ASSURES   | 8. DIAGNOSIS  |
| 17. NIELSEN   | 13. OWNERSHIP |
| 19. SURVEYS   | 14. CONTRALTO |
| 21. REVELER   | 16. SARCASTIC |
| 23. CRAVATS   | 18. ENVELOP   |
| 25. HELPFUL   | 20. EXAMINE   |
| 26. OUTLINE   | 22. LIFER     |
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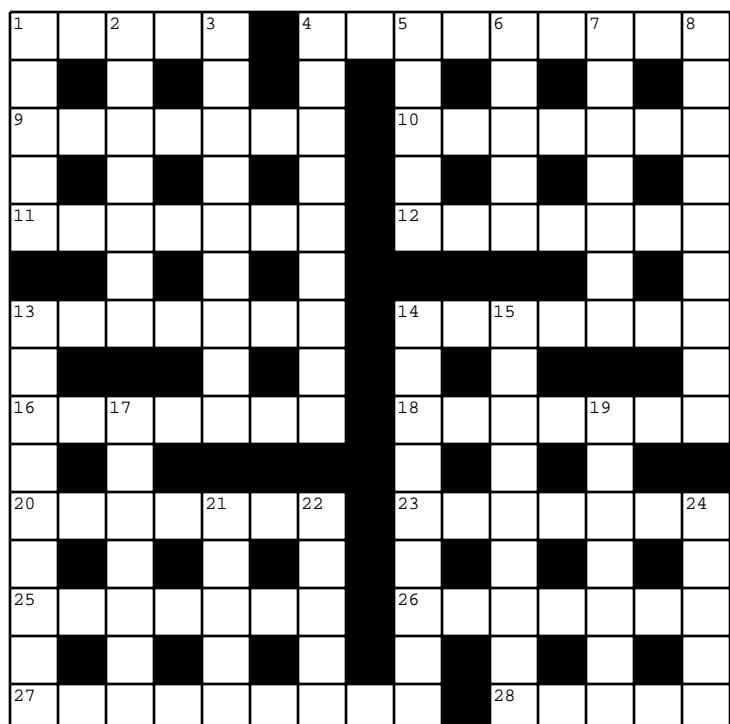
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| 4. FORKLIFTS  | 2. CARIBOU    |
| 9. PERTAIN    | 3. STAGNATED  |
| 10. CUBICLE   | 4. FANATIC    |
| 11. CABINET   | 5. RECYCLE    |
| 12. CALCULI   | 6. LABEL      |
| 13. CAUSTIC   | 7. FACTUAL    |
| 14. EARPLUG   | 8. SEEMINGLY  |
| 16. RAPIDLY   | 13. CHROMATIC |
| 19. MODESTY   | 15. REDOUBLED |
| 21. MAGYARS   | 17. PAGEANT   |
| 23. COULOMB   | 18. YESSING   |
| 25. THALAMI   | 19. MACABRE   |
| 26. BELLBOY   | 20. SHOWBIZ   |
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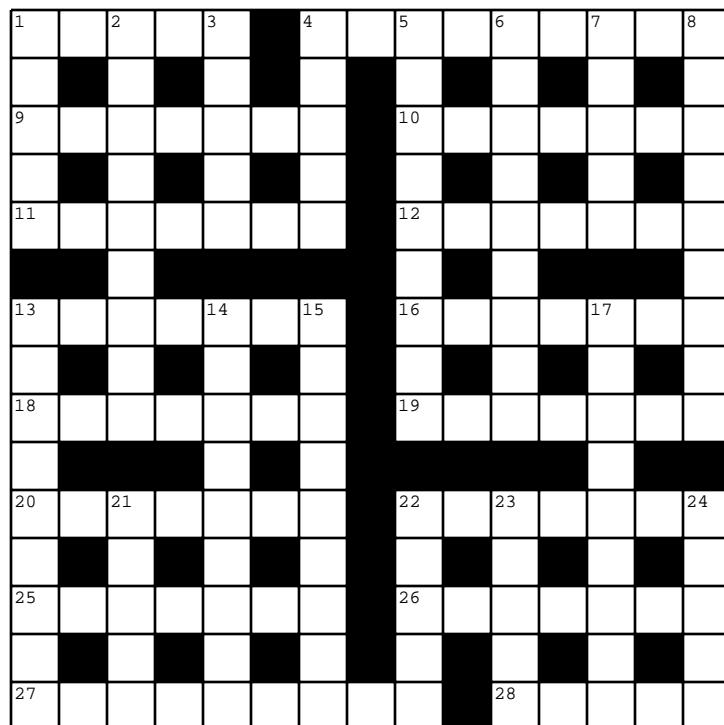
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| 9. CAITLIN    | 3. BELEAGUER  |
| 10. MULATTO   | 4. HONEYBEES  |
| 11. ACTUARY   | 5. NAMES      |
| 12. SETBACK   | 6. INLET      |
| 13. INCLUDE   | 7. OUTRAGE    |
| 14. CHATEAU   | 8. KNOCKOUTS  |
| 16. ACCORDS   | 13. INAUDIBLY |
| 18. NATIONS   | 14. CENTRALLY |
| 20. DRASTIC   | 15. ATTACHING |
| 23. RECITED   | 17. CHANGES   |
| 25. BUGABOO   | 19. OUTPUTS   |
| 26. LEISURE   | 21. TABLE     |
| 27. YESTERDAY | 22. CROWD     |
| 28. GASPS     | 24. DRESS     |



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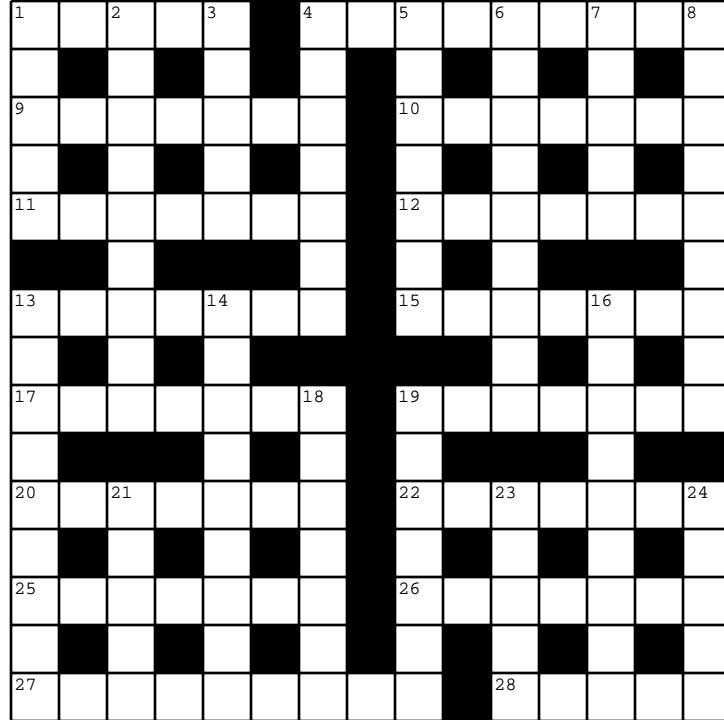
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| 9. INTENSE    | 3. ERNIE      |
| 10. NUTMEAT   | 4. EVERY      |
| 11. FORGERY   | 5. CENTIPEDE  |
| 12. INFERO    | 6. ARTIFICES  |
| 13. NURTURE   | 7. THEIR      |
| 16. ESCAPED   | 8. RETRODDEN  |
| 18. KETCHUP   | 13. NUKUALOFA |
| 19. EASTERN   | 14. UNHAPPIER |
| 20. AUTOPSY   | 15. EMPHYSEMA |
| 22. DRAGONS   | 17. PHENOMENA |
| 25. OXIDIZE   | 21. TWIST     |
| 26. PROTECT   | 22. DEPTH     |
| 27. AFTERMATH | 23. AMONG     |
| 28. GOALS     | 24. SITES     |



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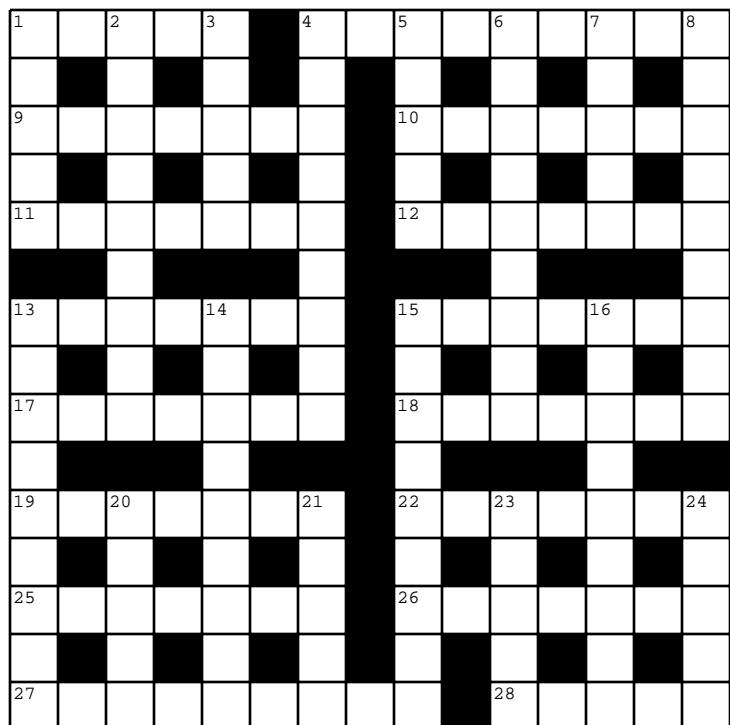
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| 4. HUNDREDTH  | 2. CRUNCHING  |
| 9. SPUMONI    | 3. AROMA      |
| 10. ROSANNA   | 4. HAIRCUT    |
| 11. ARCHAIC   | 5. NARMADA    |
| 12. ASUNDER   | 6. RESHUFFLE  |
| 13. ELITIST   | 7. DINED      |
| 15. AFFECTS   | 8. HEADRESTS  |
| 17. LOGICAL   | 13. EULOGIZES |
| 19. EMERGES   | 14. INCURRING |
| 20. GUJARAT   | 16. CIGARILLO |
| 22. CAVERNS   | 18. LATINER   |
| 25. ZILLION   | 19. ENCODED   |
| 26. DEVOLVE   | 21. JULIA     |
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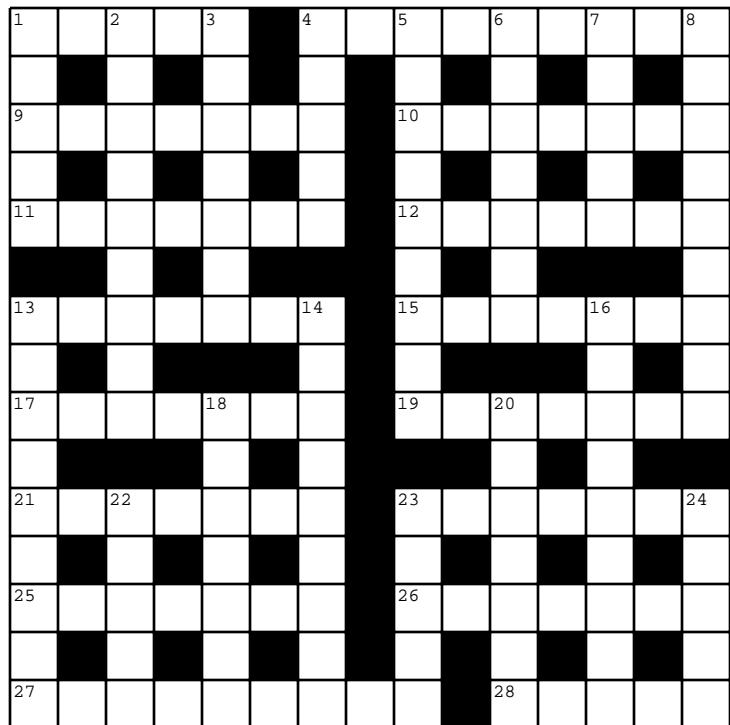
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| 4. EVALUATED  | 2. COCKROACH  |
| 9. ARCHAIC    | 3. STALL      |
| 10. NODDING   | 4. ESCAPADES  |
| 11. HARELIP   | 5. ANNOY      |
| 12. YARDAGE   | 6. UNDERDOGS  |
| 13. FLAGGED   | 7. TRINA      |
| 15. IRONIES   | 8. DIGRESSED  |
| 17. UNHOOKS   | 13. FOUNDRIES |
| 18. CUSTARD   | 14. GROOVIES  |
| 19. DISAVOW   | 15. INCREASED |
| 22. EMPTIES   | 16. INANIMATE |
| 25. ICEBERG   | 20. SHEEN     |
| 26. SARCASM   | 21. WAGES     |
| 27. SANITISED | 23. PARKS     |
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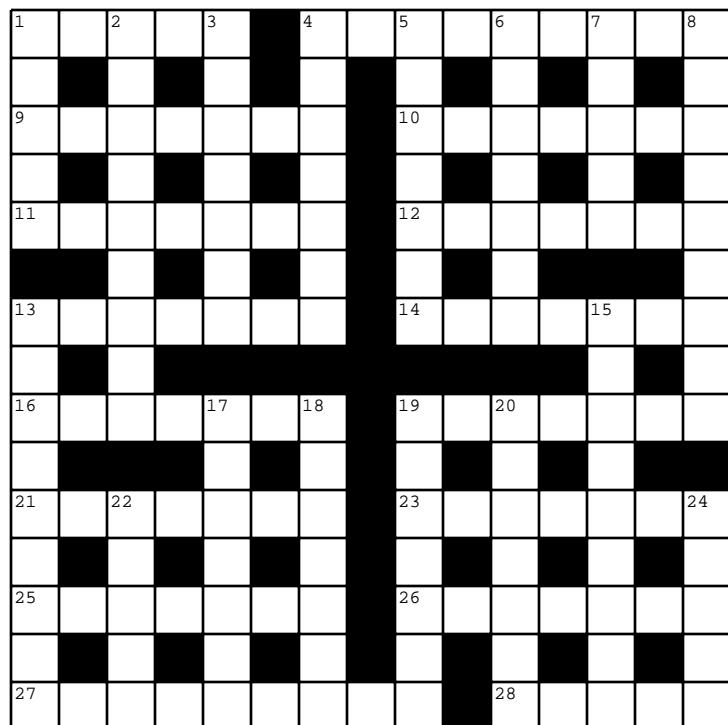
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| 9. CLAMMED    | 3. SAMURAI    |
| 10. OPTIMAL   | 4. SIDES      |
| 11. SPHERES   | 5. BOOMERANG  |
| 12. ERNESTO   | 6. TITANIC    |
| 13. CHARITY   | 7. MAMAS      |
| 15. ACCEPTS   | 8. CALLOUSED  |
| 17. UNMORAL   | 13. COURTSHIP |
| 19. GROUPED   | 14. YELLOWISH |
| 21. TABASCO   | 16. PEPPERONI |
| 23. EXTREME   | 18. ROSSINI   |
| 25. HOUDINI   | 20. OUTPUTS   |
| 26. GLUCOSE   | 22. BLURB     |
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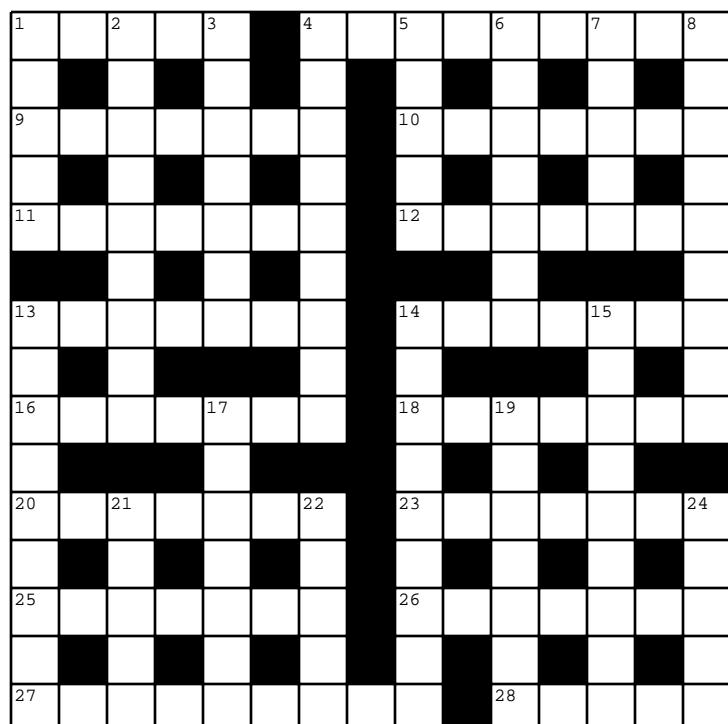
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| 9. INSOFAR    | 3. DEFINED    |
| 10. BEDROOM   | 4. CURDLED    |
| 11. ETERNAL   | 5. NABISCO    |
| 12. SPASTIC   | 6. INDIANA    |
| 13. SKIDDED   | 7. TROUT      |
| 14. OCARINA   | 8. DEMOCRATS  |
| 16. REFUSED   | 13. STREETCAR |
| 19. ACCEPTS   | 15. IMPROMPTU |
| 21. ENQUIRE   | 17. STIMULI   |
| 23. CHEROOT   | 18. DEEPEST   |
| 25. CLOSURE   | 19. ARCHAIC   |
| 26. AUTOPSY   | 20. CHEETAH   |
| 27. REALISTIC | 22. QUOTA     |
| 28. HOUSE     | 24. THYME     |



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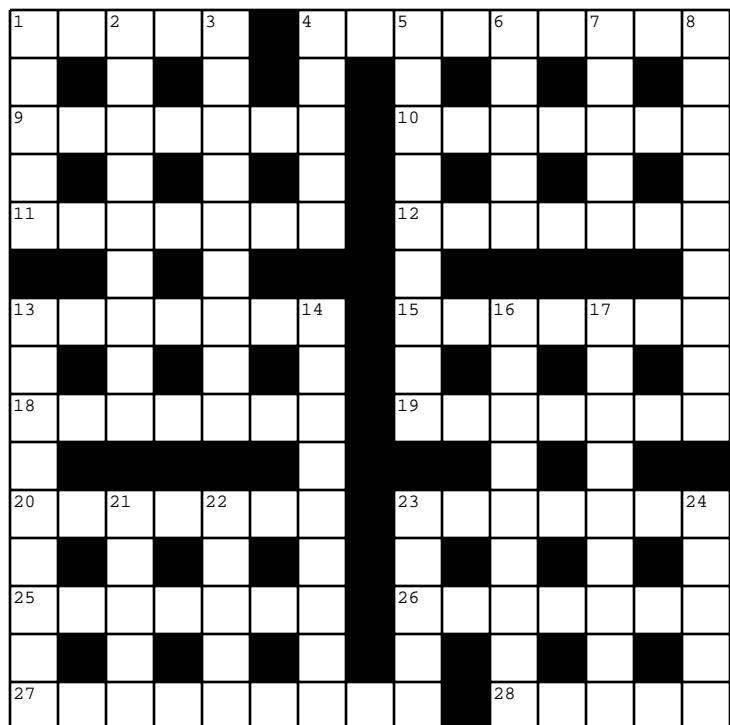
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| 4. EAVESDROP  | 2. HOBNOBBED  |
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| 10. SWOLLEN   | 4. ESSENTIAL  |
| 11. SHORTEN   | 5. VISIT      |
| 12. THUNDER   | 6. SHOGUNS    |
| 13. HIBACHI   | 7. RULED      |
| 14. FASCISM   | 8. PANORAMIC  |
| 16. MEDICAL   | 13. HOMESTEAD |
| 18. ACRYLIC   | 14. FLAMINGOS |
| 20. SECONDS   | 15. ILLEGIBLY |
| 23. ILLEGAL   | 17. CONTROL   |
| 25. EMBARGO   | 19. RELYING   |
| 26. GLIBBER   | 21. CUBES     |
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| 28. GUYED     | 24. LURED     |



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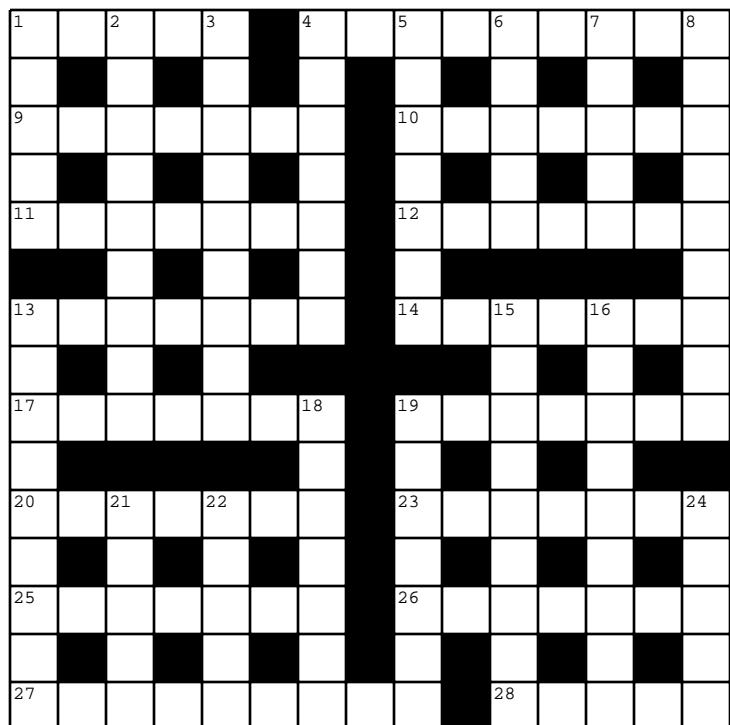
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| 4. DISCLOSES  | 2. REDEPLOYS  |
| 9. GODUNOV    | 3. HINDRANCE  |
| 10. ALBERTO   | 4. DIVED      |
| 11. TAPERED   | 5. STANDOFFS  |
| 12. DELIGHT   | 6. LABEL      |
| 13. DROWNED   | 7. SHRUG      |
| 15. FIFTEEN   | 8. SHORTENED  |
| 18. DESCEND   | 13. DEDICATED |
| 19. STOPPED   | 14. DEDICATES |
| 20. CHAOTIC   | 16. FOOTPRINT |
| 23. SUPPOSE   | 17. EXPLOSION |
| 25. TRIDENT   | 21. AXIOM     |
| 26. BRITISH   | 22. TREAT     |
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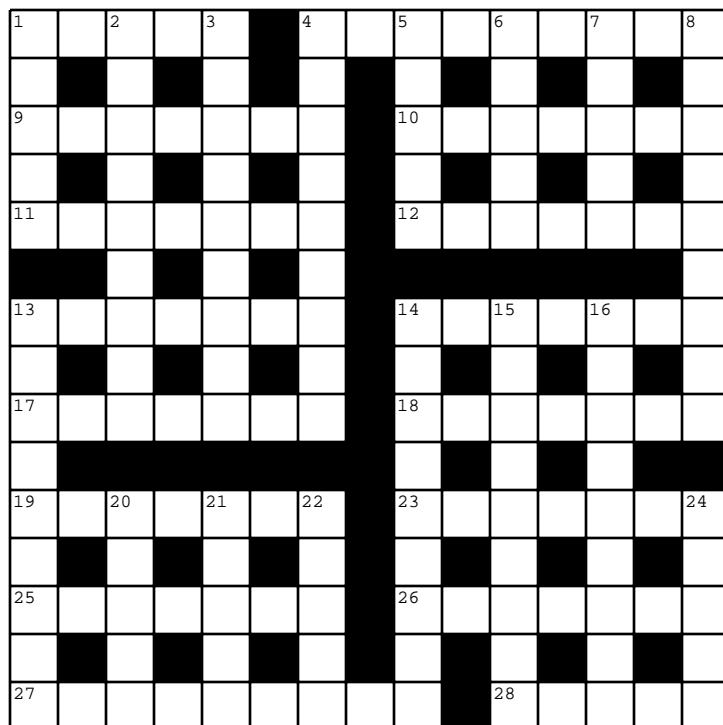
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| 9. NOWHERE    | 3. EXECUTING  |
| 10. TREMOLO   | 4. FEEDING    |
| 11. CALCULI   | 5. ANTIQUE    |
| 12. QUARREL   | 6. HYENA      |
| 13. ADORING   | 7. AMOUR      |
| 14. ESCAPED   | 8. KNOWLEDGE  |
| 17. EMERGES   | 13. AMENDMENT |
| 19. APPROVE   | 15. CUPBOARDS |
| 20. DOTTING   | 16. PRONOUNCE |
| 23. RIOTOUS   | 18. SAGUARO   |
| 25. ENEMATA   | 19. ATROPHY   |
| 26. PIRANHA   | 21. TAEGU     |
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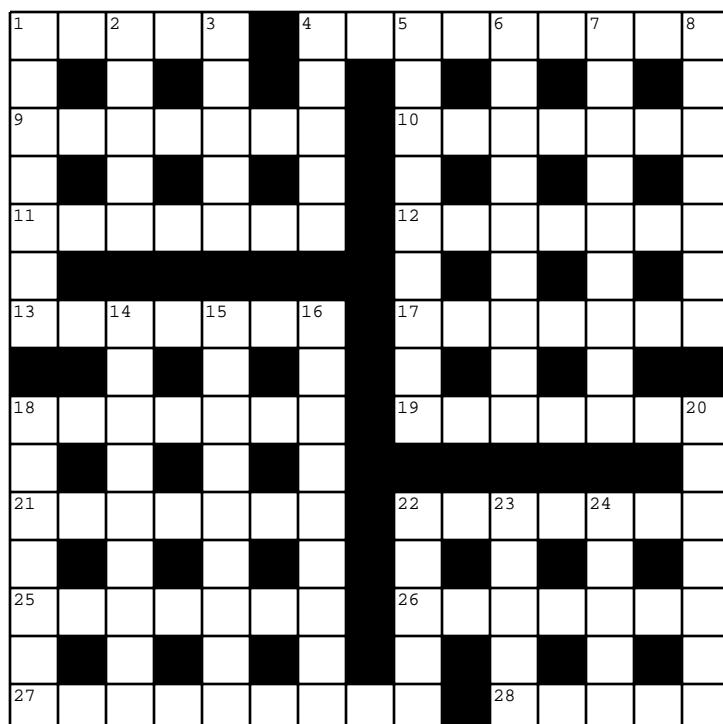
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| 9. FACTUAL    | 3. INUKTITUT  |
| 10. ENLARGE   | 4. HILLSIDES  |
| 11. LENGTHS   | 5. AGENT      |
| 12. TYPESET   | 6. TULIP      |
| 13. FACETED   | 7. EARLS      |
| 14. CONFINE   | 8. TREATMENT  |
| 17. RELATES   | 13. FORECASTS |
| 18. NEAREST   | 14. CONFIDANT |
| 19. COULDNT   | 15. NEARLIEST |
| 23. ILLEGAL   | 16. IDEOGRAMS |
| 25. STAMINA   | 20. USAGE     |
| 26. AVERAGE   | 21. DRILL     |
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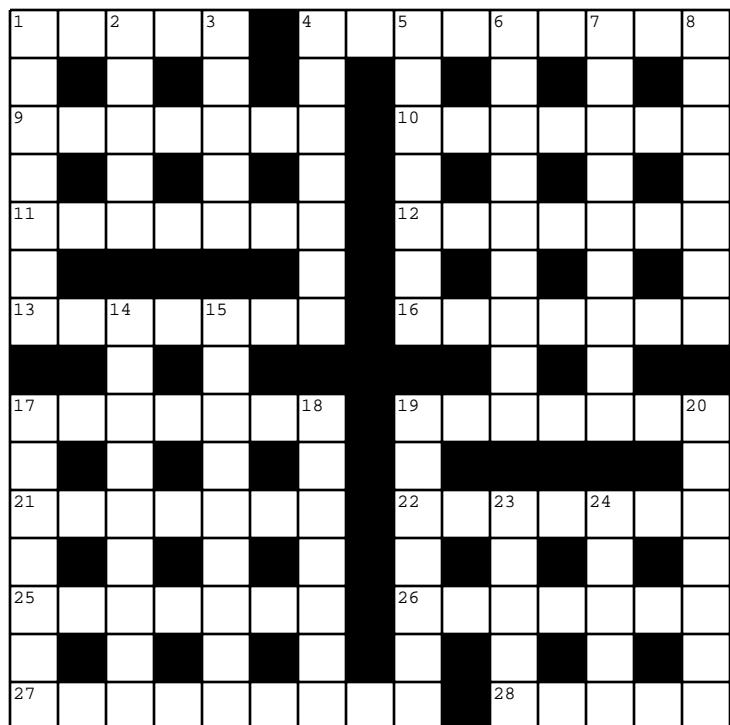
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| 9. THROUGH    | 3. USUAL      |
| 10. NICCOLO   | 4. ASHES      |
| 11. INSULTS   | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. YELLOWS   | 6. RECOLLECT  |
| 13. GUESSED   | 7. ECOLOGIST  |
| 17. OBESITY   | 8. TROTSKY    |
| 18. LECTERN   | 14. EXCHANGED |
| 19. BATHTUB   | 15. SPEEDSTER |
| 21. GRANDEE   | 16. DANDELION |
| 22. TACTFUL   | 18. LEGIBLE   |
| 25. BUGATTI   | 20. BULLETS   |
| 26. SCIENCE   | 22. TASTE     |
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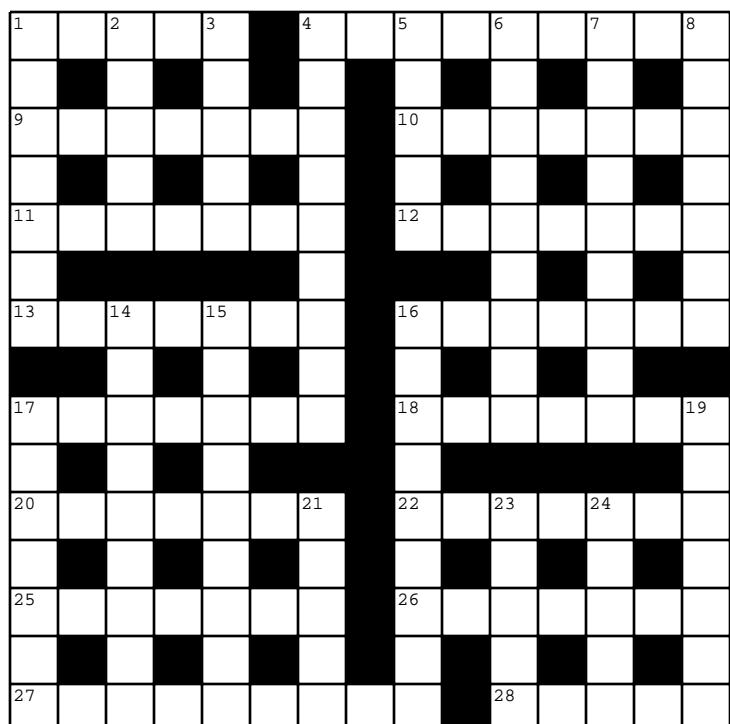
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| 4. BACKBOARD  | 2. THEIR      |
| 9. STEERED    | 3. SCRUB      |
| 10. ANORAKS   | 4. BEDBUGS    |
| 11. MARABOU   | 5. CHARIOT    |
| 12. INTEGER   | 6. BLOWTORCH  |
| 13. SALMONS   | 7. ANALGESIA  |
| 16. THRUSTS   | 8. DISARMS    |
| 17. ARTISAN   | 14. LETHARGIC |
| 19. WAHHABI   | 15. OBSCENITY |
| 21. TRADERS   | 17. ASTARTE   |
| 22. ENDINGS   | 18. NOSIEST   |
| 25. RAGTIME   | 19. WEEKEND   |
| 26. EMERGES   | 20. INSISTS   |
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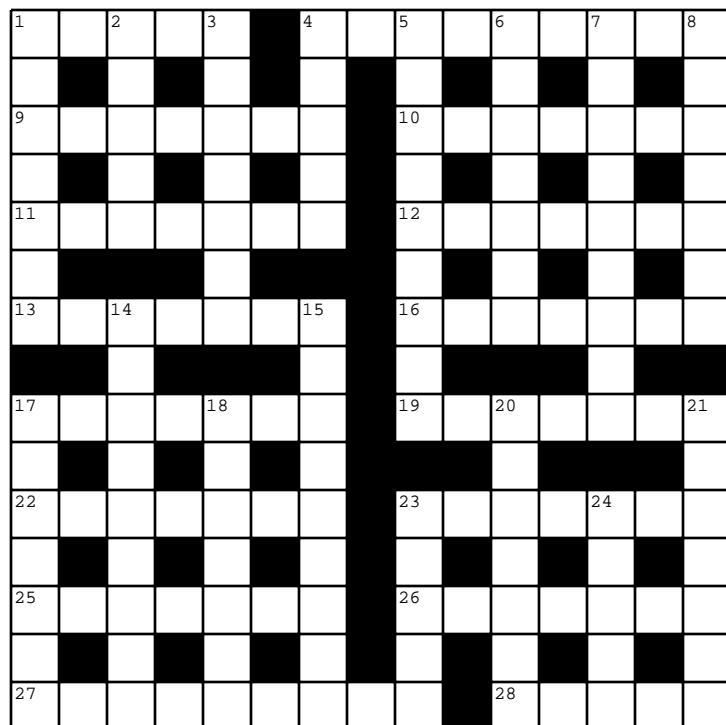
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| 10. CARISSA   | 4. DISASTERS  |
| 11. TEDIOUS   | 5. BACKS      |
| 12. STIRRED   | 6. GERMINATE  |
| 13. BECAUSE   | 7. INSERTION  |
| 16. READIED   | 8. GUARDED    |
| 17. PAGODAS   | 14. COGNOMENS |
| 18. CLEANED   | 15. UNDERWEAR |
| 20. PROGRAM   | 16. RECORDERS |
| 22. ROMANOV   | 17. PAPRIKA   |
| 25. ICEBERG   | 19. DIVERSE   |
| 26. EARLIER   | 21. MAGIC     |
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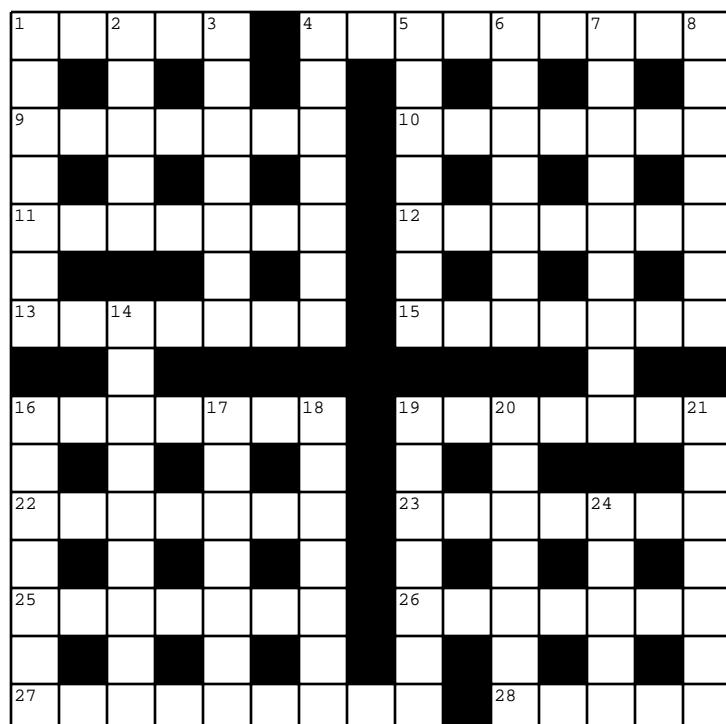
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| 4. KIDNAPPED  | 2. DEALT      |
| 9. DRASTIC    | 3. ACTIONS    |
| 10. TROUSER   | 4. KICKS      |
| 11. OPTIONS   | 5. DETONATOR  |
| 12. NEATEST   | 6. AVOCADO    |
| 13. SINUSES   | 7. PASSENGER  |
| 16. TROUGH    | 8. DORITOS    |
| 17. BACILLI   | 14. NICKNAMES |
| 19. ROBERTA   | 15. SPINSTERS |
| 22. RENEGES   | 17. BURSTED   |
| 23. PALETTE   | 18. LEGIBLE   |
| 25. TAMABLE   | 20. BULKIER   |
| 26. DRIPPED   | 21. AGENDAS   |
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| 28. RACES     | 24. TOPIC     |



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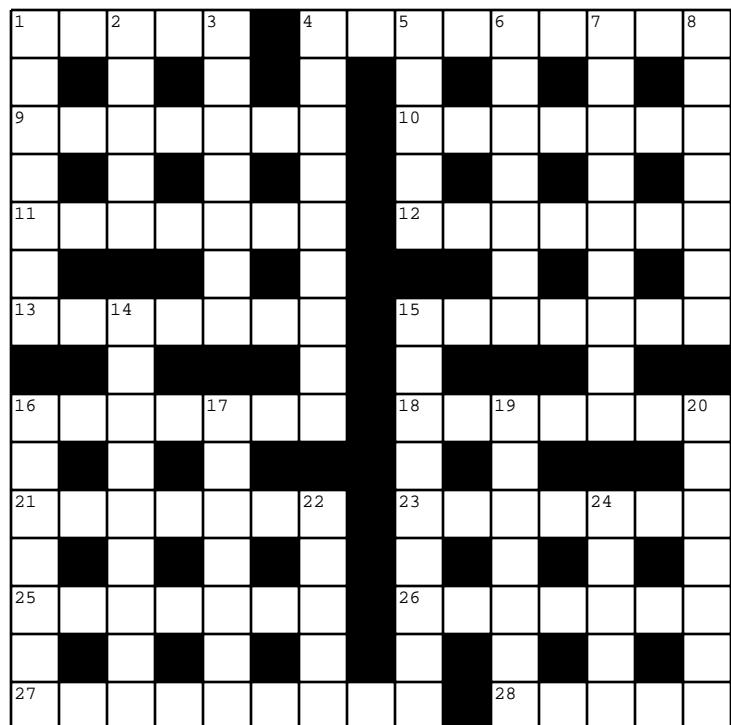
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| 9. SPATULA    | 3. CAUTION    |
| 10. OARSMAN   | 4. CRASHES    |
| 11. ENGLISH   | 5. PROVERB    |
| 12. ENLARGE   | 6. AURELIO    |
| 13. EXPANDS   | 7. NUMERICAL  |
| 15. BRONCOS   | 8. DANCERS    |
| 16. BURUNDI   | 14. PARODYING |
| 19. INHALED   | 16. BROWNIE   |
| 22. ORDERED   | 17. NIRVANA   |
| 23. FURLONG   | 18. INDULGE   |
| 25. NAIPPAUL  | 19. INFECTS   |
| 26. CHENNAI   | 20. HERSELF   |
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| 28. FURRY     | 24. OWNER     |



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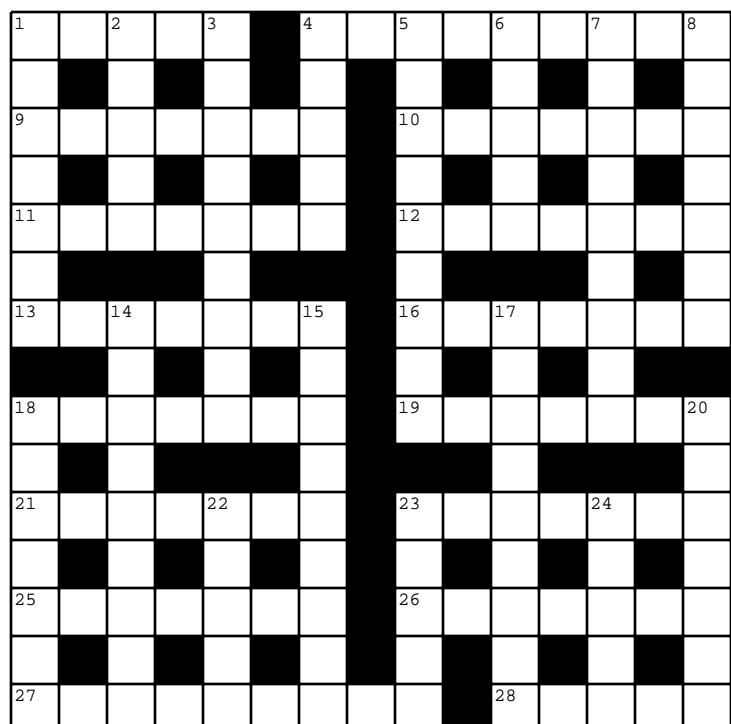
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| 4. OFFENDERS  | 2. RARER      |
| 9. TORTURE    | 3. SPUMONI    |
| 10. LOUDEST   | 4. OVERNIGHT  |
| 11. HARPOON   | 5. FILLS      |
| 12. SCRUGGS   | 6. NEUTRAL    |
| 13. PUMPING   | 7. EMERGENCY  |
| 15. BALONEY   | 8. SATISFY    |
| 16. COHABIT   | 14. MAHARISHI |
| 18. ALLAYED   | 15. BRACKETED |
| 21. MORAVIA   | 16. COMEDIC   |
| 23. KEELING   | 17. BIVOUAC   |
| 25. DISGUST   | 19. LEERING   |
| 26. TBILISI   | 20. DIGNITY   |
| 27. COINCIDED | 22. ANTED     |
| 28. GIMPY     | 24. IDIOM     |



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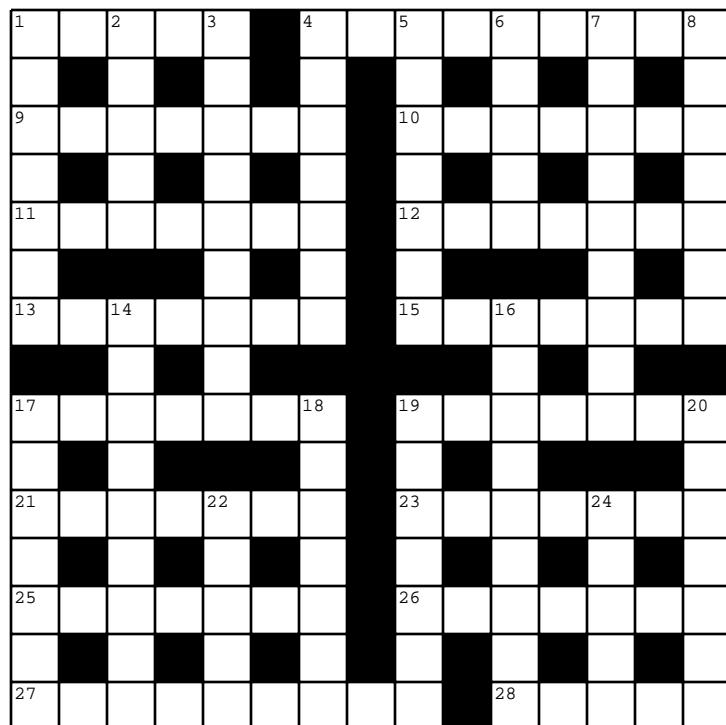
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| 4. UPHEAVALS  | 2. BERTH      |
| 9. PARVENU    | 3. BLEACHING  |
| 10. SWEATED   | 4. USUAL      |
| 11. ETHICAL   | 5. HISTOGRAM  |
| 12. OCTOPUS   | 6. ARENT      |
| 13. SISSIER   | 7. AUTOPSIED  |
| 16. RABBITS   | 8. SADISTS    |
| 18. CLOGGED   | 14. SHOWERIER |
| 19. MELODIC   | 15. REDUCTION |
| 21. ASEPTIC   | 17. BELEAGUER |
| 23. AGAINST   | 18. CHAOTIC   |
| 25. TBILISI   | 20. CITADEL   |
| 26. PLUGGED   | 22. TRINA     |
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| 28. RIVAL     | 24. NEGEV     |



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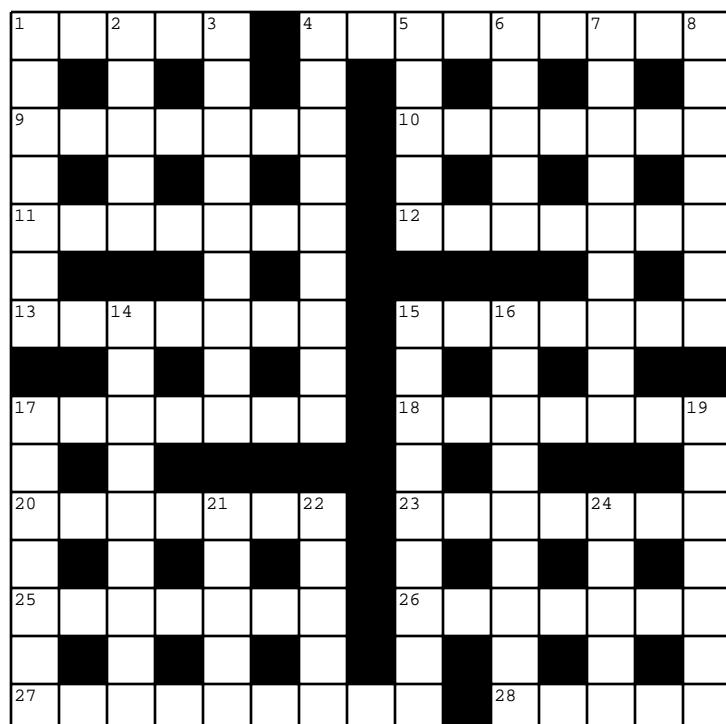
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| 4. ALARMISTS  | 2. KICKS      |
| 9. ARCHAIC    | 3. DRAMATICS  |
| 10. OFFENDS   | 4. ACCUSER    |
| 11. INSTALS   | 5. ABOLISH    |
| 12. IMAGINE   | 6. MAFIA      |
| 13. GLACIER   | 7. SENTIMENT  |
| 15. HEAVENS   | 8. SYSTEMS    |
| 17. BLOUSES   | 14. ABOLISHED |
| 19. PLASTIC   | 16. ANALGESIC |
| 21. REISSUE   | 17. BARRERA   |
| 23. MIGRATE   | 18. SCEPTIC   |
| 25. EXHAUST   | 19. PAMPERS   |
| 26. EASIEST   | 20. CHEETAH   |
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| 28. CLASH     | 24. ARENA     |



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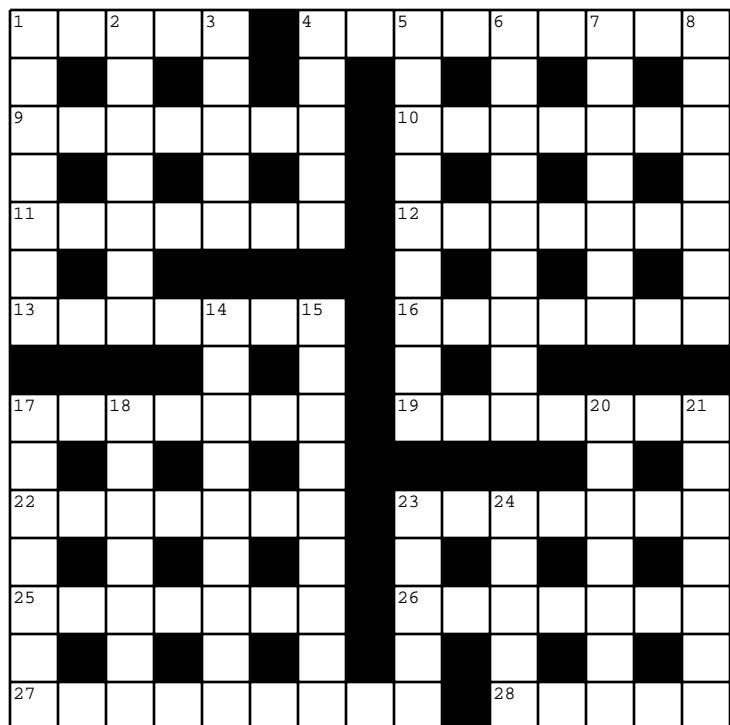
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| 4. SPOKESMAN  | 2. RONDA      |
| 9. TONIGHT    | 3. HIGHCHAIR  |
| 10. DELPHIC   | 4. SATURATED  |
| 11. SCARCER   | 5. OLDER      |
| 12. RESERVE   | 6. ELLIS      |
| 13. RADIANTE  | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 15. WINDSOR   | 8. NUCLEAR    |
| 17. DESIRED   | 14. DISREPAIR |
| 18. NAGGING   | 15. WONDERFUL |
| 20. SKEPTIC   | 16. NEGLECTED |
| 23. ELEVATE   | 17. DISTAFF   |
| 25. ARACELI   | 19. GUESSES   |
| 26. FATHOMS   | 21. THERE     |
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| 28. DEEDS     | 24. ABOVE     |



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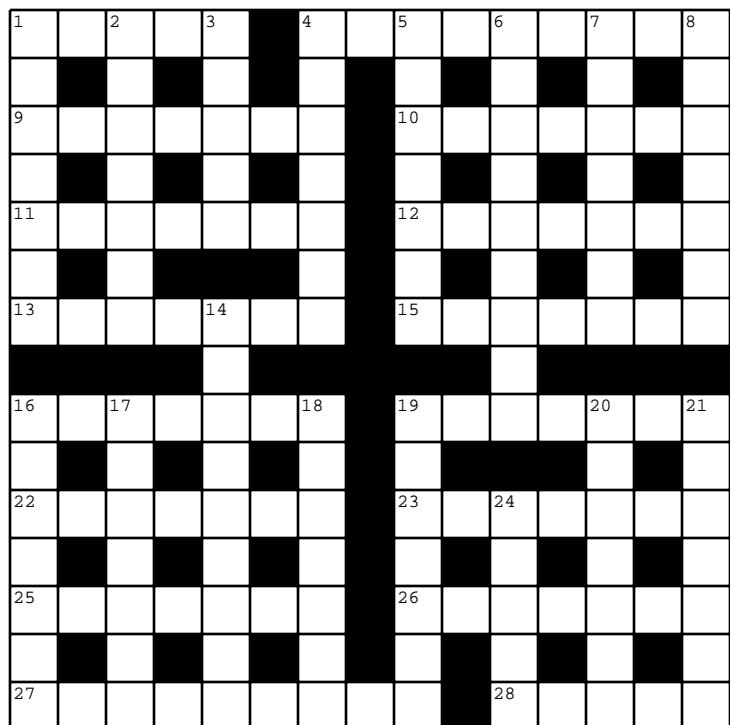
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| 4. AYATOLLAH  | 2. AIRIEST    |
| 9. MARTINI    | 3. RAISE      |
| 10. SPENCER   | 4. AGING      |
| 11. ICEBERG   | 5. ASSERTION  |
| 12. REWROTE   | 6. OVERWHELM  |
| 13. GATHERS   | 7. LOCKOUT    |
| 16. INERTIA   | 8. HERRERA    |
| 17. ARTICLE   | 14. ENCHILADA |
| 19. NOMADIC   | 15. STERNNESS |
| 22. UTOPIAN   | 17. AQUATIC   |
| 23. SULTANA   | 18. THOMSON   |
| 25. TESTATE   | 20. DRACHMA   |
| 26. BLIGHTS   | 21. CLASSED   |
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| 28. GUARD     | 24. LYING     |



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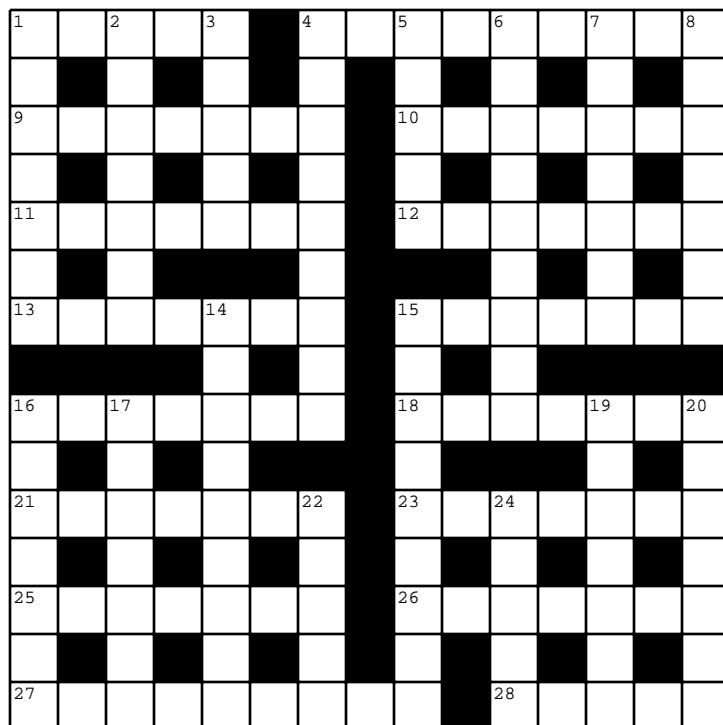
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| 9. OCCLUDE    | 3. YOUTH      |
| 10. EURASIA   | 4. JEERING    |
| 11. BOLSHOI   | 5. CHERISH    |
| 12. IMMENSE   | 6. KARAMAZOV  |
| 13. EDITING   | 7. INSANER    |
| 15. HAZARDS   | 8. ENAMELS    |
| 16. DEPOSIT   | 14. INSTITUTE |
| 19. INVALID   | 16. DERIVES   |
| 22. REPLICA   | 17. PAPYRUS   |
| 23. BAPTISM   | 18. TRANSIT   |
| 25. VIRTUES   | 19. IMBIBED   |
| 26. BOUQUET   | 20. LEISURE   |
| 27. SUSPECTED | 21. DEMOTES   |
| 28. STEPS     | 24. POURS     |



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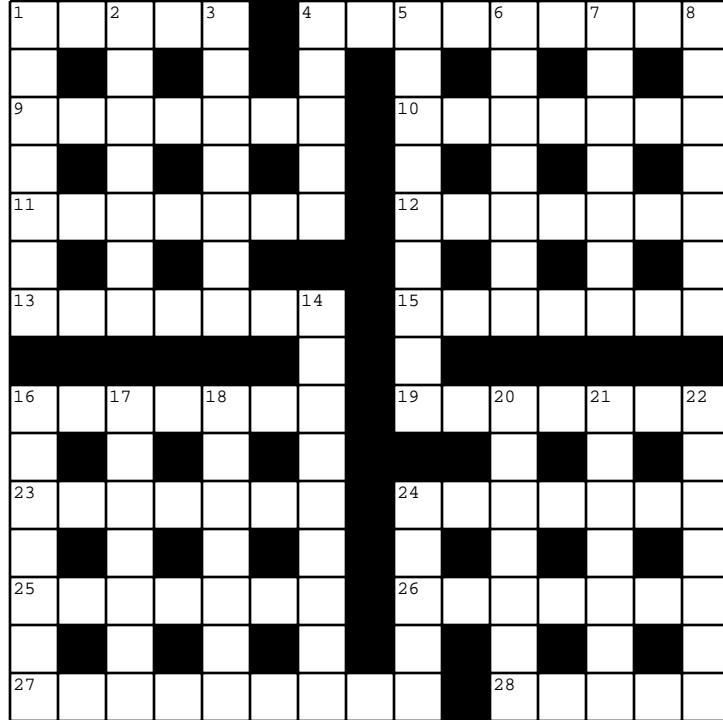
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| 4. REASONING  | 2. ALGEBRA    |
| 9. ANGORAS    | 3. LYRIC      |
| 10. GROUPED   | 4. RESPONDED  |
| 11. TOBACCO   | 5. ANGLO      |
| 12. OVERLIE   | 6. ODOMETERS  |
| 13. CHAMPED   | 7. IMPULSE    |
| 15. FEEDERS   | 8. GADGETS    |
| 16. REPUTED   | 14. POTASSIUM |
| 18. ASSUMES   | 15. FRAGMENTS |
| 21. FORESAW   | 16. REFLECT   |
| 23. MEMENTO   | 17. PORTION   |
| 25. ELITISM   | 19. MENTORS   |
| 26. NOTIONS   | 20. SPONSOR   |
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| 28. LASER     | 24. METAL     |



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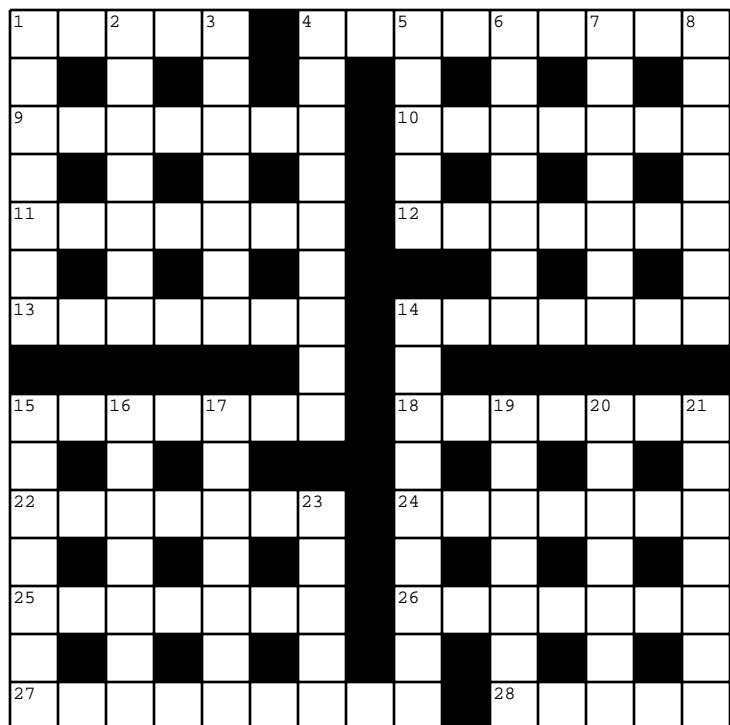
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| 9. EXTREME    | 3. SNEAKED    |
| 10. REACTED   | 4. SHEEP      |
| 11. CHECKUP   | 5. BARRISTER  |
| 12. IMplode   | 6. TRAPPER    |
| 13. DELUDED   | 7. NOTIONS    |
| 15. THRUSTS   | 8. ENDLESS    |
| 16. DEBRIEF   | 14. DEFECATES |
| 19. RESERVE   | 16. DECORUM   |
| 23. CRYPTIC   | 17. BEYONDS   |
| 24. BATHTUB   | 18. INTRUDE   |
| 25. RENAULT   | 20. SITTING   |
| 26. CHIMNEY   | 21. ROTUNDA   |
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| 28. GOALS     | 24. BUCKS     |



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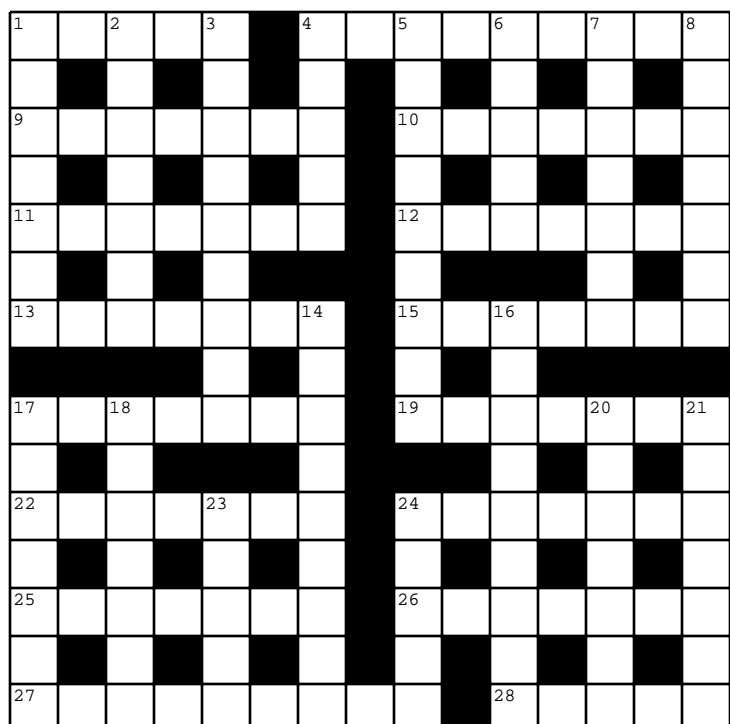
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| 4. REAPPEARS  | 2. SKEPTIC    |
| 9. THEREOF    | 3. CHENNAI    |
| 10. ABRIDGE   | 4. REFERENCE  |
| 11. LATINER   | 5. APART      |
| 12. THINNER   | 6. PORTICO    |
| 13. AUCTION   | 7. ADDENDA    |
| 14. ANORAKS   | 8. SIERRAS    |
| 15. INTRUDE   | 14. ALLOTMENT |
| 18. LIMITED   | 15. ITHACAN   |
| 22. HOMBURG   | 16. TEMPERA   |
| 24. TAGGING   | 17. UNUSUAL   |
| 25. CAESURA   | 19. MAGICAL   |
| 26. ENCODES   | 20. THIRDED   |
| 27. NEARLIEST | 21. DIGESTS   |
| 28. LADES     | 23. GRAVE     |



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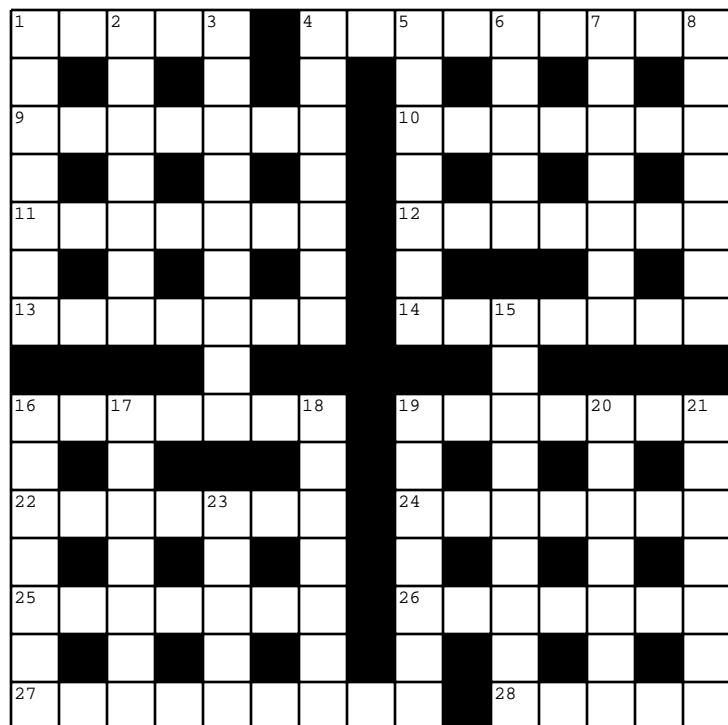
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| 4. COFFEEPOT  | 2. FOXIEST    |
| 9. MAXIMUM    | 3. ADMITTING  |
| 10. NARRATE   | 4. COMMA      |
| 11. INERTIA   | 5. FANTASTIC  |
| 12. AIRIEST   | 6. ERROR      |
| 13. SETTING   | 7. PLATEAU    |
| 15. TORTURE   | 8. THEATRE    |
| 17. BROUGHT   | 14. GATHERING |
| 19. CELESTA   | 16. RELATIVES |
| 22. TEENAGE   | 17. BETROTH   |
| 24. ARTICLE   | 18. OBEYING   |
| 25. ORIGAMI   | 20. SECTION   |
| 26. ENVYING   | 21. AVENGES   |
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| 28. SINKS     | 24. ARENT     |



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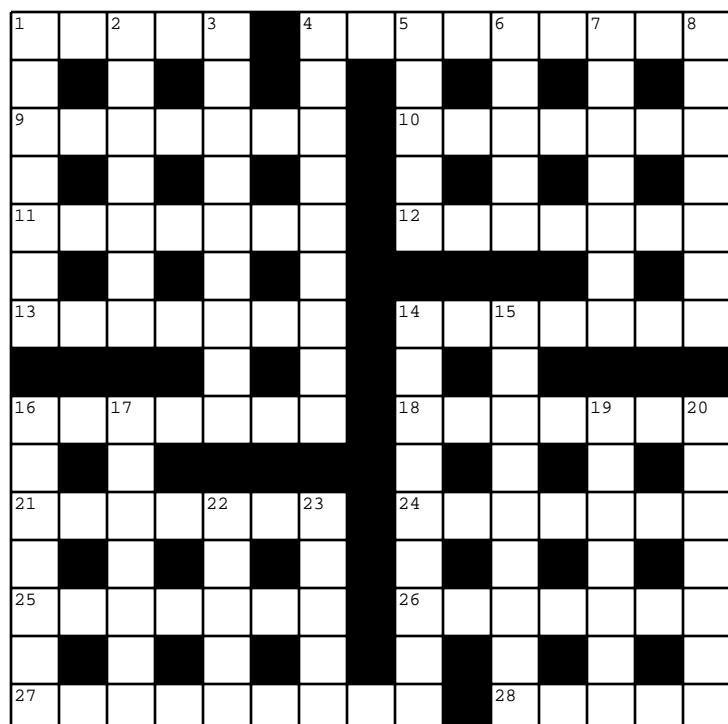
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| 4. HIDEBOUND  | 2. SCRIBES    |
| 9. CARIBOU    | 3. EMBITTERS  |
| 10. SENSUAL   | 4. HAUNTED    |
| 11. HABITAT   | 5. DISTURB    |
| 12. UNSOUND   | 6. BENDS      |
| 13. SUSPEND   | 7. UNUSUAL    |
| 14. BAFFLES   | 8. DELUDES    |
| 16. REFUSAL   | 15. FOODSTUFF |
| 19. SHOWMAN   | 16. ROBOTIC   |
| 22. BURNOUT   | 17. FURRIER   |
| 24. INSIGHT   | 18. LETTERS   |
| 25. THISTLE   | 19. SLITHER   |
| 26. HAUTEUR   | 20. MAGNETO   |
| 27. CURIOSER  | 21. NATURES   |
| 28. FOOLS     | 23. OUTDO     |



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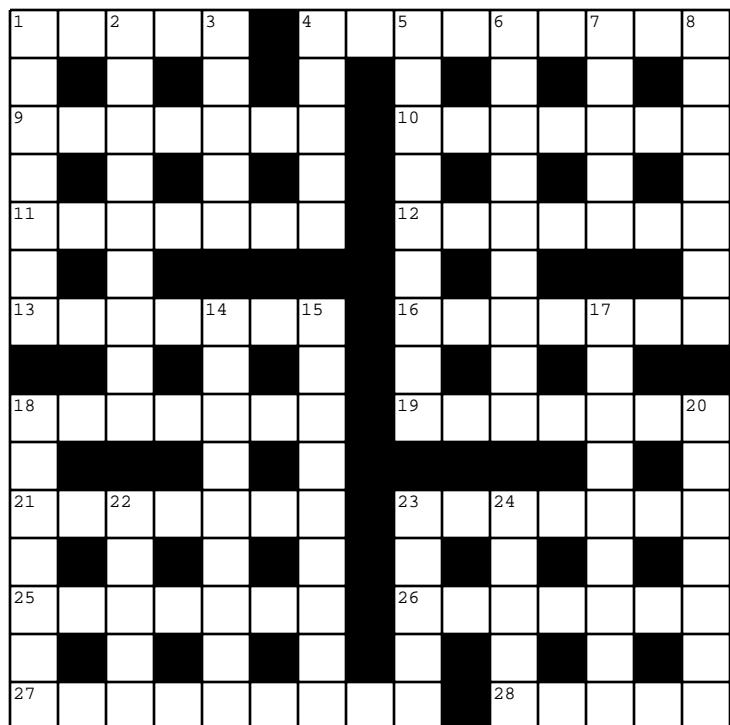
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| 4. LIGHTNESS  | 2. EMBARGO    |
| 9. REBATED    | 3. ANTIPASTI  |
| 10. ACRIDER   | 4. LEDERBERG  |
| 11. UNRIPER   | 5. GRAIN      |
| 12. NASTILY   | 6. TURNS      |
| 13. FOOTSIE   | 7. EDDYING    |
| 14. PLUGGED   | 8. SPRAYED    |
| 16. ONGOING   | 14. PERTINENT |
| 18. REFORMS   | 15. UNFASTENS |
| 21. TIMPANI   | 16. OBTUSER   |
| 24. INSO FAR  | 17. GUMDROP   |
| 25. SERIOUS   | 19. REFINED   |
| 26. ETERNAL   | 20. SCROLLS   |
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| 28. SIDES     | 23. ISSUE     |



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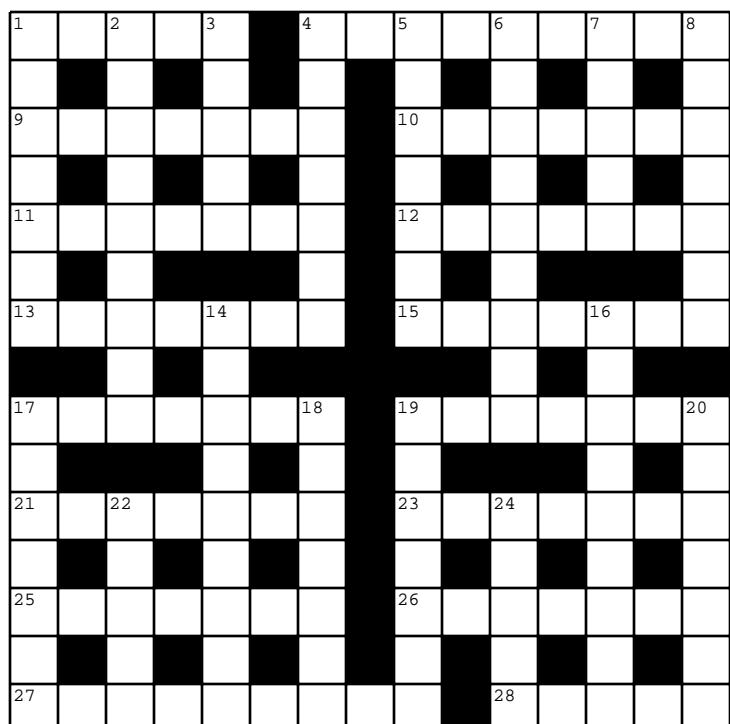
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| 4. INDICATOR  | 2. DISASTERS  |
| 9. CASTOFF    | 3. IRONY      |
| 10. SECURES   | 4. INFER      |
| 11. NOSEYER   | 5. DISCREDIT  |
| 12. RIOTING   | 6. CYCLOTRON  |
| 13. SEEDING   | 7. TORSI      |
| 16. DIRECTS   | 8. RESIGNS    |
| 18. ANSELMO   | 14. ILLEGIBLE |
| 19. TONIGHT   | 15. GEOMETRIC |
| 21. FATIGUE   | 17. CIGARILLO |
| 23. EAGERER   | 18. AFFECTS   |
| 25. CALIBER   | 20. THREATS   |
| 26. GORILLA   | 22. TYLER     |
| 27. STREETCAR | 23. EAGER     |
| 28. SHOES     | 24. GERMS     |



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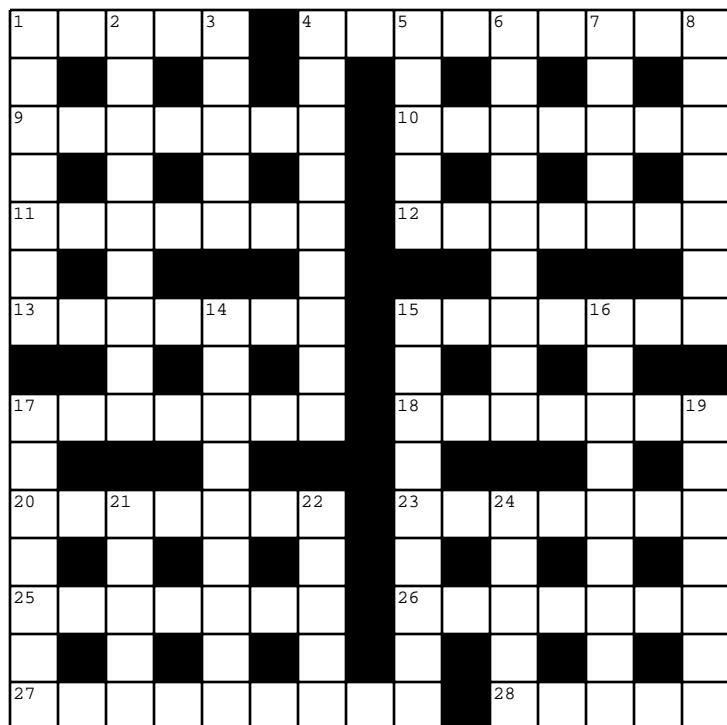
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| 9. CARTOON    | 3. LOOSE      |
| 10. SCARCER   | 4. ANNOYED    |
| 11. VARIETY   | 5. DISTURB    |
| 12. UNSCREW   | 6. TRANSPORT  |
| 13. REDUCED   | 7. OCCUR      |
| 15. BLOUSES   | 8. SCRAWLS    |
| 17. IDEALLY   | 14. COLANDERS |
| 19. EXTREME   | 16. SPECIFIED |
| 21. CLEANUP   | 17. INCISOR   |
| 23. ISSUING   | 18. YAPPING   |
| 25. SHEBELI   | 19. ENIGMAS   |
| 26. MARTINI   | 20. ENGLISH   |
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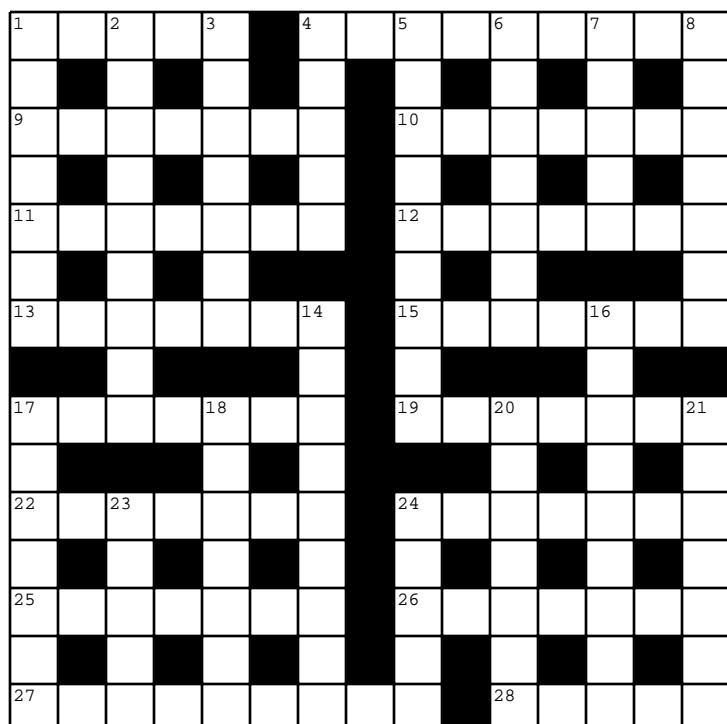
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| 4. SHELTERED  | 2. EMPHYSEMA  |
| 9. HEPATIC    | 3. MOTTO      |
| 10. EARACHE   | 4. SUCCESSOR  |
| 11. KEYHOLE   | 5. EVENT      |
| 12. THIRDED   | 6. TERRIFIES  |
| 13. AVENGES   | 7. RACED      |
| 15. ALIBIED   | 8. DREADED    |
| 17. SLANDER   | 14. GODMOTHER |
| 18. DESIRED   | 15. AUDIENCES |
| 20. EDITORS   | 16. IRRITATED |
| 23. EXACTLY   | 17. SPEEDED   |
| 25. DRACHMA   | 19. DRYNESS   |
| 26. CHORTLE   | 21. IMAMS     |
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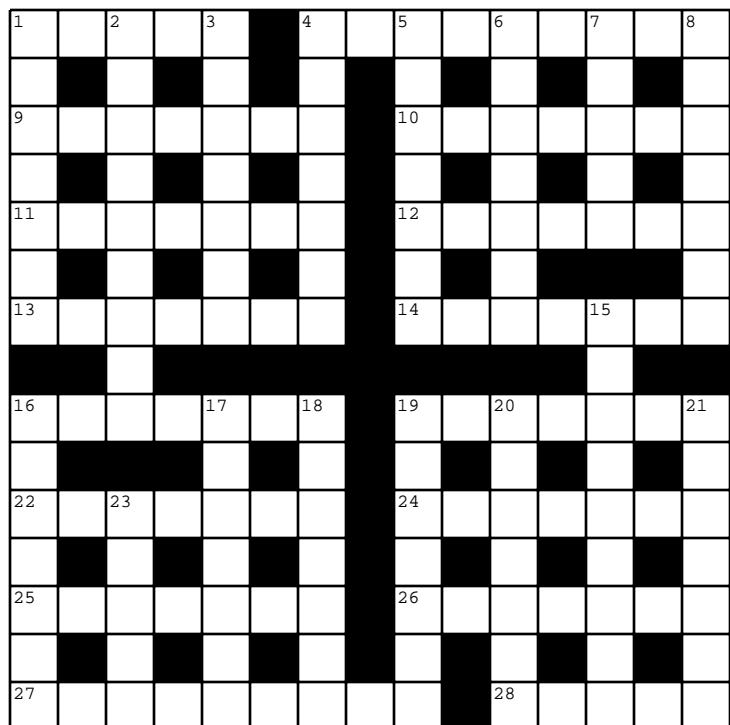
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| 9. DISHRAG    | 3. VIRTUAL    |
| 10. COURAGE   | 4. ANGLE      |
| 11. INCLUDE   | 5. BACKSPACE  |
| 12. SLOWEST   | 6. SPUMONI    |
| 13. GNARLED   | 7. IMAGE      |
| 15. AMIABLY   | 8. GREATLY    |
| 17. CASTOFF   | 14. DEFERRING |
| 19. ERRATIC   | 16. BUTTERNUT |
| 22. RAMBLER   | 17. CARDIFF   |
| 24. CHIMERA   | 18. OILIEST   |
| 25. ISRAELI   | 20. RAINBOW   |
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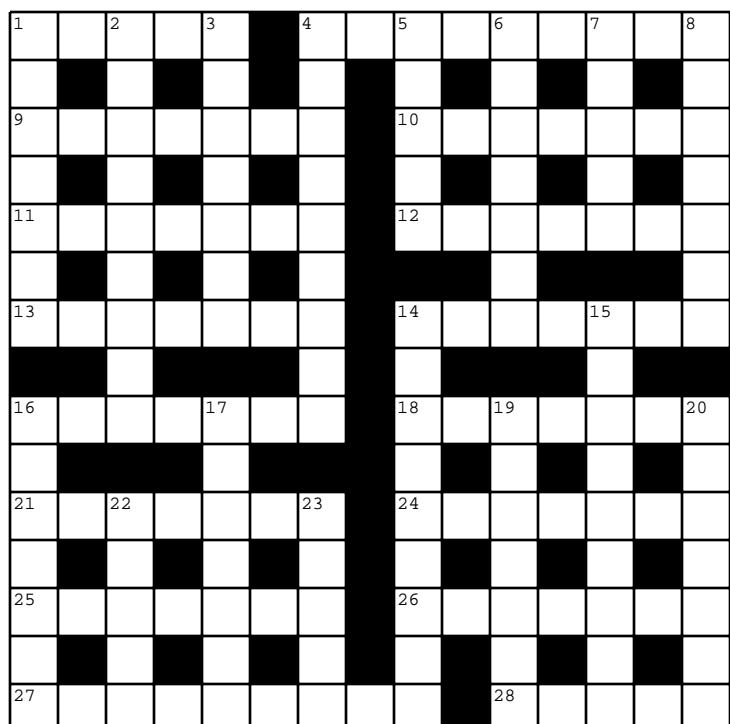
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| 4. PYRAMIDES  | 2. NEUTRINOS  |
| 9. COULDNT    | 3. BODICES    |
| 10. VIDEOED   | 4. PATROLS    |
| 11. SIROCCO   | 5. RAVIOLI    |
| 12. ORIGINS   | 6. MIDRIFF    |
| 13. SINUSES   | 7. DHOTI      |
| 14. INFECTS   | 8. SADISTS    |
| 16. DISMISS   | 15. CONTRALTO |
| 19. ACRONYM   | 16. DECIDES   |
| 22. CANASTA   | 17. INSIGHT   |
| 24. FUTURES   | 18. SWADDLE   |
| 25. DAMAGED   | 19. AFFECTS   |
| 26. CRIOLLO   | 20. RETHINK   |
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| 28. KNOCK     | 23. NIMBI     |



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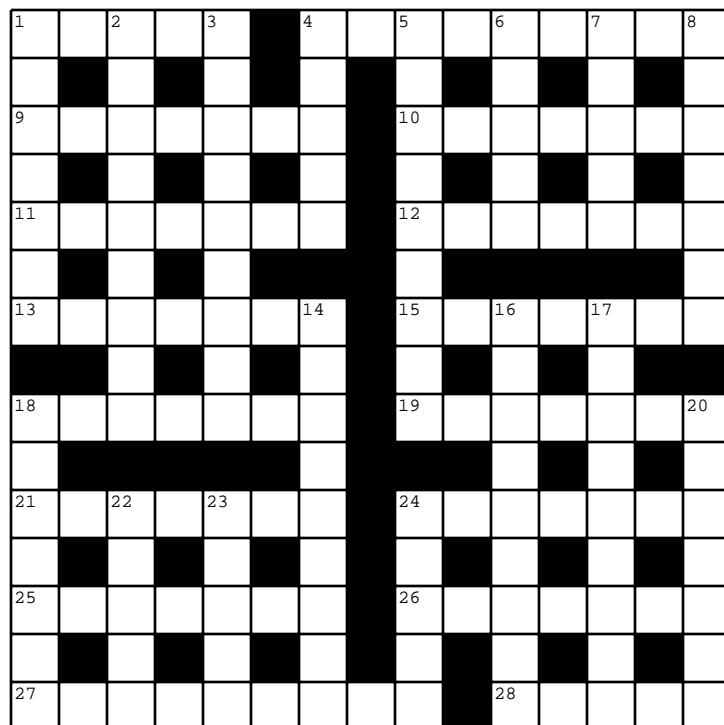
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| 4. UNDERLAYS  | 2. EMOTIONAL  |
| 9. BLOODED    | 3. SADDLES    |
| 10. GENTILE   | 4. UNDERTAKE  |
| 11. STILLER   | 5. DIGIT      |
| 12. TRAINED   | 6. RANSACK    |
| 13. TANISHA   | 7. ALIEN      |
| 14. NAKEDER   | 8. SLENDER    |
| 16. BALANCE   | 14. NEGLECTED |
| 18. GRAPPLE   | 15. DUPLICATE |
| 21. DYNAMIC   | 16. BEDTIME   |
| 24. EMPTIES   | 17. NOMINAL   |
| 25. INGENUE   | 19. AMPERES   |
| 26. TERRAIN   | 20. ESSENCE   |
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| 28. SIEGE     | 23. CHEAP     |



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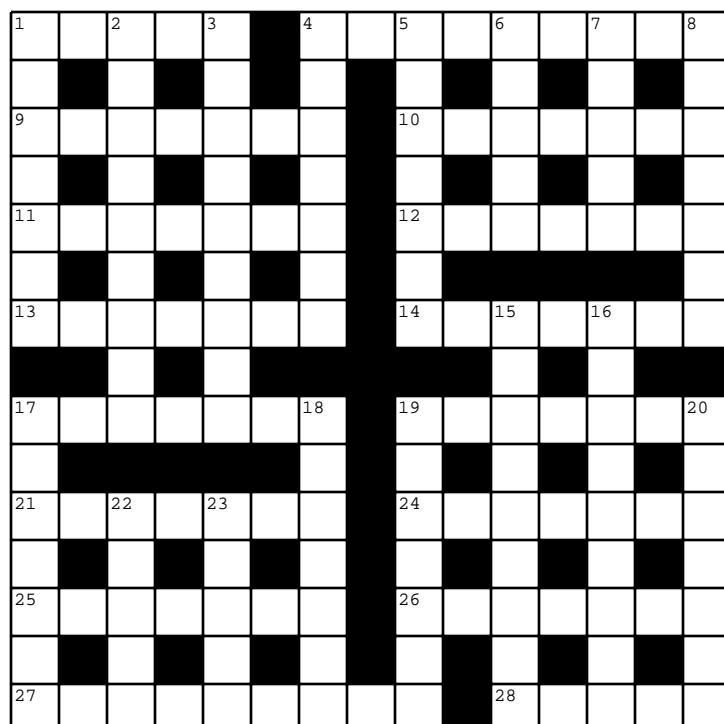
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| 4. JOCKSTRAP  | 2. REGISTRAR  |
| 9. UPGRADE    | 3. DRACONIAN  |
| 10. NUCLEAR   | 4. JEERS      |
| 11. LESSONS   | 5. CONTRACTS  |
| 12. RESISTS   | 6. SACKS      |
| 13. SPRAINS   | 7. REEDS      |
| 15. CHROMED   | 8. PHRASED    |
| 18. PIRANHA   | 14. SPAGHETTI |
| 19. SLITHER   | 16. RAILROADS |
| 21. STRETCH   | 17. MAHARISHI |
| 24. EARDRUM   | 18. POSTWAR   |
| 25. WALKOUT   | 20. ROMANCE   |
| 26. LIAISON   | 22. RELIC     |
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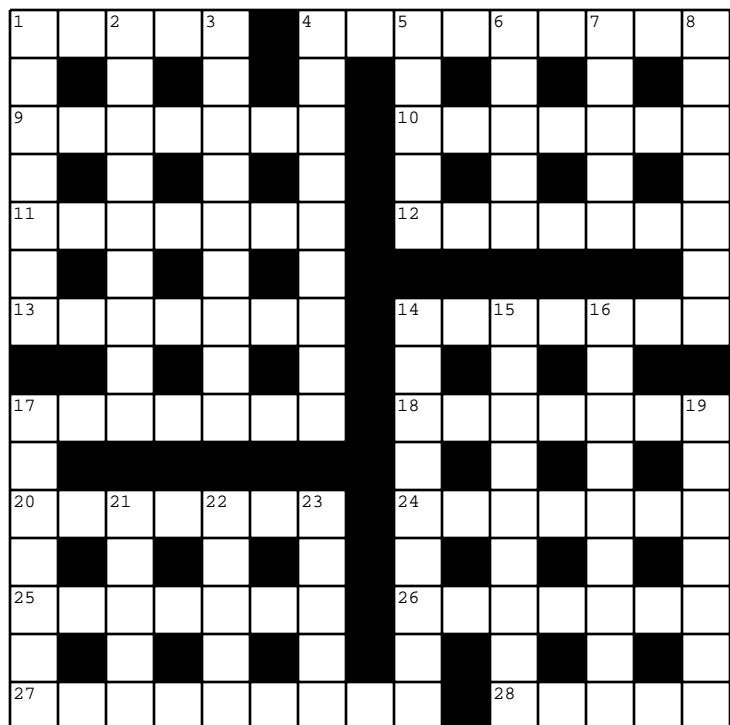
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| 10. MUSTANG   | 4. FIDGETS    |
| 11. ISOLATE   | 5. NUMERIC    |
| 12. REPLETE   | 6. ALSOP      |
| 13. EDITORS   | 7. IMAGE      |
| 14. CABARET   | 8. SUGGEST    |
| 17. BELUSHI   | 15. BRISTLING |
| 19. CHIEFER   | 16. REFERENDA |
| 21. AFFIRMS   | 17. BEANBAG   |
| 24. OUTCROP   | 18. INSIGHT   |
| 25. BOOTLEG   | 19. CROWBAR   |
| 26. BRIANNA   | 20. REPLACE   |
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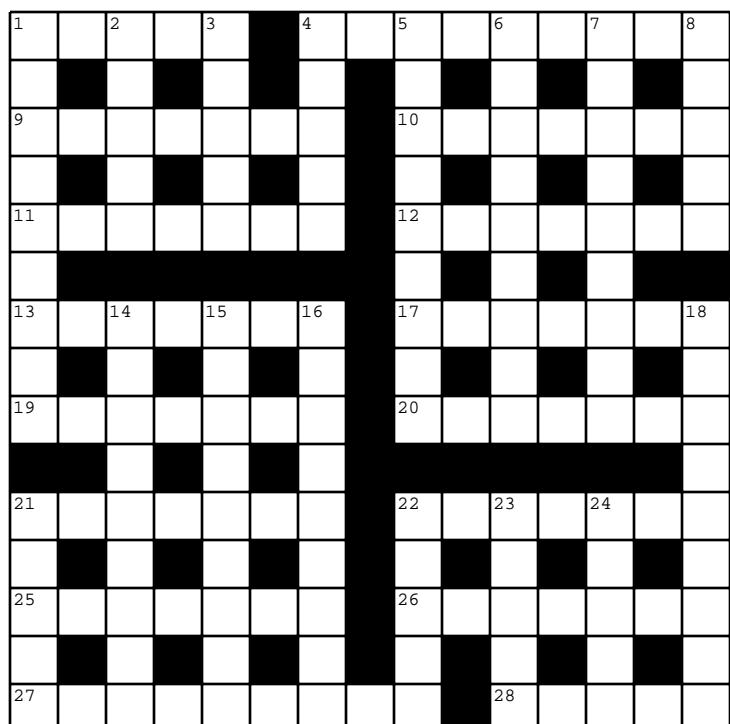
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| 4. INTERVALS  | 2. LAYPERSON  |
| 9. WAYLAID    | 3. AMATERASU  |
| 10. DELETED   | 4. INDIGENCE  |
| 11. ICEBERG   | 5. TIDAL      |
| 12. LEXICAL   | 6. RELAX      |
| 13. ROSEANN   | 7. ANTIC      |
| 14. BLUFFED   | 8. SADDLED    |
| 17. CONSUME   | 14. BUILDINGS |
| 18. IMITATE   | 15. UNIFORMER |
| 20. BETWIXT   | 16. FLAVOURED |
| 24. DROPOUT   | 17. CABRERA   |
| 25. EQUINOX   | 19. EXTOLLS   |
| 26. NUMERAL   | 21. TRUTH     |
| 27. APHORISMS | 22. INNER     |
| 28. RIDES     | 23. TEXTS     |



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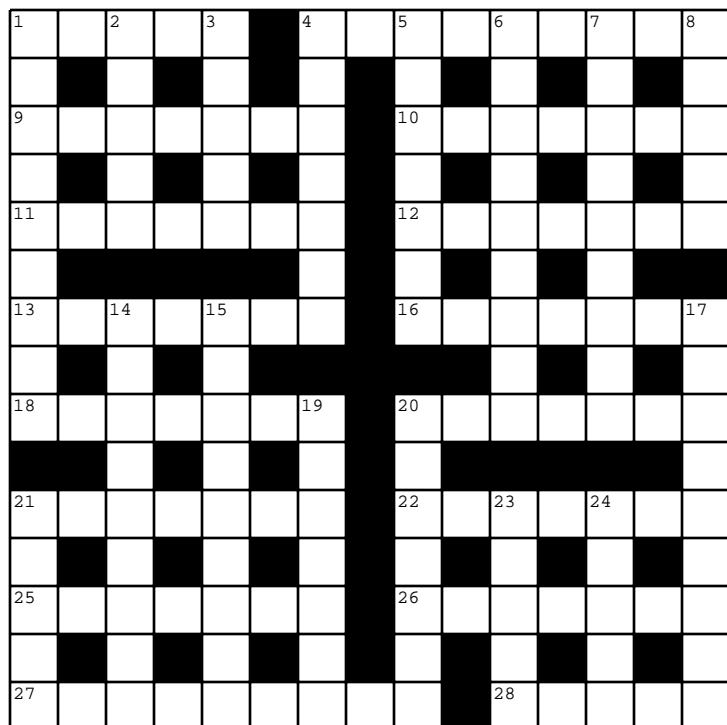
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| 9. TIMPANI    | 3. FRANC      |
| 10. UNNAMED   | 4. GAITS      |
| 11. DEDUCES   | 5. AQUEDUCTS  |
| 12. DISOWNS   | 6. PUNISHING  |
| 13. AURICLE   | 7. SOMEWHERE  |
| 17. CHIMERA   | 8. SIDES      |
| 19. NUMBERS   | 14. REMISSION |
| 20. SEGMENT   | 15. CHEVALIER |
| 21. ABSTAIN   | 16. ESSENTIAL |
| 22. CONIFER   | 18. ASTERISKS |
| 25. TBILISI   | 21. ANTIC     |
| 26. ENGROSS   | 22. CHEER     |
| 27. CENTRALER | 23. NEGEV     |
| 28. VENDS     | 24. FLOWN     |



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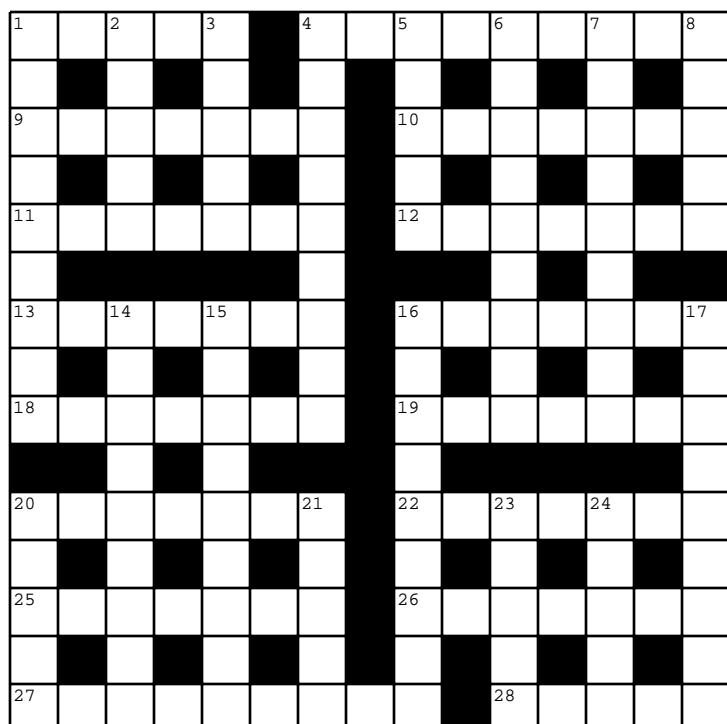
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| 4. KRASNODAR  | 2. LYRIC      |
| 9. MARKETS    | 3. OBESE      |
| 10. AUGUSTS   | 4. KESTREL    |
| 11. UNCLEAR   | 5. ANAGRAM    |
| 12. RETRACT   | 6. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 13. ARMSFUL   | 7. DISMANTLE  |
| 16. MILITIA   | 8. RESET      |
| 18. INNARDS   | 14. MANHATTAN |
| 20. TABLEAU   | 15. FIREPROOF |
| 21. FLAPPED   | 17. ABUNDANCE |
| 22. BOUNDED   | 19. SADISTS   |
| 25. RATIONS   | 20. TOBACCO   |
| 26. CAITLIN   | 21. FORUM     |
| 27. MANIFESTO | 23. UNITS     |
| 28. SHADE     | 24. DELTA     |



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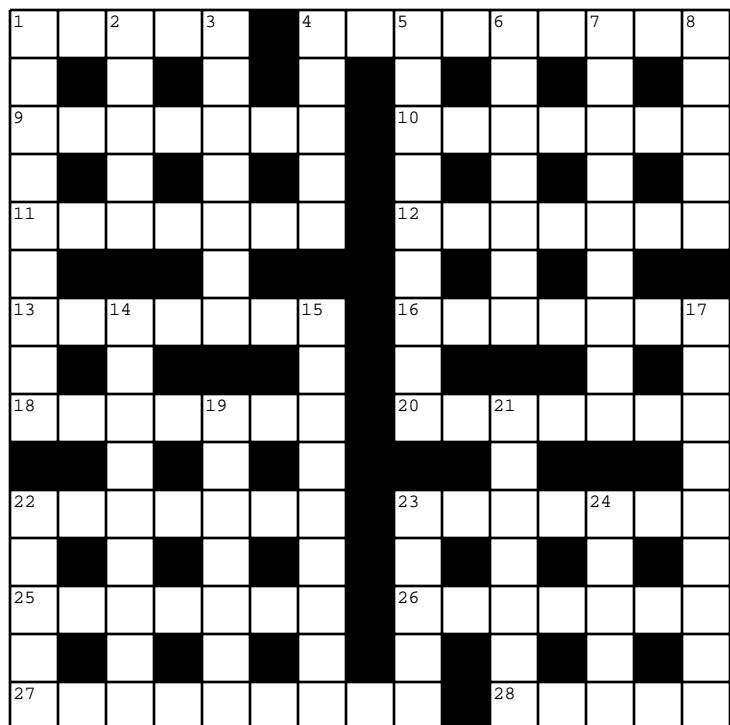
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| 4. ANNOUNCES  | 2. PIPES      |
| 9. IMPEACH    | 3. SCARF      |
| 10. REFINER   | 4. APHORISMS  |
| 11. INSOFAR   | 5. NORTH      |
| 12. HEEDING   | 6. UNFEELING  |
| 13. EXHORTS   | 7. CONSIDERS  |
| 16. EMINENT   | 8. SHRUG      |
| 18. EXPECTS   | 14. HAZARD    |
| 19. AUGUSTS   | 15. RECAPTURE |
| 20. CRAMPED   | 16. EVACUATED |
| 22. URINATE   | 17. TASTELESS |
| 25. BRAVURA   | 20. COBRA     |
| 26. THIMBLE   | 21. DRAWS     |
| 27. ADDRESSED | 23. ICIER     |
| 28. RAMPS     | 24. ALBUM     |



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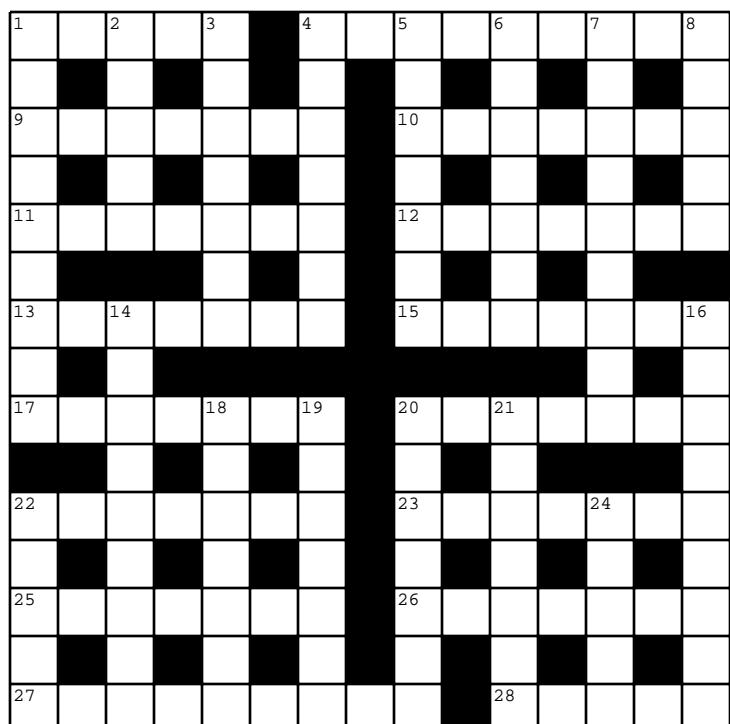
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| 4. TROOPSHIP  | 2. AGREE      |
| 9. MARABOU    | 3. LIBIDOS    |
| 10. ENIGMAS   | 4. TOUGH      |
| 11. BREADTH   | 5. OVERSLEEP  |
| 12. SEIZURE   | 6. PRIVIER    |
| 13. LIAISON   | 7. HAMMURABI  |
| 16. EARMARK   | 8. PASTE      |
| 18. STOPGAP   | 14. ABOLITION |
| 20. PROVISO   | 15. NAPALMING |
| 22. ABIGAIL   | 17. KNOWLEDGE |
| 23. MAILLOL   | 19. GRANITE   |
| 25. TBILISI   | 21. OPIATES   |
| 26. ALTERED   | 22. ANTIC     |
| 27. CONVERGES | 23. MEANS     |
| 28. SPARE     | 24. LARVA     |



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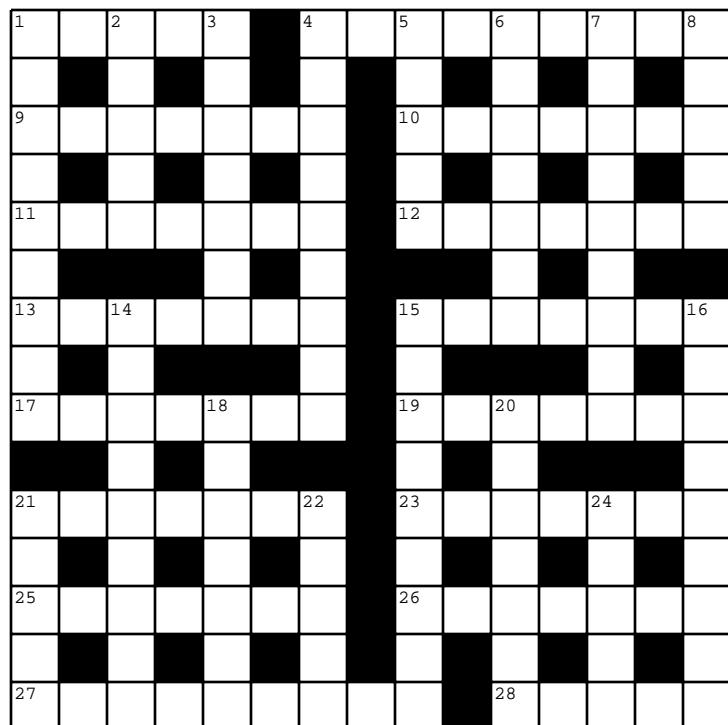
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| 4. WHEREUPON  | 2. TRACE      |
| 9. SPATULA    | 3. CHUCKLE    |
| 10. PIERROT   | 4. WRAPPER    |
| 11. CHECKUP   | 5. EMPORIA    |
| 12. RAUNCHY   | 6. EXECUTE    |
| 13. AMATEUR   | 7. PAROCHIAL  |
| 15. AMERICA   | 8. NATTY      |
| 17. ELITIST   | 14. ABILITIES |
| 20. RODOLFO   | 16. AVOIDANCE |
| 22. DRIFTER   | 18. INTERIM   |
| 23. CHOPPED   | 19. TERRAIN   |
| 25. ERITREA   | 20. RACEMES   |
| 26. MELANIN   | 21. DOODLES   |
| 27. BASEMENTS | 22. DWEEB     |
| 28. SPARE     | 24. PANDA     |



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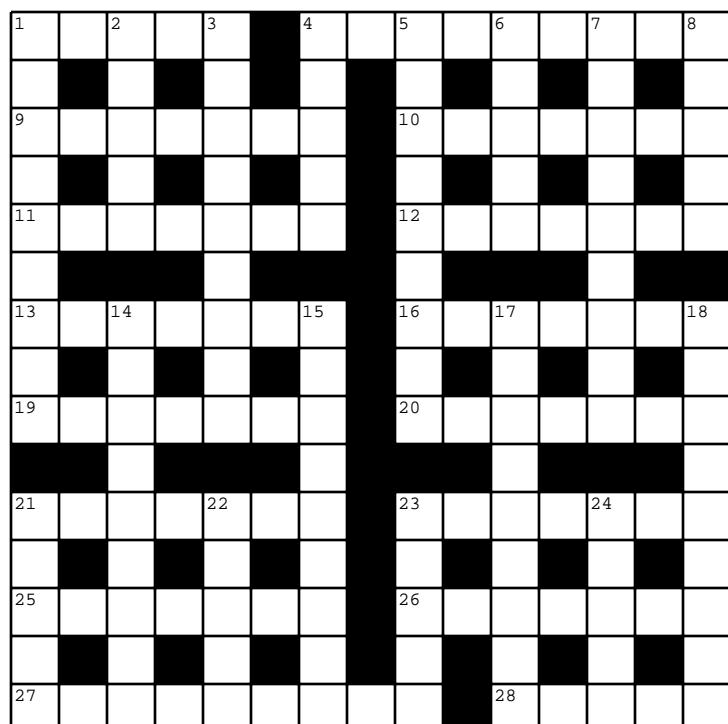
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| 4. OPTIMISES   | 2. BEFIT      |
| 9. OFFBEAT     | 3. SHEBELI    |
| 10. RICHEST    | 4. OUTWEIGHS  |
| 11. EXTREME    | 5. TURNS      |
| 12. SMIDGEN    | 6. MACHINE    |
| 13. RAPPING    | 7. SLEIGHING  |
| 15. FEEDING    | 8. SATIN      |
| 17. CHOICES    | 14. PROGRAMME |
| 19. EMERGED    | 15. FLEECIEST |
| 21. HERSELF    | 16. GIDDINESS |
| 23. COLOSSI    | 18. CLEANUP   |
| 25. MEMENTO    | 20. ENLARGE   |
| 26. EARACHE    | 21. HOMES     |
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| 28. EVENS      | 24. SUCRE     |



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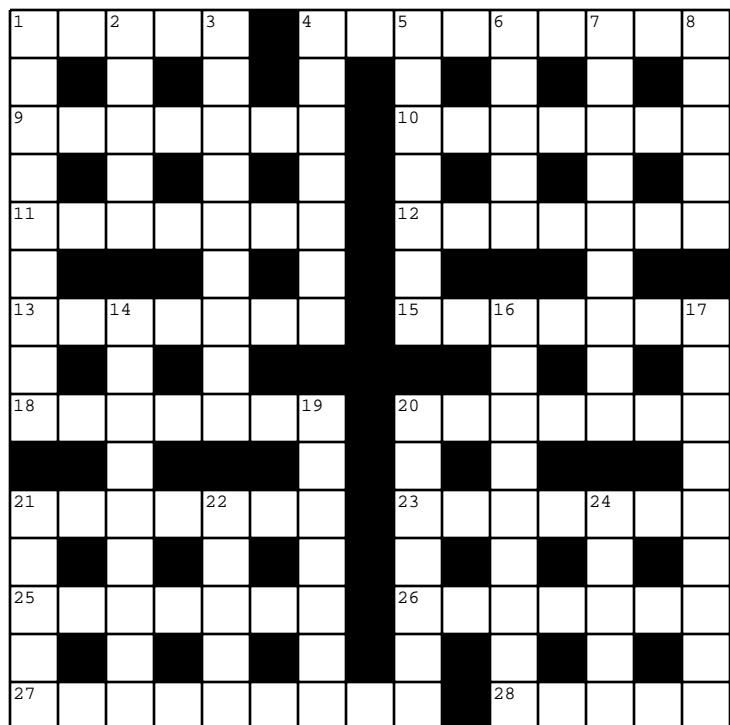
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| 9. ROTUNDA    | 3. LONGBOATS  |
| 10. DEPENDS   | 4. DRAWN      |
| 11. DUSTBIN   | 5. BEDSPREAD  |
| 12. PACKETS   | 6. TOPIC      |
| 13. EARMARK   | 7. BUNDESTAG  |
| 16. EXCITED   | 8. EASES      |
| 19. SPARSER   | 14. REAPPEARS |
| 20. DAMAGES   | 15. KARAMAZOV |
| 21. SOPHISM   | 17. COMBATANT |
| 23. LEATHER   | 18. DISCREDIT |
| 25. AGASSIZ   | 21. SHARP     |
| 26. TRAILED   | 22. INSET     |
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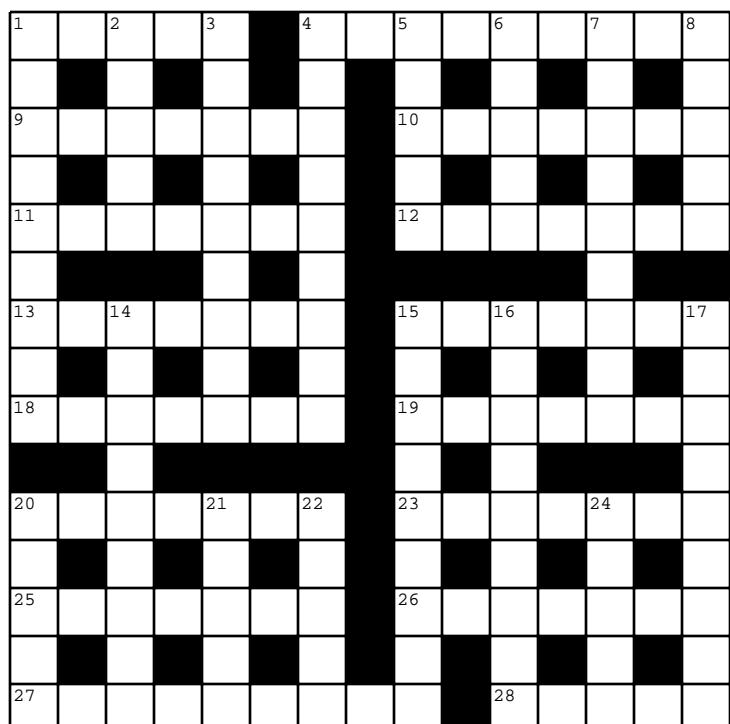
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| 4. PIGHEADED  | 2. COCOA      |
| 9. BACILLI    | 3. SILKENING  |
| 10. DESPAIR   | 4. PRICING    |
| 11. ARACELI   | 5. GODUNOV    |
| 12. NUMERAL   | 6. EPSOM      |
| 13. IMAGING   | 7. DIARRHOEA  |
| 15. VERBOSE   | 8. DARYL      |
| 18. SLOGGED   | 14. ANOMALIES |
| 20. SYLLABI   | 16. RELUCTANT |
| 21. TRAUMAS   | 17. EPILEPTIC |
| 23. BICYCLE   | 19. DESIRES   |
| 25. BRIEFER   | 20. SUBWAYS   |
| 26. ADAMANT   | 21. TUBED     |
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| 28. TOPIC     | 24. CHAMP     |



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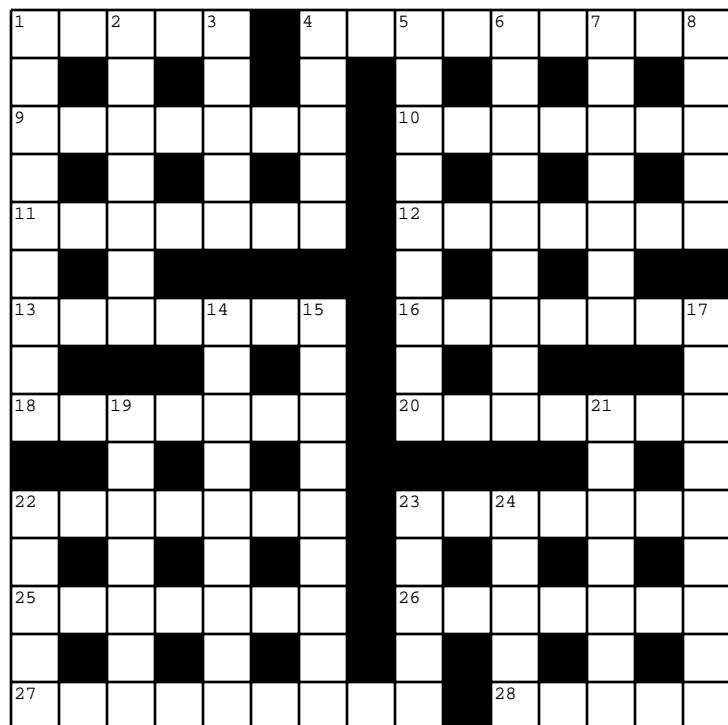
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| 4. FANTASIES  | 2. CODES      |
| 9. NUDISTS    | 3. INSTRUCTS  |
| 10. VARIOUS   | 4. FASTENERS  |
| 11. OBSERVE   | 5. NAVEL      |
| 12. LEXICAL   | 6. ACRUX      |
| 13. CUBICLE   | 7. IRONCLADS  |
| 15. TANKARD   | 8. SISAL      |
| 18. THRUSTS   | 14. BARRACUDA |
| 19. EXPOSED   | 15. TEENAGERS |
| 20. DIAGRAM   | 16. NAPALMING |
| 23. AELFRIC   | 17. DEDICATED |
| 25. CRUNCHY   | 20. DECOR     |
| 26. EMINENT   | 21. ROCKS     |
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| 28. GREED     | 24. REEVE     |



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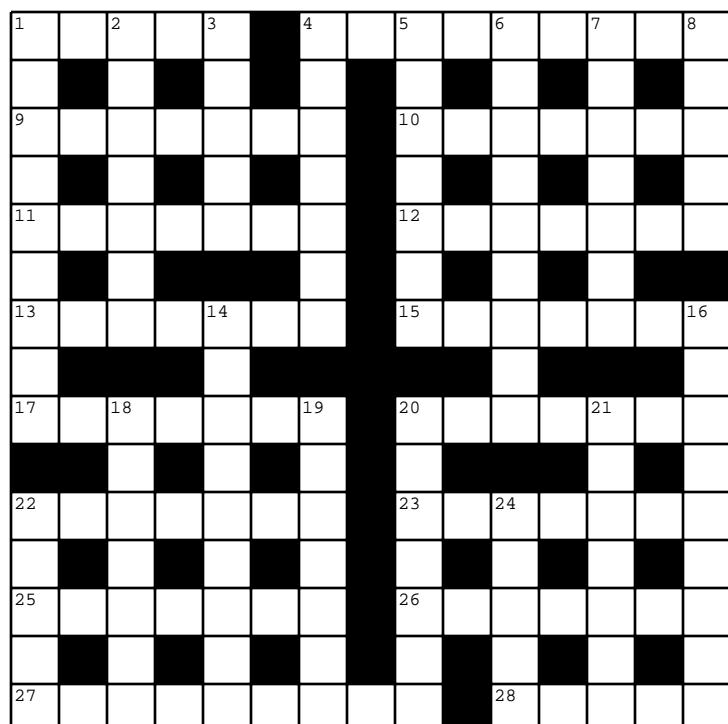
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| 4. VEHICULAR  | 2. IMPRESS    |
| 9. REPLACE    | 3. TWANG      |
| 10. NONPLUS   | 4. VIEWS      |
| 11. DREDGES   | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. YARDAGE   | 6. CONTRALTO  |
| 13. ASSURED   | 7. LILIANA    |
| 16. ORLEANS   | 8. ROSIE      |
| 18. SAUNAED   | 14. REAPPEARS |
| 20. BROWSES   | 15. DODDERING |
| 22. CRIPPLE   | 17. SASSAFRAS |
| 23. MASCARA   | 19. UNIFIED   |
| 25. ORIGAMI   | 21. SPATIAL   |
| 26. NATTIER   | 22. CHOIR     |
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| 28. SOLES     | 24. SITES     |



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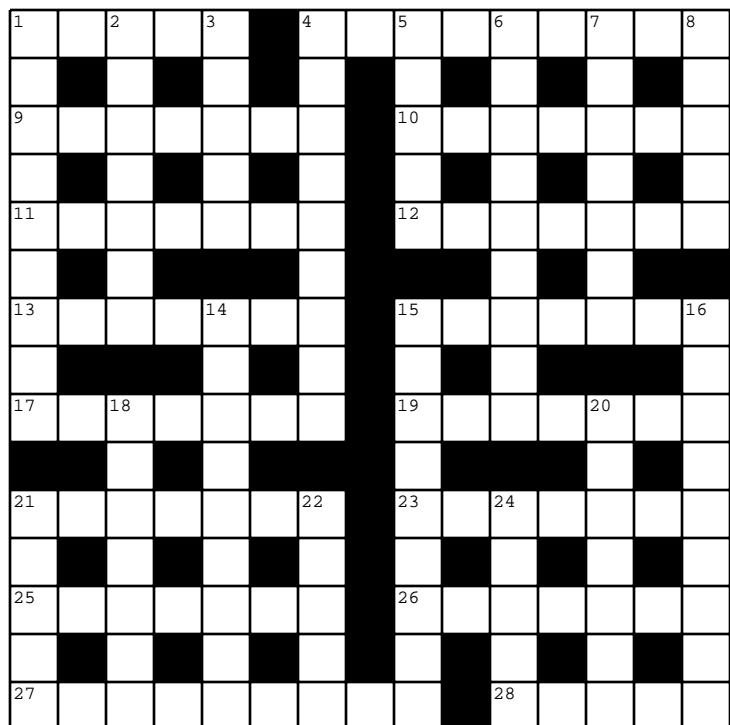
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| 4. ACCORDING  | 2. CAPTAIN    |
| 9. NAPPIES    | 3. SMITH      |
| 10. ANAHEIM   | 4. ASSURED    |
| 11. TEACHER   | 5. CRAVATS    |
| 12. AVIATOR   | 6. REALISTIC  |
| 13. RANCHED   | 7. INERTIA    |
| 15. SITUATE   | 8. GAMER      |
| 17. ATTEMPT   | 14. HAMMURABI |
| 20. LOCALES   | 16. ESSENTIAL |
| 22. PERTURB   | 18. TERMINI   |
| 23. GELATIN   | 19. TABLEAU   |
| 25. AGITATE   | 20. LOGICAL   |
| 26. CHRISTI   | 21. LATASHA   |
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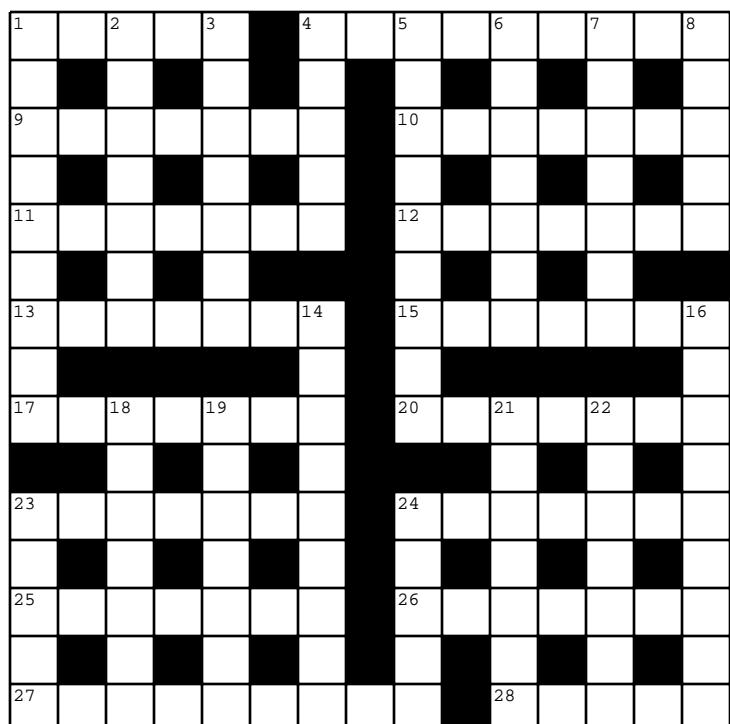
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| 4. INTERACTS  | 2. ARSENIC    |
| 9. FISHIER    | 3. NAIVE      |
| 10. PASSAGE   | 4. IRRITATED  |
| 11. FONDEST   | 5. TOPIC      |
| 12. CRUDEST   | 6. RESOURCES  |
| 13. RECEIPT   | 7. CHATEAU    |
| 15. SUCCUMB   | 8. SPENT      |
| 17. STARTED   | 14. INTERVENE |
| 19. PISSARO   | 15. SUPPORTER |
| 21. COCHRAN   | 16. BOOKENDED |
| 23. OUTCOME   | 18. ARCHAIC   |
| 25. PLATEAU   | 20. ADOPTED   |
| 26. TREATED   | 21. COPES     |
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| 28. ENDED     | 24. THESE     |



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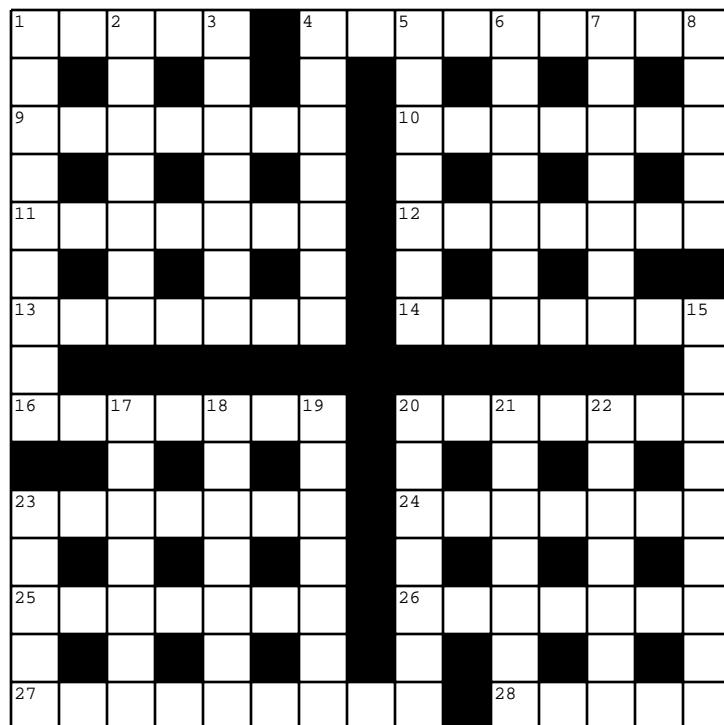
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| 4. HABITUALS  | 2. HONORED    |
| 9. CONTROL    | 3. AIRINGS    |
| 10. UTILITY   | 4. HELPS      |
| 11. MARINAS   | 5. BLUBBERED  |
| 12. BOILERS   | 6. TAILING    |
| 13. NU迪STS    | 7. AGILEST    |
| 15. REGATTA   | 8. STYES      |
| 17. SLITTER   | 14. SERENGETI |
| 20. DECIMAL   | 16. ALLIGATOR |
| 23. OVERRAN   | 18. IBERIAN   |
| 24. ABATING   | 19. THROUGH   |
| 25. FAILURE   | 21. COASTAL   |
| 26. PATRIOT   | 22. MAILING   |
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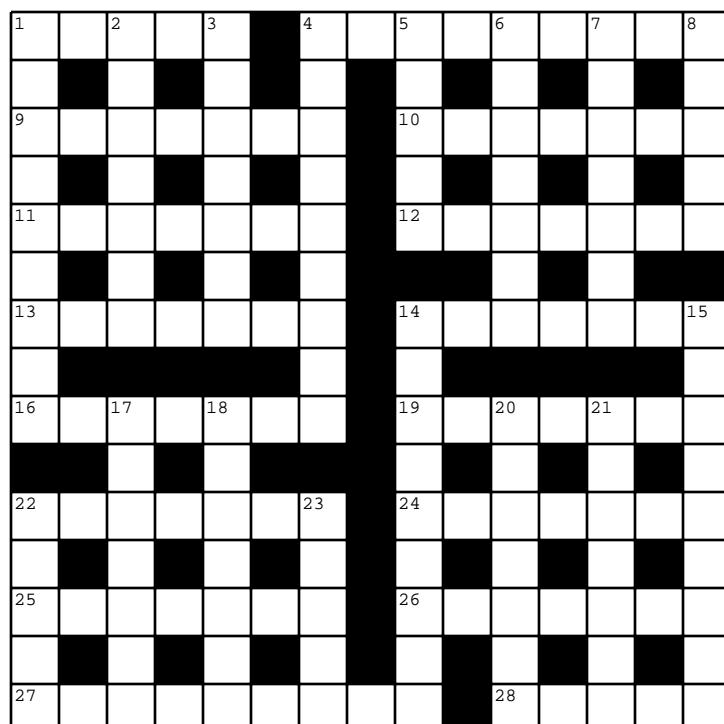
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| 4. HYPERBOLE  | 2. AMNESIA    |
| 9. NONSTOP    | 3. ENTWINE    |
| 10. ORATION   | 4. HAPPILY    |
| 11. DASHIKI   | 5. PROVERB    |
| 12. EMIRATE   | 6. REALIGN    |
| 13. ACADEMY   | 7. ORIGAMI    |
| 14. BANDIER   | 8. ERNIE      |
| 16. SEISMIC   | 15. RESISTANT |
| 20. DIRECTS   | 17. ITALIAN   |
| 23. CLAIROL   | 18. MARTINI   |
| 24. EFFECTS   | 19. CALORIC   |
| 25. NOISIER   | 20. DREDGED   |
| 26. GANGLIA   | 21. REFINED   |
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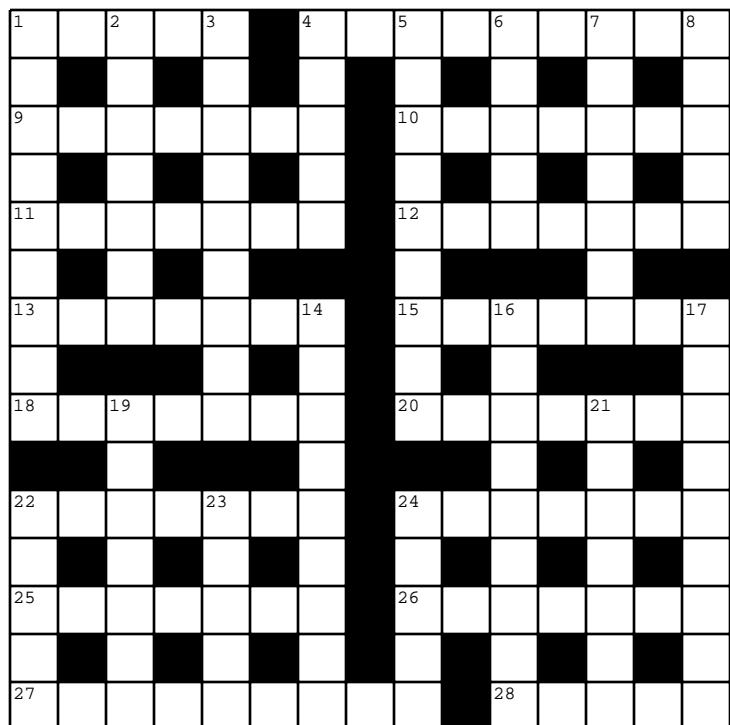
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| 9. GAUTAMA    | 3. READMIT    |
| 10. BICKERS   | 4. GRAPHICAL  |
| 11. TRIUMPH   | 5. RABBI      |
| 12. INVADES   | 6. UNCOVER    |
| 13. LUNATIC   | 7. OVERDUE    |
| 14. AIRIEST   | 8. SISES      |
| 16. BASHFUL   | 14. ABSOLUTES |
| 19. SAMURAI   | 15. TRIANGLES |
| 22. KICKOFF   | 17. SUCCUMB   |
| 24. LIAISON   | 18. FLOUNCE   |
| 25. EQUINOX   | 20. MEANEEST  |
| 26. THERMAL   | 21. RESUMED   |
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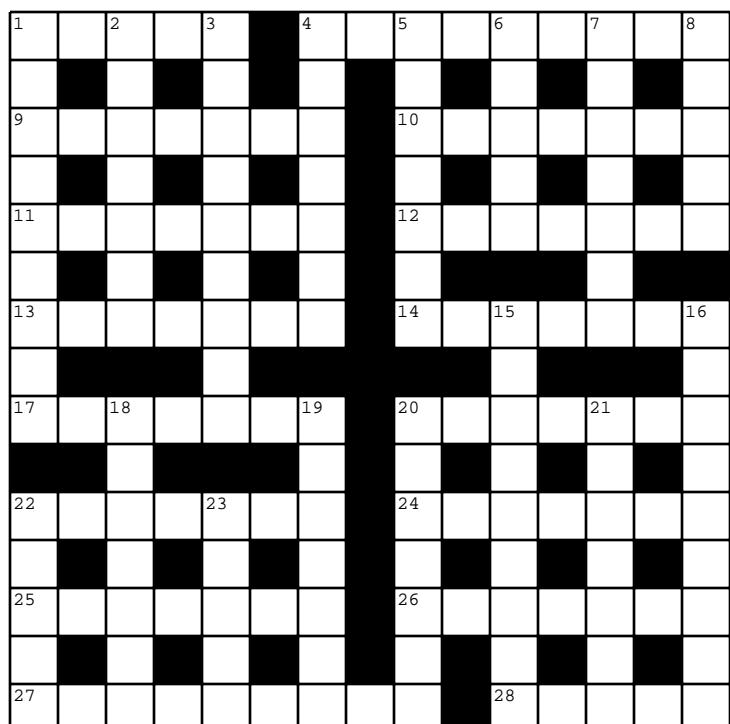
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| 4. REPUDIATE  | 2. SCRAWLS    |
| 9. HARPOON    | 3. SCOURGING  |
| 10. CAPTURE   | 4. RANTS      |
| 11. UPWARDS   | 5. PECKINPAH  |
| 12. INHERIT   | 6. DEPTH      |
| 13. TASTING   | 7. AQUARIA    |
| 15. PHARAOH   | 8. ELECT      |
| 18. DELIGHT   | 14. GUTTERING |
| 20. HITACHI   | 16. ANTELOPES |
| 22. PACKAGE   | 17. HAIRSTYLE |
| 24. VELCROS   | 19. LOCALES   |
| 25. SYLLABI   | 21. CEREBRA   |
| 26. CAPABLY   | 22. POSED     |
| 27. DISLODGED | 23. AMADO     |
| 28. SHARE     | 24. VICED     |



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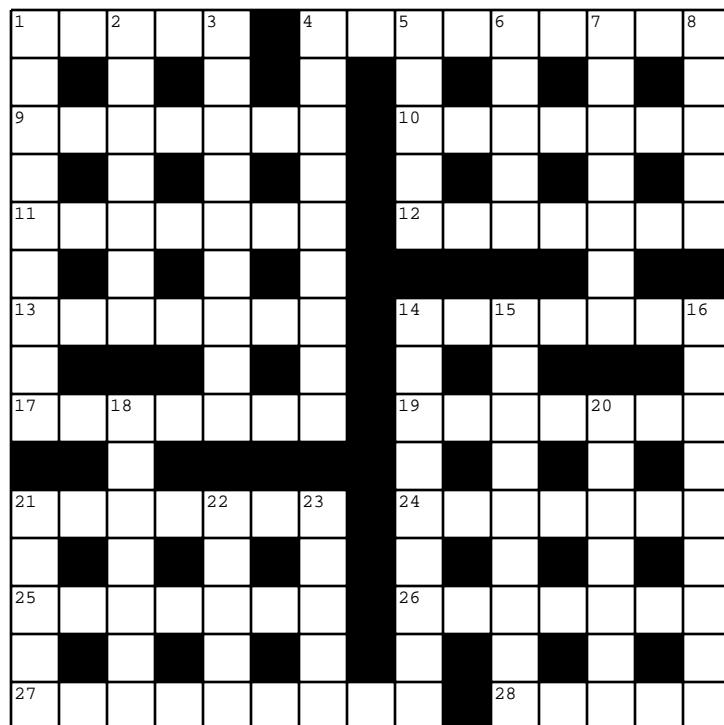
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| 4. EAGERNESS  | 2. ENROLLS    |
| 9. BURNISH    | 3. THIRSTING  |
| 10. AVAILED   | 4. ECHOING    |
| 11. COLOSSI   | 5. GRAPHIC    |
| 12. HUMDRUM   | 6. REALM      |
| 13. LISTING   | 7. ENLARGE    |
| 14. CONNECT   | 8. SODOM      |
| 17. SLEIGHS   | 15. NEIGHBOUR |
| 20. SMIDGEN   | 16. TINDERBOX |
| 22. BACILLI   | 18. ENCLOSE   |
| 24. ENHANCE   | 19. STIMULI   |
| 25. XIONGNU   | 20. SLEEPER   |
| 26. PROVERB   | 21. GENTEEL   |
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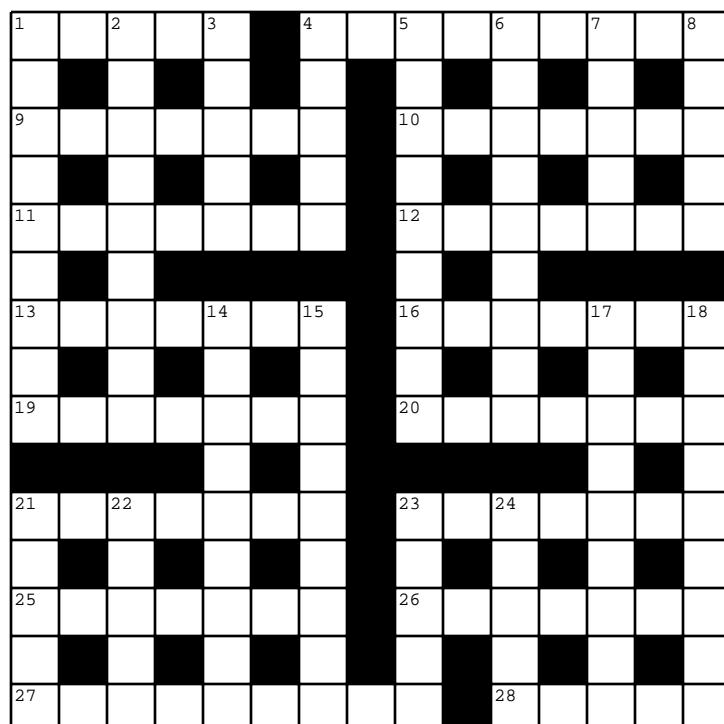
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| 4. RESOLVING  | 2. MONARCH    |
| 9. SONNETS    | 3. CRESCENDI  |
| 10. ANAEMIA   | 4. ROSENBERG  |
| 11. AFRICAN   | 5. SHAKA      |
| 12. ABSENCE   | 6. LEADS      |
| 13. ENHANCE   | 7. IMMENSE    |
| 14. COMPETE   | 8. GRAVE      |
| 17. ARCHING   | 14. CATCHINGS |
| 19. TITANIC   | 15. MOTORISTS |
| 21. SHELVES   | 16. ESCAPADES |
| 24. HARDTOP   | 18. CHEERED   |
| 25. SIROCCO   | 20. NETTLED   |
| 26. NESTLED   | 21. SASSY     |
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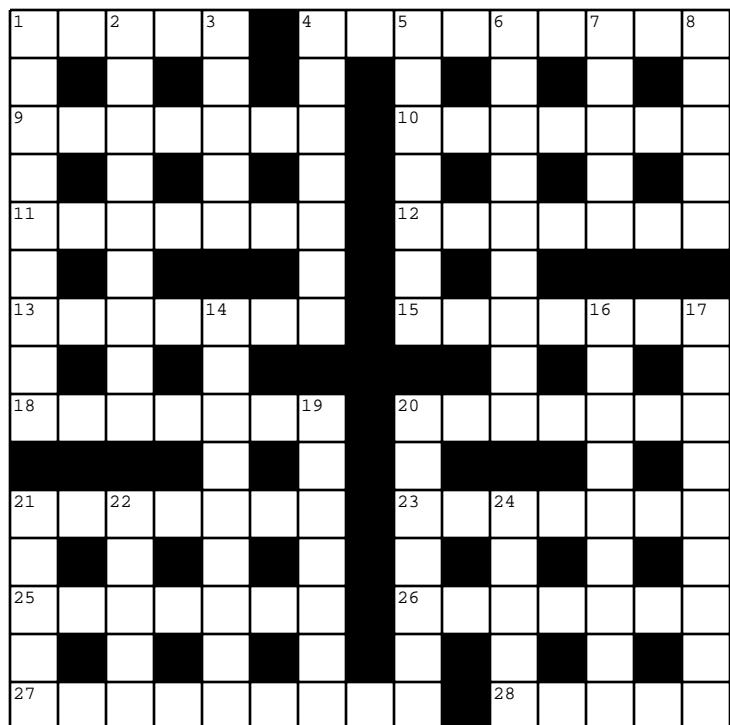
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| 9. CARIBOU    | 3. DEBUG      |
| 10. OBSCENE   | 4. EQUIP      |
| 11. STOPGAP   | 5. BIOGRAPHY  |
| 12. REPOSED   | 6. DISAPPEAR  |
| 13. ORIGINS   | 7. IDEAS      |
| 16. PRESSED   | 8. GREED      |
| 19. SETTING   | 14. INITIALLY |
| 20. YARDAGE   | 15. SUGGESTER |
| 21. SUICIDE   | 17. STATISTIC |
| 23. EROTICA   | 18. DIETARIES |
| 25. RINGLET   | 21. SCRUB     |
| 26. MARATHI   | 22. IONIC     |
| 27. BACKYARDS | 23. EMMYS     |
| 28. SICES     | 24. OGRES     |



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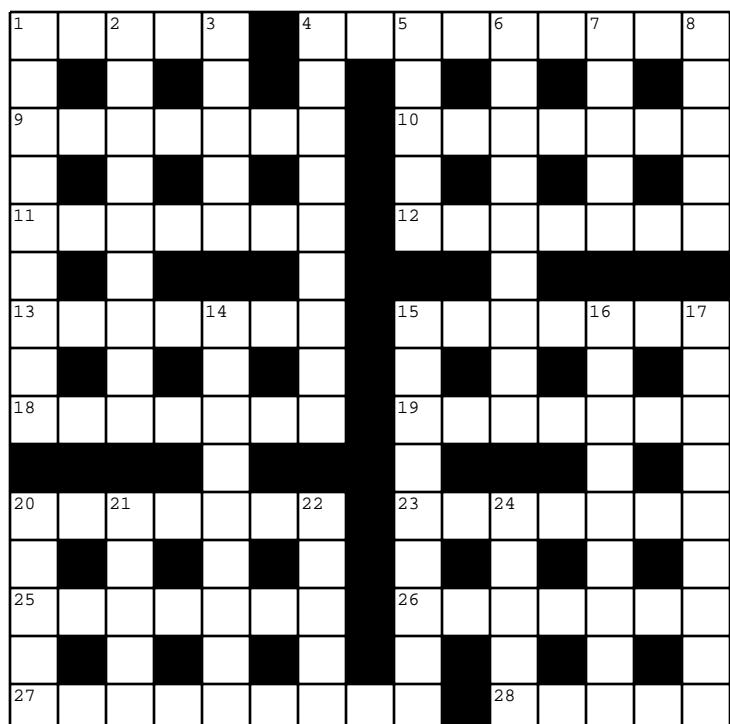
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| 4. SENTENCES  | 2. HANDCUFFS  |
| 9. PANACEA    | 3. WACKO      |
| 10. MEDDLER   | 4. SPAREST    |
| 11. ENCLOSE   | 5. NUMERIC    |
| 12. READING   | 6. ENDEAVOUR  |
| 13. OFFBEAT   | 7. CELLI      |
| 15. CHOPPER   | 8. SHRUG      |
| 18. INSECTS   | 14. EUCALYPTI |
| 20. ACRONYM   | 16. PENINSULA |
| 21. SIMPLER   | 17. REMINISCE |
| 23. MELANIN   | 19. SAROYAN   |
| 25. AUTOPSY   | 20. ADMIRAL   |
| 26. RUMOURS   | 21. SCALE     |
| 27. EMOTIONAL | 22. METRO     |
| 28. STATE     | 24. LIMBS     |



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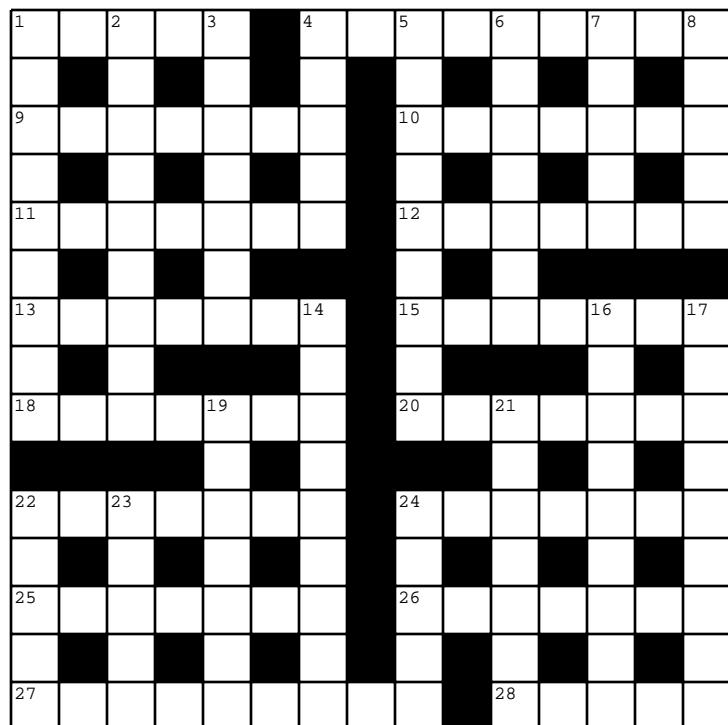
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| 4. ECONOMIES  | 2. REGISTRAR  |
| 9. BUGABOO    | 3. RABBI      |
| 10. NOTE PAD  | 4. ECOSYSTEM  |
| 11. TESTIFY   | 5. OWNED      |
| 12. DECOYED   | 6. OPTICIANS  |
| 13. APRICOT   | 7. IMPLY      |
| 15. ENABLES   | 8. SIDED      |
| 18. ACRONYM   | 14. CONGENIAL |
| 19. CASTING   | 15. ENCIRCLED |
| 20. CHATEAU   | 16. LEISURELY |
| 23. RAPTURE   | 17. SUGGESTED |
| 25. MASHING   | 20. COMIC     |
| 26. LOUDEST   | 21. ARSON     |
| 27. CONCLUDED | 22. URGED     |
| 28. PAYED     | 24. PLUMP     |



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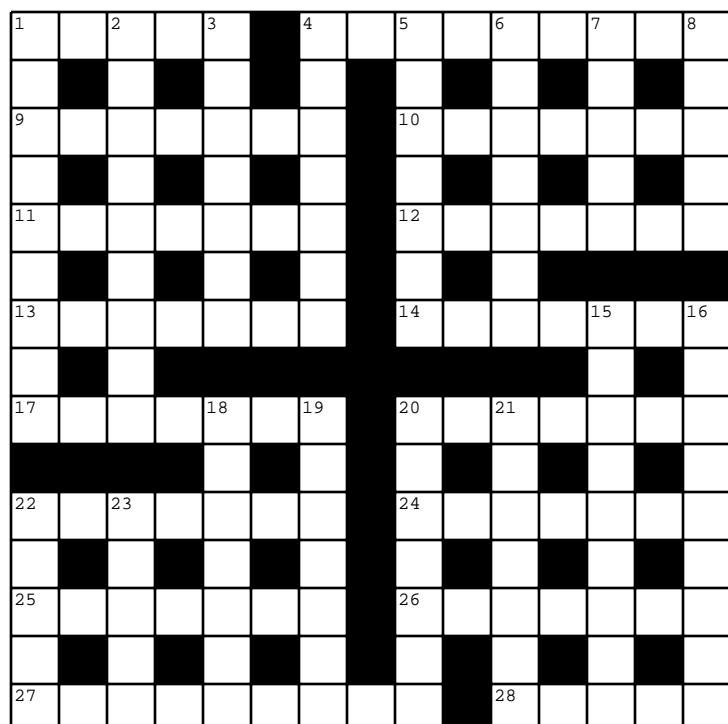
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| 4. HANDLEBAR  | 2. GLACIALLY  |
| 9. PLATOON    | 3. STORAGE    |
| 10. GARAGED   | 4. HUNTS      |
| 11. ANIMALS   | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. THEISTS   | 6. LARDERS    |
| 13. ILLNESS   | 7. BOGUS      |
| 15. LASAGNA   | 8. RIDES      |
| 18. GEYSERS   | 14. SUSPICION |
| 20. BUMMEST   | 16. GUERRILLA |
| 22. BACILLI   | 17. ANTIPATHY |
| 24. GUMDROP   | 19. ENLARGE   |
| 25. SAMURAI   | 21. MAMMOTH   |
| 26. BOOKLET   | 22. BASES     |
| 27. SERGEANTS | 23. COMER     |
| 28. HEAVY     | 24. GIBES     |



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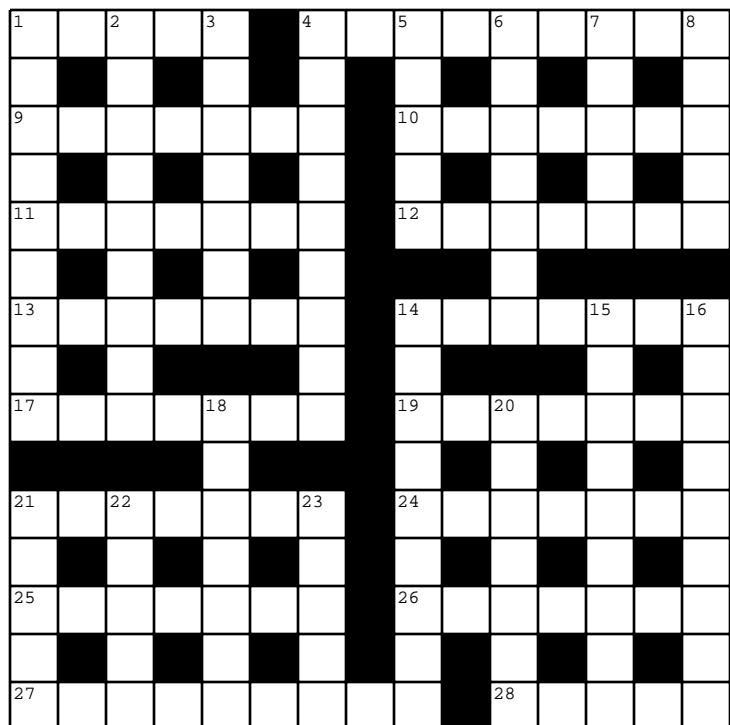
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| 4. ACCLIMATE  | 2. AGRARIANS  |
| 9. TORNADO    | 3. CHARLIE    |
| 10. ARTISTS   | 4. ANOMALY    |
| 11. GORILLA   | 5. CYANIDE    |
| 12. IGNITED   | 6. INTENSE    |
| 13. IMAGERY   | 7. ASSET      |
| 14. EYELASH   | 8. EASED      |
| 17. GESTURE   | 15. ALTERABLE |
| 20. STRATUM   | 16. HIMALAYAS |
| 22. BUILDUP   | 18. UNDYING   |
| 24. NOSTRIL   | 19. EXPLOIT   |
| 25. SHAPIRO   | 20. SUNDAES   |
| 26. AUDIBLY   | 21. RESIDES   |
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| 28. STEPS     | 23. IDAHO     |



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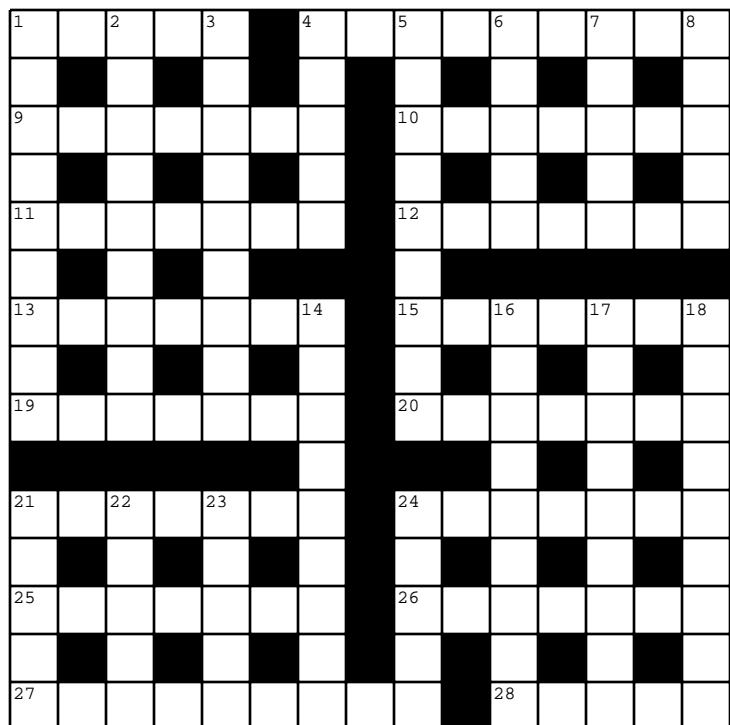
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| 4. APOLOGIZE  | 2. SANITARIA  |
| 9. CANDLED    | 3. SULTANA    |
| 10. TANKARD   | 4. ADDRESSED  |
| 11. NITRATE   | 5. OATHS      |
| 12. SUBHEAD   | 6. OMNIBUS    |
| 13. REREADS   | 7. IMAGE      |
| 14. DISTURB   | 8. ENDED      |
| 17. CLAPPED   | 14. DEADLINED |
| 19. AVOCADO   | 15. UNANIMOUS |
| 21. BATHTUB   | 16. BOOKMAKER |
| 24. LIBRIUM   | 18. POTHOLE   |
| 25. PADLOCK   | 20. ORBITAL   |
| 26. NETWORK   | 21. BIPED     |
| 27. DESCENDED | 22. TIDES     |
| 28. LASER     | 23. BAKED     |



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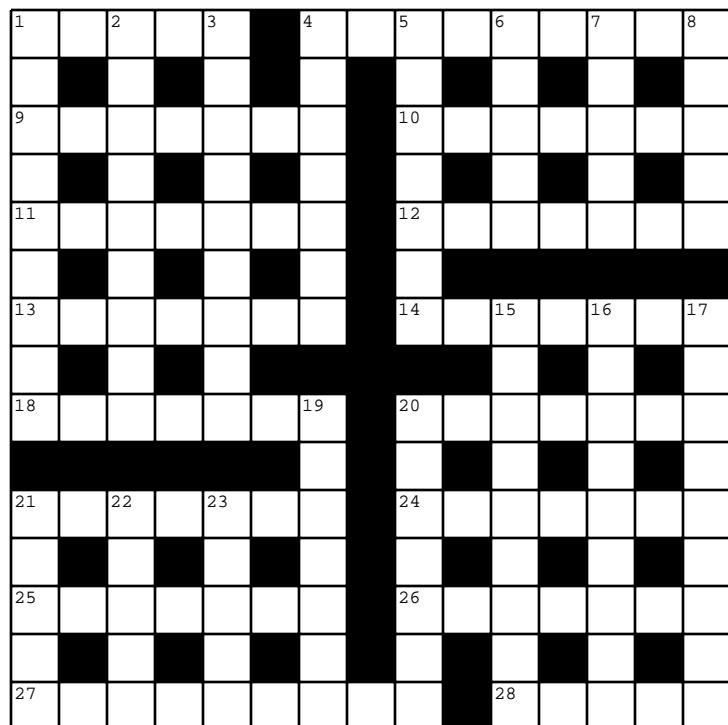
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| 4. BLATANTLY  | 2. WATERFALL  |
| 9. ARTISAN    | 3. DASTARDLY  |
| 10. ALMANAC   | 4. BENDS      |
| 11. THREATS   | 5. ANAEROBIC  |
| 12. REDDEST   | 6. ARMED      |
| 13. SCANDAL   | 7. TENSE      |
| 15. BATHTUB   | 8. YACHT      |
| 19. DELAYED   | 14. LEDERBERG |
| 20. CARTOON   | 16. TORMENTOR |
| 21. CONIFER   | 17. TROUSSEAU |
| 24. OVERSAW   | 18. BANDWIDTH |
| 25. MELANGE   | 21. COMIC     |
| 26. HOTHEAD   | 22. NYLON     |
| 27. CUNNINGER | 23. FUNGI     |
| 28. ROUGH     | 24. OTHER     |



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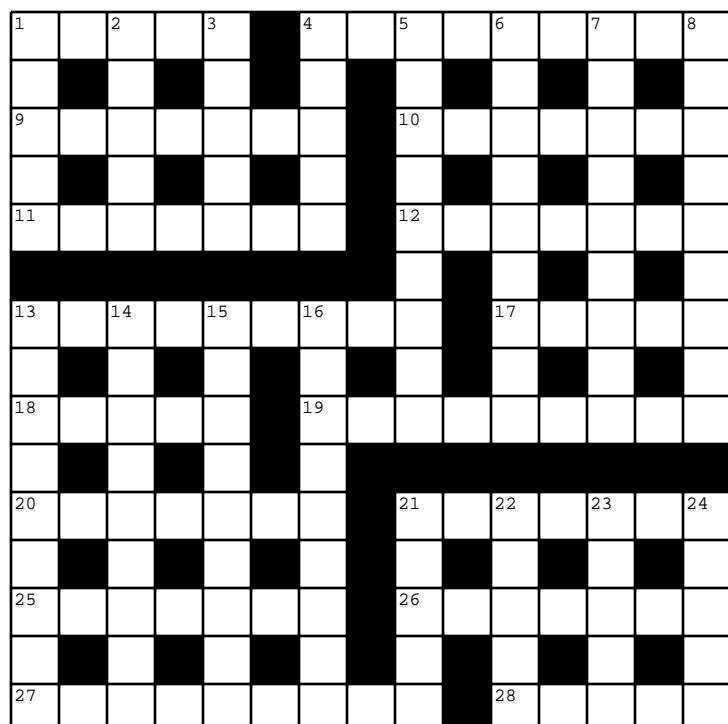
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| 1. LOGIC      | 1. LABYRINTH  |
| 4. FAVORITES  | 2. GOALPOSTS  |
| 9. BRAINED    | 3. CONDITION  |
| 10. LASCAUX   | 4. FIDGETY    |
| 11. REPTILE   | 5. VALLEYS    |
| 12. ELYSIAN   | 6. RUSTY      |
| 13. NASTILY   | 7. TRACI      |
| 14. SHOWMAN   | 8. SAXON      |
| 18. HOSANNA   | 15. OVERTHREW |
| 20. BLENDER   | 16. MODERATOR |
| 21. CALIPHS   | 17. NARRATORS |
| 24. ASTORIA   | 19. ASSISTS   |
| 25. IMPOSES   | 20. BEACHES   |
| 26. HORATIO   | 21. CRISP     |
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| 28. WARPS     | 23. PASTE     |



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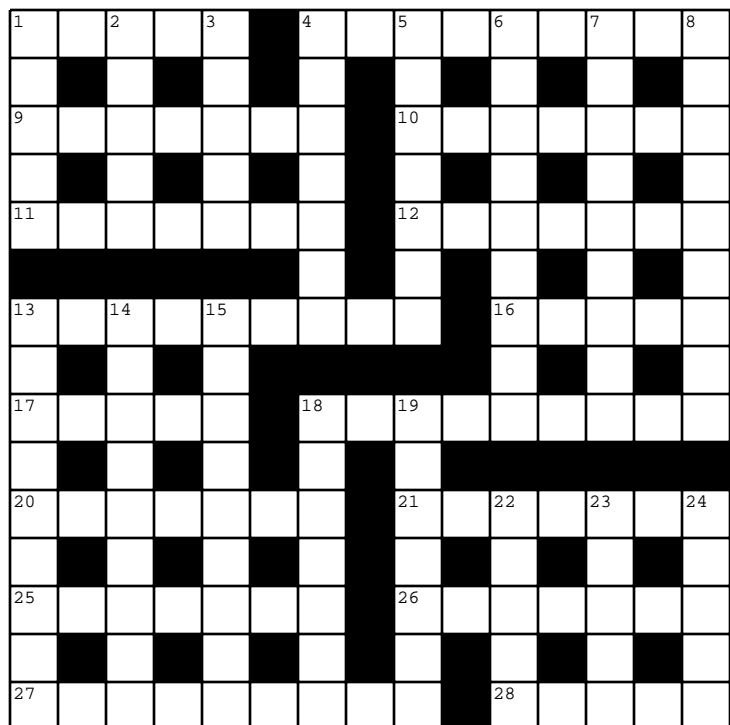
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| 4. WASHSTAND  | 2. REPLY      |
| 9. EMPORIA    | 3. DIRGE      |
| 10. REREADS   | 4. WEARS      |
| 11. DRYNESS   | 5. SURPRISED  |
| 12. RATIONS   | 6. STRATEGIC  |
| 13. TYMPANUMS | 7. ANATOMIST  |
| 17. GUIDE     | 8. DISASTERS  |
| 18. RINGO     | 13. TARANTULA |
| 19. INDICATES | 14. MANNERISM |
| 20. NYERERE   | 15. AFORESAID |
| 21. CANTERS   | 16. UNIVERSAL |
| 25. URINALS   | 21. CACAO     |
| 26. CHICANO   | 22. NAIVE     |
| 27. ARMADILLO | 23. EXAMS     |
| 28. EASED     | 24. SWORD     |



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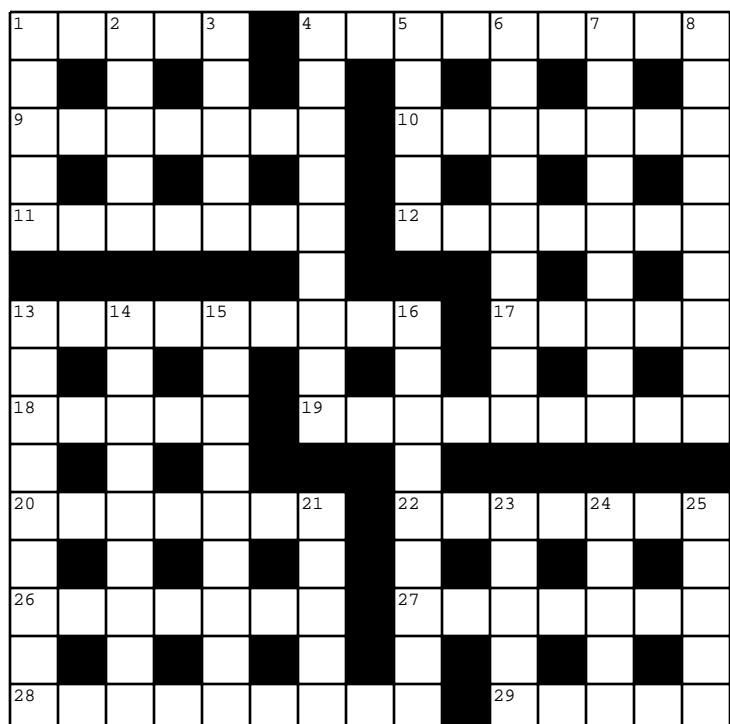
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| 1. LELIA      | 1. LYRIC      |
| 4. BANKRUPTS  | 2. LIBEL      |
| 9. REBUILD    | 3. ADIEU      |
| 10. UNIQUER   | 4. BEDTIME    |
| 11. CALCULI   | 5. NOURISH    |
| 12. ISOTOPE   | 6. RHINOCERI  |
| 13. EIGHTIETH | 7. PLUTOCRAT  |
| 16. EARTH     | 8. SCREECHED  |
| 17. TWICE     | 13. ENTANGLED |
| 18. SUBMITTED | 14. GLITTERED |
| 20. NATURAL   | 15. THEORETIC |
| 21. TRAFFIC   | 18. SYLLABI   |
| 25. LORETTA   | 19. BATSMAN   |
| 26. MARABOU   | 22. ACRES     |
| 27. DEDUCTION | 23. FIBER     |
| 28. SERVE     | 24. CAUSE     |



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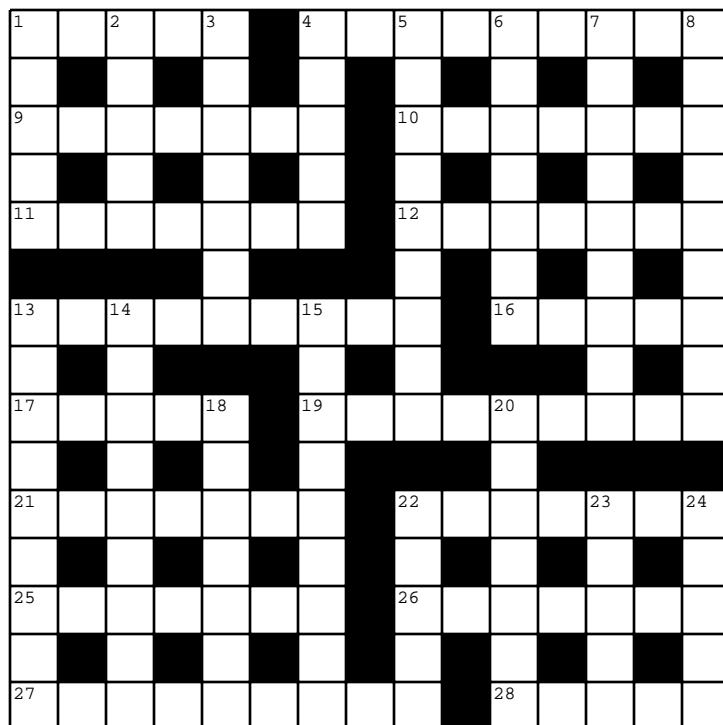
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| 4. DISGUISES  | 2. COPRA      |
| 9. UMPTEEN    | 3. SHEER      |
| 10. EPHRAIM   | 4. DONIZETTI  |
| 11. BEATRIZ   | 5. SCENE      |
| 12. EPOCHAL   | 6. UNHOOKING  |
| 13. PRAGMATIC | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 17. INTER     | 8. SIMILARLY  |
| 18. SOLAR     | 13. PESSIMISM |
| 19. INTEGRITY | 14. ALLIGATOR |
| 20. INGROWN   | 15. MAROONING |
| 22. RAIDERS   | 16. CATARACTS |
| 26. INTUITS   | 21. NASAL     |
| 27. CELESTA   | 23. IDLES     |
| 28. MARIGOLDS | 24. EASED     |
| 29. SIDLE     | 25. SCARE     |



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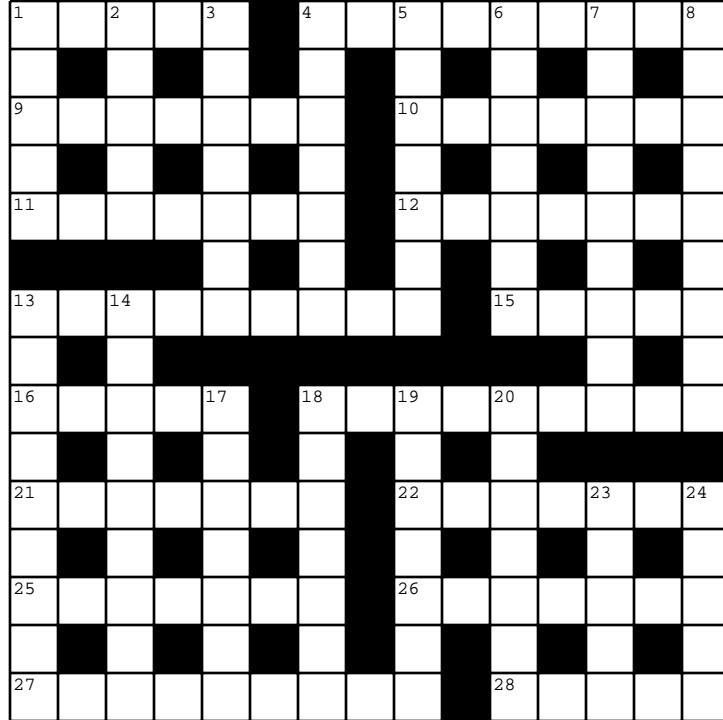
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| 4. ITCHINESS  | 2. REACT      |
| 9. STAMINA    | 3. BLISTER    |
| 10. INSTEAD   | 4. INANE      |
| 11. ENTITLE   | 5. CHIPEWYAN  |
| 12. ENGAGES   | 6. INSIGHT    |
| 13. IMMORALLY | 7. EMERGENCE  |
| 16. TANGO     | 8. SIDESHOWS  |
| 17. TERSE     | 13. INTRINSIC |
| 19. BANISTERS | 14. MARYELLEN |
| 21. INERTIA   | 15. LIBRARIES |
| 22. BLUNDER   | 18. ESTRADA   |
| 25. SYLLABI   | 20. SAUNAED   |
| 26. CHANNEL   | 22. BACKS     |
| 27. CANVASSES | 23. DONUT     |
| 28. DETOX     | 24. RELAX     |



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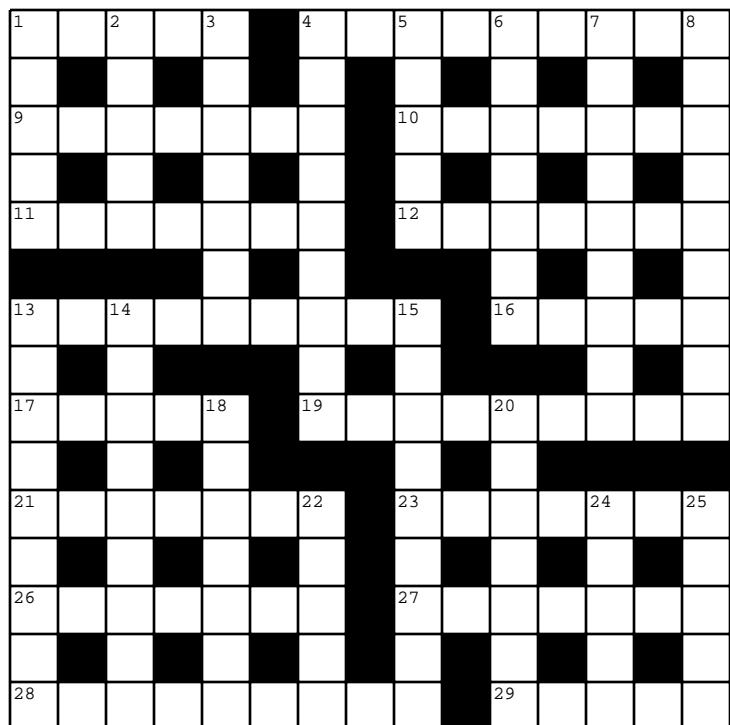
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| 4. ECSTASIES  | 2. OASIS      |
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| 10. GREATER   | 4. EASIEST    |
| 11. ASSHOLE   | 5. SIGNALS    |
| 12. ANAGRAM   | 6. AVERAGE    |
| 13. DOMINATES | 7. INTERRUPT  |
| 15. EQUAL     | 8. SCRAMBLED  |
| 16. ASCOT     | 13. DIAGHILEV |
| 18. DEPOSITED | 14. MUCKRAKER |
| 21. HURRAYS   | 17. TRACHEA   |
| 22. MENACED   | 18. DASHIKI   |
| 25. LAKSHMI   | 19. PUMPKIN   |
| 26. KHARKOV   | 20. SUNLAMP   |
| 27. VARIATION | 23. CAKED     |
| 28. PEDAL     | 24. DEVIL     |



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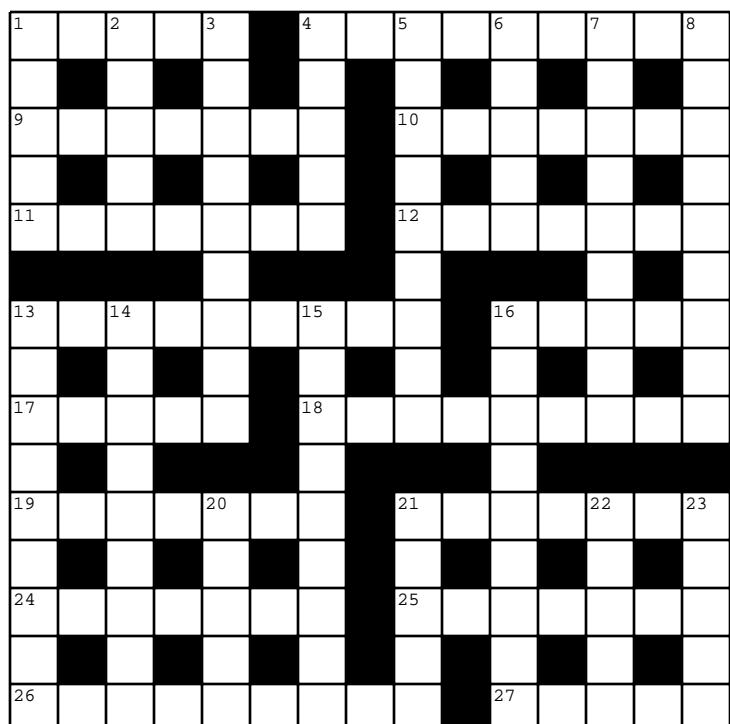
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| 4. INVISIBLE  | 2. TABOO      |
| 9. UNBENDS    | 3. ERNESTO    |
| 10. SERVICE   | 4. INSOMNIAC  |
| 11. BLOSSOM   | 5. VISTA      |
| 12. ANGELIC   | 6. SCRUGGS    |
| 13. HYPNOTIST | 7. BRILLIANT  |
| 16. SEAMS     | 8. EXERCISED  |
| 17. NOOKS     | 13. HONEYCOMB |
| 19. CROCHETED | 14. PHOTOSTAT |
| 21. YAOUNDE   | 15. TROOPSHIP |
| 23. PANACEA   | 18. SUNRISE   |
| 26. OSTRICH   | 20. HANDBAG   |
| 27. HIBACHI   | 22. ETHIC     |
| 28. BUTTERCUP | 24. CYCLE     |
| 29. GREEN     | 25. ALIEN     |



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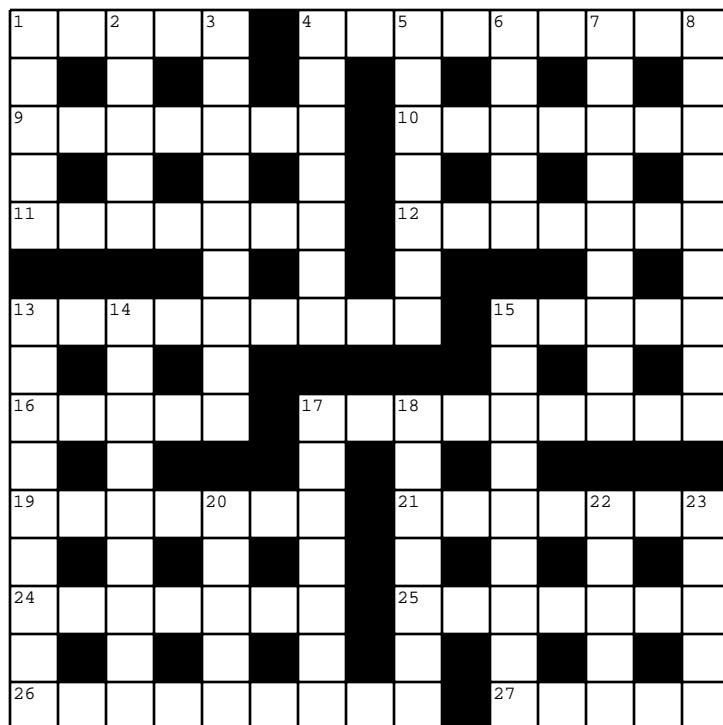
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| 1. HATED      | 1. HOPED      |
| 4. SOPORIFIC  | 2. TRILL      |
| 9. PAINFUL    | 3. DEFEATIST  |
| 10. ROSTRUM   | 4. SOLES      |
| 11. DOLLARS   | 5. PERFECTER  |
| 12. EROTICA   | 6. RUSSO      |
| 13. NEGLIGENT | 7. FOREIGNER  |
| 16. MINED     | 8. COMMANDED  |
| 17. WRIST     | 13. NEWCASTLE |
| 18. FURTHERED | 14. GLISSANDI |
| 19. ARSENIC   | 15. EFFICIENT |
| 21. EARMUFF   | 16. MAHARAJAH |
| 24. TENABLE   | 20. NOBLE     |
| 25. JUJITSU   | 21. ENJOY     |
| 26. EMINENTLY | 22. UTTER     |
| 27. HORSE     | 23. FLUTE     |



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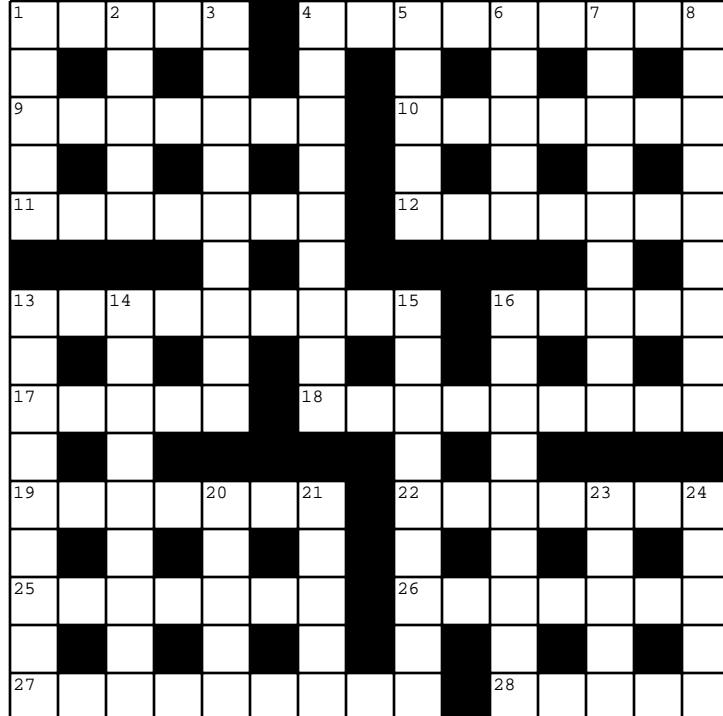
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| 1. PLUMB      | 1. PICKS      |
| 4. AUTOMATES  | 2. UNITE      |
| 9. CHIMERA    | 3. BREAKNECK  |
| 10. MAXILLA   | 4. ARACELI    |
| 11. SPECKLE   | 5. TOMBING    |
| 12. IMMORAL   | 6. MAXIM      |
| 13. SADDENING | 7. TOLERANCE  |
| 15. HENCE     | 8. SMALLNESS  |
| 16. DRUNK     | 13. SIDEKICKS |
| 17. ENDANGERS | 14. DOUBTLESS |
| 19. KETCHUP   | 15. HANDSOMER |
| 21. BISCUIT   | 17. EXPIRED   |
| 24. CHEQUER   | 18. DEBUTED   |
| 25. TIMPANI   | 20. HOUSE     |
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| 27. REEDS     | 23. TRIES     |



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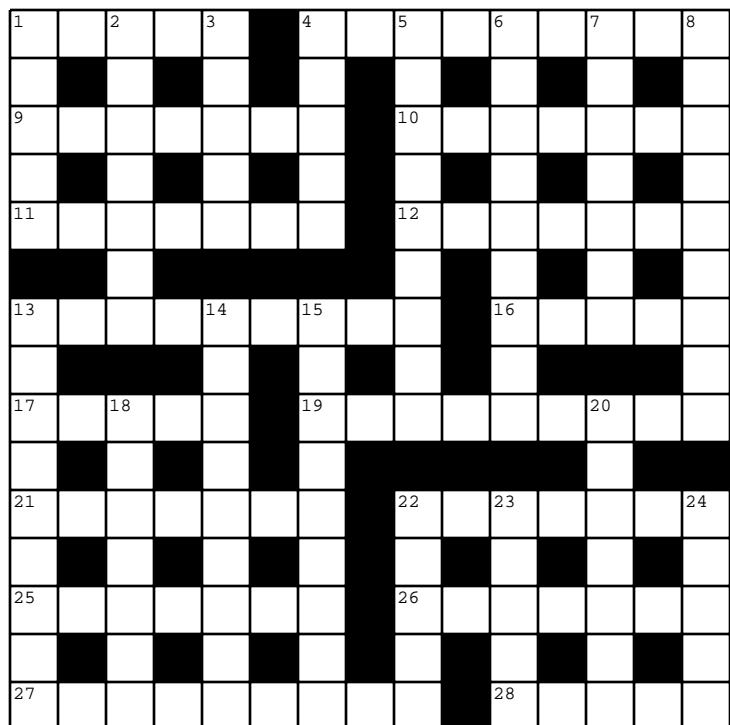
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| 4. ANDROMEDA  | 2. MIGHT      |
| 9. EAGERER    | 3. SCRATCHES  |
| 10. BREWERY   | 4. ACROBATIC  |
| 11. BATHTUB   | 5. DEBRA      |
| 12. AMALGAM   | 6. OMEGA      |
| 13. APATHETIC | 7. EVERGREEN  |
| 16. TREAT     | 8. ASYMMETRY  |
| 17. DARNS     | 13. ADDICTIVE |
| 18. CERTAINTY | 14. AGRIPPINA |
| 19. CUPCAKE   | 15. CARDBOARD |
| 22. BULIMIA   | 16. TRAILERED |
| 25. INITIAL   | 20. ADIEU     |
| 26. AIRPORT   | 21. ECLAT     |
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| 28. DRYLY     | 24. APTLY     |



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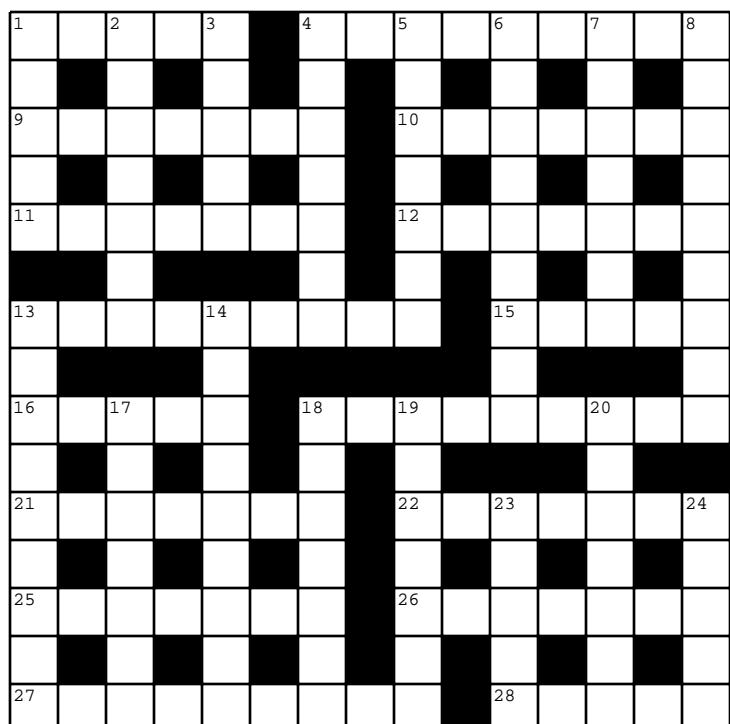
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| 1. KICKS      | 1. KILNS      |
| 4. SHOWCASED  | 2. CARDIAC    |
| 9. LARGELY    | 3. SEEKS      |
| 10. SPECIES   | 4. SHYER      |
| 11. SCISSOR   | 5. OSSIFYING  |
| 12. FACTUAL   | 6. CRESCENDO  |
| 13. EUCALYPTI | 7. STIMULI    |
| 16. NOISY     | 8. DISPLAYED  |
| 17. POINT     | 13. ESPIONAGE |
| 19. ENGROSSED | 14. LITHUANIA |
| 21. OBSCURE   | 15. PIECEWORK |
| 22. ATHEIST   | 18. INSOFAR   |
| 25. ALFONZO   | 20. STIPEND   |
| 26. COLLEGE   | 22. ARCED     |
| 27. EARMARKED | 23. HELLO     |
| 28. OLDER     | 24. THEIR     |



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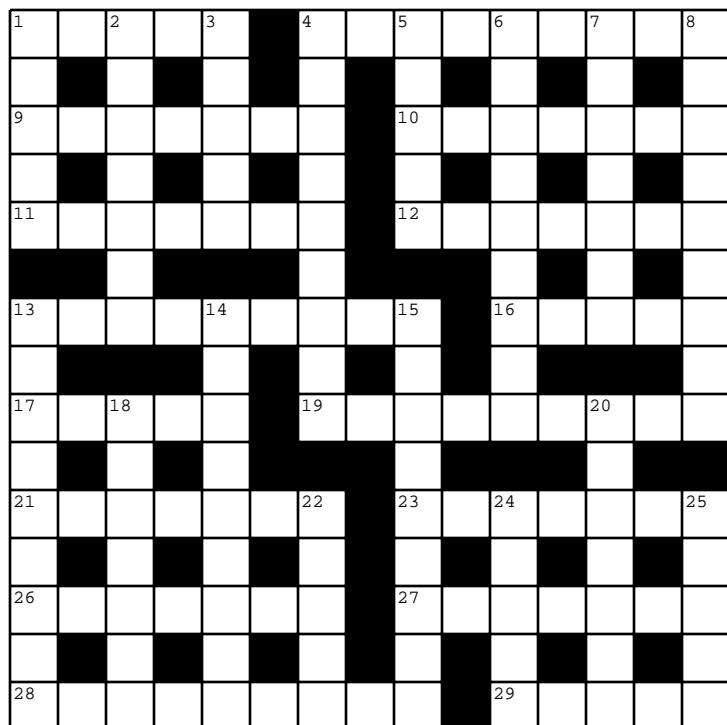
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| 4. THEODORIC  | 2. PROJECT    |
| 9. BLOSSOM    | 3. SASHA      |
| 10. COARSEN   | 4. TEMPERA    |
| 11. TEENAGE   | 5. ENCHANT    |
| 12. ASHANTI   | 6. DIAPHRAGM  |
| 13. ATTENDANT | 7. ROSANNA    |
| 15. AMARU     | 8. CONTINUAL  |
| 16. ANGER     | 13. AMATERASU |
| 18. POLEMICAL | 14. NARRATIVE |
| 21. EMANATE   | 17. GUARANI   |
| 22. GALORES   | 18. PREFERS   |
| 25. AVARICE   | 19. LOGICAL   |
| 26. CURABLE   | 20. CEREBRA   |
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| 28. CLAIM     | 24. STEAM     |



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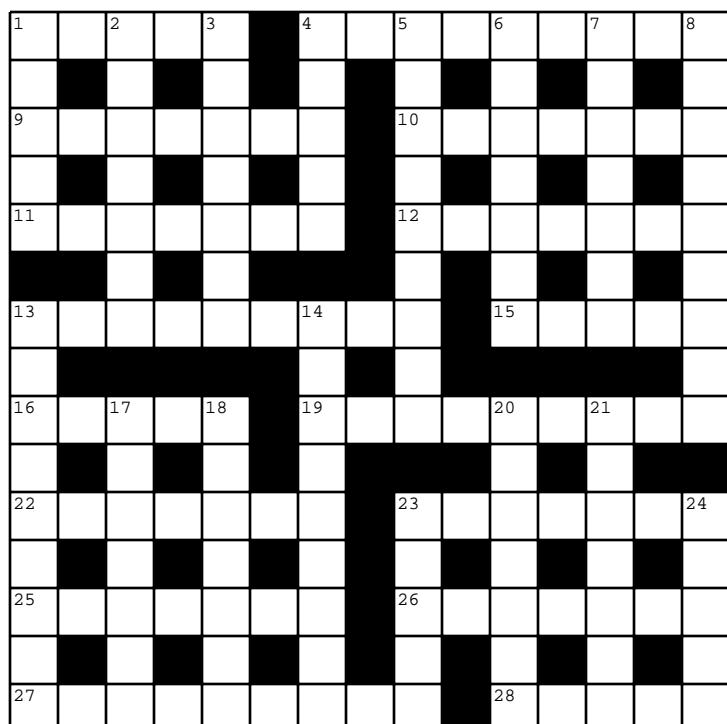
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| 1. CAPER      | 1. CLEAR      |
| 4. ANTIPATHY  | 2. PROVISO    |
| 9. EVOLVED    | 3. RAVES      |
| 10. DIPLOMA   | 4. ADDRESSES  |
| 11. REISSUE   | 5. TIDES      |
| 12. STEUBEN   | 6. PEPPERONI  |
| 13. SHOWCASES | 7. TROUBLE    |
| 16. OCEAN     | 8. YEARNINGS  |
| 17. OHARA     | 13. SPOKESMAN |
| 19. SENSIBLES | 14. CLAPEYRON |
| 21. EASTERS   | 15. SANCTUARY |
| 23. TEENAGE   | 18. ABSALOM   |
| 26. MALARIA   | 20. LEAGUES   |
| 27. ACCRUES   | 22. SHALL     |
| 28. NOMINALLY | 24. EXCEL     |
| 29. LYSOL     | 25. EASEL     |



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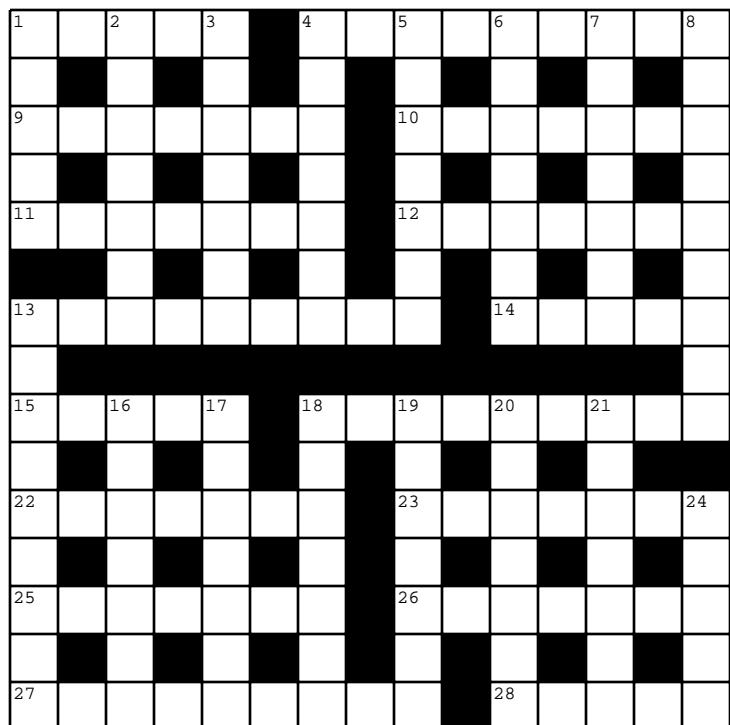
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| 4. TROOPSHIP  | 2. SEAPORT    |
| 9. CRAMPED    | 3. SOPRANO    |
| 10. SHOPPER   | 4. TODAY      |
| 11. ANOMALY   | 5. OSSIFYING  |
| 12. FRETFUL   | 6. PROVERB    |
| 13. POTPOURRI | 7. HOPEFUL    |
| 15. BULBS     | 8. PARALYSIS  |
| 16. SAMBA     | 13. POSITIONS |
| 19. BEGINNERS | 14. RABBETING |
| 22. TSUNAMI   | 17. MOUSIER   |
| 23. LATHING   | 18. ADAMANT   |
| 25. ORIGAMI   | 20. NATIONS   |
| 26. ROOKIER   | 21. EDITING   |
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| 28. SIGNS     | 24. GARBS     |



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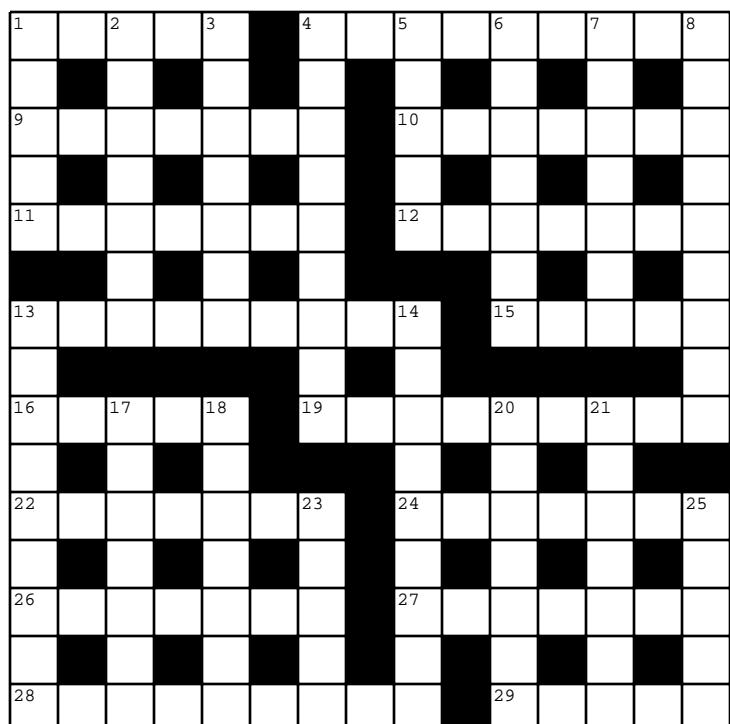
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| 4. NIGHTCLUB  | 2. UNDERGO    |
| 9. RADIANT    | 3. HEAVIES    |
| 10. ARRAIGN   | 4. NATTIER    |
| 11. TERMINI   | 5. GLANCED    |
| 12. CHEQUER   | 6. TARGETS    |
| 13. SPONSORED | 7. LEISURE    |
| 14. SLEEP     | 8. BANKRUPTS  |
| 15. RIGOR     | 13. SCRUBBING |
| 18. RECHARGES | 16. GLADDEN   |
| 22. BEAGLES   | 17. RELAXES   |
| 23. NAUGHTY   | 18. RESIDUE   |
| 25. INDEXED   | 19. CANKERS   |
| 26. ETERNAL   | 20. ACUTEST   |
| 27. GANGSTERS | 21. GEHENNA   |
| 28. TRAPS     | 24. YELPS     |



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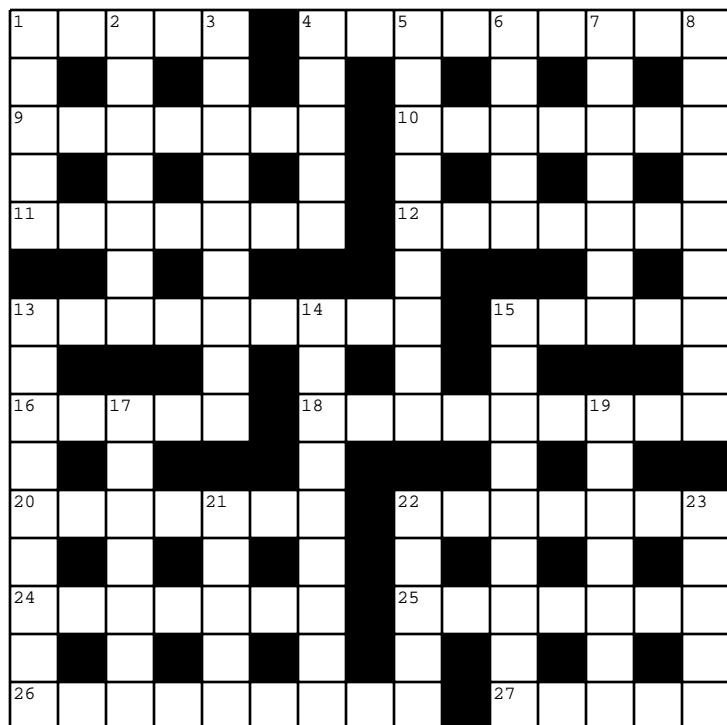
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| 9. IMPENDS    | 3. GENERIC    |
| 10. NUMERIC   | 4. ASSESSING  |
| 11. ENSURES   | 5. TANGO      |
| 12. OVERLAP   | 6. ARMREST    |
| 13. ABDUCTING | 7. THRILLS    |
| 15. TASTE     | 8. DECIPHERS  |
| 16. HENRI     | 13. ATHABASCA |
| 19. GARDENERS | 14. GARLANDED |
| 22. BATHTUB   | 17. NOTHING   |
| 24. ANAGRAM   | 18. INTAGLI   |
| 26. STINGER   | 20. ENABLED   |
| 27. DELUDED   | 21. EARLDOM   |
| 28. ANGUISHED | 23. BIRTH     |
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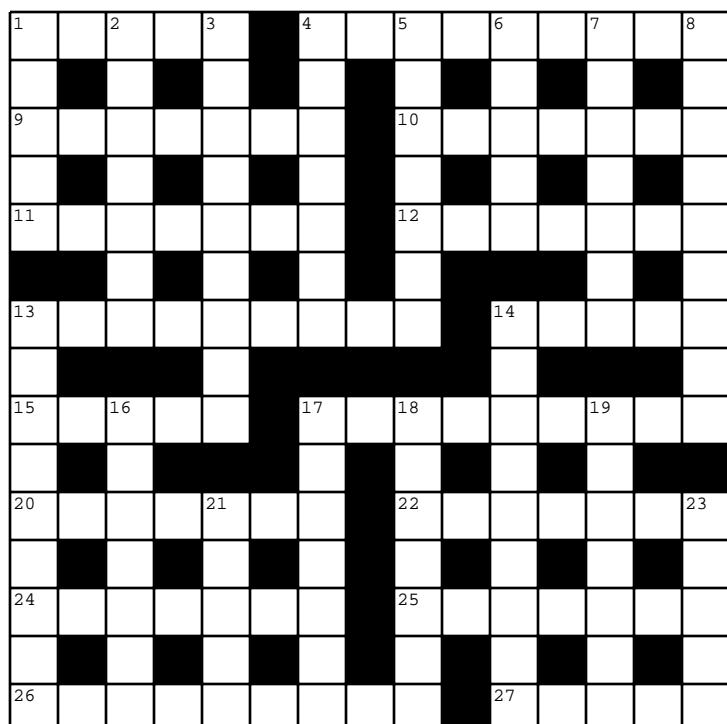
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| 4. UNIVERSAL  | 2. LACTOSE    |
| 9. SECURES    | 3. WAREHOUSE  |
| 10. PLAYOFF   | 4. UPSET      |
| 11. PROPHET   | 5. IMPEDANCE  |
| 12. DESIGNS   | 6. EXAMS      |
| 13. EXECUTION | 7. STOPGAP    |
| 15. IMPLY     | 8. LIFESTYLE  |
| 16. THERE     | 13. ESTIMATED |
| 18. SPECTACLE | 14. INSPIRING |
| 20. MADURAI   | 15. INTERVIEW |
| 22. CHRONIC   | 17. ENDURES   |
| 24. TERMINI   | 19. CANTATA   |
| 25. PRIVATE   | 21. RHINO     |
| 26. DISLODGED | 22. CAPED     |
| 27. WEARS     | 23. CHESS     |



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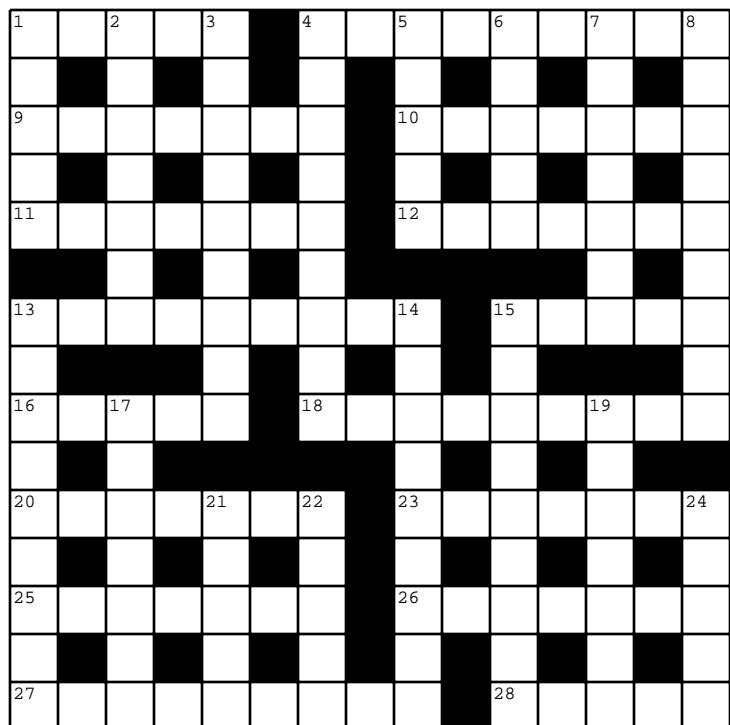
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| 4. FACTORIAL  | 2. ROBOTIC    |
| 9. SUBTLER    | 3. BILINGUAL  |
| 10. MIDRIFT   | 4. FERRARI    |
| 11. ANTENNA   | 5. COMPETE    |
| 12. EARWIGS   | 6. OLDER      |
| 13. INCLUSIVE | 7. IRIDIUM    |
| 14. DUMMY     | 8. LIFESTYLE  |
| 15. TIDAL     | 13. INTRINSIC |
| 17. MILKSHAKE | 14. DISBELIEF |
| 20. IQUITOS   | 16. DRUMMER   |
| 22. GRENADA   | 17. MASSIVE   |
| 24. SAMURAI   | 18. LOGICAL   |
| 25. CHIMERA   | 19. AMATEUR   |
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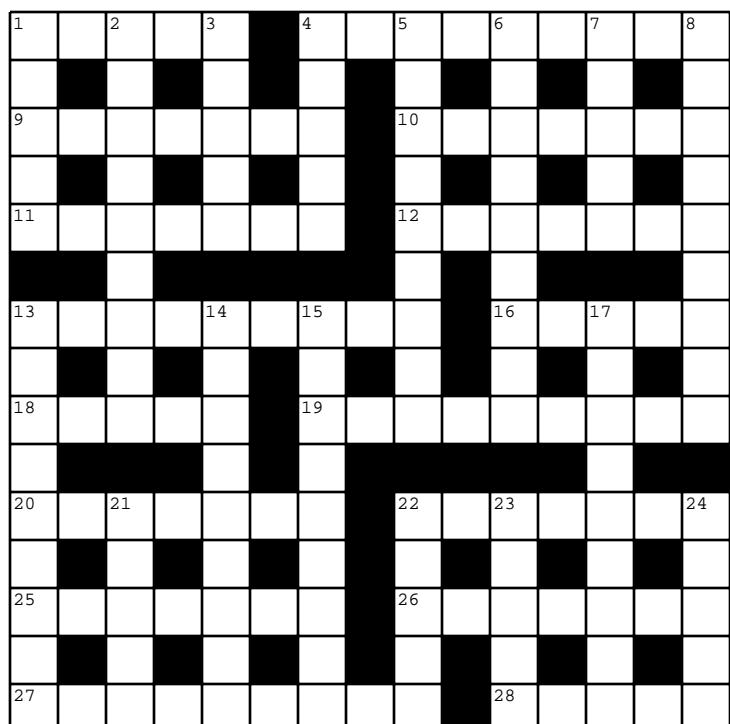
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| 4. ACCLIMATE  | 2. INSURER    |
| 9. DASHIKI    | 3. SLIGHTEST  |
| 10. BOLOGNA   | 4. AXIOMATIC  |
| 11. SORGHUM   | 5. COBRA      |
| 12. ANSELMO   | 6. IDLES      |
| 13. CURRENTLY | 7. ANGELIC    |
| 15. OCCUR     | 8. ENAMOURED  |
| 16. REMIT     | 13. CORREGGIO |
| 18. CORRECTED | 14. YARMULKES |
| 20. ENDEARS   | 15. OVERTONES |
| 23. UTTERLY   | 17. MEDIATE   |
| 25. GRAPHIC   | 19. TARDIER   |
| 26. KINKIER   | 21. ASHED     |
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| 28. SARIS     | 24. YARDS     |



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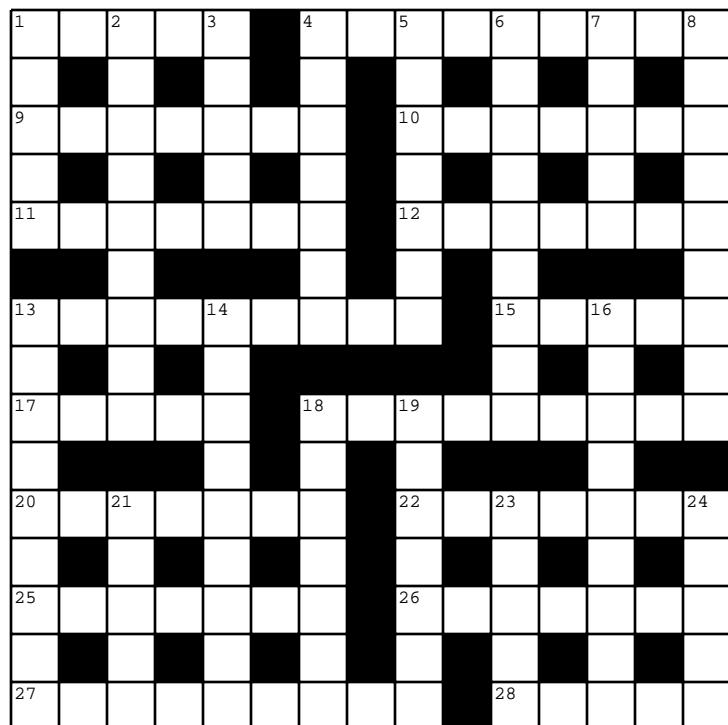
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| 9. ROTUNDA    | 3. SINCE      |
| 10. MUAWIYA   | 4. BLAST      |
| 11. ARIDEST   | 5. HIMALAYAS  |
| 12. LEECHED   | 6. AMATERASU  |
| 13. MISERABLY | 7. IRISH      |
| 16. AUDIO     | 8. GRANDSONS  |
| 18. COCOA     | 13. MICROCODE |
| 19. RESOURCES | 14. REALISING |
| 20. OUTLINE   | 15. BARRENEST |
| 22. PUBLISH   | 17. DECEITFUL |
| 25. OUTSIDE   | 21. TITLE     |
| 26. BLUFFED   | 22. PUBLIC    |
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| 28. RULES     | 24. HIDES     |



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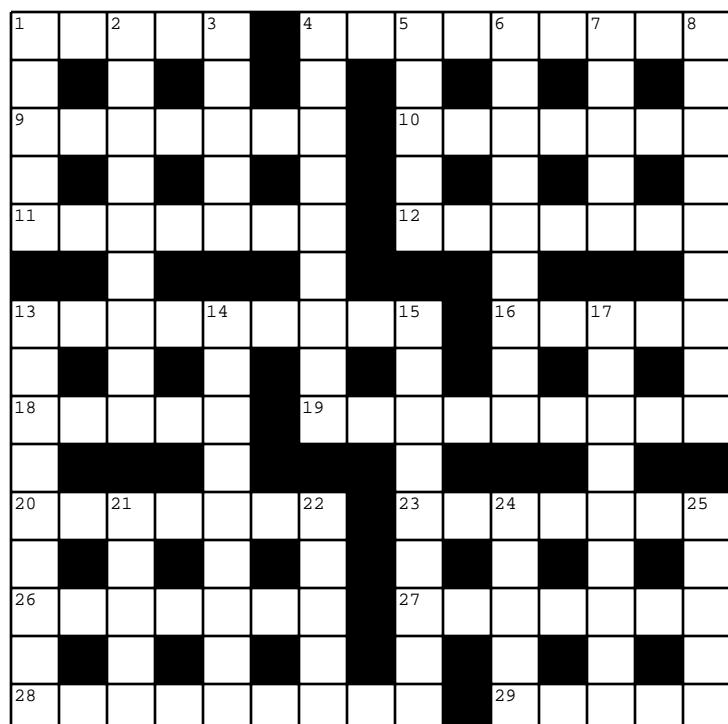
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| 4. BLEMISHED  | 2. IBUPROFEN  |
| 9. HOUSING    | 3. ALISA      |
| 10. REVISES   | 4. BEGONIA    |
| 11. CERTAIN   | 5. ENRAGES    |
| 12. GUSTAVO   | 6. INVISIBLE  |
| 13. LIFEBOATS | 7. HOSEA      |
| 15. BURNT     | 8. DISTORTED  |
| 17. FINER     | 13. LIFELOOD  |
| 18. INCREASED | 14. BIRTHRATE |
| 20. BELLHOP   | 16. RESTRAINT |
| 22. EDUARDO   | 18. IMPLIES   |
| 25. ORIGAMI   | 19. CREAMED   |
| 26. MAURIAC   | 21. LYING     |
| 27. DIGRESSED | 23. USUAL     |
| 28. LATER     | 24. OCCUR     |



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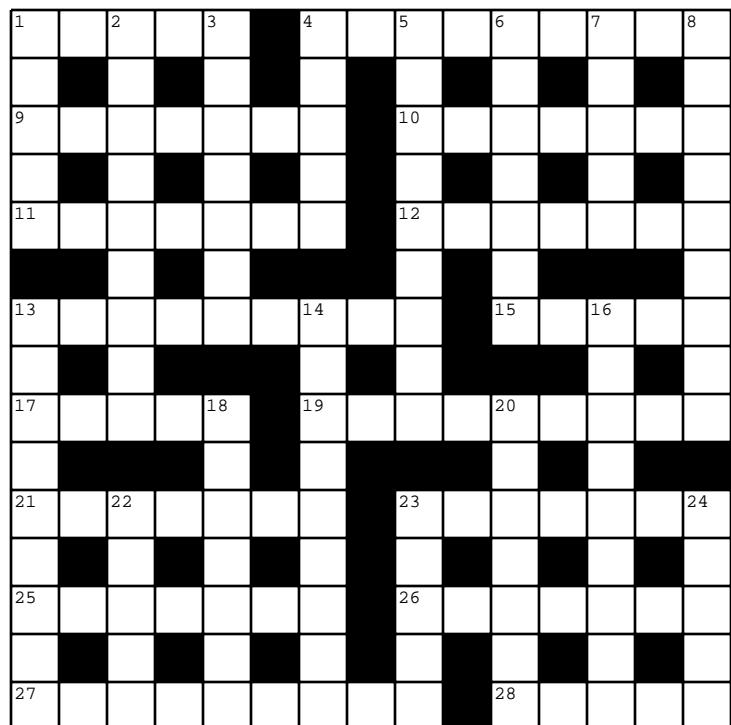
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| 9. AUDIBLE    | 3. ROBOT      |
| 10. IACCOCA   | 4. GREEDIEST  |
| 11. MUTATED   | 5. THIRD      |
| 12. DELAYED   | 6. EUCALYPTI  |
| 13. FLEECIEST | 7. IRONY      |
| 16. PASTA     | 8. GUARDIANS  |
| 18. ROMAN     | 13. FORTUNATE |
| 19. TARNISHES | 14. CONSORTIA |
| 20. UNIFORM   | 15. THRESHOLD |
| 23. SECEDED   | 17. SCHEDULES |
| 26. ADAPTED   | 21. INANE     |
| 27. OVERLAY   | 22. MODEL     |
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| 29. LASER     | 25. DRYER     |



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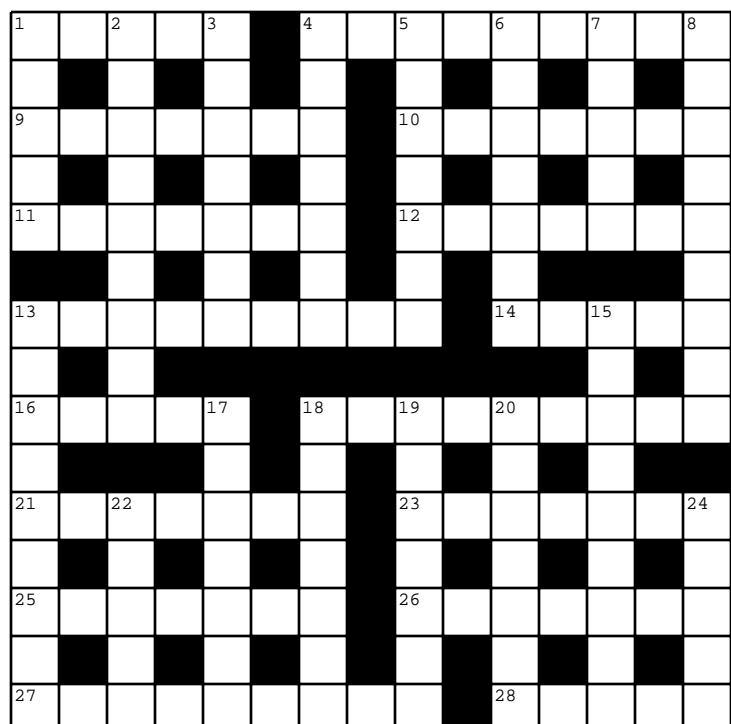
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| 4. BACKACHES  | 2. DIRECTIVE  |
| 9. LORELEI    | 3. YELLOWS    |
| 10. MARXIST   | 4. BRINY      |
| 11. ANCHOVY   | 5. COMMUNISM  |
| 12. UNUSUAL   | 6. ATRIUMS    |
| 13. GLISSANDI | 7. HAIKU      |
| 15. SUSHI     | 8. SATELLITE  |
| 17. OPENS     | 13. GROUPINGS |
| 19. SOMEPLACE | 14. NOSEBLEED |
| 21. PROVERB   | 16. STATESMAN |
| 23. PRECEDE   | 18. SWEETEN   |
| 25. NECKTIE   | 20. PREVIEW   |
| 26. TRIUMPH   | 22. OCCUR     |
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| 28. WINGS     | 24. ECHOS     |



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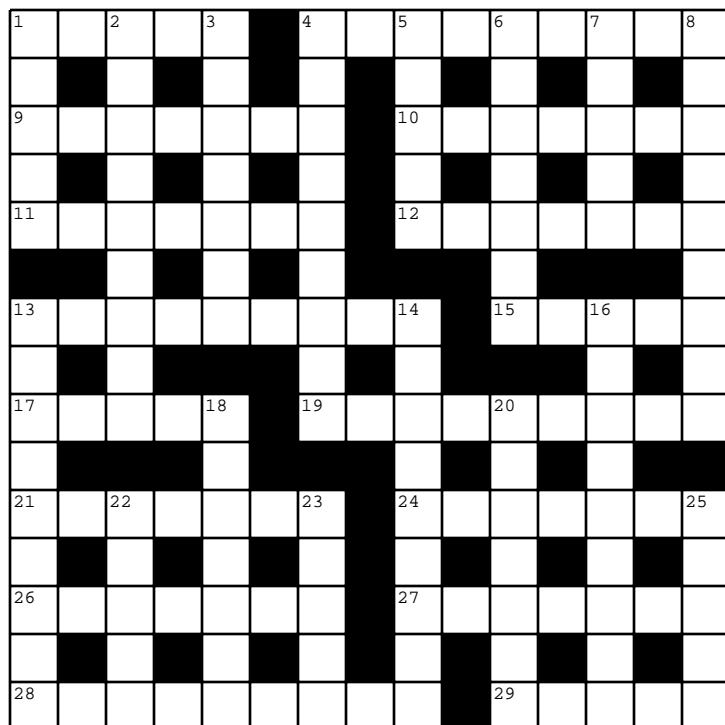
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| 9. IMPANEL    | 3. MENTHOL    |
| 10. ORDAINS   | 4. UNLUCKY    |
| 11. GRAPHIC   | 5. TROOPED    |
| 12. PERTURB   | 6. UNDERGO    |
| 13. DISPLAYED | 7. HAIKU      |
| 14. ODDLY     | 8. DISOBeyed  |
| 16. BELLS     | 13. DEBATABLE |
| 18. SENTENCED | 15. DOCUDRAMA |
| 21. TABLEAU   | 17. STEPSON   |
| 23. ACRIDER   | 18. SCUTTLE   |
| 25. BABYSAT   | 19. NEARING   |
| 26. IMITATE   | 20. EARRING   |
| 27. EHRENBERG | 22. BUBER     |
| 28. GEARS     | 24. REEFS     |



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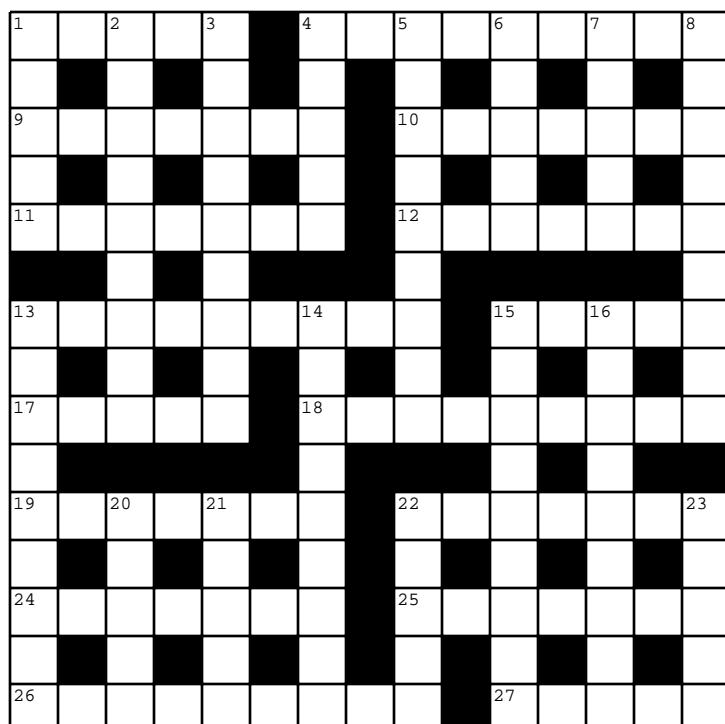
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| 1. SELLS      | 1. SCRUB      |
| 4. FANATICAL  | 2. LIABILITY  |
| 9. READIER    | 3. SKIDDED    |
| 10. SLAMMED   | 4. FIREPROOF  |
| 11. BUILDUP   | 5. NESTS      |
| 12. SCHOLAR   | 6. TRACHEA    |
| 13. CHILDHOOD | 7. CAMEL      |
| 15. ALIVE     | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 17. ROYAL     | 13. CARETAKER |
| 19. FIDGETING | 14. DEDUCTIVE |
| 21. TRAINED   | 16. INITIALLY |
| 24. CYCLIST   | 18. LANGUID   |
| 26. KIBBUTZ   | 20. ENCODED   |
| 27. INDULGE   | 22. ABBES     |
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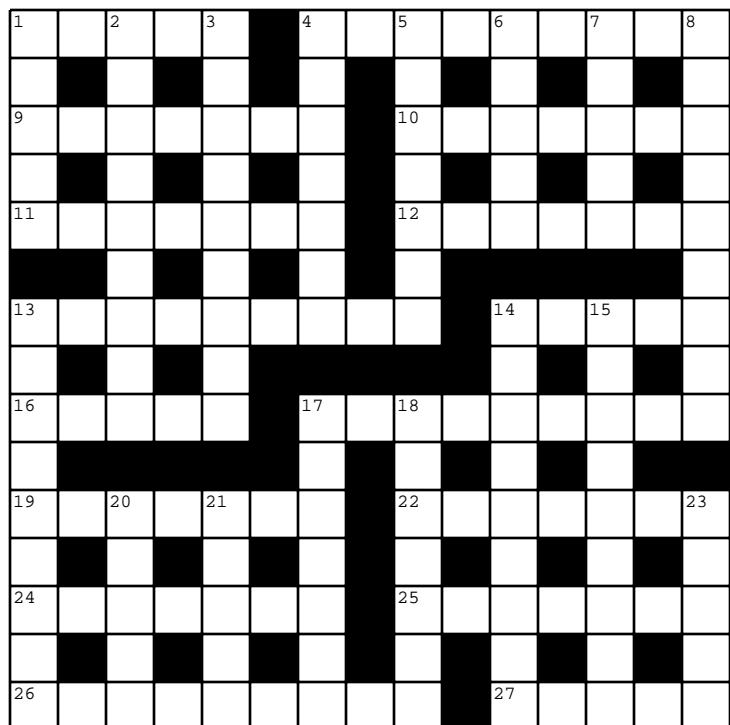
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| 9. CLEANED    | 3. NONVERBAL  |
| 10. ARTISTE   | 4. DADDY      |
| 11. BUTTERY   | 5. SHARPENER  |
| 12. PLATEAU   | 6. EXTRA      |
| 13. CARIBBEAN | 7. ISSUE      |
| 15. SEMEN     | 8. FREQUENCY  |
| 17. NASAL     | 13. CANTALOUP |
| 18. CERTAINTY | 14. EUCALYPTI |
| 19. ARRIVAL   | 15. STATISTIC |
| 22. CHIMERA   | 16. MENDELEEV |
| 24. OUTCROP   | 20. RATIO     |
| 25. BETWEEN   | 21. VERDI     |
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| 27. CIVIL     | 23. ANNUL     |



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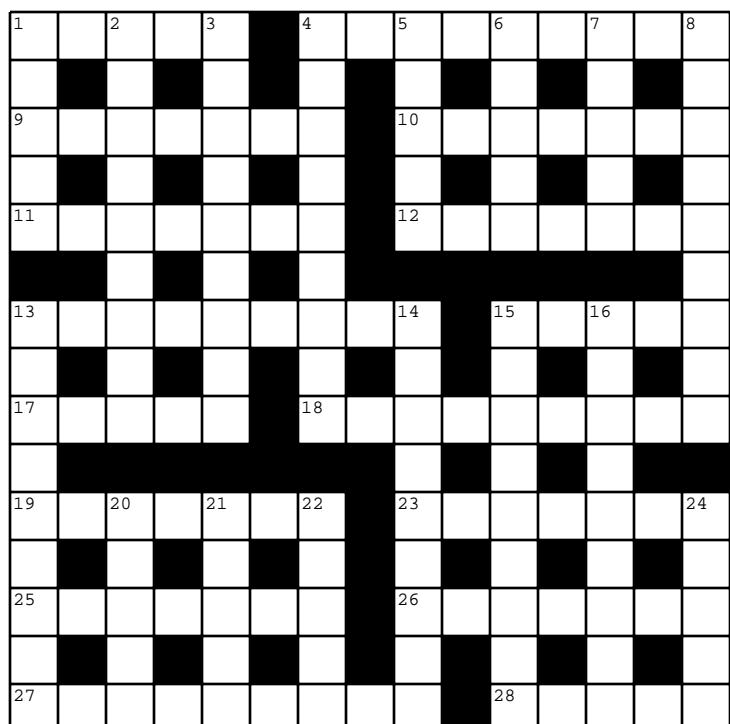
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| 4. OVERSLEEP  | 2. BUILDINGS  |
| 9. TWIDDLE    | 3. KIDNAPPED  |
| 10. NONZERO   | 4. OVERLAP    |
| 11. ODDBALL   | 5. EUNUCHS    |
| 12. CASCADE   | 6. SINGS      |
| 13. WINDPIPES | 7. ENEMA      |
| 14. HOURS     | 8. PROCESSOR  |
| 16. CASED     | 13. WICKEDEST |
| 17. OVERPOWER | 14. HYPNOTISM |
| 19. EARMUFF   | 15. UNWRITTEN |
| 22. CHOKING   | 17. OFFBEAT   |
| 24. ENDWISE   | 18. ESCAPED   |
| 25. POINTER   | 20. RADII     |
| 26. TAILGATED | 21. USING     |
| 27. MINES     | 23. GARBS     |



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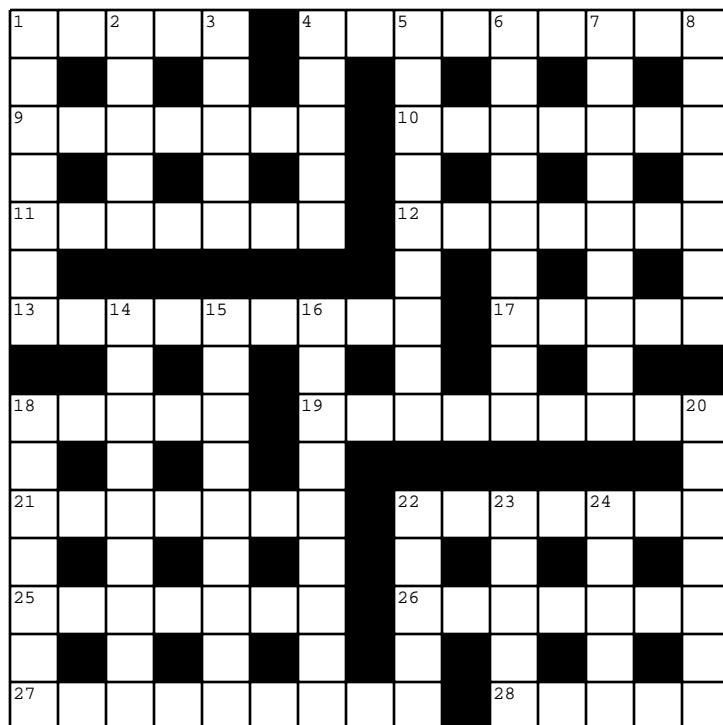
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| 4. ARRANGING  | 2. HIERARCHY  |
| 9. DREADED    | 3. MEDIAEVAL  |
| 10. DUODENA   | 4. AUDITORIA  |
| 11. ADAMANT   | 5. RADIO      |
| 12. OVERSEE   | 6. NOOSE      |
| 13. UNCOVERED | 7. ITEMS      |
| 15. USAGE     | 8. GRACELESS  |
| 17. LOYAL     | 13. UNLIMITED |
| 18. ALLOCATES | 14. DELEGATES |
| 19. MEDICAL   | 15. UNCERTAIN |
| 23. GIRLISH   | 16. ATTRIBUTE |
| 25. TEACUPS   | 20. DEALT     |
| 26. TRADUCE   | 21. CRUMB     |
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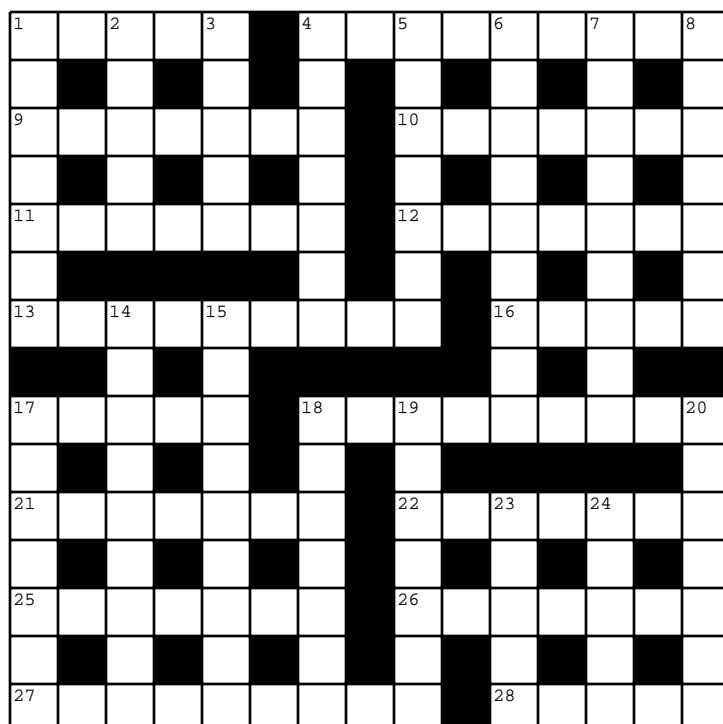
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| 4. UNCLASPED  | 2. NERDY      |
| 9. MARABOU    | 3. DEBUT      |
| 10. EQUATED   | 4. USUAL      |
| 11. CRYSTAL   | 5. CRESCENDI  |
| 12. CONSOLE   | 6. AGUINALDO  |
| 13. YACHTSMAN | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 17. LORDS     | 8. DODGERS    |
| 18. BEARS     | 14. CEAUSESCU |
| 19. EDITORIAL | 15. TESTIFIES |
| 21. LASSIES   | 16. MAELSTROM |
| 22. AUTOPSY   | 18. BULLDOG   |
| 25. DUSKIER   | 20. LOYALER   |
| 26. TEXTUAL   | 22. AFTER     |
| 27. GRUESOMER | 23. TAXES     |
| 28. SOBER     | 24. PLUMB     |



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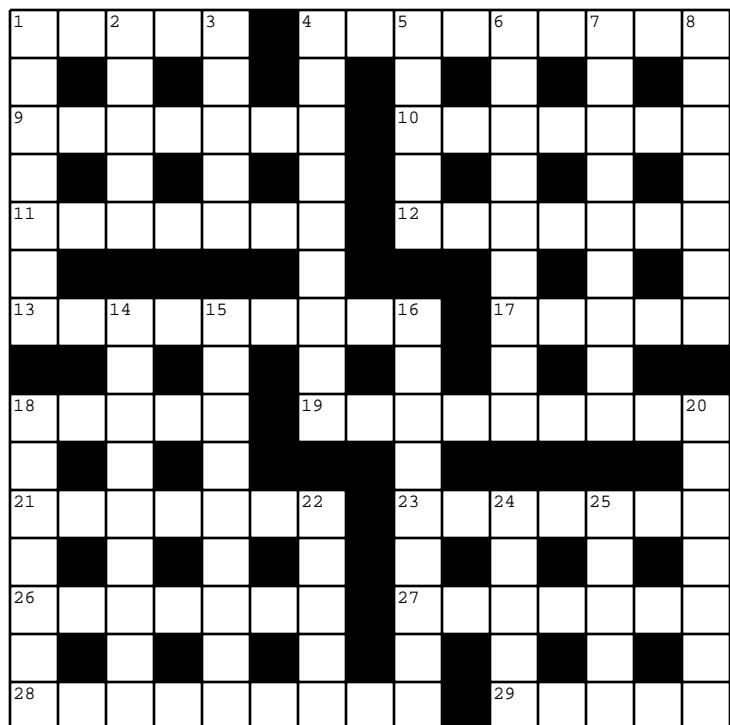
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| 4. DEVELOPER  | 2. NICKS      |
| 9. KICKOFF    | 3. ALOHA      |
| 10. SCUTTLE   | 4. DEFENCE    |
| 11. DISDAIN   | 5. VISAGES    |
| 12. GRANOLA   | 6. LEUKAEMIA  |
| 13. REMEMBERS | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 16. MERIT     | 8. REENACT    |
| 17. SATYR     | 14. METACARPI |
| 18. MECHANISM | 15. MARCELINO |
| 21. UNCLEAR   | 17. SHUTTLE   |
| 22. MATADOR   | 18. MARTINI   |
| 25. TERMINI   | 19. COMICAL   |
| 26. COURSER   | 20. MARGRET   |
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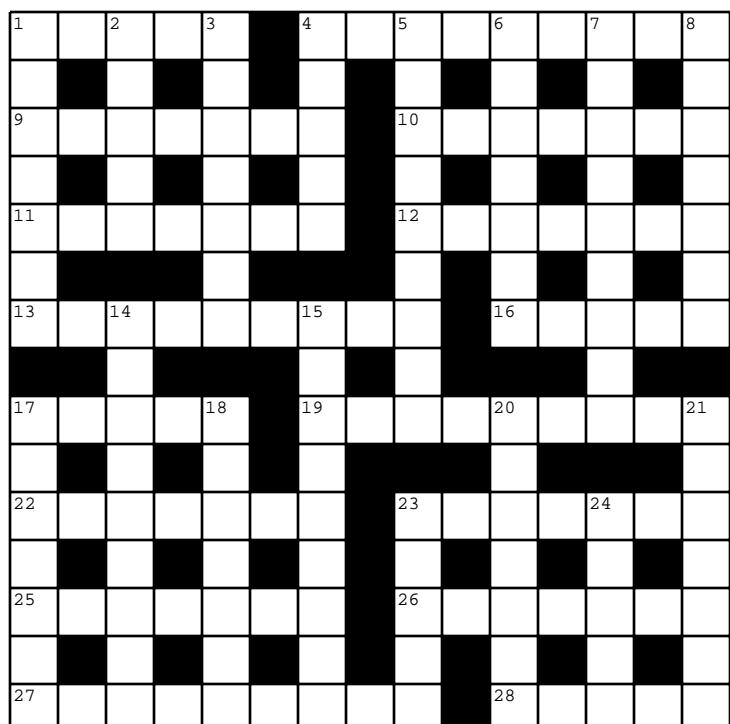
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| 4. HEADPHONE  | 2. ICIER      |
| 9. UNIQUER    | 3. FAUNA      |
| 10. ENTITLE   | 4. HARMONICA  |
| 11. TORNADO   | 5. AREAS      |
| 12. SPORRAN   | 6. POTPOURRI  |
| 13. RECEPTION | 7. OUTGROWTH  |
| 17. RAWER     | 8. ELEANOR    |
| 18. DATES     | 14. CATALOGER |
| 19. ANGUISHES | 15. POSTNATAL |
| 21. VALENTI   | 16. NEGLECTED |
| 23. EAGERLY   | 18. DEVELOP   |
| 26. LIGHTED   | 20. STYLING   |
| 27. TERMINI   | 22. INDEX     |
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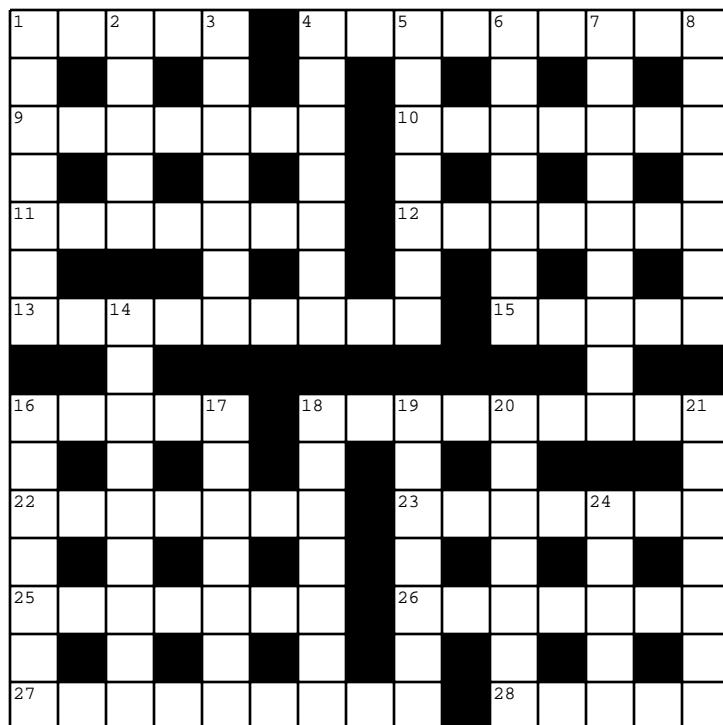
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| 9. BROUGHT    | 3. SAGUARO    |
| 10. SWAHILI   | 4. SATAN      |
| 11. REFRAIN   | 5. ELSEWHERE  |
| 12. WAILING   | 6. ERASING    |
| 13. ANCHORAGE | 7. INITIATOR  |
| 16. GATES     | 8. GRINGOS    |
| 17. PATNA     | 14. CATAMARAN |
| 19. THEODORIC | 15. ANTIPASTO |
| 22. GUMDROP   | 17. PIGGISH   |
| 23. SWADDLE   | 18. ALREADY   |
| 25. INROADS   | 20. DRASTIC   |
| 26. HITACHI   | 21. CHERISH   |
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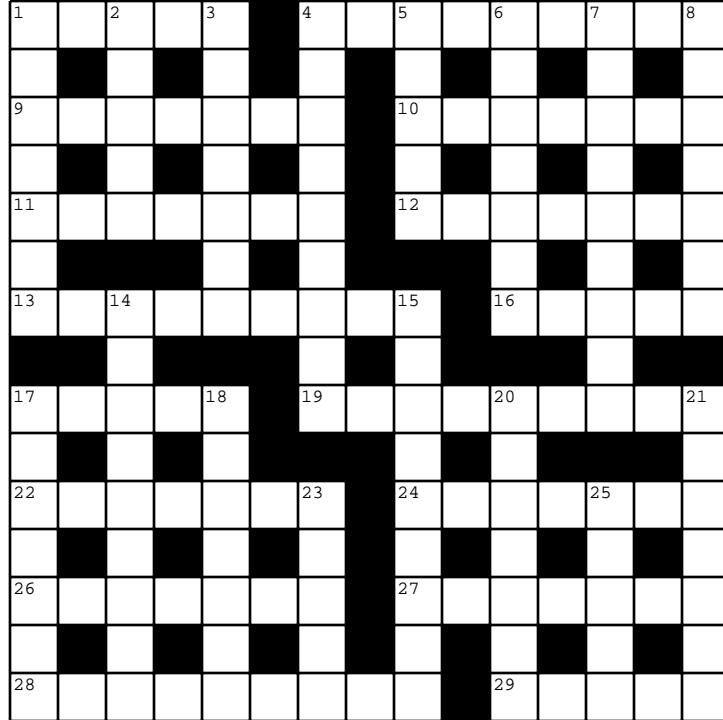
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| 1. LOGIC      | 1. LIFTOFF    |
| 4. CLERGYMEN  | 2. GREGG      |
| 9. FIELDDED   | 3. CADENZA    |
| 10. STIRRUP   | 4. CADUCEI    |
| 11. ORGANIC   | 5. EASTMAN    |
| 12. MARITAL   | 6. GOITRES    |
| 13. FORMATION | 7. MORATORIA  |
| 15. SARIS     | 8. NAPALMS    |
| 16. RECAP     | 14. RECOVERED |
| 18. PARAGRAPH | 16. RESTATE   |
| 22. SEVERAL   | 17. PURVIEW   |
| 23. AUDIBLY   | 18. PALETTE   |
| 25. AIRLIFT   | 19. READMIT   |
| 26. MANCINI   | 20. GODUNOV   |
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| 28. VERSE     | 24. BRIER     |



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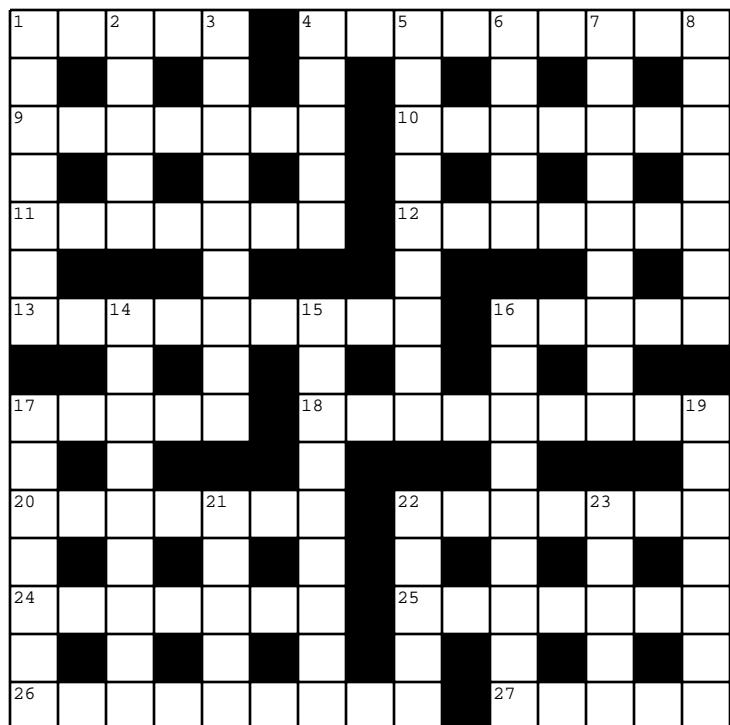
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| 4. CRAFTSMAN  | 2. IVIES      |
| 9. MAILMEN    | 3. ZAMBIAN    |
| 10. PROBLEM   | 4. CONTINUUM  |
| 11. ROSSINI   | 5. ALPHA      |
| 12. ARIADNE   | 6. TOOLING    |
| 13. PENINSULA | 7. MELODRAMA  |
| 16. GRABS     | 8. NUMBERS    |
| 17. RACKS     | 14. NECESSARY |
| 19. MOONBEAMS | 15. ADORATION |
| 22. FASCISM   | 17. REFUSAL   |
| 24. ADOPTED   | 18. STIPPLE   |
| 26. SHAMPOO   | 20. BLOOPER   |
| 27. IMPORTS   | 21. SADISTS   |
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| 29. REEFS     | 25. THREE     |



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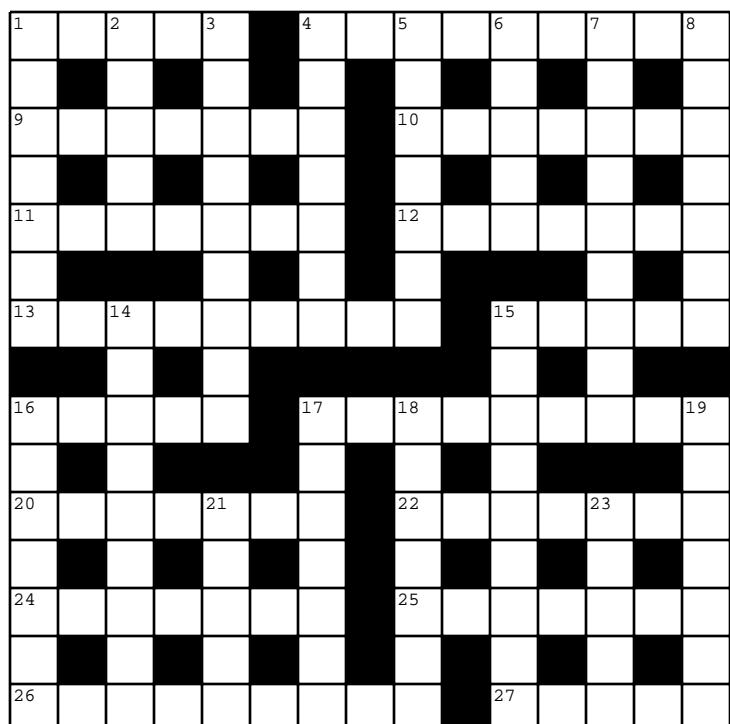
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| 4. REMAINDER   | 2. DIMER      |
| 9. SIMENON     | 3. ANNOUNCES  |
| 10. DRESSED    | 4. RINSE      |
| 11. NURTURE    | 5. MIDDLEMEN  |
| 12. LESBIAN    | 6. IDEAS      |
| 13. CATECHISM  | 7. DISFIGURE  |
| 16. POURS      | 8. RODENTS    |
| 17. GIRLS      | 14. TERRIFIED |
| 18. SINCERELTY | 15. INSTANCES |
| 20. ARIZONA    | 16. PHENOMENA |
| 22. DUODENA    | 17. GRAYISH   |
| 24. IDIOTIC    | 19. YEARNED   |
| 25. CHEVRON    | 21. OUTDO     |
| 26. HIDEOUSLY  | 22. DECAY     |
| 27. AHEAD      | 23. EERIE     |



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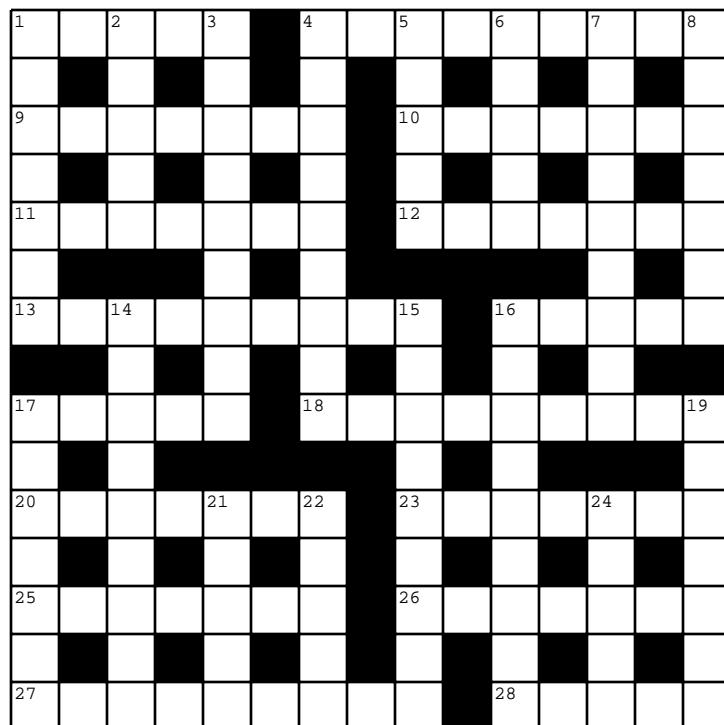
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| 9. LILIANA    | 3. HEADLIGHT  |
| 10. RUINOUS   | 4. ANAEMIA    |
| 11. HOODLUM   | 5. NKRUMAH    |
| 12. MONIKER   | 6. UNION      |
| 13. PARAGRAPH | 7. CROOKEDER  |
| 15. HIDES     | 8. DESIRES    |
| 16. DUCAT     | 14. RICHELIEU |
| 17. ECCENTRIC | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 20. SHEBELI   | 16. DASHIKI   |
| 22. LOYALER   | 17. EMINENT   |
| 24. IMITATE   | 18. COLLECT   |
| 25. EROTICA   | 19. CERTAIN   |
| 26. INUKTITUT | 21. EXACT     |
| 27. BEGIN     | 23. LYING     |



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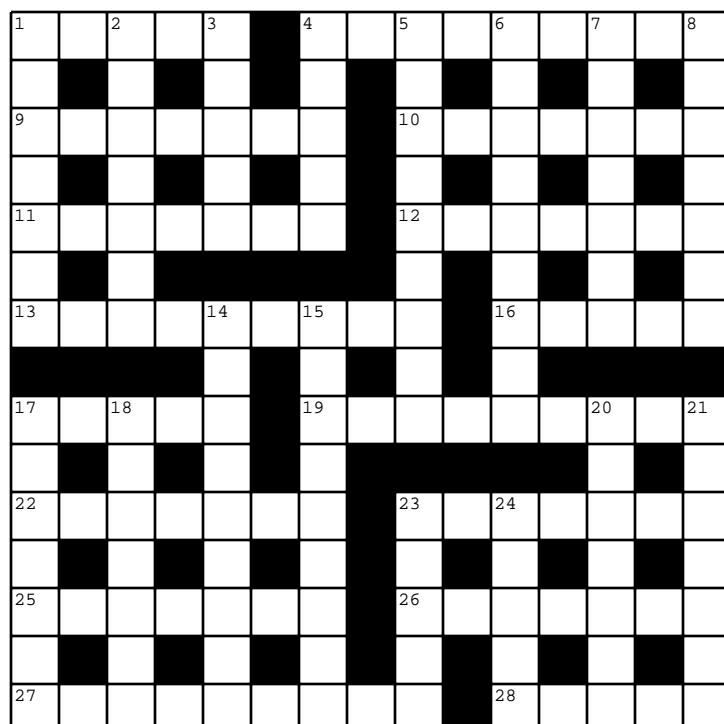
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| 4. INCORRECT  | 2. MYTHS      |
| 9. ACTIVES    | 3. DEVELOPED  |
| 10. ENRAGES   | 4. INSISTING  |
| 11. HASSLES   | 5. CREAM      |
| 12. MULATTO   | 6. RURAL      |
| 13. CANOPYING | 7. EIGHTIETH  |
| 16. CHECK     | 8. TUSSOCK    |
| 17. ARCED     | 14. NICARAGUA |
| 18. GARNISHES | 15. GARLIKED  |
| 20. PERTURB   | 16. CHIPMUNKS |
| 23. IMMENSE   | 17. ASPHALT   |
| 25. ALGIEBA   | 19. SHEIKHS   |
| 26. KINFOLK   | 21. USERS     |
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| 28. SISES     | 24. NOONS     |



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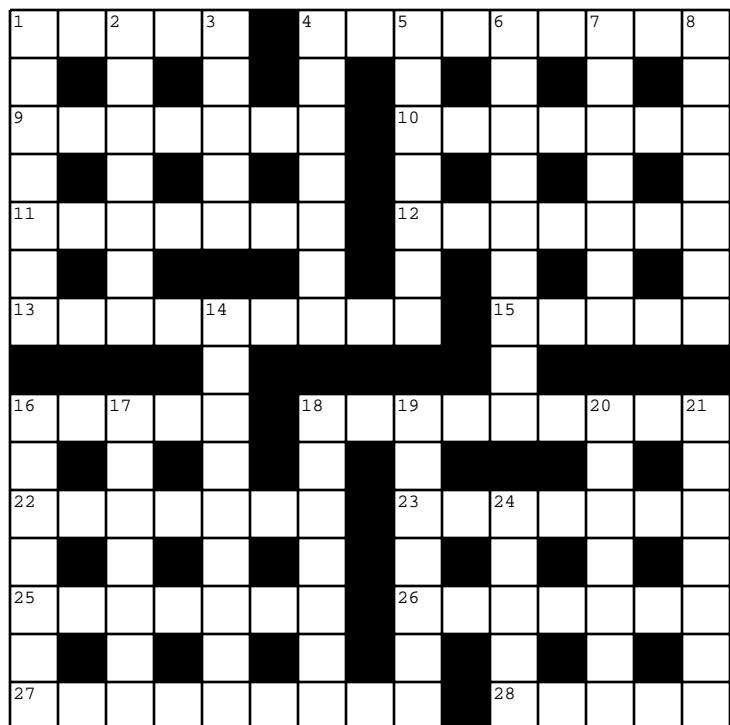
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| 4. SLANDERER  | 2. SEDATED    |
| 9. DEDUCTS    | 3. CYCLE      |
| 10. EXHALES   | 4. SISSY      |
| 11. LOTTERY   | 5. AMERICANA  |
| 12. INDEXED   | 6. DEHYDRATE  |
| 13. AUDITORIA | 7. RELAXES    |
| 16. ASSES     | 8. RESIDES    |
| 17. GECKO     | 14. TROPICANA |
| 19. AMATERASU | 15. REASONING |
| 22. VERTIGO   | 17. GAVOTTE   |
| 23. OFFHAND   | 18. CERAMIC   |
| 25. TIMPANI   | 20. ARACELI   |
| 26. SOONEST   | 21. UPDATES   |
| 27. EXCHANGES | 23. OASES     |
| 28. RAILS     | 24. FLOOR     |



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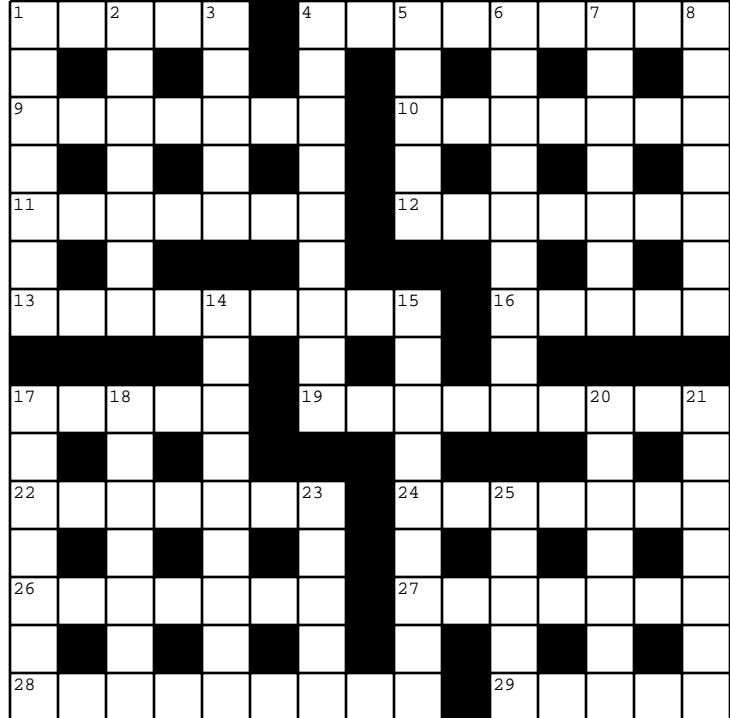
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| 4. INNUENDOS  | 2. ARACELI    |
| 9. PLATEAU    | 3. UTERI      |
| 10. MOTIVES   | 4. IGUASSU    |
| 11. CLERICS   | 5. NOMINAL    |
| 12. NEBULAE   | 6. ESTABLISH  |
| 13. SPIRITUAL | 7. DEVELOP    |
| 15. INPUT     | 8. SUSPECT    |
| 16. AREAS     | 14. INSPECTOR |
| 18. HOUYHNHNM | 16. ANASAZI   |
| 22. ANTWERP   | 17. EXTRACT   |
| 23. REFRAIN   | 18. HAPPIER   |
| 25. ACANTHI   | 19. UTRECHT   |
| 26. CROCHET   | 20. HEATHEN   |
| 27. INTERPRET | 21. MINUTES   |
| 28. RINGS     | 24. FLOUR     |



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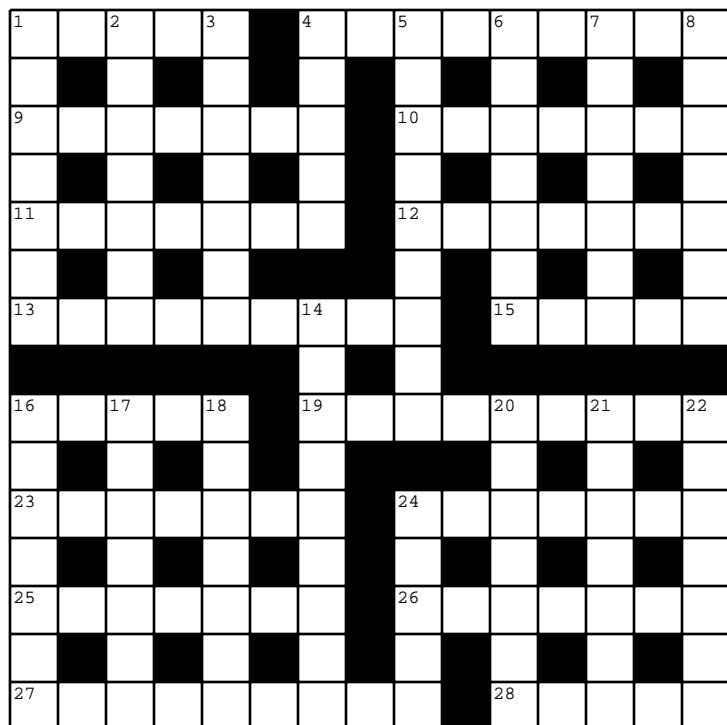
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| 4. CURIOSITY  | 2. TRAFFIC    |
| 9. SHAMPOO    | 3. LIPPI      |
| 10. DREAMED   | 4. CROSSINGS  |
| 11. AFFAIRS   | 5. RADII      |
| 12. IMPERIL   | 6. OVERPRICE  |
| 13. ACCIDENTS | 7. IMMORAL    |
| 16. IDLED     | 8. YODELED    |
| 17. COPES     | 14. DESTITUTE |
| 19. SKEWERING | 15. SLEEPIEST |
| 22. ITALIAN   | 17. CRIPPLE   |
| 24. PALAVER   | 18. PRAKRIT   |
| 26. PERTURB   | 20. INVADES   |
| 27. ENCODER   | 21. GERARDO   |
| 28. EXTREMEST | 23. NOBLE     |
| 29. DISCO     | 25. LACED     |



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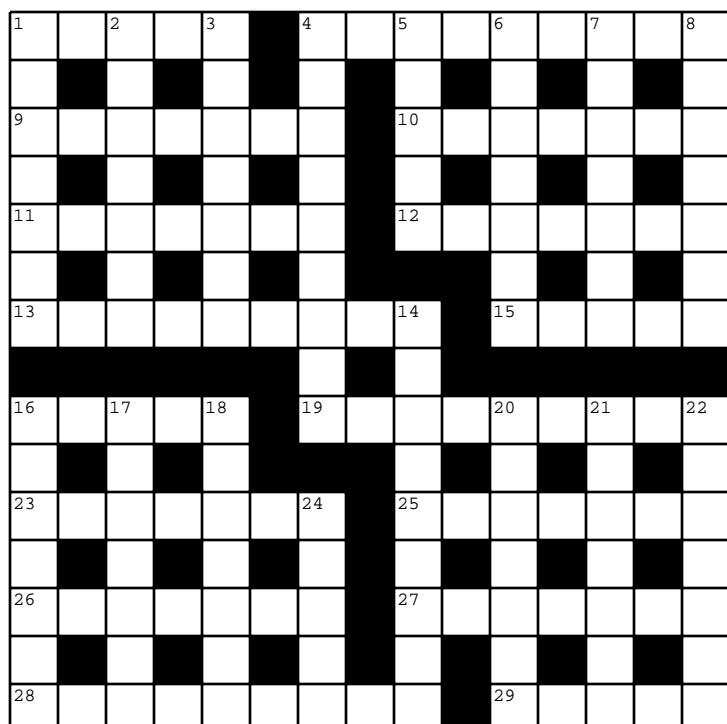
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| 4. DIPHTHONG  | 2. FEDERAL    |
| 9. MEDULLA    | 3. YELLING    |
| 10. EDITION   | 4. DEATH      |
| 11. GARNISH   | 5. PREPPIEST  |
| 12. PASSAGE   | 6. THIRSTS    |
| 13. DILIGENCE | 7. ORIGAMI    |
| 15. SWING     | 8. GINSENG    |
| 16. EDGES     | 14. NOMINATED |
| 19. MATERNITY | 16. ESCAPED   |
| 23. CONCERN   | 17. GANDERS   |
| 24. DISAVOW   | 18. STERILE   |
| 25. PREDICT   | 20. RISKING   |
| 26. TBILISI   | 21. INVOICE   |
| 27. DESCENDED | 22. YAWNING   |
| 28. GREGG     | 24. DATED     |



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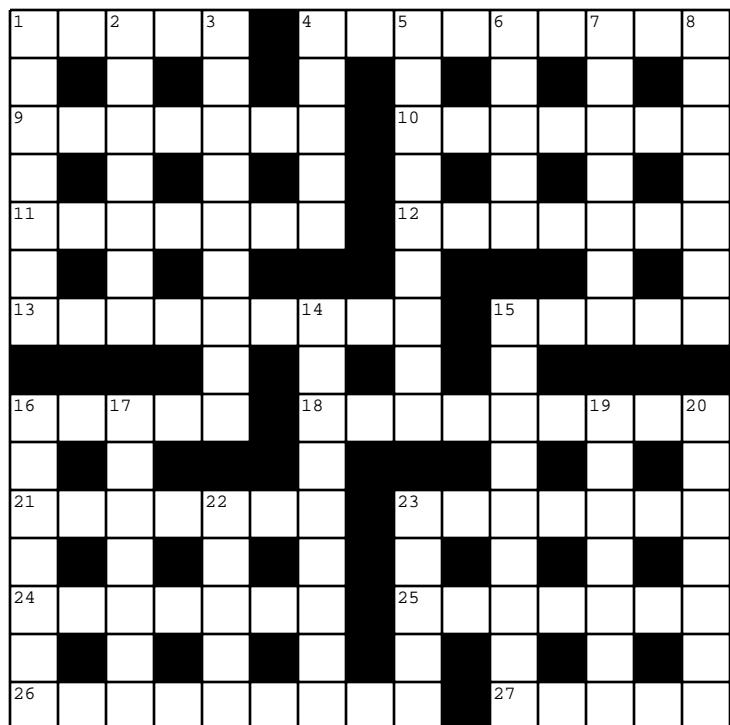
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| 4. BREATHING  | 2. DEVELOP    |
| 9. INVOLVE    | 3. DELIMIT    |
| 10. OARSMAN   | 4. BEEFARONI  |
| 11. DILEMMA   | 5. EBONY      |
| 12. YAWNING   | 6. THROWER    |
| 13. DIPHTHONG | 7. IAMBICS    |
| 15. RESTS     | 8. GINKGOS    |
| 16. HEADS     | 14. GRADIENTS |
| 19. INAMORATA | 16. HOPEFUL   |
| 23. PROVERB   | 17. AVOCADO   |
| 25. INERTIA   | 18. STERILE   |
| 26. FRAGILE   | 20. OBELISK   |
| 27. NAIVELY   | 21. ANTWERP   |
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| 29. KAPUT     | 24. BEERS     |



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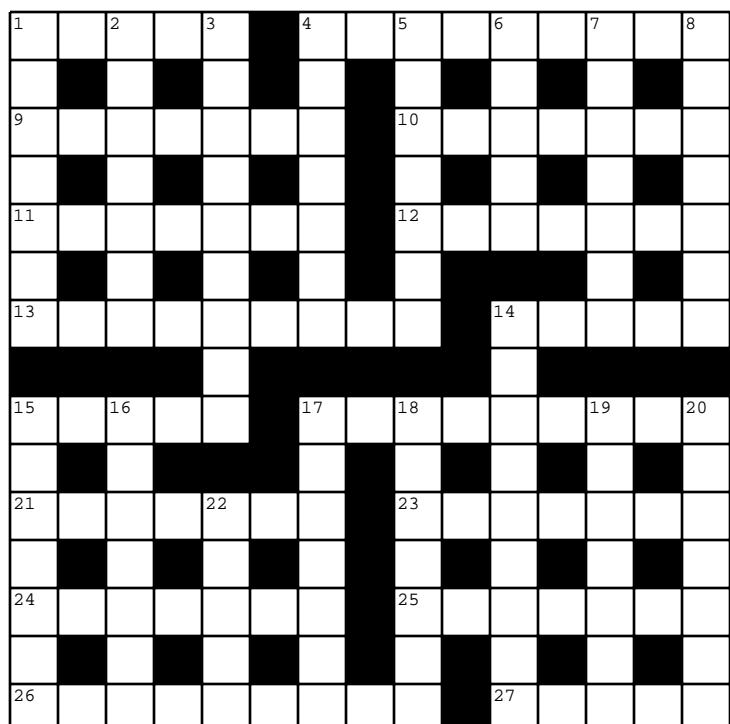
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| 4. CLIMACTIC  | 2. SICKEST    |
| 9. LUCIFER    | 3. LIFEFORMS  |
| 10. CONTAIN   | 4. CAROL      |
| 11. HEEDFUL   | 5. INCORRECT  |
| 12. RELEASE   | 6. ANNUL      |
| 13. INTERCEDE | 7. THALAMI    |
| 15. PRINT     | 8. CONTENT    |
| 16. CAGES     | 14. EUCALYPTI |
| 18. CYTOPLASM | 15. PEPPERONI |
| 21. TURMOIL   | 16. CATAWBA   |
| 23. UNEATEN   | 17. GERARDO   |
| 24. WORSHIP   | 19. ARTISTE   |
| 25. BLOSSOM   | 20. MINIMAL   |
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| 27. IDEAL     | 23. URBAN     |



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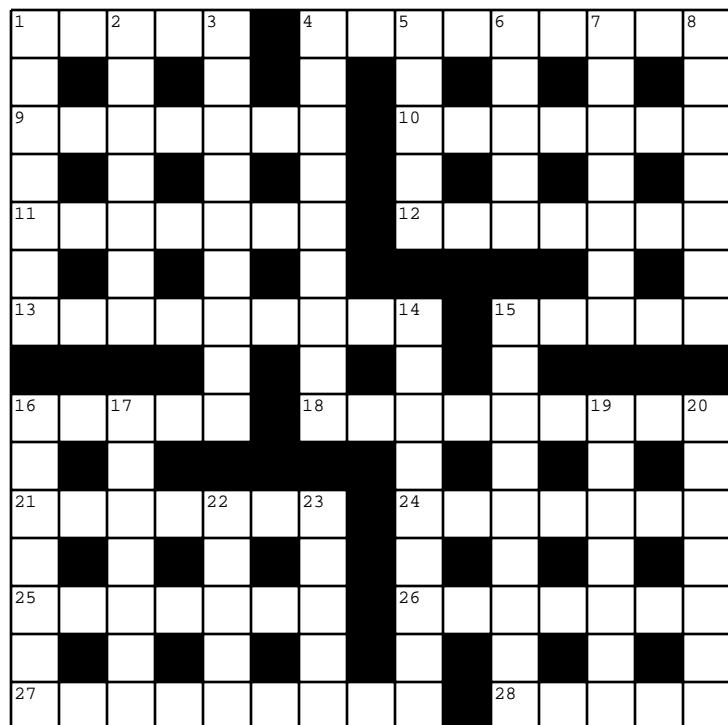
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| 4. INNKEEPER  | 2. SUNBEAM    |
| 9. FINAGLE    | 3. ORGANELLE  |
| 10. EARDRUM   | 4. IDEALLY    |
| 11. ETERNAL   | 5. NEEDLES    |
| 12. LANGUOR   | 6. EFREN      |
| 13. HIMALAYAS | 7. PERTURB    |
| 14. BABES     | 8. REMARKS    |
| 15. AWAKE     | 14. BOOKSHELF |
| 17. HOBNOBBED | 15. ARSENIC   |
| 21. SCRIBES   | 16. ACROBAT   |
| 23. DISTAFF   | 17. HISTORY   |
| 24. NABISCO   | 18. BEDROOM   |
| 25. OVERALL   | 19. BRAVADO   |
| 26. CATACLYSM | 20. DEFILES   |
| 27. FLOWS     | 22. BASIC     |



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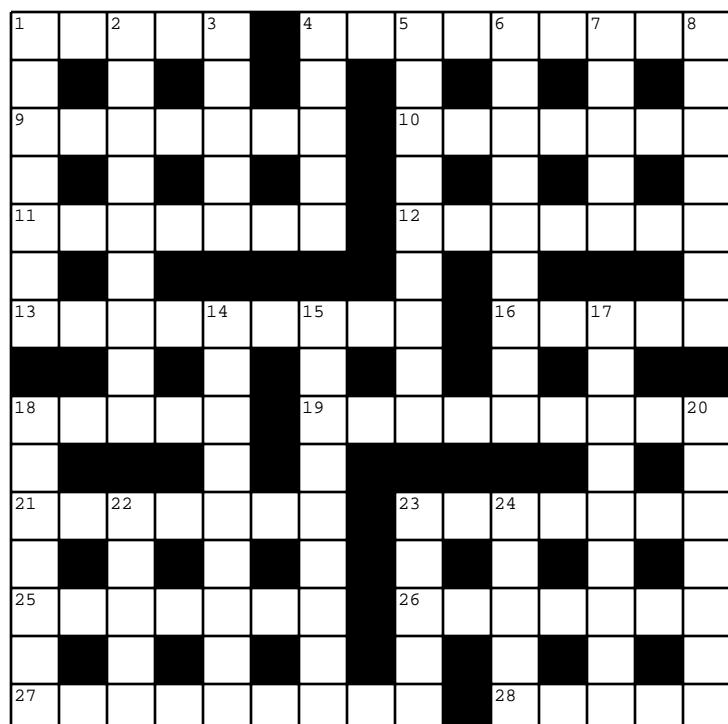
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| 4. SPIELBERG  | 2. RUBICON    |
| 9. NABBING    | 3. HAIRSTYLE  |
| 10. YESHIVA   | 4. SUGARCOAT  |
| 11. INCISOR   | 5. IDYLS      |
| 12. SCREECH   | 6. LASER      |
| 13. HONEYCOMB | 7. EVIDENT    |
| 15. OPTIC     | 8. GRAPHIC    |
| 16. MAIZE     | 14. BARRICADE |
| 18. TARGETING | 15. OVERSIGHT |
| 21. DECORUM   | 16. MODESTO   |
| 24. ISSUING   | 17. INCLUDE   |
| 25. SOUPCON   | 19. INITIAL   |
| 26. ANGRIER   | 20. GAGARIN   |
| 27. OVERSTATE | 22. ROCKS     |
| 28. TALON     | 23. MANIA     |



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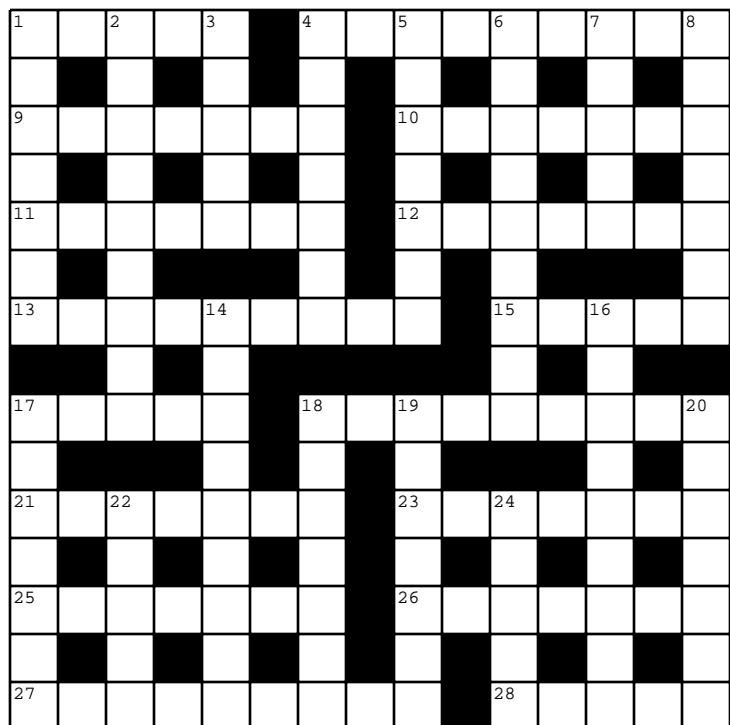
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| 4. HEADPHONE  | 2. FICTIONAL  |
| 9. TACTICS    | 3. TRIAL      |
| 10. ACRYLIC   | 4. HOSES      |
| 11. ICICLES   | 5. AMATERASU  |
| 12. ERMINES   | 6. PARAMECIA  |
| 13. GENITALIA | 7. ORLON      |
| 16. CUFFS     | 8. EXCUSES    |
| 18. BELOW     | 14. TAWDRIEST |
| 19. FEUDALISM | 15. LIFELINES |
| 21. LIBERAL   | 17. FRIZZIEST |
| 23. LEIPZIG   | 18. BELLHOP   |
| 25. HOLBEIN   | 20. MAGNETO   |
| 26. CONCEDE   | 22. BALSА     |
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| 28. RATIO     | 24. INNER     |



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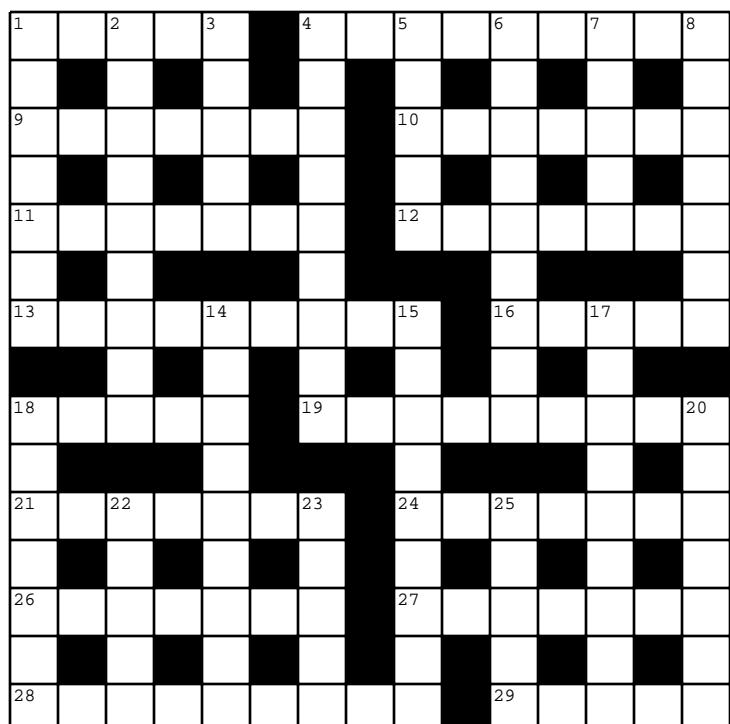
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| 4. ROUTINELY  | 2. SPAGHETTI  |
| 9. ELASTIC    | 3. DETER      |
| 10. PATRICA   | 4. RICOTTA    |
| 11. INHERIT   | 5. UMPTEEN    |
| 12. EARTHEN   | 6. INTERFERE  |
| 13. WITHDRAWN | 7. EDITH      |
| 15. ENDED     | 8. YEARNED    |
| 17. STIRS     | 14. DISREPAIR |
| 18. SUCCESSOR | 16. DISMISSAL |
| 21. ALCMENA   | 17. SEABORG   |
| 23. MANCINI   | 18. SPATIAL   |
| 25. ORIGAMI   | 19. COMPANY   |
| 26. AUGUSTS   | 20. REISSUE   |
| 27. GENERALLY | 22. CAIRN     |
| 28. VALUE     | 24. NEGEV     |



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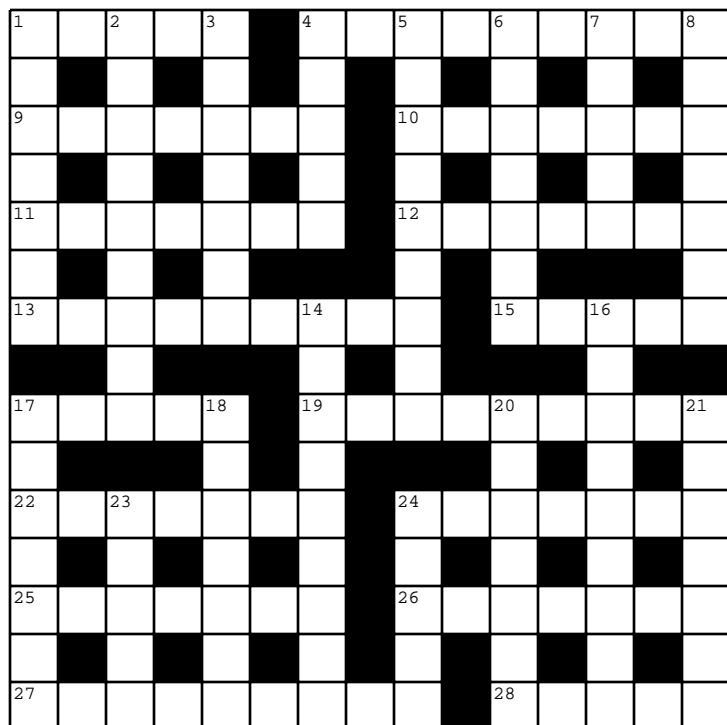
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| 9. GEORGES    | 3. ANGEL      |
| 10. RESISTS   | 4. RESIDUALS  |
| 11. NOODLED   | 5. JARED      |
| 12. DIOCESE   | 6. CUSTODIAN  |
| 13. CHIEFTAIN | 7. ISSUE      |
| 16. IDEAS     | 8. GASKETS    |
| 18. PATTI     | 14. FRICASSEE |
| 19. SEMANTICS | 15. NUMERICAL |
| 21. SAGUARO   | 17. EVIDENTLY |
| 24. RELIEVE   | 18. POSTDOC   |
| 26. DRESSED   | 20. SHEERED   |
| 27. CREATOR   | 22. GREAT     |
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| 29. HAYED     | 25. LEECH     |



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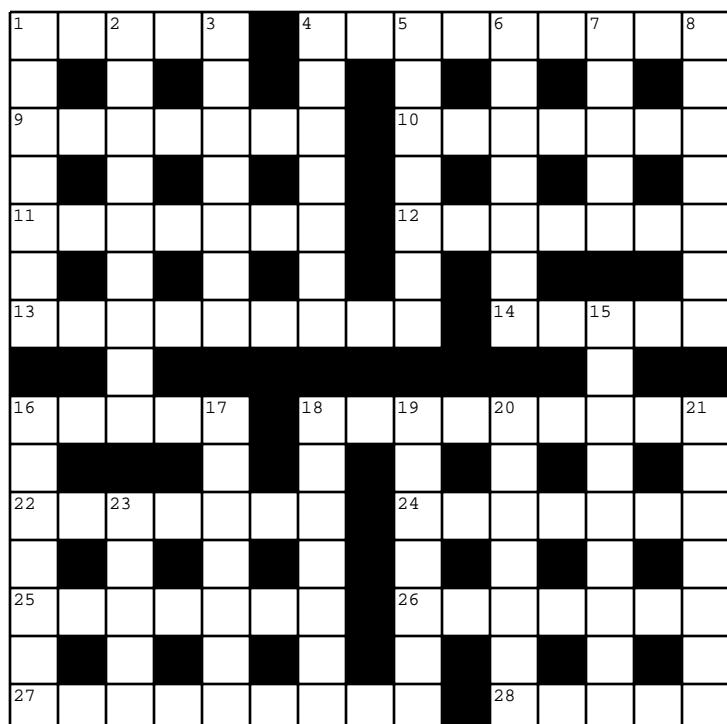
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| 4. BACKTRACK  | 2. DISGUISED  |
| 9. TASKING    | 3. SUICIDE    |
| 10. REREADS   | 4. BUGLE      |
| 11. ROUTINE   | 5. CORKSCREW  |
| 12. SAUSAGE   | 6. THROUGH    |
| 13. DISREPAIR | 7. ASAMA      |
| 15. HOMES     | 8. KOSHERS    |
| 17. RADII     | 14. ABDICATED |
| 19. DOWNHILLS | 16. MULTIPLEX |
| 22. GRAPHIC   | 17. ROGELIO   |
| 24. CARDIFF   | 18. INHALER   |
| 25. LEAFLET   | 20. HARVEST   |
| 26. FEEBLER   | 21. SAFARIS   |
| 27. OVERRIDES | 23. AWAKE     |
| 28. TEXTS     | 24. CAFES     |



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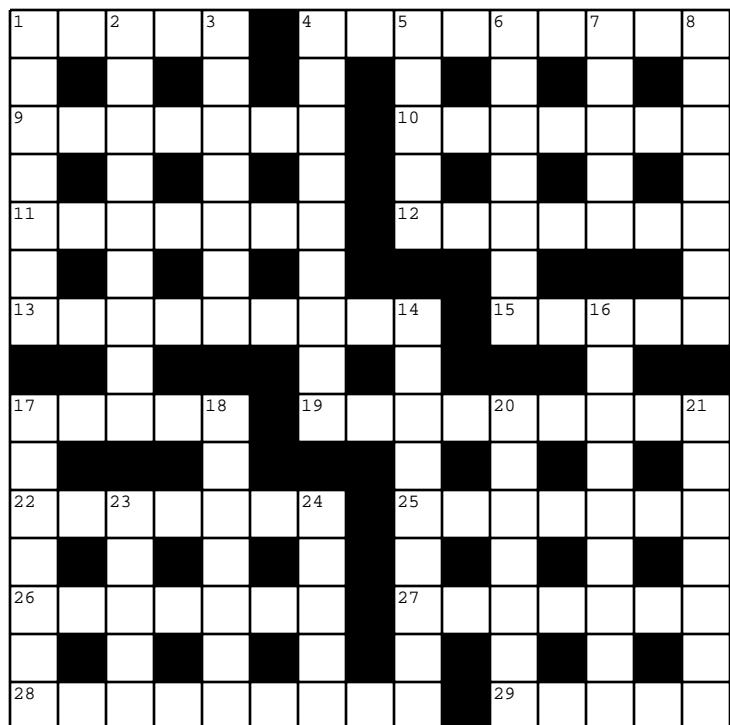
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| 9. RASHEST    | 3. TREVINO    |
| 10. THEREIN   | 4. AUTHORS    |
| 11. VERTIGO   | 5. GATEWAY    |
| 12. WEIRDER   | 6. SHERIFF    |
| 13. DUBIOUSLY | 7. EMEND      |
| 14. FACED     | 8. TENURED    |
| 16. BASIC     | 15. CRESCENDI |
| 18. OVERWHELM | 16. BAFFLED   |
| 22. FUNERAL   | 17. CORPORA   |
| 24. APRICOT   | 18. OILIEST   |
| 25. LACTOSE   | 19. ERASURE   |
| 26. UNHANDS   | 20. WORSHIP   |
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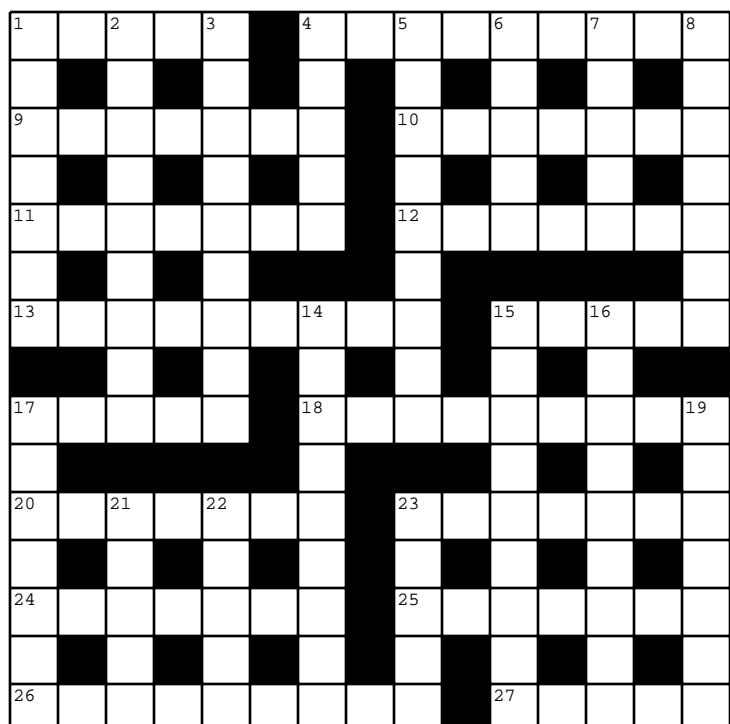
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| 4. SOFTBALLS  | 2. GRADIENTS  |
| 9. FRANTIC    | 3. RITZIER    |
| 10. ELASTIC   | 4. SUCCEEDED  |
| 11. EDIFICE   | 5. FREDA      |
| 12. AWKWARD   | 6. BLANKET    |
| 13. HUNDREDTH | 7. LETHA      |
| 15. TASKS     | 8. SECEDES    |
| 17. CASES     | 14. HEADLINES |
| 19. DIABETICS | 16. SLITHERED |
| 22. INFORMS   | 17. CHIBCHA   |
| 25. LEECHED   | 18. SURREAL   |
| 26. CHATEAU   | 20. EXECUTE   |
| 27. NEUTRAL   | 21. SADDLED   |
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| 29. ENDED     | 24. SQUAD     |



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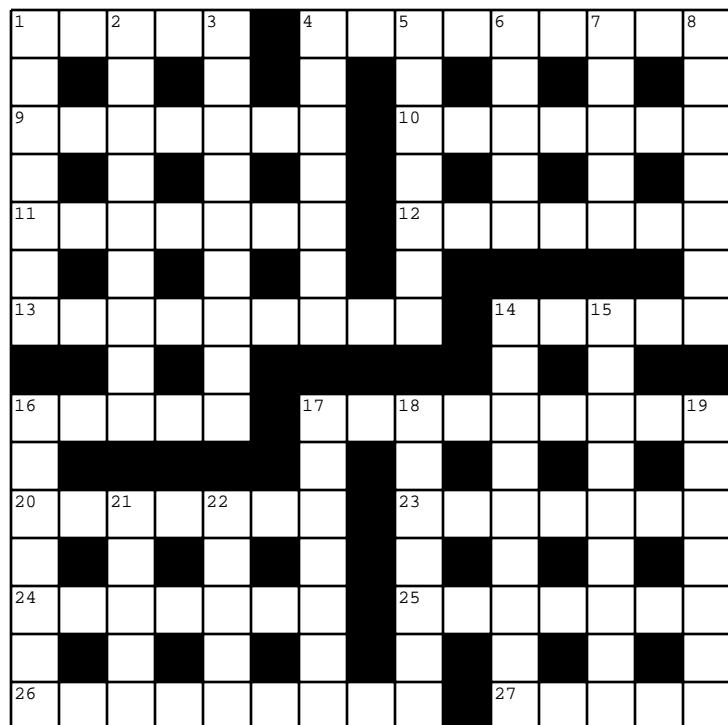
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| 4. CADDIEING  | 2. STREETCAR  |
| 9. THRIVED    | 3. DEVELOPED  |
| 10. NAPSTER   | 4. CODED      |
| 11. TREBLED   | 5. DONALDSON  |
| 12. LATASHA   | 6. INPUT      |
| 13. BACKPACKS | 7. IOTAS      |
| 15. ISSUE     | 8. GARBAGE    |
| 17. BORED     | 14. COMMUNIST |
| 18. MENTIONED | 15. IDIOMATIC |
| 20. CHATEAU   | 16. SANATORIA |
| 23. DEMOTES   | 17. BACCHUS   |
| 24. HIBACHI   | 19. DESERTS   |
| 25. CATERER   | 21. ALBUM     |
| 26. SIMULATES | 22. EXCEL     |
| 27. CHAPS     | 23. DECKS     |



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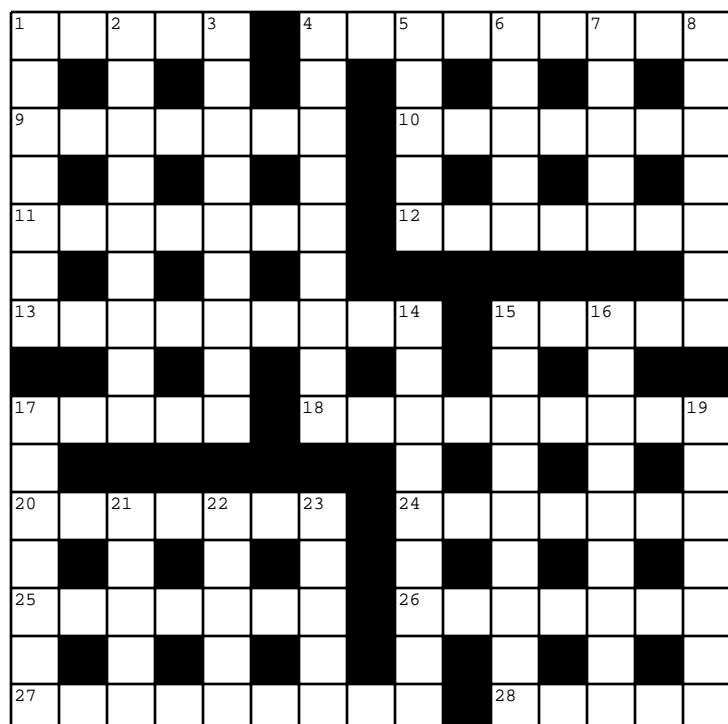
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| 9. MASSEUR    | 3. OVERPOWER  |
| 10. CALIPER   | 4. ACRIDER    |
| 11. ESCAPED   | 5. INCUBUS    |
| 12. BRONCHI   | 6. IGLOO      |
| 13. FOREWORDS | 7. TOPIC      |
| 14. SATIN     | 8. CARRION    |
| 16. BASER     | 14. SPAGHETTI |
| 17. BEEFARONI | 15. TROMBONES |
| 20. ASTUTER   | 16. BEARING   |
| 23. INHIBIT   | 17. BARRACK   |
| 24. INERTIA   | 18. EVINCED   |
| 25. COTONOU   | 19. INTRUDE   |
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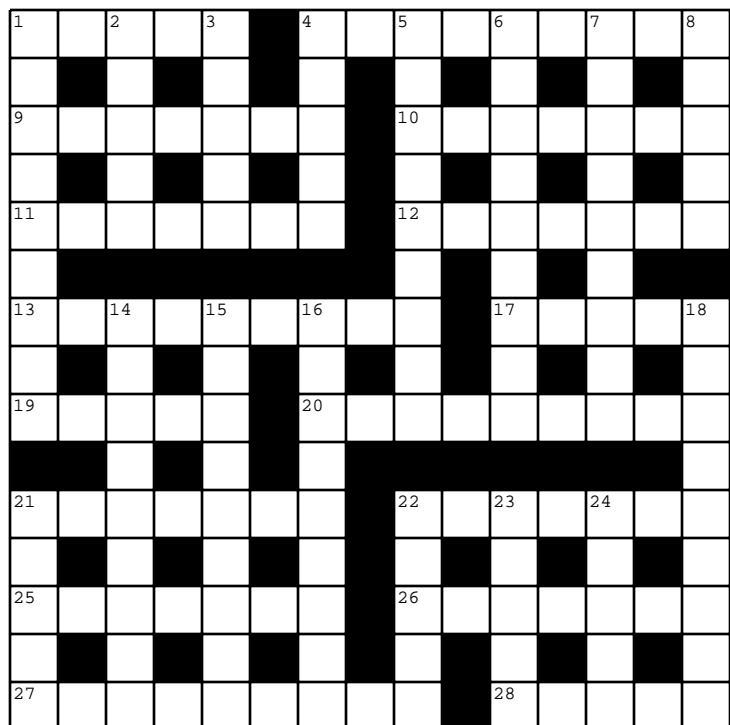
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| 4. DIPLOMATA  | 2. MENDELEEV  |
| 9. LENGTHS    | 3. RETRIEVAL  |
| 10. TABLEAU   | 4. DESIGNERS  |
| 11. REEFING   | 5. PETER      |
| 12. RETRACT   | 6. ORBIT      |
| 13. OVERVIEWS | 7. AMEBA      |
| 15. MUSIC     | 8. AQUATIC    |
| 17. DEVIL     | 14. SCREECHES |
| 18. STRONGEST | 15. MANICURED |
| 20. LOCATES   | 16. SKEPTICAL |
| 24. EXCITED   | 17. DELUGED   |
| 25. GONDOLA   | 19. TEDIOUS   |
| 26. HORACIO   | 21. CANTU     |
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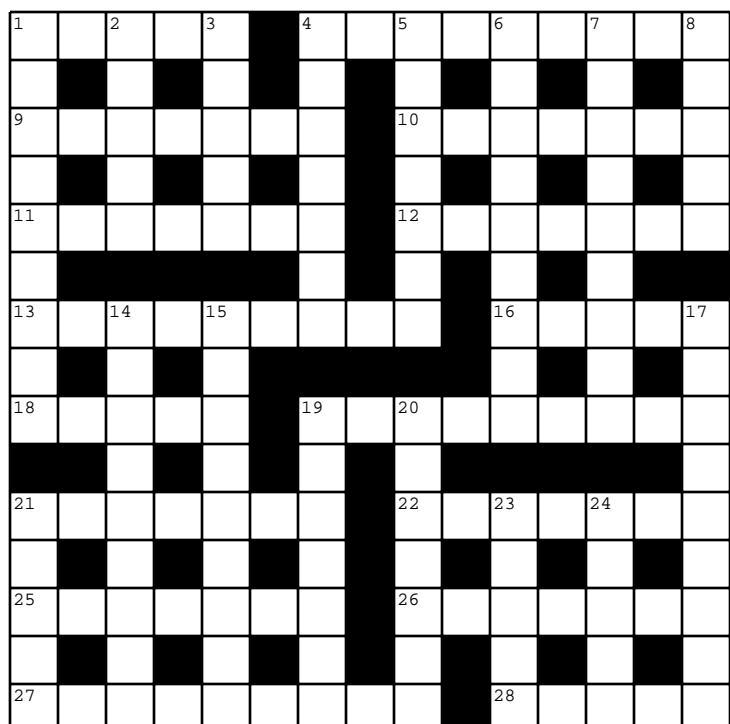
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| 4. CELLULARS  | 2. GIVEN      |
| 9. RAVIOLI    | 3. DROPS      |
| 10. BOILERS   | 4. COINS      |
| 11. SINUSES   | 5. LIBRARIAN  |
| 12. ANOMALY   | 6. UNIFORMLY  |
| 13. ANTIPASTI | 7. ALEJANDRO  |
| 17. MEDAL     | 8. SASSY      |
| 19. PLAZA     | 14. TRANSSHIP |
| 20. HONEYCOMB | 15. PLASTERER |
| 21. LESOTHO   | 16. SCHOOLING |
| 22. FATTIER   | 18. LABYRINTH |
| 25. SCHERZI   | 21. LASSA     |
| 26. OPINION   | 22. FLOWS     |
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| 28. GRAPH     | 24. IBIZA     |



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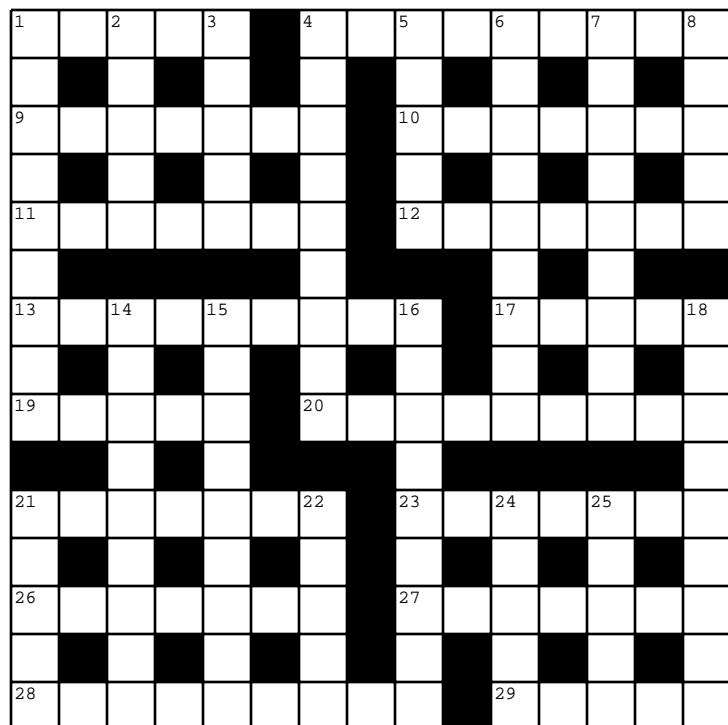
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| 9. LUMBAGO    | 3. GRAND      |
| 10. MILITIA   | 4. AMONGST    |
| 11. HANGDOG   | 5. COMEDIC    |
| 12. DUSTPAN   | 6. MILOSEVIC  |
| 13. ENIGMATIC | 7. ANTIPASTI  |
| 16. VISTA     | 8. YEARN      |
| 18. TRASH     | 14. INAMORATA |
| 19. DEFECTIVE | 15. MAHARAJAH |
| 21. PROGRAM   | 17. ACETYLENE |
| 22. ACTUARY   | 19. DEMETER   |
| 25. LEARJET   | 20. FLAGGED   |
| 26. GARBAGE   | 21. PILAF     |
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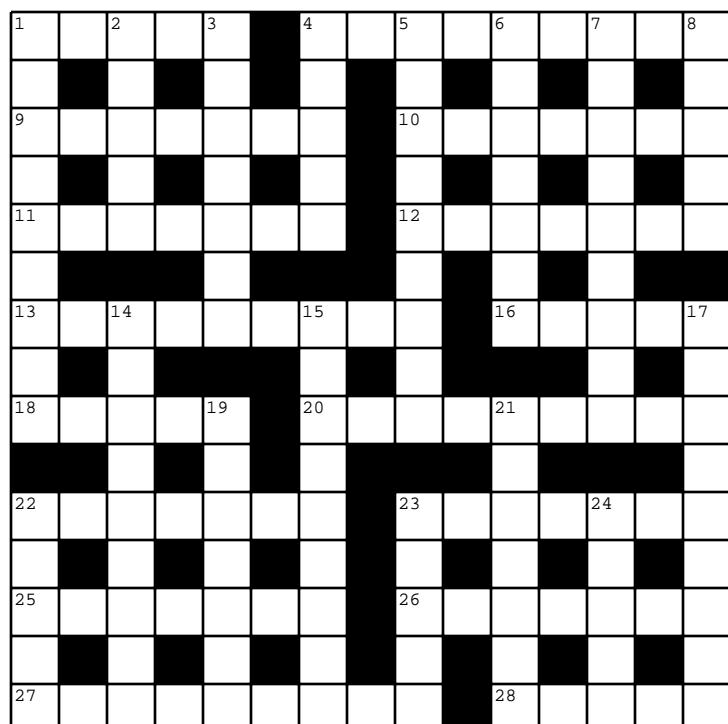
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| 4. SCALLOPED  | 2. ESSAY      |
| 9. GESTURE    | 3. YOURE      |
| 10. KLUTZES   | 4. SIEGFRIED  |
| 11. THYSELF   | 5. ANKLE      |
| 12. ETHNICS   | 6. LAUGHABLE  |
| 13. EMBEDDING | 7. PIZZICATO  |
| 17. BEANS     | 8. DOSES      |
| 19. HINTS     | 14. BANKRUPTS |
| 20. DANGEROUS | 15. DESPERADO |
| 21. BARBERS   | 16. GENUINELY |
| 23. INVOLVE   | 18. SUSPENDED |
| 26. SOPRANO   | 21. BASED     |
| 27. ENSURED   | 22. STOLE     |
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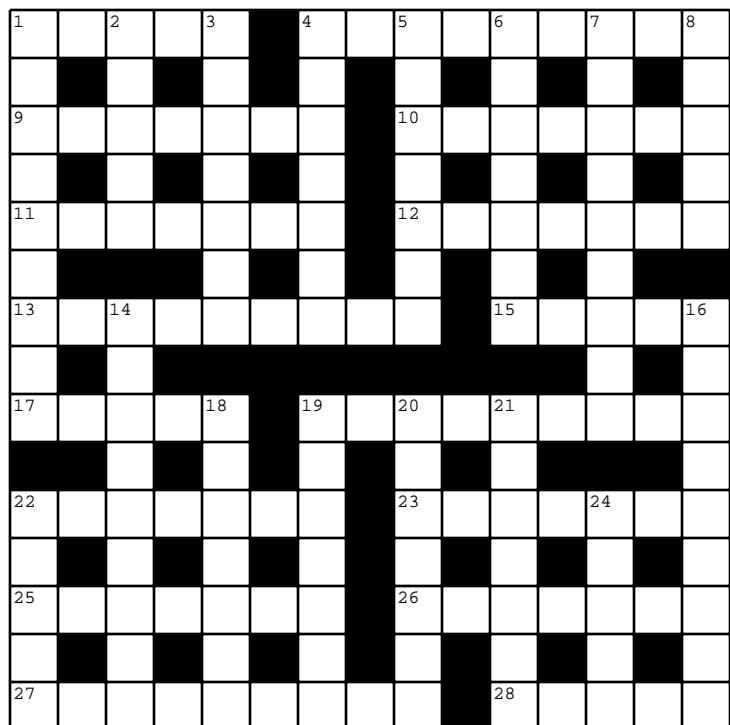
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| 9. WONDERS    | 3. OREGANO    |
| 10. GLUMMER   | 4. BASTE      |
| 11. PREFACE   | 5. MAGNETISM  |
| 12. EYEFULS   | 6. NEUTERS    |
| 13. POTPOURRI | 7. HAMMURABI  |
| 16. STAFF     | 8. YARDS      |
| 18. RURAL     | 14. TERRORISM |
| 20. GYMNASIUM | 15. REGISTERS |
| 22. BRONCOS   | 17. FEMINISTS |
| 23. SHOWMAN   | 19. LACQUER   |
| 25. SEIZURE   | 21. AVOIDED   |
| 26. REDUCES   | 22. BASIC     |
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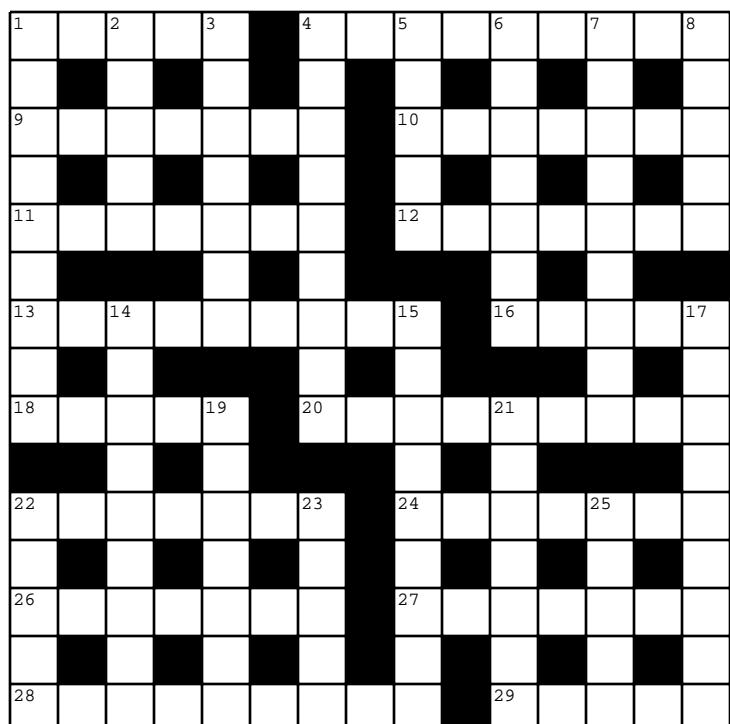
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| 4. CANONICAL  | 2. FACET      |
| 9. DECIMAL    | 3. SAMURAI    |
| 10. TENSION   | 4. COLOSSI    |
| 11. NATURES   | 5. NOTABLE    |
| 12. BETIDED   | 6. NONSTOP    |
| 13. ABORIGINE | 7. CHILDHOOD  |
| 15. PROOF     | 8. LINED      |
| 17. THEIR     | 14. OVERVIEWS |
| 19. ALEJANDRO | 16. FOODSTUFF |
| 22. DEVELOP   | 18. RELEARN   |
| 23. ACCENTS   | 19. APPROVE   |
| 25. OREGANO   | 20. EXAMPLE   |
| 26. PLATEAU   | 21. ARCHAIC   |
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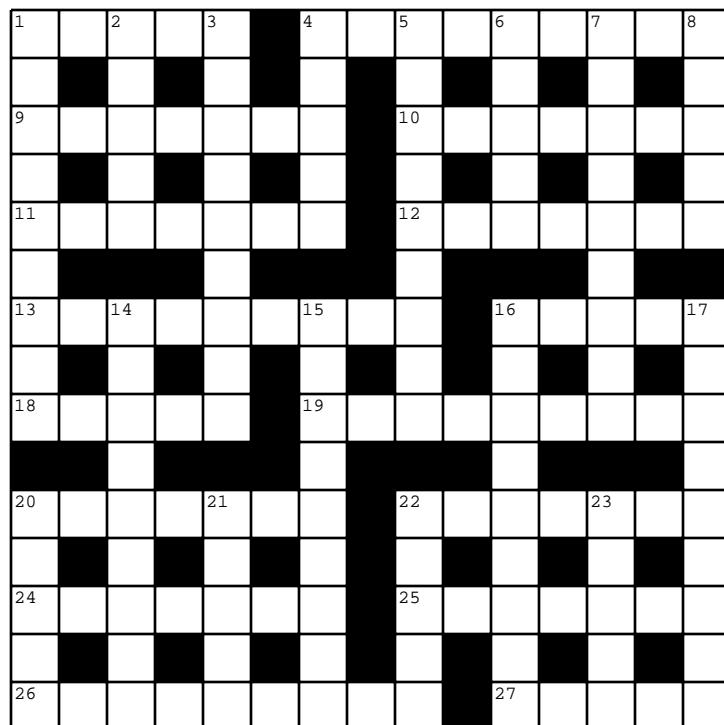
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| 9. GRIDDLE    | 3. ENDEMIC    |
| 10. TOUGHEN   | 4. OVERLOOKS  |
| 11. THERMAL   | 5. EATEN      |
| 12. NUMERIC   | 6. THURMAN    |
| 13. LUDICROUS | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 16. NASTY     | 8. SONIC      |
| 18. BUMPS     | 14. DOMICILES |
| 20. SENSITIVE | 15. SANDPAPER |
| 22. RECLAIM   | 17. YIELDINGS |
| 24. PAPERED   | 19. SHAKEUP   |
| 26. UGLIEST   | 21. IMPORTS   |
| 27. PORTION   | 22. ROUND     |
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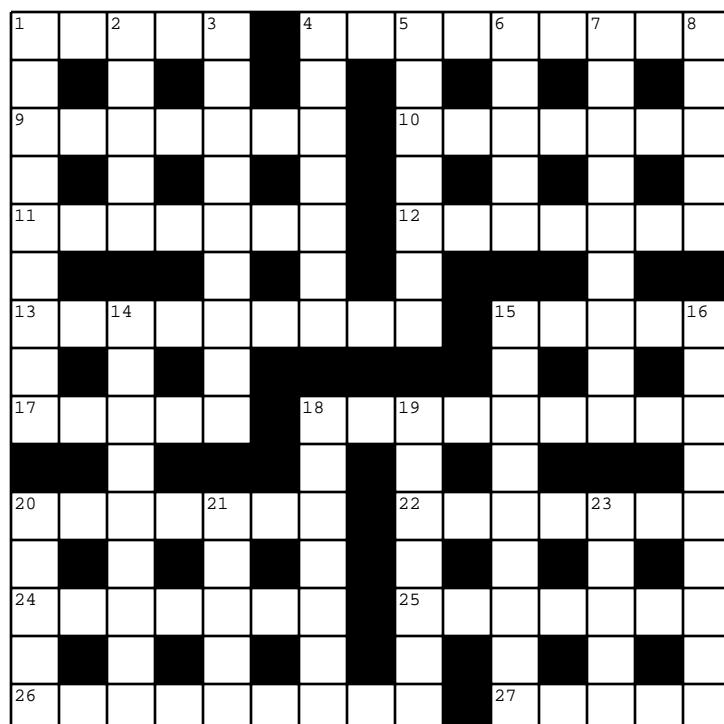
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| 4. ADAPTABLE  | 2. NAIVE      |
| 9. MAILMAN    | 3. AIMLESSLY  |
| 10. HABITAT   | 4. AUNTS      |
| 11. CHEWERS   | 5. ATHEISTIC  |
| 12. IMAGERY   | 6. TIBIA      |
| 13. DRESSIEST | 7. BUTTERCUP  |
| 16. CACHE     | 8. ENTRY      |
| 18. LOBBY     | 14. EMBALMING |
| 19. EUCALYPTI | 15. ELECTORAL |
| 20. MILDEST   | 16. CALLOUSES |
| 22. AVOCADO   | 17. EDITORIAL |
| 24. STINGER   | 20. MUSIC     |
| 25. DASHIKI   | 21. EAGER     |
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| 27. SHELL     | 23. ASIDE     |



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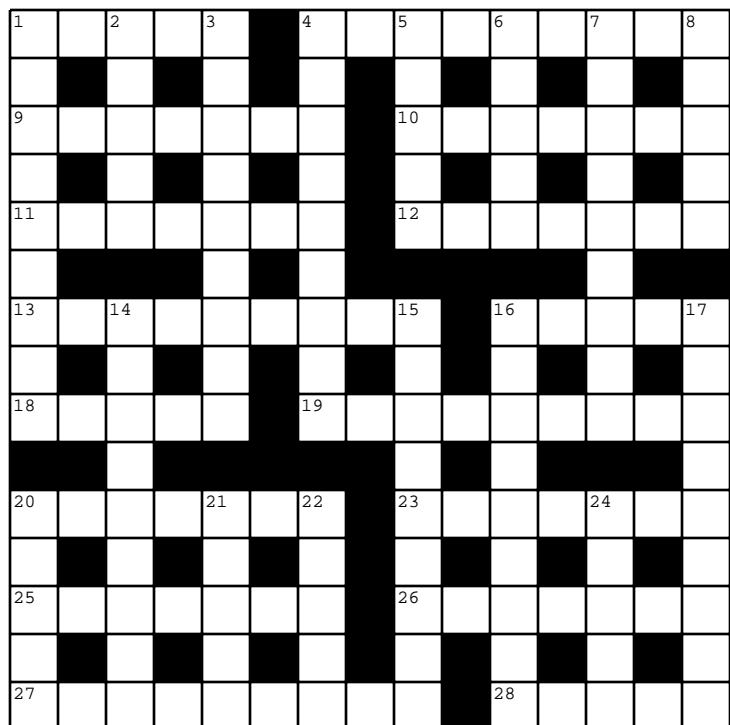
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| 4. ALLIANCES  | 2. ALTAI      |
| 9. OBTUSER    | 3. RESIDENCE  |
| 10. DEEMING   | 4. ABRIDGE    |
| 11. THIRDED   | 5. LADLING    |
| 12. IMAGINE   | 6. ARENA      |
| 13. ROSENBERG | 7. CRITIQUES  |
| 15. THUMB     | 8. SEGUE      |
| 17. HORSE     | 14. SPRINKLER |
| 18. UNIVERSAL | 15. THESAURUS |
| 20. SANDBAG   | 16. BULLDOZER |
| 22. BEARDED   | 18. URGENCY   |
| 24. AILERON   | 19. IMBIBED   |
| 25. BERLITZ   | 20. SHARP     |
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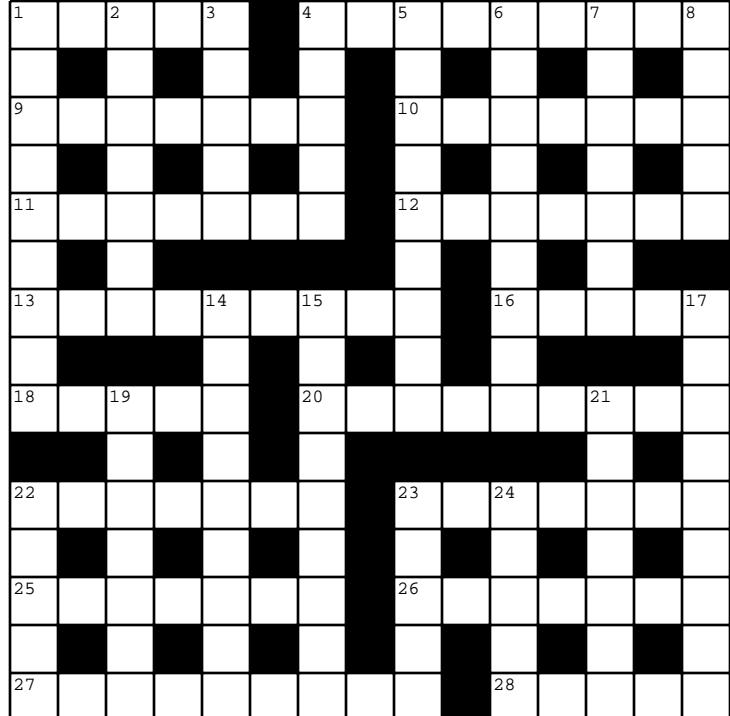
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| 4. INTERPRET  | 2. EFREN      |
| 9. AGROUND    | 3. BLUEBERRY  |
| 10. DELIGHT   | 4. INDIGNITY  |
| 11. HANDBAG   | 5. TODAY      |
| 12. YACHTED   | 6. RELIC      |
| 13. AFFIRMING | 7. RIGHTMOST  |
| 16. AHOYS     | 8. TOTED      |
| 18. MESSY     | 14. FUSELAGES |
| 19. YOUNGSTER | 15. GOULASHES |
| 20. HALIBUT   | 16. AUGUSTEST |
| 23. ASSAULT   | 17. STRATEGIC |
| 25. BUGATTI   | 20. HABIT     |
| 26. HEELING   | 21. BUTTE     |
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| 28. TONIC     | 24. UNION     |



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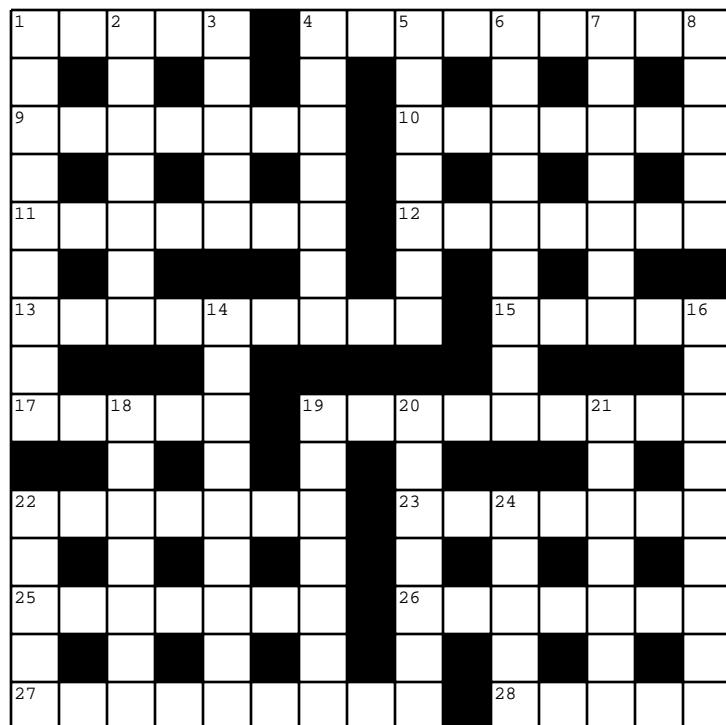
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| 9. ARGUING    | 3. THIGH      |
| 10. PANELED   | 4. PAGES      |
| 11. TEETHES   | 5. IMPROMPTU  |
| 12. OBOISTS   | 6. CONDORCET  |
| 13. BOOTSTRAP | 7. PULASKI    |
| 16. CLIMB     | 8. LADES      |
| 18. EVENS     | 14. SUSPECTED |
| 20. INUKTITUT | 15. REINSTATE |
| 22. KERNELS   | 17. BOTANICAL |
| 23. ASPIRIN   | 19. ETRURIA   |
| 25. BERETTA   | 21. TERMINI   |
| 26. ELEGIAC   | 22. KEBAB     |
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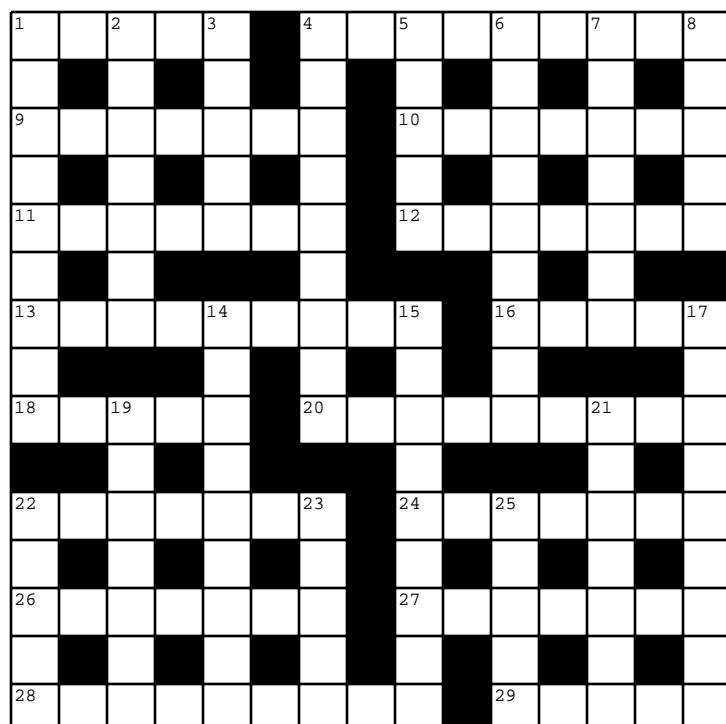
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| 4. TEAMMATES  | 2. MINIMUM    |
| 9. GONDOLA    | 3. INONU      |
| 10. CENTRAL   | 4. THALAMI    |
| 11. TEMPURA   | 5. ARCHING    |
| 12. INEXACT   | 6. MENDELEEV  |
| 13. LIMBERING | 7. THROATS    |
| 15. EPSOM     | 8. SPLIT      |
| 17. BREED     | 14. ENDEAVOUR |
| 19. DISAVOWED | 16. MEDITATED |
| 22. PROSAIC   | 18. EVOLVED   |
| 23. TRANSIT   | 19. DECLINE   |
| 25. RAVIOLI   | 20. SETTING   |
| 26. IRATEST   | 21. WESTERN   |
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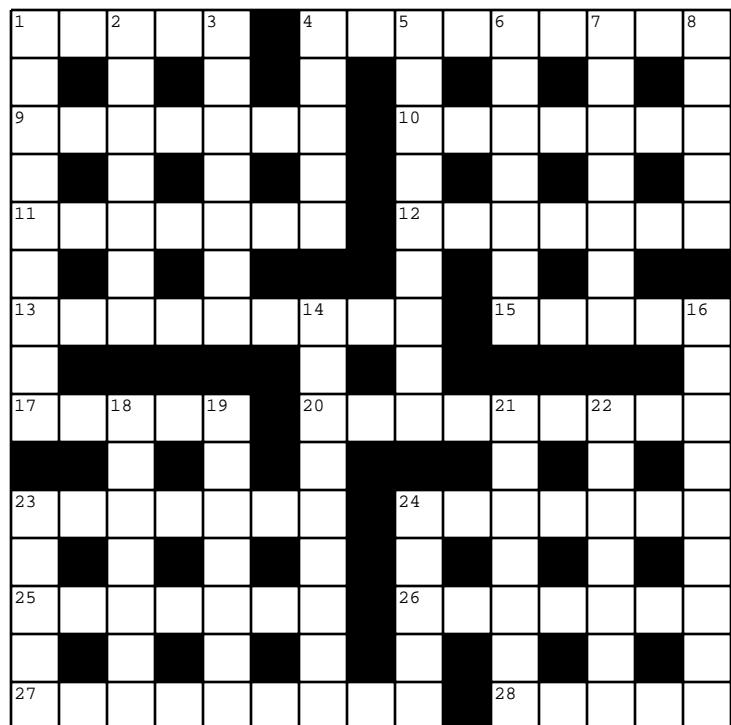
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| 9. MARXIST    | 3. TWICE      |
| 10. ARTISTS   | 4. ARTIFACTS  |
| 11. HIMSELF   | 5. PLAIN      |
| 12. NEEDLES   | 6. AUTHENTIC  |
| 13. ILLOGICAL | 7. INSULIN    |
| 16. TONIC     | 8. GASES      |
| 18. STALL     | 14. GALLERIED |
| 20. SNATCHING | 15. LEAFLETED |
| 22. MADDEST   | 17. CIGARILLO |
| 24. LAUNDER   | 19. ANDORRA   |
| 26. DERRICK   | 21. INDUCES   |
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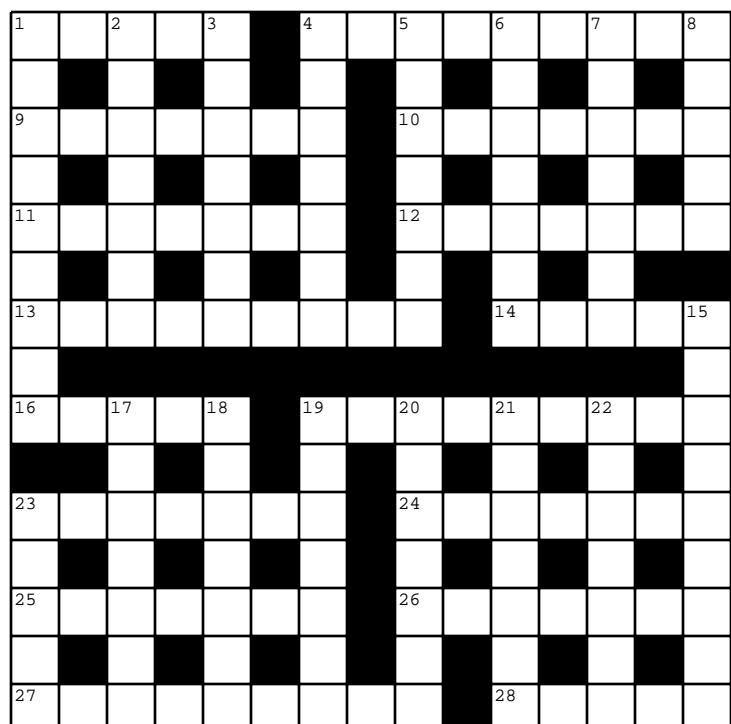
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| 4. COMMANDED  | 2. STRANGE    |
| 9. EARDRUM    | 3. ABREAST    |
| 10. NEURONS   | 4. CAMPS      |
| 11. RENTALS   | 5. MANIFESTO  |
| 12. FATHERS   | 6. AQUATIC    |
| 13. ELECTIONS | 7. DUODENA    |
| 15. CRACK     | 8. DOSES      |
| 17. TOTAL     | 14. ORATORIES |
| 20. AFORESAID | 16. KIDNAPING |
| 23. MOROCCO   | 18. TORPEDO   |
| 24. MAGENTA   | 19. LACONIC   |
| 25. CHENNAI   | 21. ENGULFS   |
| 26. COLOSSI   | 22. AMNESIA   |
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| 28. SLANG     | 24. MUCKS     |



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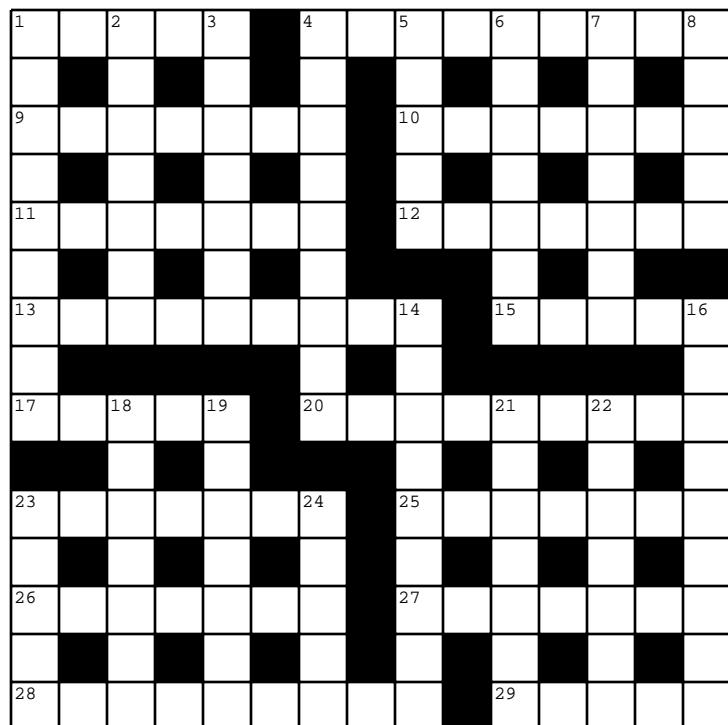
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| 9. AMERICA    | 3. SLITTER    |
| 10. SUCCEED   | 4. ANARCHY    |
| 11. PLASTIC   | 5. UNSAFER    |
| 12. FURTHER   | 6. DECORUM    |
| 13. DESTROYER | 7. CHEKHOV    |
| 14. MOVES     | 8. SEDER      |
| 16. DRIFT     | 15. SEDENTARY |
| 19. LIFEGUARD | 17. INVALID   |
| 23. POVERTY   | 18. TARTANS   |
| 24. ITALIAN   | 19. LAYETTE   |
| 25. RELIANT   | 20. FAIREST   |
| 26. EROTICA   | 21. GRANOLA   |
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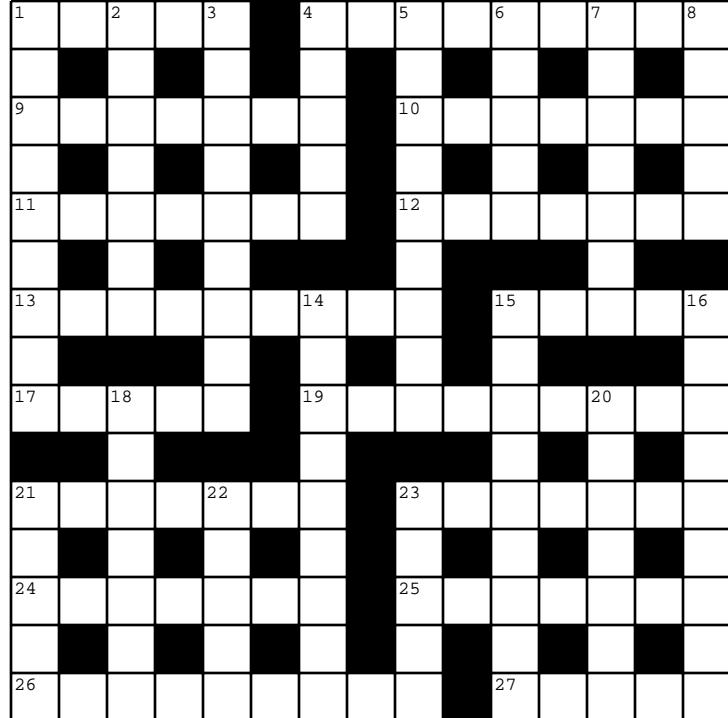
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| 4. DESIGNERS  | 2. DUSTPAN    |
| 9. NESTLES    | 3. SILLIER    |
| 10. SYNAPSE   | 4. DISAGREED  |
| 11. YAPPING   | 5. SASHA      |
| 12. AIRPORT   | 6. GENERIC    |
| 13. ORNERIEST | 7. EXPLORE    |
| 15. CREAM     | 8. SHEET      |
| 17. BEFOG     | 14. TORMENTOR |
| 20. DARKENING | 16. MIGRATION |
| 23. LEERIER   | 18. FREEDOM   |
| 25. EXCRETA   | 19. GOIANIA   |
| 26. GODUNOV   | 21. ENCHANT   |
| 27. THALAMI   | 22. INEXACT   |
| 28. COMMANDER | 23. LOGIC     |
| 29. TITAN     | 24. RAVED     |



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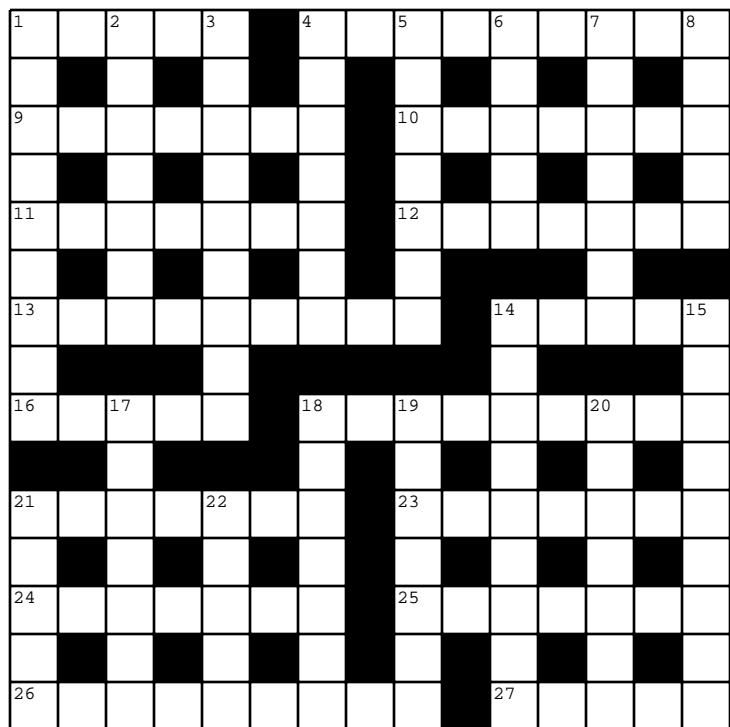
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| 9. RULERED    | 3. FORGOTTEN  |
| 10. LEGENDS   | 4. HIDES      |
| 11. SYMBOLS   | 5. MILWAUKEE  |
| 12. ANDIRON   | 6. URGED      |
| 13. RACETRACK | 7. GENERAL    |
| 15. BELLA     | 8. RISEN      |
| 17. WOKEN     | 14. ALGEBRAIC |
| 19. GREENLAND | 15. BUNDESTAG |
| 21. RHUBARB   | 16. ADDRESSEE |
| 23. OPERATE   | 18. KNUDSEN   |
| 24. LASAGNA   | 20. ARACELI   |
| 25. BUTTERS   | 21. RELIC     |
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| 27. GUIDE     | 23. ORBIT     |



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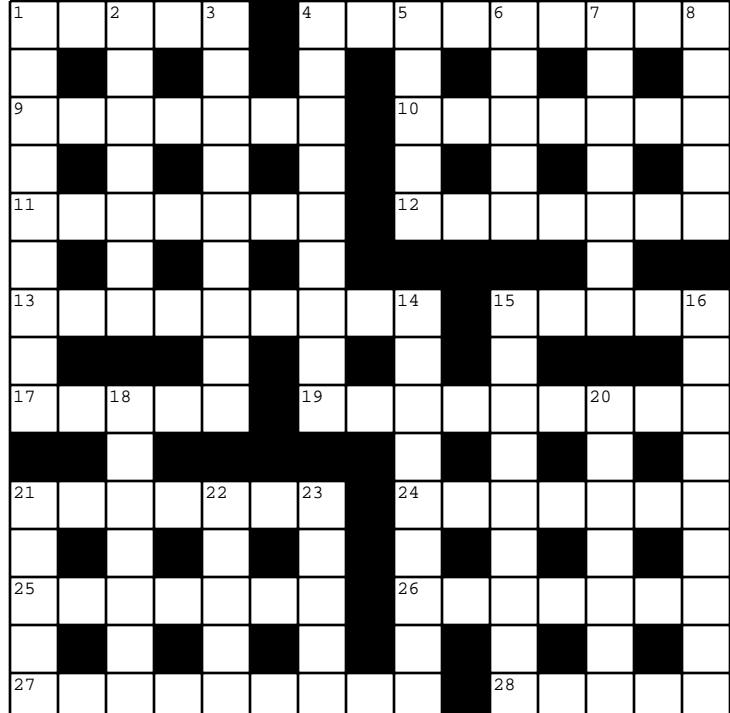
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| 9. WHELPED    | 3. DEPENDENT  |
| 10. BAROQUE   | 4. INDEXES    |
| 11. PHOENIX   | 5. HOBBLED    |
| 12. LORRIES   | 6. RARER      |
| 13. PROCESSED | 7. TEQUILA    |
| 14. SNAFU     | 8. DEEMS      |
| 16. RIGHT     | 14. SCHEDULER |
| 18. SPAGHETTI | 15. UNIVERSAL |
| 21. MINIMUM   | 17. GANGWAY   |
| 23. INDULGE   | 18. SAMURAI   |
| 24. GAWKIER   | 19. ARIADNE   |
| 25. DELETES   | 20. TOLSTOY   |
| 26. GLYCERINE | 21. MAGOG     |
| 27. ROYAL     | 22. MAIZE     |



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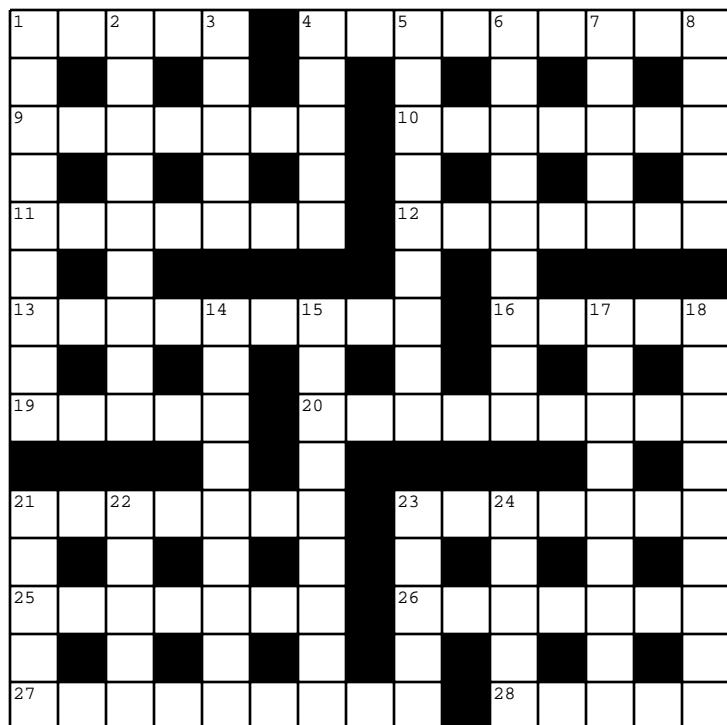
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| 9. REJECTS    | 3. RACKETEER  |
| 10. STEERED   | 4. POSTDATED  |
| 11. SUCCEED   | 5. ROSIE      |
| 12. ESTUARY   | 6. ELECT      |
| 13. INSPECTED | 7. VARIANT    |
| 15. METER     | 8. SADLY      |
| 17. NICER     | 14. DELIMITER |
| 19. DELETIONS | 15. MITIGATED |
| 21. ENABLED   | 16. RESPONDED |
| 24. MAGNETO   | 18. CHANGES   |
| 25. BUGATTI   | 20. OVERLAP   |
| 26. TATTLED   | 21. EMBED     |
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| 28. DOPED     | 23. DEITY     |



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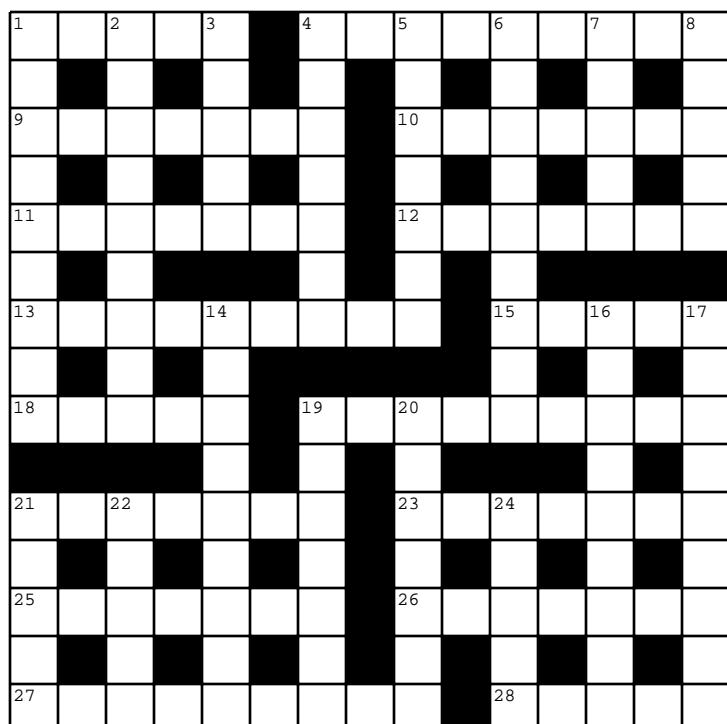
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| 4. INTENTION  | 2. IMPROMPTU  |
| 9. OPPOSED    | 3. RISEN      |
| 10. BEMUSED   | 4. INDEX      |
| 11. PHOENIX   | 5. TABULATED  |
| 12. LARGELY   | 6. NUMERICAL  |
| 13. CAPABLEST | 7. ISSUE      |
| 16. CHOSE     | 8. NODDY      |
| 19. STUFF     | 14. BEFITTING |
| 20. PEDALLING | 15. EXPERTISE |
| 21. HAMSTER   | 17. ORIGINALS |
| 23. TEQUILA   | 18. ENGRAVERS |
| 25. DASHIKI   | 21. HIDED     |
| 26. PRIVATE   | 22. MISTS     |
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| 28. EASES     | 24. QUITE     |



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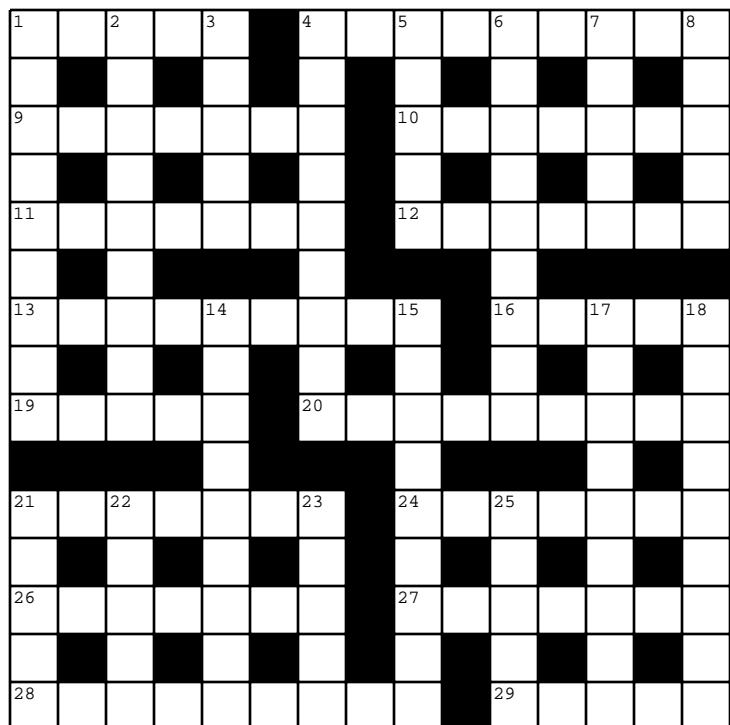
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| 9. DIGGING    | 3. EXITS      |
| 10. NAIVELY   | 4. VAGINAE    |
| 11. ARTISAN   | 5. LONGEST    |
| 12. ENTERED   | 6. DAINTIEST  |
| 13. LAVISHEST | 7. THEIR      |
| 15. EMBED     | 8. SKYED      |
| 18. CODED     | 14. SEDUCTION |
| 19. INPUTTING | 16. BRIMSTONE |
| 21. UNLOCKS   | 17. DEGRADING |
| 23. NICOSIA   | 19. INSTEAD   |
| 25. INSPIRE   | 20. PENISES   |
| 26. SPUMONI   | 21. UNITS     |
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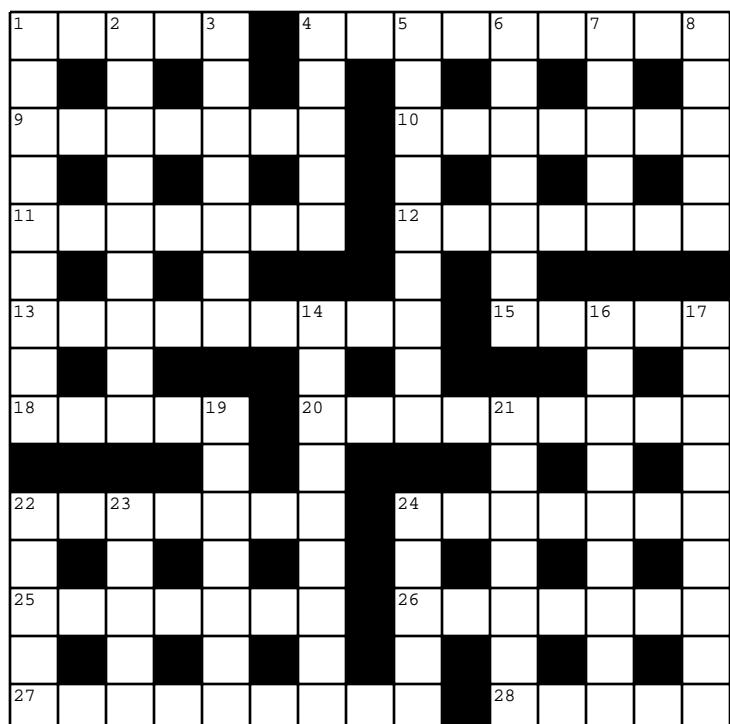
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| 4. ADULATION  | 2. PISTACHIO  |
| 9. SUSPECT    | 3. YIELD      |
| 10. INDEEDS   | 4. ATTENDANT  |
| 11. RWANDAN   | 5. UNION      |
| 12. NEEDLES   | 6. AUDIENCES  |
| 13. BOHEMIANS | 7. IDEAL      |
| 16. COPES     | 8. NESTS      |
| 19. STORM     | 14. MEMORABLE |
| 20. TRANSFORM | 15. SCARLETED |
| 21. EYEBROW   | 17. PROGRAMED |
| 24. LITERAL   | 18. SIMILARLY |
| 26. MARABOUT  | 21. EMMYS     |
| 27. TRIMMER   | 22. EARNS     |
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| 29. TODAY     | 25. TWIST     |



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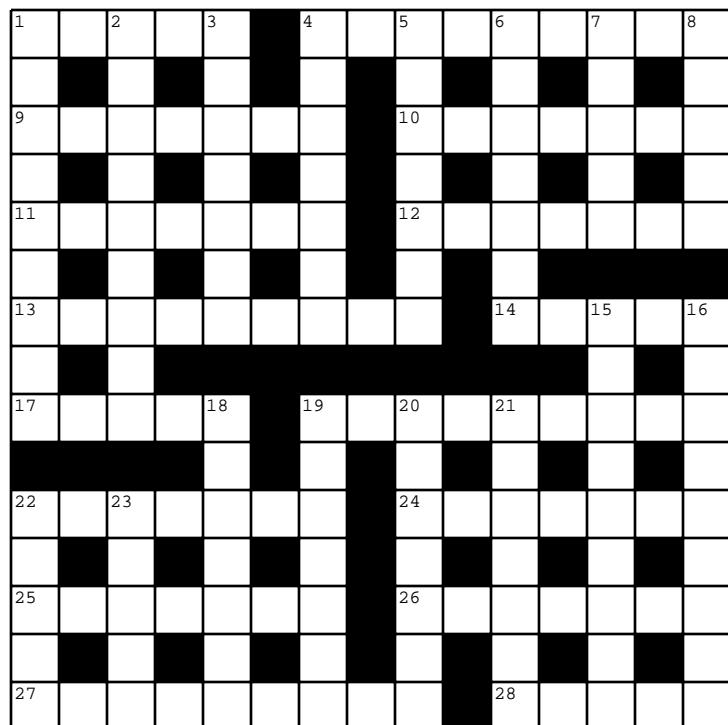
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| 9. SESAMES    | 3. YEMENIS    |
| 10. MACABRE   | 4. CASES      |
| 11. BEHINDS   | 5. REMAINDER  |
| 12. INANESE   | 6. ORCHARD    |
| 13. SATISFIED | 7. NOBLE      |
| 15. DISCO     | 8. DOEST      |
| 18. NICER     | 14. IMBECILES |
| 20. BARTHOLDI | 16. SOLUTIONS |
| 22. COMEDIC   | 17. ORIGINATE |
| 24. MARATHI   | 19. RODOLFO   |
| 25. MAILLOL   | 21. HURRAHS   |
| 26. GRANOLA   | 22. COMIC     |
| 27. CURIOUSLY | 23. MEIER     |
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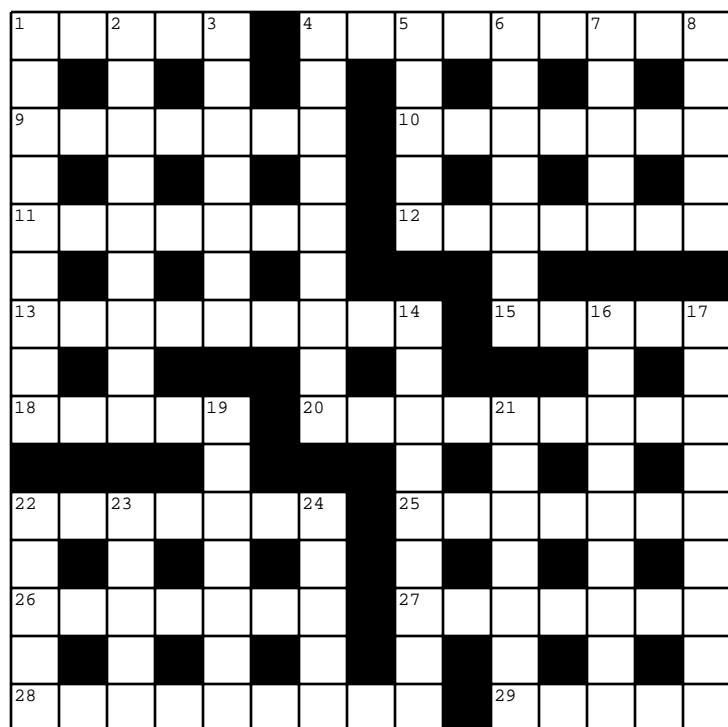
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| 4. FILAMENTS  | 2. OVERSLEEP  |
| 9. FEEBLER    | 3. SYLLABI    |
| 10. SHRIVEL   | 4. FORESEE    |
| 11. UNSEATS   | 5. LESSONS    |
| 12. ORACLED   | 6. MERMAID    |
| 13. NEEDINESS | 7. NAVAL      |
| 14. DISCO     | 8. SOLID      |
| 17. ASPEN     | 15. SHOWERIER |
| 19. RELIGIOUS | 16. OBSESSIVE |
| 22. CLIMBED   | 18. NABBING   |
| 24. RENDERS   | 19. RYDBERG   |
| 25. ORIFICE   | 20. LARAMIE   |
| 26. MARTINI   | 21. GENERIC   |
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| 28. CURVE     | 23. IDIOM     |



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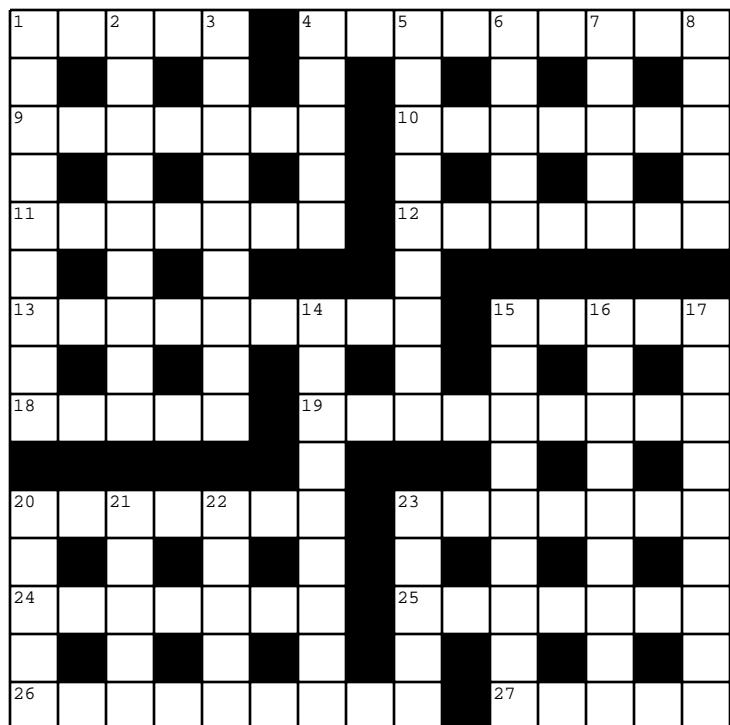
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| 4. BASEMENTS  | 2. EARTHWORM  |
| 9. DORITOS    | 3. ESTEBAN    |
| 10. ENRAGED   | 4. BESETTING  |
| 11. INHIBIT   | 5. SHEEP      |
| 12. PLINTHS   | 6. MARXIST    |
| 13. TROUNCING | 7. NIGHT      |
| 15. TIMED     | 8. SADES      |
| 18. NAMED     | 14. GIDDINESS |
| 20. GODDESSES | 16. MUSHROOMS |
| 22. SADISTS   | 17. DISASTERS |
| 25. IGNORES   | 19. DESPAIR   |
| 26. LIBRARY   | 21. EUNUCHS   |
| 27. ENCLOSE   | 22. SOLID     |
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| 29. SISES     | 24. STYLE     |



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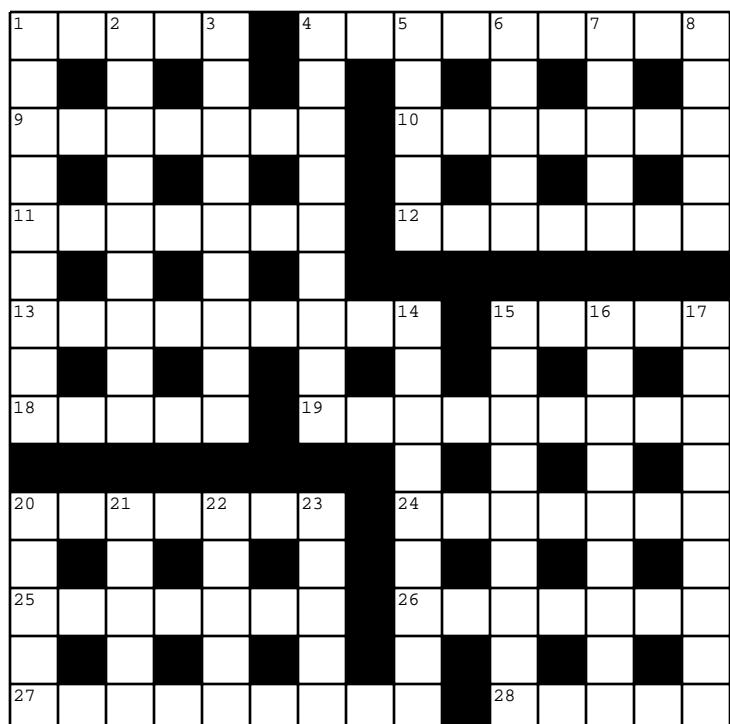
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| 4. GIBBERISH  | 2. ILLOGICAL  |
| 9. TILLMAN    | 3. HOMEOWNER  |
| 10. INSANER   | 4. GENES      |
| 11. ENGROSS   | 5. BRIGHTEST  |
| 12. HUMDRUM   | 6. EPSOM      |
| 13. TECHNIQUE | 7. INNER      |
| 15. TABOO     | 8. HAREM      |
| 18. COLOR     | 14. QUALIFIER |
| 19. AUTHORISE | 15. TROWELING |
| 20. DASHIKI   | 16. BRIEFCASE |
| 23. CHEFFED   | 17. OVERDRAFT |
| 24. THALAMI   | 20. DATED     |
| 25. CHICANA   | 21. SNAFU     |
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| 27. GUEST     | 23. COCKS     |



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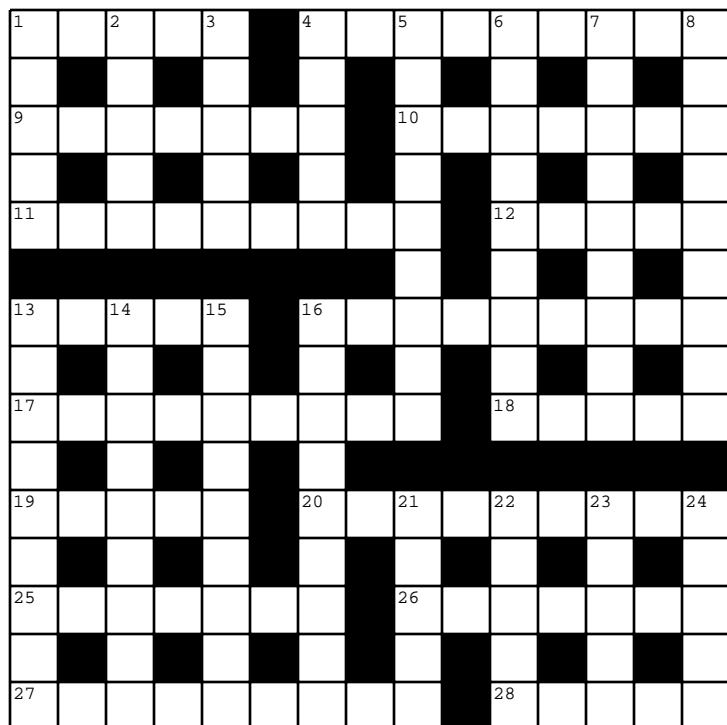
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| 4. AUTHORISE  | 2. OVERNIGHT  |
| 9. REELECT    | 3. DREAMLESS  |
| 10. ASTUTER   | 4. AUTOMATIC  |
| 11. MINIMUM   | 5. TRAMP      |
| 12. PORTRAY   | 6. OUTER      |
| 13. SUGGESTED | 7. INTER      |
| 15. SUPER     | 8. EARLY      |
| 18. SITES     | 14. DISMISSES |
| 19. CASHIERED | 15. SPINDLIER |
| 20. SPRUCES   | 16. PEROXIDED |
| 24. INDEXES   | 17. REDESIGNS |
| 25. APPROVE   | 20. SLANG     |
| 26. SHINDIG   | 21. RIPEN     |
| 27. GENERATES | 22. CHOIR     |
| 28. RIDES     | 23. SWEET     |



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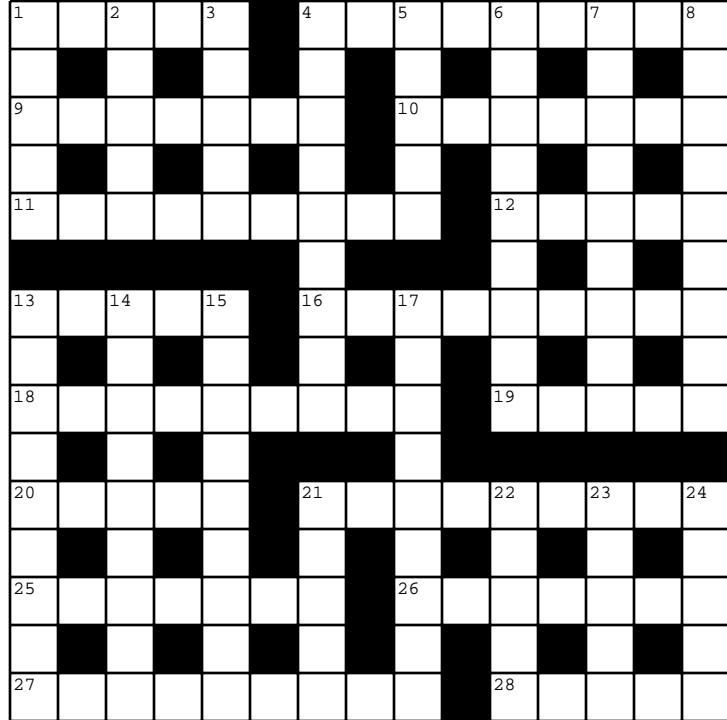
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| 4. PNEUMATIC  | 2. PASTA      |
| 9. EASTERN    | 3. ARENT      |
| 10. VENISON   | 4. PANIC      |
| 11. PRACTICAL | 5. ENVELOPES  |
| 12. ALIBI     | 6. MONTANANS  |
| 13. CAWED     | 7. TESTIFIED  |
| 16. APPEALING | 8. CUNNINGLY  |
| 17. SPINSTERS | 13. CASSANDRA |
| 18. SADLY     | 14. WHIRLIGIG |
| 19. ALLIE     | 15. DESPERATE |
| 20. INUKTITUT | 16. AMERICANA |
| 25. DOGMATA   | 21. UNCLE     |
| 26. CABOOSE   | 22. TUBES     |
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| 28. SUPER     | 24. THEIR     |



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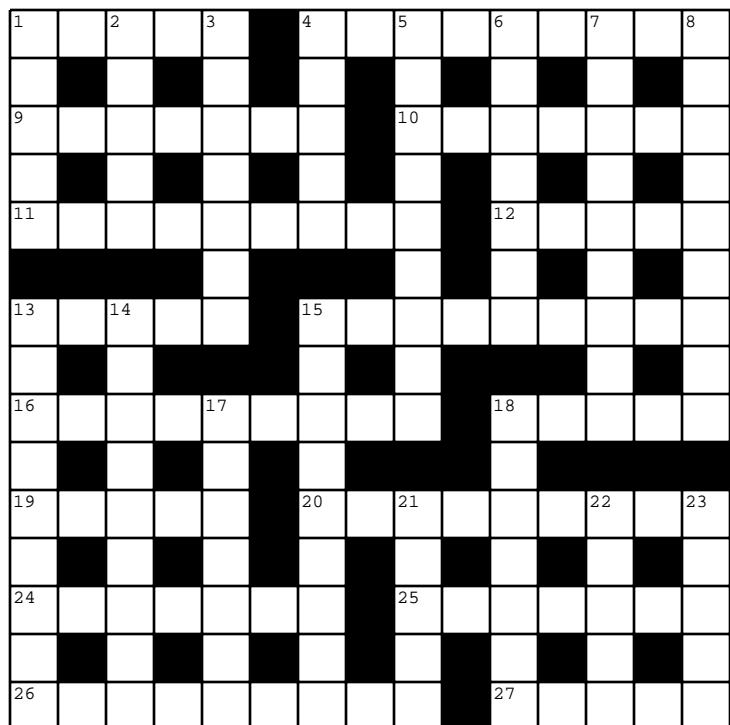
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| 9. SMIDGEN    | 3. NEGEV      |
| 10. CONFIRM   | 4. SANITARIA  |
| 11. MOTIVATES | 5. RACKS      |
| 12. SASHA     | 6. AGNOSTICS  |
| 13. BOBBI     | 7. THIRSTING  |
| 16. REMAINING | 8. CAMPAIGNS  |
| 18. OSTEOPATH | 13. BLOWTORCH |
| 19. SIGNS     | 14. BUTTERCUP |
| 20. THERE     | 15. ISOMETRIC |
| 21. GARDENERS | 17. MAHARAJAH |
| 25. RICARDO   | 21. GHOST     |
| 26. JUJITSU   | 22. ENJOY     |
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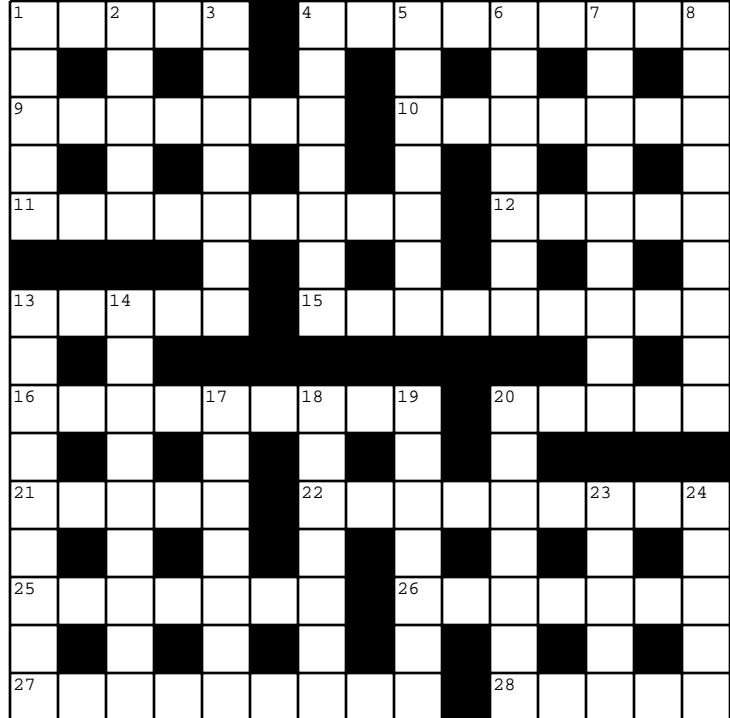
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| 4. ACCLAIMED  | 2. DYING      |
| 9. GUIYANG    | 3. AMASSES    |
| 10. INHERIT   | 4. ANGLE      |
| 11. REGISTERS | 5. CHINSTRAP  |
| 12. MAJOR     | 6. ASHAMED    |
| 13. TRAPS     | 7. MARIJUANA  |
| 15. IRRADIATE | 8. DETERGENT  |
| 16. OVERSLEEP | 13. TROPICANA |
| 18. COAST     | 14. AMERICANA |
| 19. IBIZA     | 15. ITERATION |
| 20. AMBIGUITY | 17. SCALENE   |
| 24. ARACELI   | 18. COGNACS   |
| 25. GRANDMA   | 21. BEGIN     |
| 26. AGAMEMNON | 22. INDEX     |
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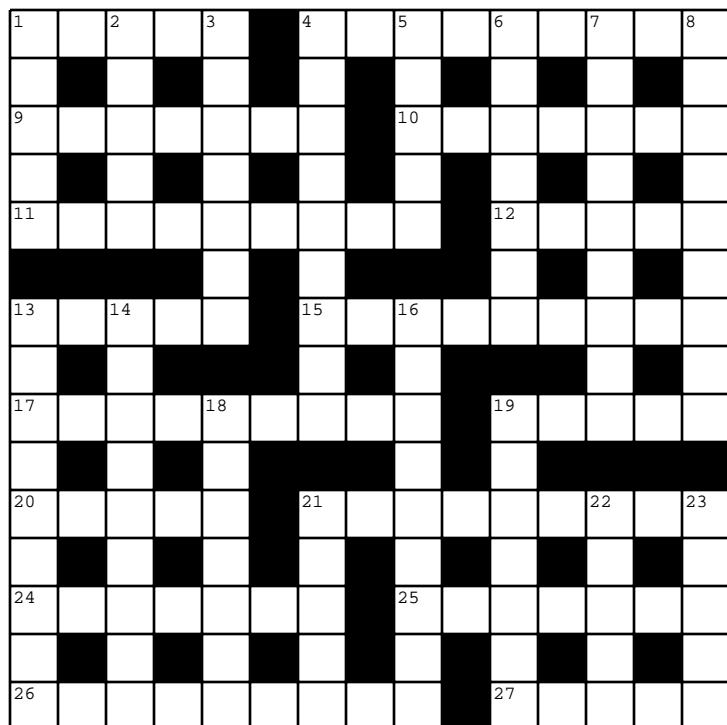
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| 9. ACEVEDO    | 3. OVERSEE    |
| 10. VENUSES   | 4. BROWNER    |
| 11. GLISSANDO | 5. RAVIOLI    |
| 12. CANON     | 6. IGNACIO    |
| 13. ISSUE     | 7. ABSENTEES  |
| 15. RHINOCERI | 8. ESSENTIAL  |
| 16. BOOKSHELF | 13. IMBECILIC |
| 20. EASEL     | 14. SCOUNDREL |
| 21. CONGA     | 17. STAMINA   |
| 22. REALISTIC | 18. EARNERS   |
| 25. LORAINE   | 19. FIANCES   |
| 26. CARIBOU   | 20. EMIGRES   |
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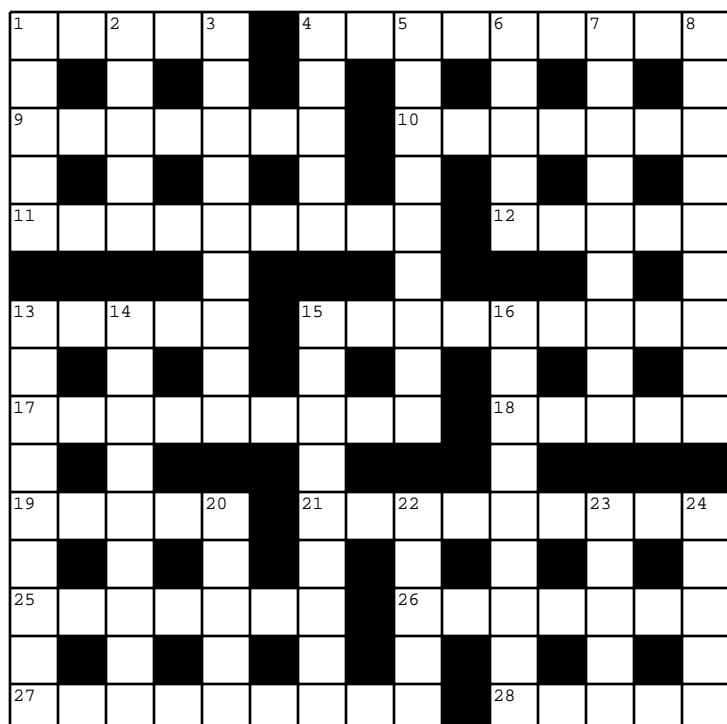
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| 4. IMPLICATE  | 2. ASSET      |
| 9. OBSERVE    | 3. DERIVES    |
| 10. KHARKOV   | 4. IDENTICAL  |
| 11. ACTIVATED | 5. PIKED      |
| 12. IDLES     | 6. IMAGINE    |
| 13. ASSES     | 7. ALKALOIDS  |
| 15. CACHETING | 8. ENVISAGES  |
| 17. HOBOGLIN  | 13. ATHEISTIC |
| 19. LISTS     | 14. SUBNORMAL |
| 20. INONU     | 16. CANONICAL |
| 21. HONEYCOMB | 18. OCULARS   |
| 24. TIMPANI   | 19. LAYOUTS   |
| 25. COULDNT   | 21. HEIDI     |
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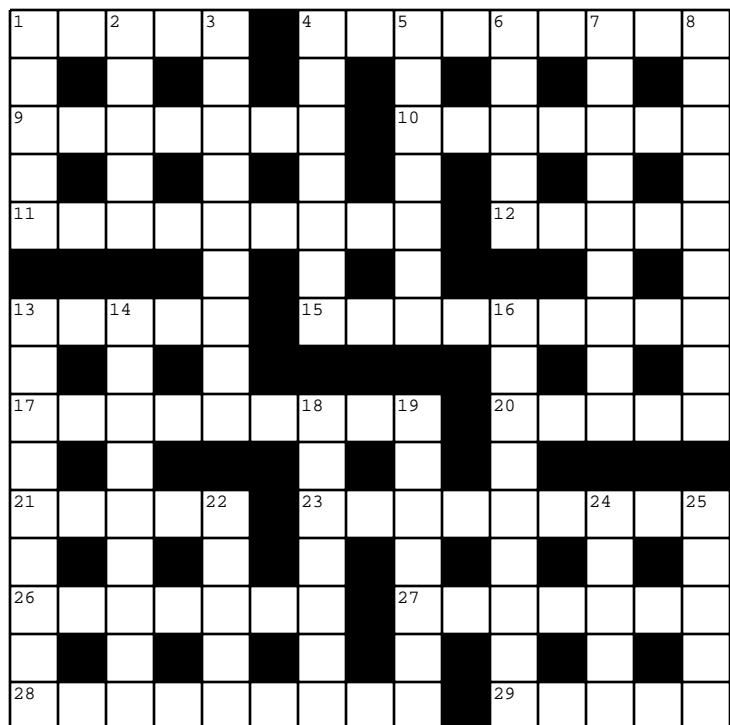
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| 9. ENLARGE    | 3. MARCELINO  |
| 10. STAMINA   | 4. GEESE      |
| 11. MENDELEEV | 5. UNSAVOURY  |
| 12. ASHEN     | 6. ALANA      |
| 13. UTERI     | 7. HEIGHTENS  |
| 15. LOUDLIES  | 8. STAGNATES  |
| 17. DRAGONFLY | 13. UNDEFINED |
| 18. FASTS     | 14. EXAMINERS |
| 19. FEINT     | 15. LUFTHANSA |
| 21. HEADFIRST | 16. LIFEFORMS |
| 25. NIELSEN   | 20. TASTE     |
| 26. DIRTIER   | 22. AUDIO     |
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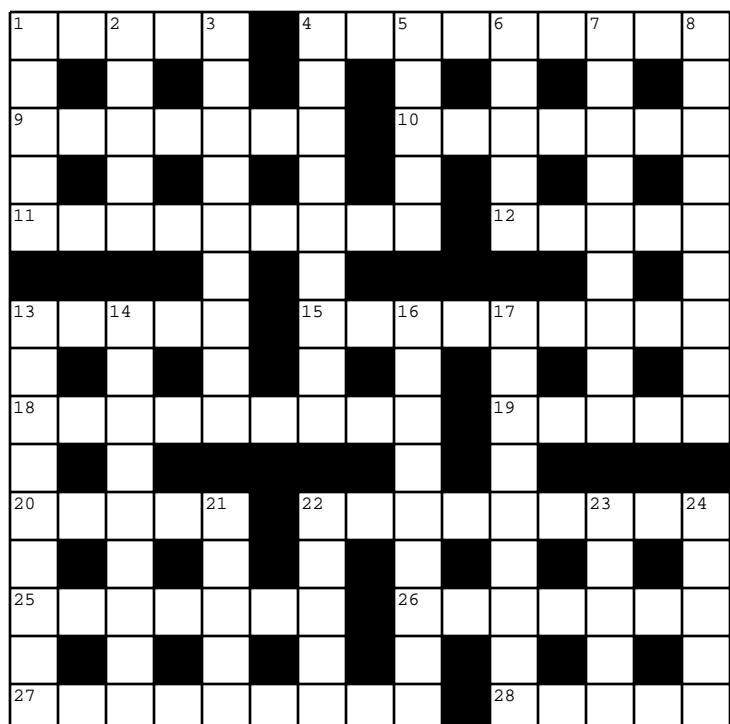
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| 4. ARCHDUKES  | 2. UPPER      |
| 9. IMPORTS    | 3. BARRENEST  |
| 10. ARIZONA   | 4. ABSENTS    |
| 11. SERGEANTS | 5. CLASSIC    |
| 12. TULIP     | 6. DRIFT      |
| 13. MOVIE     | 7. KNOWLEDGE  |
| 15. SUCCEEDED | 8. STAMPEDES  |
| 17. NIGHTCLUB | 13. MANOEUVRE |
| 20. CHEWS     | 14. VIGILANCE |
| 21. ELLIS     | 16. ENCHILADA |
| 23. NEEDINESS | 18. LANGUOR   |
| 26. VANUATU   | 19. BEESWAX   |
| 27. WEARING   | 22. SNAFU     |
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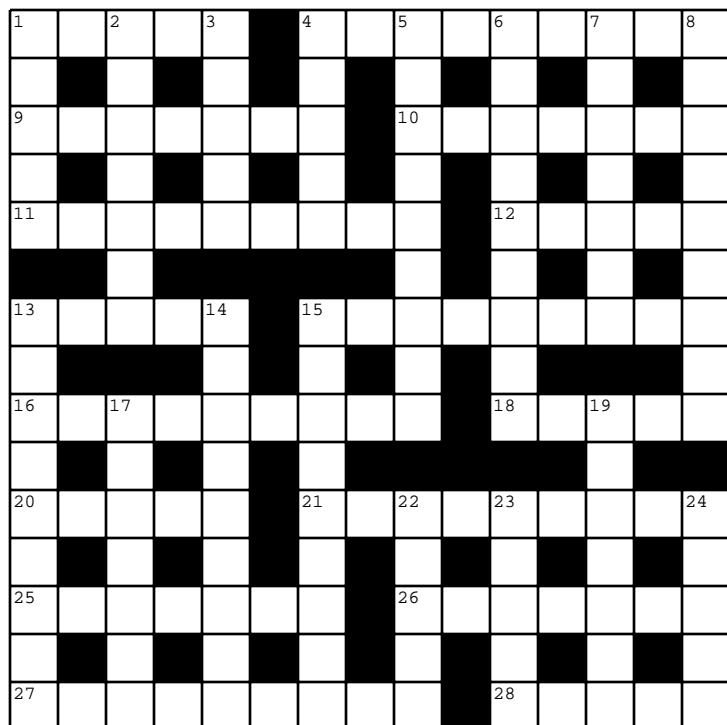
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| 9. GUINEAN    | 3. OVERNIGHT   |
| 10. CRUISES   | 4. NONVERBAL   |
| 11. VOLUNTEER | 5. OCCUR       |
| 12. HINDU     | 6. YOUTH       |
| 13. OWING     | 7. INSINCERE   |
| 15. BEDSPREAD | 8. MISGUIDES   |
| 18. NIGHTCLUB | 13. OINTMENTS  |
| 19. SEEKS     | 14. INGESTING  |
| 20. MASKS     | 16. DEBATABLER |
| 22. ANTIPASTI | 17. POSTPONED  |
| 25. NAIVETE   | 21. SCENE      |
| 26. BUNDLED   | 22. ARENA      |
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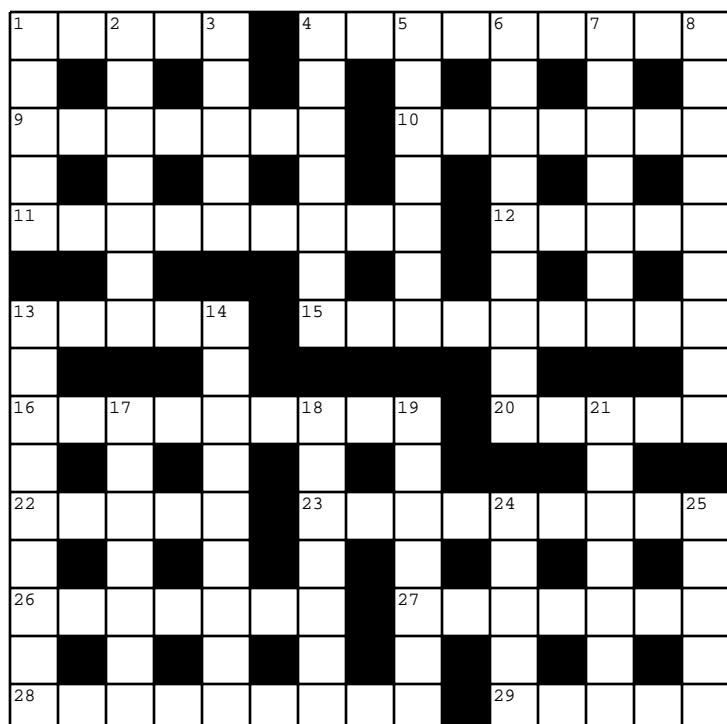
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| 4. AMATERASU  | 2. ORIGAMI    |
| 9. RAISING    | 3. DEIGN      |
| 10. RIEMANN   | 4. ARGUE      |
| 11. BRAINLESS | 5. AEROSPACE  |
| 12. GREAT     | 6. EVERGREEN  |
| 13. BLISS     | 7. ARACELI    |
| 15. SHAPELIER | 8. UNNATURAL  |
| 16. CHAMPAGNE | 13. BOCCACCIO |
| 18. NOVEL     | 14. SEPTEMBER |
| 20. APPLE     | 15. SAGEBRUSH |
| 21. BISHOPRIC | 17. ASPIRIN   |
| 25. CARIBOU   | 19. VERBENA   |
| 26. EMINENT   | 22. SHEEP     |
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| 28. GRAPH     | 24. CATCH     |



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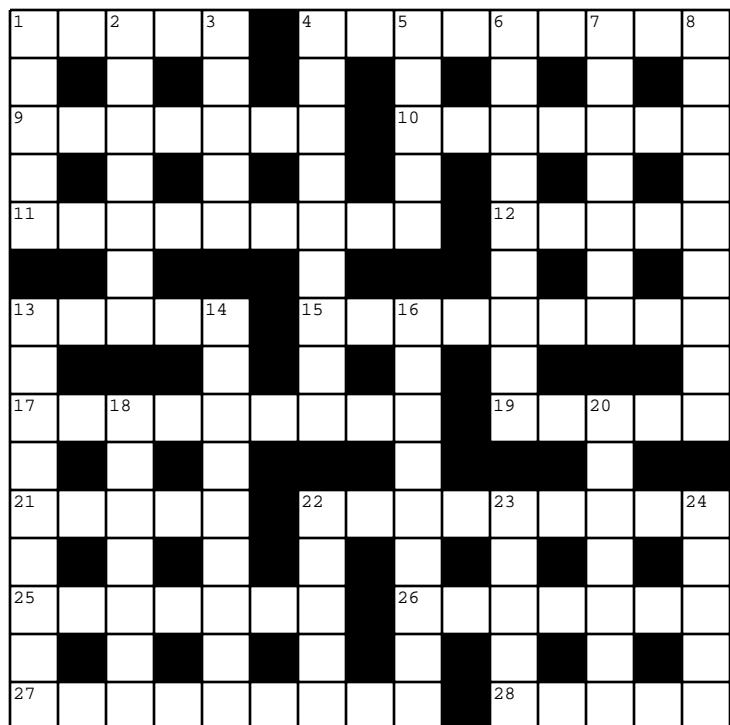
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| 10. INVADES   | 4. DIAGRAM    |
| 11. LOWENBRAU | 5. AZIMUTH    |
| 12. SPOKE     | 6. EAVESDROP  |
| 13. PAYED     | 7. TEDIOUS    |
| 15. MAHARISHI | 8. COSMETICS  |
| 16. EVERGREEN | 13. PHENOMENA |
| 20. PIPES     | 14. DIGESTIVE |
| 22. OGRES     | 17. EARDRUM   |
| 23. BATHSHEBA | 18. EMBARKS   |
| 26. EARLIER   | 19. NOTABLY   |
| 27. BRAVADO   | 21. PREFACE   |
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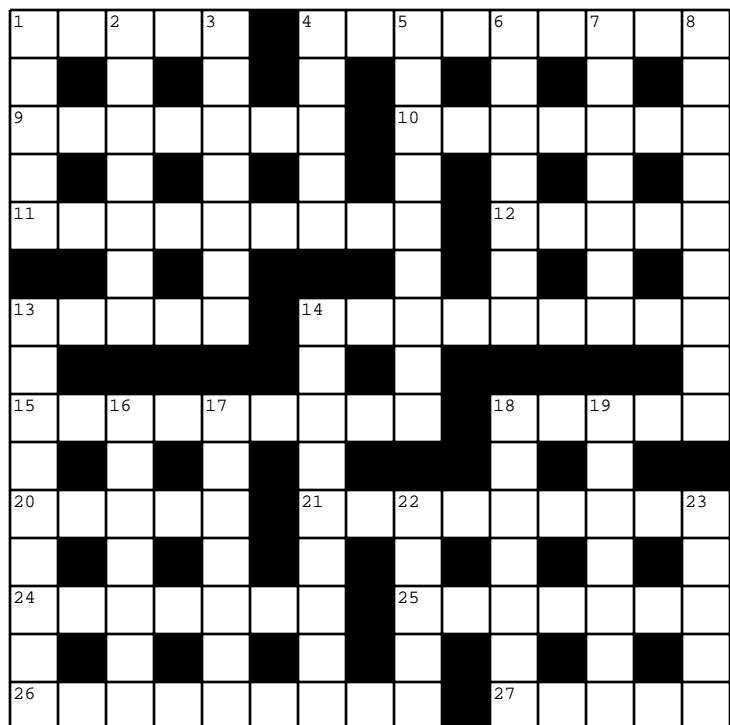
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| 4. PITTANCES  | 2. ALFALFA    |
| 9. OFFICER    | 3. MACHO      |
| 10. PLACEBO   | 4. PERSONNEL  |
| 11. PALEOZOIC | 5. TOPIC      |
| 12. CYNIC     | 6. ANARCHISM  |
| 13. SHARP     | 7. CLEANSE    |
| 15. NASTINESS | 8. SHOWCASED  |
| 17. IMBROGLIO | 13. SCINTILLA |
| 19. MINED     | 14. PROSECUTE |
| 21. TILDE     | 16. STOPPAGES |
| 22. EXPLAINED | 18. BELLIED   |
| 25. LEISURE   | 20. NONZERO   |
| 26. GALLEON   | 22. EVENS     |
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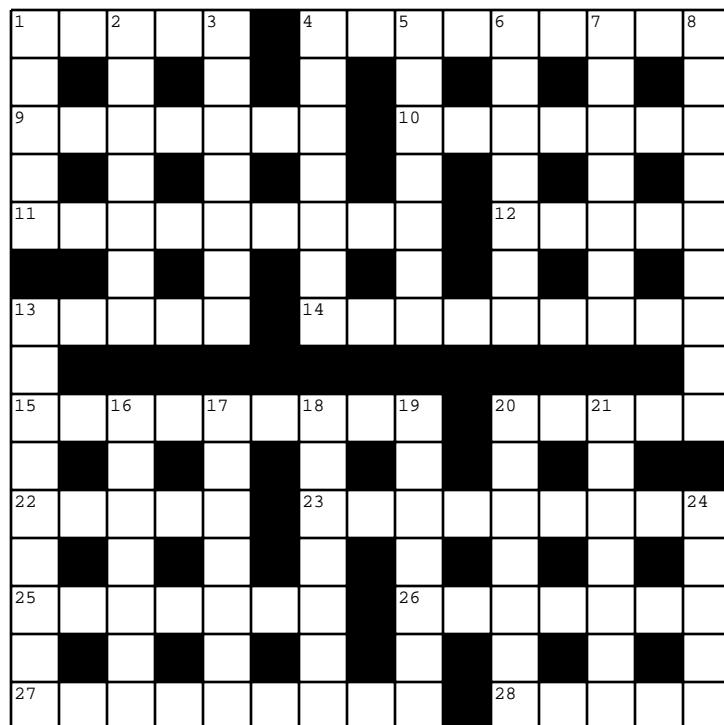
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| 9. VIRTUES    | 3. NOURISH    |
| 10. NONCOMS   | 4. NASAL      |
| 11. SPECIALLY | 5. VINEYARDS  |
| 12. AMIGA     | 6. GONZALO    |
| 13. CRUSH     | 7. THORIUM    |
| 14. PERFORMED | 8. DASTARDLY  |
| 15. TAILPIPES | 13. CYTOPLASM |
| 18. SASSY     | 14. PEPPERONI |
| 20. PIECE     | 16. ICEBERG   |
| 21. EXCLAIMED | 17. PRECEDE   |
| 24. ACEVEDO   | 18. SHALLOW   |
| 25. AILERON   | 19. SAMURAI   |
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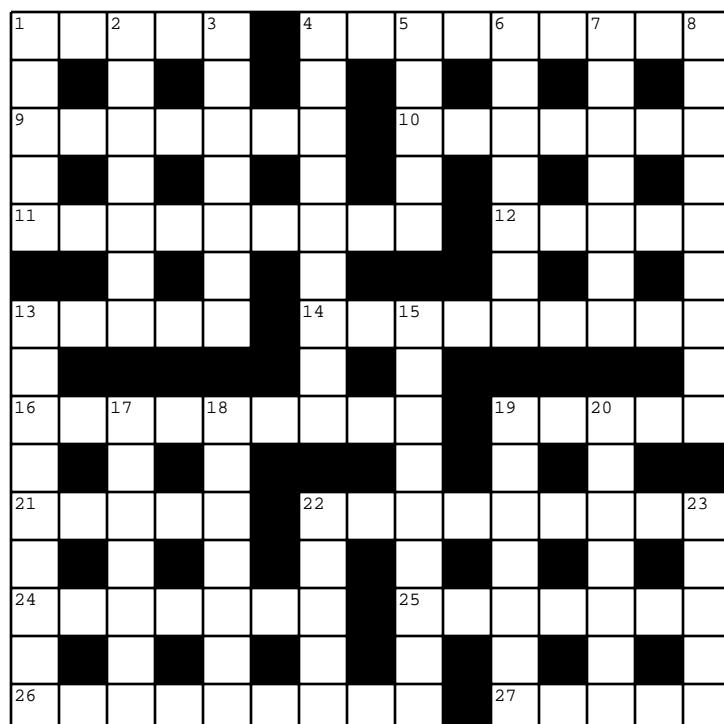
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| 4. ESTIMATES  | 2. BELUSHI    |
| 9. CALCULI    | 3. EMULATE    |
| 10. OARSMAN   | 4. ELITIST    |
| 11. SASHAYING | 5. THOUGHT    |
| 12. CLANG     | 6. MOROCCO    |
| 13. UNITE     | 7. TIMPANI    |
| 14. TATTOOING | 8. SYNAGOGUE  |
| 15. HONEYCOMB | 13. UPHOLSTER |
| 20. CLOSE     | 16. NUMERIC   |
| 22. LAMBS     | 17. YESHIVA   |
| 23. ELEMENTAL | 18. OBEDIENCE |
| 25. TERMINI   | 19. BEEHIVE   |
| 26. INTENDS   | 20. CHEETAH   |
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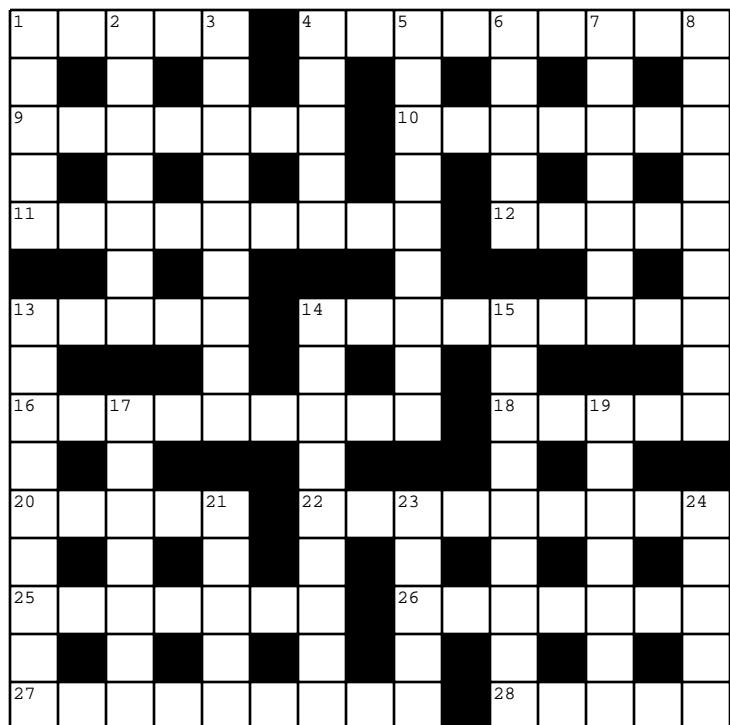
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| 9. INERTIA    | 3. EXTREME    |
| 10. CARIBOU   | 4. STARBOARD  |
| 11. NONVERBAL | 5. EXCEL      |
| 12. TYCHO     | 6. MARATHI    |
| 13. ALIVE     | 7. HIBACHI    |
| 14. AMPLIFIER | 8. PLUTOCRAT  |
| 16. AWKWARDER | 13. ANALGESIA |
| 19. CHEAT     | 15. PERSONNEL |
| 21. GENRE     | 17. KINSHIP   |
| 22. ATONEMENT | 18. AMERICA   |
| 24. SCHLITZ   | 19. CHERISH   |
| 25. NAIVETE   | 20. EVENEST   |
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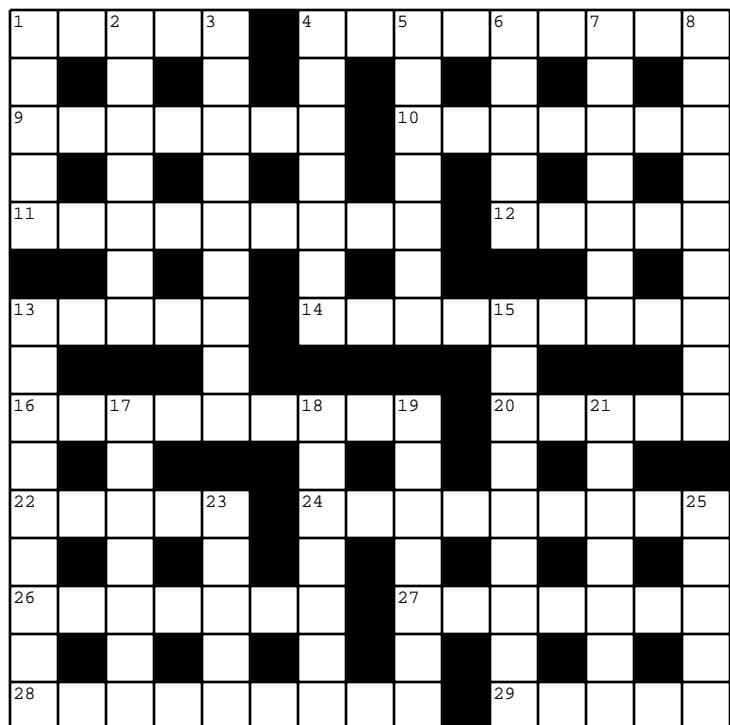
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| 4. FRANCISCO  | 2. GODUNOV    |
| 9. ABDOMEN    | 3. NUMERICAL  |
| 10. OVULATE   | 4. FINAL      |
| 11. CENTRALER | 5. APOCYPHHA  |
| 12. BLURB     | 6. CRUMB      |
| 13. HAVOC     | 7. SHAVUOT    |
| 14. CAPACITOR | 8. OVERBORNE  |
| 16. BALALAIKA | 13. HOBNOBBED |
| 18. ALONE     | 14. CLINCHING |
| 20. OATHS     | 15. CRANKIEST |
| 22. CRINKLING | 17. LITTILER  |
| 25. BELUSHI   | 19. ORIGAMI   |
| 26. TEENAGE   | 21. SUSHI     |
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| 28. TAILS     | 24. GUESS     |



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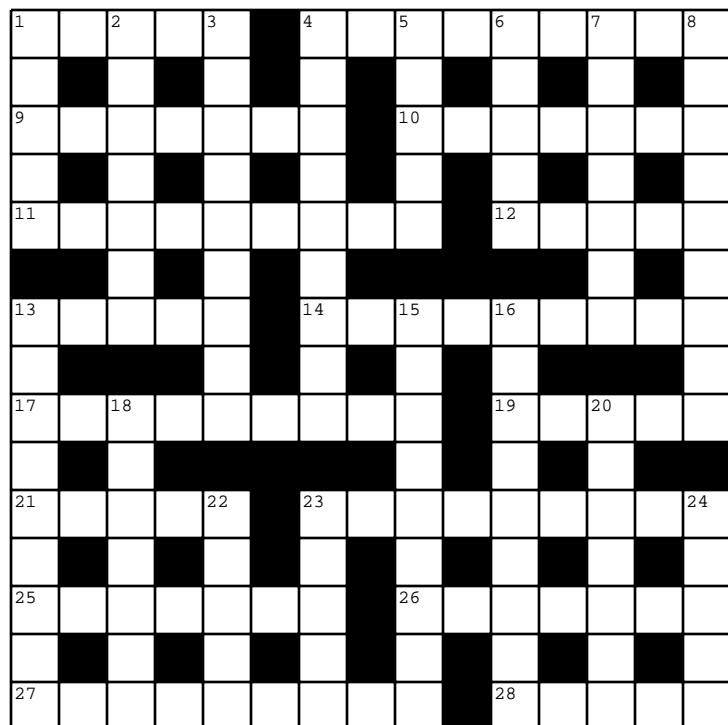
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| 9. BOREDOM    | 3. BUDDHISMS  |
| 10. ALBERIO   | 4. NUMERIC    |
| 11. BROCHURES | 5. GLASSES    |
| 12. OINKS     | 6. TABOO      |
| 13. POSTS     | 7. LORENZO    |
| 14. CASSEROLE | 8. BOOKSHELF  |
| 16. RHAPSODIC | 13. PURCHASED |
| 20. PROOF     | 15. EUPHEMISM |
| 22. HAREM     | 17. AIRHEAD   |
| 24. DRAPERIES | 18. DEDUCTS   |
| 26. SKEPTIC   | 19. CHAGRIN   |
| 27. RAISING   | 21. OPINION   |
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| 29. MINUS     | 25. SIGNS     |



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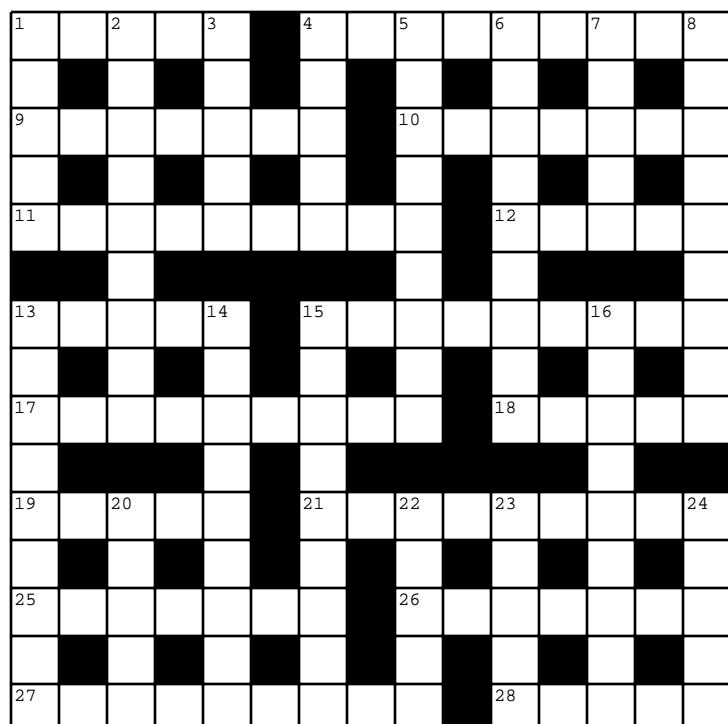
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| 4. ALLOCATED  | 2. ISLAMIC    |
| 9. BULLDOG    | 3. UNDERWEAR  |
| 10. NUCLEIC   | 4. ANGUISHED  |
| 11. REMARRIES | 5. LENDS      |
| 12. ORATE     | 6. CACAO      |
| 13. UNCLE     | 7. TEENAGE    |
| 14. HARSHNESS | 8. DECREASED  |
| 17. DISCREDIT | 13. UNDAMAGED |
| 19. NAMED     | 15. RUTABAGAS |
| 21. MICAH     | 16. HONEYCOMB |
| 23. LOBBYISTS | 18. SECEDES   |
| 25. GODUNOV   | 20. MESTIZO   |
| 26. GLORIED   | 22. HINDU     |
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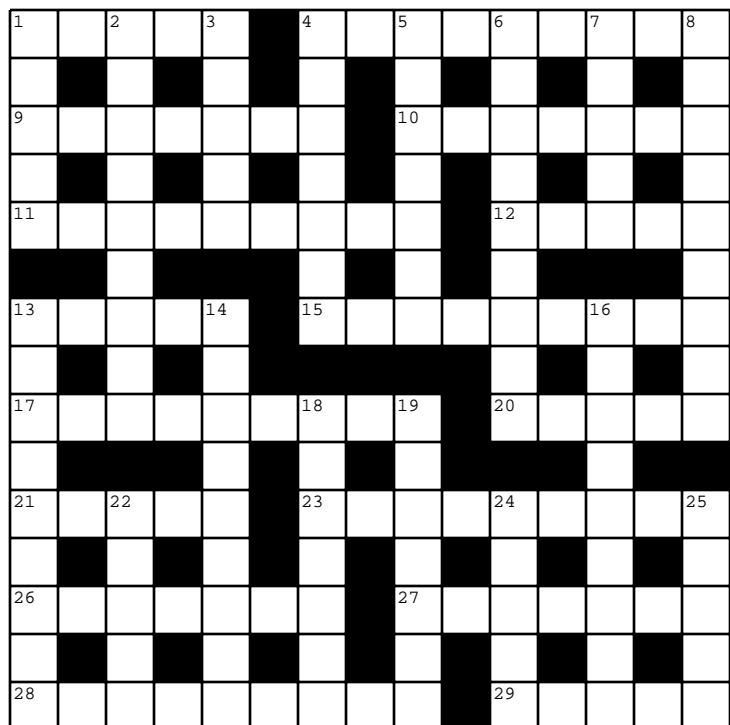
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| 9. TAINTED    | 3. RATIO      |
| 10. REREADS   | 4. HYDRA      |
| 11. MALDONADO | 5. CARTOONED  |
| 12. HASTE     | 6. NORtherly  |
| 13. NIGHT     | 7. YEARS      |
| 15. CONTRACTS | 8. DISPENSED  |
| 17. NEGLECTED | 13. NONVERBAL |
| 18. YIELD     | 14. TREBLINKA |
| 19. ETHEL     | 15. CYTOPLASM |
| 21. PRACTICAL | 16. CRESCENDI |
| 25. BONANZA   | 20. HINDU     |
| 26. PLANNED   | 22. ALPHA     |
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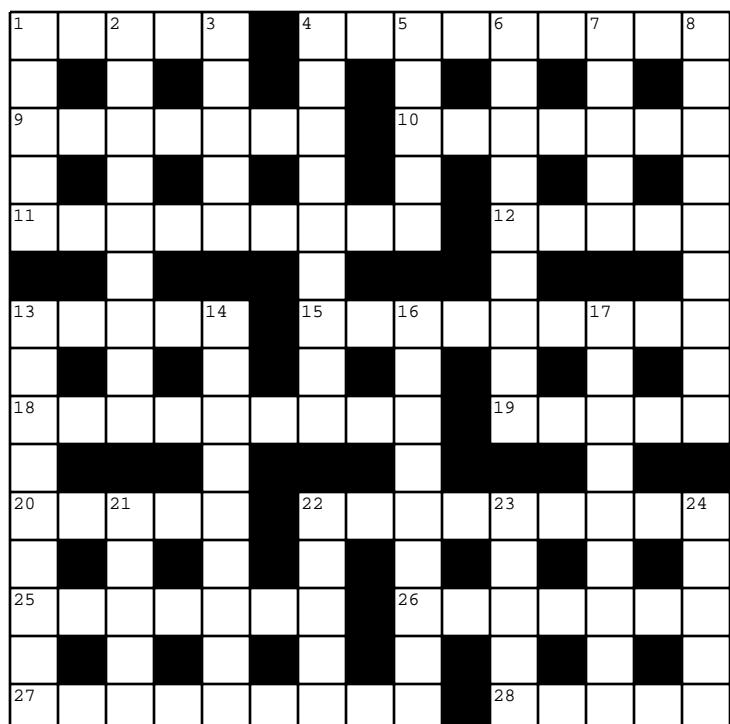
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| 4. SARCASTIC  | 2. MEGAHERTZ  |
| 9. TAGALOG    | 3. ABLER      |
| 10. PLACATE   | 4. SAGINAW    |
| 11. ADHERENTS | 5. RAPISTS    |
| 12. RELIC     | 6. ANAEROBIC  |
| 13. DIRER     | 7. TRAIL      |
| 15. WASHBASIN | 8. CRESCENDI  |
| 17. PIZZICATO | 13. DIPLOMATA |
| 20. CACTI     | 14. RHINOCERI |
| 21. OUTDO     | 16. SACCHARIN |
| 23. GODFATHER | 18. ANGUISH   |
| 26. ARACELI   | 19. ORDERED   |
| 27. REGARDS   | 22. TWANG     |
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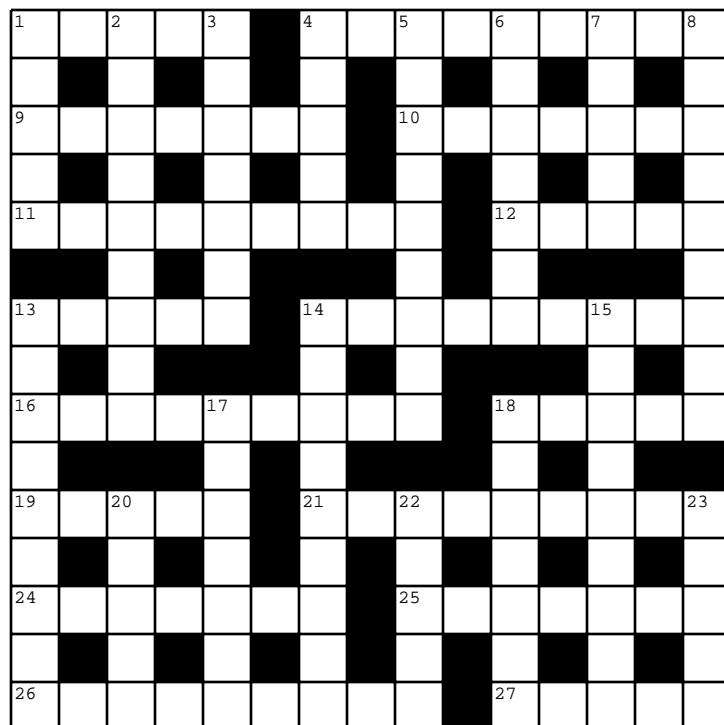
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| 9. PARAGON    | 3. NEGEV      |
| 10. DEFAULT   | 4. NONPROFIT  |
| 11. DELIVERED | 5. UNDID      |
| 12. CRYPT     | 6. AFFECTING  |
| 13. NEGRO     | 7. GAUDY      |
| 15. FROLICKED | 8. ATTITUDES  |
| 18. GALVESTON | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 19. GERMS     | 14. OVERBORNE |
| 20. THROB     | 16. OWNERSHIP |
| 22. FIREBOMBS | 17. KARAMAZOV |
| 25. LEMURIA   | 21. REMIT     |
| 26. HORIZON   | 22. FRANC     |
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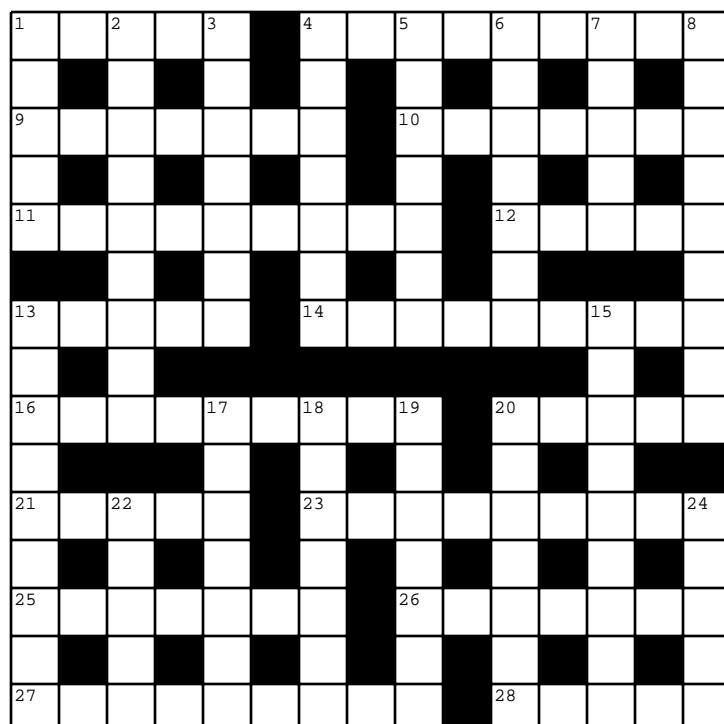
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| 4. IDIOMATIC  | 2. CRAGGIEST  |
| 9. SHAMPOO    | 3. DEPRESS    |
| 10. THUNDER   | 4. ICONS      |
| 11. AGGRESSOR | 5. INTERRUPT  |
| 12. ELLIS     | 6. MOUSERS    |
| 13. ABETS     | 7. TIDAL      |
| 14. GRUESOMER | 8. CORKSCREW  |
| 16. AUTOPILOT | 13. ANALGESIA |
| 18. PSHAW     | 14. GALLIVANT |
| 19. GAMER     | 15. MAHARISHI |
| 21. INTERPRET | 17. PERFORM   |
| 24. SARCOMA   | 18. PARVENU   |
| 25. UTENSIL   | 20. MERCY     |
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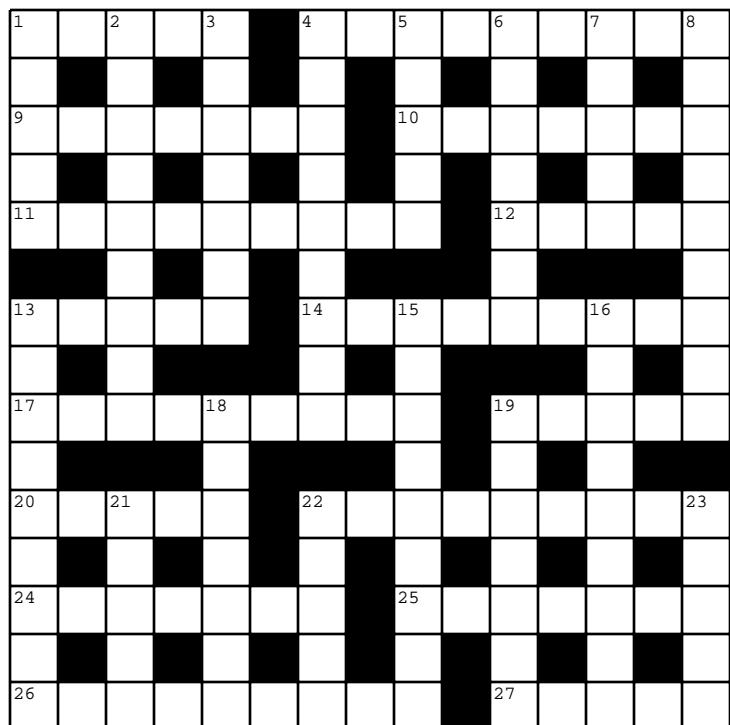
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| 9. CEDILLA    | 3. RELATES    |
| 10. BUMPIER   | 4. TRACHEA    |
| 11. STRETCHER | 5. EMBARGO    |
| 12. ABACI     | 6. TIMPANI    |
| 13. OBEYS     | 7. ELIZA      |
| 14. ABOLISHED | 8. HURRIEDLY  |
| 16. NIGHTCLUB | 13. OWNERSHIP |
| 20. ESSAY     | 15. HOSPITALS |
| 21. RECAP     | 17. TYPICAL   |
| 23. RESTRAINS | 18. LARDING   |
| 25. HITACHI   | 19. BASHFUL   |
| 26. FORBADE   | 20. EARDRUM   |
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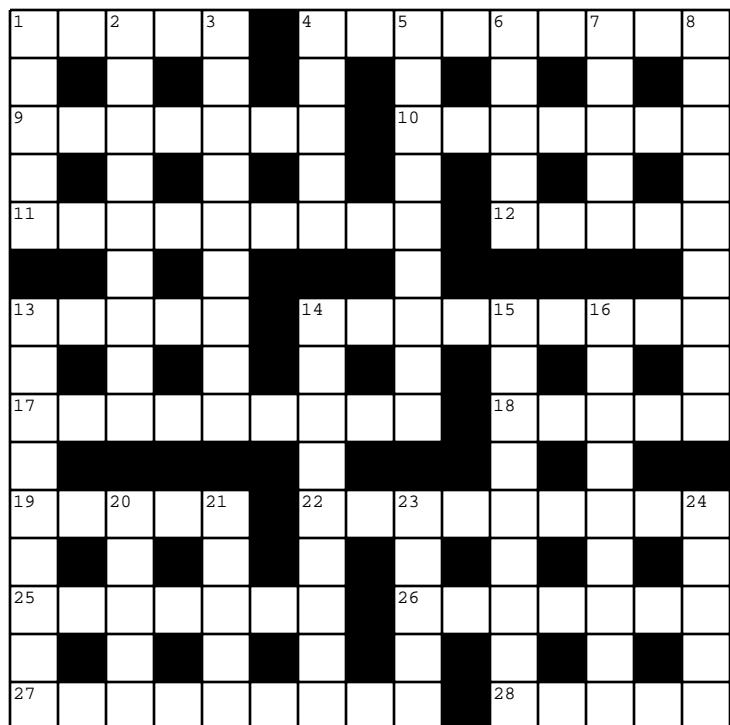
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| 9. CATALOG    | 3. COLTISH    |
| 10. AMPLIFY   | 4. NEGOTIATE  |
| 11. SERVIETTE | 5. GRAVE      |
| 12. CHEER     | 6. TOPICAL    |
| 13. CATCH     | 7. LOIRE      |
| 14. AVAILABLE | 8. BOYFRIEND  |
| 17. CUCUMBERS | 13. COCKSCOMB |
| 19. GORED     | 15. ABSTRACTS |
| 20. SKULL     | 16. BARRACUDA |
| 22. PARENTAGE | 18. MALACHI   |
| 24. OPTICAL   | 19. GINSENG   |
| 25. CHEQUER   | 21. UNTIL     |
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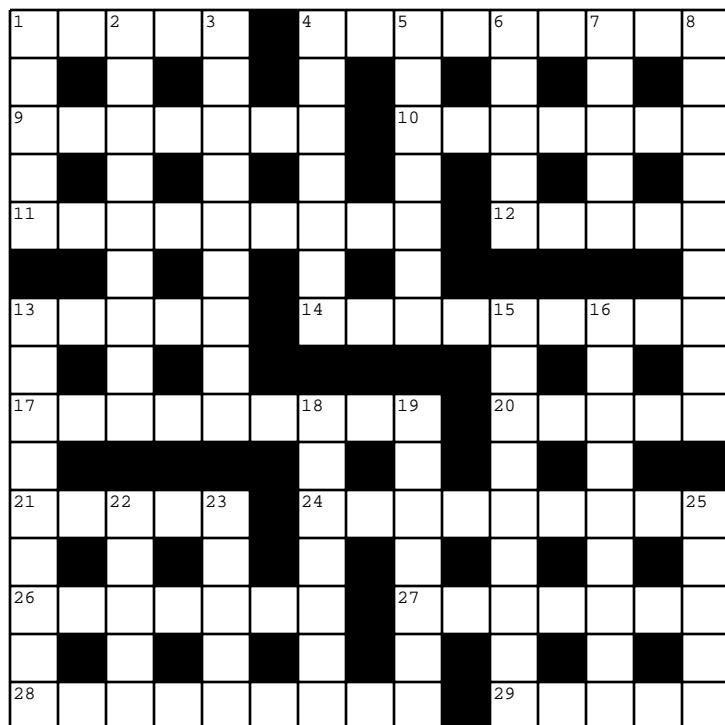
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| 9. HABITUE    | 3. INTERPRET  |
| 10. BRITAIN   | 4. CHEAT      |
| 11. ARTHRITIC | 5. IMBECILES  |
| 12. AISHA     | 6. ALISA      |
| 13. ABNER     | 7. TEAMS      |
| 14. POLICEMEN | 8. CONTAINED  |
| 17. APERTURES | 13. ANAEROBIC |
| 18. URNED     | 14. PARABLING |
| 19. RADIO     | 15. COURTSHIP |
| 22. BOUNTIFUL | 16. MANIFESTO |
| 25. BRONCHI   | 20. DROOP     |
| 26. SCHISMS   | 21. OCCUR     |
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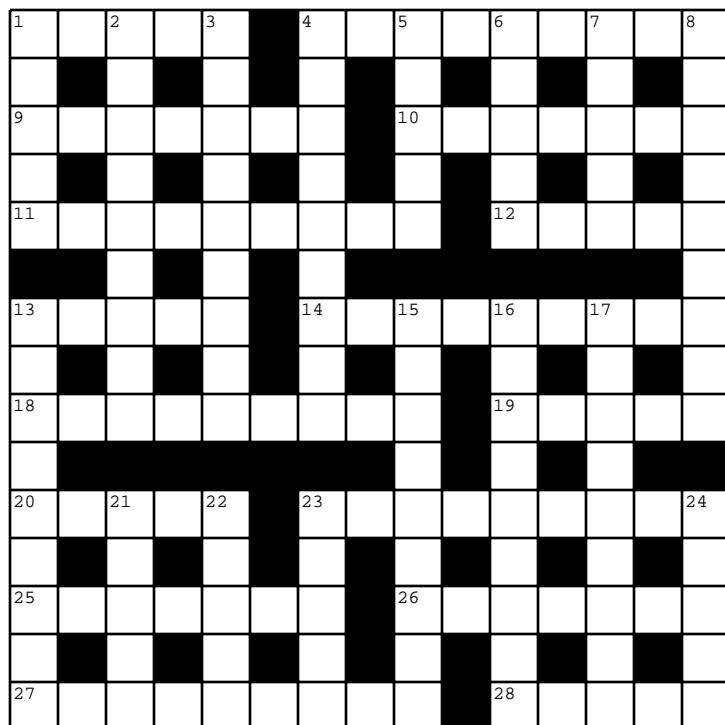
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| 9. RUNDOWN    | 3. BLOODSHOT  |
| 10. BADNESS   | 4. MINIBUS    |
| 11. AMENDABLE | 5. TABLEAU    |
| 12. THEIR     | 6. GODOT      |
| 13. HATCH     | 7. THERE      |
| 14. SQUABBLED | 8. DISCREDIT  |
| 17. NIGHTCLUB | 13. HONEYCOMB |
| 20. TIGHT     | 15. BUTTERCUP |
| 21. YARDS     | 16. LOGARITHM |
| 24. GEOMETRIC | 18. LOGGING   |
| 26. ORIGAMI   | 19. BOOTEES   |
| 27. EXCITES   | 22. RUING     |
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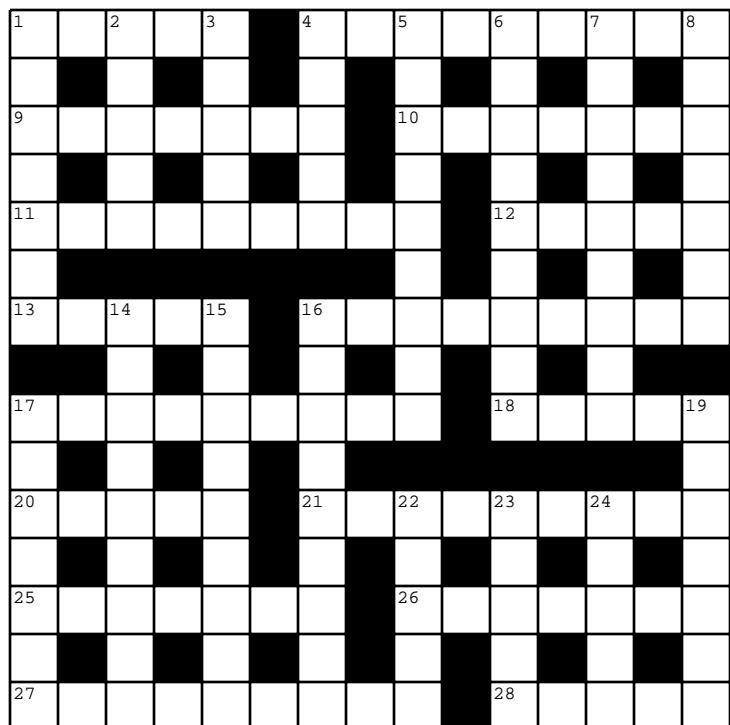
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| 9. ETRURIA    | 3. CURIOUSER  |
| 10. MULATTO   | 4. AGAMEMNON  |
| 11. HALLOWEEN | 5. OSMAN      |
| 12. SPRAY     | 6. GALLS      |
| 13. FLIES     | 7. INTER      |
| 14. NORTHEAST | 8. ECOSYSTEM  |
| 18. MEMORANDA | 13. FAMILIARS |
| 19. NAHUM     | 15. READJUSTS |
| 20. LOCAL     | 16. HONEYCOMB |
| 23. ENJOYABLE | 17. ATHABASCA |
| 25. ADVISER   | 21. COVET     |
| 26. SPONSOR   | 22. LOSER     |
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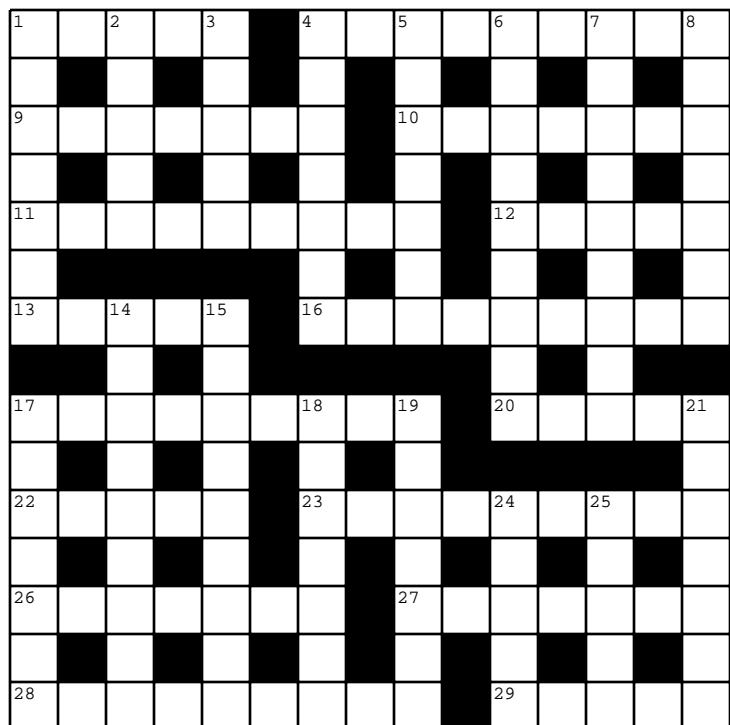
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| 9. PREPARE    | 3. LLANO      |
| 10. NIFTIER   | 4. STEEP      |
| 11. IMPROMPTU | 5. ANNOUNCED  |
| 12. LEILA     | 6. LIFELINES  |
| 13. DEBUG     | 7. PRIVILEGE  |
| 16. DECANTERS | 8. DORSALS    |
| 17. ATTRACTED | 14. BUTTERCUP |
| 18. SHEET     | 15. GLANDULAR |
| 20. EMEND     | 16. DETACHING |
| 21. COINCIDED | 17. ACERBIC   |
| 25. BACILLI   | 19. TIDYING   |
| 26. SPUMONI   | 22. INSET     |
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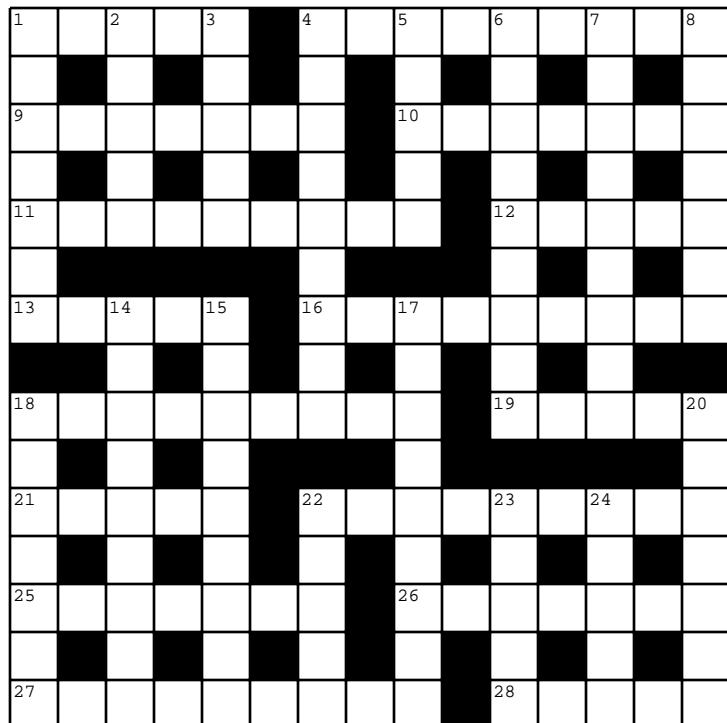
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| 10. FORTUNE   | 4. CRYPTIC    |
| 11. BAROMETER | 5. ENFORCE    |
| 12. ERASE     | 6. PERPETUAL  |
| 13. TILES     | 7. EMULATORS  |
| 16. CREDULOUS | 8. STEREOS    |
| 17. BOTANICAL | 14. LATERALED |
| 20. LASER     | 15. SYNTACTIC |
| 22. LARVA     | 17. BELUSHI   |
| 23. IDOLIZING | 18. CHIDDEN   |
| 26. SALUTED   | 19. LOOSELY   |
| 27. ETERNAL   | 21. REGALED   |
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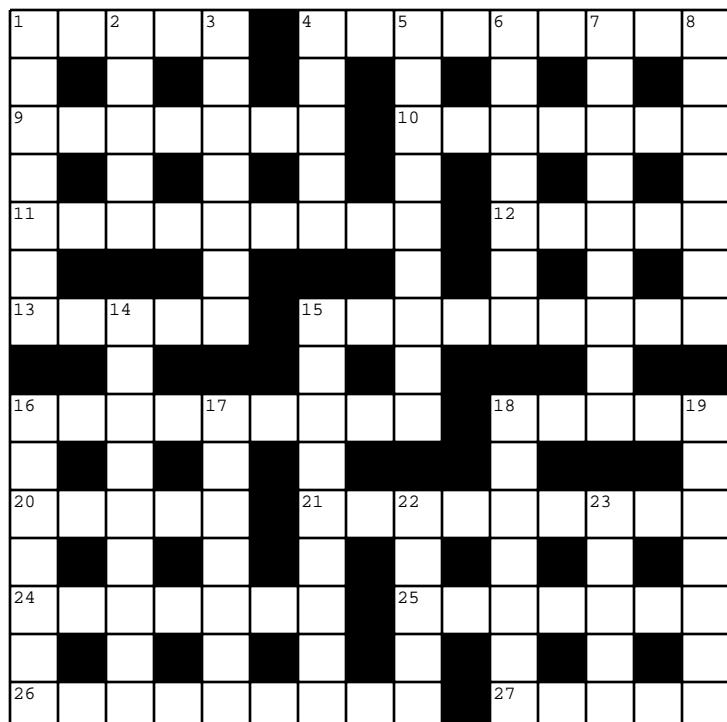
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| 4. CASTANEDA  | 2. FRANC      |
| 9. ANAGRAM    | 3. ATRIA      |
| 10. FATEFUL   | 4. COMPONENT  |
| 11. DICTATORS | 5. SAFES      |
| 12. PACED     | 6. ANTIPASTO  |
| 13. REIGN     | 7. EFFECTIVE  |
| 16. EMBASSIES | 8. ALLUDES    |
| 18. FRAUGHTED | 14. IMAGINING |
| 19. OPENS     | 15. NEGLECTED |
| 21. JUICE     | 17. BUDWEISER |
| 22. REEDUCATE | 18. FUJITSU   |
| 25. TWISTED   | 20. SCENERY   |
| 26. SEIZURE   | 22. RADII     |
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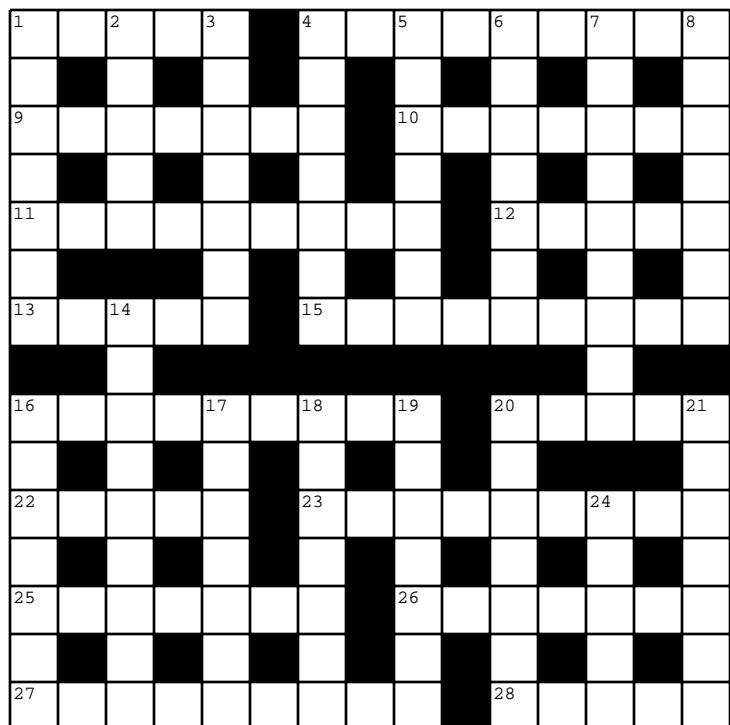
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| 10. DOCTORS   | 4. CREDO      |
| 11. HONEYCOMB | 5. GADABOUTS  |
| 12. AISLE     | 6. RECLAIM    |
| 13. GIFTS     | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 15. CHUMMIES  | 8. EASIEST    |
| 16. CATACOMBS | 14. FATIGUING |
| 18. THUMB     | 15. COMPLYING |
| 20. RIGHT     | 16. CORNCOB   |
| 21. LIFELINES | 17. COTONOU   |
| 24. CHIANTI   | 18. TALENTS   |
| 25. RENAMED   | 19. BESIDES   |
| 26. BEGRUDGED | 22. FIRED     |
| 27. STIRS     | 23. NIMBI     |



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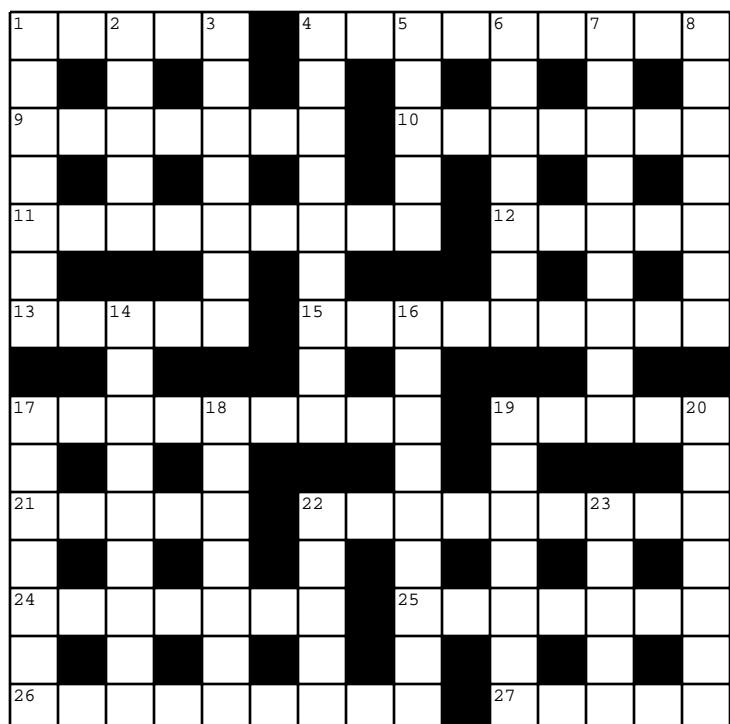
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| 1. CHEAP      | 1. CLAPPER    |
| 4. ALLIANCES  | 2. EMACS      |
| 9. ADAPTOR    | 3. PITFALL    |
| 10. PARVENU   | 4. AIRSHIP    |
| 11. PISTACHIO | 5. LAPTOPS    |
| 12. RACED     | 6. AIRDROP    |
| 13. RURAL     | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 15. POSTPONED | 8. SOUNDED    |
| 16. DISCHARGE | 14. ROSENBERG |
| 20. SHIRT     | 16. DECIBEL   |
| 22. CANON     | 17. HANDIER   |
| 23. CORPUSCLE | 18. RICHEST   |
| 25. BEEHIVE   | 19. EARDRUM   |
| 26. RECYCLE   | 20. SOURCES   |
| 27. LOGARITHM | 21. THEREOF   |
| 28. STAFF     | 24. COCOA     |



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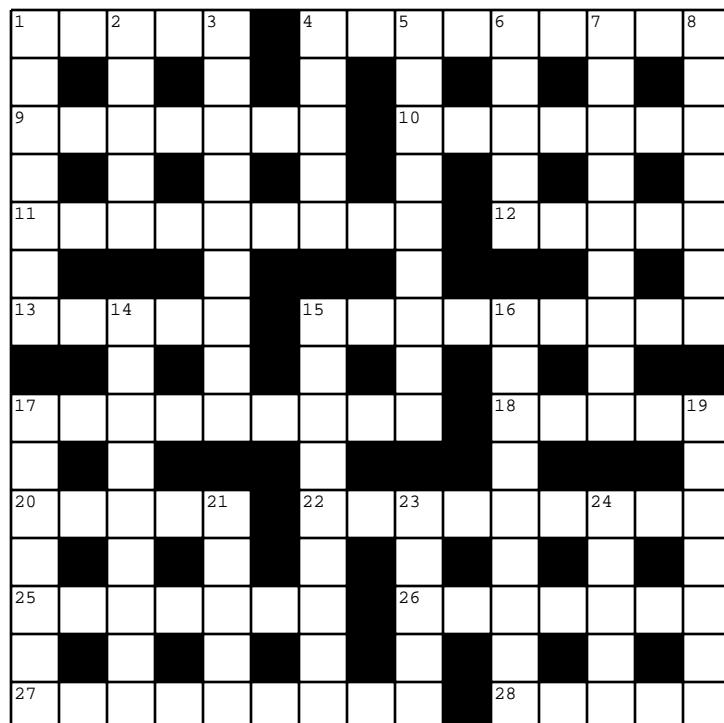
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| 1. PLUMB      | 1. PASTELS    |
| 4. ALTERABLE  | 2. USAGE      |
| 9. SCARLET    | 3. BOLOGNA    |
| 10. DAWDLED   | 4. ATTENDANT  |
| 11. EMERGENCY | 5. TODAY      |
| 12. IDLER     | 6. REWRITE    |
| 13. SENNA     | 7. BALALAIKA  |
| 15. ATHLETICS | 8. ENDURES    |
| 17. ANECDOTAL | 14. NEEDINESS |
| 19. BRAKE     | 16. HILLSIDES |
| 21. AMIGA     | 17. ANASAZI   |
| 22. RESTRICTS | 18. DRACULA   |
| 24. ASEXUAL   | 19. BORROWS   |
| 25. DOORMAN   | 20. ESSENCE   |
| 26. INSTANCES | 22. RELIC     |
| 27. SHADE     | 23. COMMA     |



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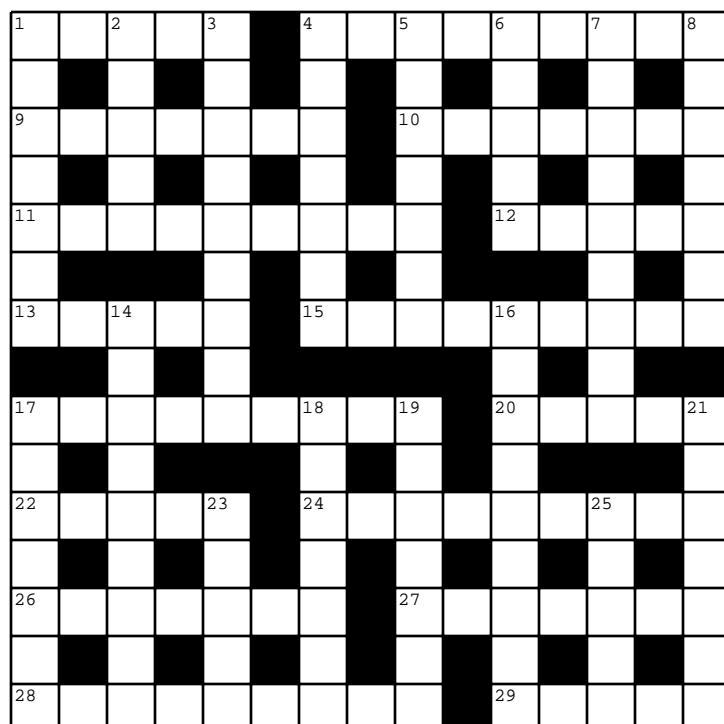
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| 1. AVOID      | 1. ATTEMPT    |
| 4. SABOTEURS  | 2. ONION      |
| 9. TRIMMED    | 3. DAMNATION  |
| 10. THUDDED   | 4. SIDED      |
| 11. MANHANDLE | 5. BUTTERFLY  |
| 12. RURAL     | 6. TRUER      |
| 13. TEMPI     | 7. UNDERLAIN  |
| 15. OFFICIALS | 8. SADDLES    |
| 17. STRANGELY | 14. MORTALITY |
| 18. RENEW     | 15. OVERBORNE |
| 20. REALM     | 16. CARCINOMA |
| 22. BARRICADE | 17. SCRIBES   |
| 25. BRIEFER   | 19. WHEREAS   |
| 26. PROFILE   | 21. MUFTI     |
| 27. SKYDIVERS | 23. RAPES     |
| 28. AMISS     | 24. ALIBI     |



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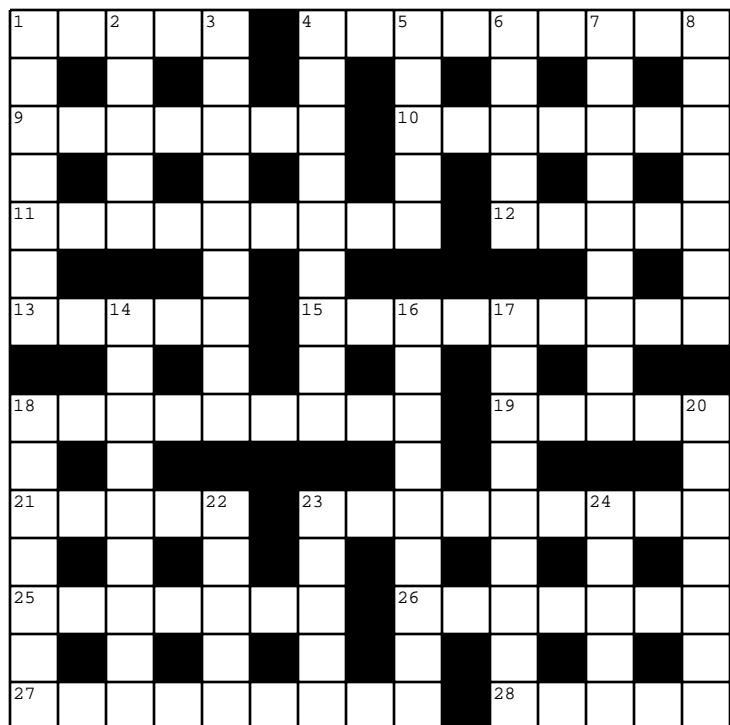
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| 1. MAORI      | 1. MALICES    |
| 4. DIAGONALS  | 2. ORGAN      |
| 9. LEGIBLE    | 3. IMBROGLIO  |
| 10. EMERGED   | 4. DREAMED    |
| 11. CONFORMED | 5. AMENDED    |
| 12. AURAL     | 6. OPERA      |
| 13. SKULL     | 7. ALGORITHM  |
| 15. DEDICATES | 8. SADDLES    |
| 17. POTPOURRI | 14. UNTANGLED |
| 20. TEMPI     | 16. CATHEDRAL |
| 22. OWNED     | 17. PROGRAM   |
| 24. BUTTERCUP | 18. REBINDS   |
| 26. RELEARN   | 19. INTENDS   |
| 27. NIRVANA   | 21. IMPEACH   |
| 28. MADHOUSES | 23. DRANO     |
| 29. LUNCH     | 25. CHAIN     |



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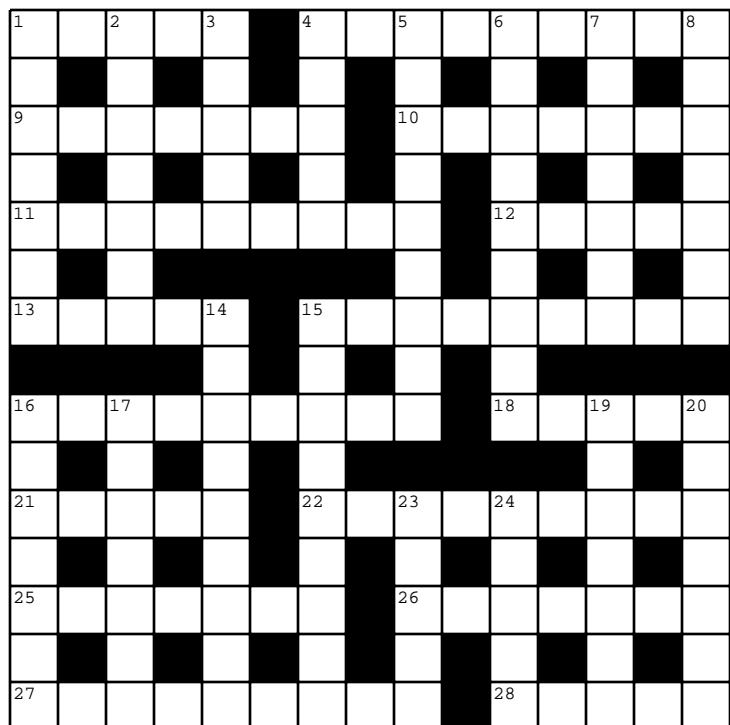
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| 4. DRAFTSMEN  | 2. INCUR      |
| 9. ORCHIDS    | 3. GLISSANDI  |
| 10. LANZHOU   | 4. DISAVOWED  |
| 11. ABRASIVES | 5. ABLES      |
| 12. RARER     | 6. TENOR      |
| 13. DROWN     | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 15. WASHBASIN | 8. NEUTRON    |
| 18. FORBIDDEN | 14. OURSELVES |
| 19. OWING     | 16. SENTENCES |
| 21. NEEDY     | 17. BOOTSTRAP |
| 23. BLESSEDER | 18. FINANCE   |
| 25. NOVELTY   | 20. GIRAFFE   |
| 26. CARDIFF   | 22. YALOW     |
| 27. EASTWARDS | 23. BUYER     |
| 28. PARSE     | 24. DRIER     |



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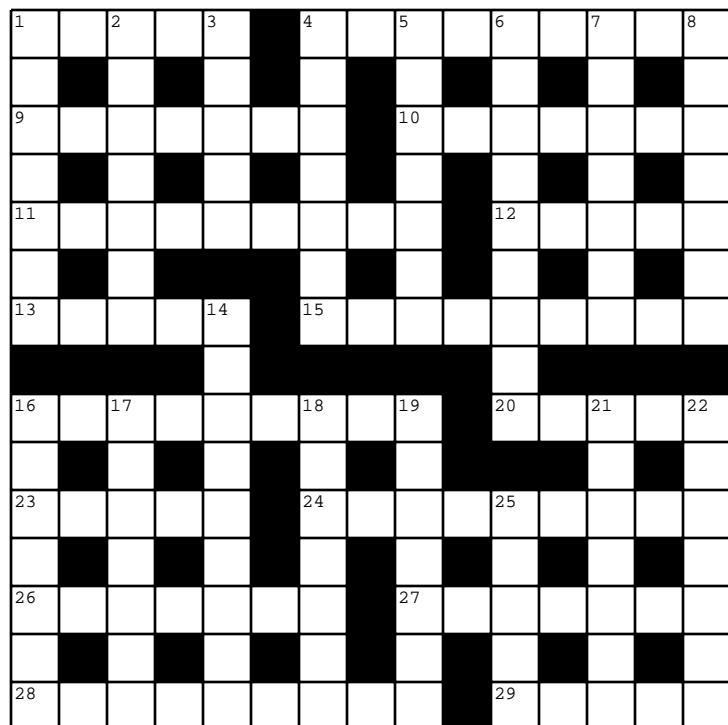
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| 1. ASPIC      | 1. ASPHALT    |
| 4. RECYCLING  | 2. PROSPER    |
| 9. PROVERB    | 3. CHERI      |
| 10. NARWHAL   | 4. ROBOT      |
| 11. APPOINTEE | 5. CONCEIVES  |
| 12. SERVO     | 6. CORKSCREW  |
| 13. THROW     | 7. INHERIT    |
| 15. FAVORITES | 8. GALLOPS    |
| 16. BEFRIENDS | 14. WHISTLING |
| 18. WOMEN     | 15. FINANCIAL |
| 21. CHEST     | 16. BECOMES   |
| 22. NETWORKED | 17. FREEZER   |
| 25. MAZZINI   | 19. MAKEUPS   |
| 26. RECOUPs   | 20. NU迪STS    |
| 27. STRUGGLED | 23. TYRED     |
| 28. RESTS     | 24. OCCUR     |



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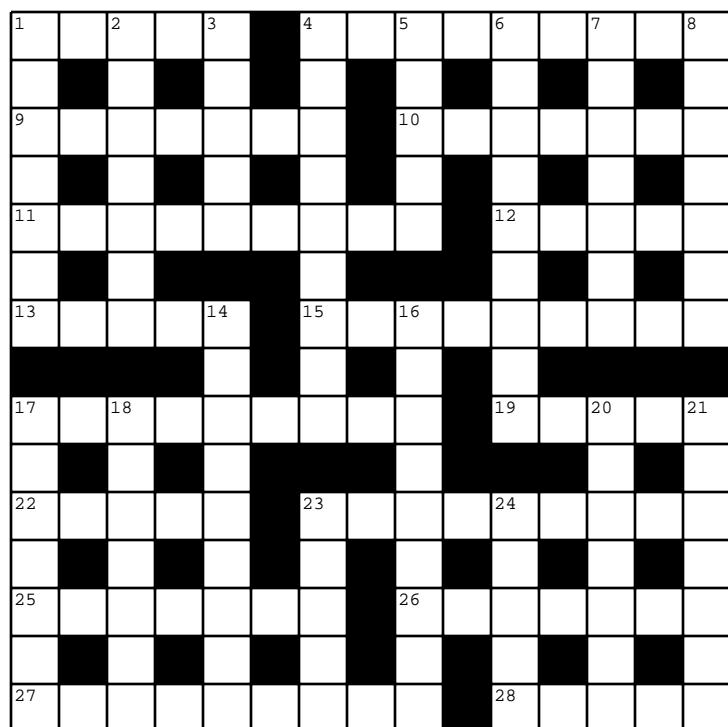
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| 1. DEPTH      | 1. DECIBEL    |
| 4. MATCHLESS  | 2. PROVERB    |
| 9. CLOGGED    | 3. HOGAN      |
| 10. ANNUITY   | 4. MIDWAYS    |
| 11. BIENNIALS | 5. TRANSOM    |
| 12. YUCCA     | 6. HONEYCOMB  |
| 13. LABEL     | 7. EVINCES    |
| 15. SUMMONSES | 8. SKYCAPS    |
| 16. CHIEFTAIN | 14. LIFESTYLE |
| 20. BURNT     | 16. CARPETS   |
| 23. RISKS     | 17. INSISTS   |
| 24. AGGRESSOR | 18. AWARDED   |
| 26. ESSAYED   | 19. NEGATED   |
| 27. TARTANS   | 21. RESTART   |
| 28. SUSPENDED | 22. THRUSTS   |
| 29. SITES     | 25. EARLS     |



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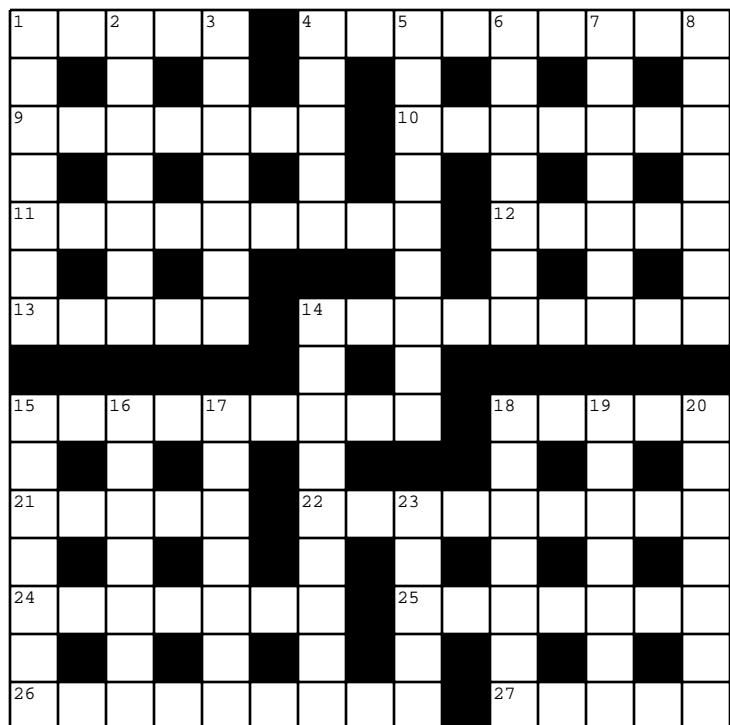
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| 1. CAROL      | 1. CHECKUP    |
| 4. DISASTERS  | 2. REMODEL    |
| 9. ERMINES    | 3. LINDA      |
| 10. ENQUIRE   | 4. DISAPPEAR  |
| 11. KIDNAPPER | 5. STEER      |
| 12. EBOLA     | 6. SEQUENCES  |
| 13. PILLS     | 7. EPISODE    |
| 15. EFFICIENT | 8. STEWART    |
| 17. CYCLOTRON | 14. SNOWDRIFT |
| 19. STAND     | 16. FINALISES |
| 22. WORLD     | 17. COWERED   |
| 23. TOLERATES | 18. CARIBOU   |
| 25. RUBBISH   | 20. ANTEING   |
| 26. SOBBING   | 21. DESIGNS   |
| 27. DOUBTLESS | 23. TAHOE     |
| 28. DEGAS     | 24. RABID     |



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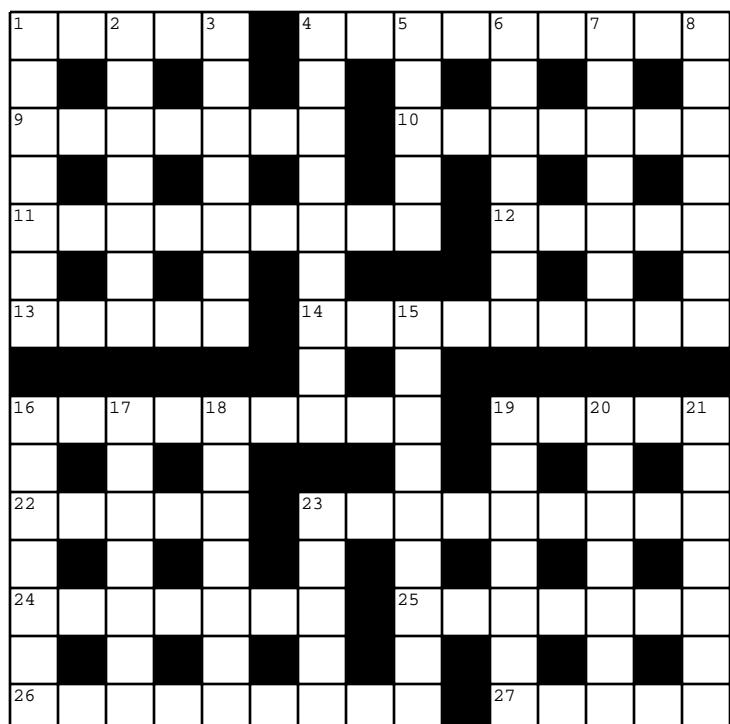
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| 1. BLIMP      | 1. BUFFOON    |
| 4. BEAVERING  | 2. IMPETUS    |
| 9. FOPPISH    | 3. PRIVACY    |
| 10. THRIVED   | 4. BAHAI      |
| 11. OUTRAGING | 5. AUTOGRAPH  |
| 12. OUTRE     | 6. EARLOBE    |
| 13. NASTY     | 7. INVITES    |
| 14. TRAVERSES | 8. GADGETS    |
| 15. LOINCLOTH | 14. TOOTHACHE |
| 18. BEBOP     | 15. LOUNGED   |
| 21. UNDUE     | 16. INDENTS   |
| 22. HEAVINESS | 17. CLEARER   |
| 24. GENERIC   | 18. BLISSES   |
| 25. INSPECT   | 19. BEEPERS   |
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| 27. SISES     | 23. ALIAS     |



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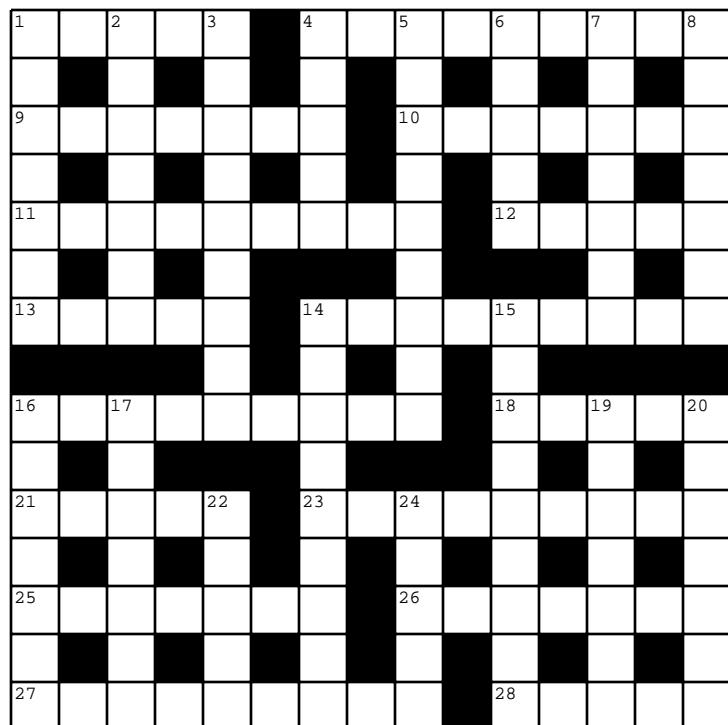
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| 1. CLIMB      | 1. COBBLER    |
| 4. TEDIOUSLY  | 2. INERTIA    |
| 9. BEESWAX    | 3. BEWITCH    |
| 10. ADJOURN   | 4. TAXIDERMY  |
| 11. LATITUDES | 5. DIALS      |
| 12. CROCI     | 6. OBJECTS    |
| 13. REACH     | 7. SPUMONI    |
| 14. REHASHING | 8. YANKING    |
| 16. PORTRAYED | 15. HIDEOUSLY |
| 19. AMBER     | 16. PERSONA   |
| 22. RULED     | 17. RELIANT   |
| 23. KNOCKOUTS | 18. RODOLFO   |
| 24. ORACLES   | 19. ASKANCE   |
| 25. SANDBAG   | 20. BLUBBER   |
| 26. AUTHORITY | 21. RESIGNS   |
| 27. EARNS     | 23. KASAI     |



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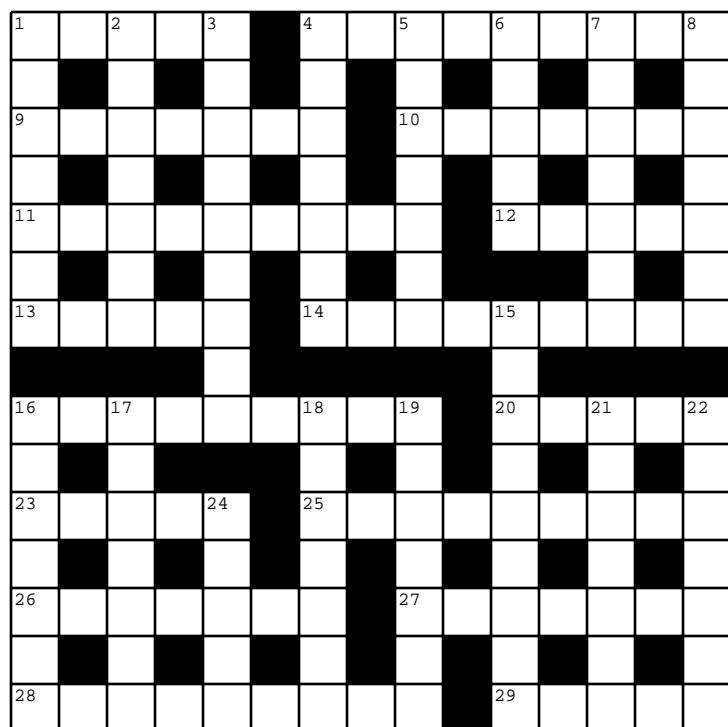
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| 1. SOBER      | 1. SUBWAYS    |
| 4. REACTIONS  | 2. BRONCHI    |
| 9. BLOOMED    | 3. REMINDERS  |
| 10. RELATED   | 4. RADII      |
| 11. ASCENDING | 5. ARROGANCE  |
| 12. EMCEE     | 6. TILDE      |
| 13. SPITE     | 7. OPTICAL    |
| 14. TANGIBLES | 8. SADDENS    |
| 16. PLAUSIBLE | 14. TABULATED |
| 18. PIZZA     | 15. IMPROVISE |
| 21. LATHS     | 16. POLEMIC   |
| 23. LAMPOONED | 17. ANTIGEN   |
| 25. MIGRANT   | 19. ZINCKED   |
| 26. CHICKEN   | 20. ANDANTE   |
| 27. CONCLUDED | 22. SMALL     |
| 28. ENDUE     | 24. MACED     |



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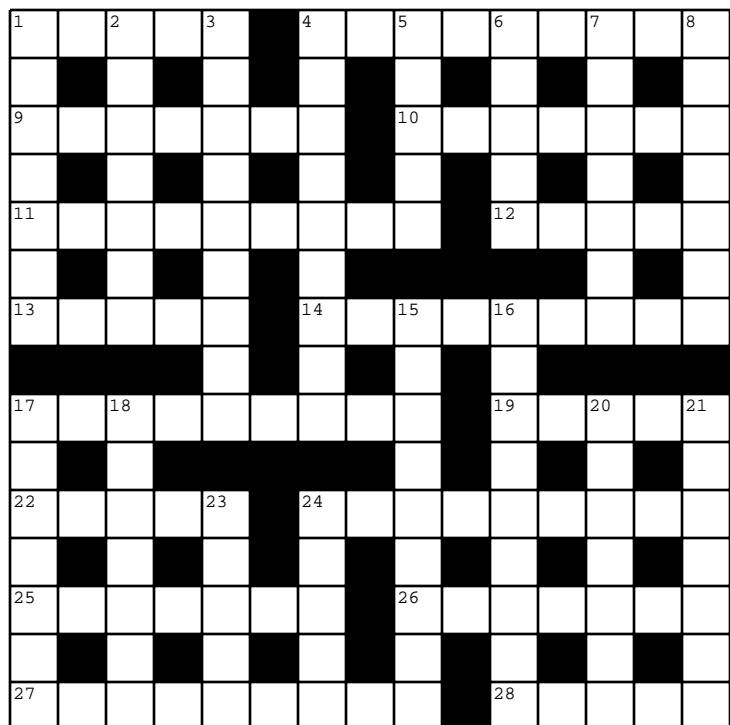
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| 4. CABLEGRAM  | 2. UNCOVER    |
| 9. NICOSIA    | 3. BASEBALLS  |
| 10. ARRIVED   | 4. CHAIRED    |
| 11. LOVEBIRDS | 5. BIASSSED   |
| 12. RAOUL     | 6. ERROR      |
| 13. RURAL     | 7. RAVIOLI    |
| 14. DEDUCTION | 8. MADELYN    |
| 16. DECISIONS | 15. COMMUNITY |
| 20. MASTS     | 16. DUTIFUL   |
| 23. TAPER     | 17. COPYCAT   |
| 25. EVOLUTION | 18. OVERALL   |
| 26. FUCHSIA   | 19. SCOOPED   |
| 27. POISONS   | 21. SHIKOKU   |
| 28. LATERALED | 22. SINUSES   |
| 29. YOURS     | 24. RISER     |



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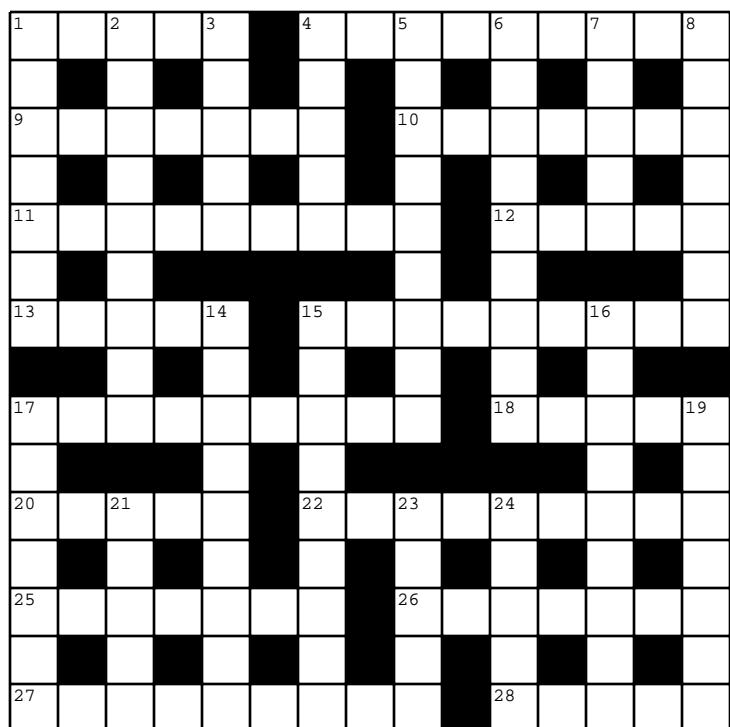
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| 4. KEYSTONES  | 2. EXTREME    |
| 9. ACTIVES    | 3. ENVELOPED  |
| 10. UNKEMPT   | 4. KISSINGER  |
| 11. OVERLYING | 5. YOUNG      |
| 12. NINES     | 6. TOKEN      |
| 13. SLEEP     | 7. NOMINAL    |
| 14. GRADUALLY | 8. SATISFY    |
| 17. FOUNDERED | 15. AUDITIONS |
| 19. ENNUI     | 16. UNETHICAL |
| 22. INCUR     | 17. FAINTED   |
| 24. MATCHLESS | 18. UNCANNY   |
| 25. TANTRUM   | 20. NEEDING   |
| 26. ORCHIDS   | 21. INSISTS   |
| 27. DAYDREAMS | 23. RARER     |
| 28. LOGOS     | 24. MOMMA     |



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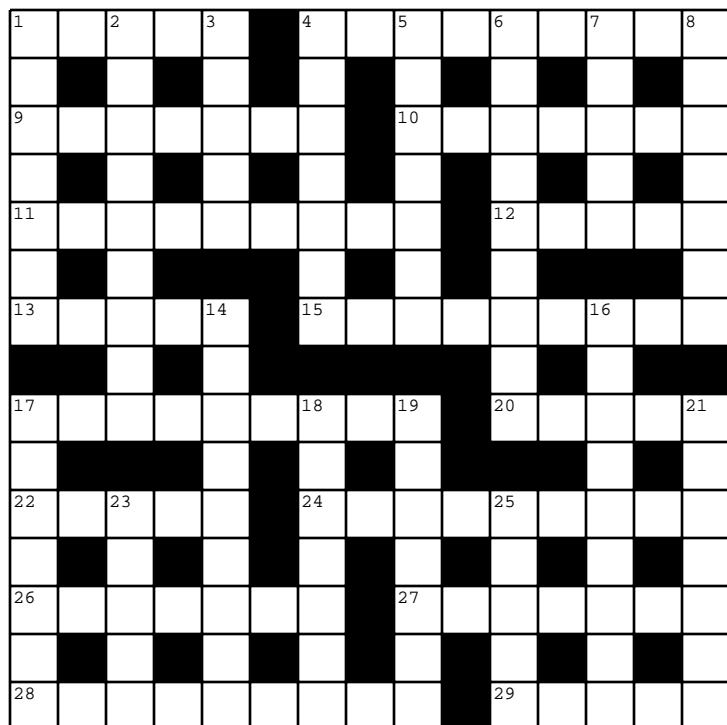
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| 1. SPASM      | 1. SKIMMED    |
| 4. BROACHING  | 2. APPRAISAL  |
| 9. IMPEACH    | 3. MIAOW      |
| 10. TENSION   | 4. BAHAI      |
| 11. MEANWHILE | 5. OUTWEIGHS  |
| 12. TEMPT     | 6. CONSTANTS  |
| 13. DISCS     | 7. IDIOM      |
| 15. ERGONOMIC | 8. GENETIC    |
| 17. DELIRIUMS | 14. SERENGETI |
| 18. SINGS     | 15. EDUCATION |
| 20. SUSAN     | 16. MENDELEEV |
| 22. AGREEMENT | 17. DISTAFF   |
| 25. ARACELI   | 19. SATCHEL   |
| 26. REFRESH   | 21. STAIR     |
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| 28. NOVEL     | 24. ELFIN     |



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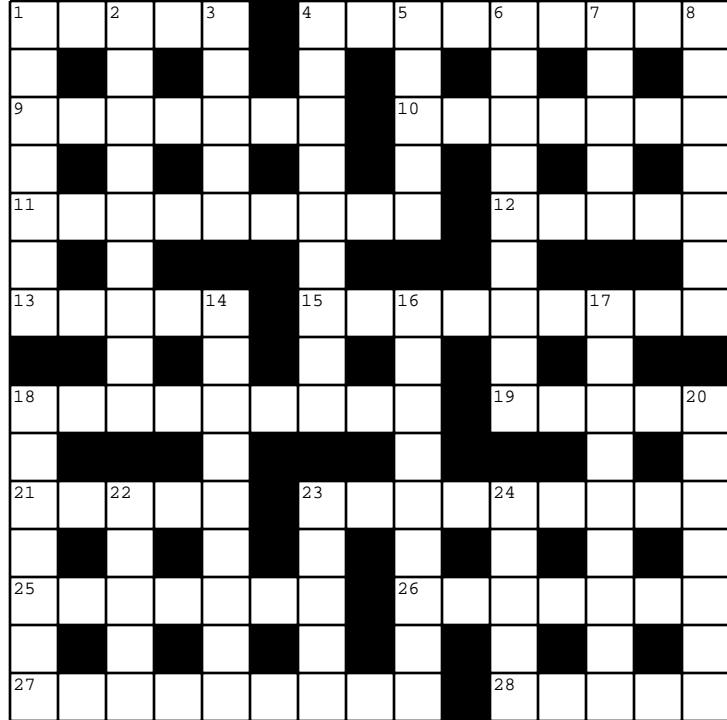
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| 1. FIBER      | 1. FREEING    |
| 4. VAI��LORY  | 2. BOOMERANG  |
| 9. EGOISTS    | 3. RESET      |
| 10. NOMINAL   | 4. VISCEERA   |
| 11. INEPTNESS | 5. IONISES    |
| 12. AUDIO     | 6. GYMNASIUM  |
| 13. GUAVA     | 7. OWNED      |
| 15. ABSCISSAS | 8. YELLOWS    |
| 17. NIGHTCLUB | 14. ARTHRITIS |
| 20. MAYOR     | 16. SKYROCKET |
| 22. TENOR     | 17. NOTABLE   |
| 24. RAINSTORM | 18. LURKING   |
| 26. BUGATTI   | 19. BLINKED   |
| 27. KHARKOV   | 21. REMOVAL   |
| 28. ENVISAGED | 23. NEGEV     |
| 29. FATAL     | 25. SCARF     |



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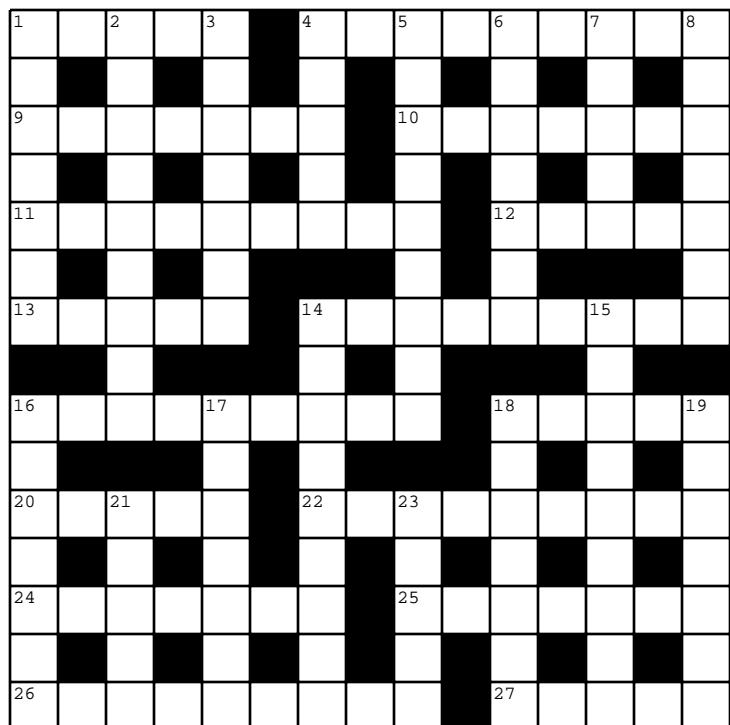
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| 4. FLAGSHIPS  | 2. AMAZINGLY  |
| 9. OPAQUER    | 3. KHUFU      |
| 10. ANGULAR   | 4. FORGETFUL  |
| 11. EPICUREAN | 5. AGAIN      |
| 12. AUDRA     | 6. SIGNALING  |
| 13. BEGAN     | 7. IDLED      |
| 15. FASCINATE | 8. SURFACE    |
| 18. JOYFULLER | 14. NAUGHTIER |
| 19. GETUP     | 16. SORROWFUL |
| 21. LUNCH     | 17. ANTIPASTI |
| 23. BIOGRAPHY | 18. JULIANA   |
| 25. ANGUISH   | 20. PAYMENT   |
| 26. FINESSE   | 22. NEGEV     |
| 27. ADVERBIAL | 23. BAHAI     |
| 28. EXIST     | 24. RANGE     |



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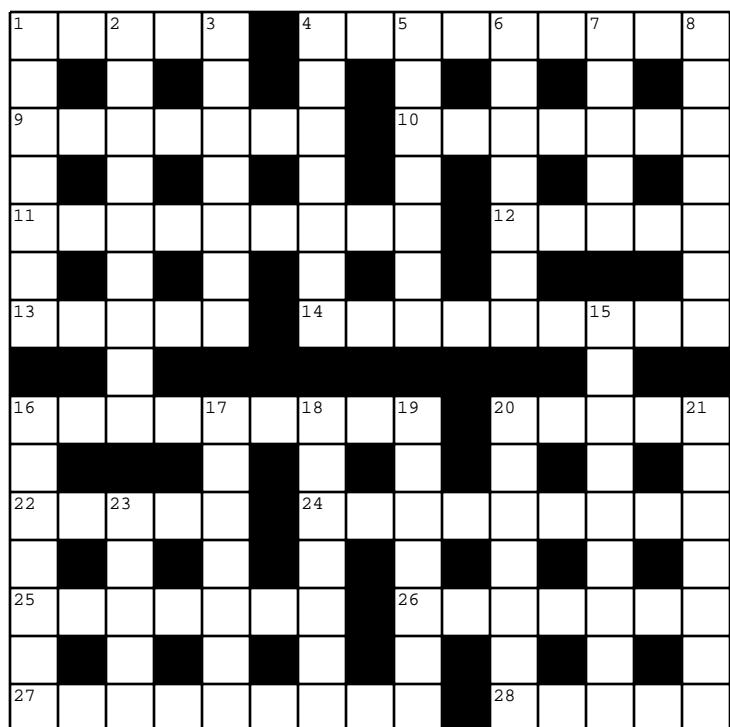
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| 1. FACED      | 1. FLAPPED    |
| 4. BODYGUARD  | 2. CENTRALER  |
| 9. ANNUALS    | 3. DWARFED    |
| 10. SHAMPOO   | 4. BASIL      |
| 11. PORTFOLIO | 5. DISCOURSE  |
| 12. DRAIN     | 6. GRANDPA    |
| 13. DOLED     | 7. ALPHA      |
| 14. FOREARMED | 8. DROWNED    |
| 16. CORRELATE | 14. FRAMEWORK |
| 18. FATED     | 15. MATCHBOOK |
| 20. ADELE     | 16. CHAOTIC   |
| 22. EYELASHES | 17. ENEMATA   |
| 24. TORNADO   | 18. FEARFUL   |
| 25. TEFLONS   | 19. DESISTS   |
| 26. CARJACKER | 21. ERROR     |
| 27. LIKES     | 23. ENTER     |



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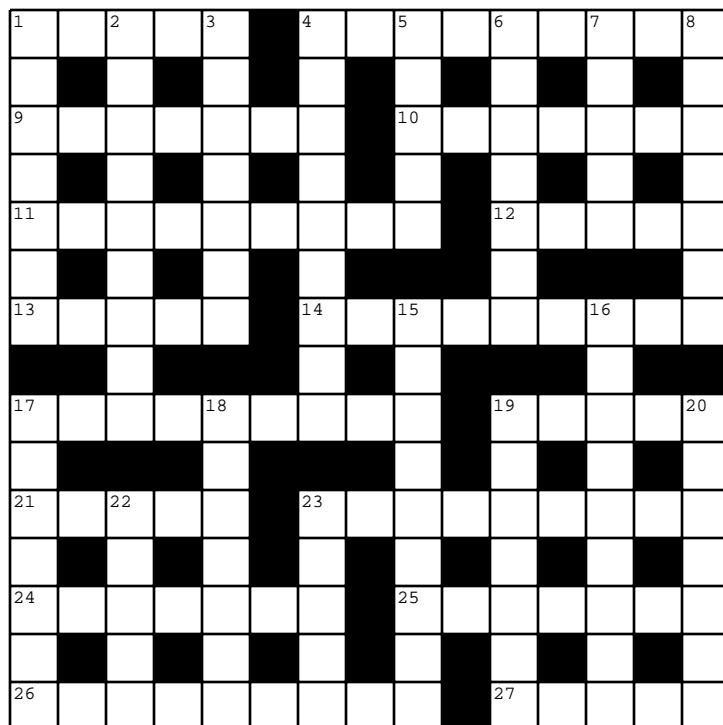
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| 1. ABBES      | 1. ARMSFUL    |
| 4. FIREPLACE  | 2. BELONGING  |
| 9. MILLION    | 3. SPINACH    |
| 10. CZARINA   | 4. FANCIER    |
| 11. FANTASIES | 5. RACISTS    |
| 12. EQUAL     | 6. PLATEAU    |
| 13. LEIGH     | 7. ADIEU      |
| 14. RESOURCES | 8. ENABLES    |
| 16. NIGHTCLUB | 15. CARCINOMA |
| 20. LYRIC     | 16. NOURISH   |
| 22. USAGE     | 17. THEREOF   |
| 24. ECONOMIST | 18. LEERIER   |
| 25. ISRAELI   | 19. BROUGHT   |
| 26. GRANOLA   | 20. LEOPARD   |
| 27. HEADFIRST | 21. CUTBACK   |
| 28. DRANK     | 23. AORTA     |



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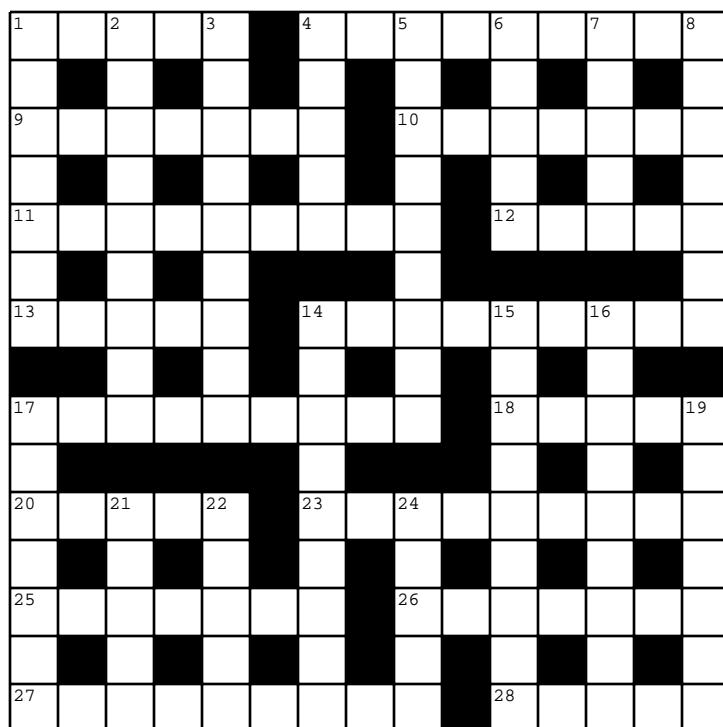
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| 1. AWFUL      | 1. AROUSED    |
| 4. BACKPACKS  | 2. FRIGHTENS  |
| 9. ORIGAMI    | 3. LEAKAGE    |
| 10. TERMINI   | 4. BLIZZARDS  |
| 11. SCHNAUZER | 5. CATER      |
| 12. INFER     | 6. PORTICO    |
| 13. DEERE     | 7. CHIEF      |
| 14. RESPONDED | 8. STIRRED    |
| 17. DISGUISED | 15. SEDUCTIVE |
| 19. CASED     | 16. DYSPEPSIA |
| 21. LEVEE     | 17. DELIGHT   |
| 23. DECANTERS | 18. USELESS   |
| 24. GENTEEEL  | 19. CANASTA   |
| 25. INSISTS   | 20. DESISTS   |
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| 27. AWAYS     | 23. DELTA     |



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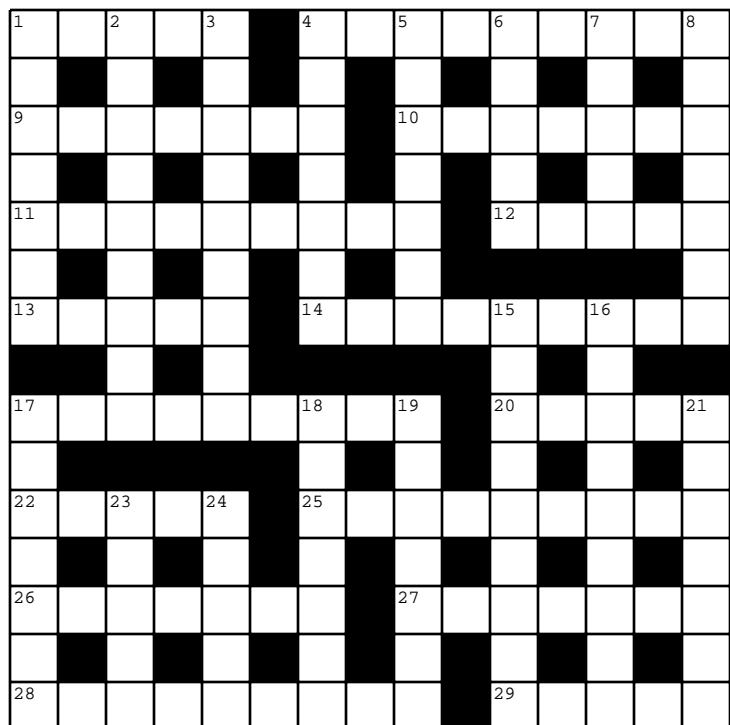
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| 1. ARGON       | 1. ALBUMEN    |
| 4. BLACKJACK   | 2. GENERATOR  |
| 9. BANANAS     | 3. NINETIETH  |
| 10. SANDIER    | 4. BASER      |
| 11. MORATORIA  | 5. ABSTAINED  |
| 12. ABACK      | 6. KINDA      |
| 13. NITRE      | 7. ALISA      |
| 14. CANONICAL  | 8. KARAKUL    |
| 17. MARSHALDED | 14. CELESTIAL |
| 18. GRAND      | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 20. NEGEV      | 16. COALITION |
| 23. SHINTOISM  | 17. MINICAM   |
| 25. CADUCEI    | 19. DEMANDS   |
| 26. MILLION    | 21. GODEL     |
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| 28. BINDS      | 24. IAMBS     |



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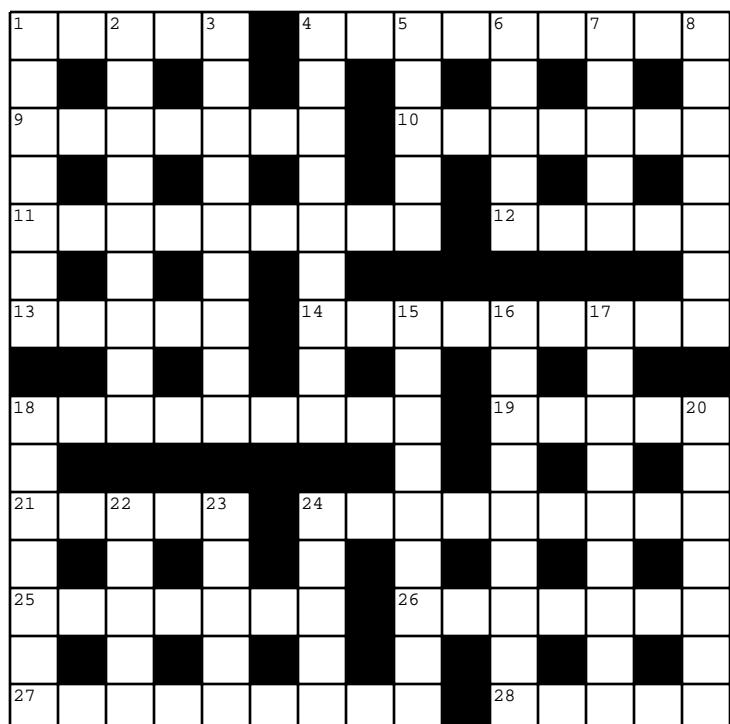
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| 4. SLAUGHTER  | 2. IGNORAMUS  |
| 9. SYNONYM    | 3. FINANCIER  |
| 10. VAGINAL   | 4. SOMEONE    |
| 11. ERRONEOUS | 5. ADVISOR    |
| 12. DETOX     | 6. GAGED      |
| 13. TEMPI     | 7. TENET      |
| 14. EUROPEANS | 8. RELAXES    |
| 17. DESCRIBED | 15. PRAGMATIC |
| 20. ASAMA     | 16. AMATERASU |
| 22. GASPS     | 17. DIGRAPH   |
| 25. CRUMMIEST | 18. BUCKING   |
| 26. ARACELI   | 19. DOUREST   |
| 27. ESTRADA   | 21. ATTRACT   |
| 28. HIGHLIGHT | 23. SLANG     |
| 29. COURT     | 24. SPELL     |



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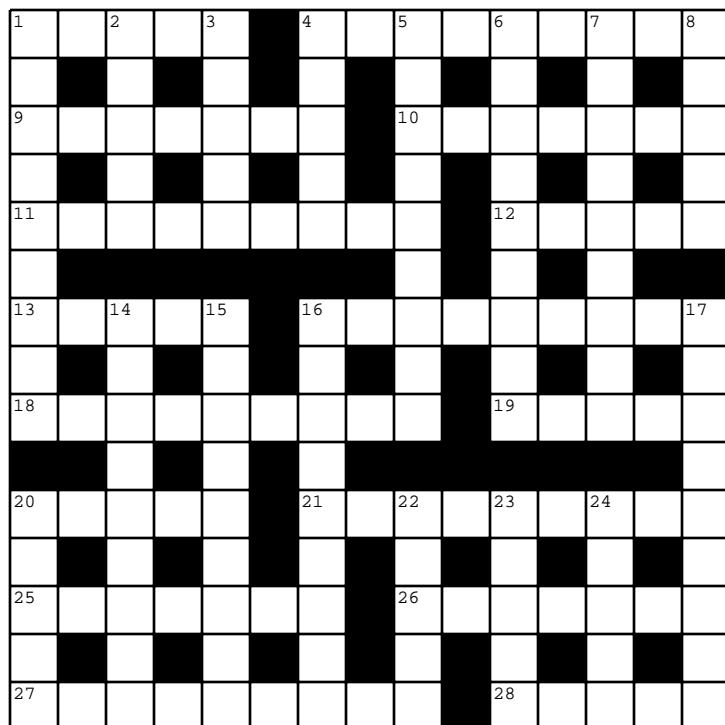
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| 9. SPATIAL    | 3. SPIELBERG  |
| 10. RAINBOW   | 4. PALEOZOIC  |
| 11. DISALLOWS | 5. BIRDS      |
| 12. RHYME     | 6. ICIER      |
| 13. CACHE     | 7. HOBBY      |
| 14. OVERRIDES | 8. SAWYERS    |
| 18. ILLOGICAL | 15. ENLARGING |
| 19. ASSES     | 16. READJUSTS |
| 21. PILAF     | 17. DISPARAGE |
| 24. MARIJUANA | 18. IMPULSE   |
| 25. LAMPOON   | 20. SCALLOP   |
| 26. INSTALL   | 22. LAMER     |
| 27. EHRENBERG | 23. FLOWN     |
| 28. SWEEP     | 24. MANGE     |



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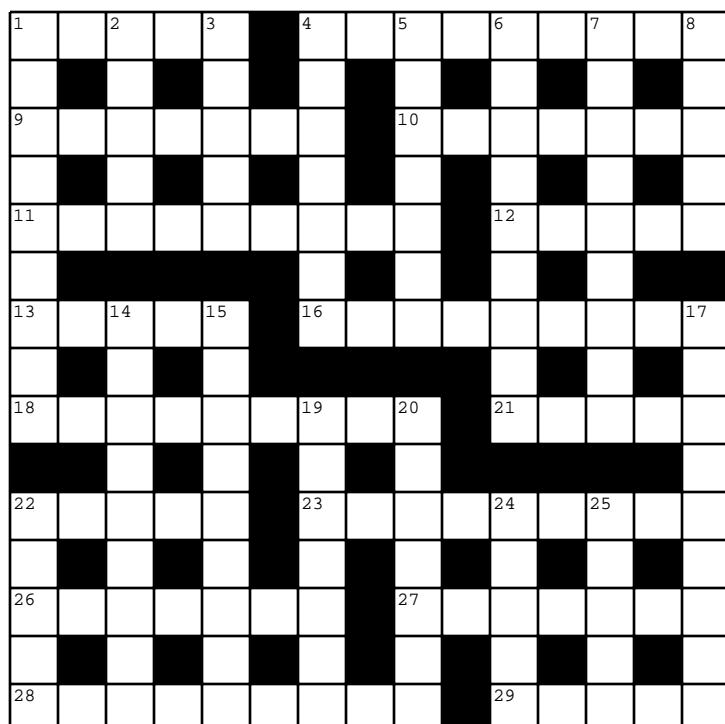
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| 4. SUBMARINE  | 2. MACED      |
| 9. RICHTER    | 3. CATER      |
| 10. ATTACKS   | 4. SERVO      |
| 11. UNDERTOOK | 5. BLANKETED  |
| 12. PANEL     | 6. ANTIPASTI  |
| 13. TURNS     | 7. INCENTIVE  |
| 16. SATISFIED | 8. EASEL      |
| 18. DISAGREED | 14. ROSALINDA |
| 19. ITEMS     | 15. SUGGESTED |
| 20. MELEE     | 16. SKEPTICAL |
| 21. TOLERANCE | 17. DISREGARD |
| 25. GENETIC   | 20. MAGOG     |
| 26. SARCOMA   | 22. LASER     |
| 27. GLANDULAR | 23. RARED     |
| 28. DOSED     | 24. NOONS     |



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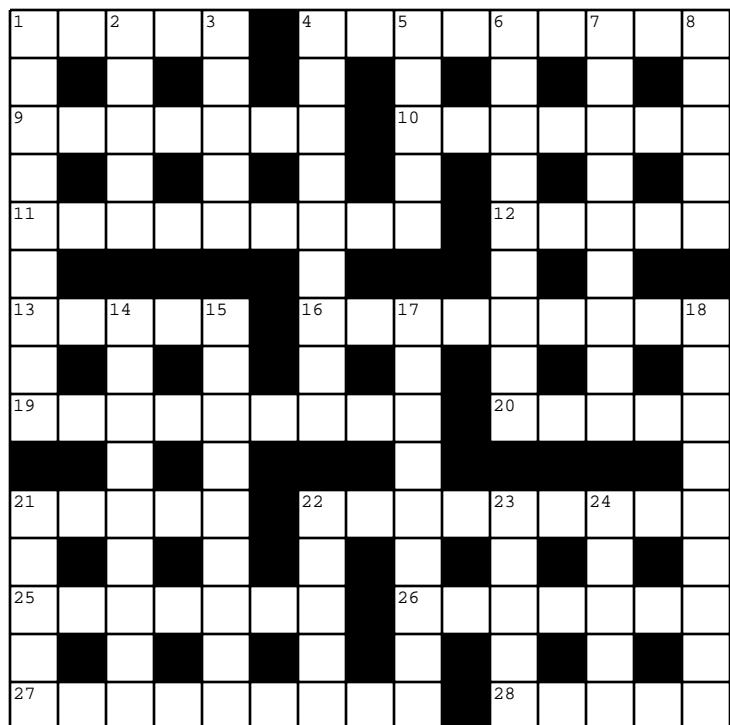
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| 4. DEDUCIBLE  | 2. OTHER      |
| 9. TEHERAN    | 3. DERBY      |
| 10. NOVELTY   | 4. DENUDED    |
| 11. MARTYRDOM | 5. DYNAMIC    |
| 12. LEAST     | 6. CIVILISES  |
| 13. RADAR     | 7. BELEAGUER  |
| 16. DACHSHUND | 8. EGYPT      |
| 18. NIGHTCLUB | 14. DOGMATIST |
| 21. STRAY     | 15. RETALIATE |
| 22. PEARL     | 17. DAYDREAMS |
| 23. NEIGHBOUR | 19. LINKING   |
| 26. ORIGAMI   | 20. BLISSES   |
| 27. STAMINA   | 22. PHOTO     |
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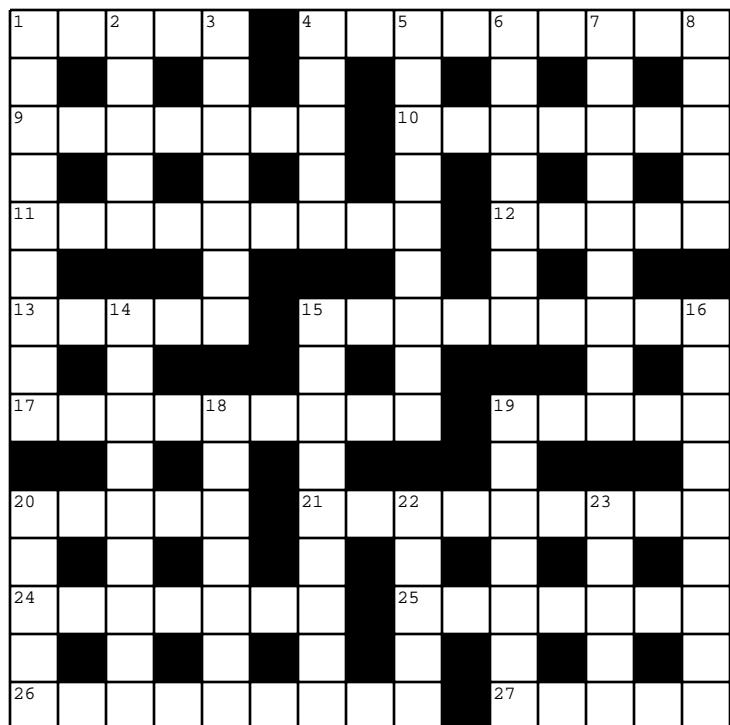
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| 4. SATISFIED  | 2. APRON      |
| 9. FORESAW    | 3. UPSET      |
| 10. CRABBED   | 4. SAWDUSTED  |
| 11. CONSTRUES | 5. TACKS      |
| 12. BOOTY     | 6. STABBINGS  |
| 13. IDLED     | 7. IMBROGLIO  |
| 16. TRIANGLES | 8. DADDY      |
| 19. GARLANDED | 14. LARCENIES |
| 20. SHOWS     | 15. DEATHLIER |
| 21. BEECH     | 17. INDUCTION |
| 22. ENCHILADA | 18. SUSTAINED |
| 25. HAITIAN   | 21. BAHAI     |
| 26. INHUMAN   | 22. ENNUI     |
| 27. INSERTION | 23. ISHIM     |
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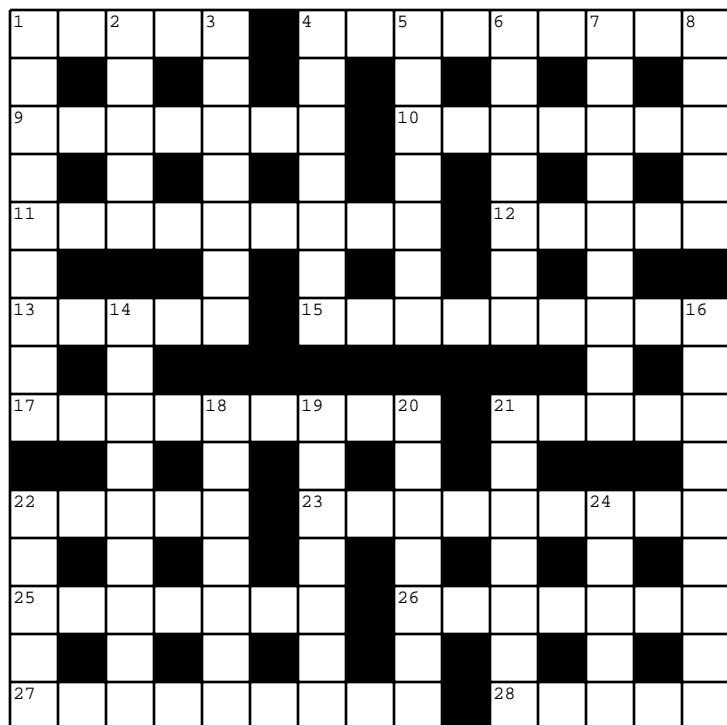
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| 4. REFLECTED  | 2. LAXER      |
| 9. MAXIMUM    | 3. DEMISES    |
| 10. RAPPORT   | 4. RUMOR      |
| 11. CORKSCREW | 5. FOREWARNS  |
| 12. ARSES     | 6. EXPLAIN    |
| 13. LEANS     | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 15. NIRENBERG | 8. DATES      |
| 17. SHOWDOWNS | 14. ABORIGINE |
| 19. CAUSE     | 15. NEWSPAPER |
| 20. PRISM     | 16. GWENDOLYN |
| 21. PRACTISED | 18. DEMERIT   |
| 24. STIRRUP   | 19. CATALPA   |
| 25. FALWELL   | 20. PASTE     |
| 26. ELECTORAL | 22. AWFUL     |
| 27. ASPEN     | 23. SHEEP     |



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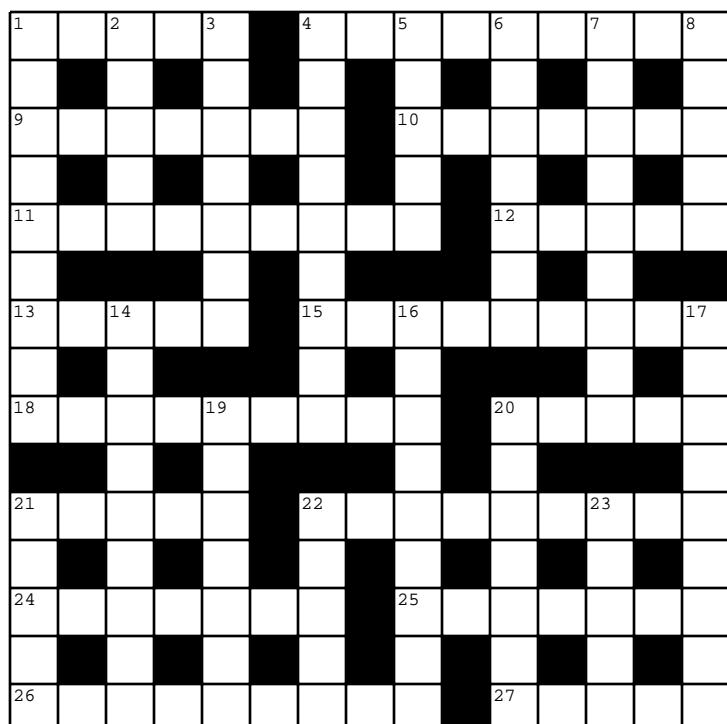
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| 4. PLATFORMS  | 2. HEAVE      |
| 9. COARSER    | 3. INSECTS    |
| 10. TERMINI   | 4. PARSNIP    |
| 11. CRESCENDI | 5. ASTRIDE    |
| 12. ABOUT     | 6. FERRARO    |
| 13. IDOLS     | 7. RHINOCERI  |
| 15. PHENOMENA | 8. SHIFT      |
| 17. GLANDULAR | 14. ORANGUTAN |
| 21. RUIING    | 16. AUGUSTEST |
| 22. MAGOG     | 18. DIGRAPH   |
| 23. ATTITUDES | 19. LEADERS   |
| 25. NITRATE   | 20. RITUALS   |
| 26. ATTACHE   | 21. ROTATED   |
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| 28. DRAFT     | 24. DICTA     |



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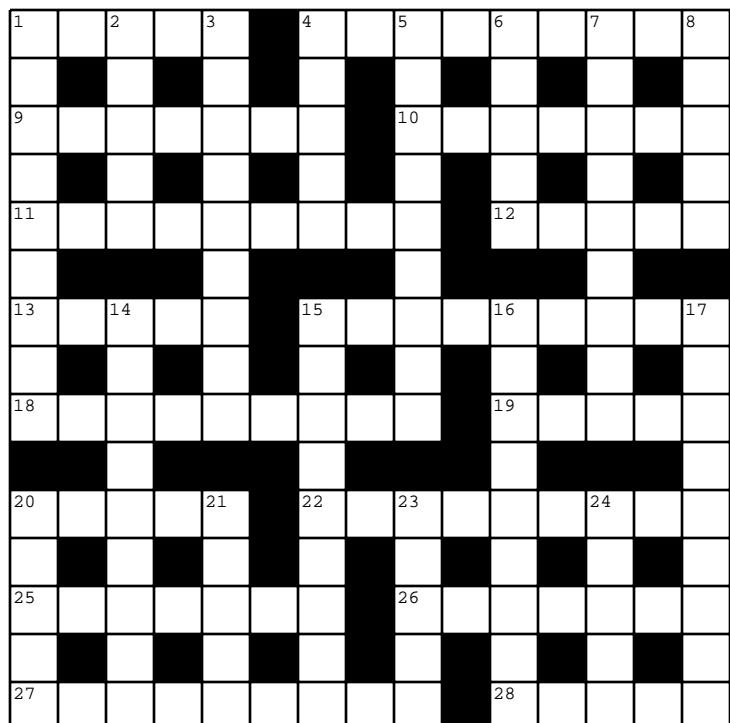
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| 4. GUNPOWDER  | 2. THEIR      |
| 9. SPEAKER    | 3. YAKUTSK    |
| 10. SEDUCER   | 4. GARNISHES  |
| 11. AIRSTRIPS | 5. NOSES      |
| 12. RUMOR     | 6. ORDERLY    |
| 13. GREEK     | 7. DECOMPOSE  |
| 15. HONEYCOMB | 8. RARER      |
| 18. ANTIPASTI | 14. ENTANGLES |
| 20. SMELL     | 16. NUISANCES |
| 21. ABNER     | 17. BILINGUAL |
| 22. CLAPEYRON | 19. PERSONA   |
| 24. HOLCOMB   | 20. SIERRAS   |
| 25. CARIBOU   | 21. ASHED     |
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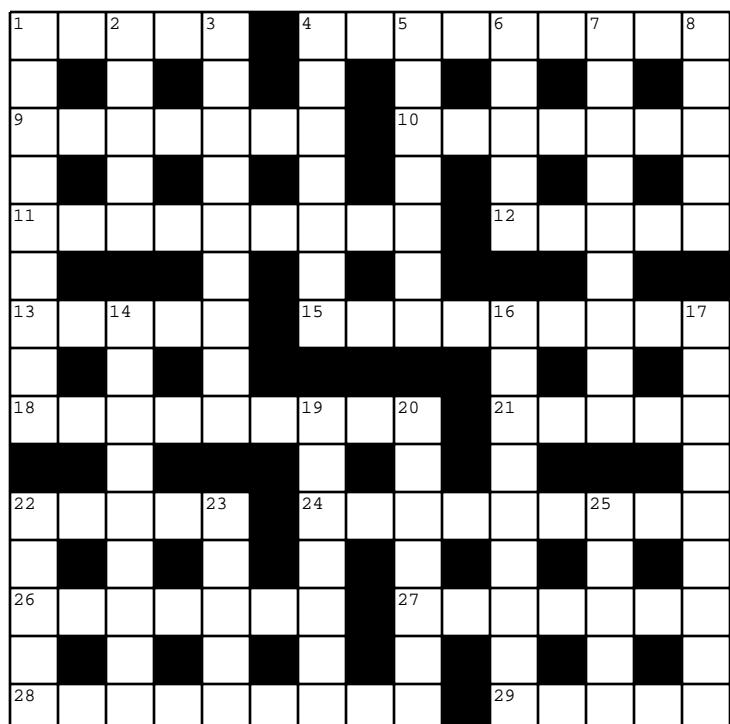
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| 4. DEPARTING  | 2. LYRIC      |
| 9. NURTURE    | 3. STUTTGART  |
| 10. SEDATED   | 4. DREAM      |
| 11. YACHTSMEN | 5. POSTNATAL  |
| 12. DERBY     | 6. REDID      |
| 13. OHARA     | 7. INTERRUPT  |
| 15. ASTROTURF | 8. GODLY      |
| 18. BEAUTIFUL | 14. AMATERASU |
| 19. ENTER     | 15. AFFABLEST |
| 20. MEETS     | 16. OVERTHREW |
| 22. BLOWTORCH | 17. FORTHWITH |
| 25. FEATURE   | 20. MUFTI     |
| 26. BURUNDI   | 21. SHUNT     |
| 27. INUKTITUT | 23. ORBIT     |
| 28. WEIGH     | 24. RANDI     |



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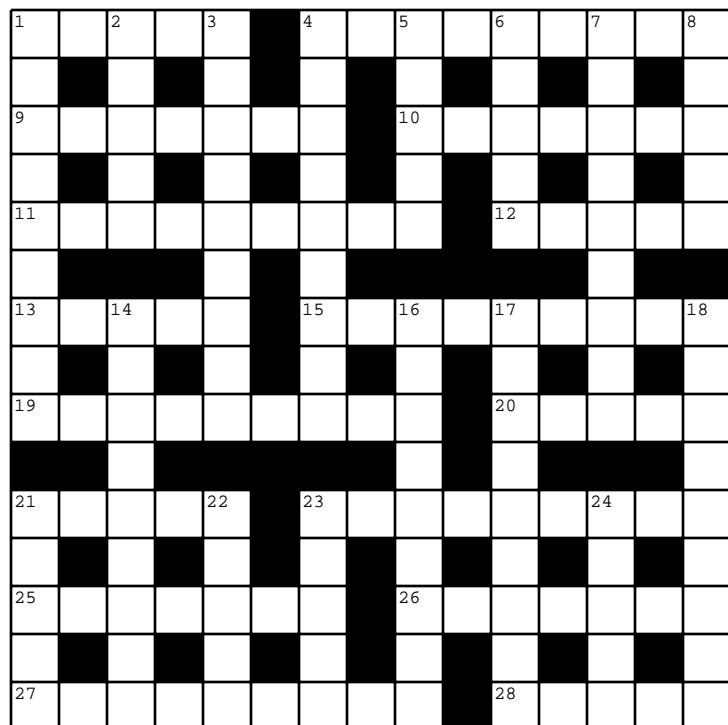
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| 4. BACKSLASH  | 2. BAYOU      |
| 9. CRYSTAL    | 3. EXTRACTOR  |
| 10. UMPIRED   | 4. BELLHOP    |
| 11. UNUKALHAI | 5. COURIER    |
| 12. LOBED     | 6. SEPAL      |
| 13. INPUT     | 7. ACROBATIC  |
| 15. PARAMETER | 8. HIDED      |
| 18. NUMERICAL | 14. PUMMELING |
| 21. NICKS     | 16. MENDELEEV |
| 22. OPENS     | 17. RESEMBLES |
| 24. MAGNESIUM | 19. COMPACT   |
| 26. CHIMERA   | 20. LEGIONS   |
| 27. OVERALL   | 22. OCCUR     |
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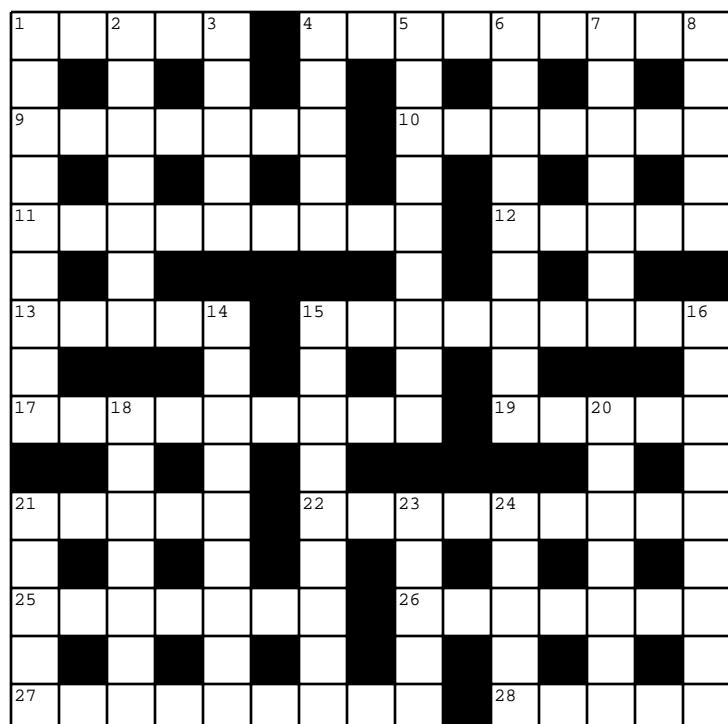
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| 4. LOUDMOUTH  | 2. DWEEB      |
| 9. CHENGDU    | 3. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 10. IMPOUND   | 4. LEUKAEMIA  |
| 11. HABITUALS | 5. UNITS      |
| 12. EMACS     | 6. MAPLE      |
| 13. LOCAL     | 7. UNUKALHAI  |
| 15. MICROCHIP | 8. HADES      |
| 19. CELEBRATE | 14. COLANDERS |
| 20. EKING     | 16. CLEARNESS |
| 21. SENSE     | 17. OVERTHREW |
| 23. IRRITATES | 18. PEGASUSES |
| 25. ONESELF   | 21. STORM     |
| 26. ERRANTS   | 22. ENEMA     |
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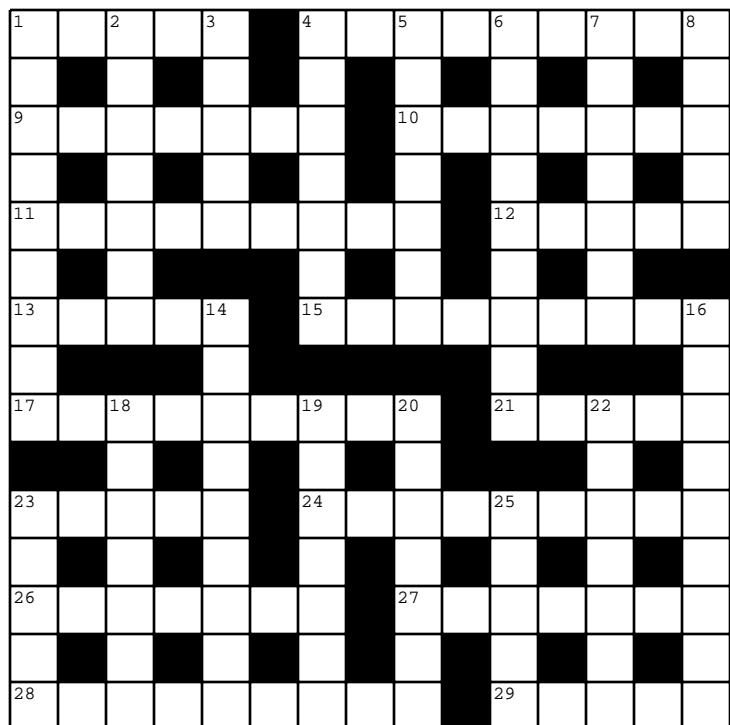
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| 9. ERNESTO    | 3. BASIC      |
| 10. UNMASKS   | 4. FLOWN      |
| 11. CRESCENDO | 5. RAUCOUSLY  |
| 12. SHIPS     | 6. BOMBSHELL  |
| 13. ISSUE     | 7. DASHIKI    |
| 15. DISBELIEF | 8. DOSES      |
| 17. RADICALLY | 14. ECCENTRIC |
| 19. LASER     | 15. DELIMITED |
| 21. LEARN     | 16. FIRESIDES |
| 22. MELODIOUS | 18. DIAGRAM   |
| 25. MARGRET   | 20. SCORPIO   |
| 26. CHOPPED   | 21. LYMPH     |
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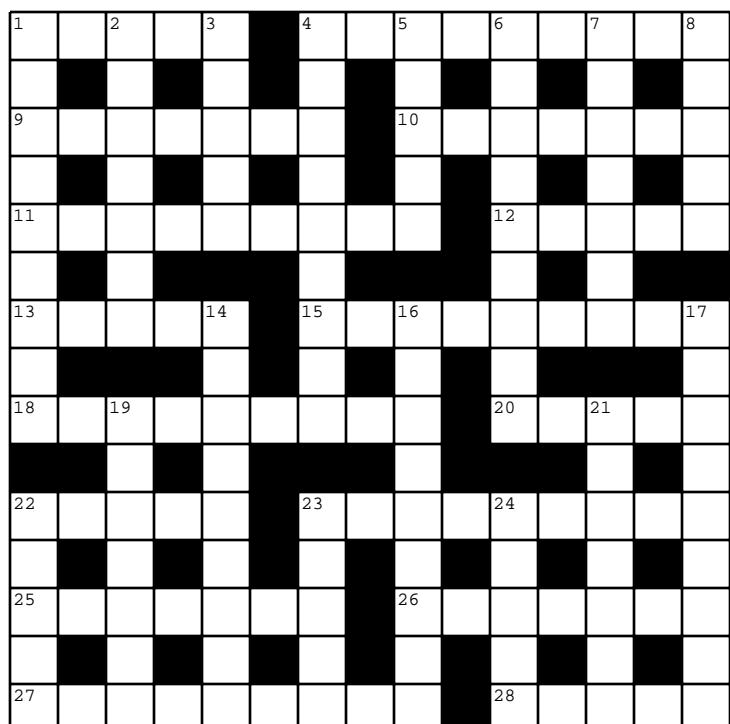
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| 4. BOATSWAIN  | 2. CYNICAL    |
| 9. SENSUAL    | 3. SKULL      |
| 10. SHOUTED   | 4. BULLPEN    |
| 11. EUCALYPTI | 5. AISLING    |
| 12. WAITS     | 6. STOPWATCH  |
| 13. IGLOO     | 7. ANTHILL    |
| 15. NIGHTCLUB | 8. NODES      |
| 17. FORSYTHIA | 14. OXYGENATE |
| 21. HIPPO     | 16. BROTHERED |
| 23. CABLE     | 18. RUBICON   |
| 24. BACKSLASH | 19. HIBACHI   |
| 26. ARCHAIC   | 20. ACCLAIM   |
| 27. AMATEUR   | 22. PLATEAU   |
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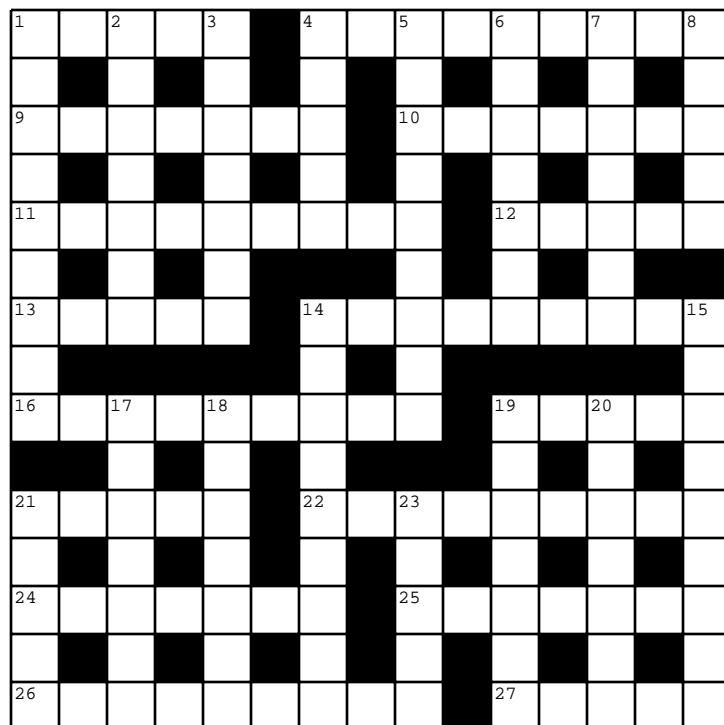
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| 9. GLUMMER    | 3. AIMEE      |
| 10. DODGSON   | 4. PARAMECIA  |
| 11. TRADESMAN | 5. LADEN      |
| 12. RAGES     | 6. UNDERLAIN  |
| 13. LABEL     | 7. INSIGHT    |
| 15. CLIMACTIC | 8. NINES      |
| 18. BLACKMAIL | 14. LIKELIEST |
| 20. NIKKI     | 16. ILLEGIBLE |
| 22. SNAIL     | 17. COINCIDES |
| 23. ALGEBRAIC | 19. ACADEMY   |
| 25. ICEBERG   | 21. KWANZAA   |
| 26. BRONZED   | 22. STICK     |
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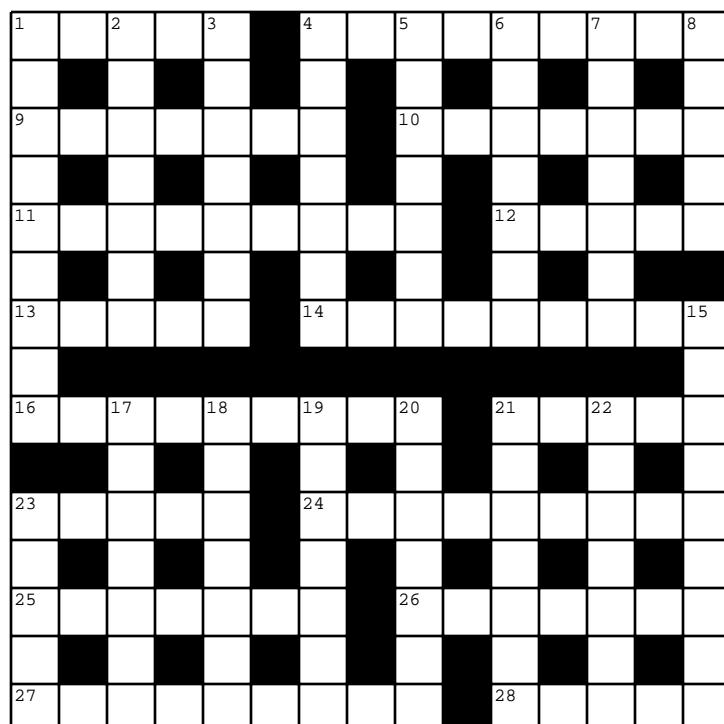
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| 4. CRACKLING  | 2. EFFORTS    |
| 9. OFFLOAD    | 3. DOORMAT    |
| 10. THEATRE   | 4. CADIZ      |
| 11. KARAMAZOV | 5. ACTIVATED  |
| 12. CANON     | 6. KNEECAP    |
| 13. UPSET     | 7. INTENDS    |
| 14. ANTIPASTI | 8. GREEN      |
| 16. SUCCEEDED | 14. ADDICTING |
| 19. ARENT     | 15. INTRUDERS |
| 21. SANED     | 17. CENTAUR   |
| 22. CEAUSESCU | 18. ENDEARS   |
| 24. ANASAZI   | 19. ARSENAL   |
| 25. CONCEDE   | 20. EASTERN   |
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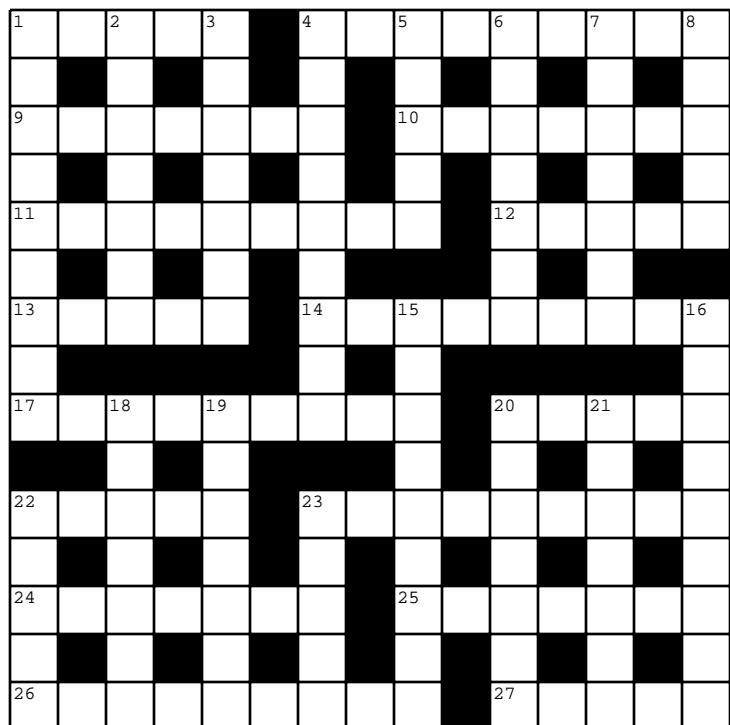
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| 9. SYNONYM    | 3. SINGERS    |
| 10. NAVAJOS   | 4. MIMETIC    |
| 11. BUNDESTAG | 5. HANDGUN    |
| 12. OATHS     | 6. RAVIOLI    |
| 13. LEEKS     | 7. JUJITSU    |
| 14. CONTINUUM | 8. HOSTS      |
| 16. SUSPICION | 15. MASSIVELY |
| 21. VOTES     | 17. SPECIAL   |
| 23. CHERI     | 18. IDIOTIC   |
| 24. METACARPI | 19. IMMORAL   |
| 25. AVIATOR   | 20. NOTIONS   |
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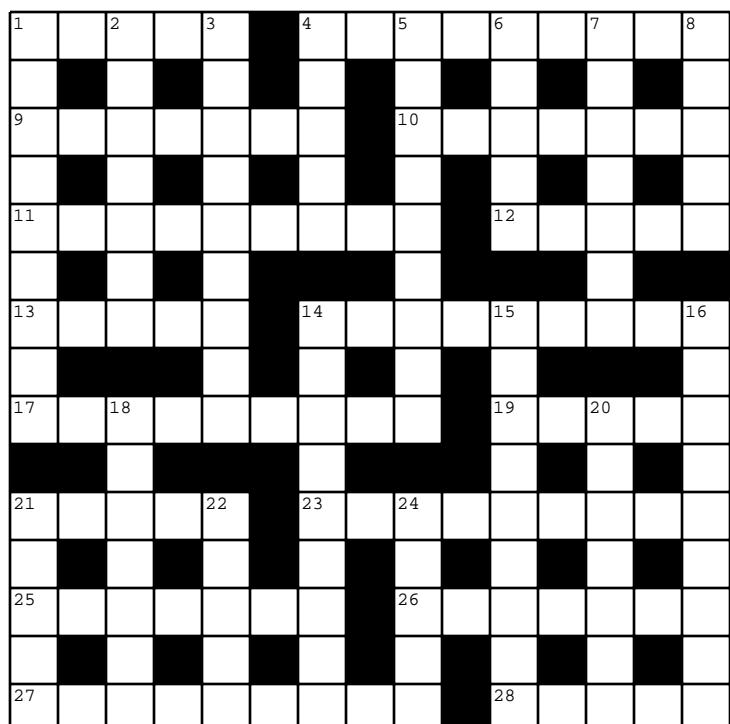
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| 9. SHALLOW    | 3. ALLURES    |
| 10. XEROXED   | 4. BEWITCHES  |
| 11. ALGORITHM | 5. BUXTOM     |
| 12. ELUDE     | 6. HERRERA    |
| 13. GATES     | 7. TEXTUAL    |
| 14. HYDRAULIC | 8. SIDLE      |
| 17. CURIOUSER | 15. DIRECTEST |
| 20. GAITS     | 16. COSTLIEST |
| 22. TENTH     | 18. RUNDOWN   |
| 23. MCCONNELL | 19. OTHELLO   |
| 24. PROBLEM   | 20. GENETIC   |
| 25. ENTITLE   | 21. INERTIA   |
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| 27. CHART     | 23. MIMIC     |



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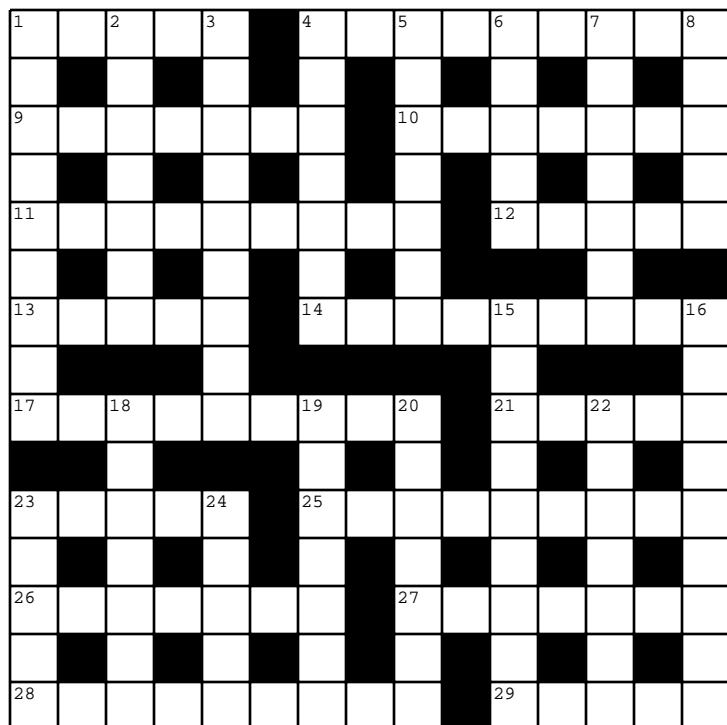
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| 9. GARROTE    | 3. BLOODIEST  |
| 10. BENEFIT   | 4. CHERI      |
| 11. TREADMILL | 5. IMBALANCE  |
| 12. RARER     | 6. INNER      |
| 13. LEAVE     | 7. INFERO     |
| 14. HONEYCOMB | 8. ENTER      |
| 17. BAGATELLE | 14. HELIPORTS |
| 19. RADIO     | 15. YARMULKES |
| 21. OWNER     | 16. BOOTSTRAP |
| 23. PERJURIES | 18. GENERIC   |
| 25. FORBEAR   | 20. DWINDLE   |
| 26. NAKEDER   | 21. OFFED     |
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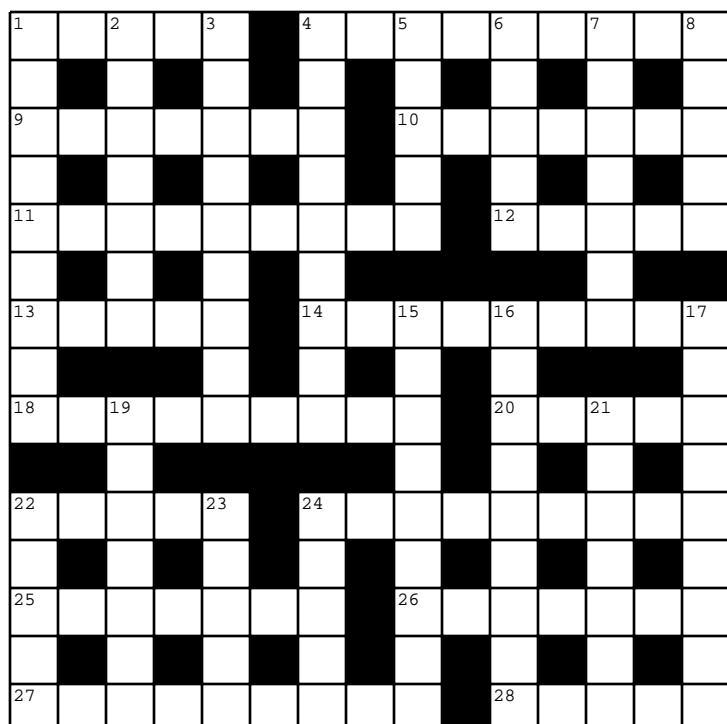
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| 4. GESTURING  | 2. OPOSSUM    |
| 9. EMOTION    | 3. PHILANDER  |
| 10. LEASHED   | 4. GENTEEL    |
| 11. CASTANEDA | 5. SYLLABI    |
| 12. EARLY     | 6. USAGE      |
| 13. NOMAD     | 7. INHERIT    |
| 14. LEITMOTIF | 8. GIDDY      |
| 17. INTERVIEW | 15. MENDELEEV |
| 21. NOISE     | 16. FREELANCE |
| 23. OARED     | 18. TERRAIN   |
| 25. UNIVERSAL | 19. INURING   |
| 26. THALAMI   | 20. WHIRRED   |
| 27. RIEMANN   | 22. INSTALL   |
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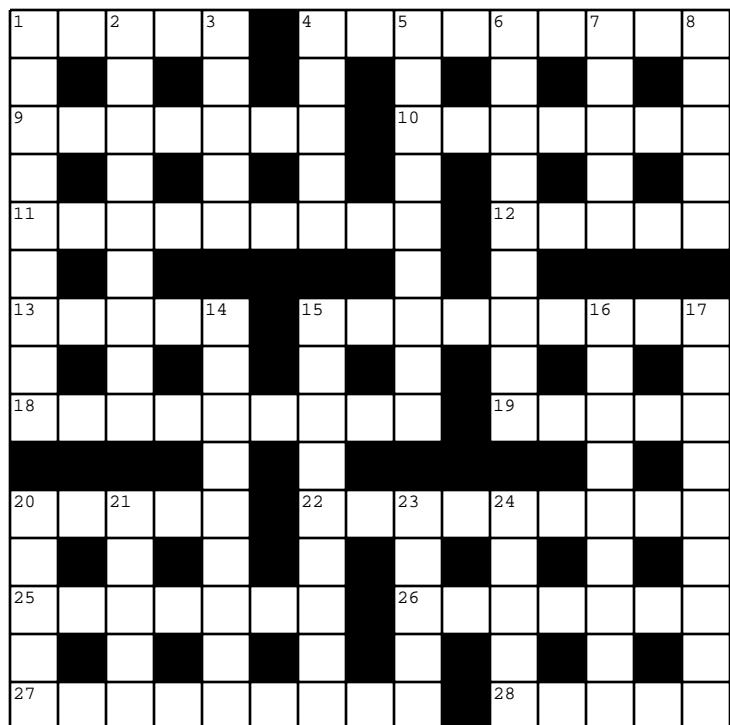
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| 9. ARSENAL    | 3. CONCERTOS  |
| 10. EMOTION   | 4. COLLEAGUE  |
| 11. AWARENESS | 5. USERS      |
| 12. EXAMS     | 6. THOSE      |
| 13. INSET     | 7. ORIGAMI    |
| 14. GRAPPLING | 8. NINES      |
| 18. TROUSSEAU | 15. AQUEDUCTS |
| 20. RHYME     | 16. PORTFOLIO |
| 22. FAITH     | 17. GREEDIEST |
| 24. REDEFINED | 19. ORIGINS   |
| 25. CRITICS   | 21. YANKING   |
| 26. COLLIDE   | 22. FACED     |
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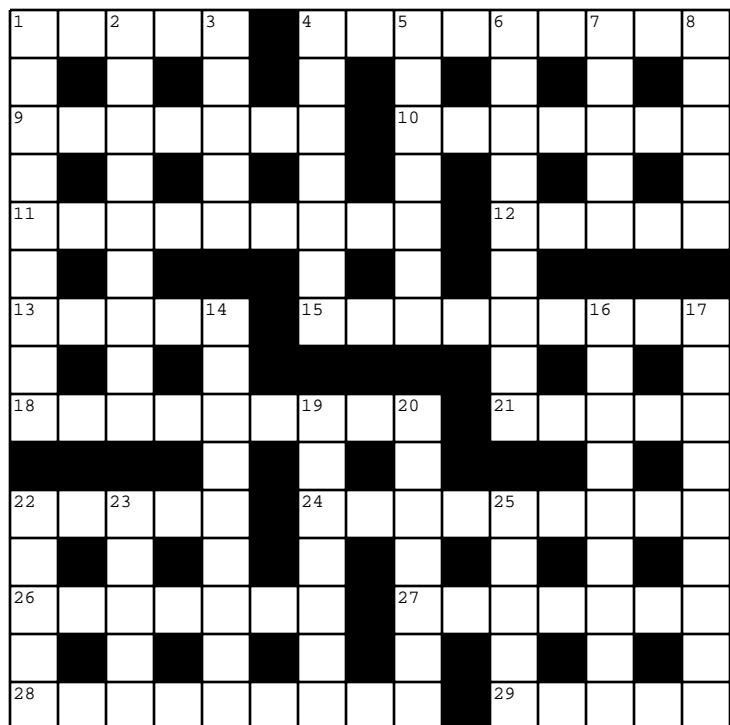
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| 4. ARMCHAIRS  | 2. KAOHSIUNG  |
| 9. NOODLED    | 3. DELVE      |
| 10. NONSTOP   | 4. AUDIT      |
| 11. UNSHEATHE | 5. MONTERREY  |
| 12. SORRY     | 6. HANDSOMER  |
| 13. CRUMB     | 7. INTER      |
| 15. PARAMECIA | 8. SAPPY      |
| 18. REGULARLY | 14. BALALAIKA |
| 19. ROUND     | 15. PERVADING |
| 20. LOCAL     | 16. CRUMBLIER |
| 22. ALLOWABLE | 17. ADDRESSEE |
| 25. MANCINI   | 20. LEMME     |
| 26. ATTAINS   | 21. CYNIC     |
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| 28. HORSE     | 24. WATCH     |



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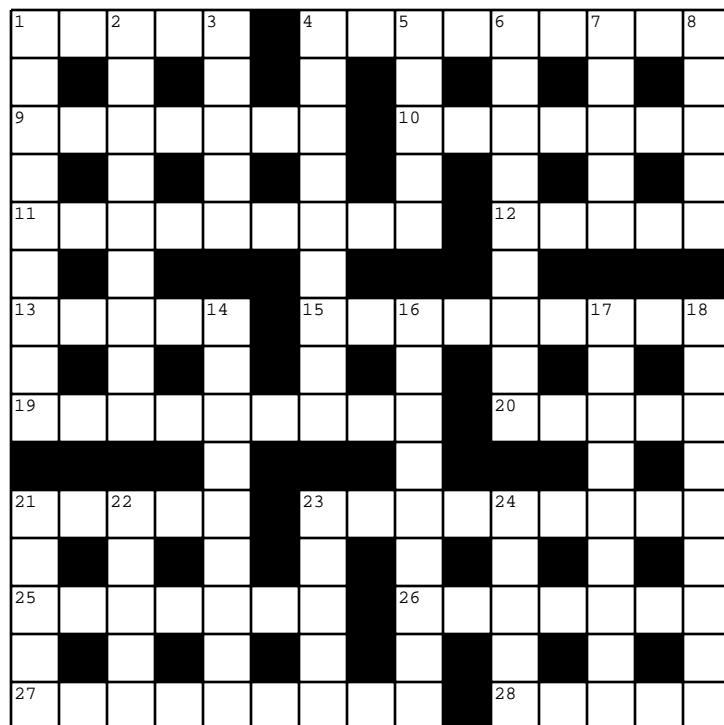
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| 9. HUFFIER    | 3. ARISE      |
| 10. SUSTAIN   | 4. TORNADO    |
| 11. REITERATE | 5. EASTERN    |
| 12. OASES     | 6. DISCOURSE  |
| 13. STUFF     | 7. EXAMS      |
| 15. OWNERSHIP | 8. TONES      |
| 18. INTERVIEW | 14. FORLORNER |
| 21. ERROR     | 16. HARMONICA |
| 22. CACAO     | 17. PERSEVERE |
| 24. TELEPHONE | 19. INTENSE   |
| 26. CHIGNON   | 20. WELFARE   |
| 27. ABUSIVE   | 22. CACTI     |
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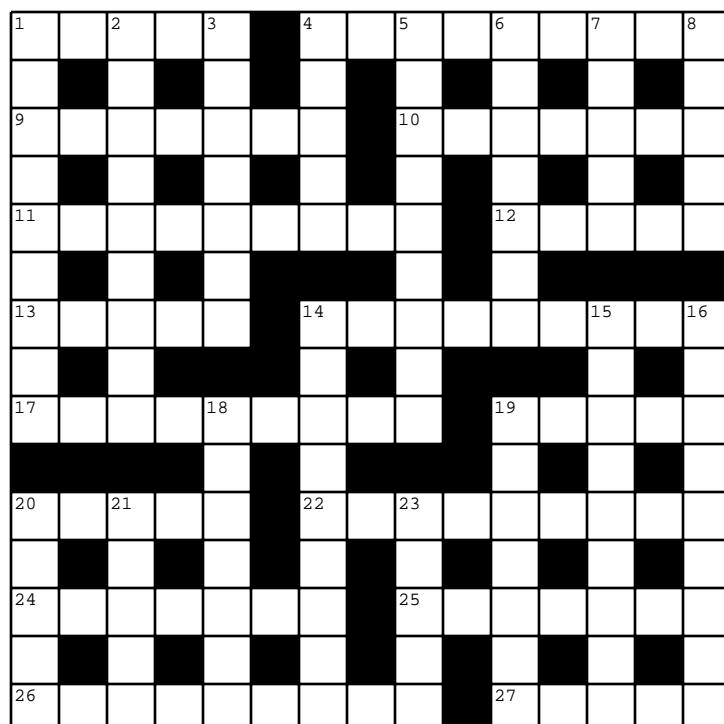
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| 4. AFFECTING  | 2. BOOMERANG  |
| 9. DUODENA    | 3. NOEMI      |
| 10. CAMBIUM   | 4. AMATERASU  |
| 11. EYELINERS | 5. FACTS      |
| 12. ENTER     | 6. COMMENTED  |
| 13. STAFF     | 7. IDIOT      |
| 15. ATTITUDES | 8. GAMER      |
| 19. SIGNATURE | 14. FLAGELLUM |
| 20. DISCO     | 16. THEREUPON |
| 21. CABLE     | 17. DESPERADO |
| 23. OVERSLEEP | 18. SHOWPIECE |
| 25. NEEDLED   | 21. CYNIC     |
| 26. PLACATE   | 22. BLEAT     |
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| 28. PROVE     | 24. STAMP     |



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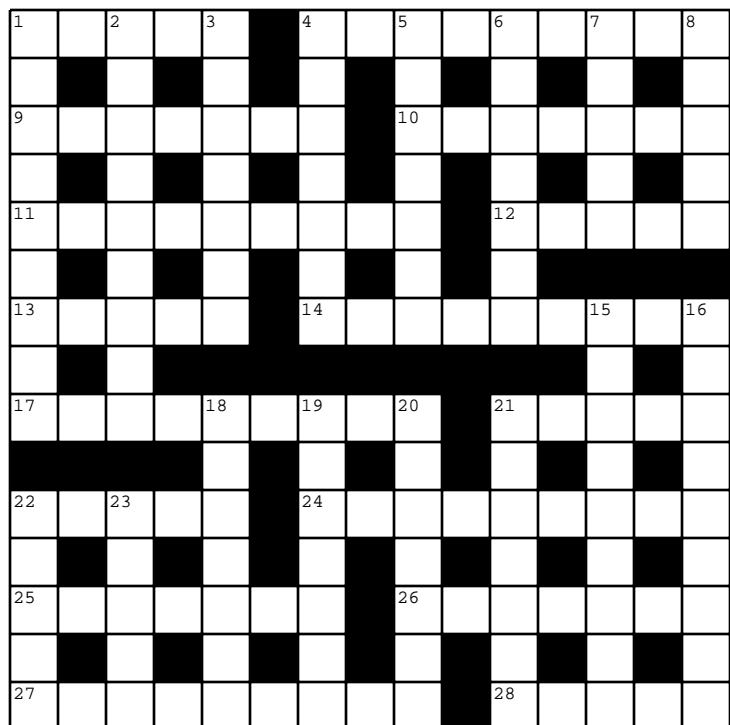
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| 9. MOLOTOV    | 3. EXTRACT    |
| 10. NORMING   | 4. DIVED      |
| 11. MANHANDLE | 5. WONDERFUL  |
| 12. ASSET     | 6. WARRANT    |
| 13. KNELT     | 7. RAIDS      |
| 14. LIFETIMES | 8. SIGHT      |
| 17. RETRIEVAL | 14. LAVISHING |
| 19. LYMPH     | 15. MEMORANDA |
| 20. THIEF     | 16. SCHEDULES |
| 22. SHUTTERED | 18. INFERO    |
| 24. MADURAI   | 19. LATHERS   |
| 25. ETERNAL   | 20. TIMED     |
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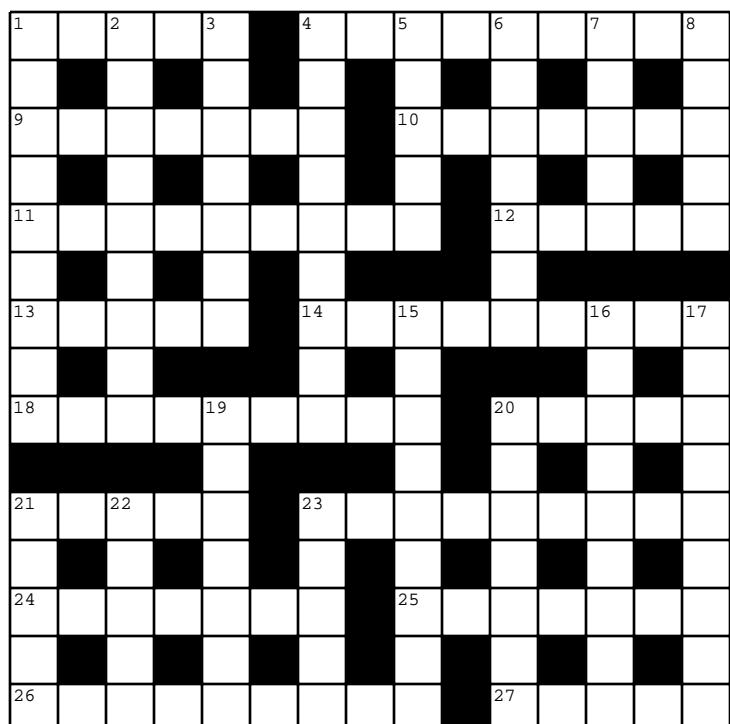
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| 4. FASTENERS  | 2. COCKTAILS  |
| 9. ASCETIC    | 3. OCTOPUS    |
| 10. POVERTY   | 4. FUCHSIA    |
| 11. ANTIPASTO | 5. SUPPORT    |
| 12. LASER     | 6. ENVELOP    |
| 13. TAILS     | 7. EARNS      |
| 14. ANTIPASTI | 8. SHYER      |
| 17. RESTRICTS | 15. STRETCHER |
| 21. BURNT     | 16. INTERPRET |
| 22. BASIC     | 18. RECITAL   |
| 24. SPECTATOR | 19. CASHING   |
| 25. ACANTHI   | 20. SHERBET   |
| 26. BUTCHER   | 21. BATHTUB   |
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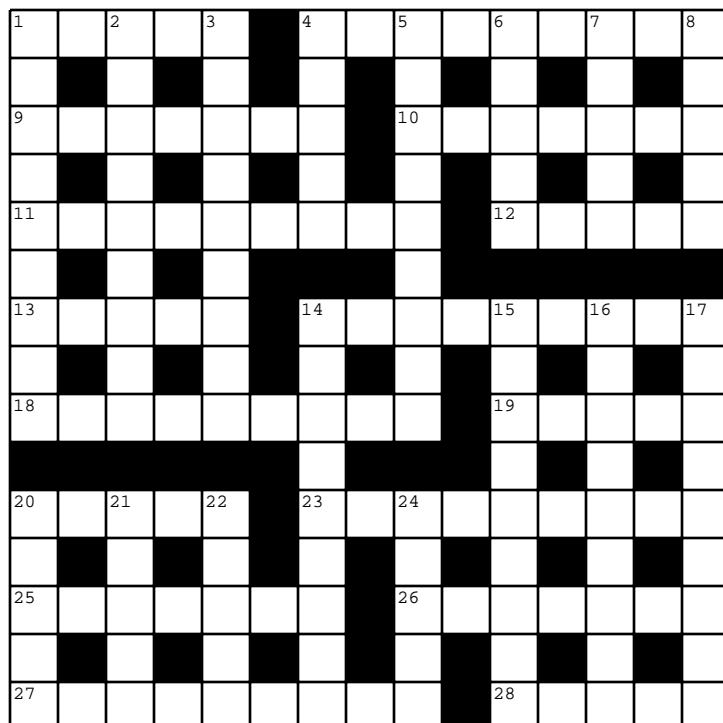
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| 4. BODYGUARD  | 2. BACKSLASH  |
| 9. AUCTION    | 3. TRINITY    |
| 10. VIDEOED   | 4. BANKRUPTS  |
| 11. CASHIERED | 5. DIVED      |
| 12. ANGLE     | 6. GODDAMN    |
| 13. ITALY     | 7. ALONG      |
| 14. PLAINTIFF | 8. DODGE      |
| 18. MAHARISHI | 15. ALIENABLE |
| 20. WENDI     | 16. IGNORANCE |
| 21. DWARF     | 17. FRICASSEE |
| 23. HONORARIA | 19. RUFFIAN   |
| 24. CARDIAC   | 20. WORSHIP   |
| 25. BEHINDS   | 21. DECOR     |
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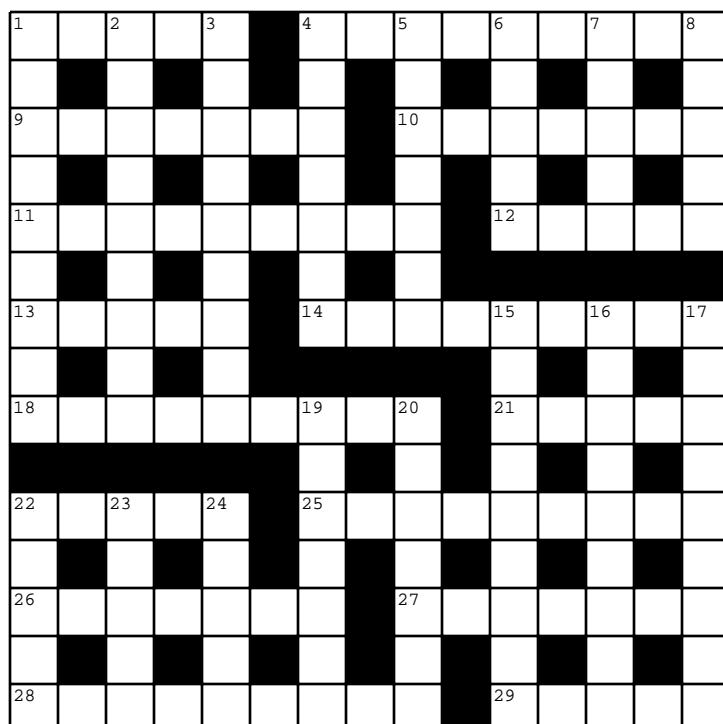
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| 4. AMETHYSTS  | 2. AUTHENTIC  |
| 9. RATINGS    | 3. HANDCARTS  |
| 10. ACREAGE   | 4. ARSON      |
| 11. CRESCENDO | 5. ELABORATE  |
| 12. EASEL     | 6. HORSE      |
| 13. INTER     | 7. SCARS      |
| 14. PRACTICED | 8. SHELL      |
| 18. EXCESSIVE | 14. PRICKLING |
| 19. OBEYS     | 15. TROUSSEAU |
| 20. CHAPS     | 16. CRESCENDI |
| 23. KNAPSACKS | 17. DESISTING |
| 25. ISRAELI   | 20. CLIMB     |
| 26. CHENNAI   | 21. AURAL     |
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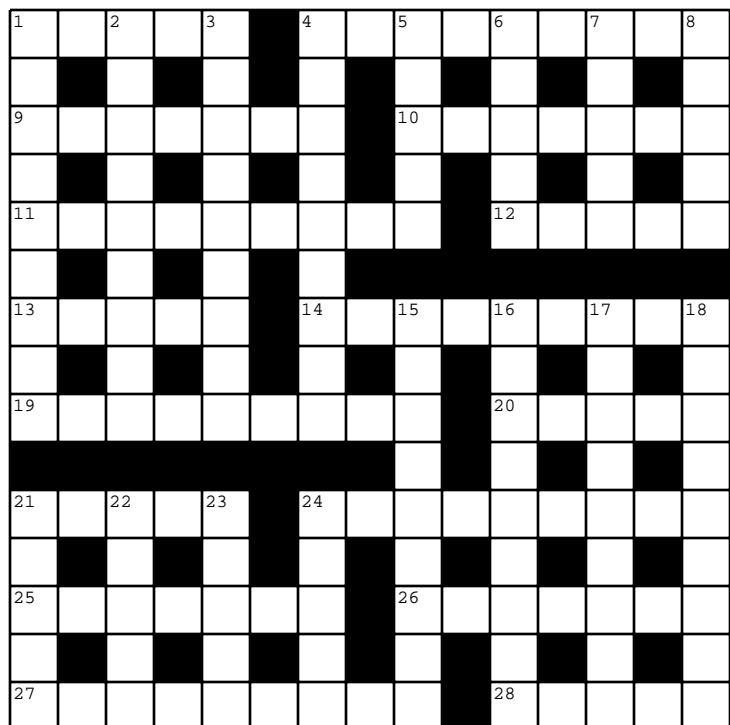
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| 9. NOTICED    | 3. SECRETARY  |
| 10. LADLING   | 4. MIDRIFT    |
| 11. WARDENING | 5. ALLEGRO    |
| 12. HORSE     | 6. WIDTH      |
| 13. DRAMA     | 7. ICIER      |
| 14. FOOLPROOF | 8. EAGLE      |
| 18. HONEYCOMB | 15. PALTRIEST |
| 21. LABAN     | 16. OGBOMOSHO |
| 22. OPRAH     | 17. FINGERTIP |
| 25. PROGRAMME | 19. OPPOSES   |
| 26. FRIENDS   | 20. BLOCKED   |
| 27. KNESSET   | 22. OFFED     |
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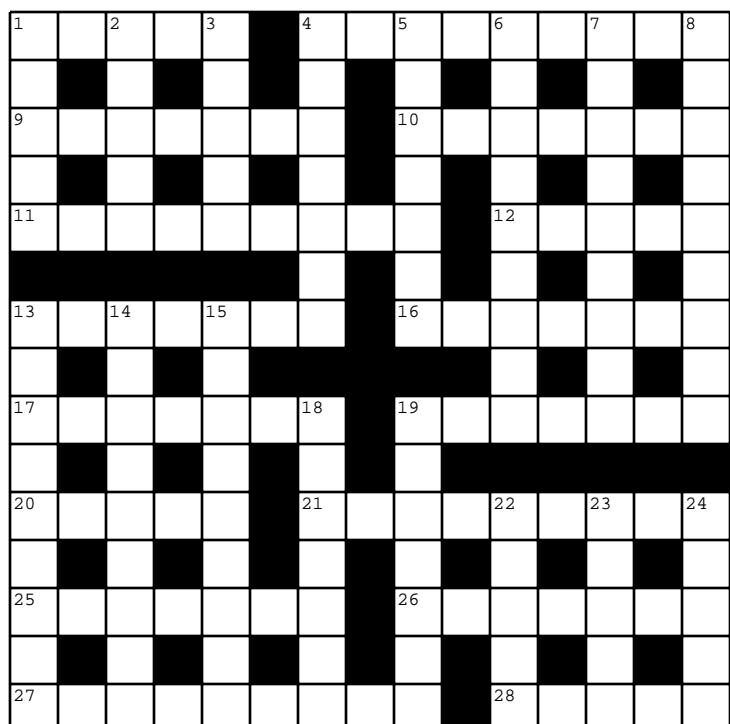
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| 4. BARBECUED  | 2. MEDICATES  |
| 9. UNDERGO    | 3. CARCINOMA  |
| 10. SOJOURN   | 4. BOOMERANG  |
| 11. TACKINESS | 5. RISKS      |
| 12. YELPS     | 6. ENJOY      |
| 13. OUTDO     | 7. USUAL      |
| 14. ATHABASCA | 8. DENTS      |
| 19. NOSTALGIA | 15. HEADRESTS |
| 20. LLANO     | 16. BALLERINA |
| 21. LOBED     | 17. SPAGHETTI |
| 24. SCREECHED | 18. AVOIDANCE |
| 25. MOODIER   | 21. LYMPH     |
| 26. SMITTEN   | 22. BLOOM     |
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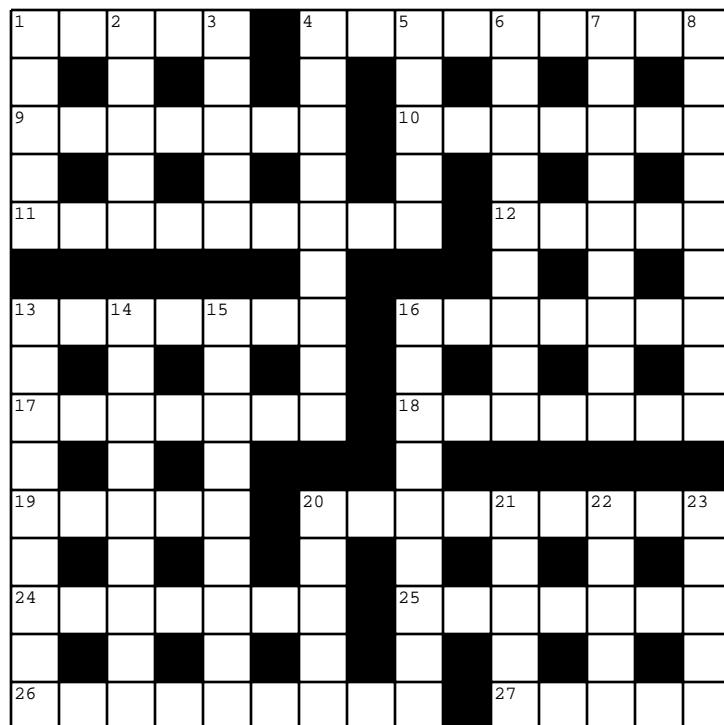
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| 9. OVERLAP    | 3. HALVE      |
| 10. SENNETT   | 4. OPPOSES    |
| 11. ADDRESSEE | 5. EASTERN    |
| 12. INTER     | 6. CONTINUAL  |
| 13. JONESES   | 7. OVERTHREW  |
| 16. NEUTRON   | 8. DETHRONED  |
| 17. ROSTAND   | 13. JERUSALEM |
| 19. ALLOWED   | 14. NOSTALGIC |
| 20. SMASH     | 15. SPAGHETTI |
| 21. FANTASTIC | 18. DEFENCE   |
| 25. LIGHTEN   | 19. AMNESTY   |
| 26. SUPREME   | 22. APPLE     |
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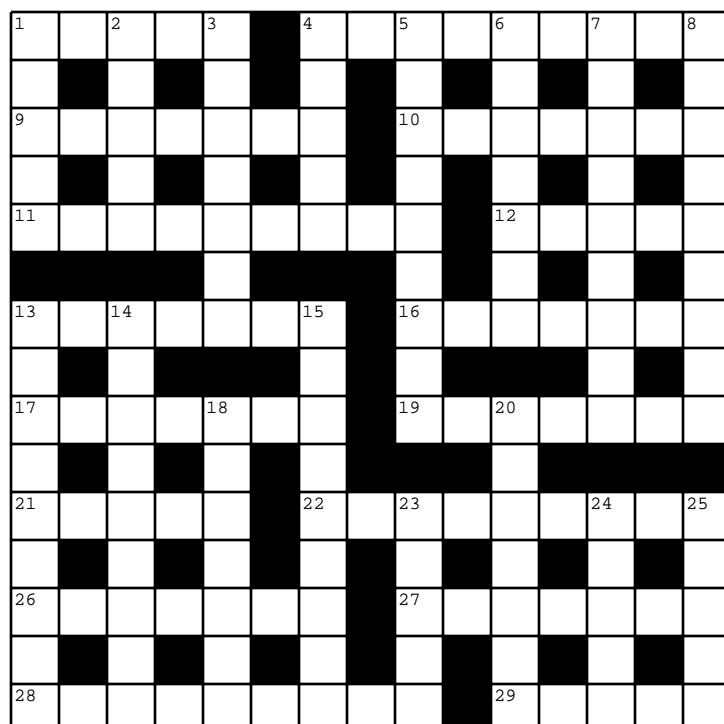
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| 4. NEIGHBOUR  | 2. LAGER      |
| 9. NAGGING    | 3. DRIFT      |
| 10. OMELETS   | 4. NIGHTMARE  |
| 11. IRRITATES | 5. ICONS      |
| 12. AMIGO     | 6. HIERARCHY  |
| 13. NAPHTHA   | 7. OBEDIENCE  |
| 16. DECANTS   | 8. RESPONSES  |
| 17. GARBAGE   | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. SHYNESSE  | 14. PARAMECIA |
| 19. TEMPE     | 15. TRADEMARK |
| 20. COURSHIP  | 16. DISCUSSED |
| 24. LUCIANO   | 20. CLONE     |
| 25. SANDMEN   | 21. TONES     |
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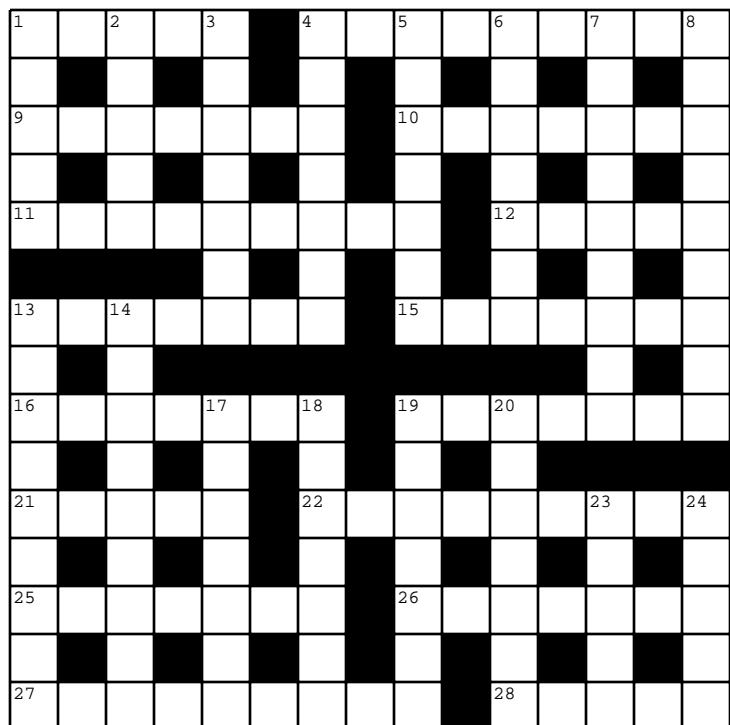
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| 9. CALCULI    | 3. SQUEEZE    |
| 10. ROBERTA   | 4. EXITS      |
| 11. DYSPEPSIA | 5. VERSATILE  |
| 12. REFER     | 6. LABORED    |
| 13. FLOWERS   | 7. PORTFOLIO  |
| 16. INDULGE   | 8. STARRIEST  |
| 17. BREADTH   | 13. FIBONACCI |
| 19. EXPLOIT   | 14. OVERSLEEP |
| 21. NESTS     | 15. SCHEDULES |
| 22. DISBELIEF | 18. DISPUTE   |
| 26. COEQUAL   | 20. PREMIUM   |
| 27. ORIGAMI   | 23. SLOTS     |
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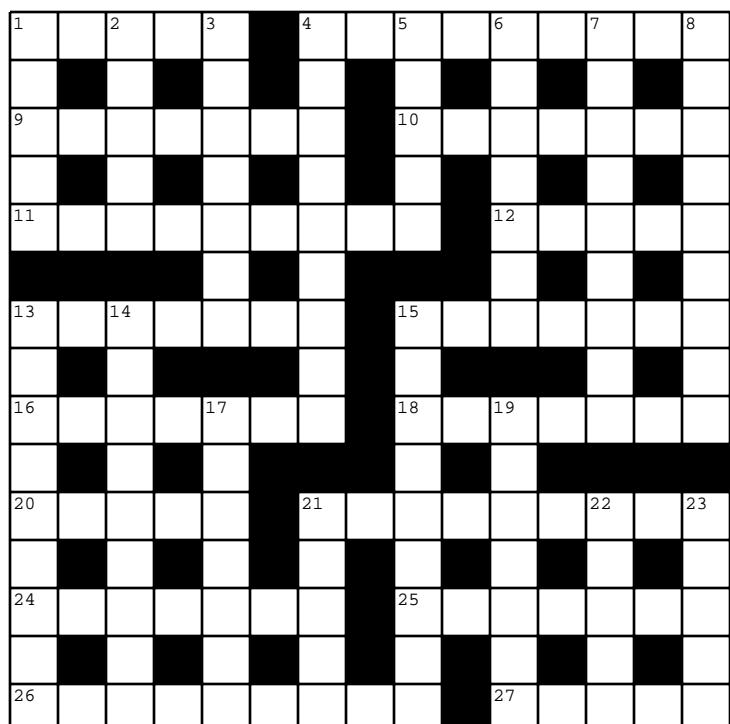
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| 9. SNIFFLE    | 3. REFINED    |
| 10. CHANCED   | 4. PREVIEW    |
| 11. INFANTILE | 5. EXCEEDS    |
| 12. POLAR     | 6. EXAMPLE    |
| 13. JACKDAW   | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 15. STEEPLE   | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 16. CORNCOB   | 13. JOCKSTRAP |
| 19. GLARING   | 14. CARROUSEL |
| 21. SCOUR     | 17. CARDIAC   |
| 22. PADDOKED  | 18. BAPTISM   |
| 25. ROSSINI   | 19. GADSDEN   |
| 26. DESPAIR   | 20. AROUSED   |
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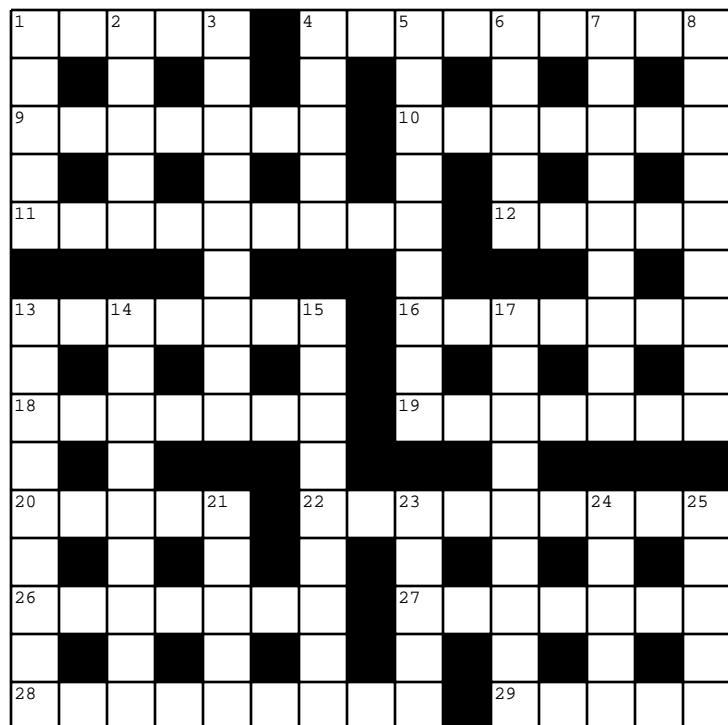
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| 9. AUDITOR    | 3. CATAWBA    |
| 10. DEFICIT   | 4. CARTWHEEL  |
| 11. THROWAWAY | 5. SADLY      |
| 12. ECLAT     | 6. ALFREDA    |
| 13. BAGGAGE   | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 15. TRAPPED   | 8. APTITUDES  |
| 16. ORBITAL   | 13. BOOTSTRAP |
| 18. IRONIES   | 14. GABRIELLE |
| 20. SPICA     | 15. TRIGGERED |
| 21. NIGHTCLUB | 17. THALAMI   |
| 24. ROLVAAG   | 19. OPTIMUM   |
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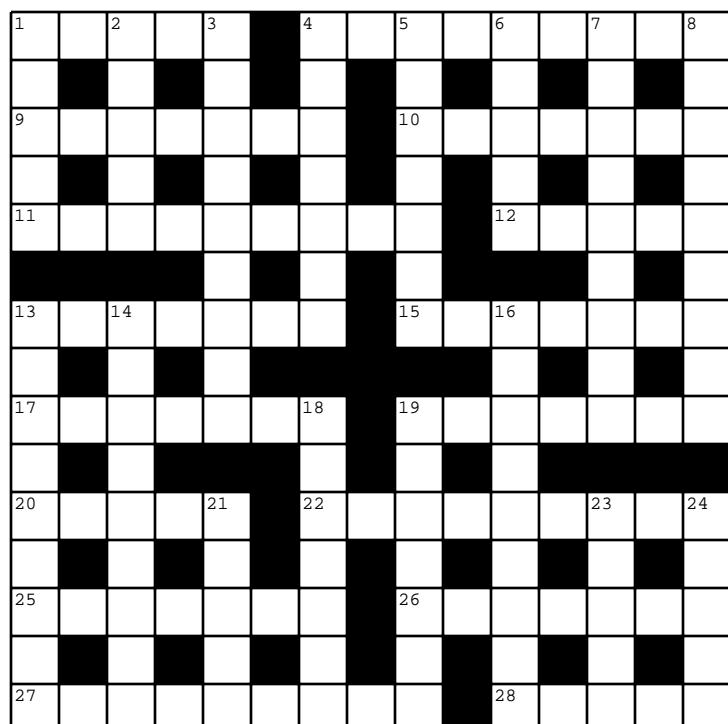
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| 9. GRANDMA    | 3. REDESIGNS  |
| 10. TONGANS   | 4. PIANO      |
| 11. COCKSCOMB | 5. ESTABLISH  |
| 12. STAIR     | 6. ULNAS      |
| 13. DRUDGED   | 7. GUARANTEE  |
| 16. IGNITED   | 8. DISCREDIT  |
| 18. SAMOSET   | 13. DISHCLOTH |
| 19. HIGHEST   | 14. UNMANLIER |
| 20. CENTS     | 15. DETECTING |
| 22. CAFETERIA | 17. NIGHTCLUB |
| 26. ORIGAMI   | 21. SWAMI     |
| 27. BOLIVIA   | 23. FIBER     |
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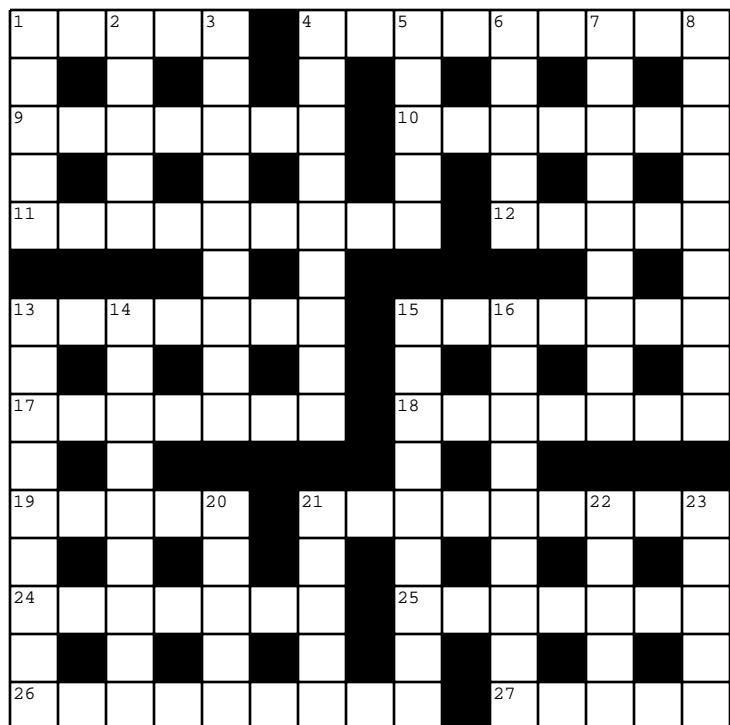
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| 10. REMAINS   | 4. SCALLOP    |
| 11. CONTRALTO | 5. EARLOBE    |
| 12. NIMBI     | 6. DEMON      |
| 13. BUILDUP   | 7. CHIPMUNKS  |
| 15. ENHANCE   | 8. MASSIVELY  |
| 17. DWINDLE   | 13. BEDFELLOW |
| 19. AMNESTY   | 14. INITIATES |
| 20. ELIZA     | 16. HONORARIA |
| 22. GONORRHEA | 18. EAGERER   |
| 25. LITTLED   | 19. ANNUALS   |
| 26. AGRIPPA   | 21. ALLOW     |
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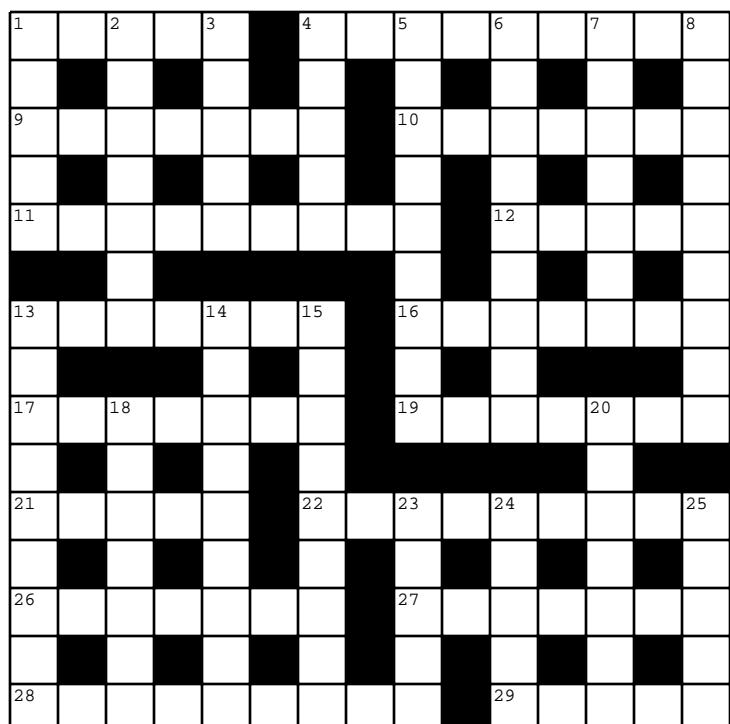
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| 9. ADHERED     | 3. CHRISTINA  |
| 10. DESCEND    | 4. ABDOMINAL  |
| 11. GRUESOMER  | 5. ORDER      |
| 12. SCOPE      | 6. RISES      |
| 13. PASSION    | 7. PHENOMENA  |
| 15. BICKERS    | 8. ADDRESSEE  |
| 17. NAHUATL    | 13. PENINSULA |
| 18. SURFACE    | 14. SCHEDULES |
| 19. NODES      | 15. BUSHELLED |
| 21. OVERSLEEP  | 16. CARDSHARP |
| 24. UNLOADS    | 20. STATE     |
| 25.LEARJET     | 21. OASES     |
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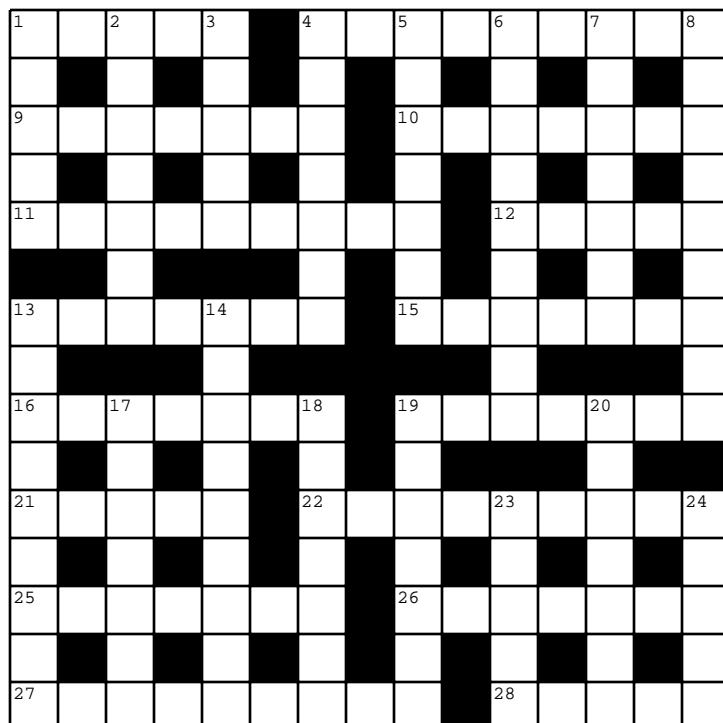
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| 10. ALLURED   | 4. BISON      |
| 11. YIELDINGS | 5. RHAPSODIC  |
| 12. GEESE     | 6. ENLIGHTEN  |
| 13. BLUFFED   | 7. ISRAELI    |
| 16. DETAINS   | 8. GODDESSES  |
| 17. DIPLOMA   | 13. BADGERING |
| 19. CONCURS   | 14. FOOTNOTES |
| 21. EFREN     | 15. DIAPHRAGM |
| 22. HITCHHIKE | 18. PARVENU   |
| 26. INERTIA   | 20. UNICORN   |
| 27. GRANOLA   | 23. TIGER     |
| 28. GRUESOMER | 24. HEART     |
| 29. TUNES     | 25. EXAMS     |



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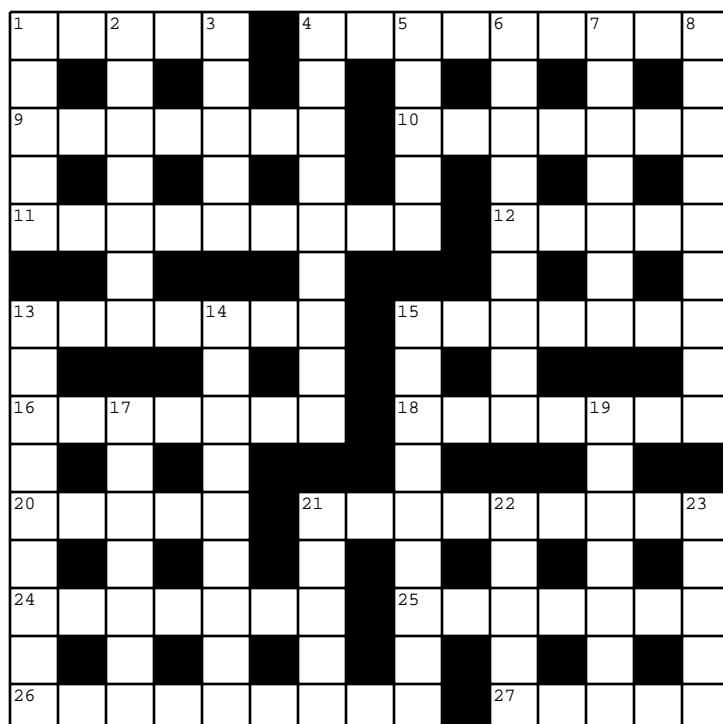
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| 10. TESTATE   | 4. ADHERED    |
| 11. PLUTOCRAT | 5. BATHTUB    |
| 12. ALTER     | 6. NOSTALGIA  |
| 13. ELBOWED   | 7. ACANTHI    |
| 15. BEGUILLE  | 8. SPEARHEAD  |
| 16. GENERAL   | 13. ERGONOMIC |
| 19. CLASSED   | 14. WORLDWIDE |
| 21. NOTED     | 17. NATURAL   |
| 22. CONTINUES | 18. LOCKING   |
| 25. MARTINI   | 19. CONFUSE   |
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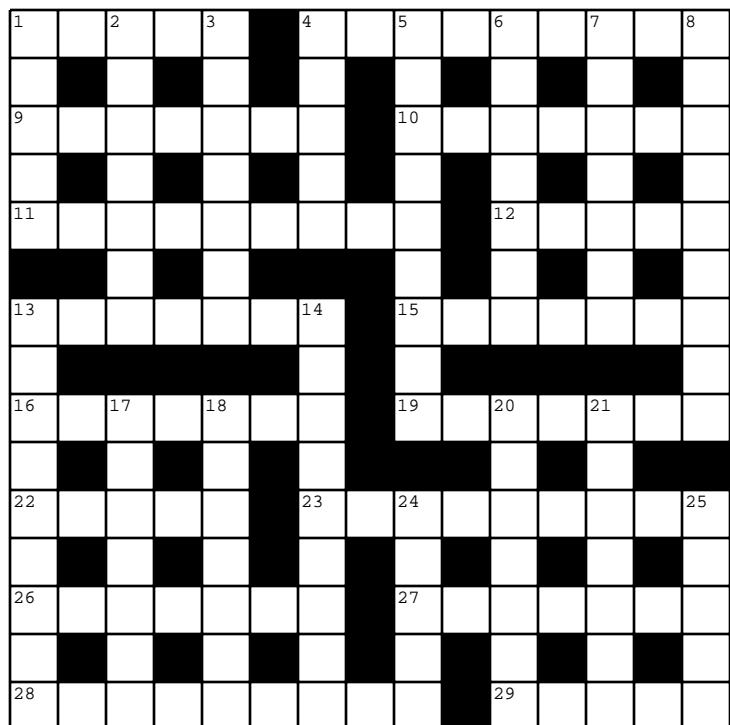
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| 9. ARTWORK    | 3. DROVE      |
| 10. MISLEAD   | 4. MAKESHIFT  |
| 11. UNIVERSAL | 5. CAMEL      |
| 12. AUDIO     | 6. NOSTALGIA  |
| 13. BOLSHOI   | 7. OVERDID    |
| 15. PAGODAS   | 8. HIDEOUSLY  |
| 16. OUTCAST   | 13. BOOKSHELF |
| 18. ANARCHY   | 14. HEARTBEAT |
| 20. SHOOT     | 15. PLAUSIBLE |
| 21. DESTROYER | 17. TROUSER   |
| 24. EASTERN   | 19. CRYPTIC   |
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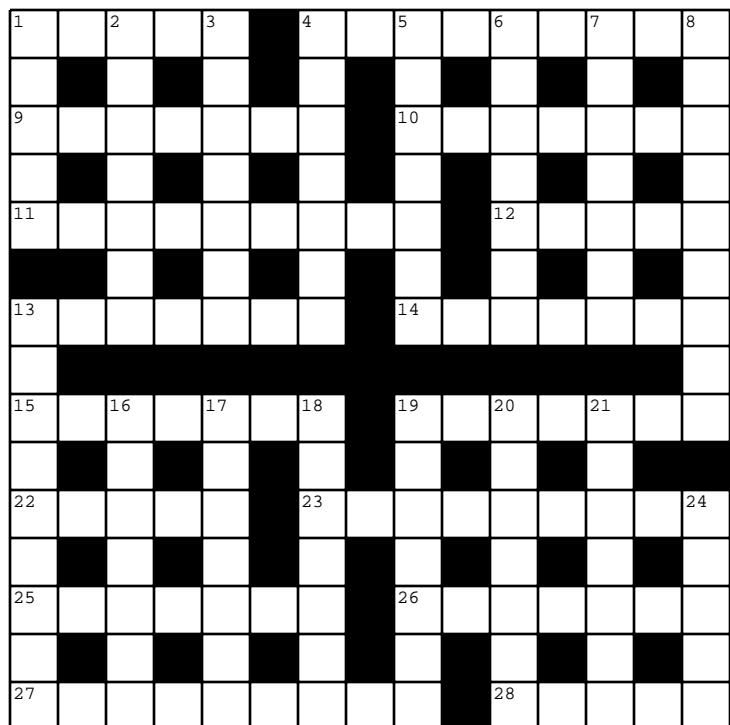
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| 9. PAPAYAS    | 3. KEYWORD    |
| 10. INVOICE   | 4. TASTE      |
| 11. RHINOCERI | 5. CRITICISM  |
| 12. CABLE     | 6. NOVICES    |
| 13. GRANDPA   | 7. QUIBBLE    |
| 15. INSPECT   | 8. ELEVENTHS  |
| 16. INTERIM   | 13. GLISSANDO |
| 19. MIDWAYS   | 14. ARMADILLO |
| 22. SNAFU     | 17. TEATIME   |
| 23. DECOLLETE | 18. RHUBARB   |
| 26. NAIPAOUL  | 20. DILEMMA   |
| 27. HOMBURG   | 21. ASEXUAL   |
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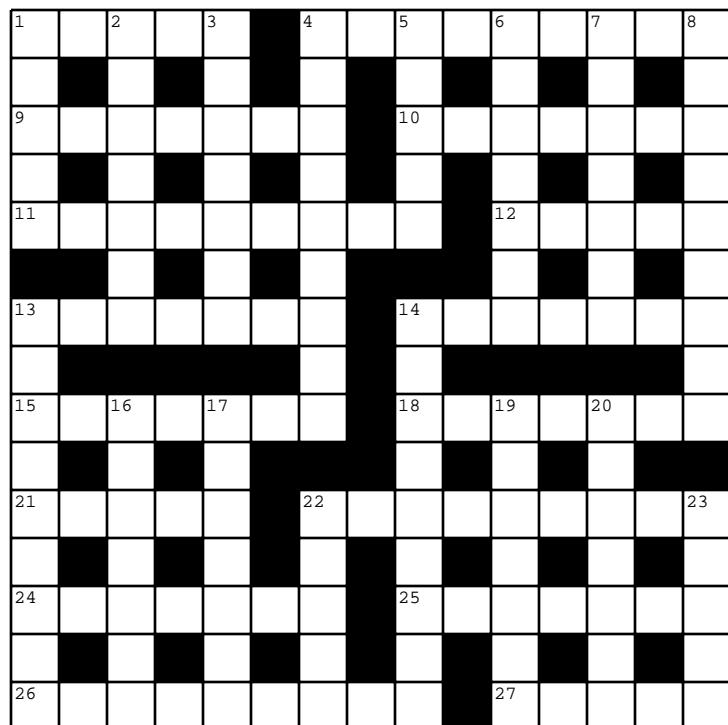
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| 10. ROLVAAG   | 4. EAGERER    |
| 11. INTERPRET | 5. ERRATIC    |
| 12. INFER     | 6. GILLIAN    |
| 13. DEMURER   | 7. TRAFFIC    |
| 14. CONICAL   | 8. CIGARILLO  |
| 15. SNORKEL   | 13. DYSPEPSIA |
| 19. TOBACCO   | 16. OCULIST   |
| 22. ERUPT     | 17. KETCHUP   |
| 23. BERYLLIUM | 18. LIBERAL   |
| 25. SLITHER   | 19. TARTEST   |
| 26. EXHALED   | 20. BELLHOP   |
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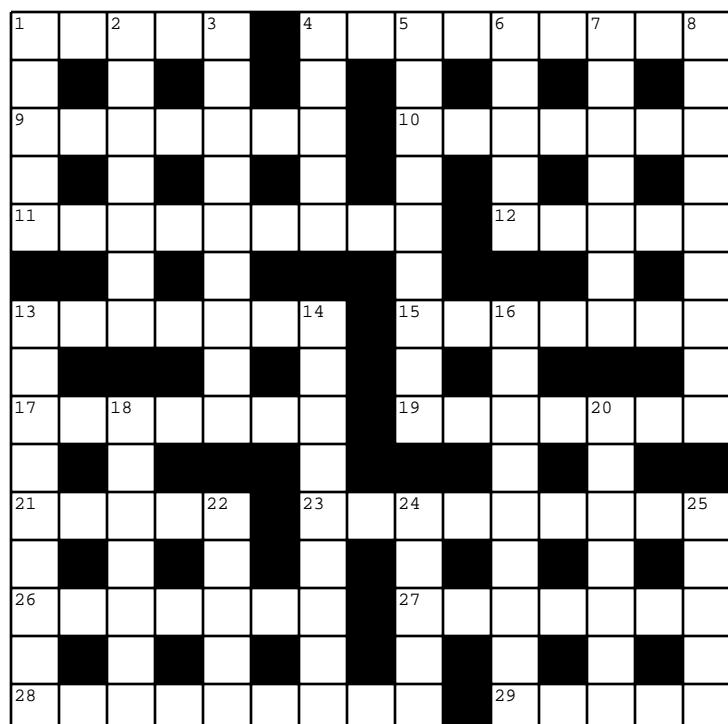
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| 10. ANGERED   | 4. MACKERELS  |
| 11. BOOKSHELF | 5. STAFF      |
| 12. TALES     | 6. LIGHTER    |
| 13. ARTISTE   | 7. COROLLA    |
| 14. GARBAGE   | 8. SIDESTEPS  |
| 15. ACCEPTS   | 13. APATHETIC |
| 18. DEPENDS   | 14. GIDDINESS |
| 21. HENCE     | 16. CONTAIN   |
| 22. EPIDERMIS | 17. PRECISE   |
| 24. TRADING   | 19. PREMIUM   |
| 25. EPIGRAM   | 20. NUMERIC   |
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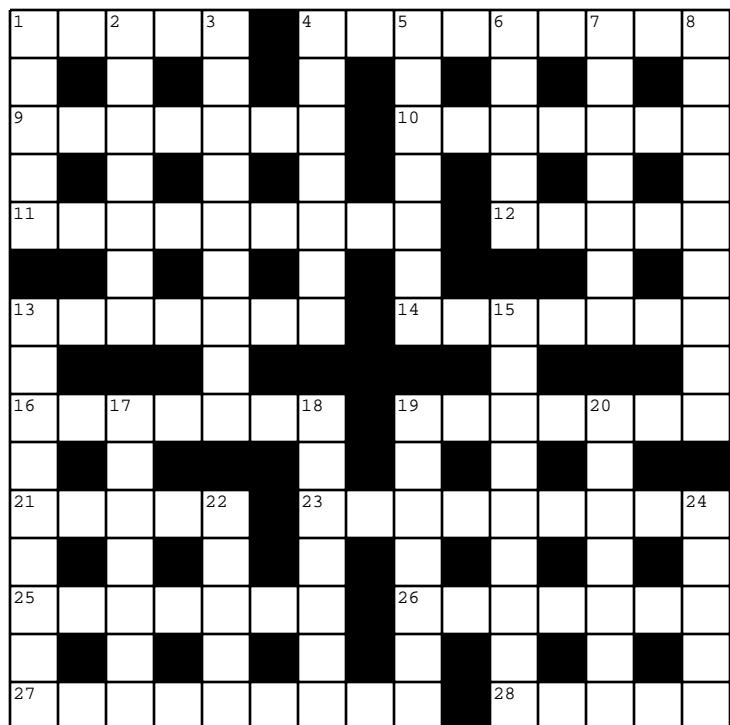
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| 10. NIEBUHR   | 4. ALIAS      |
| 11. SERIOUSLY | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. LEAVE     | 6. IDEAL      |
| 13. DISTURB   | 7. TSUNAMI    |
| 15. OUSTING   | 8. CORREGGIO  |
| 17. PLATEAU   | 13. DEPRESSES |
| 19. BRAVADO   | 14. BLUEBIRDS |
| 21. EAGLE     | 16. STANDARDS |
| 23. BLOODSHOT | 18. ANGELIC   |
| 26. SILLIER   | 20. APHASIA   |
| 27. CHRISTA   | 22. EXILE     |
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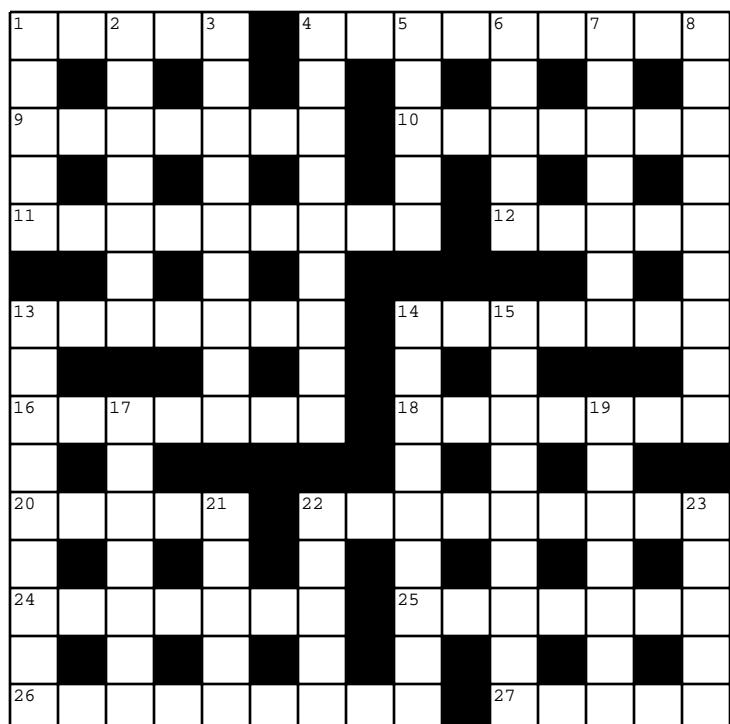
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| 9. UNKNOWN    | 3. ISOLATING  |
| 10. FRANTIC   | 4. LANGUOR    |
| 11. BARRACUDA | 5. BUFFALO    |
| 12. OLSON     | 6. IDAHO      |
| 13. PHONIER   | 7. ARTISAN    |
| 14. OCEANIC   | 8. TECHNICAL  |
| 16. CRINGED   | 13. PACIFISTS |
| 19. TYPICAL   | 15. EUPHEMISM |
| 21. FEVER     | 17. INVALID   |
| 23. PRECEDENT | 18. DEPRIVE   |
| 25. SYLLABI   | 19. THEISTS   |
| 26. SEIZURE   | 20. CAESURA   |
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| 28. MEANS     | 24. TEEMS     |



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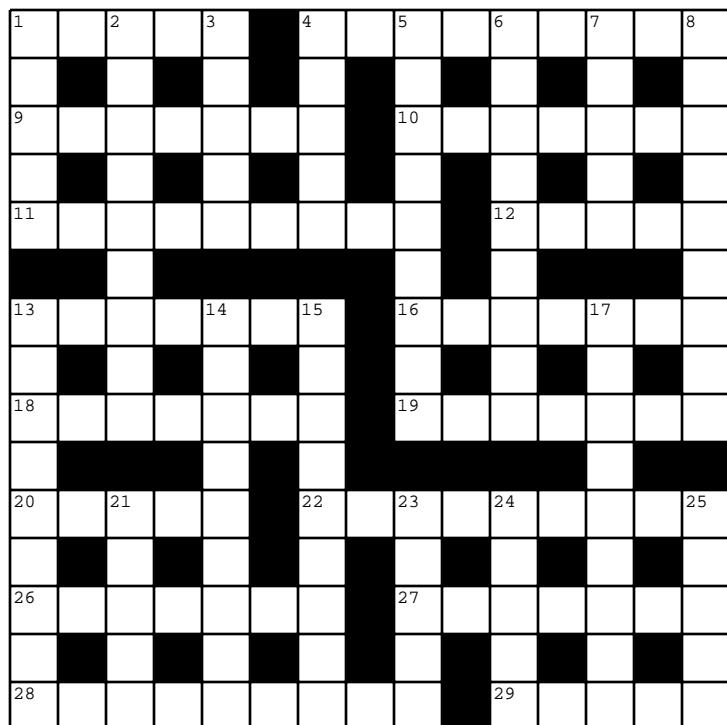
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| 4. ARTIFACTS  | 2. LUMBAGO    |
| 9. SAMURAI    | 3. FIREPLACE  |
| 10. NUCLEIC   | 4. AGITATORS  |
| 11. REAPPEARS | 5. TANGS      |
| 12. TAHOE     | 6. FACET      |
| 13. AVOCADO   | 7. CHEKHOV    |
| 14. REMOVES   | 8. SUCCESSOR  |
| 16. TICKETS   | 13. ANTELOPES |
| 18. SENATOR   | 14. RESENTFUL |
| 20. LABIA     | 15. MONITORED |
| 22. CONSTRUES | 17. CABOOSE   |
| 24. PROVERB   | 19. TSUNAMI   |
| 25. FORBADE   | 21. ALERT     |
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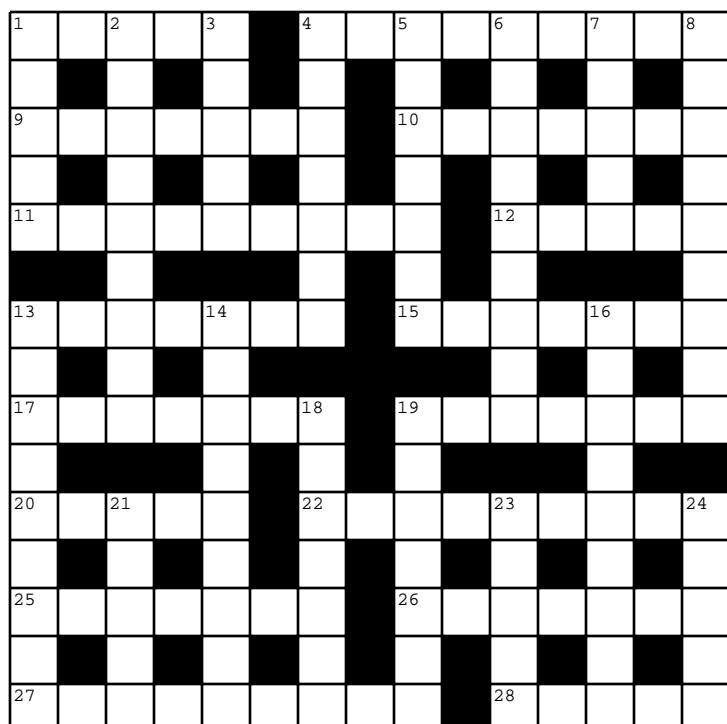
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| 4. JUDGMENTS  | 2. ETRUSCANS  |
| 9. FORSOOK    | 3. ALOHA      |
| 10. COHABIT   | 4. JOKED      |
| 11. DISCARDED | 5. DOCUDRAMA  |
| 12. RULER     | 6. MAHARAJAH  |
| 13. EXAMPLE   | 7. NOBEL      |
| 16. ABJECTS   | 8. SATIRISTS  |
| 18. BESIEGE   | 13. EMBELLISH |
| 19. ASHCANS   | 14. PRESCHOOL |
| 20. LYRIC     | 15. EMERGENCY |
| 22. GENERATOR | 17. CRAFTSMAN |
| 26. IDAHOAN   | 21. REALM     |
| 27. ANAEMIA   | 23. NEARS     |
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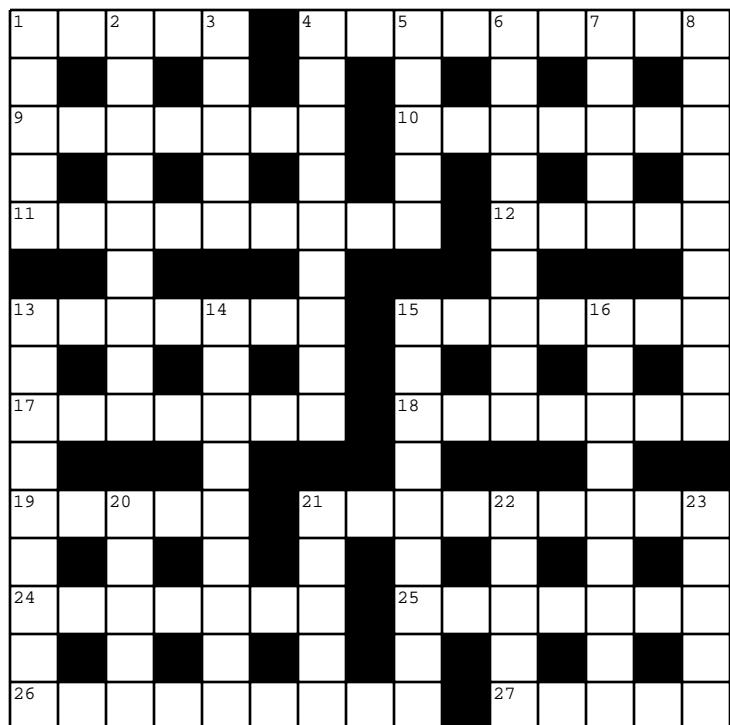
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| 9. MEASURE    | 3. SAUDI      |
| 10. FLAVOUR   | 4. ELEMENT    |
| 11. NEEDINESS | 5. REFUSAL    |
| 12. LAURI     | 6. CHALLENGE  |
| 13. DELIGHT   | 7. INONU      |
| 15. LONGISH   | 8. GARNISHED  |
| 17. SAMBAED   | 13. DISCREDIT |
| 19. CLEAVED   | 14. GUARDIANS |
| 20. RAPID     | 16. INVISIBLE |
| 22. CARCASSES | 18. DECLARE   |
| 25. DIORAMA   | 19. CARIBOU   |
| 26. BELLBOY   | 21. PHOTO     |
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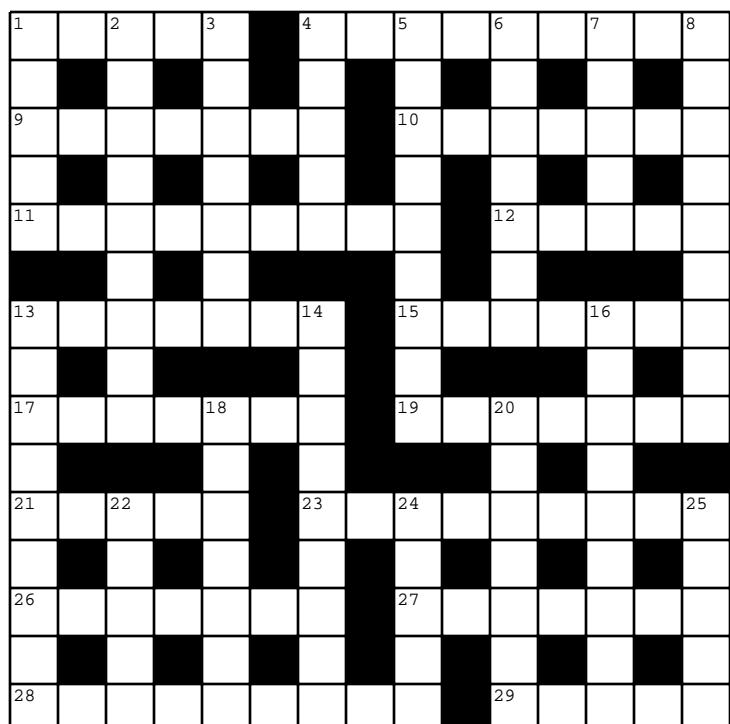
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| 4. NICKNAMED  | 2. INUKTITUT  |
| 9. IGUASSU    | 3. DISCO      |
| 10. VANILLA   | 4. NAUGHTILY  |
| 11. BETROTHAL | 5. CIVIL      |
| 12. XENON     | 6. NONEXEMPT  |
| 13. HITACHI   | 7. MELON      |
| 15. COMPELS   | 8. DIAGNOSIS  |
| 17. BUTTERY   | 13. HABITABLE |
| 18. MATURES   | 14. CRESCENDI |
| 19. TOPIC     | 15. COMPOSURE |
| 21. BLOODSHED | 16. EARTHWORM |
| 24. BITINGS   | 20. PATTI     |
| 25. UNIFORM   | 21. BASRA     |
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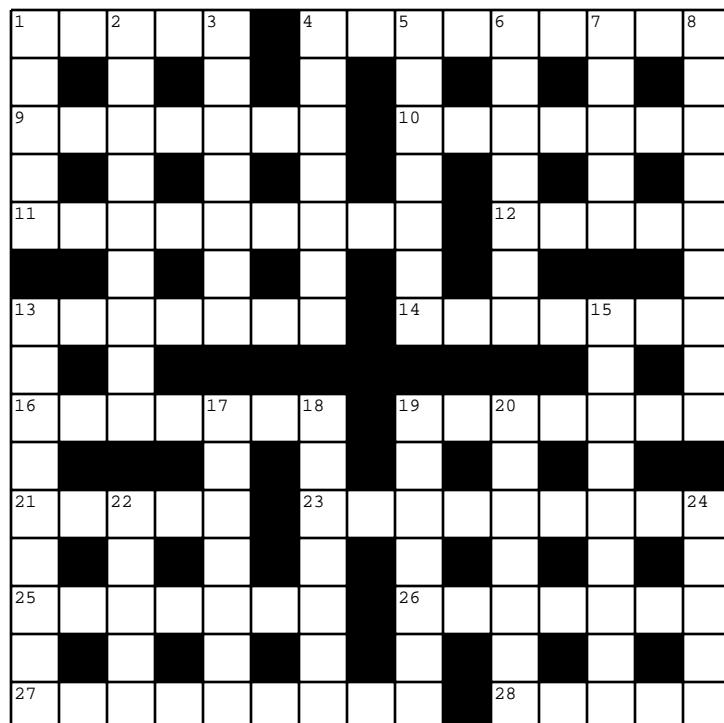
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| 9. UNWRAPS    | 3. AMATEUR    |
| 10. ARACELI   | 4. POSED      |
| 11. PRETENDER | 5. DIARRHOEA  |
| 12. KNELT     | 6. SHACKLE    |
| 13. EDGARDO   | 7. ADELE      |
| 15. OPERATE   | 8. SHIFTLESS  |
| 17. GODLIKE   | 13. ERGONOMIC |
| 19. AROUSES   | 14. OVERBLOWN |
| 21. NICHE     | 16. ABSOLUTER |
| 23. BUSHELLED | 18. INERTIA   |
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| 27. FIESTAS   | 22. CLEAN     |
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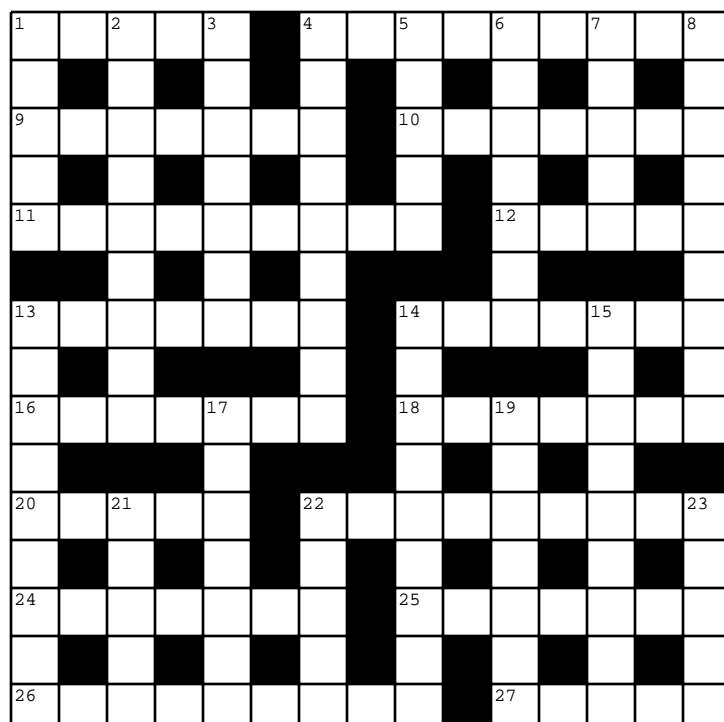
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| 9. OVERRAN    | 3. LORELEI    |
| 10. MESTIZO   | 4. HANDBAG    |
| 11. HANDLEBAR | 5. NUMERIC    |
| 12. IZAAK     | 6. YESHIVA    |
| 13. MAILING   | 7. ORIYA      |
| 14. CLAIMED   | 8. BLOCKADES  |
| 16. NARRATE   | 13. MANIFESTO |
| 19. SIDINGS   | 15. MENDELEEV |
| 21. FACTS     | 17. AUSPICE   |
| 23. HOMESTEAD | 18. EXHALES   |
| 25. SPECIAL   | 19. SAMBAED   |
| 26. ARACELI   | 20. DESPAIR   |
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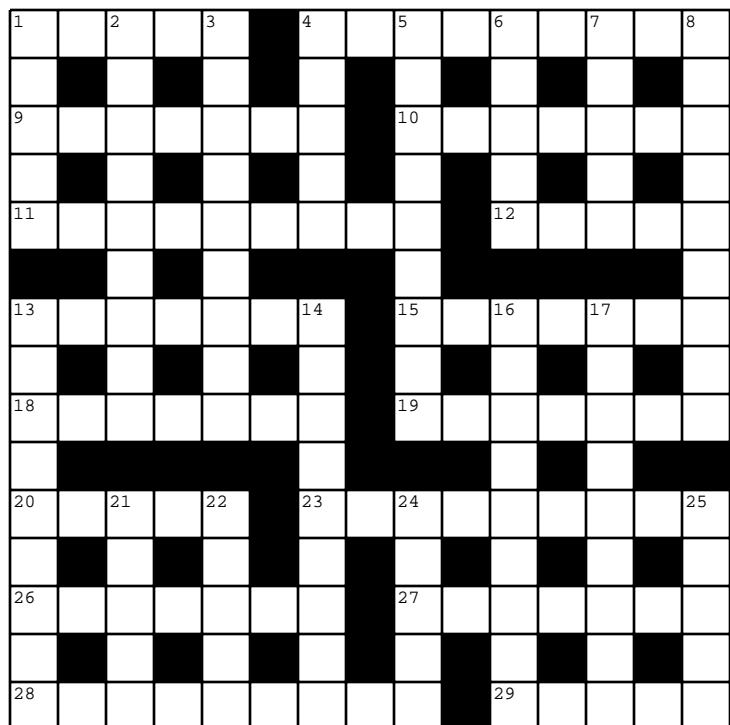
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| 9. MACUMBA    | 3. DUMMIES    |
| 10. PARVENU   | 4. IMAGINING  |
| 11. CERTIFIED | 5. BIPED      |
| 12. BAHAI     | 6. CARIBOU    |
| 13. BELUSHI   | 7. LEECH      |
| 14. THUNDER   | 8. COURIERED  |
| 16. BIDDING   | 13. BABUSHKAS |
| 18. EXPOSED   | 14. TREATABLE |
| 20. SIDLE     | 15. DISREPAIR |
| 22. CATHETERS | 17. INERTIA   |
| 24. KINETIC   | 19. PREMIUM   |
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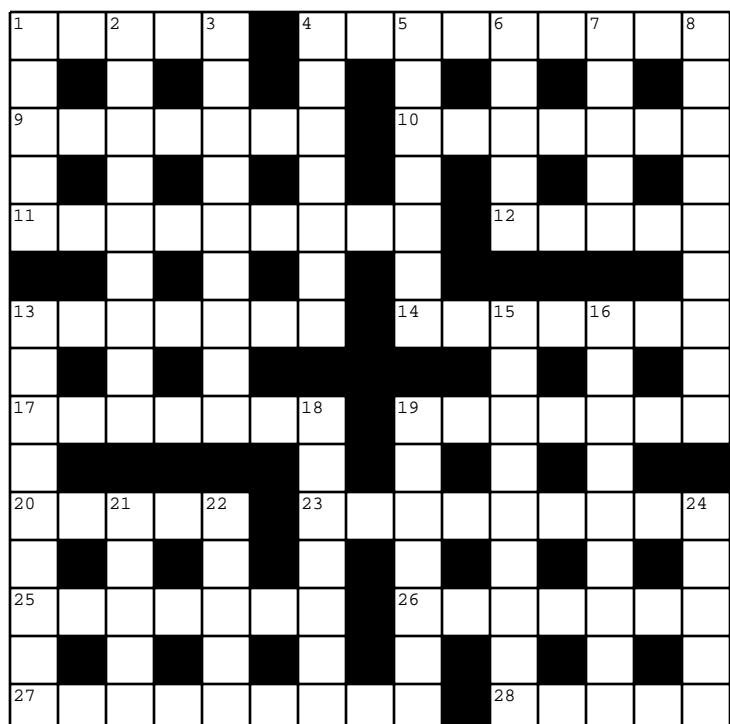
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| 9. SATCHEL    | 3. ETHICALLY  |
| 10. REPROOF   | 4. NYLON      |
| 11. CRESCENDO | 5. GARROTTED  |
| 12. SHAKA     | 6. TAPES      |
| 13. PHILLIP   | 7. LEOLA      |
| 15. TOBACCO   | 8. BUFFALOED  |
| 18. BOGEYED   | 13. PUBLICIZE |
| 19. DRAINED   | 14. PEDOMETER |
| 20. ICAHN     | 16. BRASSIEST |
| 23. MAELSTROM | 17. CENTRALER |
| 26. INHERIT   | 21. ABHOR     |
| 27. GREMLIN   | 22. NORTH     |
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| 29. TYRED     | 25. MINED     |



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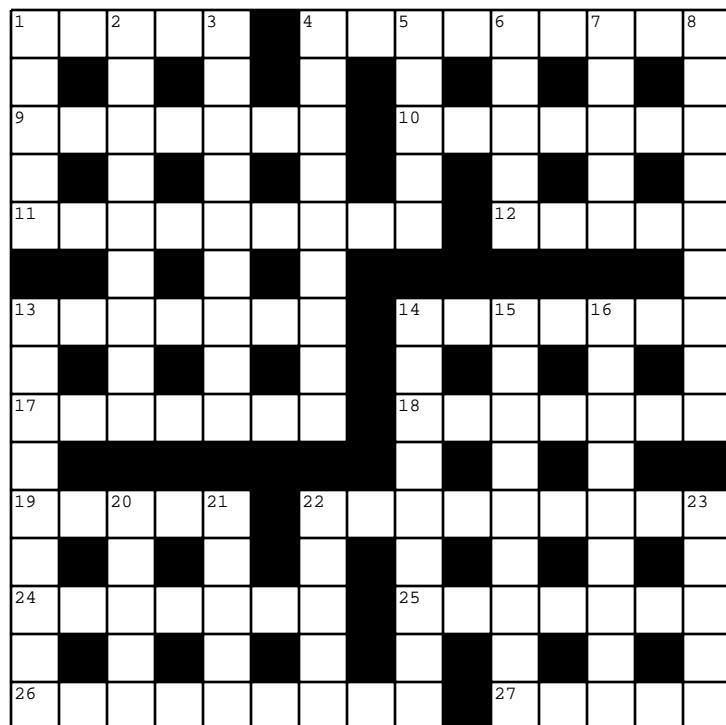
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| 9. IDYLLIC    | 3. SILVERIER  |
| 10. NUCLEAR   | 4. ACCUSED    |
| 11. UNIVERSAL | 5. SINGLED    |
| 12. SNAIL     | 6. INCAS      |
| 13. SEABIRD   | 7. ARENA      |
| 14. DEFAMED   | 8. THRALLDOM  |
| 17. ASSERTS   | 13. SJAELLAND |
| 19. MINIMUM   | 15. FINGERTIP |
| 20. LOSES     | 16. MEMORANDA |
| 23. PREFERRED | 18. SOPRANO   |
| 25. AMERICA   | 19. MEETING   |
| 26. INTENSE   | 21. SWEEP     |
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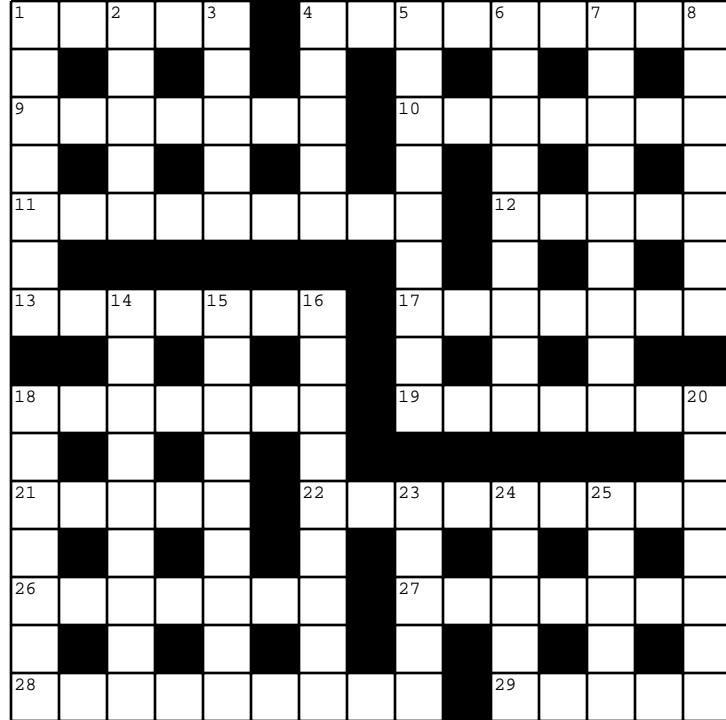
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| 9. TLINGIT    | 3. REGISTERS  |
| 10. PREVIEW   | 4. NATIONALS  |
| 11. DELUSIONS | 5. GAPES      |
| 12. PASTE     | 6. TWERP      |
| 13. DUODENA   | 7. LAIRS      |
| 14. LEANING   | 8. BOWLEGGED  |
| 17. ASSISTS   | 13. DEADLOCKS |
| 18. DRIPPED   | 14. LUDICROUS |
| 19. LIKED     | 15. AXIOMATIC |
| 22. DECOMPOSE | 16. IMPROMPTU |
| 24. CHAGRIN   | 20. KOALA     |
| 25. OCTOPUS   | 21. DEREK     |
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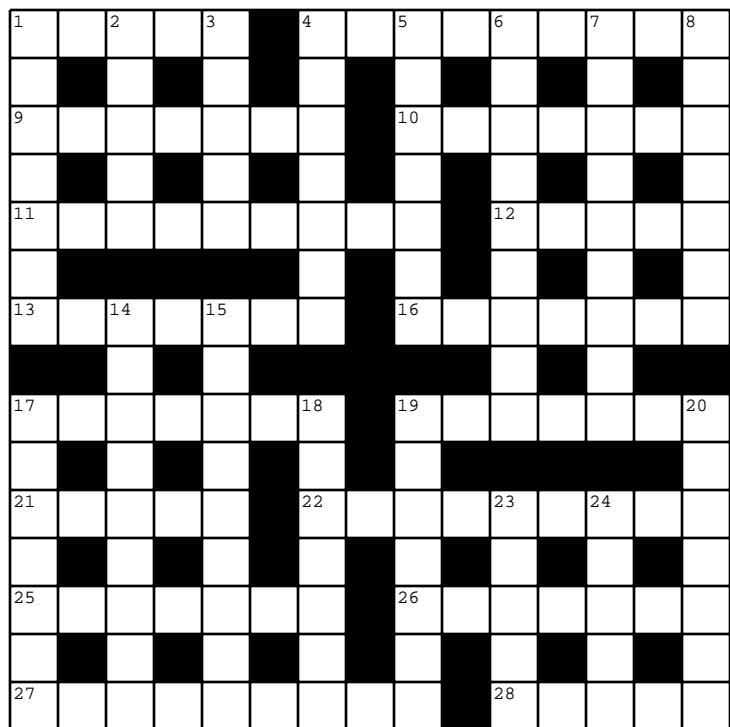
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| 9. BAGGIER    | 3. TYING      |
| 10. ROISTER   | 4. SCRUB      |
| 11. ILLEGIBLY | 5. BARNYARDS  |
| 12. EARTH     | 6. TRIMESTER  |
| 13. FEEDBAG   | 7. NATURALLY  |
| 17. RATTLED   | 8. EARTHED    |
| 18. NOVELLA   | 14. EAVESDROP |
| 19. SPRAYER   | 15. BELLYACHE |
| 21. TASTY     | 16. GRANDIOSE |
| 22. DRUGGISTS | 18. NATASHA   |
| 26. SIROCCO   | 20. RESIDED   |
| 27. WHIRRED   | 23. UNWED     |
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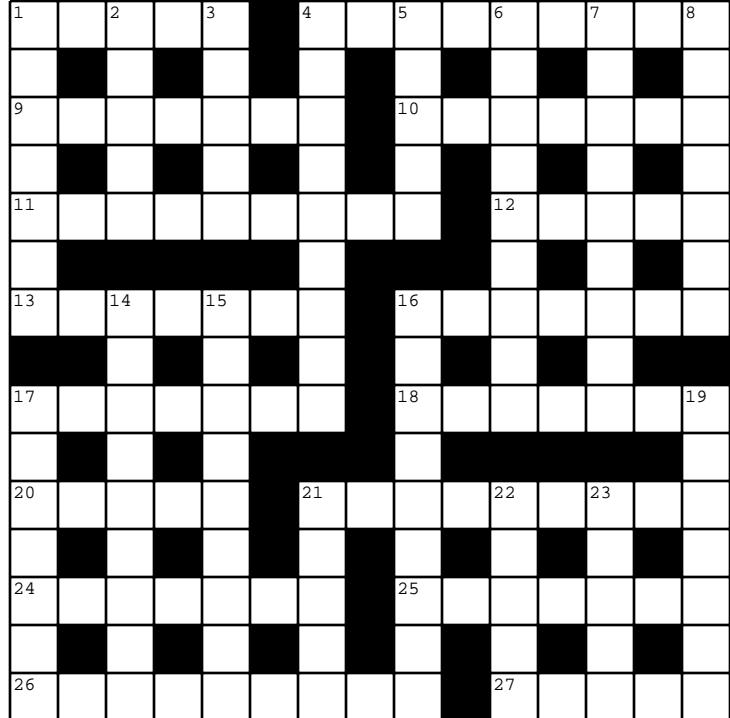
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| 4. KNOWLEDGE  | 2. OWING      |
| 9. AGITATE    | 3. SPARE      |
| 10. REFUSED   | 4. KEELING    |
| 11. MAGNETISM | 5. OARSMAN    |
| 12. THERE     | 6. LIFETIMES  |
| 13. DEEMING   | 7. DYSPEPSIA  |
| 16. NEMESES   | 8. ENDLESS    |
| 17. OVERJOY   | 14. EXECRABLE |
| 19. MISTAKE   | 15. INJUSTICE |
| 21. TYRES     | 17. OUTCROP   |
| 22. CELEBRATE | 18. YACHTED   |
| 25. REBUILT   | 19. MALICED   |
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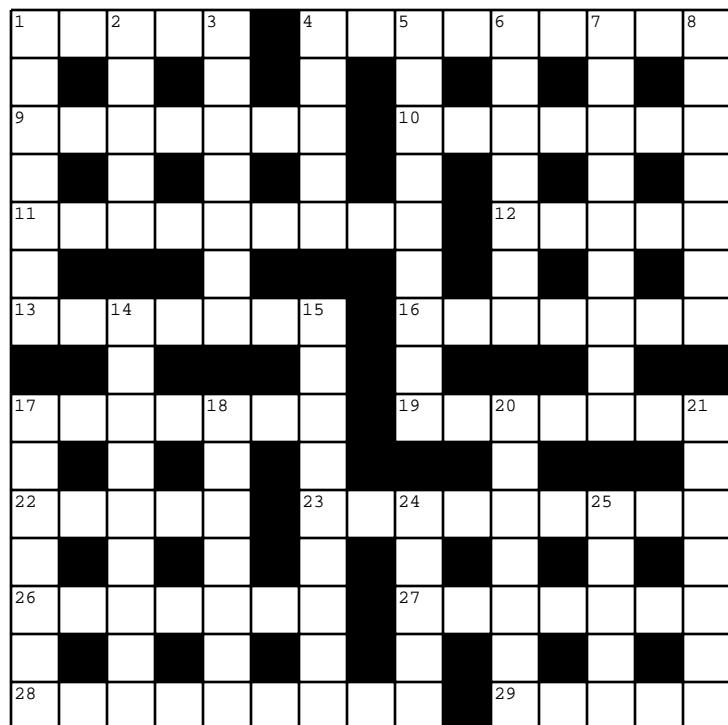
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| 4. BOURGEOIS  | 2. GRANT      |
| 9. SCALPEL    | 3. TOPIC      |
| 10. CONTENT   | 4. BALLOONED  |
| 11. ARTICHOKE | 5. UNCLE      |
| 12. RADAR     | 6. GONORRHEA  |
| 13. ABDOMEN   | 7. OVERDRAFT  |
| 16. REHEATS   | 8. SATIRES    |
| 17. BRIDLED   | 14. DRIVEWAYS |
| 18. QUANTUM   | 15. MILWAUKEE |
| 20. EDEMA     | 16. REQUESTED |
| 21. MAELSTROM | 17. BREAKUP   |
| 24. KHARKOV   | 19. MAMMOTH   |
| 25. TORNADO   | 21. MOVES     |
| 26. POSSESSED | 22. SCREW     |
| 27. WATCH     | 23. REACT     |



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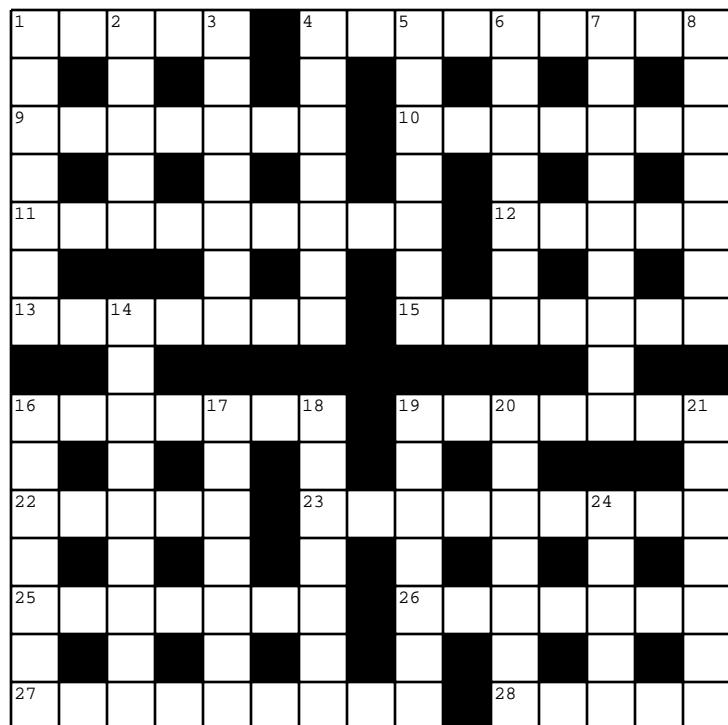
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| 4. FISHERMAN  | 2. COMAE      |
| 9. LUMBAGO    | 3. ANARCHY    |
| 10. NONUSER   | 4. FROWN      |
| 11. CRESCENDI | 5. SENSITIVE  |
| 12. CONGA     | 6. EUNUCHS    |
| 13. DECAYED   | 7. MISINFORM  |
| 16. INSHORE   | 8. NARRATE    |
| 17. BRIDGED   | 14. CRITICISM |
| 19. ENDEMIC   | 15. DEDICATED |
| 22. SPICA     | 17. BESEECH   |
| 23. CEAUSESCU | 18. GRAPHIC   |
| 26. EPITHET   | 20. DESPAIR   |
| 27. FEARFUL   | 21. CRUELER   |
| 28. HOMICIDAL | 24. AWFUL     |
| 29. RARER     | 25. SAFER     |



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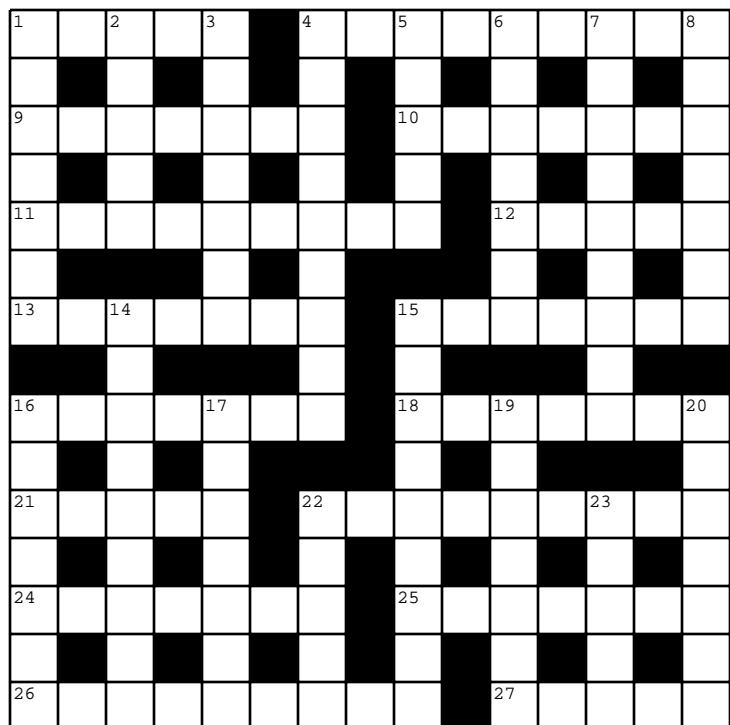
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| 4. WISECRACK  | 2. PILOT      |
| 9. DELGADO    | 3. THALAMI    |
| 10. LOCATED   | 4. WRONGLY    |
| 11. LETHARGIC | 5. SILICON    |
| 12. EERIE     | 6. COCTEAU    |
| 13. AMPLIFY   | 7. ALTERNATE  |
| 15. NOUGATS   | 8. KIDNEY'S   |
| 16. TYPICAL   | 14. PAPERWORK |
| 19. ALCMENA   | 16. TANISHA   |
| 22. NORTH     | 17. CAHOKIA   |
| 23. BUTTERCUP | 18. LABELED   |
| 25. SNORKEL   | 19. AUTOPSY   |
| 26. POKIEST   | 20. CHECKUP   |
| 27. AWKWARDLY | 21. AMPUTEE   |
| 28. PRIDE     | 24. CHERI     |



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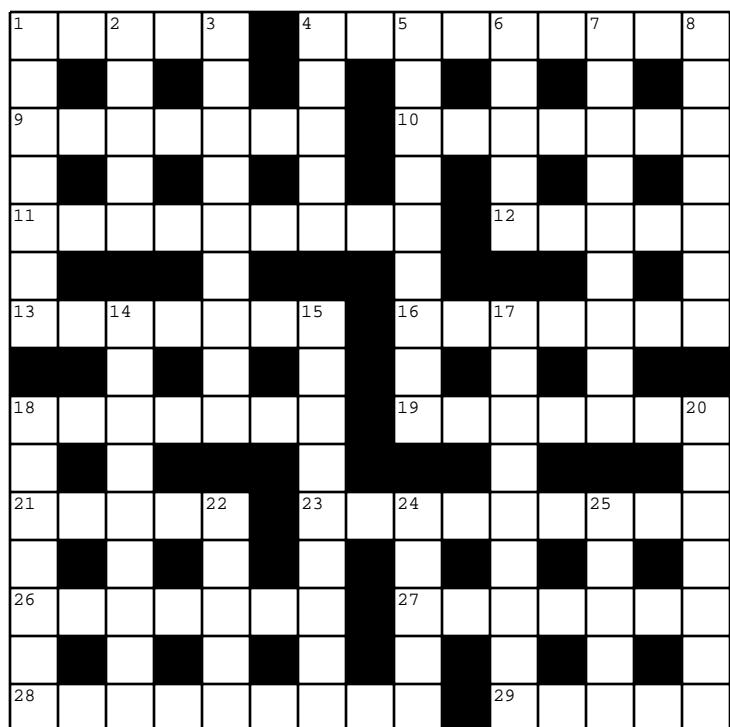
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| 4. THEODORIC  | 2. HENNA      |
| 9. LINGUAL    | 3. SAUNDRA    |
| 10. COPYCAT   | 4. TALKATIVE  |
| 11. GUARDRAIL | 5. EXCEL      |
| 12. SPELL     | 6. DEPOSIT    |
| 13. ORIGAMI   | 7. RICKETIER  |
| 15. LATHING   | 8. CATALOG    |
| 16. ADULATE   | 14. INUKTITUT |
| 18. ROSTRUM   | 15. LARKSPURS |
| 21. TOTEM     | 16. ANTENNA   |
| 22. ASSEMBLER | 17. ADMIRER   |
| 24. NATURAL   | 19. SOMEHOW   |
| 25. UNHAPPY   | 20. MARTYRS   |
| 26. ASTERISKS | 22. ATLAS     |
| 27. WINES     | 23. LUPIN     |



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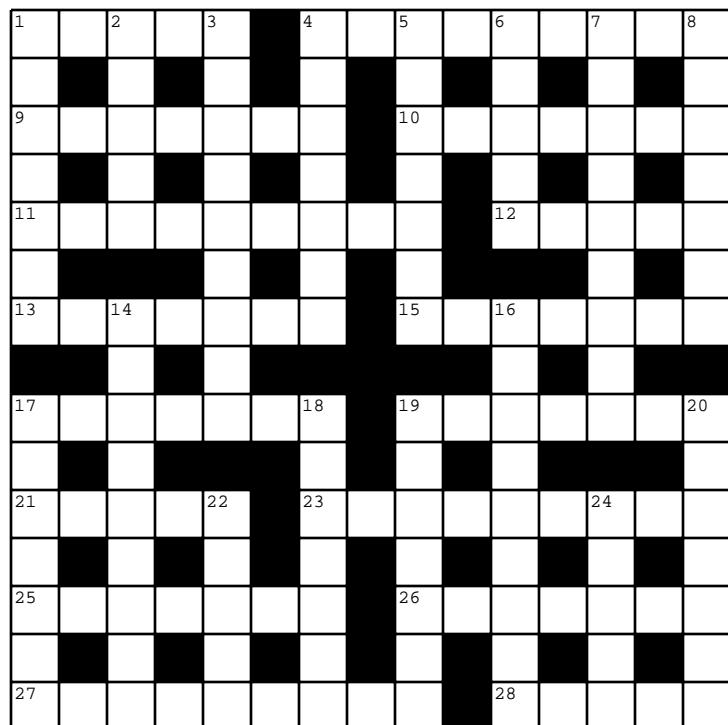
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| 9. YACHTED    | 3. LITTERBUG  |
| 10. UNHAPPY   | 4. RADII      |
| 11. TITTERING | 5. BLUDGEONS  |
| 12. MARGE     | 6. ISHIM      |
| 13. CARIBOU   | 7. IMPARTIAL  |
| 16. OVARIES   | 8. GEYSERS    |
| 18. STOPGAP   | 14. ROOSEVELT |
| 19. SWALLOW   | 15. UNPOPULAR |
| 21. USERS     | 17. AMATERASU |
| 23. PLACENTAE | 18. SPUMONI   |
| 26. OVERALL   | 20. WEEKDAY   |
| 27. SLAMMED   | 22. STAIR     |
| 28. INTERPRET | 24. ASSET     |
| 29. UNIFY     | 25. TEMPI     |



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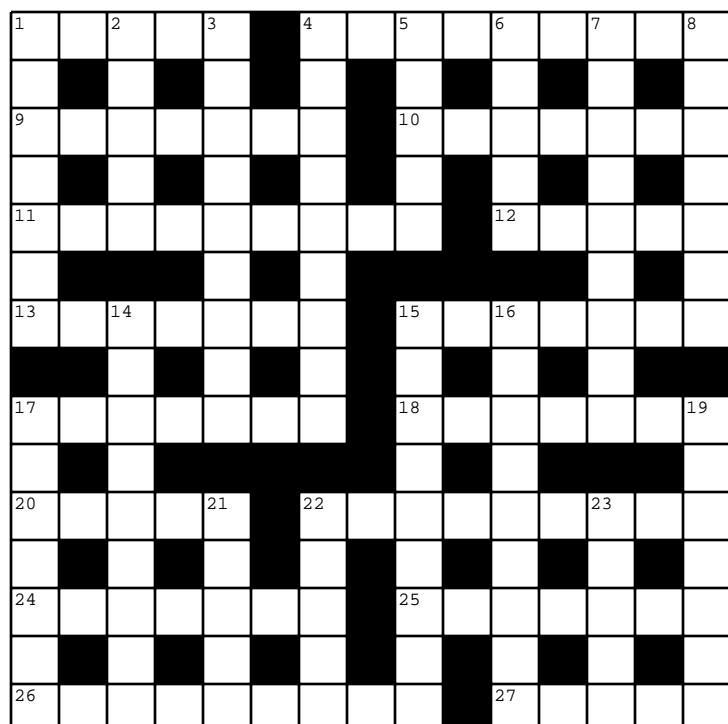
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| 4. TAWDRIEST  | 2. APRON      |
| 9. BOREDOM    | 3. ENDOWMENT  |
| 10. REDUCES   | 4. TIMIDLY    |
| 11. BANDWIDTH | 5. WORSHIP    |
| 12. ORIYA     | 6. RADIO      |
| 13. SUMMERY   | 7. ENCHILADA  |
| 15. PLACATE   | 8. TESTATE    |
| 17. BIRETTA   | 14. MARCELINO |
| 19. CASSAVA   | 16. AESTHETIC |
| 21. THESE     | 17. BATHTUB   |
| 23. FOOTHOLDS | 18. ALFALFA   |
| 25. TRIVIAL   | 19. COOLING   |
| 26. INTEGER   | 20. ASSURED   |
| 27. BOOMERANG | 22. ELITE     |
| 28. CURED     | 24. LAGER     |



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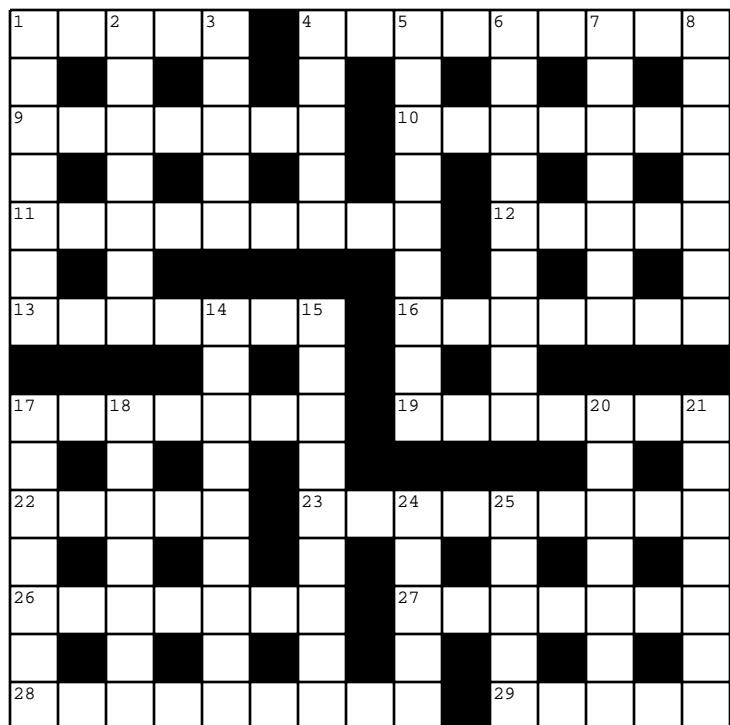
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| 4. LEDERBERG  | 2. LYRIC      |
| 9. MARXISM    | 3. EPIDERMAL  |
| 10. FICTION   | 4. LAMPOONED  |
| 11. EXCRETORY | 5. DAFFY      |
| 12. PRONE     | 6. RECAP      |
| 13. ALBUMEN   | 7. EDITORIAL  |
| 15. MOBBING   | 8. GINSENG    |
| 17. SETTLED   | 14. BUTTERNUT |
| 18. BACILLI   | 15. MOBILISES |
| 20. AREAS     | 16. BACKSLASH |
| 22. HILLSIDES | 17. SWALLOW   |
| 24. LANKIER   | 19. INSISTS   |
| 25. STARVES   | 21. SMILE     |
| 26. WITNESSES | 22. HURTS     |
| 27. HALTS     | 23. DEVIL     |



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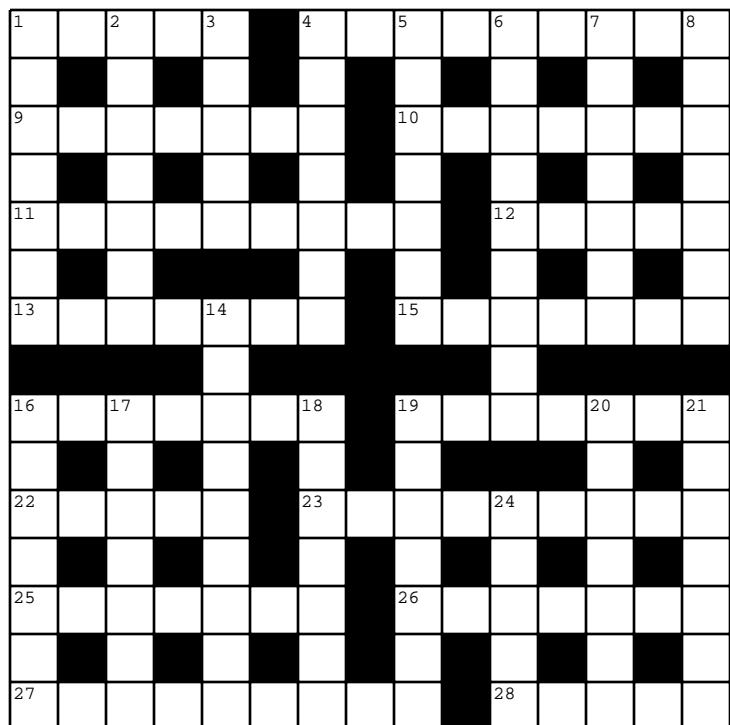
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| 4. UNHITCHES  | 2. INCOMES    |
| 9. ASCETIC    | 3. SATAN      |
| 10. NANETTE   | 4. UNCLE      |
| 11. IMMENSELY | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. ETHIC     | 6. TINDERBOX  |
| 13. ESSENCE   | 7. HATCHET    |
| 16. ORBITAL   | 8. STENCIL    |
| 17. PROVERB   | 14. NEEDINESS |
| 19. BUXTOMER  | 15. EMBEDDING |
| 22. RADII     | 17. PERKIER   |
| 23. DELEGATES | 18. ORDERED   |
| 26. ISRAELI   | 20. MATURER   |
| 27. FLOURED   | 21. RESIDUE   |
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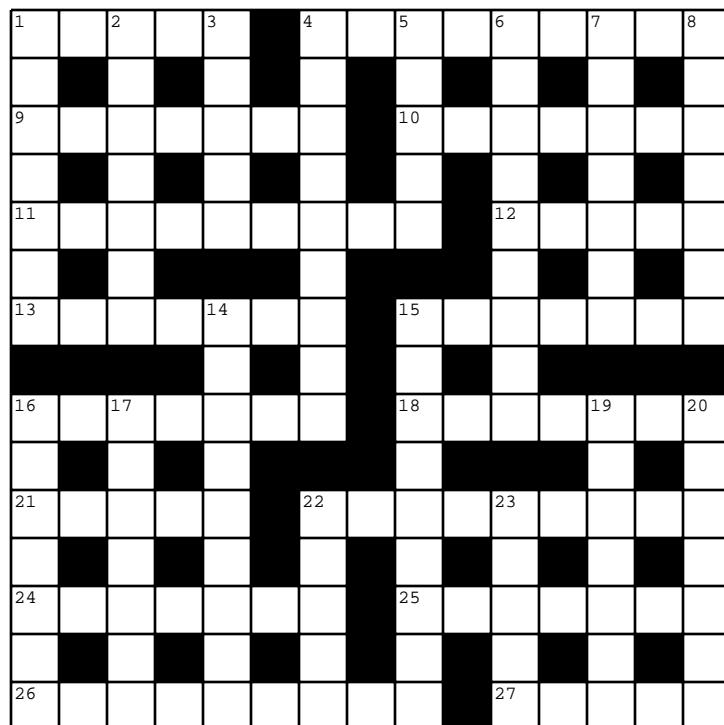
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| 4. DISCARDED  | 2. MALINDA    |
| 9. GALILEE    | 3. CALYX      |
| 10. METRICS   | 4. DREAMED    |
| 11. NONEXEMPT | 5. SYMPTOM    |
| 12. PIZZA     | 6. ANTIPASTI  |
| 13. CLAPPED   | 7. DRIZZLE    |
| 15. MASSEUR   | 8. DESPAIR    |
| 16. ASCETIC   | 14. PATIENTER |
| 19. CRISPER   | 16. ARRANGE   |
| 22. ROCHE     | 17. COCKPIT   |
| 23. SCREWIEST | 18. CASSAVA   |
| 25. NAPHTHA   | 19. CARAVAN   |
| 26. VERDICT   | 20. PREVIEW   |
| 27. ENTERTAIN | 21. ROTATES   |
| 28. TOWNS     | 24. WORST     |



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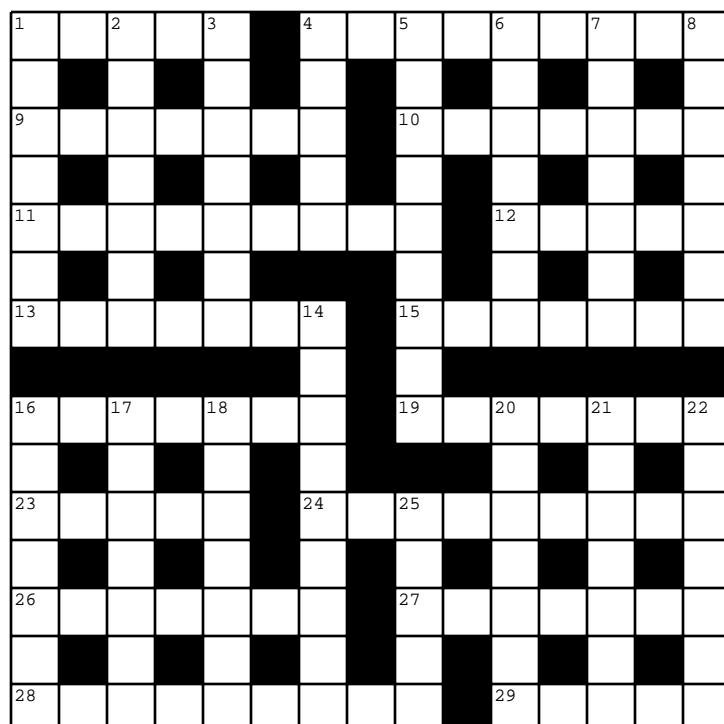
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| 4. AESTHETIC  | 2. ADDRESS    |
| 9. RADIOED    | 3. NOOSE      |
| 10. AMBLING   | 4. ADDRESSED  |
| 11. UNEVENEST | 5. START      |
| 12. OLDIE     | 6. HOBGOBLIN  |
| 13. BESIDES   | 7. TWIDDLE    |
| 15. MILDEST   | 8. CAGIEST    |
| 16. BELOVED   | 14. DEVELOPED |
| 18. SANDBAG   | 15. MISGUIDES |
| 21. LABEL     | 16. BELUSHI   |
| 22. COUNSELOR | 17. LEBLANC   |
| 24. SHAMPOO   | 19. BOLSHOI   |
| 25. DRACHMA   | 20. GARBAGE   |
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| 27. PRIDE     | 23. SWAMP     |



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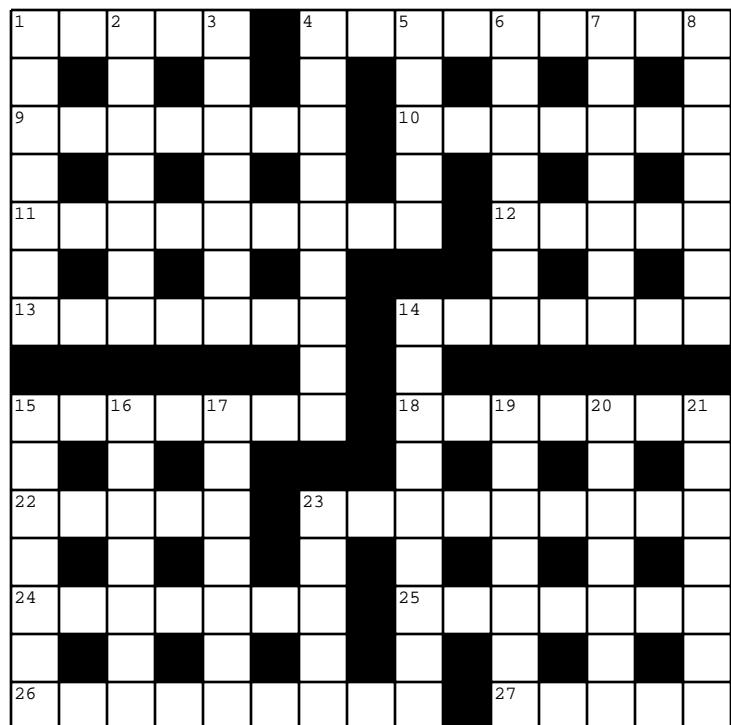
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| 4. ISINGLASS  | 2. SUSTAIN    |
| 9. INSTALL    | 3. SCANTED    |
| 10. TEDIOUS   | 4. IDLER      |
| 11. FLATTERER | 5. INTERVIEW  |
| 12. NAIVE     | 6. GODUNOV    |
| 13. DENUDED   | 7. ASOCIAL    |
| 15. INVALID   | 8. SUSPEND    |
| 16. CHIEFER   | 14. DAREDEVIL |
| 19. WHOEVER   | 16. CORNCOB   |
| 23. REEVE     | 17. ICEBERG   |
| 24. DESPAIRED | 18. FRESHET   |
| 26. CHEKHOV   | 20. OCARINA   |
| 27. BRIANNA   | 21. VERANDA   |
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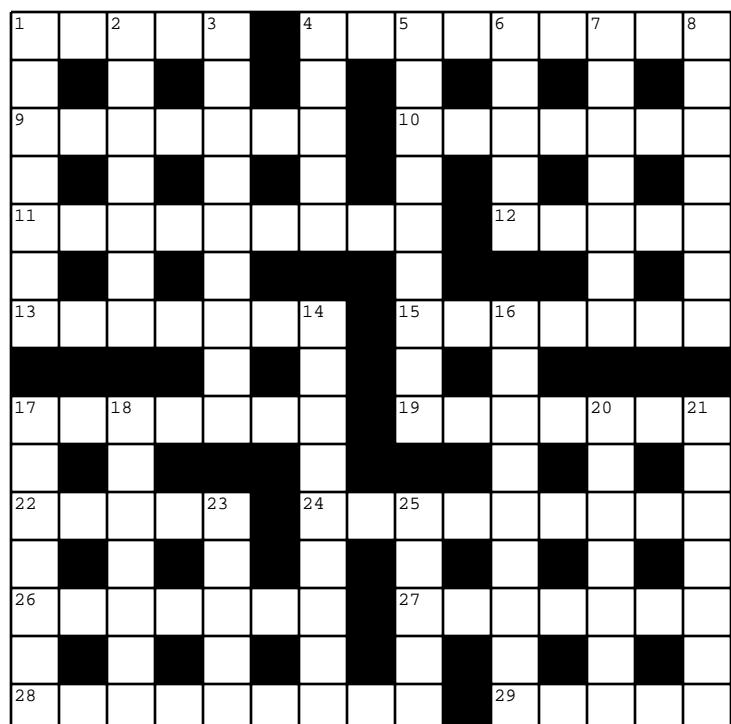
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| 4. SUFFERING  | 2. MONARCH    |
| 9. LUNATIC    | 3. ANTHILL    |
| 10. UPRIGHT   | 4. SECONDARY  |
| 11. ARRAIGNED | 5. FOUND      |
| 12. IMAGE     | 6. EARLIER    |
| 13. APHELIA   | 7. INGRATE    |
| 14. GARTERS   | 8. GUTTERS    |
| 15. CHEAPLY   | 14. GOODNIGHT |
| 18. OPTIMAL   | 15. CAUSTIC   |
| 22. UTTER     | 16. ELTANIN   |
| 23. MANICURED | 17. PORTICO   |
| 24. TENSION   | 19. TACKIER   |
| 25. GRISTLE   | 20. MARITAL   |
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| 27. ROLES     | 23. MANIC     |



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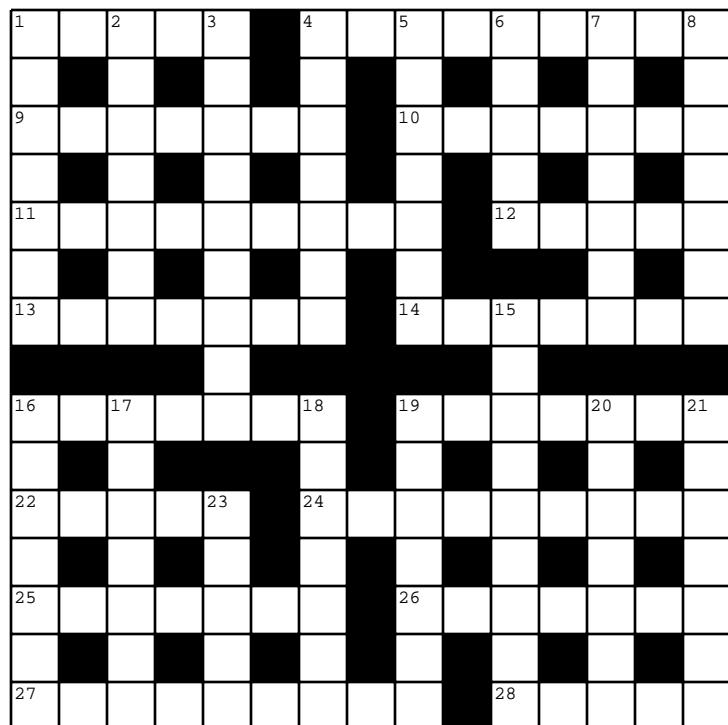
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| 4. CAPILLARY  | 2. IMMENSE    |
| 9. HOMONYM    | 3. MANIFESTS  |
| 10. ELLISON   | 4. COMAS      |
| 11. MANIFESTO | 5. PHENOMENA  |
| 12. SINCE     | 6. LILTS      |
| 13. NIELSEN   | 7. ARSENAL    |
| 15. ENABLES   | 8. YANKEES    |
| 17. STEPSON   | 14. NINETEENS |
| 19. ADMIRAL   | 16. ARMISTICE |
| 22. INPUT     | 17. STIRRUP   |
| 24. TRANSACTS | 18. EMPOWER   |
| 26. REWRITE   | 20. RACKING   |
| 27. EDIFICE   | 21. LISTENS   |
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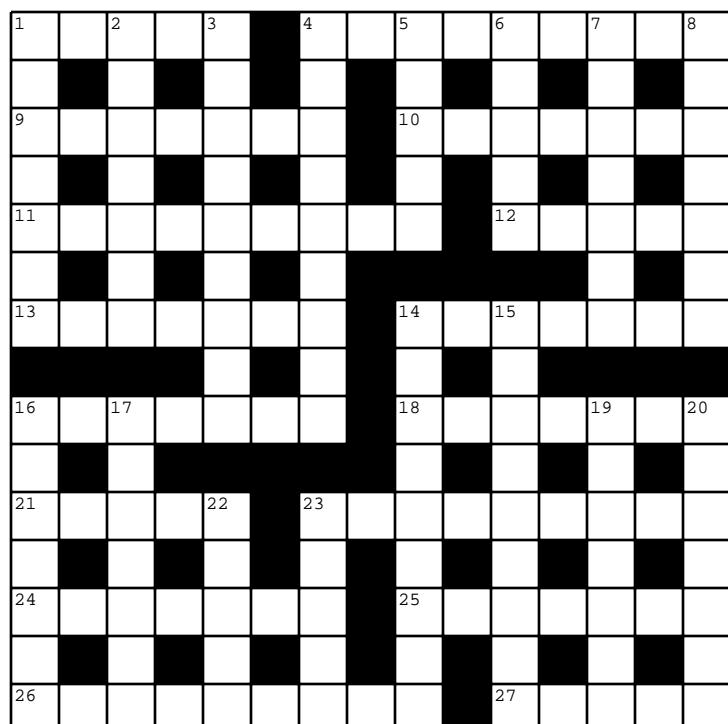
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| 4. AUDIENCES  | 2. ELEVATE    |
| 9. MAESTRO    | 3. LUTHERANS  |
| 10. SCHEDAR   | 4. ANORAKS    |
| 11. AMATERASU | 5. DISTURB    |
| 12. CACTI     | 6. ETHIC      |
| 13. SEESAWS   | 7. CADUCEI    |
| 14. BUCKING   | 8. SERVING    |
| 16. ARRESTS   | 15. CANKERING |
| 19. HANDFUL   | 16. ADVERSE   |
| 22. VULVA     | 17. ROLVAAG   |
| 24. COMMERCES | 18. SUCCESS   |
| 25. REALISE   | 19. HYMNALS   |
| 26. ARIOSTO   | 20. FUCHSIA   |
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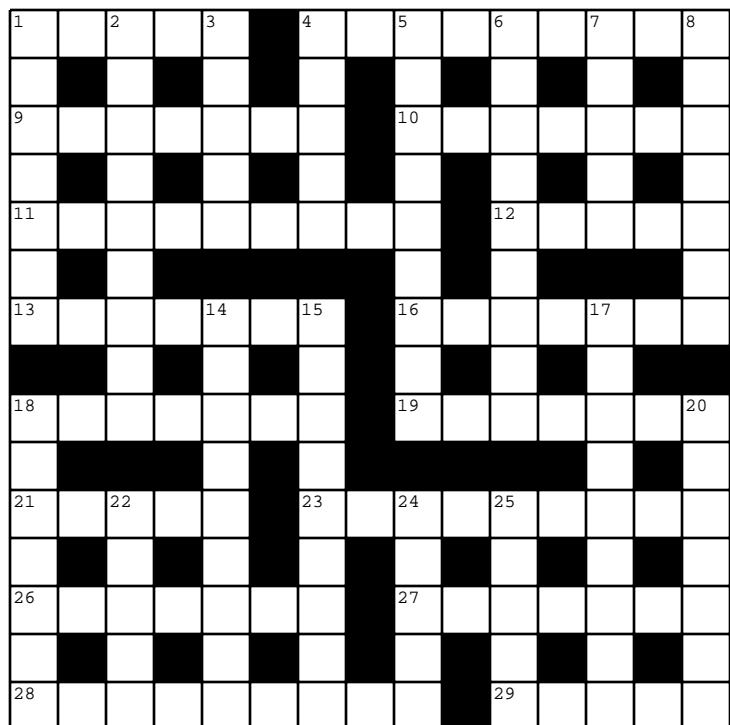
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| 9. SCIATIC    | 3. BUTTERCUP  |
| 10. PALAVER   | 4. DECATHLON  |
| 11. EVIDENTLY | 5. AMPLY      |
| 12. CYCLE     | 6. LILAC      |
| 13. LOGICAL   | 7. NOVICES    |
| 14. AMNESTY   | 8. SORCERY    |
| 16. CHEAPEN   | 14. ALDERAMIN |
| 18. DESKTOP   | 15. NOSTALGIC |
| 21. ABETS     | 16. CHATEAU   |
| 23. FORTALEZA | 17. EYEBROW   |
| 24. EARLENE   | 19. THERESE   |
| 25. MAGNETO   | 20. PEACOCK   |
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| 27. CHECK     | 23. FLEET     |



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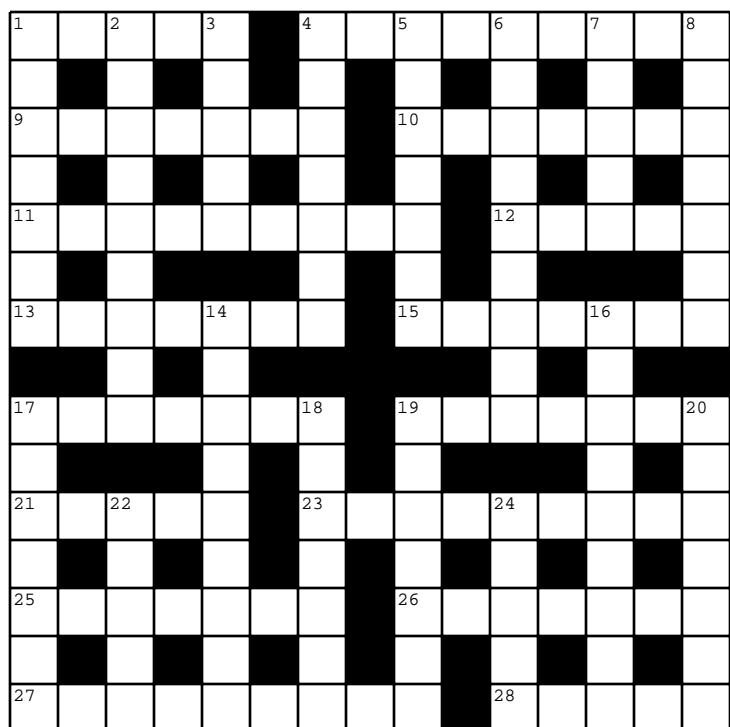
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| 4. LONGBOATS  | 2. NIGHTFALL  |
| 9. LIGHTED    | 3. RETCH      |
| 10. GATEWAY   | 4. LADLE      |
| 11. CATCHMENT | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. ENNUI     | 6. BUTTERNUT  |
| 13. SWALLOW   | 7. ASWAN      |
| 16. LINKING   | 8. STYLING    |
| 18. DELIMIT   | 14. LIMBEREST |
| 19. BITCHED   | 15. WITHDRAWS |
| 21. SHINE     | 17. INHIBITED |
| 23. DEFINABLE | 18. DISTAFF   |
| 26. ALCMENA   | 20. DREADED   |
| 27. ROTATED   | 22. INCUR     |
| 28. FORETASTE | 24. FORCE     |
| 29. SIDED     | 25. NOTES     |



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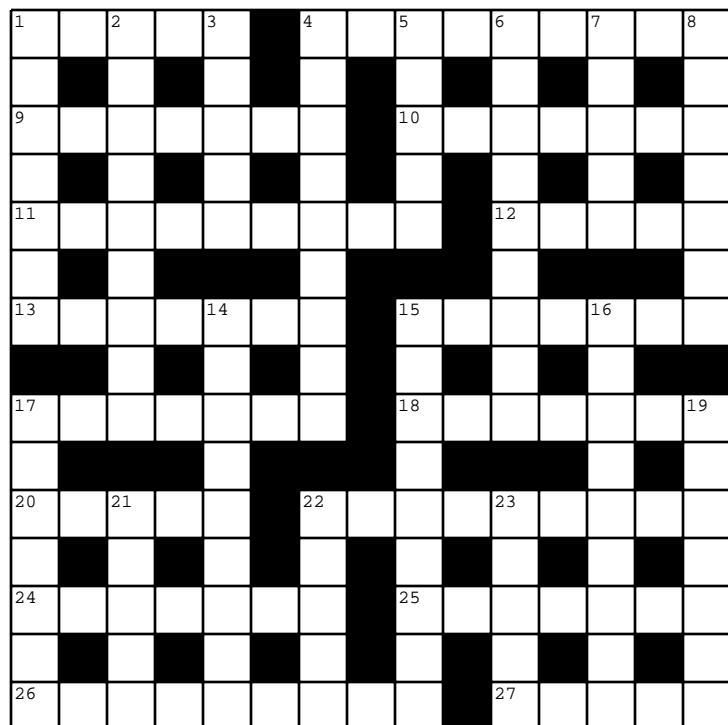
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| 9. ASSAILS    | 3. CLICK      |
| 10. INSTALS   | 4. DISEASE    |
| 11. BREAKFAST | 5. MOISTER    |
| 12. AGING     | 6. NOSTALGIA  |
| 13. REISSUE   | 7. IRAQI      |
| 15. RIGIDLY   | 8. NOSEGAY    |
| 17. ANGUISH   | 14. SKIMPIEST |
| 19. COARSER   | 16. DISCREDIT |
| 21. CUTUP     | 17. ACCUSED   |
| 23. THESAURUS | 18. HATCHES   |
| 25. SCREECH   | 19. CREMATE   |
| 26. AVOIDED   | 20. RESIDED   |
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| 28. NOTED     | 24. ADORN     |



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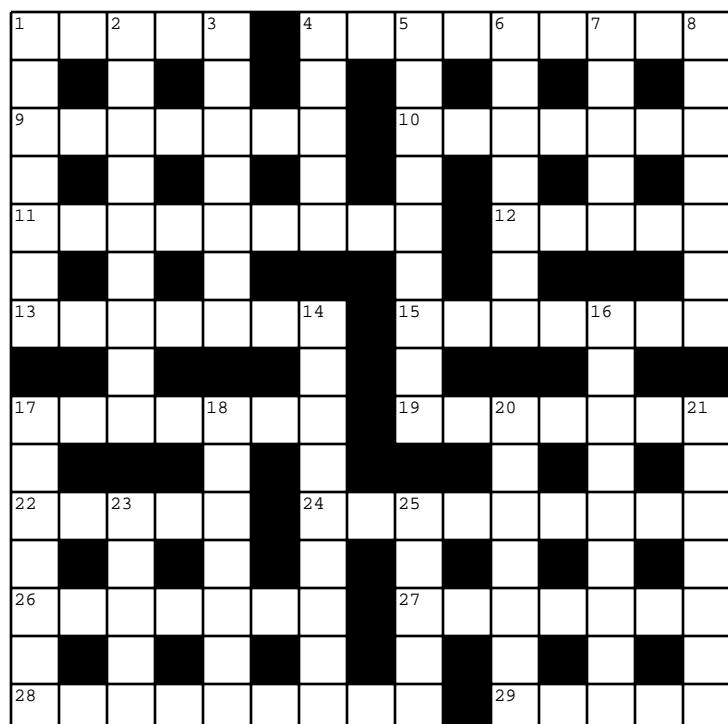
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| 4. PANORAMIC  | 2. POTENTIAL  |
| 9. NATIONS    | 3. AMOCO      |
| 10. REISSUE   | 4. POSSESSES  |
| 11. CANTONESE | 5. NURSE      |
| 12. OCCUR     | 6. RHINOCERI  |
| 13. ALIASES   | 7. MUSIC      |
| 15. GEEKIER   | 8. CLEARER    |
| 17. BULLETS   | 14. SPECTATOR |
| 18. DRIPPED   | 15. GODPARENT |
| 20. ADULT     | 16. IMPROMPTU |
| 22. DIARRHOEA | 17. BLABBED   |
| 24. BUGATTI   | 19. DEAFEST   |
| 25. ECLIPSE   | 21. URGES     |
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| 27. DOUBT     | 23. RULED     |



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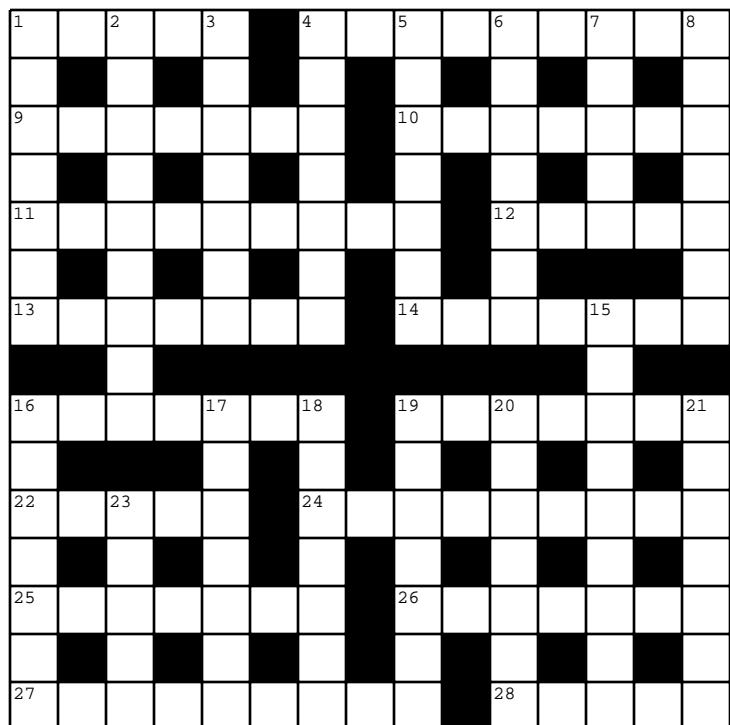
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| 4. SPIRALLED  | 2. IMMENSEST  |
| 9. RAMBLES    | 3. GALLANT    |
| 10. IMAGING   | 4. SUSHI      |
| 11. VANDALISM | 5. IDIOMATIC  |
| 12. ERATO     | 6. ARACELI    |
| 13. SHEATHE   | 7. LEILA      |
| 15. THIRDED   | 8. DOGWOOD    |
| 17. RATLIFF   | 14. EFFICIENT |
| 19. CHIPPER   | 16. DIPLOMATA |
| 22. VENUE     | 17. RAVIOLI   |
| 24. CREDITORS | 18. INERTIA   |
| 26. OCTETTE   | 20. IDIOTIC   |
| 27. PITFALL   | 21. RESOLVE   |
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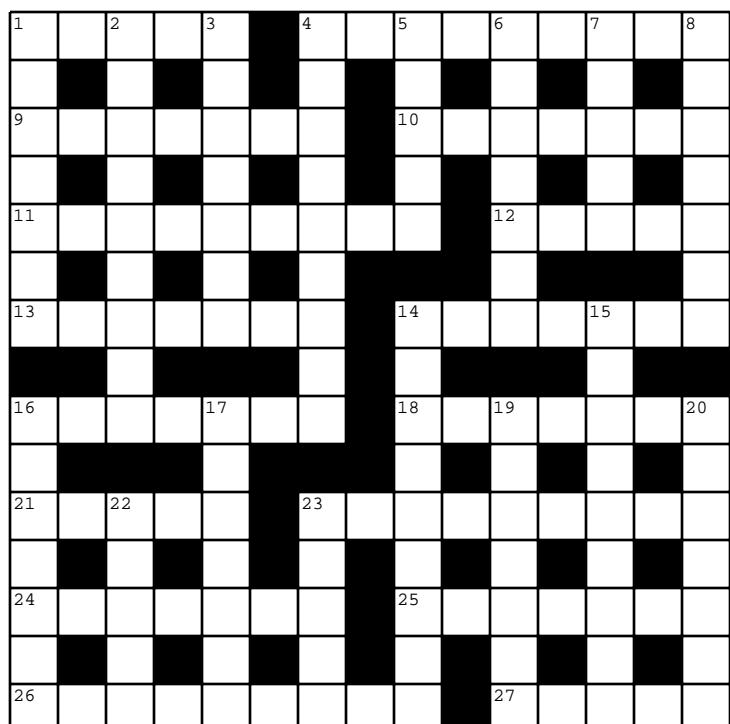
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| 4. SPACESHIP  | 2. STRATEGIC  |
| 9. ERRATAS    | 3. EXTENDS    |
| 10. MEANDER   | 4. SISSIES    |
| 11. EXTENSION | 5. ALMANAC    |
| 12. IRAQI     | 6. ELATION    |
| 13. DIGESTS   | 7. HYDRA      |
| 14. CYNICAL   | 8. PARTIAL    |
| 16. RECYCLE   | 15. COMMUNISM |
| 19. DEFAMES   | 16. RHUBARB   |
| 22. ULTRA     | 17. CHATEAU   |
| 24. DELIRIUMS | 18. EDDYING   |
| 25. ARACELI   | 19. DELUDED   |
| 26. DASHIKI   | 20. FORESAW   |
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| 28. WOMAN     | 23. TWANG     |



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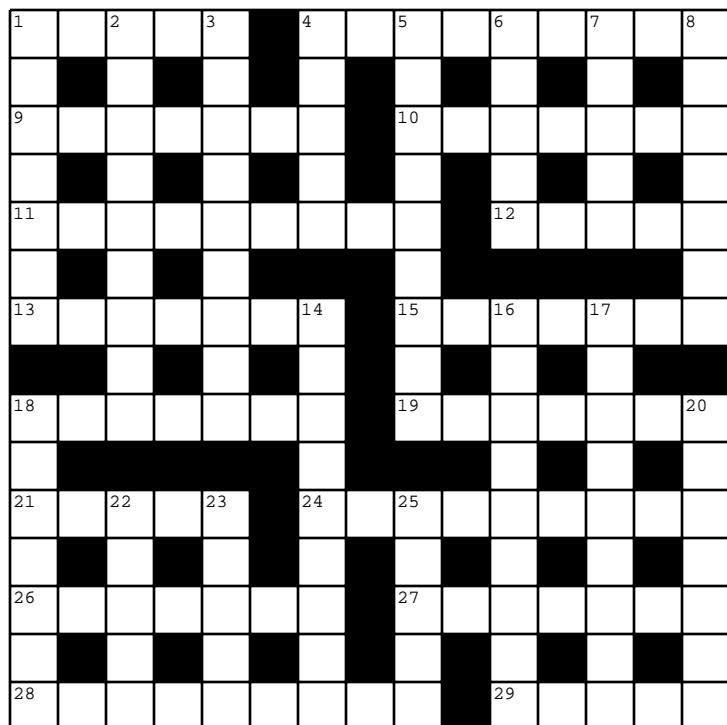
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| 9. CHIANTI    | 3. PANGAEA    |
| 10. CAESURA   | 4. EDITORIAL  |
| 11. BUFFALOED | 5. VICED      |
| 12. TREAT     | 6. SPECTRA    |
| 13. THALAMI   | 7. REUSE      |
| 14. TRAFFIC   | 8. PLASTIC    |
| 16. MINIMAL   | 14. TRIPTYCHS |
| 18. IMPAIRS   | 15. FLIMSIEST |
| 21. DARED     | 16. MIDRIFF   |
| 23. MOTORISED | 17. MADURAI   |
| 24. IMPURER   | 19. PORTICO   |
| 25. CHICEST   | 20. SEDATED   |
| 26. FURNISHES | 22. RIPER     |
| 27. OPTED     | 23. MARSH     |



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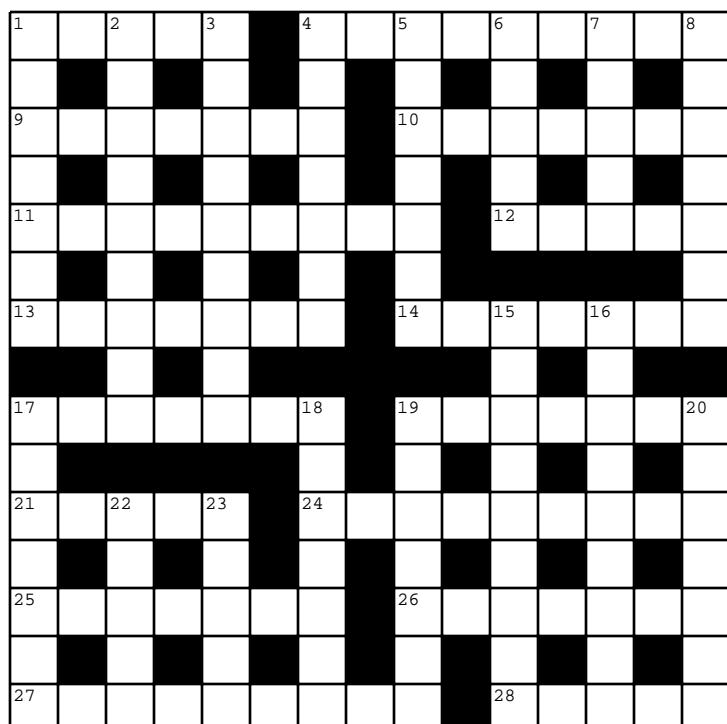
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| 4. HYPNOTISM  | 2. EGGSHELLS  |
| 9. LOGICAL    | 3. MACERATED  |
| 10. EXAMINE   | 4. HELPS      |
| 11. MAHARISHI | 5. PREDICTED  |
| 12. STRUT     | 6. OPALS      |
| 13. TOLSTOY   | 7. ICIER      |
| 15. TOBACCO   | 8. MAESTRO    |
| 18. RESIDUE   | 14. YIELDINGS |
| 19. DROWSES   | 16. BROADCAST |
| 21. TABOO     | 17. CASTANEDA |
| 24. DOCUDRAMA | 18. RATTLED   |
| 26. LESBIAN   | 20. SEASICK   |
| 27. ARACELI   | 22. BASRA     |
| 28. DIAGNOSES | 23. ONION     |
| 29. TRACK     | 25. CHAPS     |



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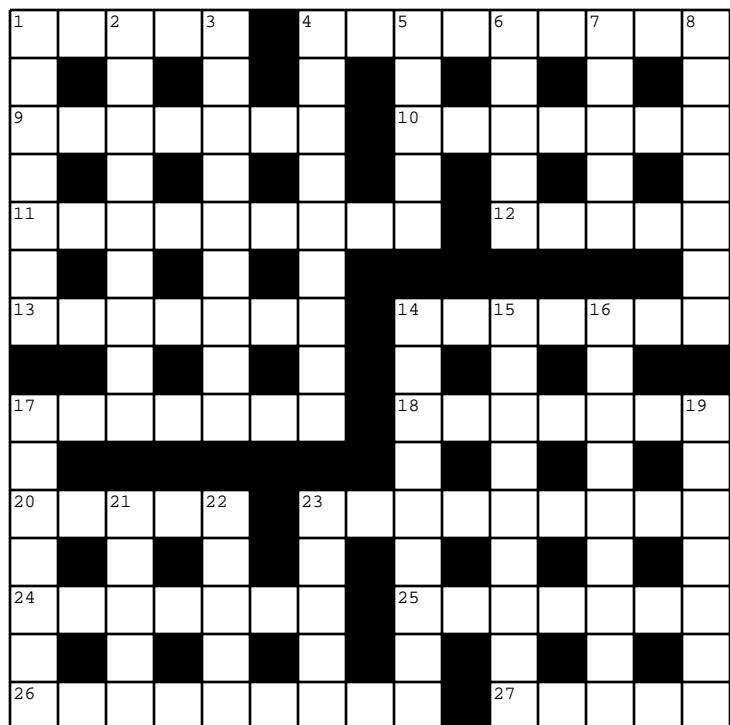
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| 9. BENEFIT    | 3. CAFETERIA  |
| 10. PLANETS   | 4. INTAKES    |
| 11. CARETAKER | 5. EXPIRES    |
| 12. SNAFU     | 6. EXAMS      |
| 13. EFFORTS   | 7. ARENA      |
| 14. SECRETS   | 8. TISSUES    |
| 17. CATWALK   | 15. CELESTIAL |
| 19. KILAUEA   | 16. EQUIPMENT |
| 21. DICTA     | 17. CADUCEI   |
| 24. TRANSEPTS | 18. KETCHUP   |
| 25. CHERISH   | 19. KWANGJU   |
| 26. GUINEAN   | 20. ABSENCE   |
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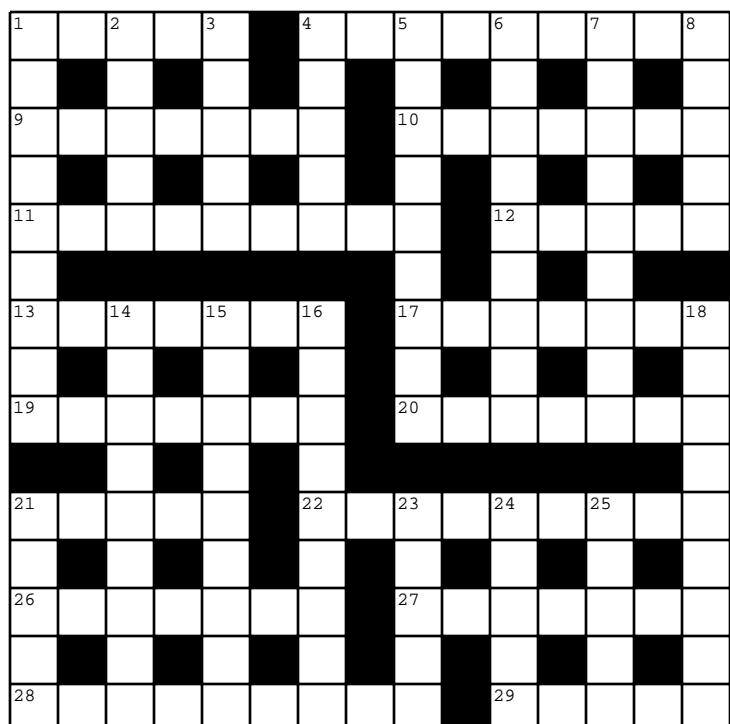
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| 4. ADDICTING  | 2. IDEALISTS     |
| 9. THEOREM    | 3. PAROCHIAL     |
| 10. MERRIER   | 4. ARMATURED     |
| 11. ALLOCATES | 5. DAMES         |
| 12. THREE     | 6. CARAT         |
| 13. SASSIER   | 7. ICIER         |
| 14. PAMPERS   | 8. GARDENS       |
| 17. HASSLED   | 14. PRETENSES    |
| 18. ENLIVEN   | 15. MELODRAMATIC |
| 20. UNCLE     | 16. EAVESDROP    |
| 23. OVERDOSES | 17. HYUNDAI      |
| 24. DISTURB   | 19. NOSTRIL      |
| 25. SPARRER   | 21. CESAR        |
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| 27. APPAL     | 23. ORBIT        |



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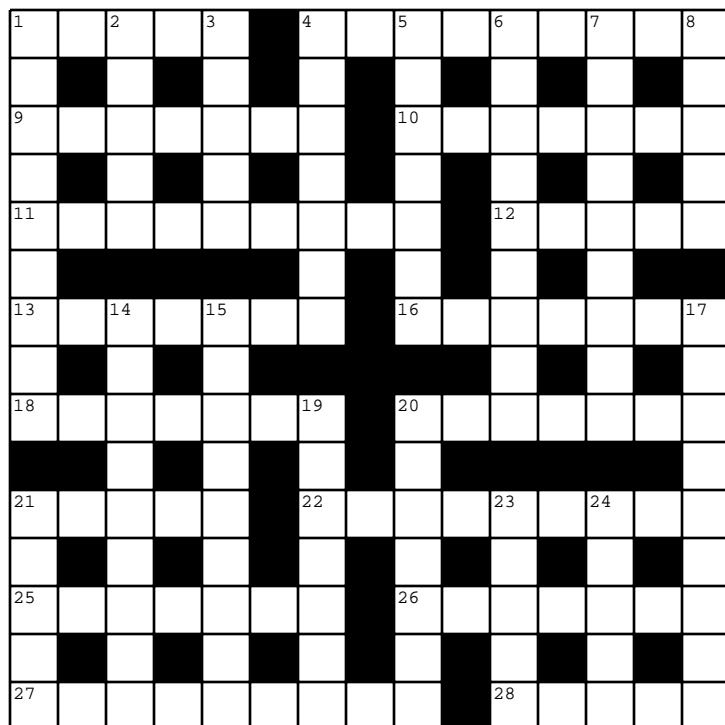
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| 9. COUNCIL    | 3. NICER      |
| 10. RITUALS   | 4. JILTS      |
| 11. CONTRASTS | 5. CARDSHARP  |
| 12. FULLY     | 6. ARTIFICES  |
| 13. INQUIRY   | 7. SCARLATTI  |
| 17. ASCETIC   | 8. SISSY      |
| 19. GUITARS   | 14. QUINTUPLE |
| 20. PASSION   | 15. INAMORATA |
| 21. RATIO     | 16. YESHIVOTH |
| 22. INVISIBLE | 18. CONVERGED |
| 26. SOPRANO   | 21. ROSIE     |
| 27. RAINING   | 23. VERBS     |
| 28. EYELASHES | 24. STILL     |
| 29. LIKED     | 25. BRICK     |



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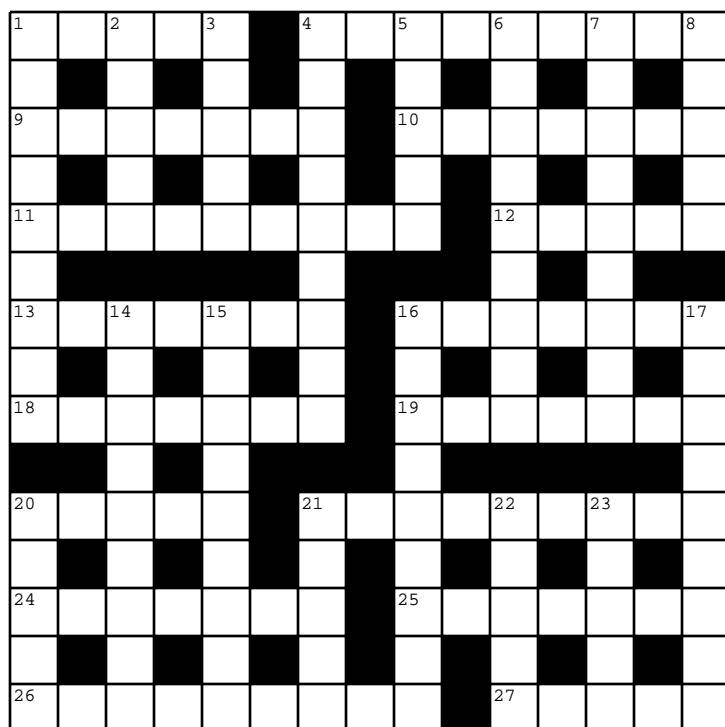
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| 4. SHARPNESS  | 2. EMBER      |
| 9. TABLEAU    | 3. AGENT      |
| 10. CHEERED   | 4. SQUARED    |
| 11. MORATORIA | 5. ARCHAIC    |
| 12. EXAMS     | 6. PIECEMEAL  |
| 13. TEMPTED   | 7. EARMARKED  |
| 16. CHECKUP   | 8. SADES      |
| 18. DERVISH   | 14. MARKETING |
| 20. ALLUDES   | 15. TRIENNIAL |
| 21. CLEAN     | 17. PUSSYFOOT |
| 22. DIRECTORY | 19. HEDGING   |
| 25. TBILISI   | 20. AIRPORT   |
| 26. ORINOCO   | 21. CATCH     |
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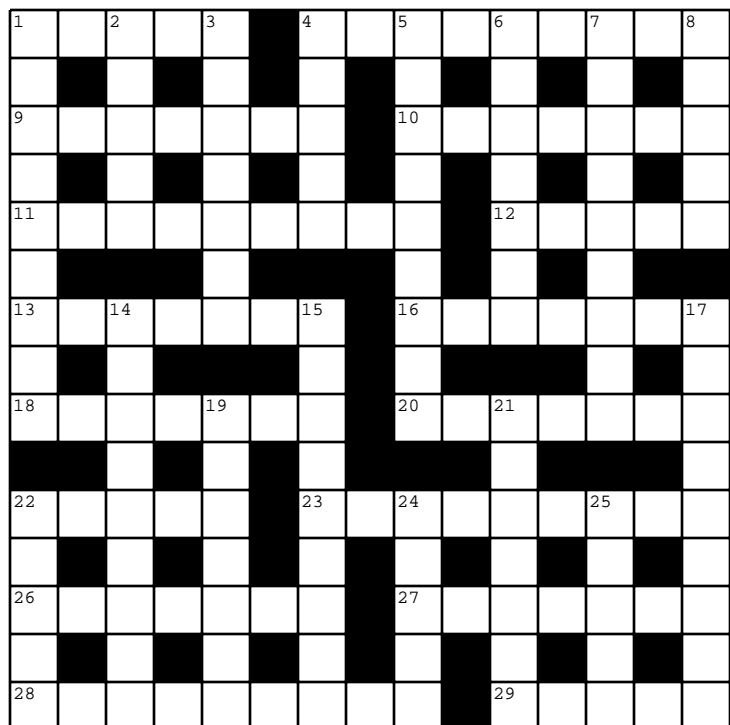
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| 9. THEREOF    | 3. CHEER      |
| 10. CORNROW   | 4. BEFALLING  |
| 11. CONTRALTO | 5. CACAO      |
| 12. MOWED     | 6. PARAMECIA  |
| 13. MANCINI   | 7. CARTWHEEL  |
| 16. UNCLEAR   | 8. SAWED      |
| 18. ROLVAAG   | 14. NULLIFIED |
| 19. SCALLOP   | 15. INANIMATE |
| 20. CHILI     | 16. UNSIGHTLY |
| 21. SIGNATURE | 17. REPREHEND |
| 24. ANIMALS   | 20. CEASE     |
| 25. THEATRE   | 21. SISES     |
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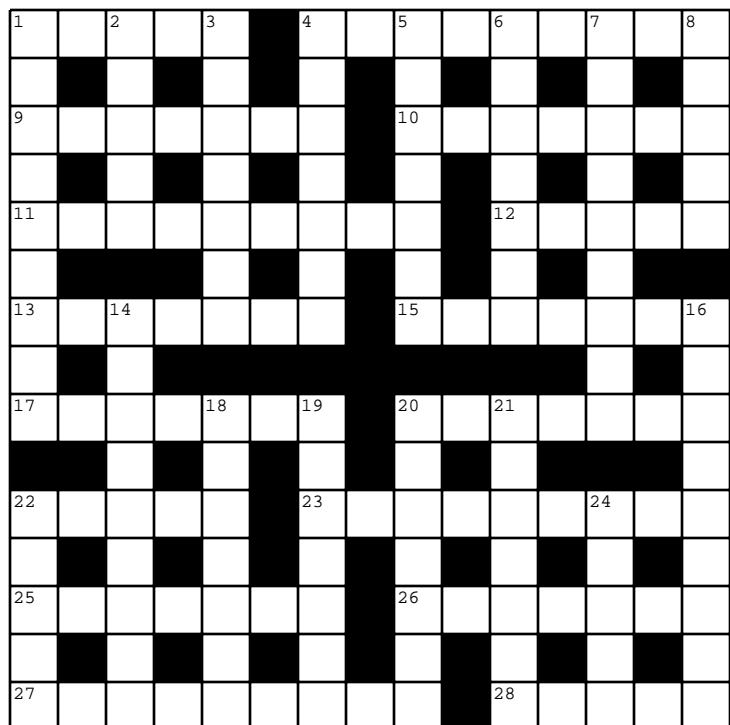
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| 4. HEARTACHE  | 2. SLANG      |
| 9. DIALECT    | 3. EJECTED    |
| 10. GREYEST   | 4. HOTEL      |
| 11. NIGHTCLUB | 5. ALGEBRAIC  |
| 12. EXCEL     | 6. THEREOF    |
| 13. IMPEDED   | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 16. ALFONSO   | 8. EXTOL      |
| 18. GODUNOV   | 14. PADDOCKED |
| 20. CUFFING   | 15. DIVISIONS |
| 22. BOOST     | 17. ORGANELLE |
| 23. SPOKESMAN | 19. NATURAL   |
| 26. SUKARNO   | 21. FEEDBAG   |
| 27. LIBERAL   | 22. BOSOM     |
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| 29. GENRE     | 25. MORON     |



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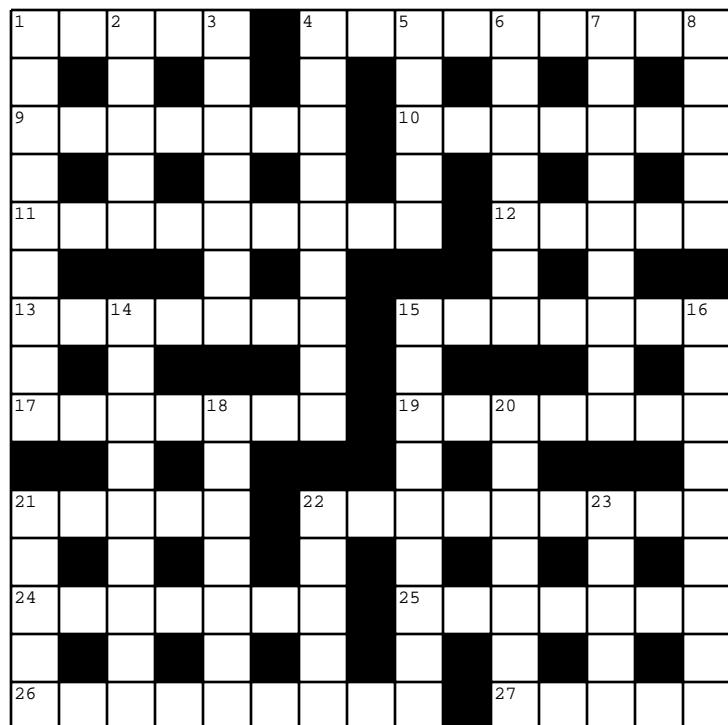
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| 4. AUDIENCES  | 2. GREGG      |
| 9. THEREOF    | 3. SPECTRA    |
| 10. COURAGE   | 4. AWFULLY    |
| 11. NIGHTCLUB | 5. DECIBEL    |
| 12. TYPES     | 6. EQUATES    |
| 13. TUSCANY   | 7. CHAMPAGNE  |
| 15. LASAGNA   | 8. SEEKS      |
| 17. REBEKAH   | 14. SUBSCRIPT |
| 20. PLATEAU   | 16. ABUNDANCE |
| 22. ASCOT     | 18. KETCHUP   |
| 23. PICNICKED | 19. HAPPENS   |
| 25. PRITHEE   | 20. PICASSO   |
| 26. SUSTAIN   | 21. ALIASES   |
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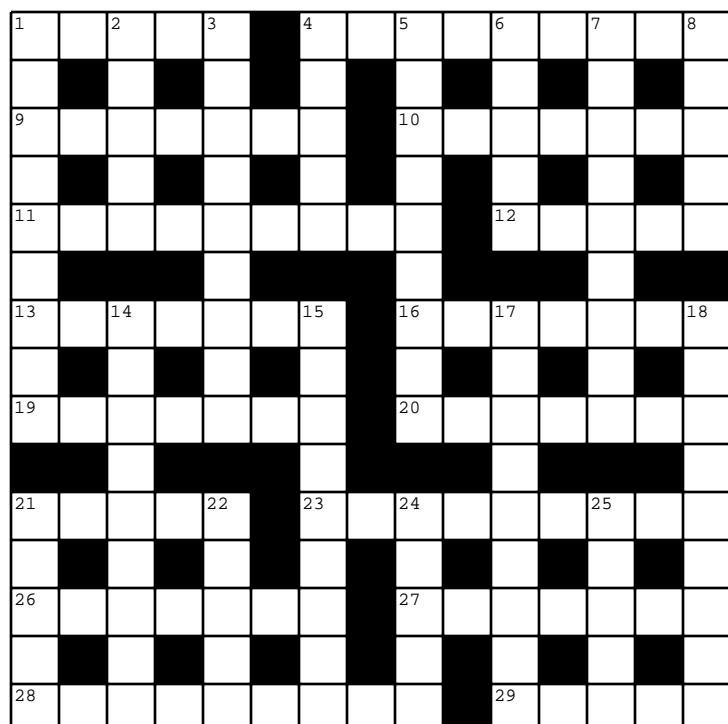
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| 4. PRINCIPLE  | 2. AUDRA      |
| 9. ABDOMEN    | 3. HAMPTON    |
| 10. BOOSTER   | 4. PANICKIER  |
| 11. HEARTACHE | 5. IMBUE      |
| 12. EPOCH     | 6. CHOLERA    |
| 13. ASHANTI   | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 15. DIAGRAM   | 8. EARTH      |
| 17. MARINER   | 14. HORSESHOE |
| 19. CARDIAC   | 15. DECORATES |
| 21. CHECK     | 16. MACINTOSH |
| 22. FORBIDDEN | 18. NIKOLAI   |
| 24. INHALER   | 20. RAINBOW   |
| 25. TOBACCO   | 21. CLIMB     |
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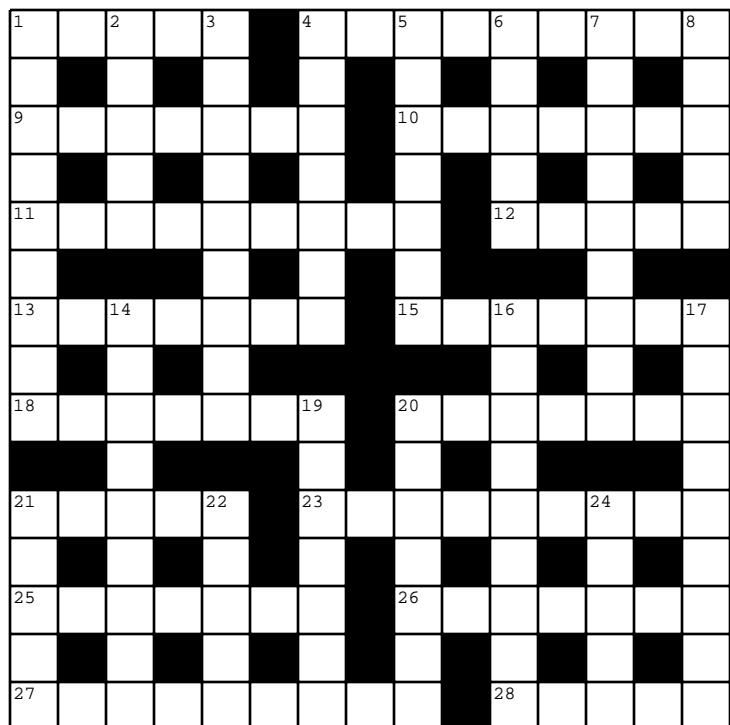
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| 9. MINUTIA    | 3. ROTUNDING  |
| 10. OBLIGES   | 4. CRASH      |
| 11. GROUNDHOG | 5. INORGANIC  |
| 12. ANTES     | 6. SALSA      |
| 13. TARRIER   | 7. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 16. NOVELLA   | 8. DISCS      |
| 19. SLUDGED   | 14. ROUGHENED |
| 20. CARIBOU   | 15. REDOUBLED |
| 21. USHER     | 17. VIRTUOSOS |
| 23. UNFOUNDED | 18. ABUNDANCE |
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| 27. EPSILON   | 22. ROCHE     |
| 28. REDHEADED | 24. FIELD     |
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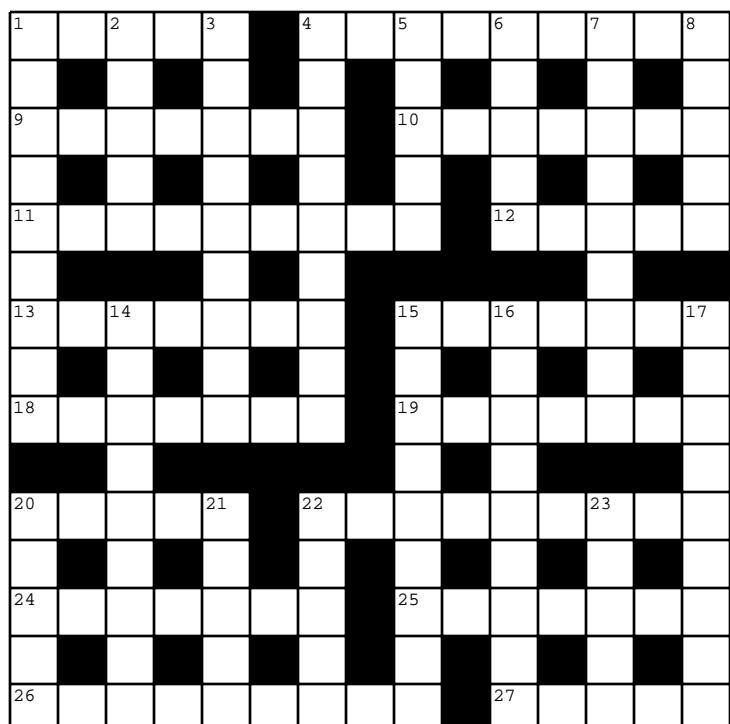
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| 4. INSURANCE  | 2. HAIFA      |
| 9. INITIAL    | 3. CHIEFTAIN  |
| 10. ILLEGAL   | 4. ILLNESS    |
| 11. CHAUFFEUR | 5. STIRRUP    |
| 12. EATEN     | 6. RILKE      |
| 13. PERHAPS   | 7. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 15. PHALLIC   | 8. ELLEN      |
| 18. LEGENDS   | 14. REGULARLY |
| 20. BUGABOO   | 16. ALGEBRAIC |
| 21. POLKA     | 17. CROSSWALK |
| 23. CLAMBAKES | 19. SICKEST   |
| 25. UPRAISE   | 20. BRAGGED   |
| 26. GRANDMA   | 21. PLUMB     |
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| 28. CHUNK     | 24. KUDZU     |



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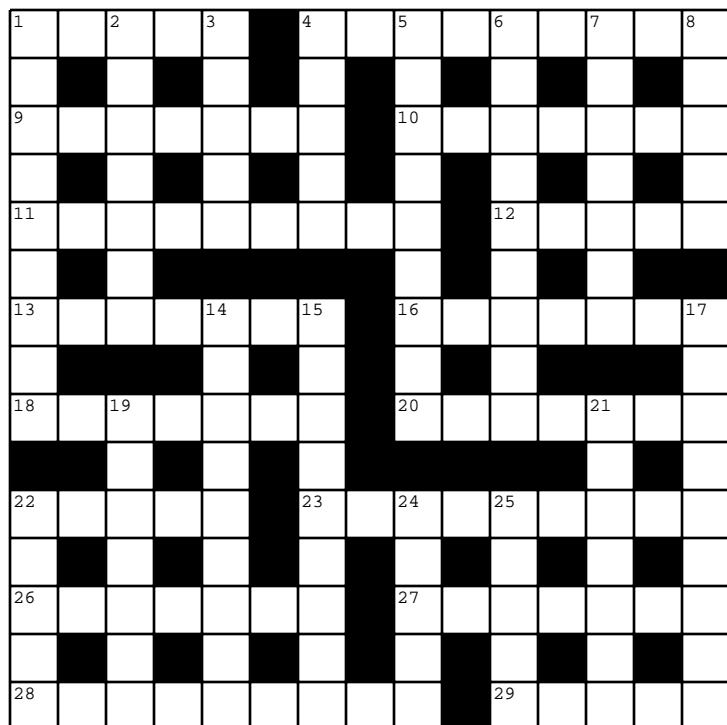
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| 9. CENTRAL    | 3. CARACALLA  |
| 10. BLADDER   | 4. BILLIARDS  |
| 11. PAROCHIAL | 5. MABEL      |
| 12. SMITH     | 6. LEANS      |
| 13. SCHOLAR   | 7. BADMINTON  |
| 15. SYMPTOM   | 8. EARTH      |
| 18. SAMPANS   | 14. HAMMURABI |
| 19. NOMINAL   | 15. SUNBATHED |
| 20. COULD     | 16. MEMORANDA |
| 22. REARRANGE | 17. MILLENNIA |
| 24. UNARMED   | 20. CRUMB     |
| 25. HANDGUN   | 21. DOMED     |
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| 27. AROMA     | 23. NEGRO     |



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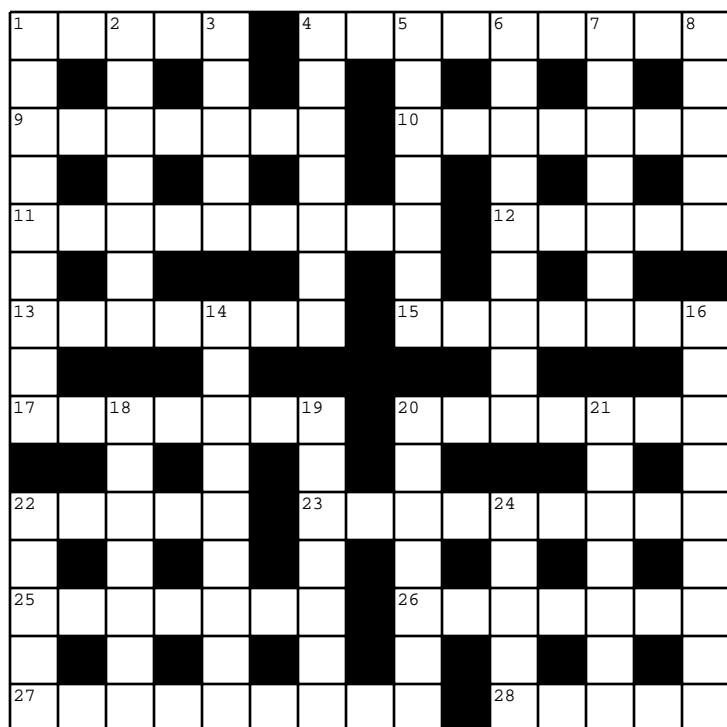
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| 4. CAPACITOR  | 2. EXCITES    |
| 9. RECYCLE    | 3. MACHO      |
| 10. COCKADE   | 4. CLEAR      |
| 11. POTPOURRI | 5. PECKINPAH  |
| 12. OZONE     | 6. CYCLOTRON  |
| 13. CASINGS   | 7. TUAMOTU    |
| 16. PERTURB   | 8. REEVE      |
| 18. SAMURAI   | 14. NORMALITY |
| 20. HANDBAG   | 15. SAINTLIER |
| 22. NADIA     | 17. BAGATELLE |
| 23. TRANSPORT | 19. MEDDLER   |
| 26. BELLINI   | 21. BRONCHI   |
| 27. LYRICAL   | 22. NABOB     |
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| 29. WHITE     | 25. SCREW     |



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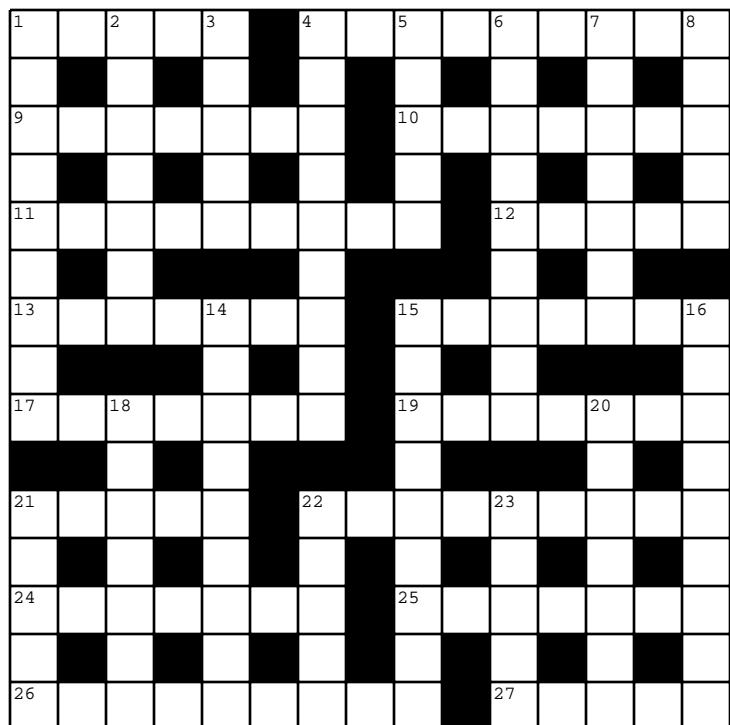
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| 9. ADMIRED    | 3. MARIA      |
| 10. LEIBNIZ   | 4. GIDDILY    |
| 11. NORMALITY | 5. ALLOYED    |
| 12. COCKS     | 6. PRINCIPAL  |
| 13. ANARCHY   | 7. IGNACIO    |
| 15. DIPLOMA   | 8. GAZES      |
| 17. HERSELF   | 14. CRESCENDI |
| 20. PELICAN   | 16. ANNOYANCE |
| 22. MIMIC     | 18. REMOVAL   |
| 23. DASTARDLY | 19. FEDERAL   |
| 25. DIVINER   | 20. POSTBOX   |
| 26. BRENNAN   | 21. CADENZA   |
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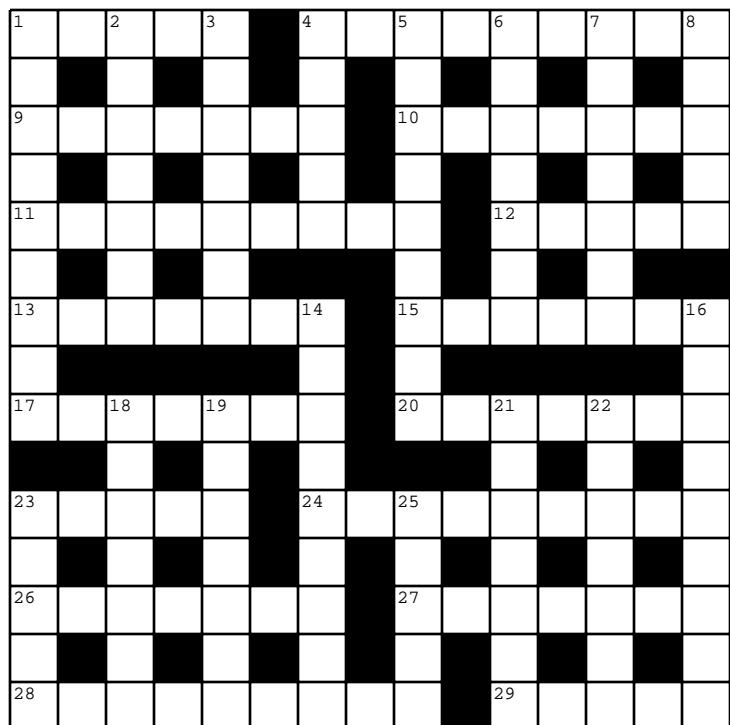
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| 4. CONSCIOUS  | 2. BRONSON    |
| 9. EROTICA    | 3. MAIZE      |
| 10. MERITED   | 4. CLASSICAL  |
| 11. ABSCESSED | 5. NAMED      |
| 12. RIGID     | 6. CARTRIDGE  |
| 13. DYNAMIC   | 7. OCTAGON    |
| 15. CADENZA   | 8. SIDED      |
| 17. AEROSOL   | 14. MISHAPPED |
| 19. ACERBIC   | 15. CHAPERONS |
| 21. ELVIA     | 16. ACCESSORY |
| 22. PRESSURES | 18. RAVIOLI   |
| 24. SCORPIO   | 20. BARGAIN   |
| 25. OREGANO   | 21. EASES     |
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| 27. FANCY     | 23. SHELF     |



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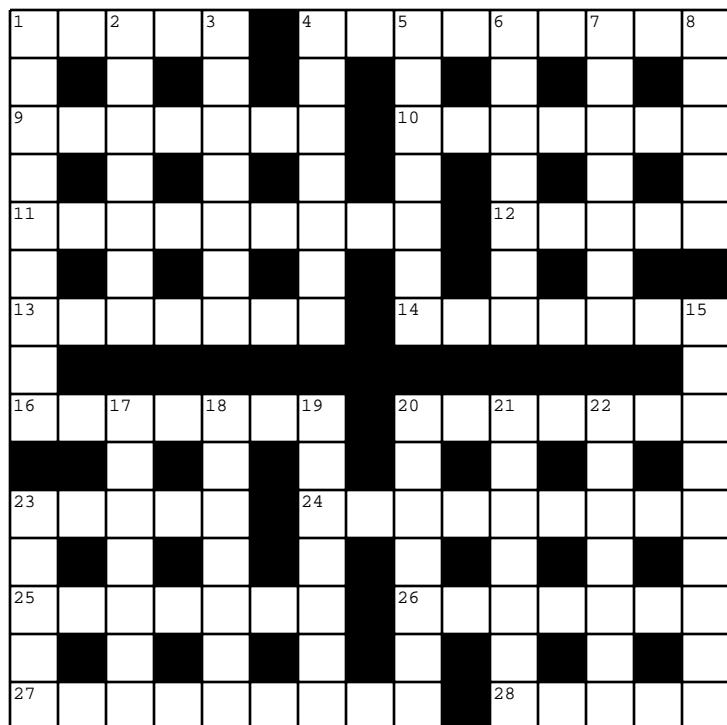
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| 9. MARABOU    | 3. IMBIBED    |
| 10. MUSEUMS   | 4. BAUDS      |
| 11. WASHBASIN | 5. DOMINATES  |
| 12. READY     | 6. INSURER    |
| 13. ALLUDED   | 7. TSUNAMI    |
| 15. TERMINI   | 8. NASTY      |
| 17. SCALPEL   | 14. DELUSIONS |
| 20. SHERBET   | 16. INTESTATE |
| 23. CHAIN     | 18. ALARMED   |
| 24. SEQUENCES | 19. PENANCE   |
| 26. MEMENTO   | 21. EYEBROW   |
| 27. AURELIA   | 22. BACILLI   |
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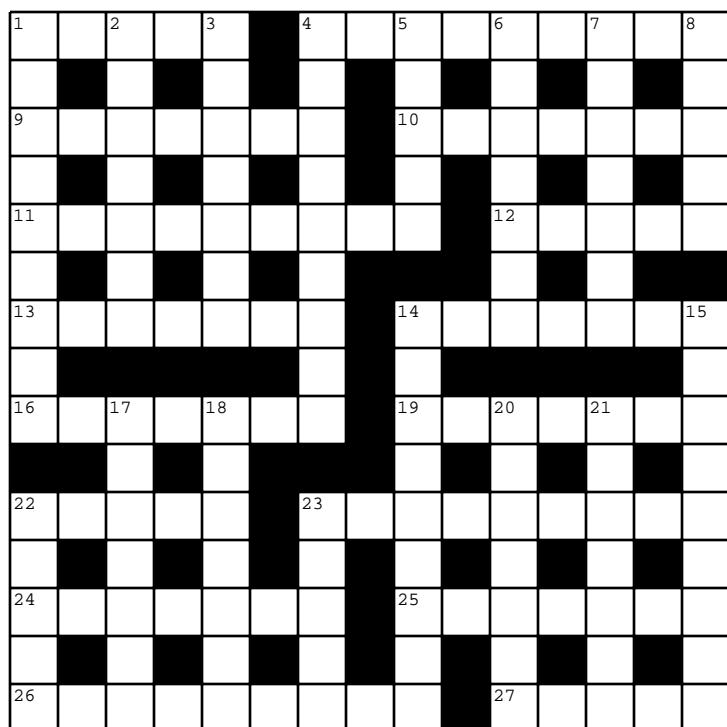
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| 4. PROVOKING  | 2. NEEDLES    |
| 9. OVERJOY    | 3. OBJECTS    |
| 10. ENCODED   | 4. PHYSICS    |
| 11. SELECTIVE | 5. ONESELF    |
| 12. UNCUT     | 6. OCCLUDE    |
| 13. RESISTS   | 7. INDUCED    |
| 14. FREEDOM   | 8. GODOT      |
| 16. PANACEA   | 15. MEDITATES |
| 20. IMPEDED   | 17. NIKOLAI   |
| 23. LIKER     | 18. CARDIAC   |
| 24. HEREABOUT | 19. ASHAMED   |
| 25. GALLIUM   | 20. INROADS   |
| 26. ATTRACT   | 21. PLASTIC   |
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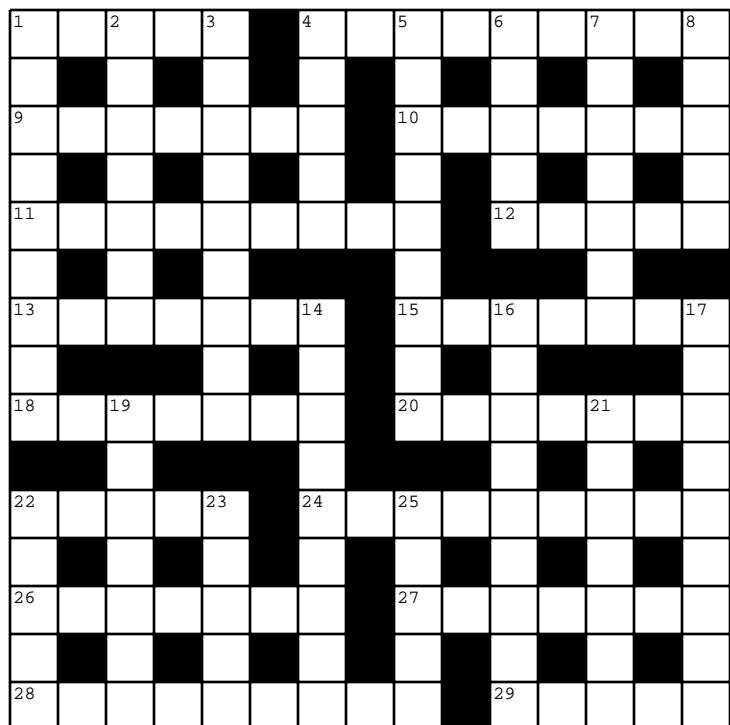
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| 10. EXCLUDE   | 4. RECENTEST  |
| 11. TIGHTENED | 5. AHEAD      |
| 12. ZOOMS     | 6. JACUZZI    |
| 13. LINKAGE   | 7. SPUMONI    |
| 14. BAILIFF   | 8. STEMS      |
| 16. APRICOT   | 14. BADMINTON |
| 19. DODGING   | 15. FIGURINES |
| 22. CIVIL     | 17. REVISIT   |
| 23. TSITSIHAR | 18. CALCIUM   |
| 24. MISSILE   | 20. DISTURB   |
| 25. THURMAN   | 21. INHUMAN   |
| 26. CATAMARAN | 22. COMIC     |
| 27. BANKS     | 23. THEIR     |



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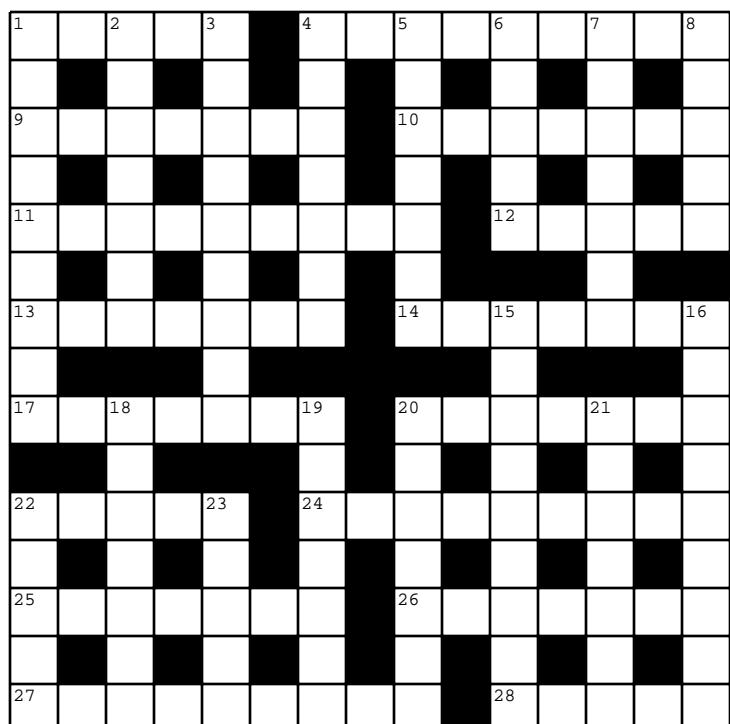
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| 4. MICROCODE  | 2. MELLOWS    |
| 9. UGLIEST    | 3. OBEISANCE  |
| 10. RANCHED   | 4. METRE      |
| 11. TROUSSEAU | 5. CORPUSCLE  |
| 12. RULER     | 6. OWNER      |
| 13. HOSANNA   | 7. OPHELIA    |
| 15. CASSAVA   | 8. ELDER      |
| 18. PRESENT   | 14. ANTIPASTI |
| 20. EARLIER   | 16. SCRATCHED |
| 22. ETHIC     | 17. AGREEMENT |
| 24. POLYTHENE | 19. EXHIBIT   |
| 26. SUBDUES   | 21. ICEBERG   |
| 27. ACHIEVE   | 22. ENSUE     |
| 28. ESTABLISH | 23. CRUMB     |
| 29. DIGIT     | 25. LEACH     |



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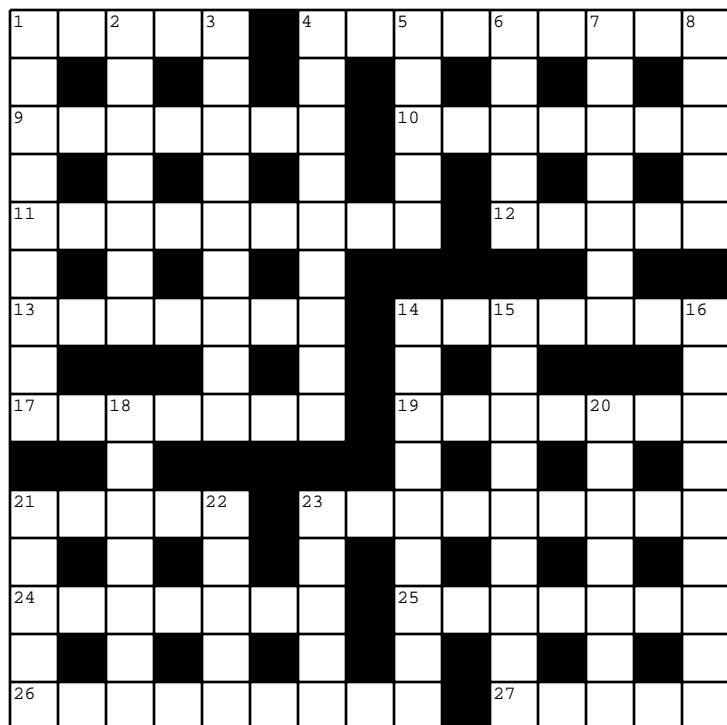
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| 4. REDIRECTS  | 2. PRESSES    |
| 9. THEREOF    | 3. SKELETONS  |
| 10. VETERAN   | 4. REFUSED    |
| 11. DISPERSAL | 5. DEVELOP    |
| 12. SOBER     | 6. RATES      |
| 13. ABSCOND   | 7. CARIBOU    |
| 14. PERTURB   | 8. SANER      |
| 17. NEMESES   | 15. RESOURCES |
| 20. INSTALL   | 16. BILATERAL |
| 22. ALDEN     | 18. MIDWIFE   |
| 24. POLLUTANT | 19. SOPPING   |
| 25. ZWINGLI   | 20. ISLANDS   |
| 26. NUCLEAR   | 21. ARACELI   |
| 27. CLEAVAGES | 22. ANZAC     |
| 28. STILL     | 23. NEGEV     |



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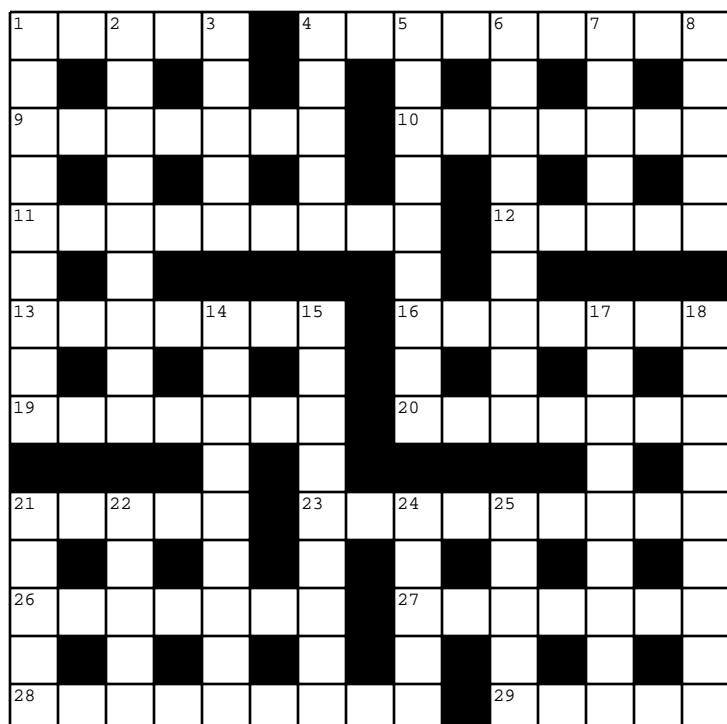
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| 4. LITERALLY  | 2. EYEBALL    |
| 9. TREATED    | 3. POTPOURRI  |
| 10. REDUCES   | 4. LEDERBERG  |
| 11. ENAMOURED | 5. TYRED      |
| 12. DRUGS     | 6. REDID      |
| 13. CALORIE   | 7. LACQUER    |
| 14. ENFORCE   | 8. YESES      |
| 17. PACKING   | 14. EXCLAIMED |
| 19. CLOAKED   | 15. FOODSTUFF |
| 21. SWAMI     | 16. ENDLESSLY |
| 23. PLAUSIBLE | 18. COARSER   |
| 24. DUSTPAN   | 20. KIBBUTZ   |
| 25. MUJUUS    | 21. SIDES     |
| 26. STRETCHED | 22. INPUT     |
| 27. FIZZY     | 23. PINCH     |



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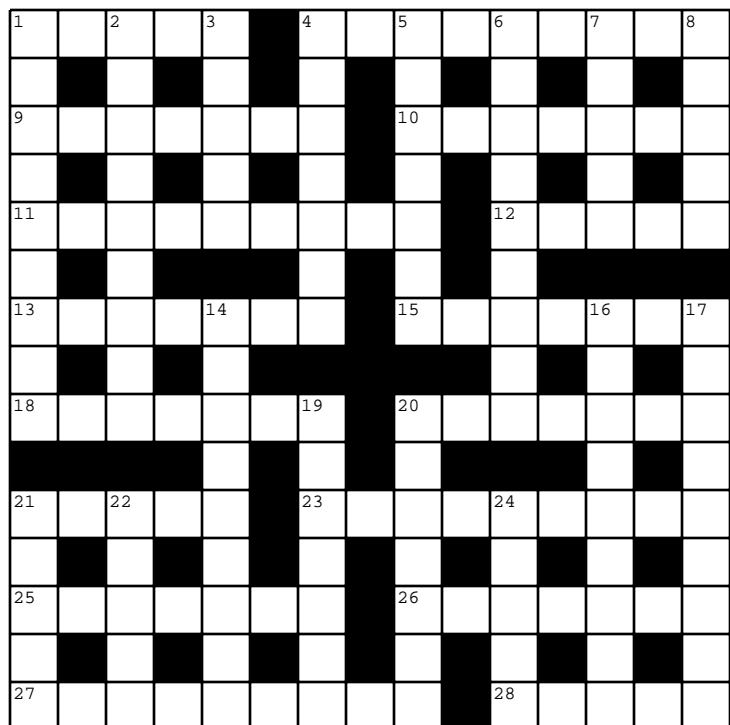
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| 4. EMBASSIES  | 2. ABSENTEES  |
| 9. DISHRAG    | 3. CARGO      |
| 10. TRAINED   | 4. EAGER      |
| 11. CONCOURSE | 5. BUTTERCUP  |
| 12. OARED     | 6. SHADOWIER  |
| 13. ALERTER   | 7. INNER      |
| 16. CRISPED   | 8. SIDED      |
| 19. YESSING   | 14. TAILLIGHT |
| 20. PERFORM   | 15. RIGIDNESS |
| 21. LYSOL     | 17. PROVISION |
| 23. DIRECTION | 18. DOMINATES |
| 26. REFUGEE   | 21. LYRIC     |
| 27. INFILCT   | 22. SOFIA     |
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| 29. SINKS     | 25. CUFFS     |



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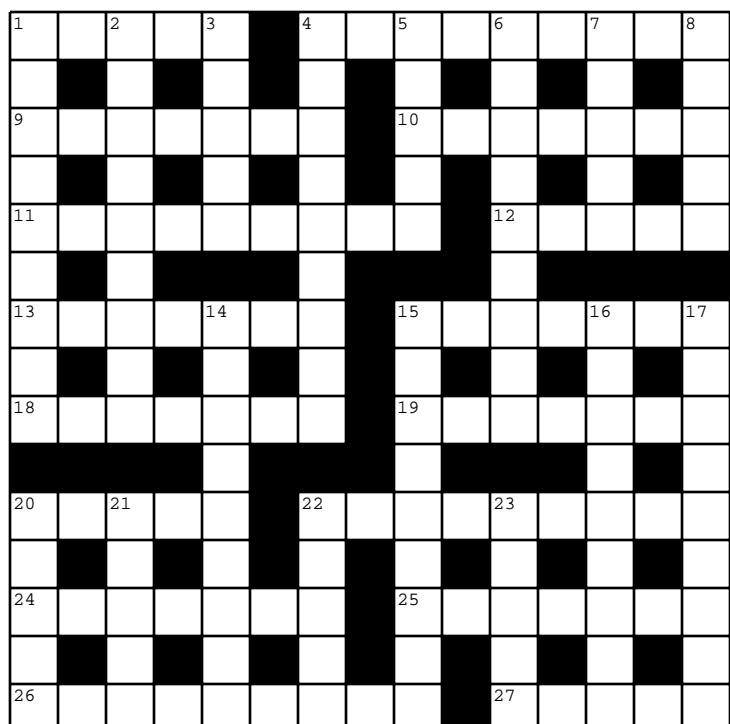
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| 4. KIRINYAGA  | 2. RECALLING  |
| 9. LICENCE    | 3. DUNCE      |
| 10. FANCIES   | 4. KEELING    |
| 11. BALLERINA | 5. REFRAIN    |
| 12. XENON     | 6. NONEXEMPT  |
| 13. ARISING   | 7. ALIGN      |
| 15. NUMERIC   | 8. ARSON      |
| 18. ENGAGED   | 14. INGESTING |
| 20. ARTICLE   | 16. RECIPIENT |
| 21. TASKS     | 17. CRESCENDO |
| 23. ISOTROPIC | 19. DRIVERS   |
| 25. EXAMINE   | 20. AROUSED   |
| 26. SURGEON   | 21. THESE     |
| 27. EULOGISED | 22. STALL     |
| 28. RATIO     | 24. RARER     |



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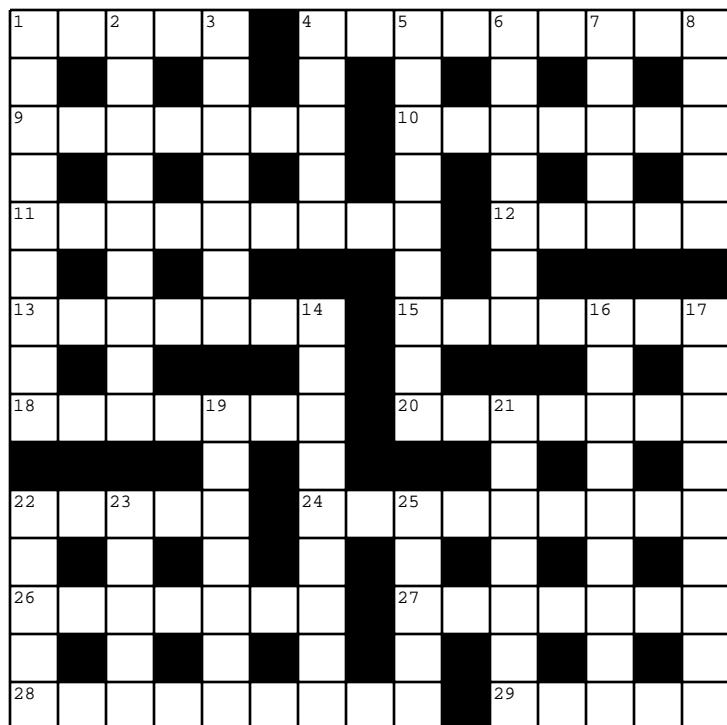
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| 4. CHAUFFEUR  | 2. CAFETERIA  |
| 9. LEFTISM    | 3. ICIER      |
| 10. CABRINI   | 4. COMPRISES  |
| 11. INTERPRET | 5. ASCOT      |
| 12. NASTY     | 6. FIBONACCI  |
| 13. PHRASES   | 7. EVILS      |
| 15. PACIFIC   | 8. RAINY      |
| 18. SEASONS   | 14. SNOWDRIFT |
| 19. LEISURE   | 15. POLEMICAL |
| 20. CAGED     | 16. FRUSTRATE |
| 22. LYMPHATIC | 17. CRESCENTS |
| 24. IMAGING   | 20. CRISP     |
| 25. CAPTAIN   | 21. GUAVA     |
| 26. PRACTICAL | 22. LOGIC     |
| 27. DEEMS     | 23. HOPED     |



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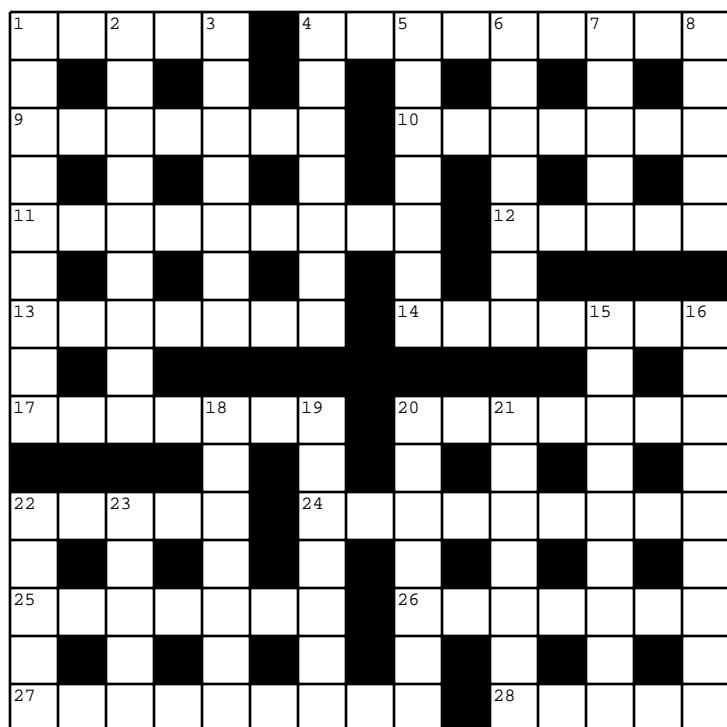
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| 4. EXHIBITED  | 2. EMBARGOES  |
| 9. HIBACHI    | 3. MICROBE    |
| 10. NOODLED   | 4. EXITS      |
| 11. SERIOUSLY | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. DEERE     | 6. BROADLY    |
| 13. VIOLENT   | 7. TILDE      |
| 15. OLYMPIC   | 8. DODGE      |
| 18. SUSANNA   | 14. TEACHINGS |
| 20. BRISTLE   | 16. POTPOURRI |
| 22. THROB     | 17. CHECKERED |
| 24. HANDIWORK | 19. NEBULAE   |
| 26. LANOLIN   | 21. IDIOTIC   |
| 27. CATERER   | 22. TULIP     |
| 28. PROCESSOR | 23. RINGO     |
| 29. CHILD     | 25. NICER     |



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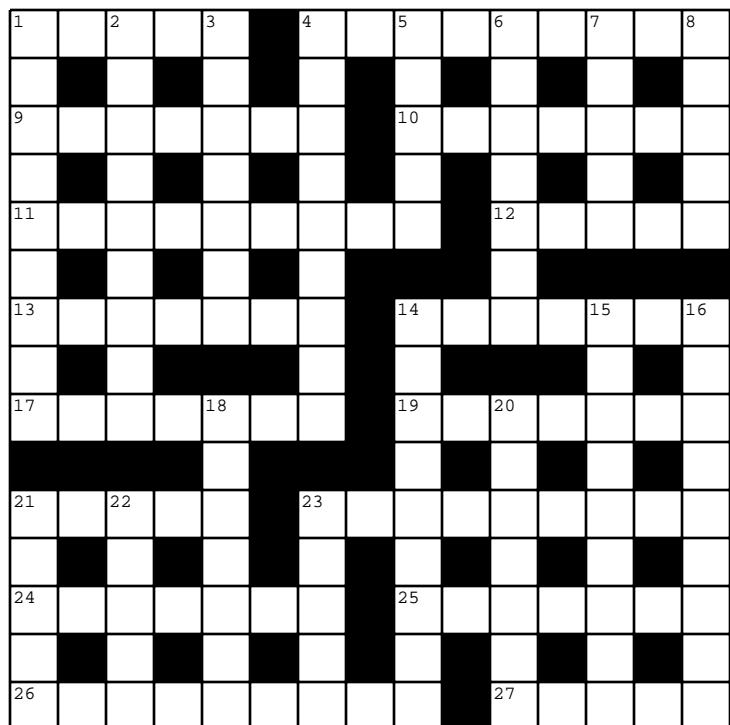
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| 4. APOLOGIES  | 2. CAPACITOR  |
| 9. OPPOSES    | 3. LESOTHO    |
| 10. GATHERS   | 4. ASSUMES    |
| 11. YACHTSMAN | 5. ORGANIC    |
| 12. NELLY     | 6. OFTENER    |
| 13. TATTOOS   | 7. IDEAL      |
| 14. CHRISTA   | 8. SISSY      |
| 17. MOROCCO   | 15. SPAGHETTI |
| 20. ENDEARS   | 16. ASSISTANT |
| 22. DICTA     | 18. CHATEAU   |
| 24. GARNISHES | 19. ONGOING   |
| 25. ARACELI   | 20. EARLIER   |
| 26. INERTIA   | 21. DRIVERS   |
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| 28. SHIRT     | 23. CLAIM     |



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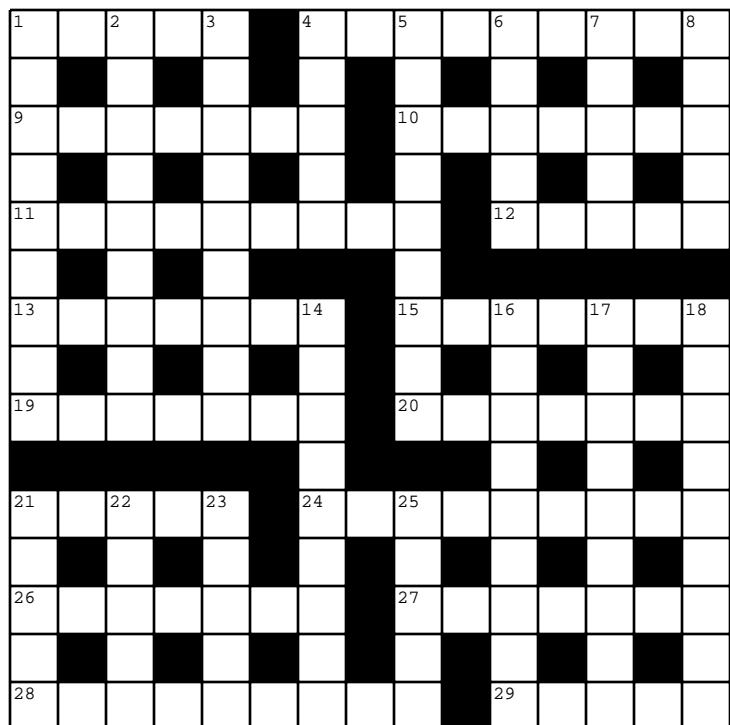
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| 4. BLUEPRINT  | 2. CATAPULTS  |
| 9. OPTIMAL    | 3. INMATES    |
| 10. IRATEST   | 4. BALLOONED  |
| 11. DIPHTHONG | 5. USING      |
| 12. TASTE     | 6. PLASTIC    |
| 13. ELLISON   | 7. IDEAS      |
| 14. INCOMES   | 8. TITLE      |
| 17. TUSSLED   | 14. INDENTING |
| 19. DEPRIVE   | 15. MAINFRAME |
| 21. ARSON     | 16. SWEATIEST |
| 23. NONPROFIT | 18. LANTERN   |
| 24. PRECEDE   | 20. PERSONA   |
| 25. ISOLATE   | 21. AMPLE     |
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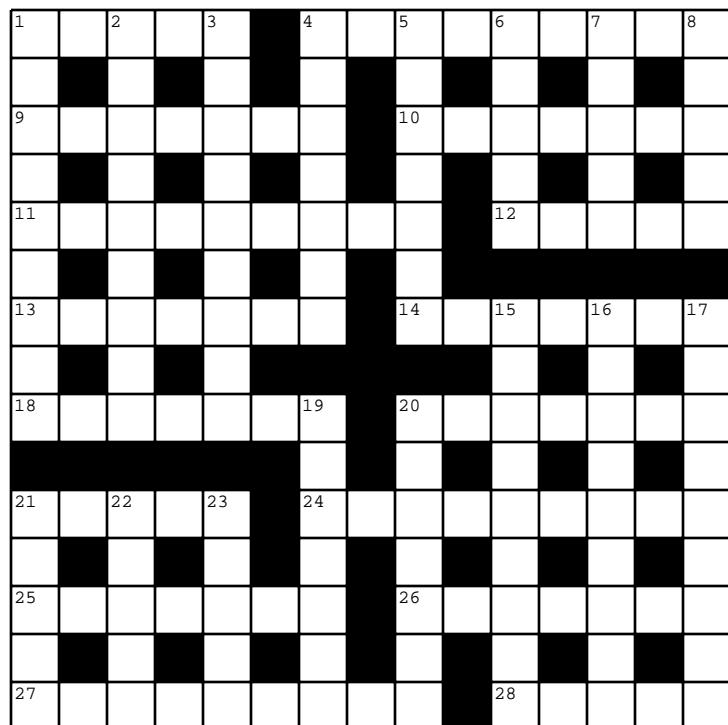
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| 1. COPES      | 1. CATNAPPED  |
| 4. LANDSLIDE  | 2. PARTRIDGE  |
| 9. TURNOUT    | 3. STOREROOM  |
| 10. GARGLED   | 4. LITRE      |
| 11. AGREEMENT | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. BARER     | 6. SCRUB      |
| 13. PADLOCK   | 7. IDLER      |
| 15. LACONIC   | 8. ELDER      |
| 19. DREAMER   | 14. KERCHIEFS |
| 20. BLOSSOM   | 16. CHORUSSES |
| 21. CUBAN     | 17. NOSTALGIA |
| 24. HAMMURABI | 18. COMMITTEE |
| 26. REFUGEE   | 21. CIRCA     |
| 27. INSIGHT   | 22. BEFIT     |
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| 29. SCALE     | 25. MAILS     |



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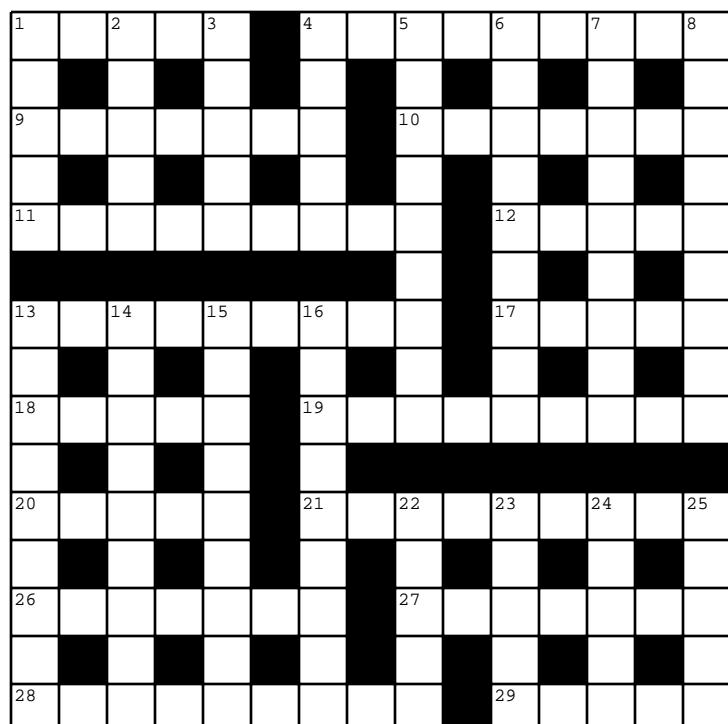
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| 4. GLIMMERED  | 2. AGAMEMNON  |
| 9. FLAVOUR    | 3. KNOCKOUTS  |
| 10. EQUALLY   | 4. GARLAND    |
| 11. BREAKFAST | 5. INERTIA    |
| 12. DIRER     | 6. MOULD      |
| 13. LANGUID   | 7. RULER      |
| 14. ACCEPTS   | 8. DRYER      |
| 18. SINUSES   | 15. COCKROACH |
| 20. ESCAPED   | 16. PEPPERONI |
| 21. ASKED     | 17. SIDELINES |
| 24. STAIRWELL | 19. SUSTAIN   |
| 25. CADENZA   | 20. EXAMPLE   |
| 26. PLATOON   | 21. ALCOA     |
| 27. ABUNDANCE | 22. KUDZU     |
| 28. HAIRS     | 23. DINED     |



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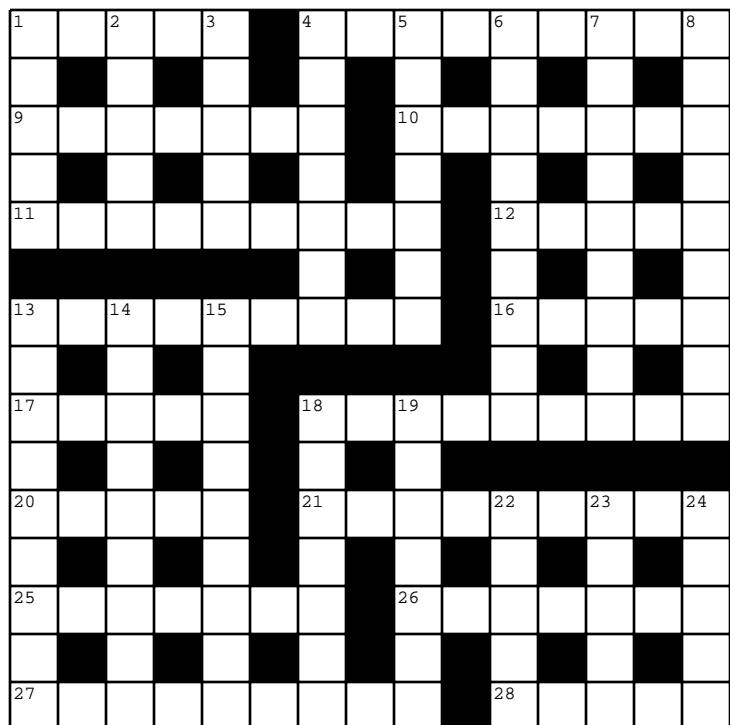
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| 4. CHARACTER  | 2. TALON      |
| 9. BELUSHI    | 3. LASER      |
| 10. PATROLS   | 4. CLIFF      |
| 11. NONPROFIT | 5. APPETITES  |
| 12. PLIED     | 6. ANTIPASTI  |
| 13. SMARMIEST | 7. TROPICANA  |
| 17. SPAWN     | 8. RESIDENCE  |
| 18. LUPIN     | 13. SELECTRIC |
| 19. CASTIGATE | 14. AMPLIFIER |
| 20. CHIEF     | 15. MANIFESTO |
| 21. MIDSTREAM | 16. ENCUMBERS |
| 26. REISSUE   | 22. DOPEY     |
| 27. PLATEAU   | 23. TRAMP     |
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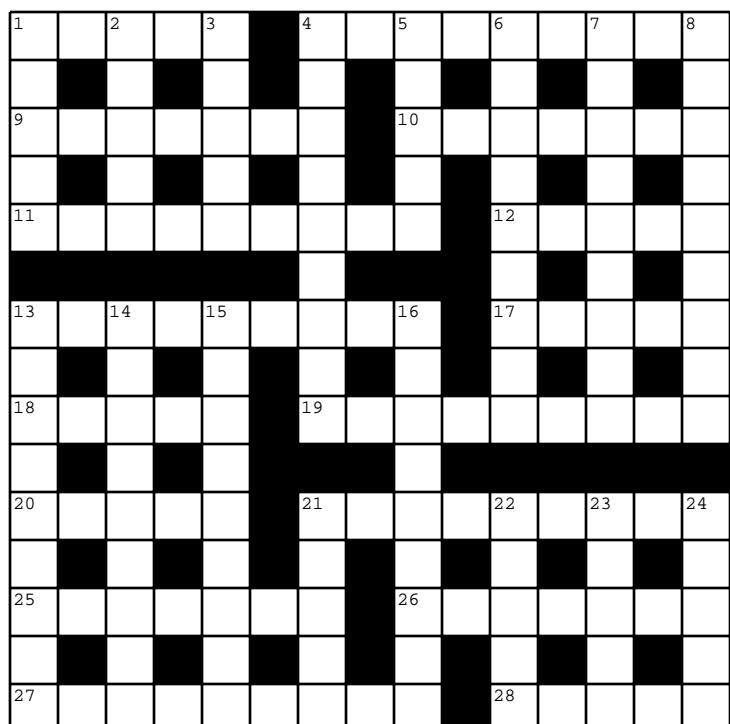
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| 4. JURIDICAL  | 2. RAVEN      |
| 9. DIVINER    | 3. HINDU      |
| 10. MISLEAD   | 4. JERICHO    |
| 11. ANNOUNCER | 5. REMARKS    |
| 12. RACER     | 6. DISPROVEN  |
| 13. ATROCIOUS | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 16. VENUE     | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 17. TESSA     | 13. ANTELOPES |
| 18. ACCENTING | 14. RESERVOIR |
| 20. LARGE     | 15. CHAMELEON |
| 21. FINGERTIP | 18. AFFABLE   |
| 25. PROVERB   | 19. CENTURY   |
| 26. UNIFIED   | 22. EXITS     |
| 27. STRANGELY | 23. THIEU     |
| 28. SKULL     | 24. PEDAL     |



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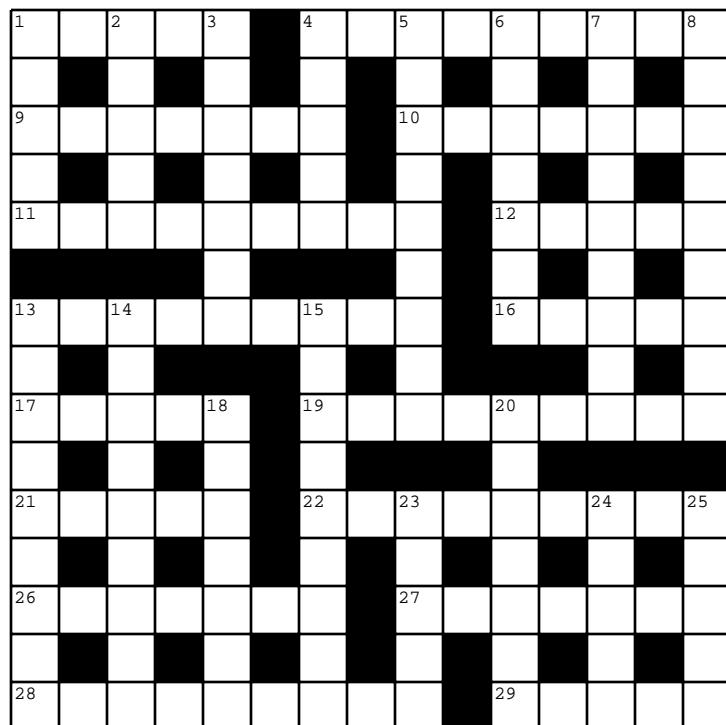
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| 9. AQUARIA    | 3. TORSI      |
| 10. ESCAPEE   | 4. DIAPHRAGM  |
| 11. PUBLISHES | 5. POEMS      |
| 12. NEATH     | 6. ECCENTRIC  |
| 13. CUISINART | 7. APPRAISAL  |
| 17. RISEN     | 8. ELEPHANTS  |
| 18. NASAL     | 13. CONFABBED |
| 19. MOLECULES | 14. INSTINCTS |
| 20. AGING     | 15. ILLOGICAL |
| 21. EAVESDROP | 16. TELEVISED |
| 25. BICYCLE   | 21. EVERY     |
| 26. SCALLOP   | 22. SHAME     |
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| 28. EASEL     | 24. PUPIL     |



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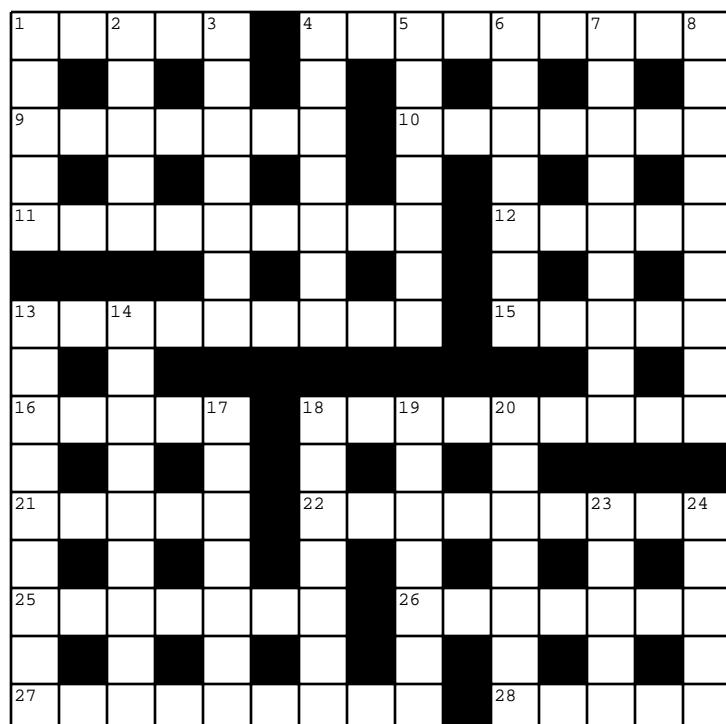
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| 4. LUBRICANT  | 2. EXACT      |
| 9. FLAGGED    | 3. ALGEBRA    |
| 10. ORBITAL   | 4. LADES      |
| 11. DATABASES | 5. BOOKSHELF  |
| 12. ERROR     | 6. INBREDS    |
| 13. AVALANCHE | 7. AFTERMATH  |
| 16. SMART     | 8. TOLERATED  |
| 17. CHASE     | 13. ACCLAIMED |
| 19. REFRESHED | 14. ANALGESIA |
| 21. ANGRY     | 15. CORRIDORS |
| 22. IMPRESSES | 18. ELYSIAN   |
| 26. MESTIZO   | 20. EMERGED   |
| 27. EAGERER   | 23. POETS     |
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| 29. DOPEY     | 25. SORRY     |



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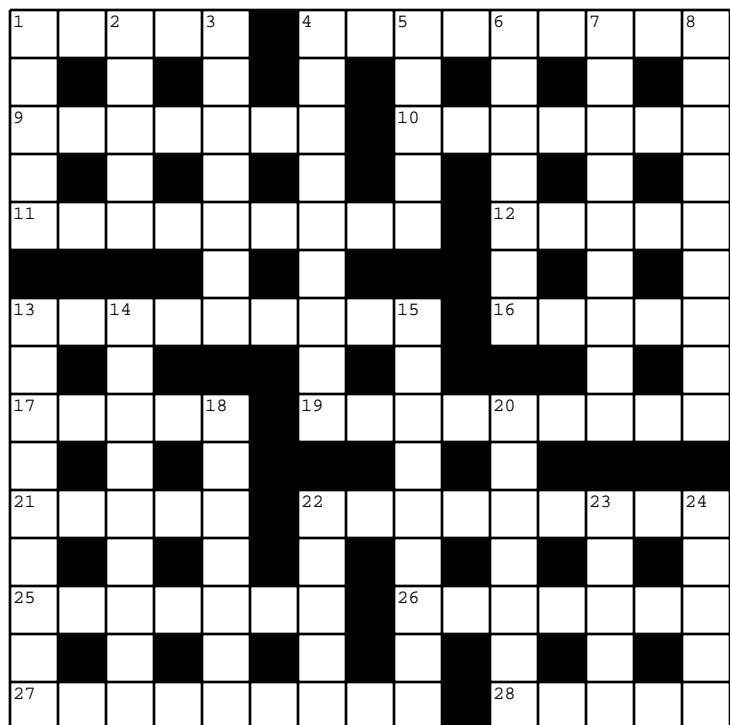
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| 9. BALONEY    | 3. FINESSE    |
| 10. ALMOHAD   | 4. BAYONET    |
| 11. GLISSANDI | 5. PEALING    |
| 12. RARER     | 6. IMMERSE    |
| 13. BUNDESTAG | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 15. ENSUE     | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 16. RISEN     | 13. BARRACUDA |
| 18. BROACHING | 14. NOSTALGIC |
| 21. ALARM     | 17. NUMBERS   |
| 22. ABDOMINAL | 18. BLASTER   |
| 25. UNGUENT   | 19. OEDIPAL   |
| 26. PROGRAM   | 20. COMPOSE   |
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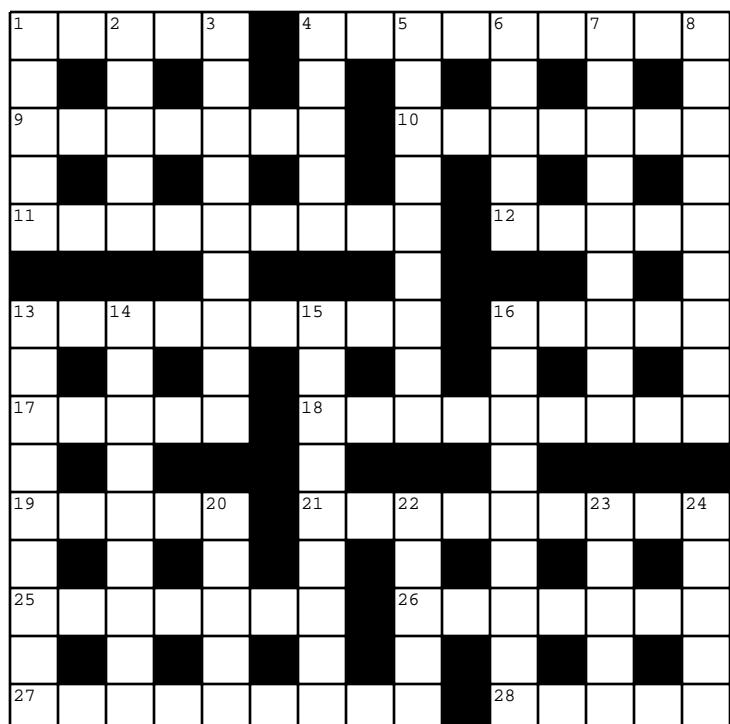
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| 4. WOODCHUCK  | 2. DATUM      |
| 9. VETCHES    | 3. ACHIEVE    |
| 10. ARRAIGN   | 4. WASHCLOTH  |
| 11. COMMERCES | 5. OKAYS      |
| 12. UTERI     | 6. CIRCUIT    |
| 13. PEPPERONI | 7. UNIVERSAL  |
| 16. TASKS     | 8. KANDINSKY  |
| 17. RULES     | 13. PARALYTIC |
| 19. HARMFULLY | 14. POLICEMAN |
| 21. LOCAL     | 15. IRRITATED |
| 22. INTERVIEW | 18. SALVAGE   |
| 25. TIMPANI   | 20. FORMATS   |
| 26. THALAMI   | 22. IDIOT     |
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| 28. SCENE     | 24. WHILE     |



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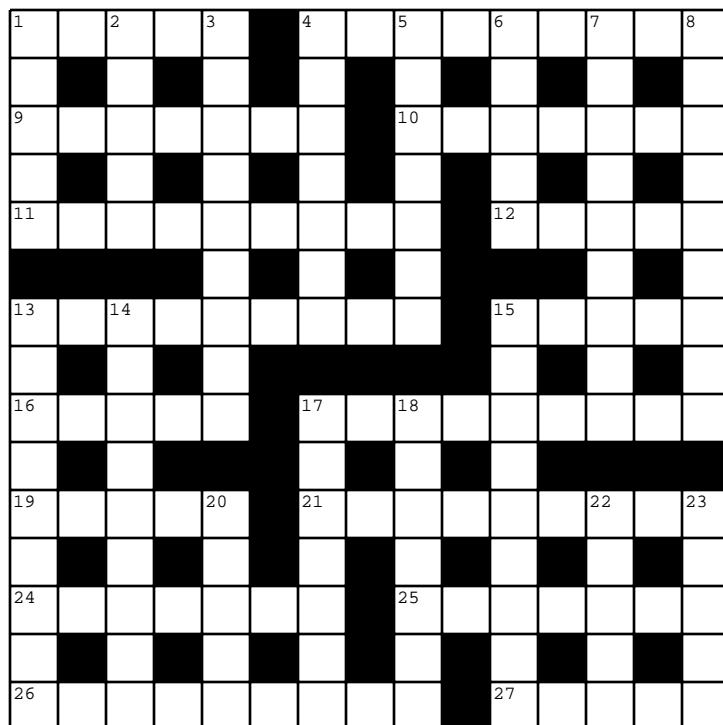
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| 9. ALIENED    | 3. UNNATURAL  |
| 10. UNSAFER   | 4. RADII      |
| 11. SOMETHING | 5. DRUGGISTS  |
| 12. SAUNA     | 6. ARSES      |
| 13. CONTRACTS | 7. INFLUENZA  |
| 16. ENNUI     | 8. NARRATIVE  |
| 17. RURAL     | 13. CURRICULA |
| 18. ASSOCIATE | 14. NARROWEST |
| 19. ICONS     | 15. CRABBIEST |
| 21. BUTTERCUP | 16. EXCREMENT |
| 25. UTERINE   | 20. SLIER     |
| 26. SWEETEN   | 22. TASKS     |
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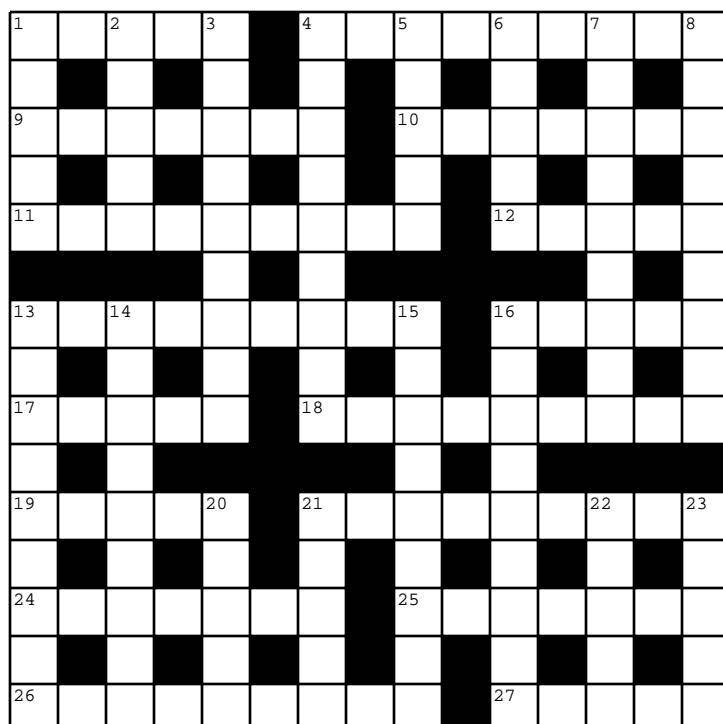
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| 4. PARAMECIA  | 2. TWIST      |
| 9. BLINDER    | 3. HIDEOUSLY  |
| 10. GODUNOV   | 4. PORTRAY    |
| 11. POTPOURRI | 5. RAGTIME    |
| 12. MUSIC     | 6. MADAM      |
| 13. HAIRSTYLE | 7. CANISTERS  |
| 15. CHEAT     | 8. ADVOCATED  |
| 16. RATTY     | 13. HOROSCOPE |
| 17. PRACTISED | 14. INTERVENE |
| 19. SCRAM     | 15. CATHEDRAL |
| 21. ORCHESTRA | 17. POOREST   |
| 24. OVERATE   | 18. ALCOHOL   |
| 25. HARMFUL   | 20. MEADE     |
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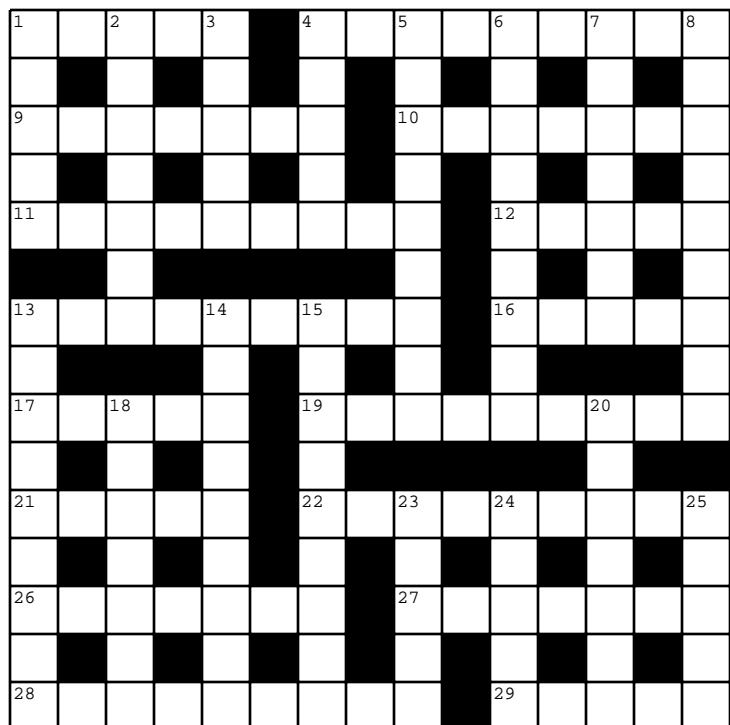
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| 1. SUSHI      | 1. STEEP      |
| 4. PICKAXING  | 2. SPURN      |
| 9. EQUATOR    | 3. INTERVENE  |
| 10. MERITED   | 4. PARAMECIA  |
| 11. PANORAMIC | 5. COMIC      |
| 12. DIRGE     | 6. AIRED      |
| 13. BUTTERCUP | 7. INTERACTS  |
| 16. RACES     | 8. GODDESSES  |
| 17. WHERE     | 13. BEWITCHED |
| 18. ALARMISTS | 14. THESAURUS |
| 19. TIARA     | 15. PRACTICED |
| 21. INTERVIEW | 16. REMBRANDT |
| 24. HARROWS   | 20. ALONG     |
| 25. CENTAUR   | 21. ISSUE     |
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| 27. THESE     | 23. WORSE     |



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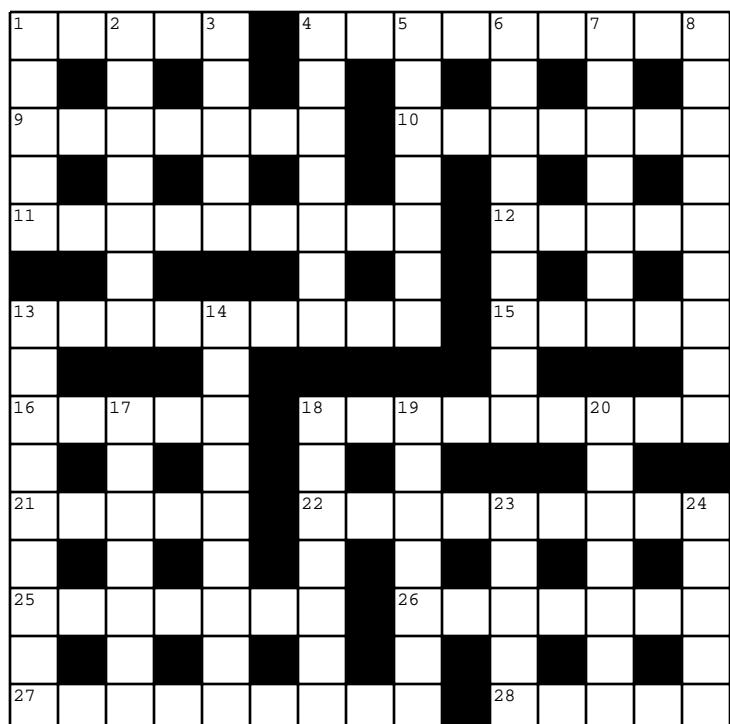
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| 4. THEODORIC  | 2. POLYMER    |
| 9. ILLEGAL    | 3. LAGER      |
| 10. COMPARE   | 4. TALON      |
| 11. MEMORANDA | 5. ENCHANTED  |
| 12. AVIOR     | 6. DAMNATION  |
| 13. AGREEMENT | 7. REALISE    |
| 16. IDEAL     | 8. CHEVROLET  |
| 17. TABLE     | 13. ASTROTURF |
| 19. REDUNDANT | 14. ELECTORAL |
| 21. OVERT     | 15. ERRONEOUS |
| 22. NEGOTIATE | 18. BRENDAN   |
| 26. UNDERGO   | 20. ARACELI   |
| 27. GINSENG   | 23. GAGED     |
| 28. FINALISED | 24. TANKS     |
| 29. SHIPS     | 25. EDGES     |



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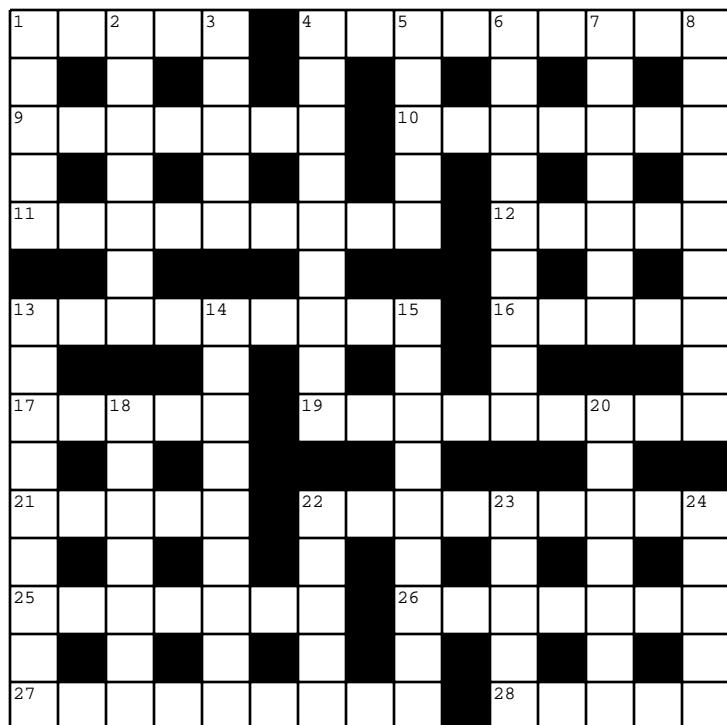
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| 4. LEGENDARY  | 2. RAVIOLI    |
| 9. FAVOURS    | 3. SPURN      |
| 10. INVADER   | 4. LASAGNA    |
| 11. GOODNIGHT | 5. GRISTLE    |
| 12. GATES     | 6. NAVIGABLE  |
| 13. ORIGINATE | 7. AUDITOR    |
| 15. BERTA     | 8. YAROSLAVL  |
| 16. EQUIP     | 13. OVERWHELM |
| 18. REGRETFUL | 14. IMPROMPTU |
| 21. WALDO     | 17. UNLOCKS   |
| 22. FRETFULLY | 18. REFUSED   |
| 25. EXCEPTS   | 19. GLEAMED   |
| 26. MAURIAC   | 20. FULFILL   |
| 27. MISGUIDED | 23. FAUNA     |
| 28. ALLOT     | 24. YACHT     |



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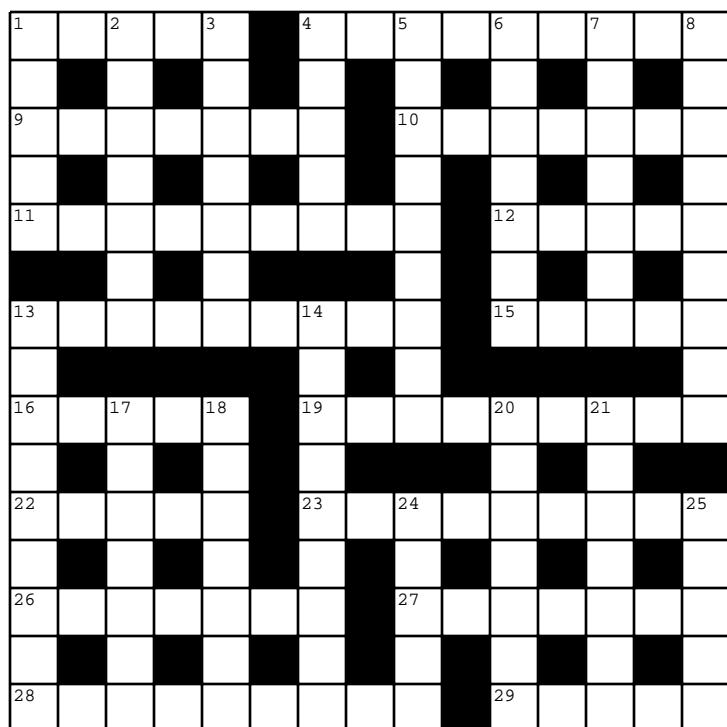
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| 4. ATTACHING  | 2. ASCETIC    |
| 9. LUCIANO    | 3. TEACH      |
| 10. EUNUCHS   | 4. APOCYPHRA  |
| 11. BUTCHERED | 5. TREND      |
| 12. OWNER     | 6. CONSORTIA  |
| 13. EUCALYPTI | 7. INCENSE    |
| 16. TREAT     | 8. GASTRITIS  |
| 17. CLANG     | 13. EXCLAIMED |
| 19. ALLIANCES | 14. LOGARITHM |
| 21. ABLER     | 15. ILLOGICAL |
| 22. REGISTRAR | 18. AILERON   |
| 25. MARITAL   | 20. CARIBOU   |
| 26. CHAMBER   | 22. RELIC     |
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| 28. USUAL     | 24. RURAL     |



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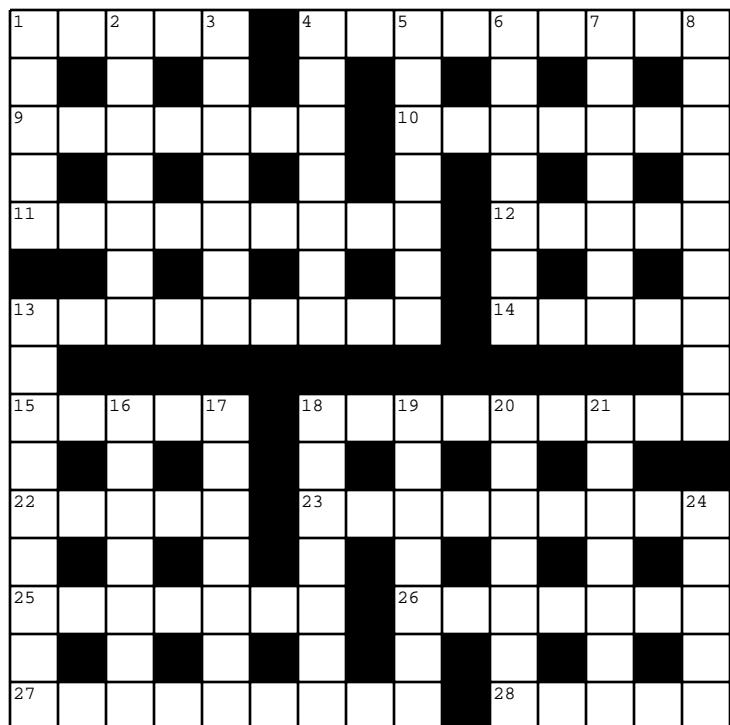
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| 9. CASSAVA    | 3. STARTLE    |
| 10. GIRAFFE   | 4. DRAWL      |
| 11. NIGHTCLUB | 5. SAGEBRUSH  |
| 12. SALTS     | 6. MARISSA    |
| 13. AMATERASU | 7. ALFALFA    |
| 15. ABACK     | 8. KEEPSAKES  |
| 16. GIMME     | 13. ALGORITHM |
| 19. SCHOONERS | 14. ASSERTION |
| 22. RHYME     | 17. MAYNARD   |
| 23. REALLYING | 18. EYEBALL   |
| 26. THALAMI   | 20. OBLONGS   |
| 27. ARNULFO   | 21. EDIBLES   |
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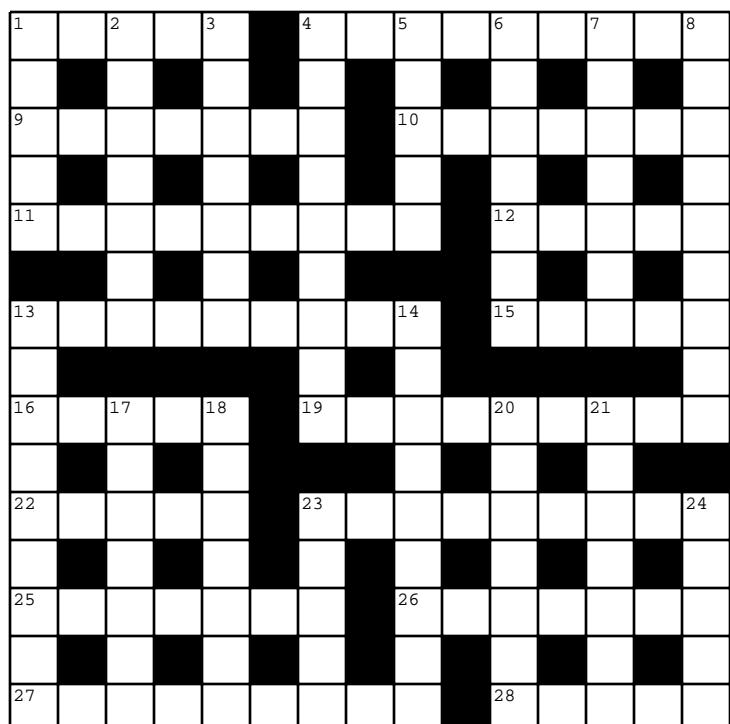
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| 4. FIREPROOF  | 2. KASHMIR    |
| 9. VISITOR    | 3. DETOURS    |
| 10. BRAVURA   | 4. FOREIGN    |
| 11. COMMUNION | 5. REBINDS    |
| 12. EVENT     | 6. PLATEAU    |
| 13. UPRISINGS | 7. OPULENT    |
| 14. UTTER     | 8. FRACTURES  |
| 15. WAKES     | 13. UNWILLING |
| 18. OVERRIDES | 16. KINDEST   |
| 22. LANCE     | 17. SHEATHE   |
| 23. INHABITED | 18. ORIGAMI   |
| 25. INERTIA   | 19. ECHOING   |
| 26. INSPIRE   | 20. REBUSES   |
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| 28. SISAL     | 24. DWELL     |



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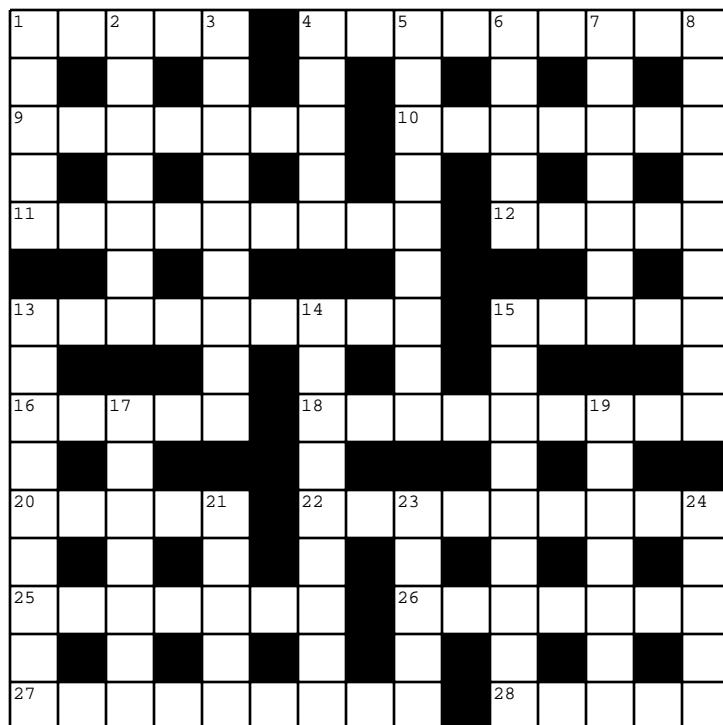
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| 4. FANTASTIC  | 2. SPRUCER    |
| 9. PERTURB    | 3. COURAGE    |
| 10. HOMONYM   | 4. FABRICATE  |
| 11. SOCIALISM | 5. NAHUM      |
| 12. NOISE     | 6. AMMONIA    |
| 13. MERCENARY | 7. TENSION    |
| 15. ANNUL     | 8. COMPELLED  |
| 16. TOTED     | 13. MATRIARCH |
| 19. ENSHRINED | 14. YESTERDAY |
| 22. IDEAL     | 17. TREMBLE   |
| 23. ELECTORAL | 18. DELIRIA   |
| 25. REBIRTH   | 20. ROTATED   |
| 26. DETRACT   | 21. NARRATE   |
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| 28. DEERE     | 24. LITRE     |



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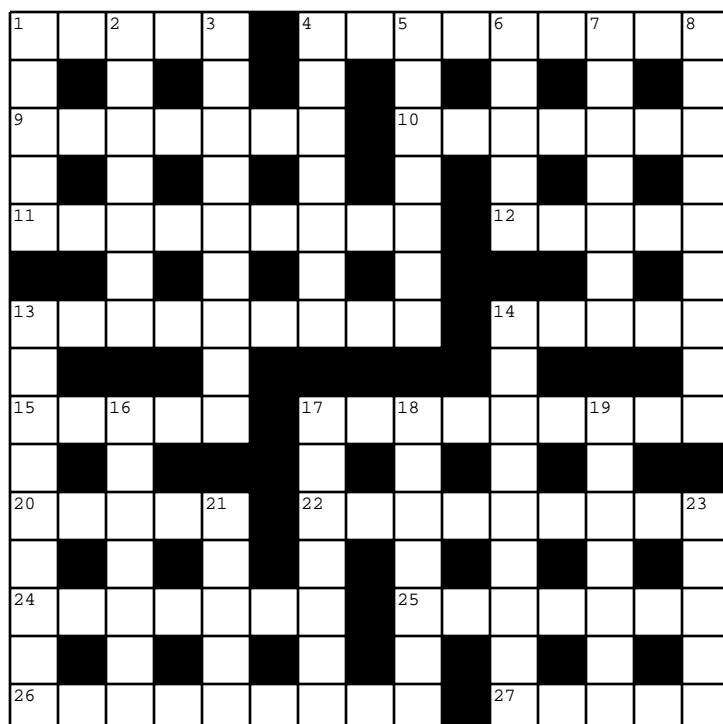
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| 4. UNKINDEST  | 2. CATALOG    |
| 9. OUTCROP    | 3. STRAIGHTS  |
| 10. RAISING   | 4. UPPER      |
| 11. MILLIGRAM | 5. KARAMAZOV  |
| 12. ELECT     | 6. NAIVE      |
| 13. MEGAHERTZ | 7. EMINENT    |
| 15. BUTTE     | 8. TIGHTNESS  |
| 16. TUBES     | 13. METABOLIC |
| 18. CIVILIANS | 14. RECALLING |
| 20. BLAST     | 15. BELEAGUER |
| 22. LETHARGIC | 17. BLACKEN   |
| 25. LAKSHMI   | 19. ALGEBRA   |
| 26. CRUMBLE   | 21. TAHOE     |
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| 28. READS     | 24. CHEWS     |



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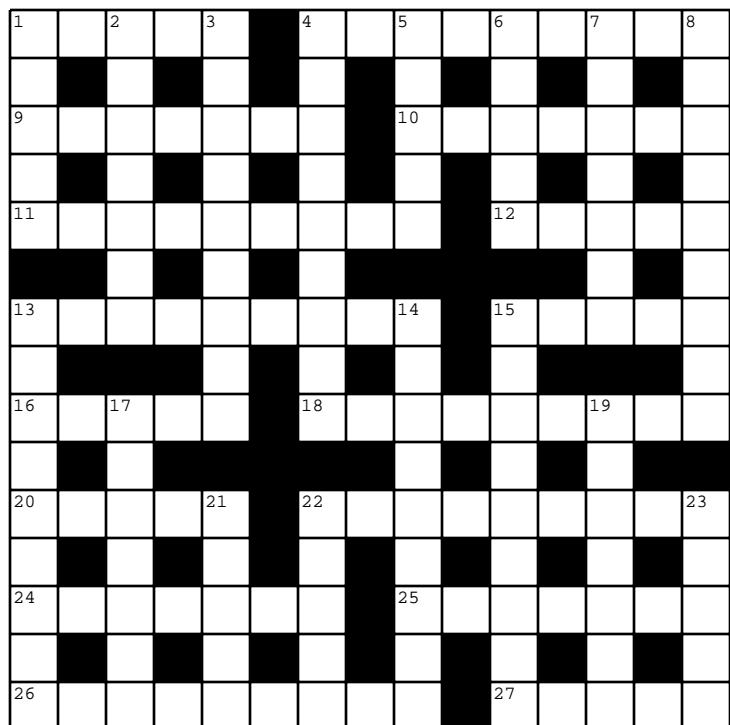
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| 9. RECORDS    | 3. ACROBATIC  |
| 10. SARCASM   | 4. MESTIZO    |
| 11. CRUMBLING | 5. DESIGNS    |
| 12. DEIGN     | 6. ACRID      |
| 13. MARATHONS | 7. ITALIAN    |
| 14. FINAL     | 8. NOMINALLY  |
| 15. CUBIC     | 13. MICROCHIP |
| 17. BIOGRAPHY | 14. FIREPROOF |
| 20. ORGAN     | 16. BUGABOO   |
| 22. PASSPORTS | 17. BAPTISM   |
| 24. HIBACHI   | 18. OBSERVE   |
| 25. REORDER   | 19. PARADOX   |
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| 27. FIXED     | 23. SHRED     |



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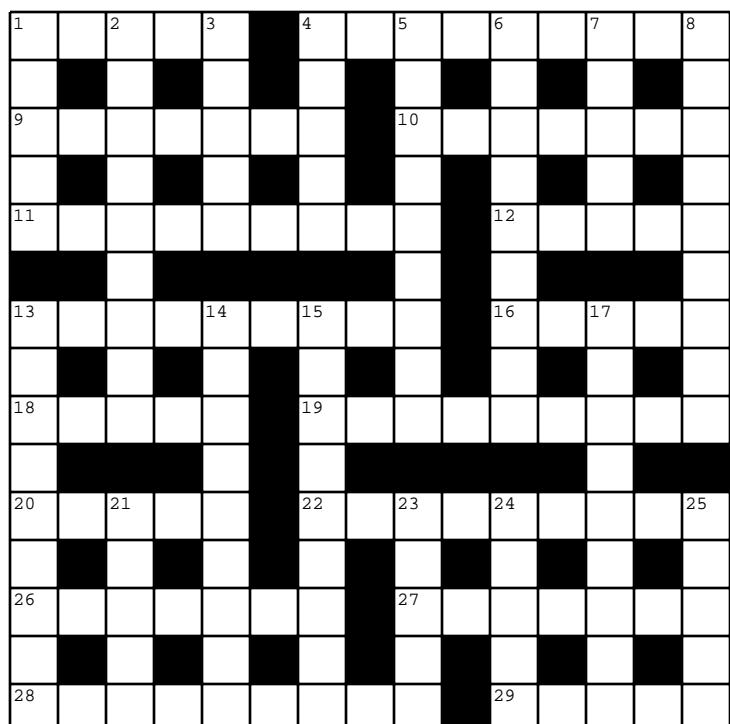
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| 4. BEVERAGES  | 2. DICTATE    |
| 9. ACCUSER    | 3. OBSTRUCTS  |
| 10. REORDER   | 4. BARGAINER  |
| 11. STAIRCASE | 5. VERGE      |
| 12. ARNEB     | 6. RHODA      |
| 13. CRESCENDO | 7. GODUNOV    |
| 15. NAVAL     | 8. SCRIBBLED  |
| 16. CAMPS     | 13. COCKSCOMB |
| 18. RENEGADED | 14. OWNERSHIP |
| 20. SLEEP     | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 22. HERITAGES | 17. MAESTRO   |
| 24. OUTLOOK   | 19. DIGITAL   |
| 25. HOLSTER   | 21. PIOUS     |
| 26. BOOTSTRAP | 22. HIKER     |
| 27. BELOW     | 23. SCREW     |



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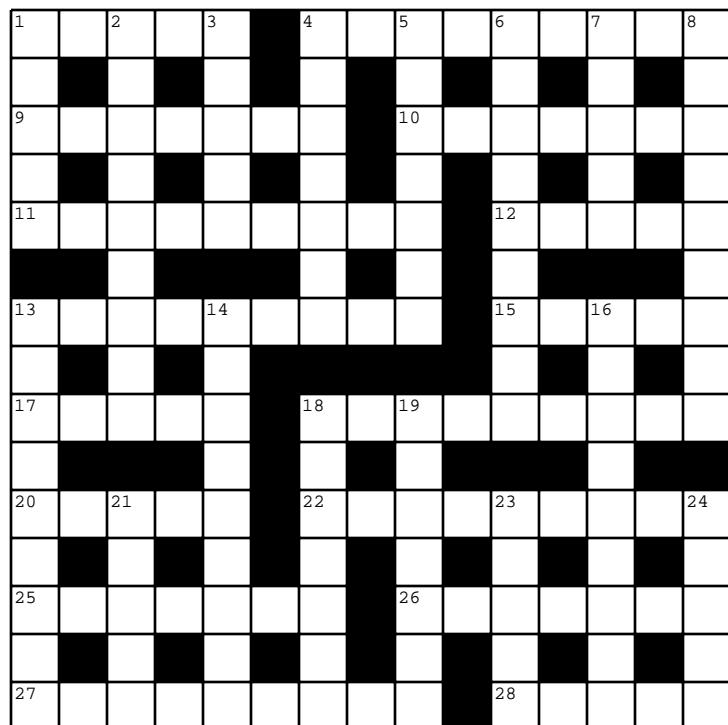
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| 4. DIRECTIVE  | 2. CONTOURED  |
| 9. MINIMUM    | 3. WOMAN      |
| 10. GUNBOAT   | 4. DIMER      |
| 11. SCOUNDREL | 5. RIGOLETTO  |
| 12. ISSUE     | 6. CONVINCED  |
| 13. TERMAGANT | 7. ICONS      |
| 16. CACTI     | 8. EXTREMIST  |
| 18. RADII     | 13. THROWBACK |
| 19. SHODDIEST | 14. ALIGHIERI |
| 20. WELSH     | 15. ASSESSING |
| 22. SKEPTICAL | 17. CRESCENDO |
| 26. ARACELI   | 21. LLANO     |
| 27. TAXINGS   | 23. ENTER     |
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| 29. SPOTS     | 25. LISTS     |



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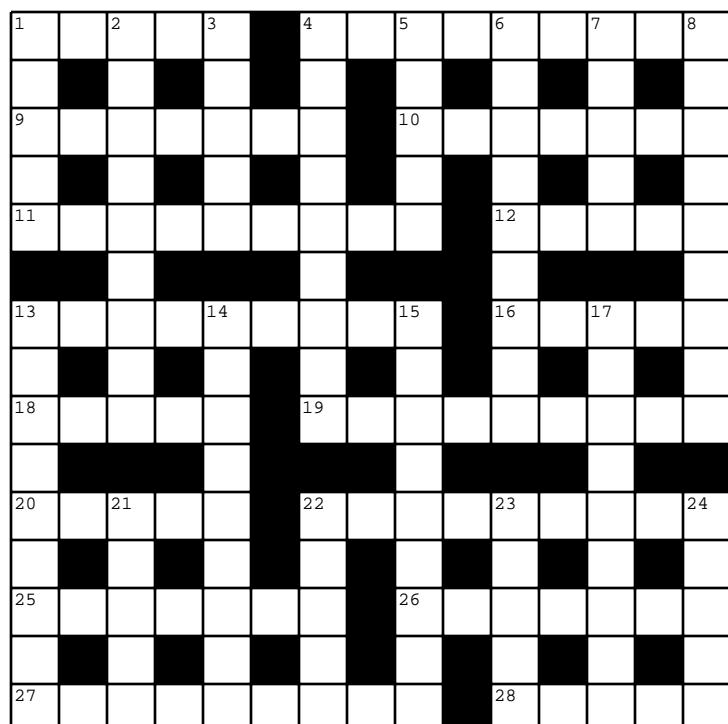
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| 4. INDICATES    | 2. ECOSYSTEM  |
| 9. FOOLISH      | 3. SWISH      |
| 10. NILLING     | 4. INHERIT    |
| 11. ANYWHERESES | 5. DYNASTY    |
| 12. REACT       | 6. CALORIFIC  |
| 13. ANTI PATHY  | 7. TRINA      |
| 15. FLAME       | 8. SIGHTLESS  |
| 17. GUMBO       | 13. ALGEBRAIC |
| 18. ABDICATES   | 14. PTOLEMAIC |
| 20. BASTE       | 16. ANTIPASTO |
| 22. CATNAPPED   | 18. ACCUSED   |
| 25. ANYWAYS     | 19. DETECTS   |
| 26. CROSSES     | 21. STYLI     |
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| 28. ATOMS       | 24. DOSES     |



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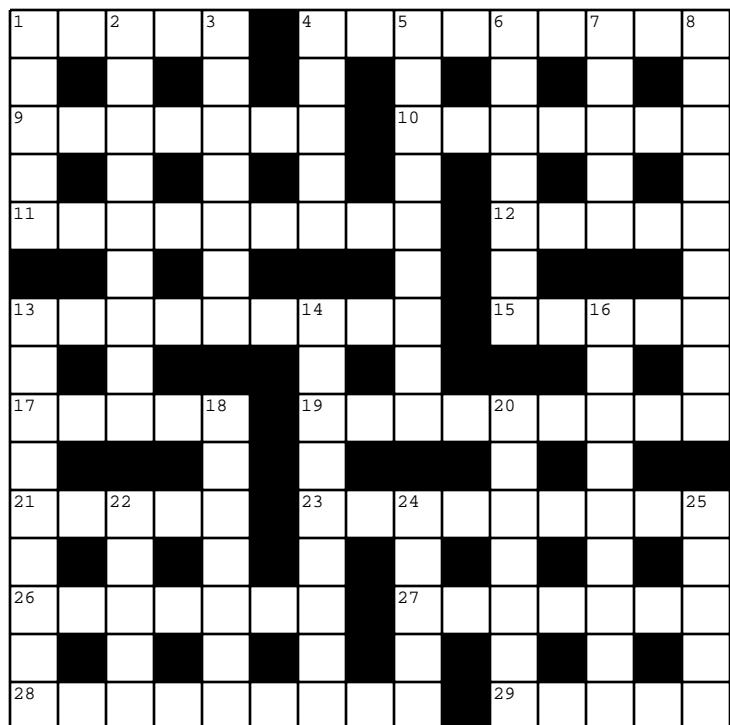
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| 9. MIGRANT    | 3. BEAUX      |
| 10. UNIFIED   | 4. AUTOMATIC  |
| 11. NONEXEMPT | 5. STUNT      |
| 12. BRAVE     | 6. REIMBURSE  |
| 13. COMMITTEE | 7. IBIZA      |
| 16. ROCKS     | 8. GODDESSES  |
| 18. PICKS     | 13. COPYRIGHT |
| 19. COSMETICS | 14. INSISTING |
| 20. RACES     | 15. ENSCONCED |
| 22. BLOTTING  | 17. CRITICIZE |
| 25. GLORIFY   | 21. CROCI     |
| 26. CELLIST   | 22. BUYER     |
| 27. TRIGGERED | 23. CILIA     |
| 28. AREAS     | 24. GATES     |



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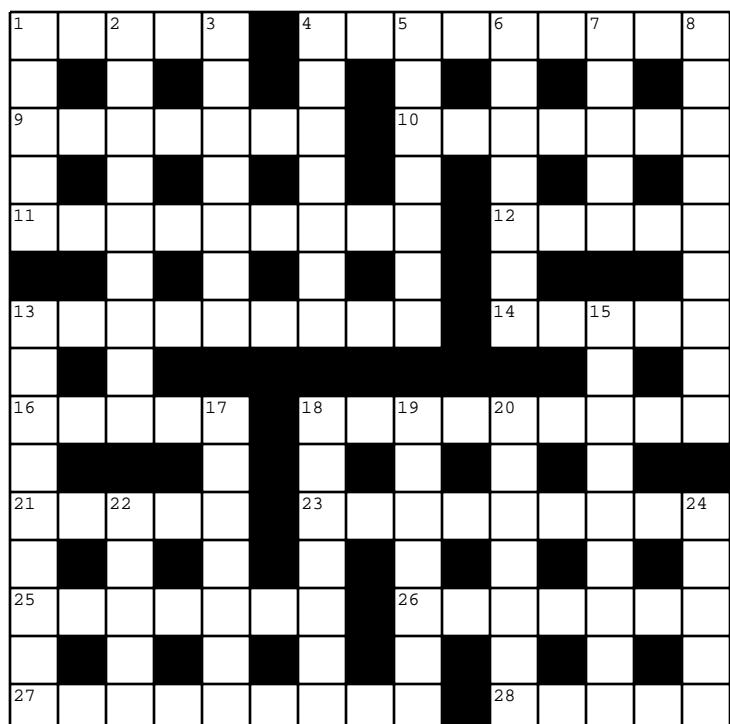
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| 4. HARDENING  | 2. STOPWATCH  |
| 9. SCOURED    | 3. MARABOUT   |
| 10. AURELIA   | 4. HYDRA      |
| 11. DOWNBEATS | 5. REASSURED  |
| 12. SCRUB     | 6. EURASIA    |
| 13. OUTNUMBER | 7. IDLER      |
| 15. AFFIX     | 8. GEARBOXES  |
| 17. NAHUM     | 13. OWNERSHIP |
| 19. MEDICARES | 14. BEMOANING |
| 21. RACED     | 16. FIREPROOF |
| 23. ANTELOPES | 18. MEDICAL   |
| 26. HITACHI   | 20. CALYPSO   |
| 27. DIPLOMA   | 22. CATER     |
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| 29. OFFER     | 25. STAIR     |



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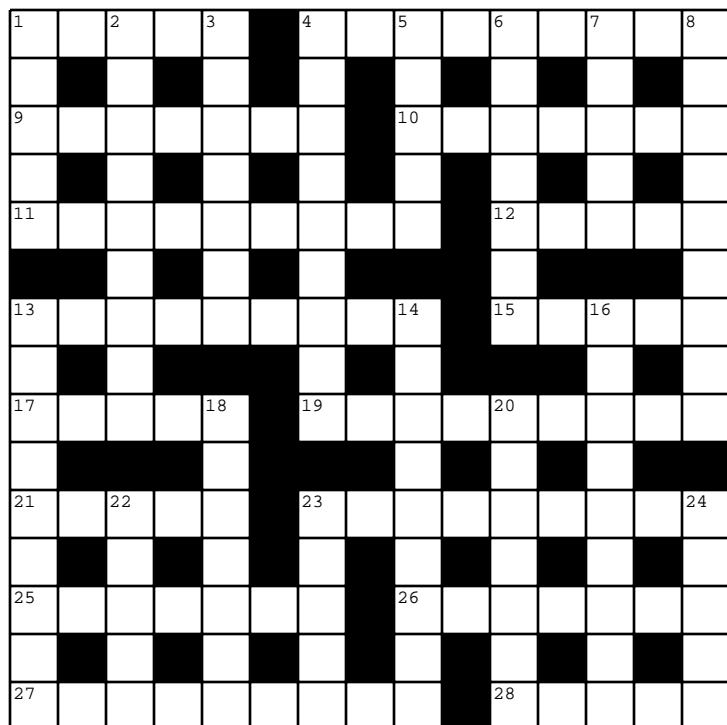
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| 9. FORAGED    | 3. ANGUISH    |
| 10. OVERLAP   | 4. DUDGEON    |
| 11. STUPIDEST | 5. PLOTTED    |
| 12. AGREE     | 6. INEXACT    |
| 13. KITCHENED | 7. ABLER      |
| 14. TACKS     | 8. EMPRESSES  |
| 16. DWEEB     | 13. KIDNAPPER |
| 18. RICOCHETS | 15. CRESCENDI |
| 21. ALTER     | 17. BURRITO   |
| 23. ANNOUNCED | 18. REASONS   |
| 25. PROVISO   | 19. CANVASS   |
| 26. ARSENAL   | 20. COURSES   |
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| 28. SLIDE     | 24. DELVE     |



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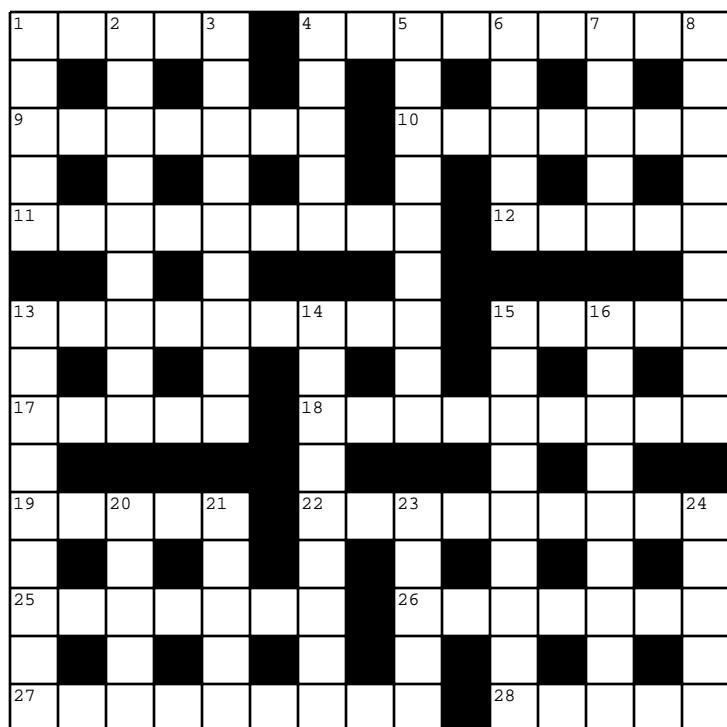
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| 4. QUESTIONS  | 2. OVERNIGHT  |
| 9. SPECTRA    | 3. ENTRUST    |
| 10. STARDOM   | 4. QUADRILLE  |
| 11. CONQUERED | 5. EASED      |
| 12. FERAL     | 6. TRAFFIC    |
| 13. NIGHTCLUB | 7. OLDER      |
| 15. CADET     | 8. SIMULATED  |
| 17. CITED     | 13. NECKLINES |
| 19. EXCLAIMED | 14. BACKFIRED |
| 21. LARGE     | 16. DOMINANCE |
| 23. LUFTHANSA | 18. DRESDEN   |
| 25. NOMADIC   | 20. APHELIA   |
| 26. ROLANDO   | 22. RUMOR     |
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| 28. ALERT     | 24. ABOUT     |



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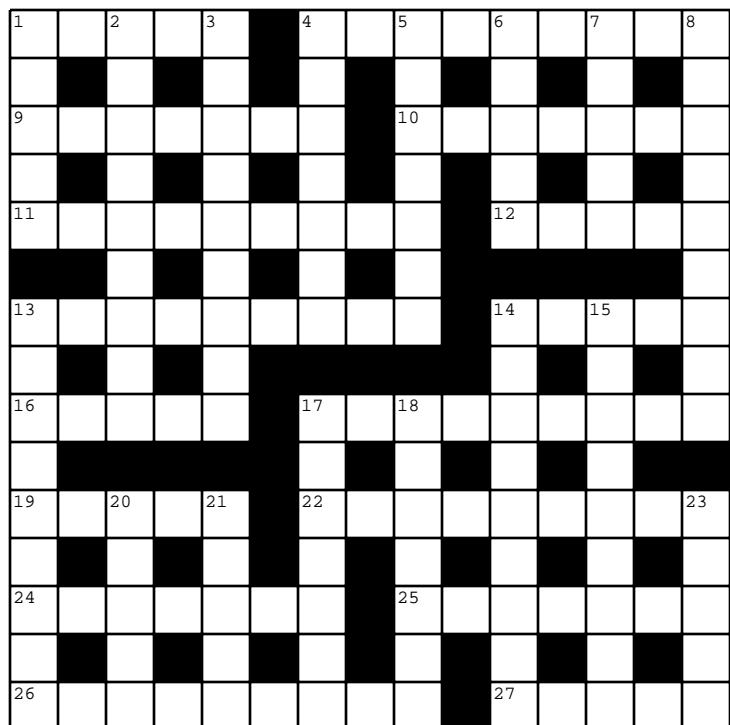
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| 9. LUCKILY    | 3. STINGIEST  |
| 10. STRAINS   | 4. BUYER      |
| 11. MENAGERIE | 5. OBSTETRIC  |
| 12. PASTE     | 6. STRAP      |
| 13. SEQUENCER | 7. EDITS      |
| 15. CREAM     | 8. FISHERMEN  |
| 17. GREAT     | 13. SAGEBRUSH |
| 18. EUCLIDEAN | 14. CLENCHING |
| 19. BASER     | 15. CRITICISM |
| 22. COMMITTEE | 16. EJECTIONS |
| 25. UCAYALI   | 20. STAIR     |
| 26. EPISODE   | 21. REACT     |
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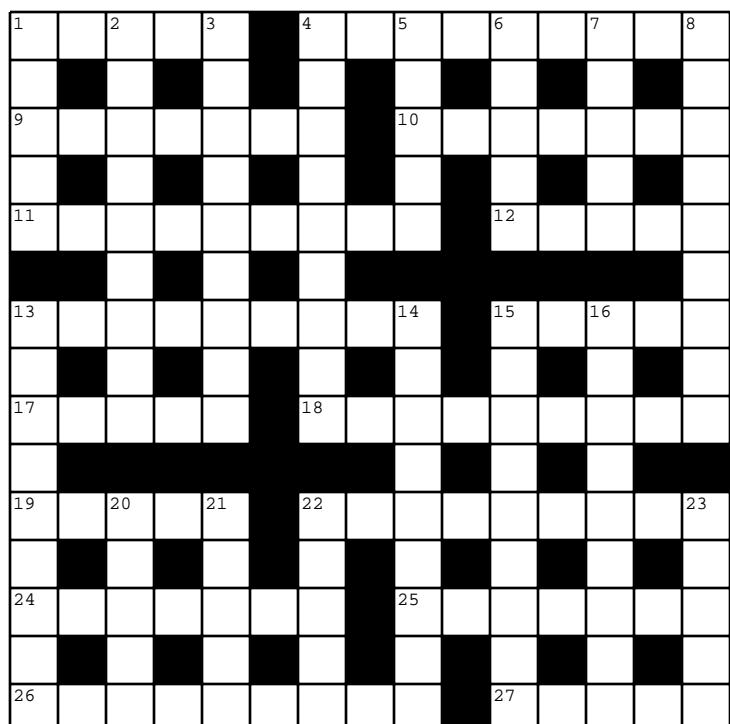
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| 4. OVERSLEEP  | 2. PAPERWORK  |
| 9. AMPLIFY    | 3. CHICKWEED  |
| 10. TAWNIER   | 4. OXYMORA    |
| 11. STRIKEOUT | 5. ENTITLE    |
| 12. DETER     | 6. SEWED      |
| 13. COOPERATE | 7. EDICT      |
| 14. HEFTY     | 8. PORTRAYAL  |
| 16. NAKED     | 13. CONCLUDED |
| 17. SCOUNDREL | 14. HONEYCOMB |
| 19. LIVEN     | 15. FORLORNER |
| 22. ANONYMOUS | 17. STAMINA   |
| 24. DASHIKI   | 18. OPOSSUM   |
| 25. SCORNED   | 20. VISTA     |
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| 27. BURNS     | 23. SIDES     |



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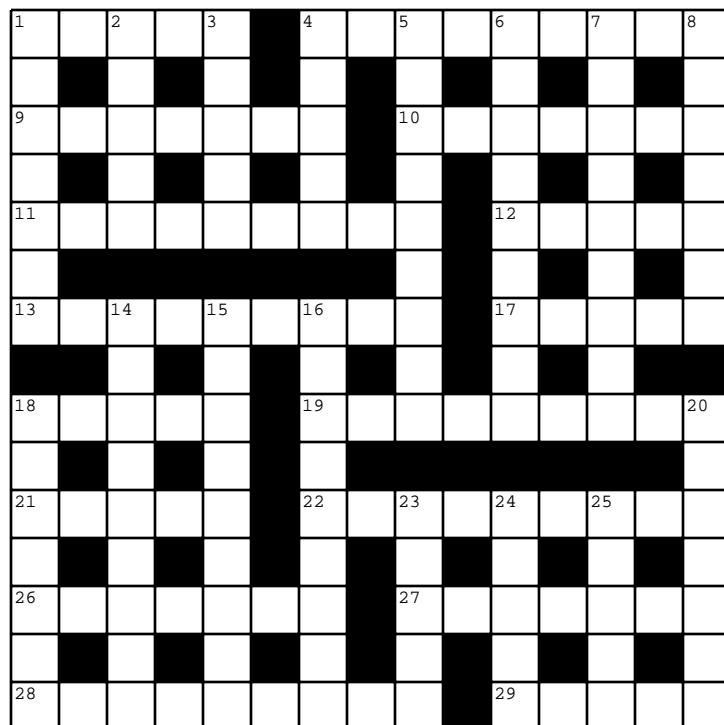
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| 9. VALETED    | 3. TATTOOING  |
| 10. CONFIRM   | 4. ABDICATED  |
| 11. CONDORCET | 5. ASCOT      |
| 12. SEPIA     | 6. GANGS      |
| 13. INITIATED | 7. SKIMP      |
| 15. GRAND     | 8. COMMANDOS  |
| 17. MAGOG     | 13. IMMERSING |
| 18. DISCIPLES | 14. DESCRIBED |
| 19. RECTA     | 15. GLISSANDI |
| 22. ABRASIVES | 16. ALLEViate |
| 24. INERTIA   | 20. CLEAR     |
| 25. BANDAGE   | 21. ALTAI     |
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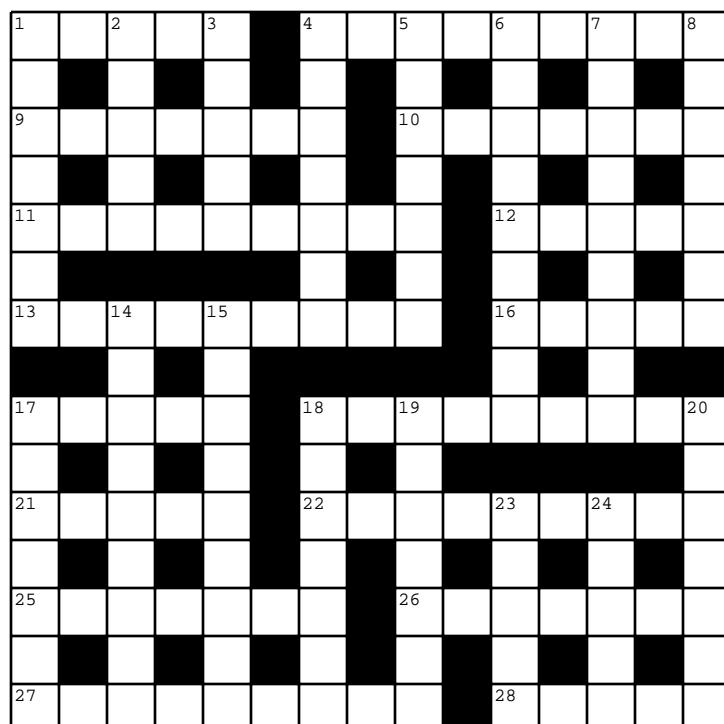
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| 4. IMPEACHED  | 2. FORUM      |
| 9. NARRATE    | 3. SLAIN      |
| 10. SAVINGS   | 4. ITEMS      |
| 11. REMINISCE | 5. PASSENGER  |
| 12. SHYER     | 6. ADVISABLE  |
| 13. CRIPPLING | 7. HONEYCOMB  |
| 17. BLOOD     | 8. DESIRED    |
| 18. TYCHO     | 14. INCOGNITO |
| 19. CARPETBAG | 15. PROVENCAL |
| 21. DOGIE     | 16. INCUBATED |
| 22. BLESSEDER | 18. TADZHIK   |
| 26. HAIRCUT   | 20. GARNISH   |
| 27. ORIGAMI   | 23. ELOPE     |
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| 29. FRESH     | 25. DRAKE     |



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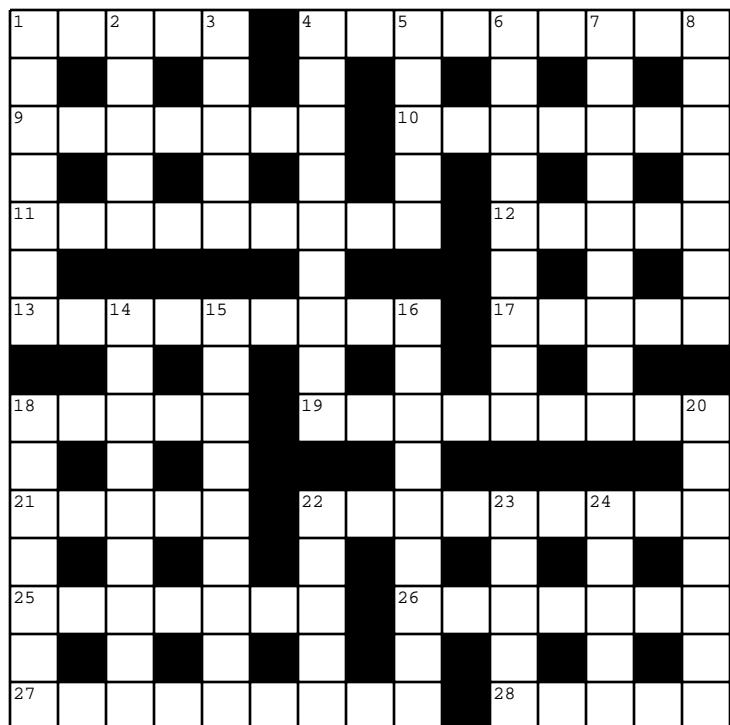
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| 4. ARTEFACTS   | 2. UPPED       |
| 9. REPLICA     | 3. PRIOR       |
| 10. SYNONYM    | 4. ANASAZI     |
| 11. UNDERTAKE  | 5. TESTERS     |
| 12. ENROL      | 6. FINGERTIP   |
| 13. BULLETINS  | 7. CONTRALTO   |
| 16. TALES      | 8. SAMPLES     |
| 17. BEBOP      | 14. LIBRARIES  |
| 18. FIREPROOF  | 15. EXPLEITIVE |
| 21. ABATE      | 17. BRAVURA    |
| 22. ENLIVENED  | 18. FEELERS    |
| 25. UTILIZE    | 19. RULERED    |
| 26. RECOVER    | 20. FEDERAL    |
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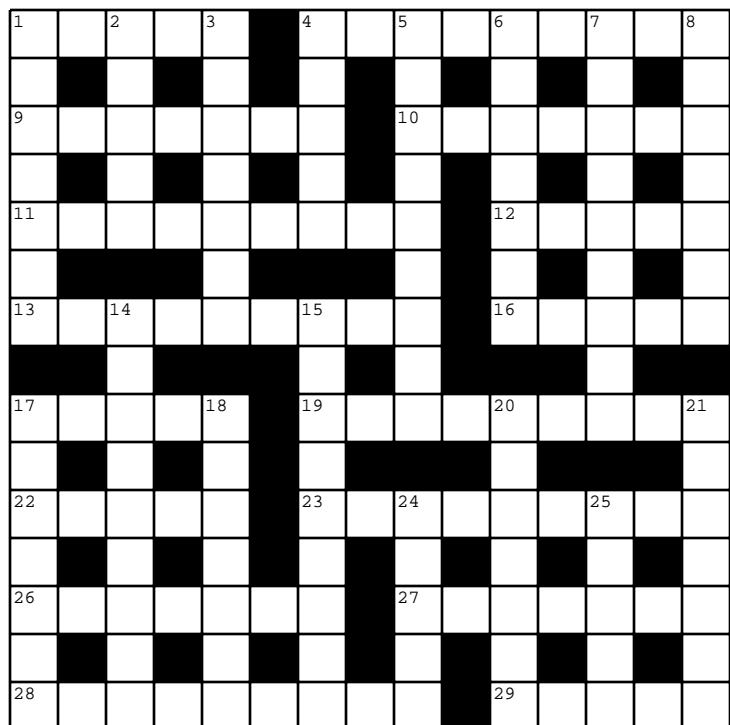
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| 4. DISCORDED  | 2. GUAVA      |
| 9. LEADERS    | 3. AGENT      |
| 10. WINESAP   | 4. DISBELIEF  |
| 11. APARTHEID | 5. SAWED      |
| 12. REEKS     | 6. OWNERSHIP  |
| 13. INSOMNIAC | 7. DESPERADO  |
| 17. HEARD     | 8. DEPOSED    |
| 18. WOMAN     | 14. SEMIFINAL |
| 19. FIREPROOF | 15. MINISKIRT |
| 21. RIFTS     | 16. CARTWHEEL |
| 22. DOWNFALLS | 18. WORSHIP   |
| 25. HANDIER   | 20. FISHERY   |
| 26. ENNOBLE   | 22. DIRAC     |
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| 28. LORRY     | 24. LABOR     |



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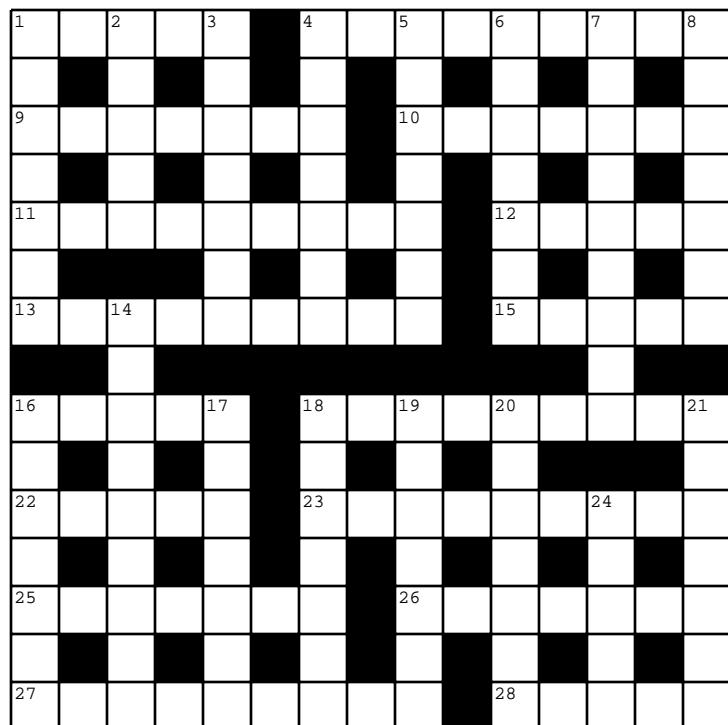
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| 10. GANDERS   | 4. SUSHI      |
| 11. SOCIALIST | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. BATHE     | 6. ENNOBLE    |
| 13. ACQUITTAL | 7. ELECTORAL  |
| 16. EGRET     | 8. SUSPECT    |
| 17. DIALS     | 14. QUADRILLE |
| 19. UMBRELLAS | 15. TOUCHDOWN |
| 22. NERVE     | 17. DYNAMIC   |
| 23. HOBNOBBED | 18. SKEPTIC   |
| 26. MULATTO   | 20. EGOTISM   |
| 27. HEINOUS   | 21. SADISTS   |
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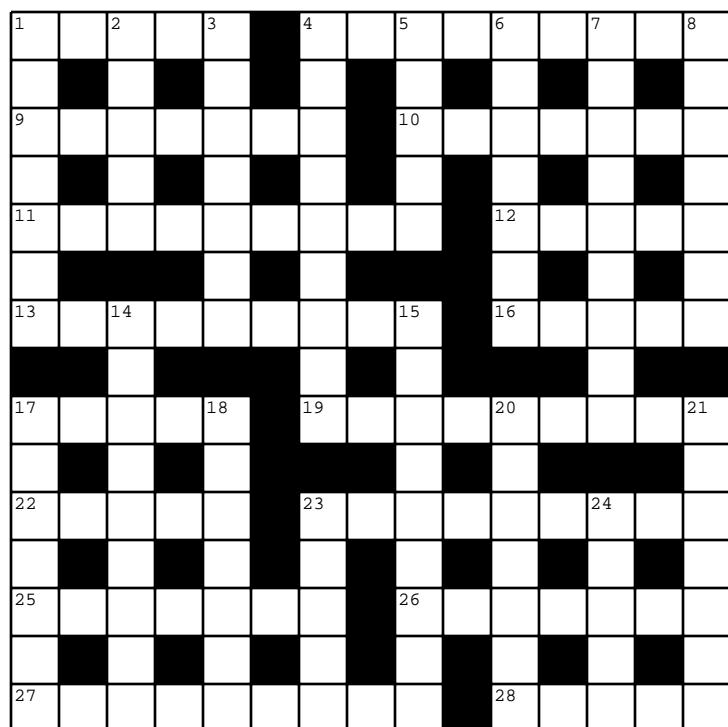
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| 9. RESERVE    | 3. MOROCCO    |
| 10. VISIBLE   | 4. PLECTRA    |
| 11. INDICATOR | 5. INVERSE    |
| 12. RAOUL     | 6. OBSERVE    |
| 13. CHOCOLATE | 7. IMBROGLIO  |
| 15. ELLEN     | 8. GREMLIN    |
| 16. DEEPS     | 14. OVERSLEEP |
| 18. HONEYCOMB | 16. DILEMMA   |
| 22. LISLE     | 17. SPECTRA   |
| 23. BATHSHEBA | 18. HOBNOBS   |
| 25. MAESTRO   | 19. NUTMEGS   |
| 26. ERITREA   | 20. YESHIVA   |
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| 28. AUDIO     | 24. ERRED     |



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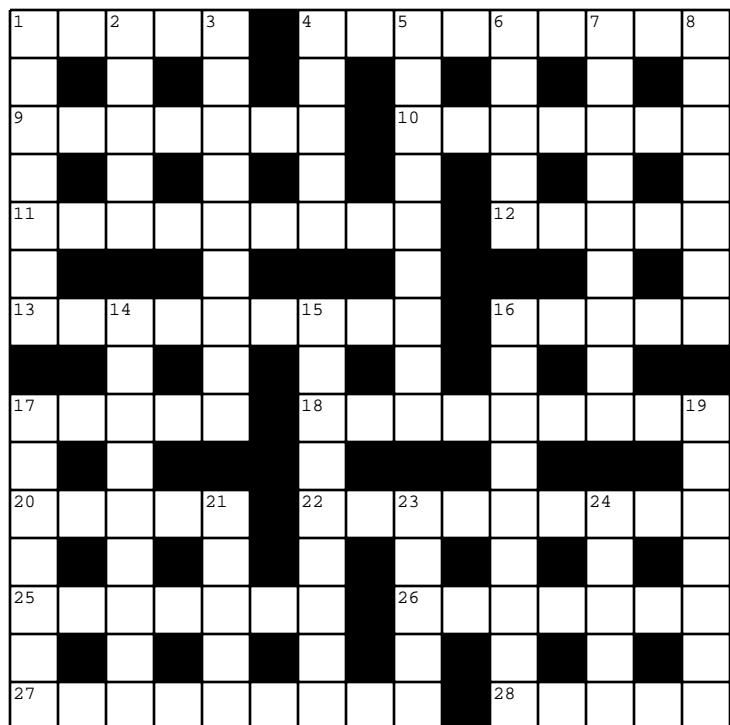
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| 9. TENSION    | 3. UNICORN    |
| 10. BLUBBER   | 4. HANDSOMER  |
| 11. CURIOUSLY | 5. ABBEY      |
| 12. IRONY     | 6. AMUSING    |
| 13. ERGONOMIC | 7. HOBOGLIN   |
| 16. GELID     | 8. SPRAYED    |
| 17. PRISM     | 14. GLISSANDI |
| 19. REARRANGE | 15. CLASSICAL |
| 22. ARSON     | 17. PLATEAU   |
| 23. RESOURCED | 18. MANACLE   |
| 25. EUNUCHS   | 20. REUNION   |
| 26. CHILEAN   | 21. ENDINGS   |
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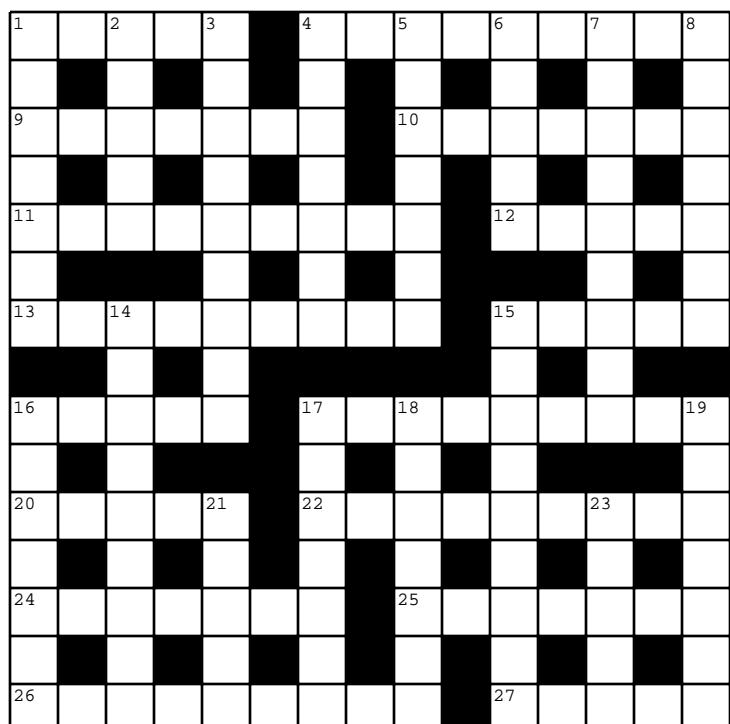
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| 9. TRAILER    | 3. HILLSIDES  |
| 10. ROUTINE   | 4. PARSE      |
| 11. TROUSSEAU | 5. GARFUNKEL  |
| 12. SINCE     | 6. YOURS      |
| 13. BOARDWALK | 7. ALIGNMENT  |
| 16. AREAS     | 8. KEEPERS    |
| 17. PLAYS     | 14. AMATERASU |
| 18. ALLIGATOR | 15. ANARCHISM |
| 20. TWEAK     | 16. ALGEBRAIC |
| 22. CLAMBAKES | 17. PITFALL   |
| 25. ANASAZI   | 19. RESIDES   |
| 26. PLANNED   | 21. KOALA     |
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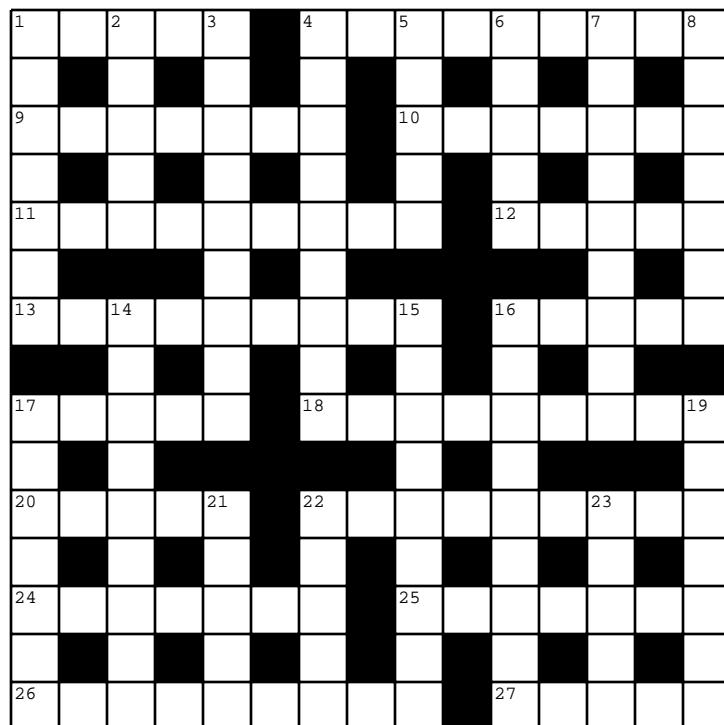
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| 9. CABBAGE    | 3. SHADINESS  |
| 10. CHOCTAW   | 4. ICEBERG    |
| 11. PRIVILEGE | 5. NUCLEAR    |
| 12. ENNUI     | 6. ELOPE      |
| 13. SCAVENGER | 7. POTENTIAL  |
| 15. PRICE     | 8. REWRITE    |
| 16. TENDS     | 14. ANNOYANCE |
| 17. NIGHTCLUB | 15. PATIENTER |
| 20. BUYER     | 16. TOBACCO   |
| 22. BORDELLOS | 17. NIBBLED   |
| 24. CENTRAL   | 18. GERUNDS   |
| 25. NOTICED   | 19. BESIDES   |
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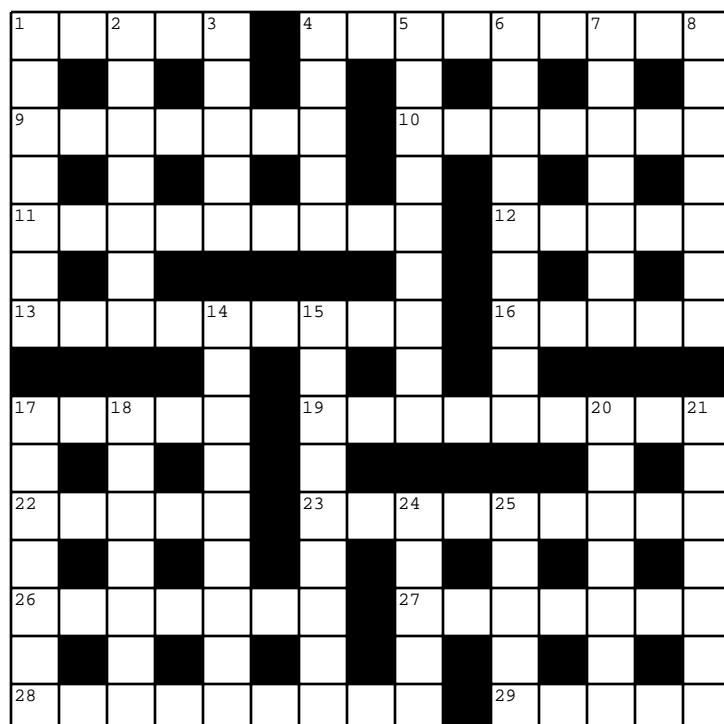
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| 4. CANNIBALS  | 2. LIVED      |
| 9. RAVIOLI    | 3. FLOURIEST  |
| 10. REELECT   | 4. CLIMACTIC  |
| 11. UNDERTAKE | 5. NERVE      |
| 12. SLIER     | 6. IDEAS      |
| 13. BUNDESTAG | 7. AMERICANA  |
| 16. EXAMS     | 8. SATIRES    |
| 17. TACIT     | 14. NICKNAMES |
| 18. CONNEMARA | 15. GENTLEMAN |
| 20. WANED     | 16. ENERGETIC |
| 22. ALLEGEDLY | 17. TOWPATH   |
| 24. ARMREST   | 19. ABYSSSES  |
| 25. MOTIVES   | 21. DIEGO     |
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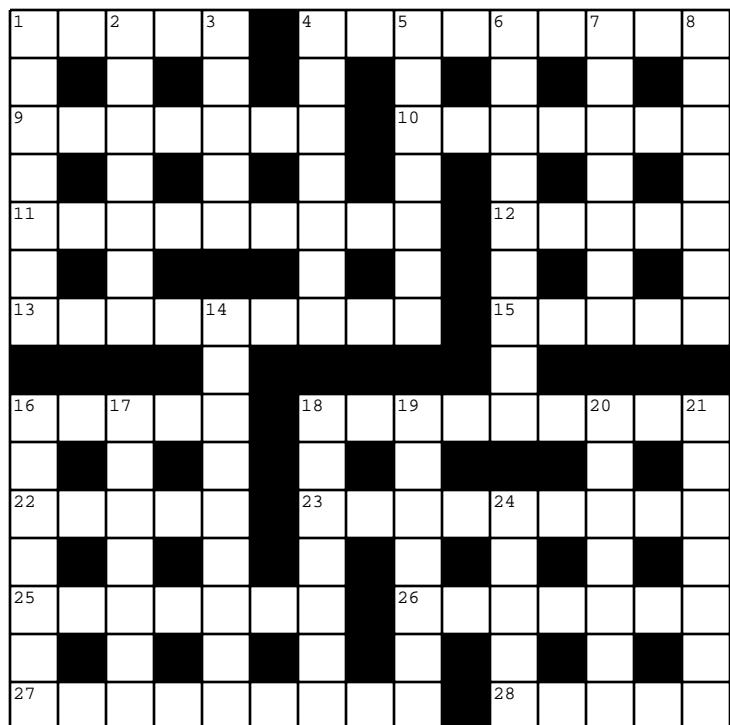
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| 9. UNVEILS    | 3. SLIER      |
| 10. INVENTS   | 4. RESET      |
| 11. TOLERATES | 5. GLISSANDI  |
| 12. STEER     | 6. LIVESTOCK  |
| 13. CAPARISON | 7. TANKERS    |
| 16. OASIS     | 8. DESIRES    |
| 17. BLAME     | 14. REEXAMINE |
| 19. DRINKABLE | 15. SIDEBURNS |
| 22. LETHA     | 17. BELLHOP   |
| 23. BACKSLASH | 18. ANTONIO   |
| 26. HANDIER   | 20. BRAVADO   |
| 27. SYLLABI   | 21. ECHOING   |
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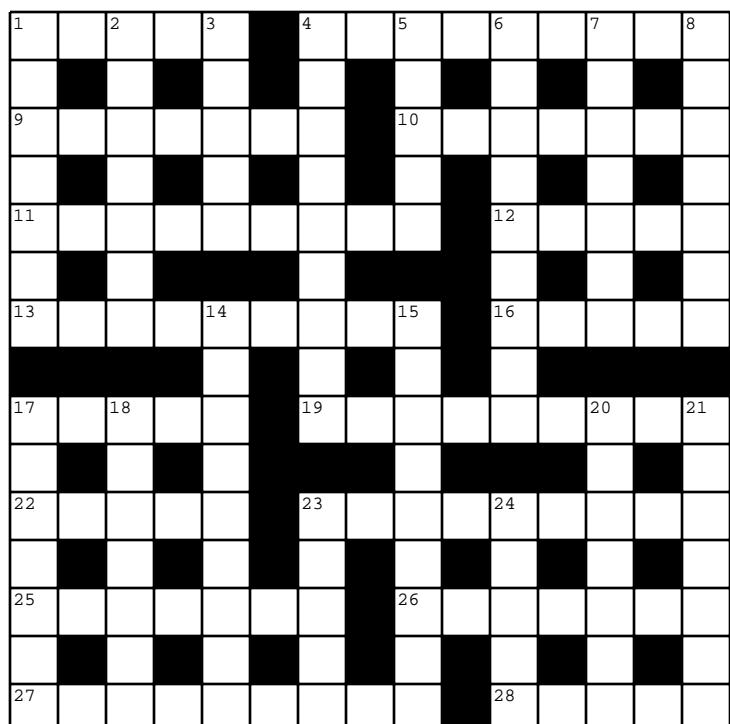
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| 4. WONDERBRA  | 2. INSIDER    |
| 9. RESCUER    | 3. TRUER      |
| 10. APPEASE   | 4. WARTIME    |
| 11. UNDERLINE | 5. NEAREST    |
| 12. RESET     | 6. EMPIRICAL  |
| 13. BARRENEST | 7. BIASSSED   |
| 15. CIDER     | 8. ADEPTER    |
| 16. CACTI     | 14. EPIDERMAL |
| 18. EUCALYPTI | 16. CARDIAC   |
| 22. REEVE     | 17. CHEKHOV   |
| 23. GLADDENED | 18. ENGINES   |
| 25. INHUMAN   | 19. CHAPPED   |
| 26. PITFALL   | 20. PENDANT   |
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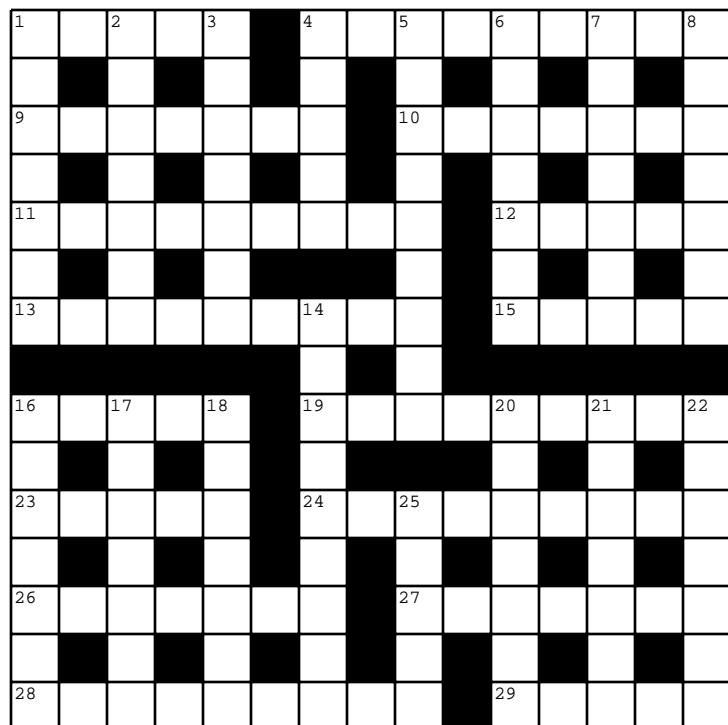
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| 9. FUMBLER    | 3. DELHI        |
| 10. NILLING   | 4. STRATEGIC    |
| 11. SERVIETTE | 5. RANGE        |
| 12. DRILL     | 6. MELODRAMATIC |
| 13. LETHARGIC | 7. INITIAL      |
| 16. ABLER     | 8. GIGGLER      |
| 17. PHOTO     | 14. APOLOGIZE   |
| 19. COMPASSED | 15. COMPONENT   |
| 22. OUTDO     | 17. PROVERB     |
| 23. BOOMERANG | 18. OUTPOST     |
| 25. EROTICA   | 20. STARTLE     |
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| 28. SHEDS     | 24. ESTES       |



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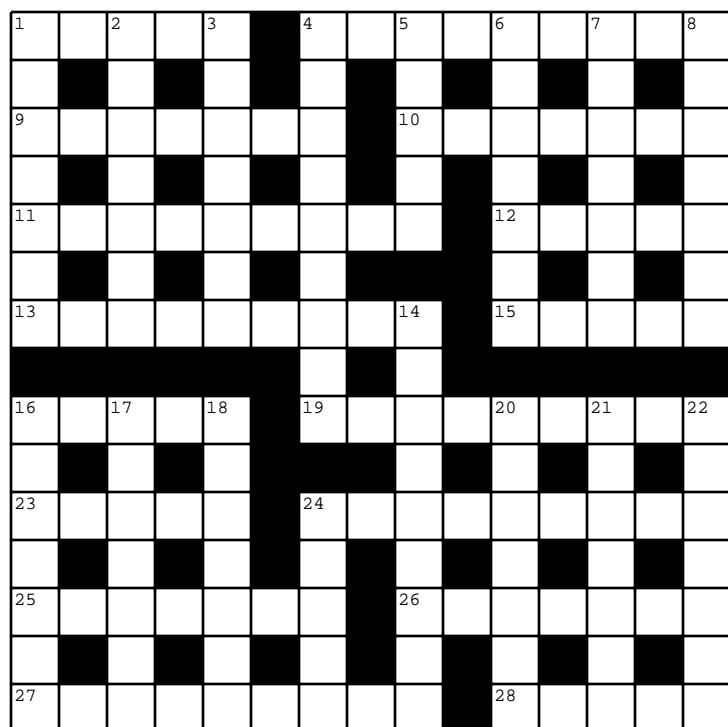
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| 4. TURNTABLE  | 2. OVERLAP    |
| 9. ELECTOR    | 3. OUTRAGE    |
| 10. PLINTHS   | 4. TORSI      |
| 11. COLLATION | 5. REPENTING  |
| 12. SEMEN     | 6. THIRSTS    |
| 13. PEPPERONI | 7. BATSMAN    |
| 15. SENSE     | 8. ESSENCE    |
| 16. OASES     | 14. ORANGUTAN |
| 19. AGGRESSOR | 16. ORGANIC   |
| 23. GAYER     | 17. STYLIST   |
| 24. GESTURING | 18. SCREECH   |
| 26. NAIVEST   | 20. ELUDING   |
| 27. ZWINGLI   | 21. SHINGLE   |
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| 29. GUESS     | 25. SIZES     |



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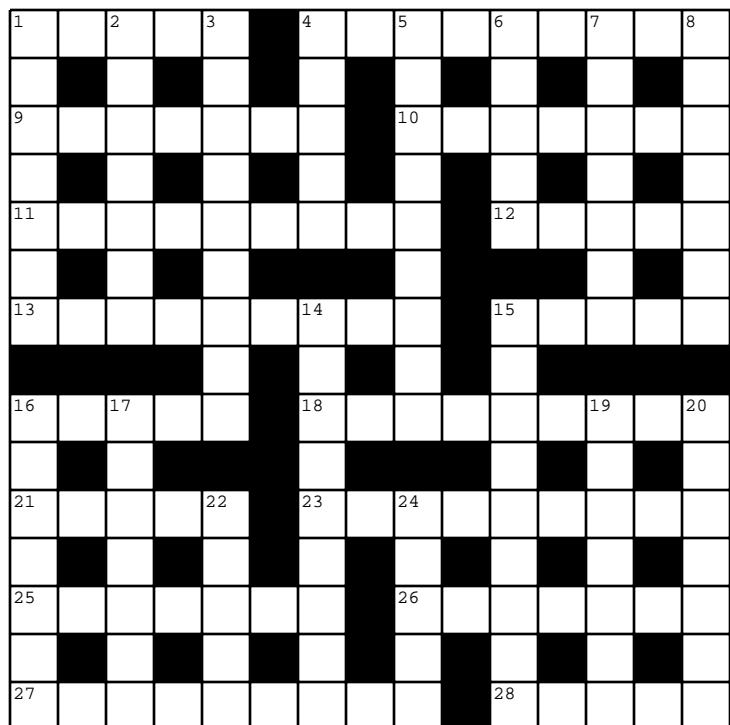
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| 9. AVENGES    | 3. DOGWOOD    |
| 10. DISHRAG   | 4. BASEMENTS  |
| 11. UNIFORMLY | 5. PADDY      |
| 12. CUBIC     | 6. INSECTS    |
| 13. DECADENCE | 7. MARABOU    |
| 15. SKULL     | 8. LOGICAL    |
| 16. LUCKY     | 14. EXPECTING |
| 19. SEPARATES | 16. LIBERAL   |
| 23. BOUND     | 17. CHUGGED   |
| 24. INCUBATED | 18. YODELER   |
| 25. REGALIA   | 20. REBUFFS   |
| 26. INFORMS   | 21. TUTORED   |
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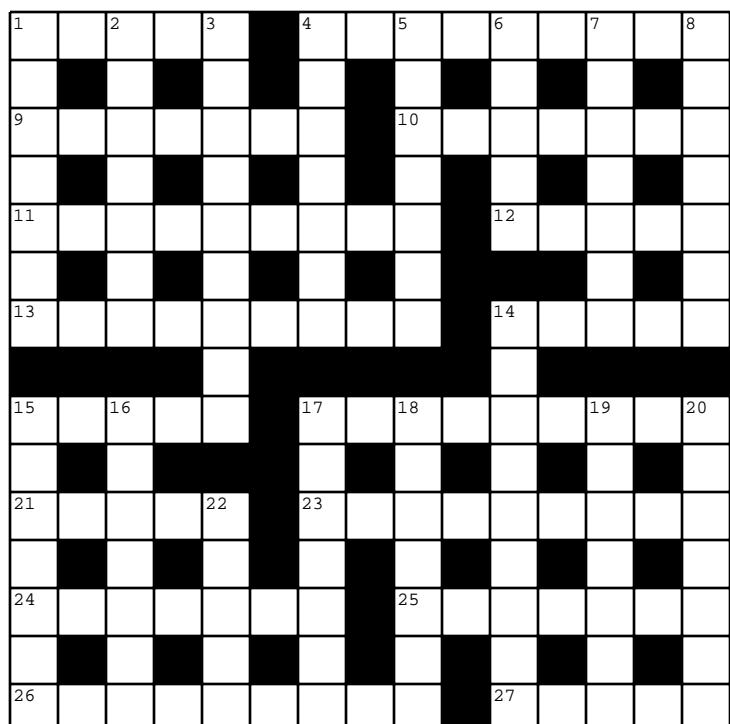
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| 4. APOLOGISE  | 2. RAPISTS    |
| 9. POPLARS    | 3. STATEMENT  |
| 10. ESCAPES   | 4. ASSET      |
| 11. INSPECTOR | 5. OVERRIDES  |
| 12. RERAN     | 6. OCCUR      |
| 13. DISREGARD | 7. IMPURET    |
| 15. HORSE     | 8. ESSENCE    |
| 16. ORBIT     | 14. ARKWRIGHT |
| 18. KISANGANI | 15. HANDSOMER |
| 21. LAYLA     | 16. OBLIGED   |
| 23. RICKSHAWS | 17. BEYONDS   |
| 25. GINSENG   | 19. AGASSIZ   |
| 26. BEMUSED   | 20. INSIDER   |
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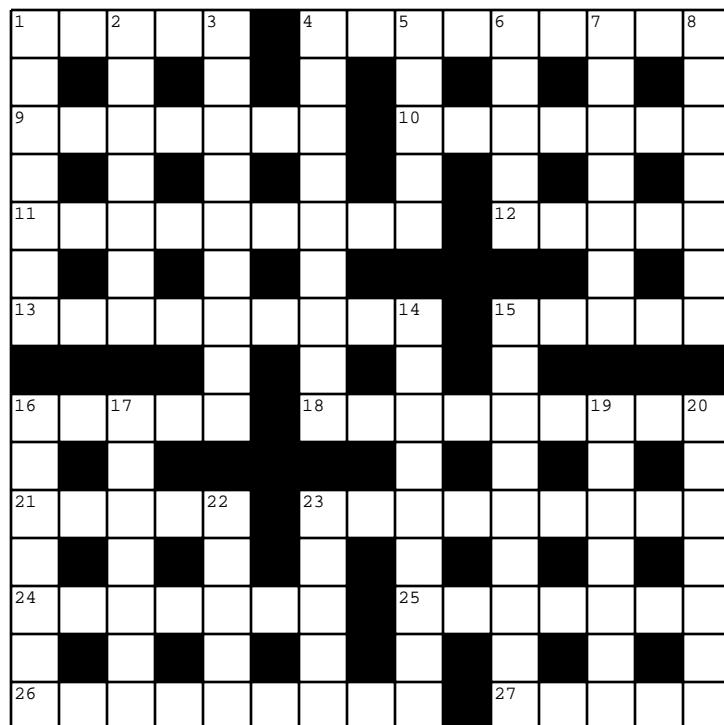
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| 9. NODULAR    | 3. COLLATION  |
| 10. NATURAL   | 4. TORSION    |
| 11. MECHANISM | 5. UNNAMED    |
| 12. SHINE     | 6. PATHS      |
| 13. MISSIONED | 7. TERMINI    |
| 14. TWICE     | 8. RELIEVE    |
| 15. TAKEN     | 14. TROUSSEAU |
| 17. UNIFORMED | 15. TIMPANI   |
| 21. MANIC     | 16. KINSHIP   |
| 23. COUNSELOR | 17. UNCLASP   |
| 24. APHELIA   | 18. IGUASSU   |
| 25. SHERRIE   | 19. MALARIA   |
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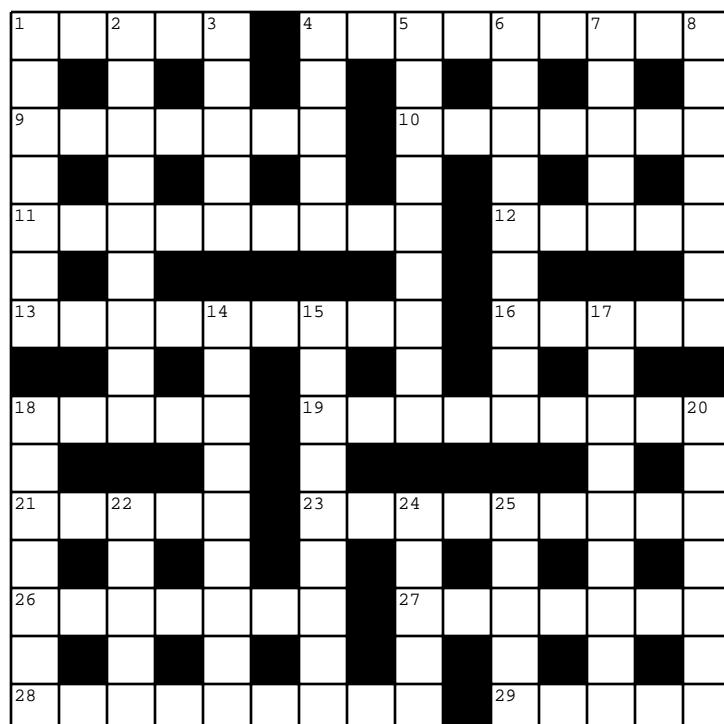
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| 4. HOWITZERS  | 2. OVERSEE    |
| 9. ABELSON    | 3. RESTRICTS  |
| 10. DANDIER   | 4. HONEYCOMB  |
| 11. DESTROYER | 5. WIDER      |
| 12. SHIRT     | 6. TONES      |
| 13. OVERCROWD | 7. EDITION    |
| 15. MONTH     | 8. SCRATCH    |
| 16. CUTES     | 14. DEADLOCKS |
| 18. BLANCHING | 15. MICROFILM |
| 21. YOUNG     | 16. CRYPTIC   |
| 23. HALLOWEEN | 17. TOURISM   |
| 24. TRIMMED   | 19. ICELAND   |
| 25. CHICANO   | 20. GONDOLA   |
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| 27. MEDIA     | 23. HIDED     |



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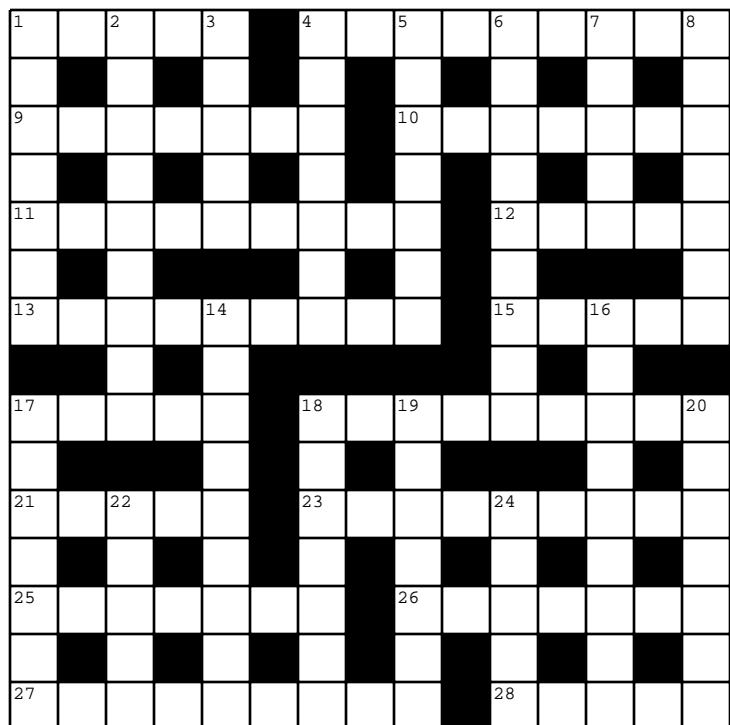
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| 10. LATHERS   | 4. CRAFT        |
| 11. DOMINATED | 5. MELODRAMATIC |
| 12. ENSUE     | 6. BUTTERNUT    |
| 13. AUDITORIA | 7. CHESS        |
| 16. NAKED     | 8. SUSPEND      |
| 18. CACTI     | 14. THIRSTIER   |
| 19. FLATTERER | 15. REFRESHED   |
| 21. OPENS     | 17. KARAMAZOV   |
| 23. EXCLAIMED | 18. CROSSED     |
| 26. SELFISH   | 20. REDHEAD     |
| 27. DRIZZLE   | 22. ELLIS       |
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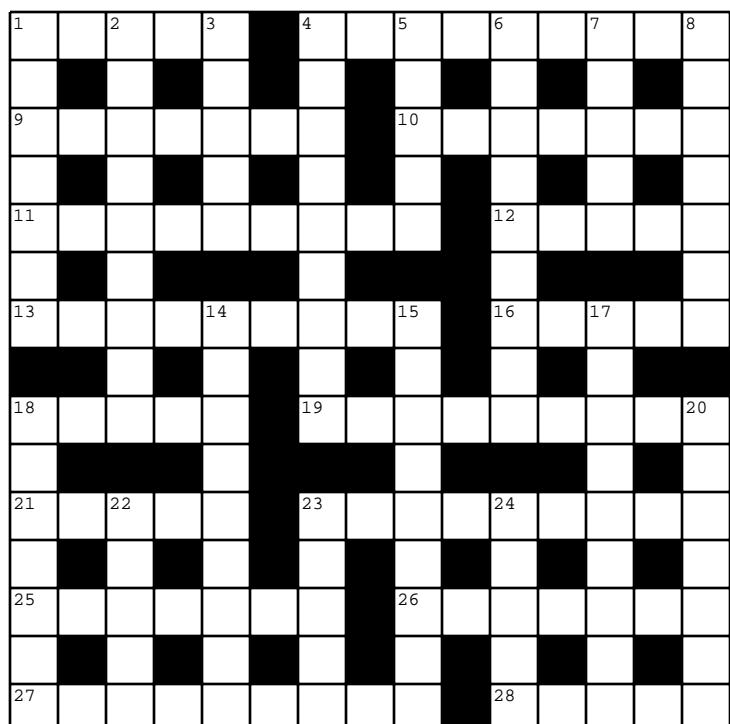
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| 9. OPERAND    | 3. DRAWL      |
| 10. REDHEAD   | 4. GODSEND    |
| 11. EXCELLENT | 5. STRETCH    |
| 12. RATIO     | 6. UNDERTAKE  |
| 13. BANDWIDTH | 7. INEPT      |
| 15. AIRED     | 8. GODHOOD    |
| 17. PRIOR     | 14. WORLDWIDE |
| 18. GIBBERISH | 16. RHINOCERI |
| 21. ACRID     | 17. PLASTIC   |
| 23. RAINSTORM | 18. GARMENT   |
| 25. TERMITE   | 19. BLISTER   |
| 26. TRAPEZE   | 20. HIMSELF   |
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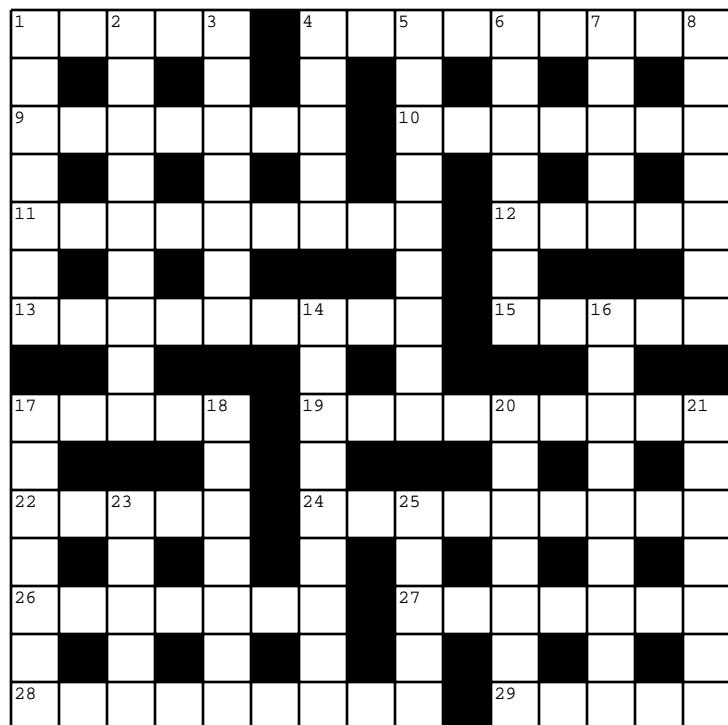
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| 10. GONDOLA   | 4. CANTALOUP  |
| 11. IRRADIATE | 5. EAGLE      |
| 12. ALSOP     | 6. VANDALISM  |
| 13. FOOLPROOF | 7. GROWS      |
| 16. IDEAL     | 8. SCALPEL    |
| 18. BESET     | 14. POTPOURRI |
| 19. PARAMECIA | 15. FORESTALL |
| 21. IDAHO     | 17. ENCHILADA |
| 23. DISABLING | 18. BAILIFF   |
| 25. INTERIM   | 20. AUGUSTS   |
| 26. ANIMALS   | 22. ANTIC     |
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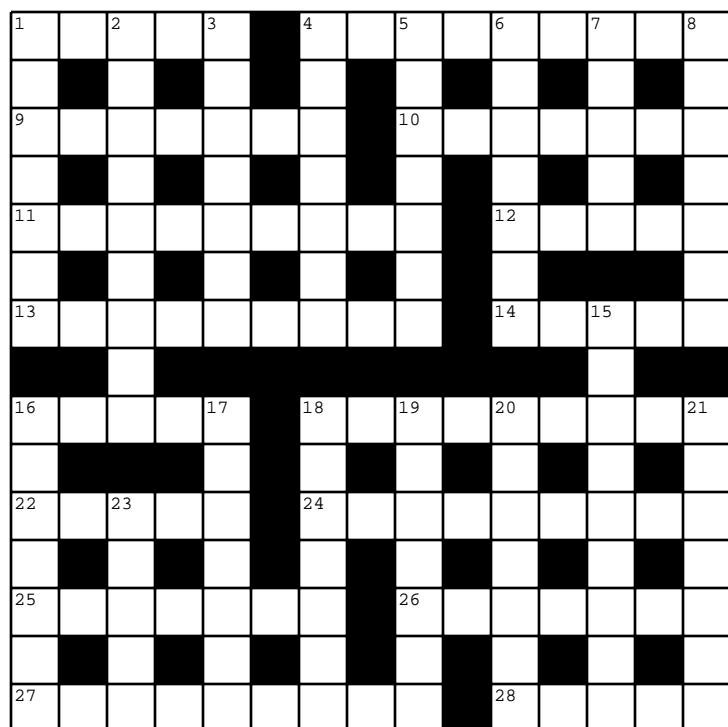
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| 4. FLASHBACK  | 2. BUTTERNUT  |
| 9. CUTESIE    | 3. SUSTAIN    |
| 10. ABSTAIN   | 4. FIELD      |
| 11. ALEJANDRO | 5. AYATOLLAH  |
| 12. NUDE      | 6. HOSANNA    |
| 13. CANONICAL | 7. AWARD      |
| 15. ASHED     | 8. KINDRED    |
| 17. ATTIC     | 14. CIVILIZES |
| 19. VEHEMENCE | 16. HONEYCOMB |
| 22. RADII     | 17. AGRIPPA   |
| 24. LIFESTYLE | 18. CHICANO   |
| 26. PIZZAZZ   | 20. MASCARA   |
| 27. GRANOLA   | 21. ELEGANT   |
| 28. ARDUOUSLY | 23. DAZED     |
| 29. ABBOT     | 25. FOGGY     |



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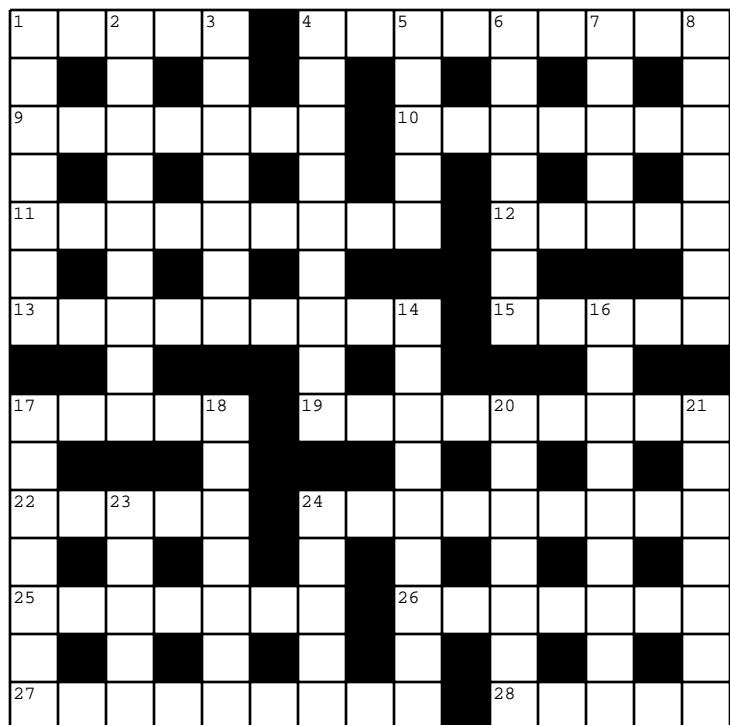
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| 9. REGROUP    | 3. SCOURGE    |
| 10. REDSKIN   | 4. IMPULSE    |
| 11. AUSTRALIA | 5. INROADS    |
| 12. ABNER     | 6. MADCAPS    |
| 13. NOISELESS | 7. TAKEN      |
| 14. STEAL     | 8. CONTROL    |
| 16. PANIC     | 15. EMPHYSEMA |
| 18. ENVELOPED | 16. PLASTIC   |
| 22. AMARU     | 17. CHUCKLE   |
| 24. DESTROYER | 18. ENDINGS   |
| 25. THICKEN   | 19. VISITED   |
| 26. THERESE   | 20. LARGEST   |
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| 28. TEAMS     | 23. ALIEN     |



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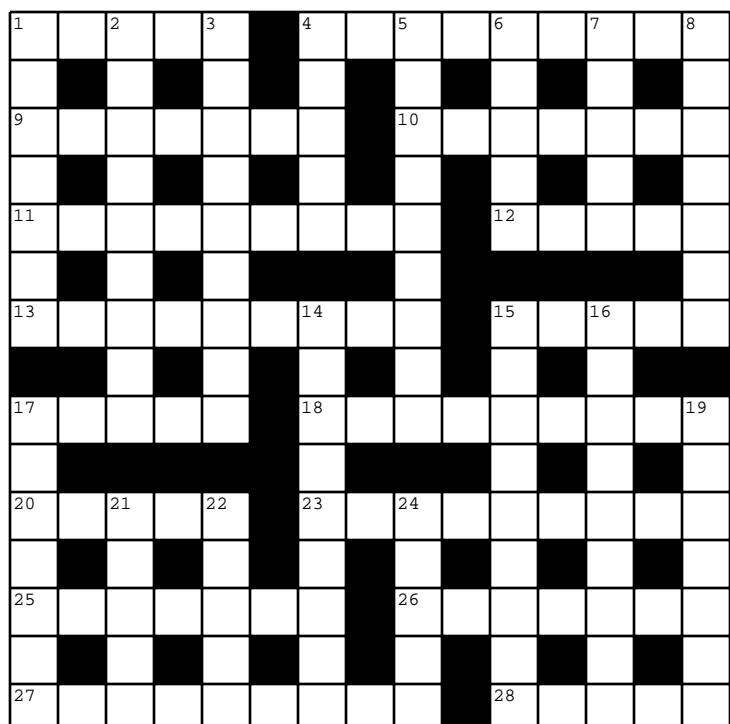
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| 4. FALSETTOS  | 2. SIGNIFIED  |
| 9. MEGATON    | 3. LETICIA    |
| 10. NOVELTY   | 4. FANTASTIC  |
| 11. RAINCOATS | 5. LANDS      |
| 12. LEECH     | 6. ENVELOP    |
| 13. CLIMACTIC | 7. TILDE      |
| 15. PACKS     | 8. SCYTHES    |
| 17. BIDES     | 14. CONTRACTS |
| 19. CONCERNED | 16. CONTRALTO |
| 22. TESSA     | 17. BATHTUB   |
| 24. VERTEBRAS | 18. SWANSEA   |
| 25. TYPESET   | 20. EYEBROW   |
| 26. CIRCLET   | 21. DESKTOP   |
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| 28. WHOOP     | 24. VITAL     |



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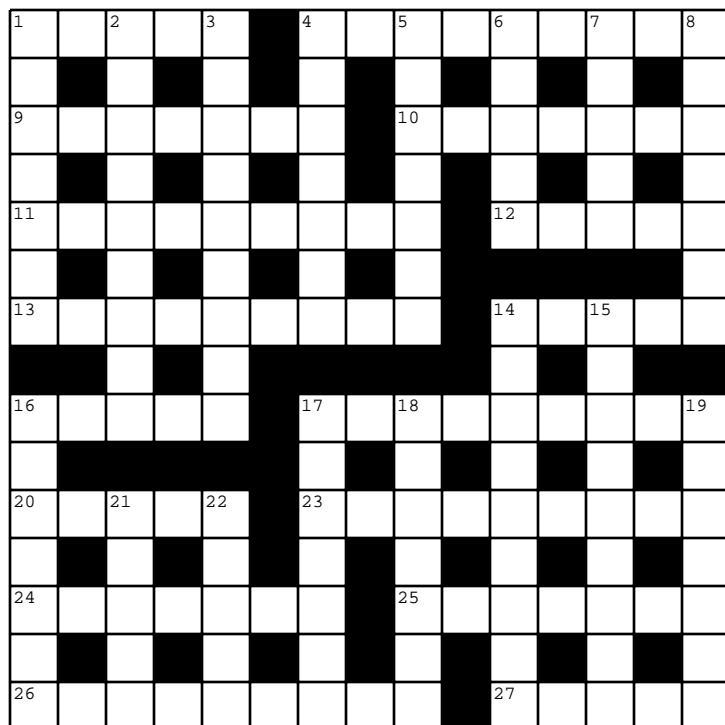
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| 9. LOUELLA    | 3. SPLENETIC  |
| 10. OFFHAND   | 4. HEADS      |
| 11. REMINISCE | 5. PROCESSOR  |
| 12. DWEEB     | 6. REFED      |
| 13. COUNTRIES | 7. ORATE      |
| 15. HOBBY     | 8. AUDIBLY    |
| 17. ETHIC     | 14. INSURANCE |
| 18. SPRINKLED | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 20. PIPIT     | 16. BALLERINA |
| 23. REPAYMENT | 17. EXPENSE   |
| 25. NEUTRON   | 19. DETESTS   |
| 26. CRONIES   | 21. PLUMP     |
| 27. EMPLOYEES | 22. TORSO     |
| 28. BOATS     | 24. PICKS     |



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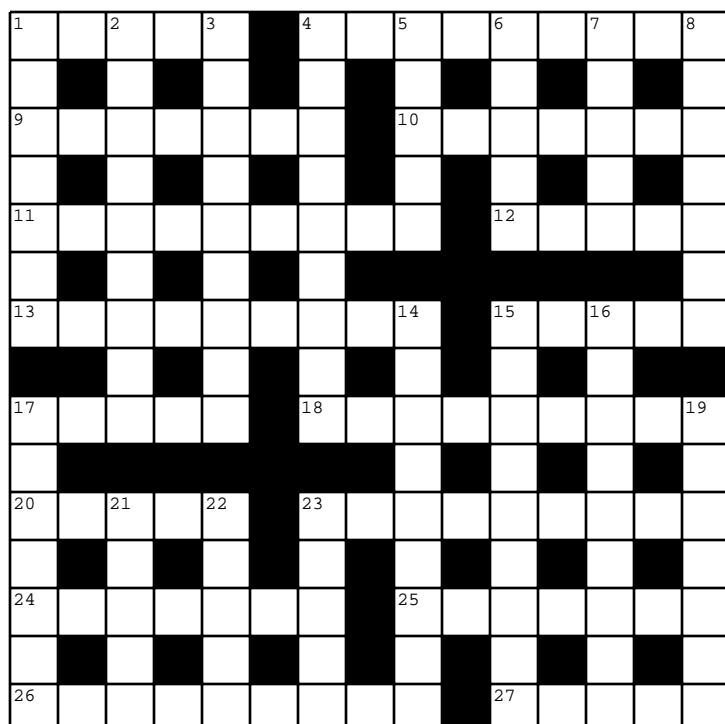
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| 4. FACETIOUS  | 2. STATISTIC  |
| 9. CHAGRIN    | 3. MARATHONS  |
| 10. ROUGHEN   | 4. FINANCE    |
| 11. EXISTENCE | 5. CURRENT    |
| 12. HORDE     | 6. TRUTH      |
| 13. EXTROVERT | 7. OCHER      |
| 14. CHASE     | 8. SINCERE    |
| 16. KICKS     | 14. CONTINUAL |
| 17. CHRONICLE | 15. ALCOHOLIC |
| 20. ERICK     | 16. KNEECAP   |
| 23. ABOLISHED | 17. CHALICE   |
| 24. COLOSSI   | 18. REOCCUR   |
| 25. CRUELER   | 19. ELDERLY   |
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| 27. LUCKY     | 22. KASAI     |



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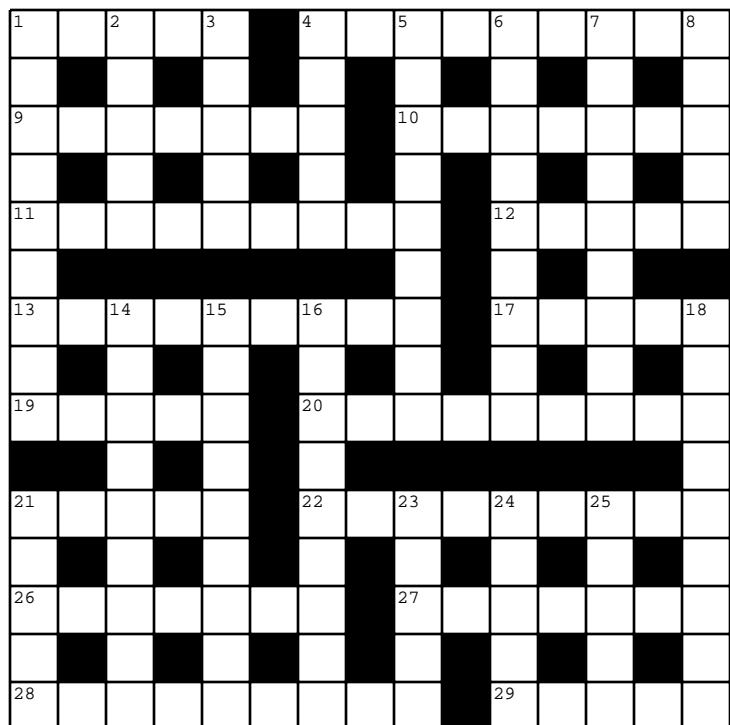
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| 4. MONARCHIC  | 2. MERCENARY  |
| 9. THRUSTS    | 3. RESHUFFLE  |
| 10. FRAILER   | 4. MISINFORM  |
| 11. FREQUENCY | 5. NIFTY      |
| 12. SPOOF     | 6. READS      |
| 13. LEAPFROGS | 7. HELLO      |
| 15. NAVAL     | 8. CAREFUL    |
| 17. ALYCE     | 14. SMELLIEST |
| 18. MAELSTROM | 15. NOSTALGIA |
| 20. STAFF     | 16. VERTEBRAL |
| 23. BALLADEER | 17. ASSUMED   |
| 24. MARABOU   | 19. MARTYRS   |
| 25. EAGERLY   | 21. ACRES     |
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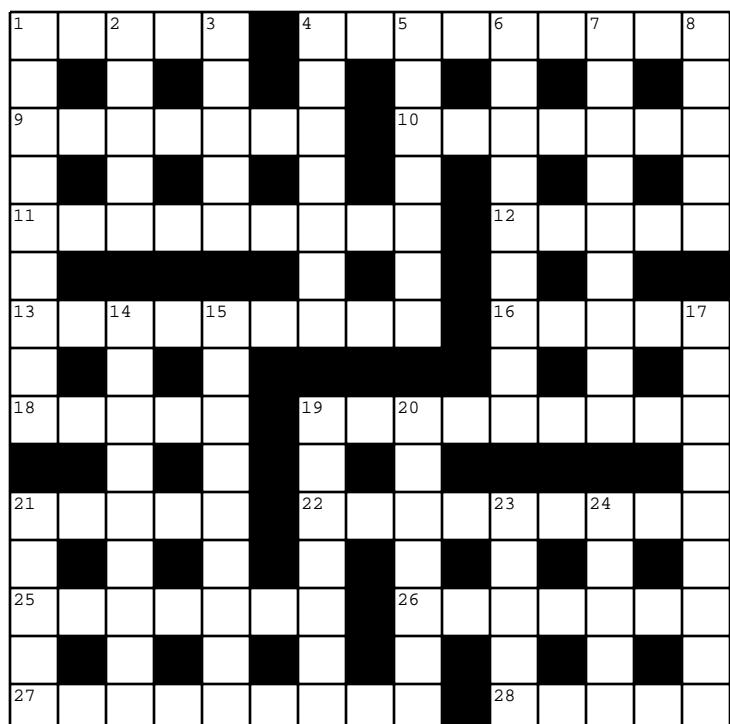
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| 4. VIBRATING  | 2. UTERI      |
| 9. REEFING    | 3. FRITO      |
| 10. DUSTPAN   | 4. VAGUE      |
| 11. RHINOCERI | 5. BEDRIDDEN  |
| 12. RARER     | 6. ASSURANCE  |
| 13. SIDEBOARD | 7. IMPORTANT  |
| 17. NYASA     | 8. GONER      |
| 19. DUVET     | 14. DIVORCEES |
| 20. FINGERTIP | 15. BETROTHAL |
| 21. VIRGO     | 16. AFFIDAVIT |
| 22. DOWNRIGHT | 18. APPETISER |
| 26. CHEKHOV   | 21. VACUA     |
| 27. BABOONS   | 23. WEBER     |
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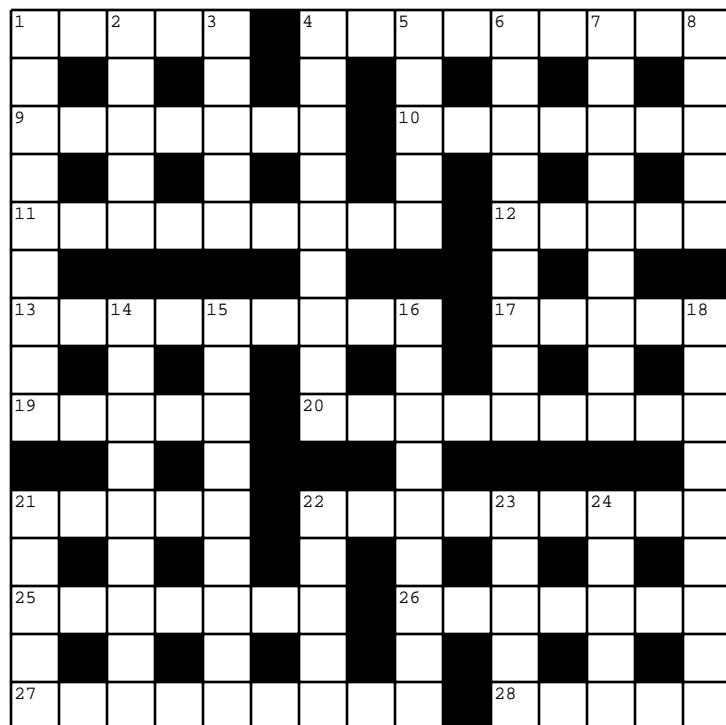
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| 4. INCAPABLE  | 2. ANGER      |
| 9. REGROUP    | 3. SHORT      |
| 10. MOLDOVA   | 4. IMPURER    |
| 11. MORATORIA | 5. COMPANY    |
| 12. MEETS     | 6. PALEMBANG  |
| 13. CRANBERRY | 7. BOOMERANG  |
| 16. ABACI     | 8. EXAMS      |
| 18. ANTIC     | 14. ASTRAKHAN |
| 19. PEDAGOGIC | 15. BACKSPACE |
| 21. TRAPS     | 17. INCESSANT |
| 22. COMEDIANS | 19. PICKING   |
| 25. PAHLAVI   | 20. DAMAGES   |
| 26. GONDOLA   | 21. TOPIC     |
| 27. CONVERGES | 23. DINED     |
| 28. DRAFT     | 24. AROMA     |



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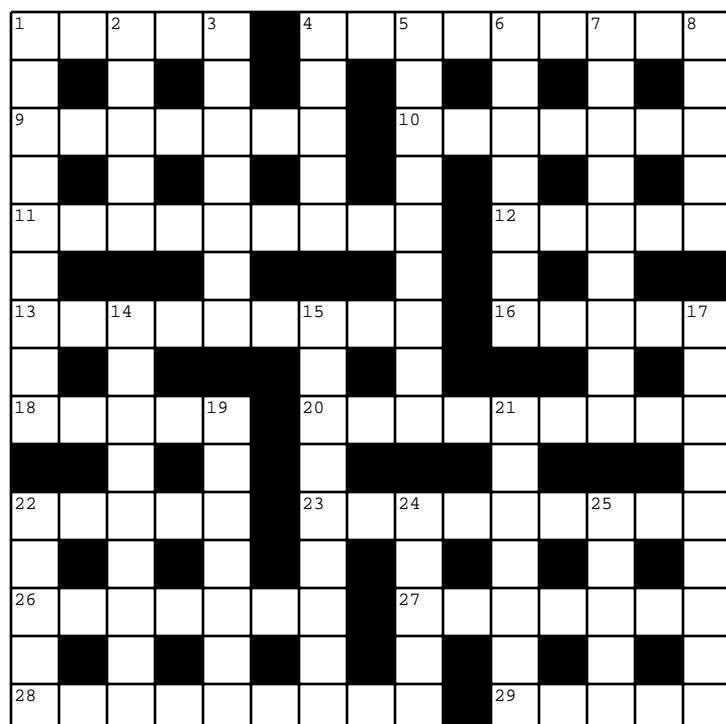
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| 4. OVERHEARS  | 2. MOURN      |
| 9. COULDNT    | 3. RADII      |
| 10. DENUDED   | 4. OCTAGONAL  |
| 11. CUNNINGER | 5. ELDER      |
| 12. LEERS     | 6. HANDLEBAR  |
| 13. INFLUENCE | 7. ADDRESSEE  |
| 17. BASIC     | 8. SIDES      |
| 19. GUARD     | 14. FLABBIEST |
| 20. LEDERBERG | 15. UNDERRATE |
| 21. SOBER     | 16. ENDEAVOUR |
| 22. SLAUGHTER | 18. CIGARILLO |
| 25. OPERATE   | 21. SNOOP     |
| 26. OVERALL   | 22. SPELT     |
| 27. PATIENTER | 23. GREER     |
| 28. RADIO     | 24. TEAED     |



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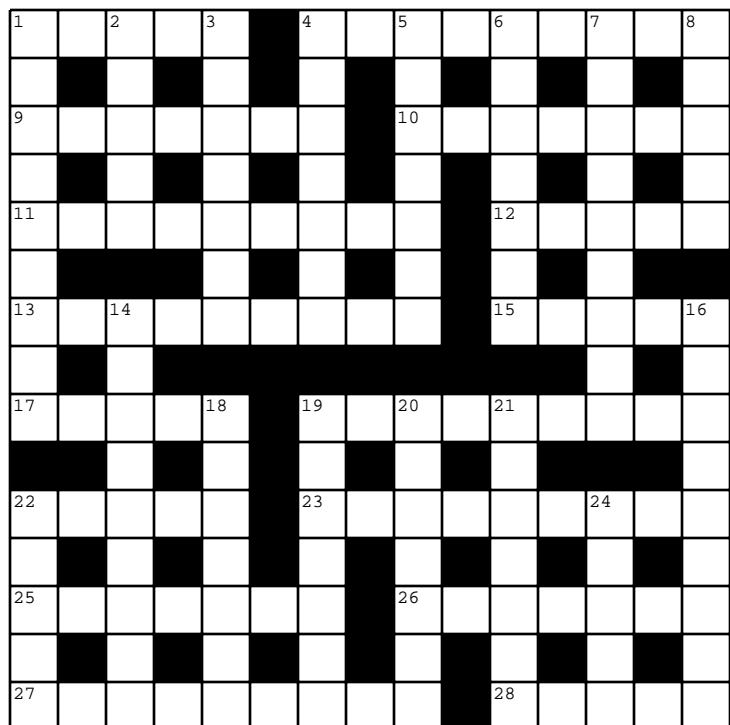
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| 4. MISHAPPED  | 2. COAST      |
| 9. ABANDON    | 3. INDICES    |
| 10. BUCKLED   | 4. MANOR      |
| 11. METACARPI | 5. SUBLIMEST  |
| 12. ALTOS     | 6. ACCLAIM    |
| 13. INJUSTICE | 7. POLITICAL  |
| 16. MECCA     | 8. DUDES      |
| 18. EXCEL     | 14. JACKASSES |
| 20. HATEFULLY | 15. IPHIGENIA |
| 22. BEATS     | 17. ANYBODIES |
| 23. GLISSANDO | 19. LESBIAN   |
| 26. SESSION   | 21. FESTOON   |
| 27. BRONCHI   | 22. BUSED     |
| 28. DISENGAGE | 24. IMBUE     |
| 29. NESTS     | 25. NICKS     |



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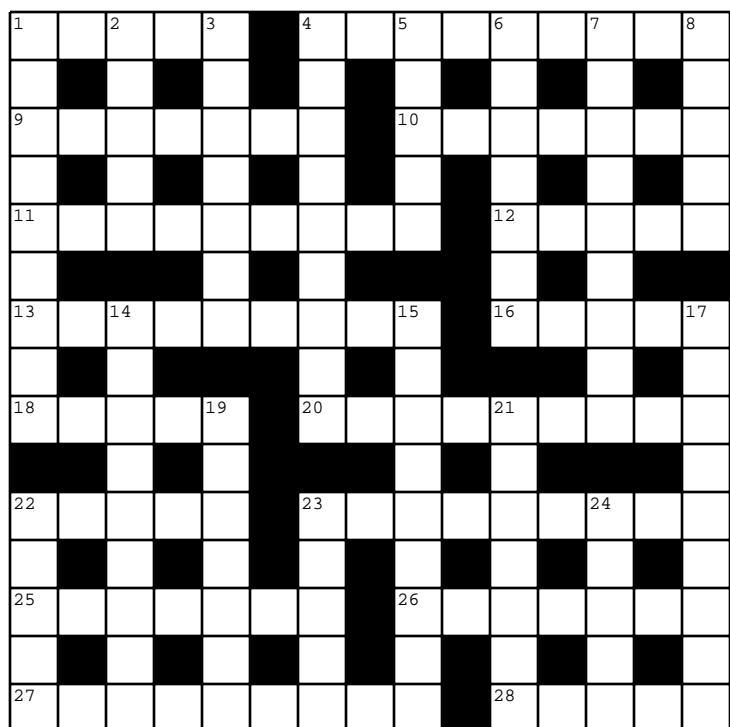
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| 4. GEOGRAPHY  | 2. PRIOR      |
| 9. ORIGAMI    | 3. CHARIOT    |
| 10. SHUTTLE   | 4. GLISTEN    |
| 11. SERVIETTE | 5. OBSCENE    |
| 12. AVOID     | 6. RHUBARB    |
| 13. EXISTENCE | 7. POTPOURRI  |
| 15. BARER     | 8. YIELD      |
| 17. ULTRA     | 14. INTRINSIC |
| 19. VERIFYING | 16. RAGGEDEST |
| 22. KNIFE     | 18. AMERICA   |
| 23. INTERVENE | 19. VEILING   |
| 25. DASHIKI   | 20. RETIRED   |
| 26. RESERVE   | 21. FORESAW   |
| 27. UNCHANGED | 22. KUDZU     |
| 28. WASNT     | 24. EARNS     |



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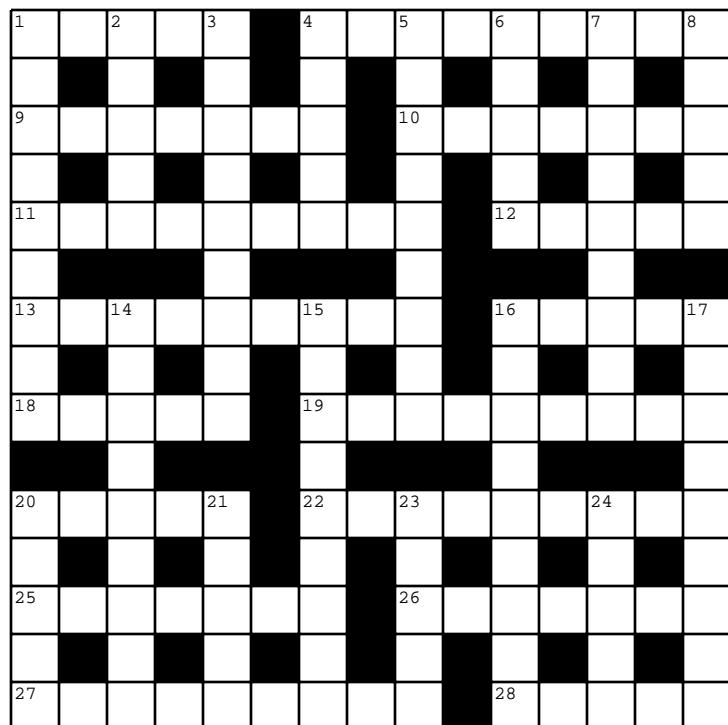
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| 1. CUBES      | 1. CLERGYMAN  |
| 4. BEVERAGES  | 2. BUTTE      |
| 9. EXTRACT    | 3. SCANDAL    |
| 10. SECTORS   | 4. BUTTERCUP  |
| 11. GREEDIEST | 5. VISIT      |
| 12. ESSAY     | 6. RACIEST    |
| 13. MISPLACED | 7. GLOSSIEST  |
| 16. THERE     | 8. SISSY      |
| 18. NAVEL     | 14. SEVENTIES |
| 20. PARASITIC | 15. DERANGING |
| 22. SANTA     | 17. ENCIRCLES |
| 23. CONTAINER | 19. LIAISON   |
| 25. ARIOSTO   | 21. SWALLOW   |
| 26. ILLEGAL   | 22. STAIR     |
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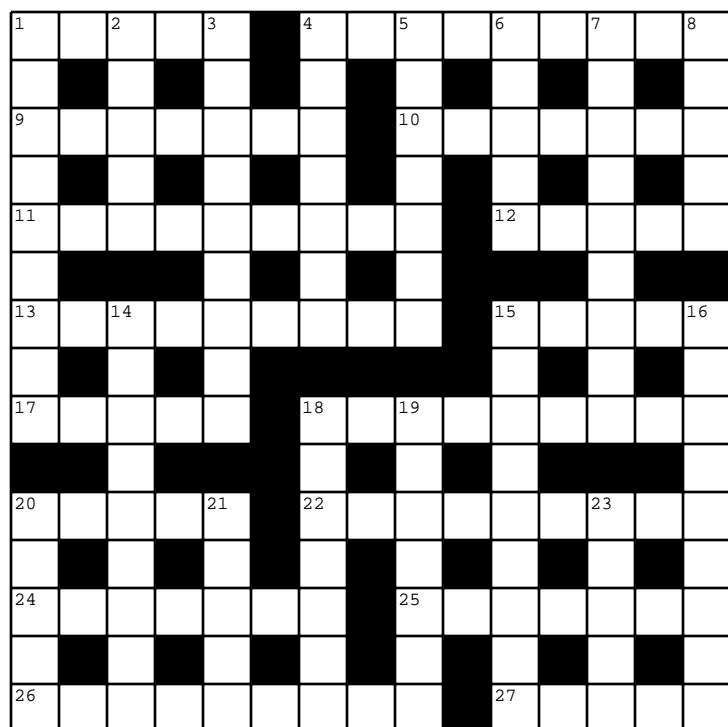
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| 4. CLERGYMEN  | 2. VIOLA      |
| 9. LOONIER    | 3. CHICKASAW  |
| 10. CERAMIC   | 4. CIRCA      |
| 11. BLACKMAIL | 5. EUCALYPTI  |
| 12. ERROR     | 6. GORGE      |
| 13. CARDSHARP | 7. MEMORANDA  |
| 16. SENNA     | 8. NICER      |
| 18. SINEW     | 14. RENEWABLE |
| 19. ORIENTATE | 15. ANOMALOUS |
| 20. AMWAY     | 16. SYNTACTIC |
| 22. ATTRACTED | 17. ANECDOTES |
| 25. TOBACCO   | 20. ANTIC     |
| 26. ATTEMPT   | 21. YUCCA     |
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| 28. COOKS     | 24. TEMPO     |



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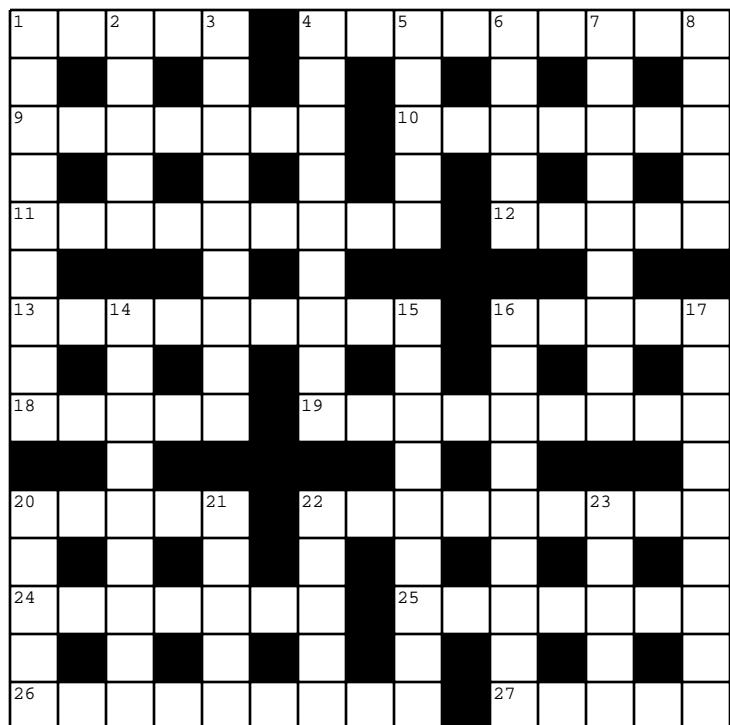
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| 4. LOOPHOLES  | 2. RECTA      |
| 9. BACKLOG    | 3. MULTIPLES  |
| 10. FORTUNE   | 4. LIGHTED    |
| 11. GLADIATOR | 5. OFFERED    |
| 12. HEARD     | 6. HARSH      |
| 13. ACCOLADED | 7. LEUKAEMIA  |
| 15. MOMMA     | 8. SPEND      |
| 17. SEAMS     | 14. COASTLINE |
| 18. DISENGAGE | 15. MENDELEEV |
| 20. LETUP     | 16. AMENDMENT |
| 22. LIQUEURED | 18. DELUDED   |
| 24. BLITZED   | 19. SEQUOIA   |
| 25. OPERATE   | 20. LIBRA     |
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| 27. VOMIT     | 23. REALM     |



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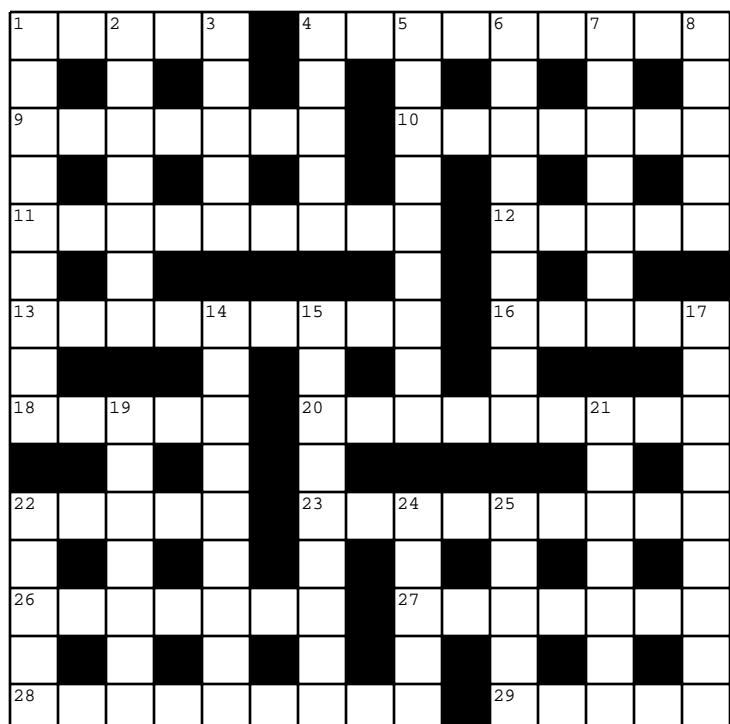
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| 4. INNKEEPER  | 2. SOBER      |
| 9. CABINET    | 3. CONFORMED  |
| 10. MANGOES   | 4. INTENDING  |
| 11. SURROUNDS | 5. NAMES      |
| 12. EARLY     | 6. ERNIE      |
| 13. INSOMNIAC | 7. PROGRAMME  |
| 16. TAMRA     | 8. RISKY      |
| 18. SWORD     | 14. SNOWSTORM |
| 19. GLADLIEST | 15. COALESCES |
| 20. FUSSY     | 16. TALISMANS |
| 22. OVERSLEEP | 17. AUTOPILOT |
| 24. FLOODED   | 20. FIFTH     |
| 25. CHANNEL   | 21. YODEL     |
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| 27. SAINT     | 23. ENNUI     |



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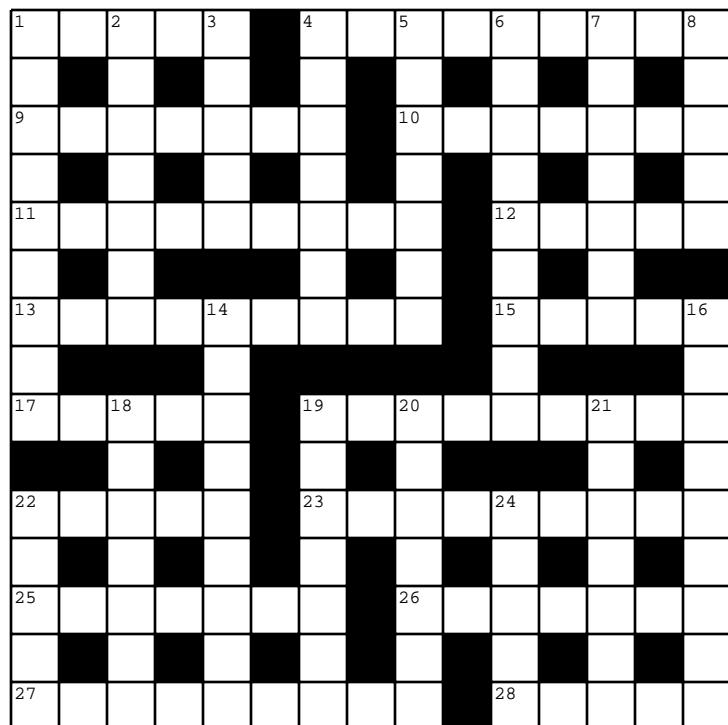
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| 4. OFFSHOOTS  | 2. STIFFEN    |
| 9. ALIGNED    | 3. OINKS      |
| 10. ANNUALS   | 4. ODDLY      |
| 11. LIFESTYLE | 5. FLAGELLUM  |
| 12. LILLY     | 6. HANDLEBAR  |
| 13. CANONICAL | 7. ORACLES    |
| 16. BOSOM     | 8. SASSY      |
| 18. SOLAR     | 14. NARRATIVE |
| 20. NUMERICAL | 15. CONSPIRES |
| 22. MAFIA     | 17. MILLIONTH |
| 23. PIZZICATI | 19. LEFTISM   |
| 26. JUICIER   | 21. CHATEAU   |
| 27. GALLEON   | 22. MEJIA     |
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| 29. TRUTH     | 25. INLET     |



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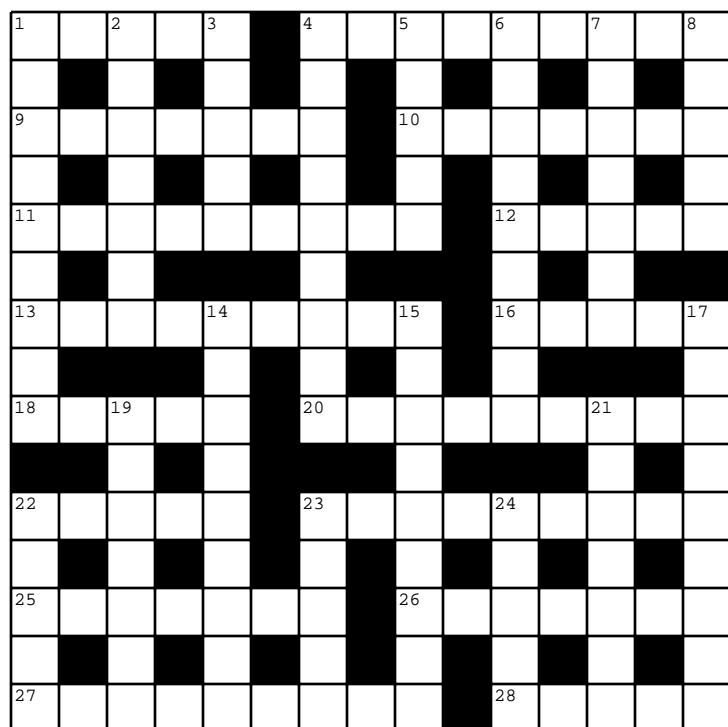
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| 4. CHILDLIKE  | 2. ABDOMEN    |
| 9. GODUNOV    | 3. SENSE      |
| 10. DISPOSE   | 4. COVERED    |
| 11. SYMMETRIC | 5. INDUCES    |
| 12. RAIDS     | 6. DESIRABLE  |
| 13. INNUENDOS | 7. IRONIES    |
| 15. BOSOM     | 8. EXECS      |
| 17. EARLY     | 14. ETYMOLOGY |
| 19. FISHERMAN | 16. MANGANESE |
| 22. PLUTO     | 18. RHUBARB   |
| 23. MARIJUANA | 19. FAMINES   |
| 25. PLATOON   | 20. SCROLLS   |
| 26. LEISURE   | 21. MEASURE   |
| 27. LOBBYISTS | 22. PUPIL     |
| 28. THESE     | 24. JOINT     |



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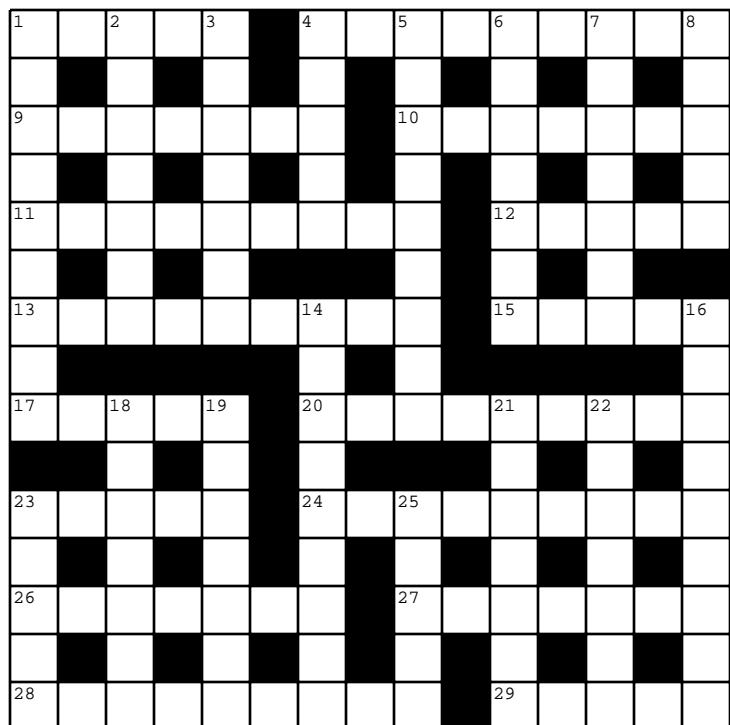
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| 4. CHAUFFEUR  | 2. BUGABOO    |
| 9. MCGOWAN    | 3. YAWNS      |
| 10. TURNOFF   | 4. CONSISTED  |
| 11. EMBASSIES | 5. ALTOS      |
| 12. TWICE     | 6. FORETASTE  |
| 13. ECOSYSTEM | 7. EROTICA    |
| 16. SWAMP     | 8. RIFLE      |
| 18. TIARA     | 14. YEARNINGS |
| 20. DYSPEPSIA | 15. MISGUIDES |
| 22. ROBIN     | 17. PLAUSIBLE |
| 23. CRUMBLIES | 19. ALBERTO   |
| 25. BARENTS   | 21. STIMULI   |
| 26. DISTURB   | 22. RABID     |
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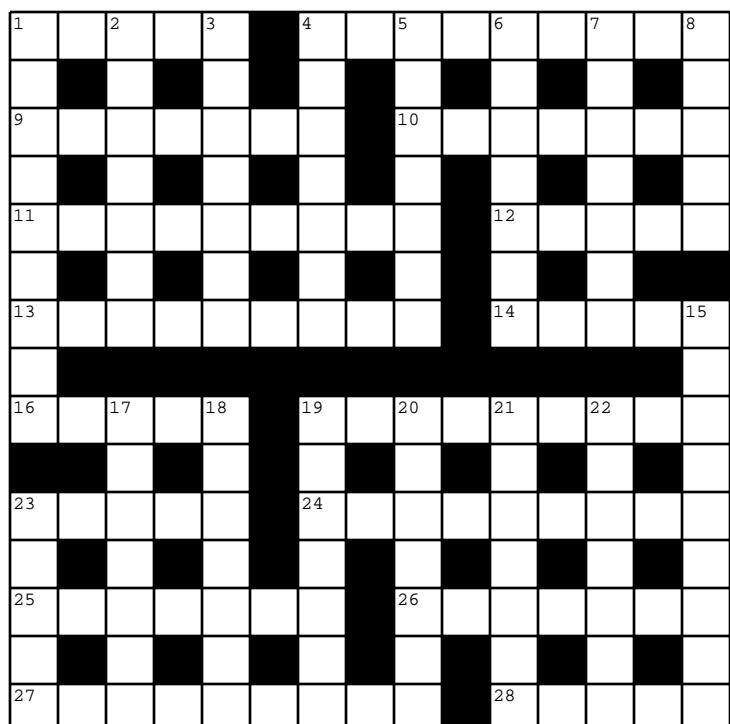
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| 4. PROGNOSSES | 2. OPTIMUM    |
| 9. GUTSIER    | 3. TAIYUAN    |
| 10. TENSION   | 4. PARSI      |
| 11. COMMUNISM | 5. OPTIMIZED  |
| 12. EAGLE     | 6. NONZERO    |
| 13. DOMINGUEZ | 7. SHINGLE    |
| 15. OPERA     | 8. SINCE      |
| 17. SIDES     | 14. UNDERGONE |
| 20. DEDUCTION | 16. AMNESTIED |
| 23. CACTI     | 18. DECODES   |
| 24. RAMBLINGS | 19. STIRRUP   |
| 26. UNDERGO   | 21. CULTURE   |
| 27. SPUMONI   | 22. IGNEOUS   |
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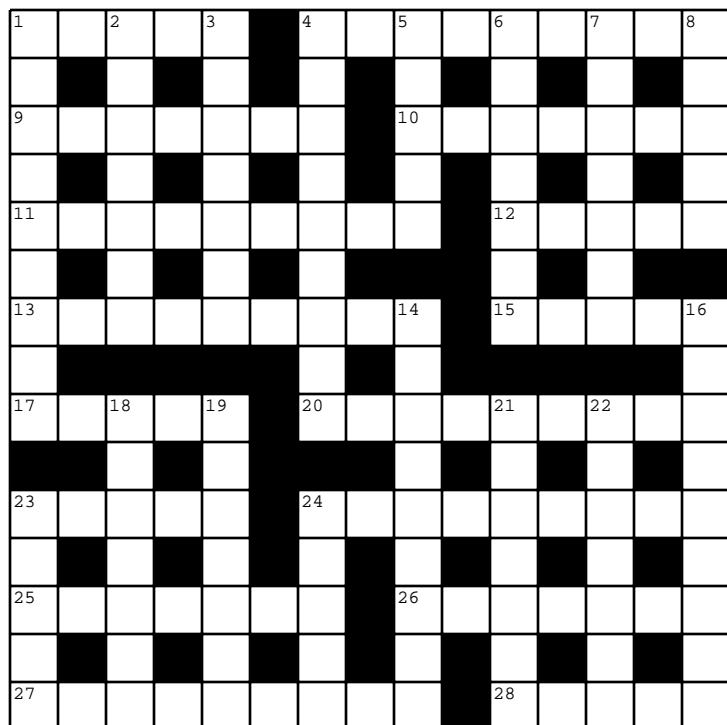
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| 9. TYPICAL    | 3. ARCHIVE    |
| 10. CONSUME   | 4. BELCHES    |
| 11. FOOLISHER | 5. ULCERED    |
| 12. RURAL     | 6. GENERAL    |
| 13. CONDENSED | 7. AQUARIA    |
| 14. LEANS     | 8. SHELL      |
| 16. STALL     | 15. SCHOONERS |
| 19. FIFTEENTH | 17. ALLEGED   |
| 23. Balsa     | 18. LEAFIER   |
| 24. ESSEQUIBO | 19. FRESHEN   |
| 25. ANGUISH   | 20. FESTIVE   |
| 26. IMITATE   | 21. ENQUIRE   |
| 27. ENDURANCE | 22. NAIPAUL   |
| 28. ELLIS     | 23. BLADE     |



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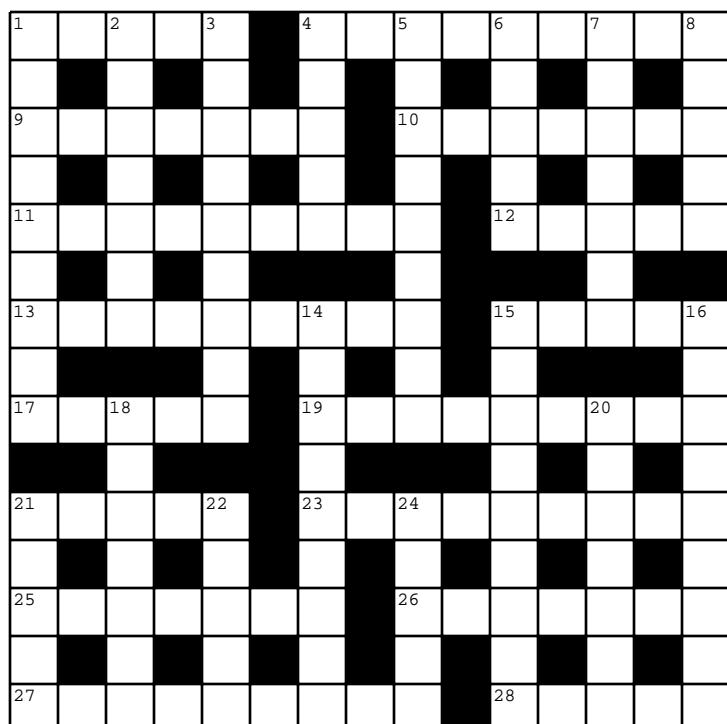
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| 4. RELUCTANT  | 2. CITIZEN    |
| 9. BATHTUB    | 3. ASTUTER    |
| 10. INSTALL   | 4. RUBBISHED  |
| 11. GAZETTING | 5. LYING      |
| 12. OASES     | 6. CASTOFF    |
| 13. OWNERSHIP | 7. AGASSIZ    |
| 15. FUZZY     | 8. TELLS      |
| 17. SATIN     | 14. PASSBOOKS |
| 20. DISPERSAL | 16. YELLOWING |
| 23. BLUER     | 18. TSUNAMI   |
| 24. IMBROGLIO | 19. NARRATE   |
| 25. THALAMI   | 21. EPOXIED   |
| 26. ORIGAMI   | 22. SYLLABI   |
| 27. EPIDERMIS | 23. BATHE     |
| 28. DOING     | 24. IDIOM     |



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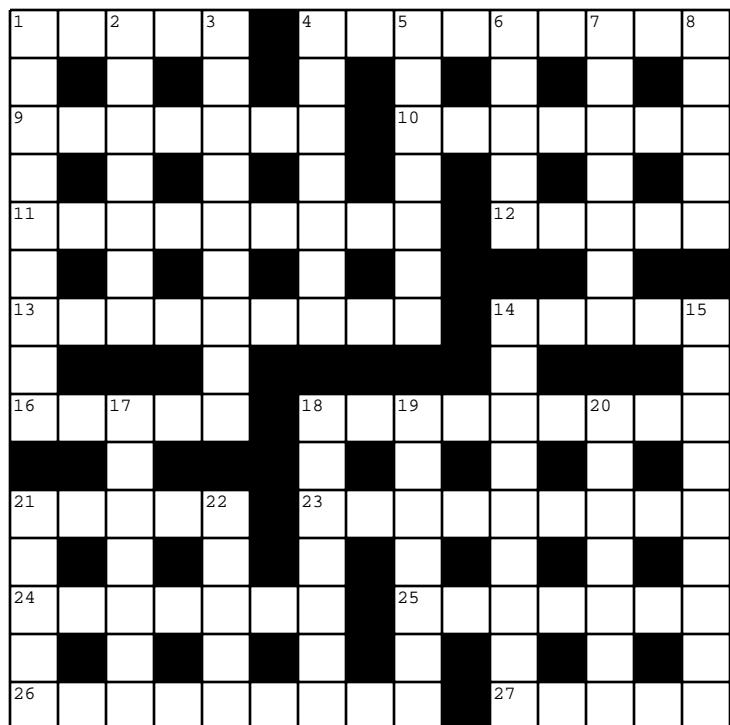
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| 4. FIDGETING  | 2. IDIOTIC    |
| 9. MAILMAN    | 3. IMMENSELY  |
| 10. UNMASKS   | 4. FUNGI      |
| 11. ROTUNDING | 5. DRUGGISTS  |
| 12. SALTS     | 6. EMMYS      |
| 13. NUCLEUSES | 7. INSULIN    |
| 15. HENRI     | 8. GASES      |
| 17. AMPLY     | 14. SADDENING |
| 19. DISTURBED | 15. HOUSEHOLD |
| 21. RERAN     | 16. INDELIBLE |
| 23. ELEMENTAL | 18. PARVENU   |
| 25. CHENNAI   | 20. BETWEEN   |
| 26. PROVERB   | 21. RECTA     |
| 27. AMUSINGLY | 22. NUNKI     |
| 28. DANCE     | 24. EMPTY     |



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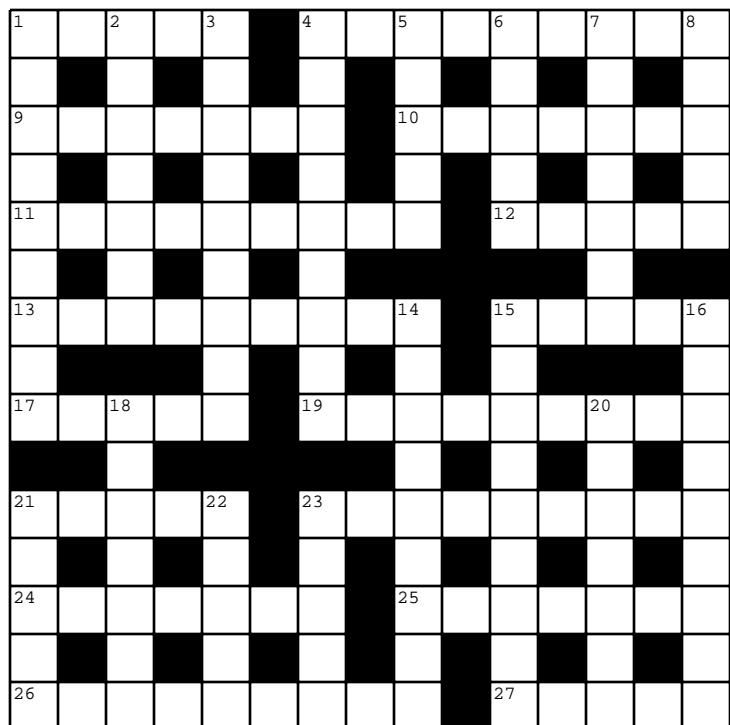
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. ESSEN      | 1. ENSCONCED  |
| 4. EXCLAIMED  | 2. SUNBEAM    |
| 9. SENECA'S   | 3. NECESSARY  |
| 10. EXPERTS   | 4. EASIEST    |
| 11. OVERSLEEP | 5. CHEAPER    |
| 12. ABBEY     | 6. ALPHA      |
| 13. COMPACTER | 7. MARABOU    |
| 14. ACUTE     | 8. DUSTY      |
| 16. DECAY     | 14. ALGEBRAIC |
| 18. AUTOGRAPH | 15. ETHICALLY |
| 21. MENDS     | 17. CONFIRM   |
| 23. ACROBATIC | 18. ANALOGY   |
| 24. CHICANO   | 19. TARIFFS   |
| 25. FRACTAL   | 20. ASTUTER   |
| 26. HIMALAYAS | 21. MICAH     |
| 27. CARRY     | 22. SMALL     |



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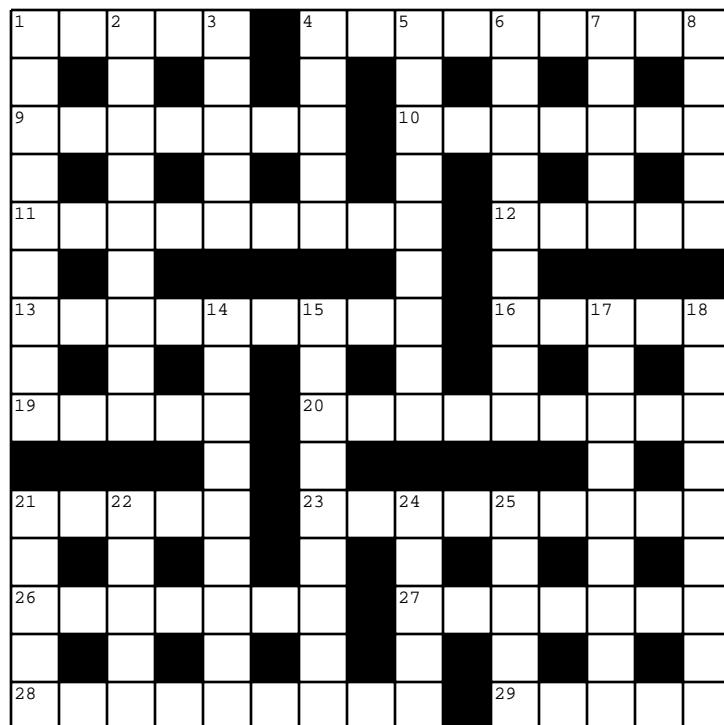
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| 1. NOBLE      | 1. NOTEBOOKS  |
| 4. PLAUSIBLE  | 2. BANDUNG    |
| 9. TINNIER    | 3. EXISTENCE  |
| 10. NAKEDER   | 4. PORTFOLIO  |
| 11. BOUNTIFUL | 5. ANNUL      |
| 12. AHOYS     | 6. SAKHA      |
| 13. ORGANELLE | 7. BEDROCK    |
| 15. JOKER     | 8. EARLS      |
| 17. SHADE     | 14. EXERCISED |
| 19. OVERLORDS | 15. JELLYFISH |
| 21. LEANS     | 16. RESIDENTS |
| 23. ENCRYPTED | 18. ABANDON   |
| 24. GODUNOV   | 20. ROTATED   |
| 25. SMITTEN   | 21. LOGIC     |
| 26. CONFESSED | 22. SENSE     |
| 27. HIDES     | 23. EAVES     |



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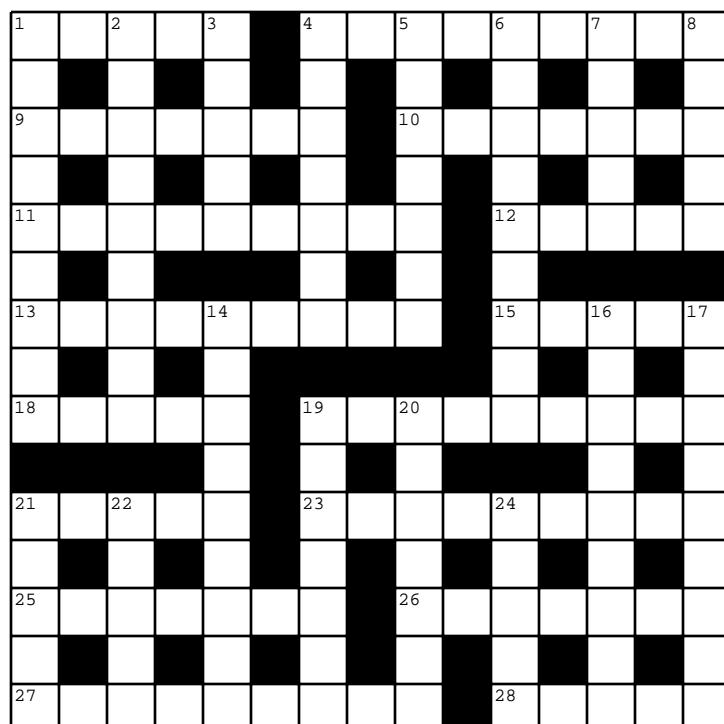
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| 4. DOORSTEPS  | 2. PRETENDER  |
| 9. QUEUING    | 3. ELITE      |
| 10. TRUSTED   | 4. DOGMA      |
| 11. INELEGANT | 5. OUTSTAYED  |
| 12. GENES     | 6. SMUGGLERS  |
| 13. TEDIOUSLY | 7. EATEN      |
| 16. EATER     | 8. SIDES      |
| 19. LYRIC     | 14. OCCASIONS |
| 20. MODESTEST | 15. SYMMETRIC |
| 21. LOGOS     | 17. THESPIANS |
| 23. EUCALYPTI | 18. RETAINERS |
| 26. GLAMOUR   | 21. LOGIC     |
| 27. UNAWARE   | 22. GUAVA     |
| 28. CLASSICAL | 24. CRUEL     |
| 29. NESTS     | 25. LEARN     |



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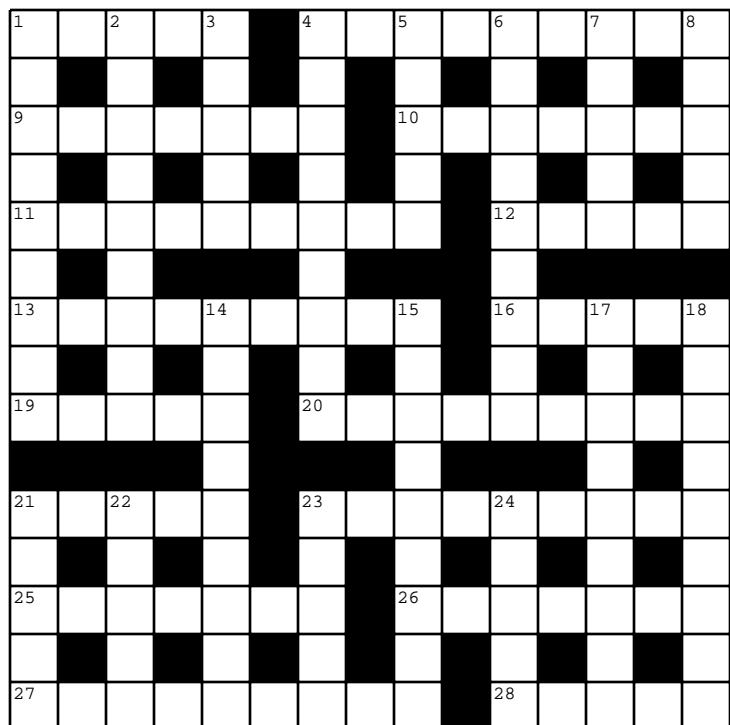
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| 4. CIGARILLO  | 2. RHINOCERI  |
| 9. SUICIDE    | 3. ADIEU      |
| 10. NOTIONS   | 4. CHENNAI    |
| 11. ELOQUENCE | 5. GINSENG    |
| 12. OASES     | 6. RATIONING  |
| 13. AVERAGING | 7. LIONS      |
| 15. ICONS     | 8. OASIS      |
| 18. OMITS     | 14. ASSESSING |
| 19. ELONGATES | 16. OUTBREAKS |
| 21. TUBES     | 17. SUSPICION |
| 23. METACARPI | 19. ERMINES   |
| 25. TENSION   | 20. OPTIONS   |
| 26. ORIGAMI   | 21. TITLE     |
| 27. EULOGISES | 22. BANAL     |
| 28. BISON     | 24. CLIMB     |



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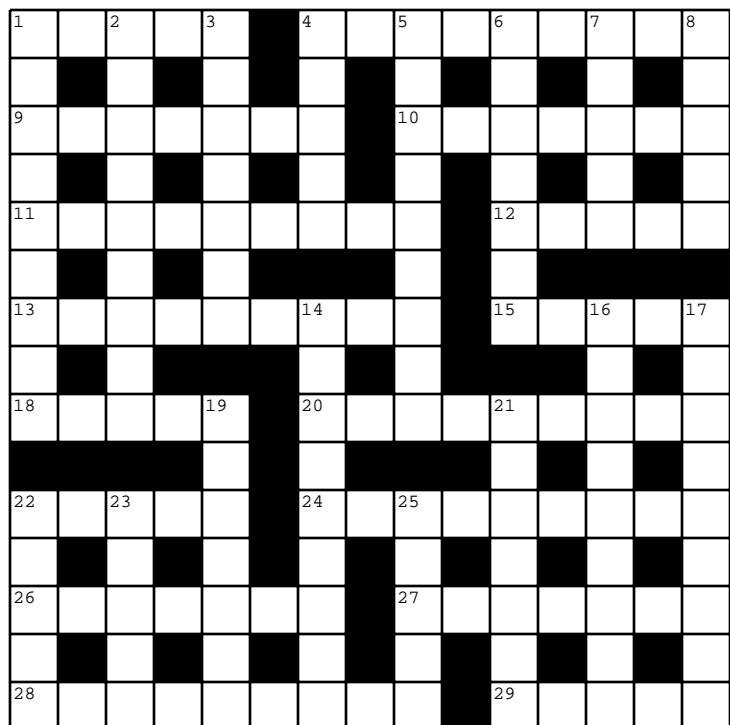
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| 4. SMOTHERED  | 2. PEPPERONI  |
| 9. NEPTUNE    | 3. SAUTE      |
| 10. EUNUCHS   | 4. STEAMBOAT  |
| 11. LIEBERMAN | 5. OCEAN      |
| 12. CURIO     | 6. HANDCUFFS  |
| 13. CLOCKWORK | 7. RACER      |
| 16. FLORA     | 8. DISCO      |
| 19. SHINY     | 14. KEYSTROKE |
| 20. THRUSTING | 15. KERCHIEFS |
| 21. VISIT     | 17. ORIGINATE |
| 23. OTHERWISE | 18. AGGRESSOR |
| 25. CURIOUS   | 21. VICKI     |
| 26. ENDEARS   | 22. SCRAP     |
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| 28. SHEER     | 24. RIDES     |



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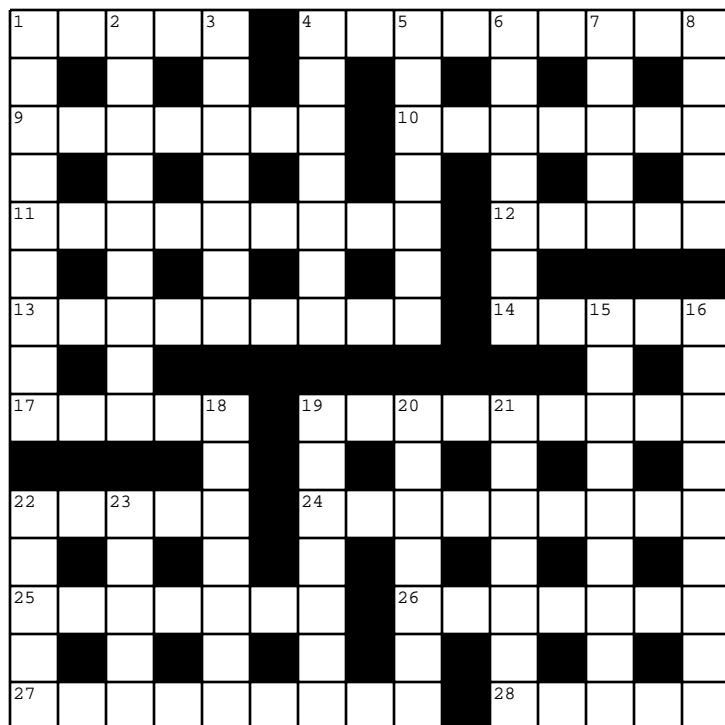
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| 4. LEAPFROGS  | 2. FRISKIEST  |
| 9. NAIVELY    | 3. STERNER    |
| 10. ENCODED   | 4. LOYAL      |
| 11. REKINDLED | 5. ANECDOTES  |
| 12. DRYLY     | 6. FACADES    |
| 13. DREARIEST | 7. ODDLY      |
| 15. STORM     | 8. SADLY      |
| 18. HATED     | 14. EXHAUSTED |
| 20. HISTORIAN | 16. OXIDIZING |
| 22. CHESS     | 17. MENAGERIE |
| 24. UPSETTING | 19. DISPOSE   |
| 26. NEWPORT   | 21. OFTENER   |
| 27. PANNIER   | 22. CYNIC     |
| 28. CONTENDER | 23. ERWIN     |
| 29. ROGUE     | 25. SUPER     |



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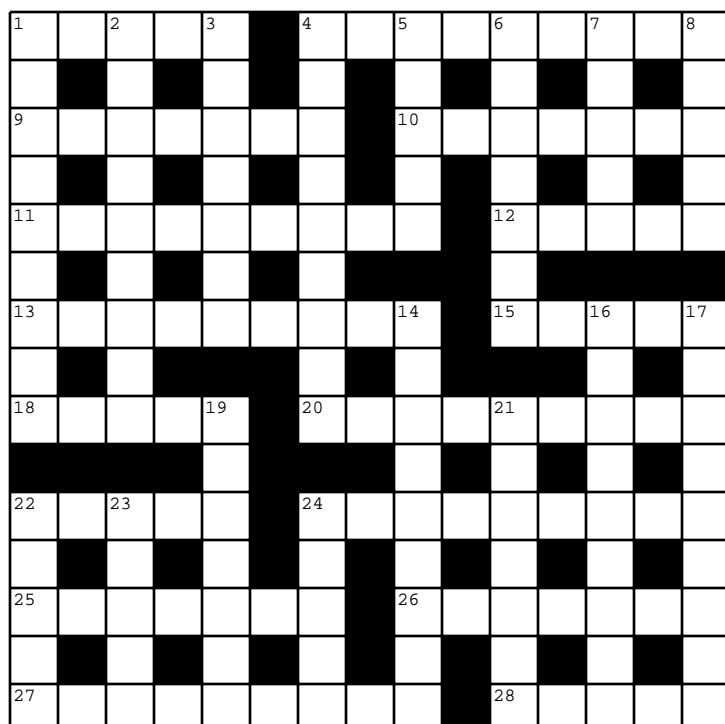
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| 1. BEGUN      | 1. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 4. LADDERING  | 2. GLISSANDO  |
| 9. ORIENTS    | 3. NONZERO    |
| 10. CAJOLES   | 4. LESOTHO    |
| 11. SUSPECTED | 5. DECADES    |
| 12. INDUS     | 6. ENJOINES   |
| 13. RANCOROUS | 7. IDLED      |
| 14. SISES     | 8. GASES      |
| 17. PROUD     | 15. SPECIFIES |
| 19. EXCELLENT | 16. SATISFIES |
| 22. STEAL     | 18. DOLLARS   |
| 24. CHARITIES | 19. EXCRETA   |
| 25. OUTRAGE   | 20. CHANNEL   |
| 26. NAUTILI   | 21. LEISURE   |
| 27. FORESTALL | 22. SPOOF     |
| 28. EASES     | 23. EATER     |



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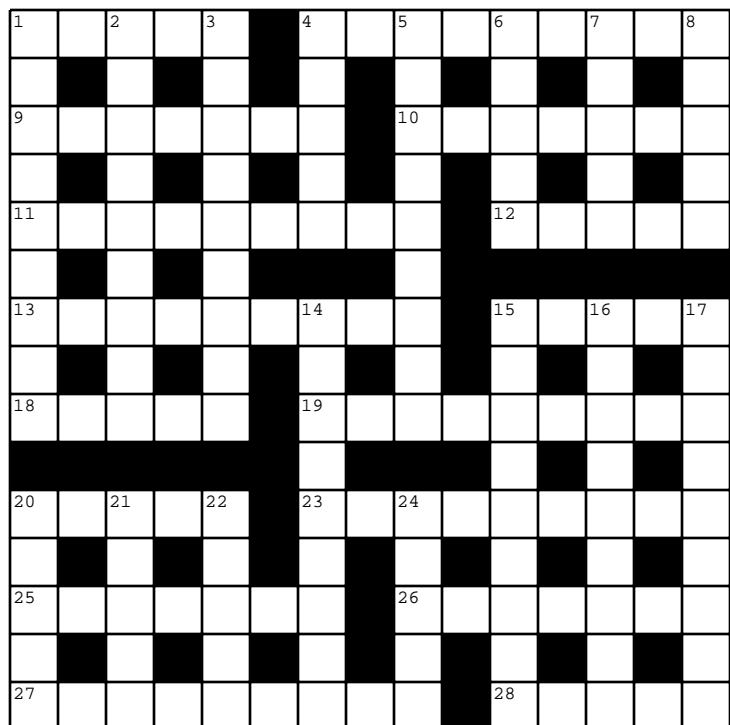
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| 4. INHIBITED  | 2. KARAMAZOV  |
| 9. THRIVED    | 3. SAVIOUR    |
| 10. DETECTS   | 4. INDENTING  |
| 11. LAMPOONED | 5. HIDED      |
| 12. TASKS     | 6. BATHTUB    |
| 13. HAZARDING | 7. TACKS      |
| 15. BOWEL     | 8. DISCS      |
| 18. MOVIE     | 14. GENERALLY |
| 20. GENERATES | 16. WITHDRAWN |
| 22. EDGES     | 17. LISTENERS |
| 24. CARTRIDGE | 19. ESSENCE   |
| 25. REVENUE   | 21. REREADS   |
| 26. LEAKAGE   | 22. EARNS     |
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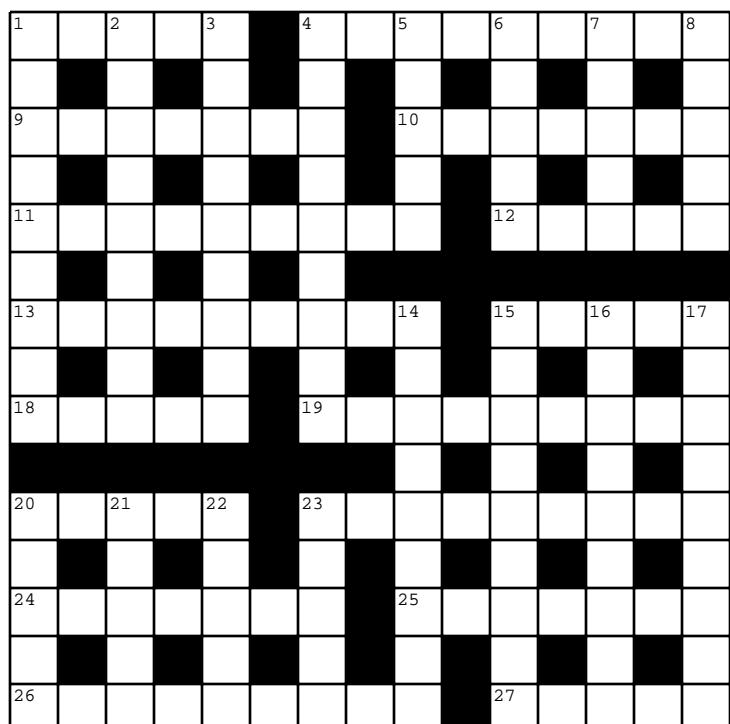
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| 4. MASTICATE  | 2. MAHARISHI  |
| 9. INHABIT    | 3. ROBUSTEST  |
| 10. AGILITY   | 4. METRO      |
| 11. BARNSTORM | 5. SPASMODIC  |
| 12. REACT     | 6. ICIER      |
| 13. INSPECTED | 7. AMIGA      |
| 15. ELBOW     | 8. EGYPT      |
| 18. GUILT     | 14. TURNTABLE |
| 19. RECIPIENT | 15. EMPTINESS |
| 20. AMIDS     | 16. BEELINING |
| 23. TESTIFIED | 17. WITHDRAWN |
| 25. DISTURB   | 20. AUDIT     |
| 26. AMERICA   | 21. ISSUE     |
| 27. TREATMENT | 22. STUNT     |
| 28. SAGAN     | 24. START     |



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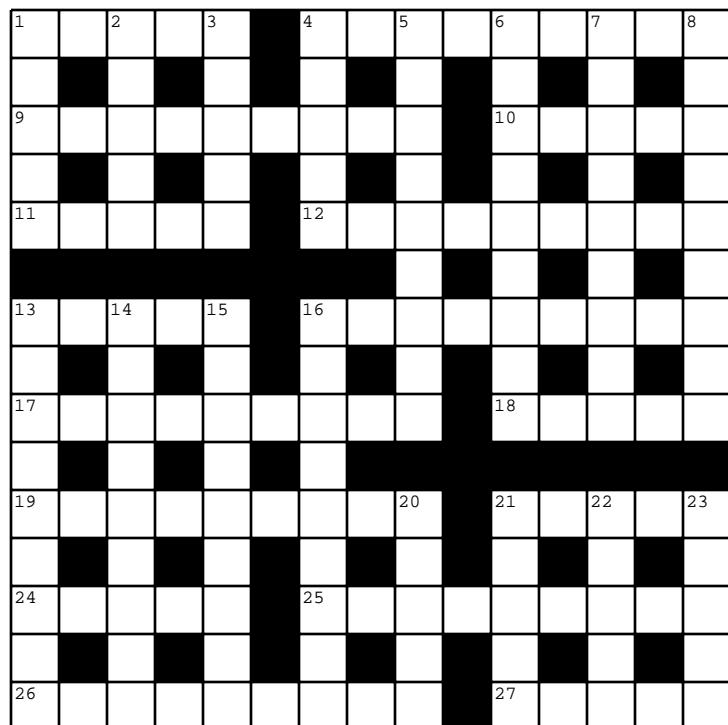
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| 4. JAUNDICES   | 2. SCINTILLA  |
| 9. EDIBLES     | 3. SALLOWEST  |
| 10. IMPOSES    | 4. JUSTIFIED  |
| 11. TATTOOING  | 5. USING      |
| 12. HASTY      | 6. DEPTH      |
| 13. RELIEVING  | 7. CASTS      |
| 15. PEWEE      | 8. SISSY      |
| 18. WRAPT      | 14. GEOMETRIC |
| 19. DEODORIZES | 15. PROTRUDED |
| 20. HAVOC      | 16. WEIGHTIER |
| 23. UNEARTHLY  | 17. EVERYBODY |
| 24. NEURONS    | 20. HANNA     |
| 25. RODRIGO    | 21. VOUCH     |
| 26. ATHEISTIC  | 22. CROCI     |
| 27. DIRTY      | 23. UPSET     |



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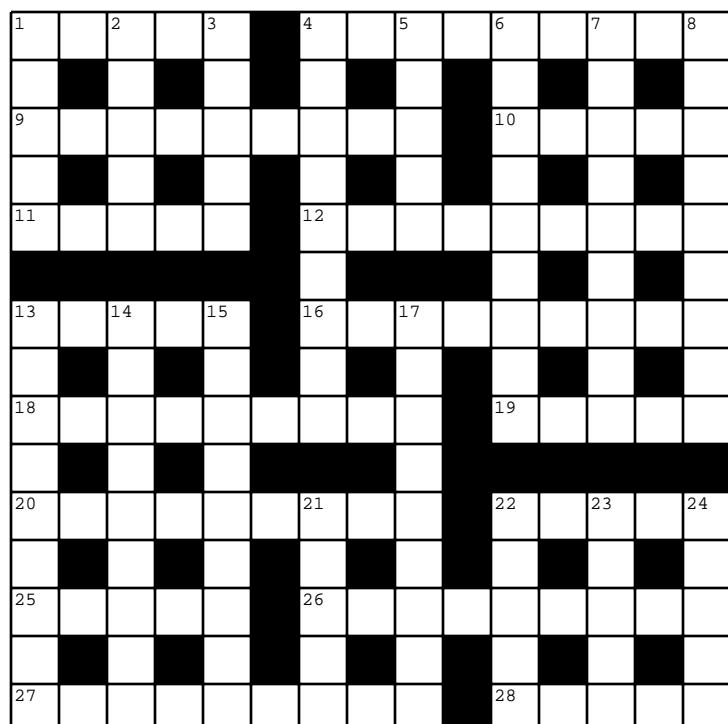
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| 4. DEFAULTED  | 2. BARER      |
| 9. CERTAINER  | 3. ARABY      |
| 10. EARNS     | 4. DINGO      |
| 11. EARLY     | 5. FORTHWITH  |
| 12. OTHERWISE | 6. UNEARTHED  |
| 13. SAMES     | 7. TERRITORY  |
| 16. NEIGHBORS | 8. DISPENSER  |
| 17. OUTGROWTH | 13. STOREROOM |
| 18. DRYER     | 14. MOTIVATOR |
| 19. ENVELOPED | 15. SHRILLEST |
| 21. NEGEV     | 16. NEWSPAPER |
| 24. OUTRE     | 20. DONNA     |
| 25. PENSIONER | 21. NAILS     |
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| 27. STEMS     | 23. VIRUS     |



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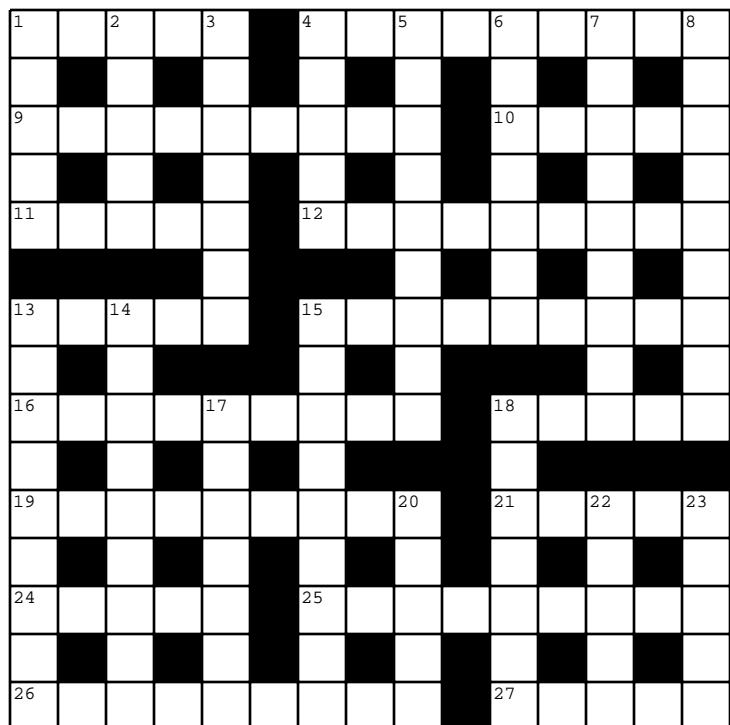
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| 4. MARGRETHE  | 2. ECLAT      |
| 9. WILLINGLY  | 3. SKIPS      |
| 10. DITTO     | 4. MEGAHERTZ  |
| 11. SITES     | 5. ROYAL      |
| 12. HELPFULLY | 6. REDEFINED  |
| 13. NOTED     | 7. TITILLATE  |
| 16. REDUNDANT | 8. ECOSYSTEM  |
| 18. KARAMAZOV | 13. NAKEDNESS |
| 19. DREAM     | 14. TURNSTILE |
| 20. DISMISSAL | 15. DIMWITTED |
| 22. REALM     | 17. DEVELOPER |
| 25. EDICT     | 21. SLIER     |
| 26. IMPROMPTU | 22. ROOST     |
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| 28. TEETH     | 24. MOUTH     |



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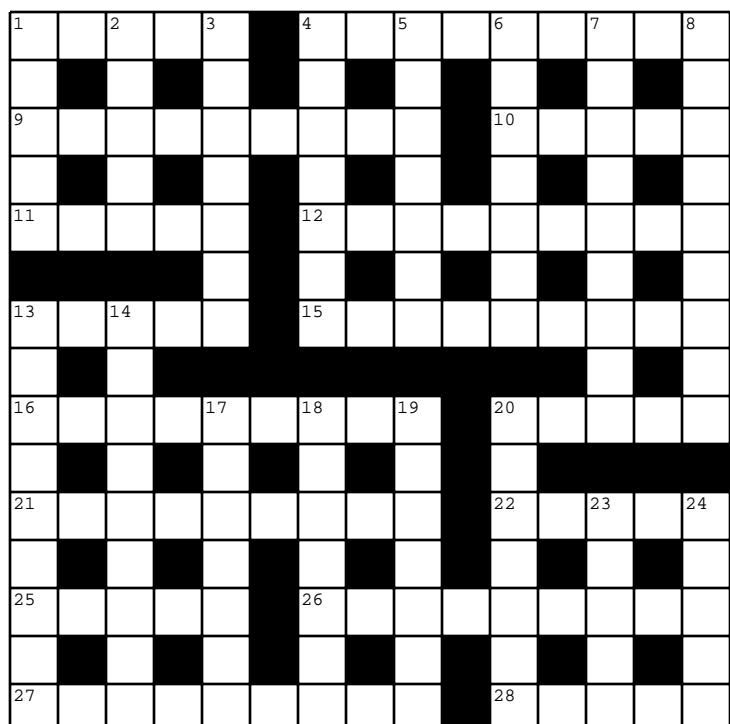
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| 4. LEITMOTIF  | 2. RONDA      |
| 9. BANDWAGON  | 3. BEWITCH    |
| 10. RISER     | 4. LOGIC      |
| 11. REACT     | 5. IGNORAMUS  |
| 12. CARDSHARP | 6. MARISSA    |
| 13. LUNCH     | 7. TOSCANINI  |
| 15. SIMPATICO | 8. FIREPROOF  |
| 16. NOURISHES | 13. LONGBOATS |
| 18. GRIEF     | 14. NAUGHTIER |
| 19. BEHAVIOUR | 15. SCHOONERS |
| 21. ALLOW     | 17. INVOLVE   |
| 24. AXIAL     | 18. GRADUAL   |
| 25. ENCOUNTER | 20. RACKS     |
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| 27. LURKS     | 23. WORMS     |



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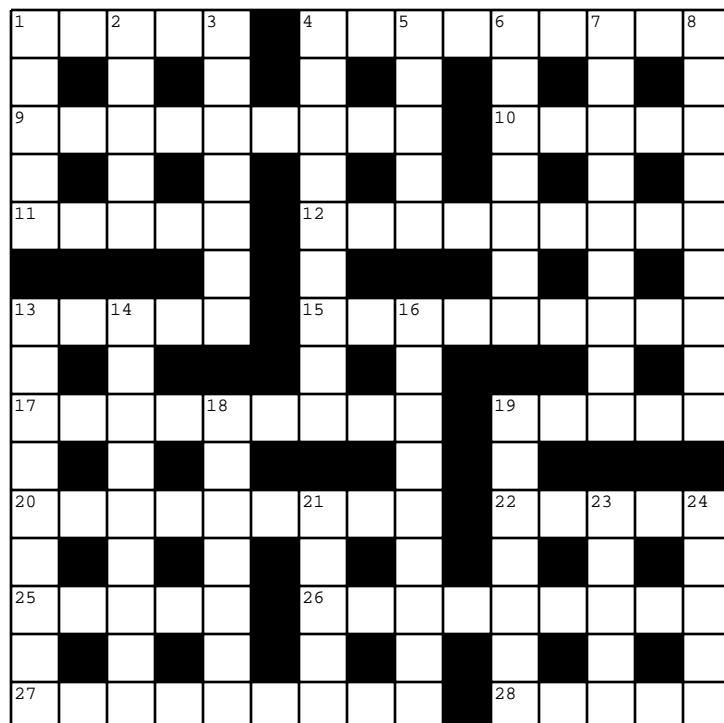
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| 1. AMBLE      | 1. ACCHED     |
| 4. LEDERBERG  | 2. BIDES      |
| 9. HYDRANGEA  | 3. ELAPSES    |
| 10. SNAFU     | 4. LEGROOM    |
| 11. DOSES     | 5. DRASTIC    |
| 12. OUTSTRIPS | 6. ROSETTA    |
| 13. COMES     | 7. EXAMINING  |
| 15. MECHANISM | 8. GRUESOMER  |
| 16. ADDRESSEE | 13. CHAUFFEUR |
| 20. EAGER     | 14. MODIFYING |
| 21. FIFTEENTH | 17. ELEVATE   |
| 22. CHEAP     | 18. SUNRISE   |
| 25. ELIZA     | 19. EXHAUST   |
| 26. INUKTITUT | 20. EXCITED   |
| 27. RAGGEDEST | 23. EXTRA     |
| 28. DIALS     | 24. PUTTS     |



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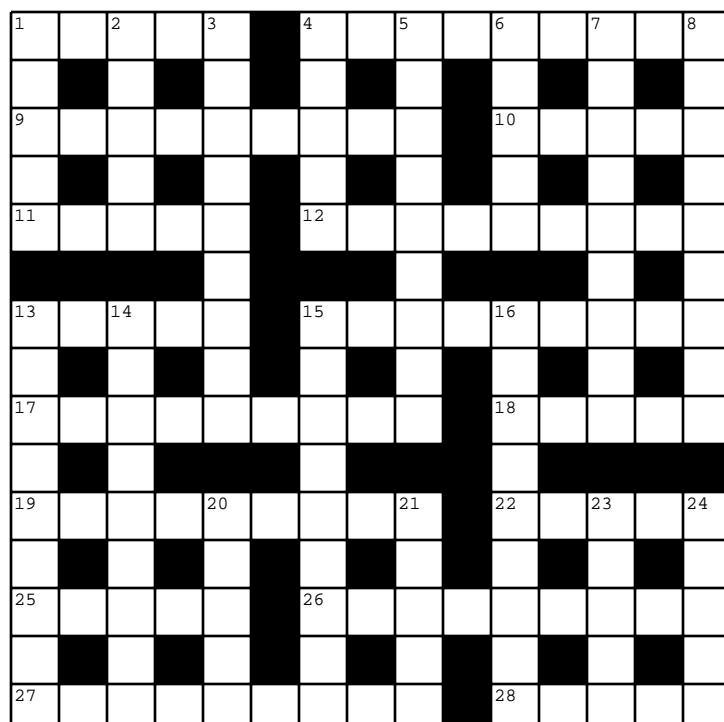
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| 4. ADMISSION  | 2. BENCH      |
| 9. CONSORTIA  | 3. CHOICES    |
| 10. ASCOT     | 4. ATTENDANT  |
| 11. ETHIC     | 5. MIAOW      |
| 12. NEWSPAPER | 6. SHAMPOO    |
| 13. ORALS     | 7. INCEPTION  |
| 15. ANCHOVIES | 8. NOTARISED  |
| 17. CLEOPATRA | 13. ORCHESTRA |
| 19. SANED     | 14. AMERICANA |
| 20. EPIDERMIS | 16. CEAUSESCU |
| 22. CLIMB     | 18. PRECEDE   |
| 25. TRADE     | 19. SICKENS   |
| 26. DISREPAIR | 21. MEDIA     |
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| 28. SPEED     | 24. BORED     |



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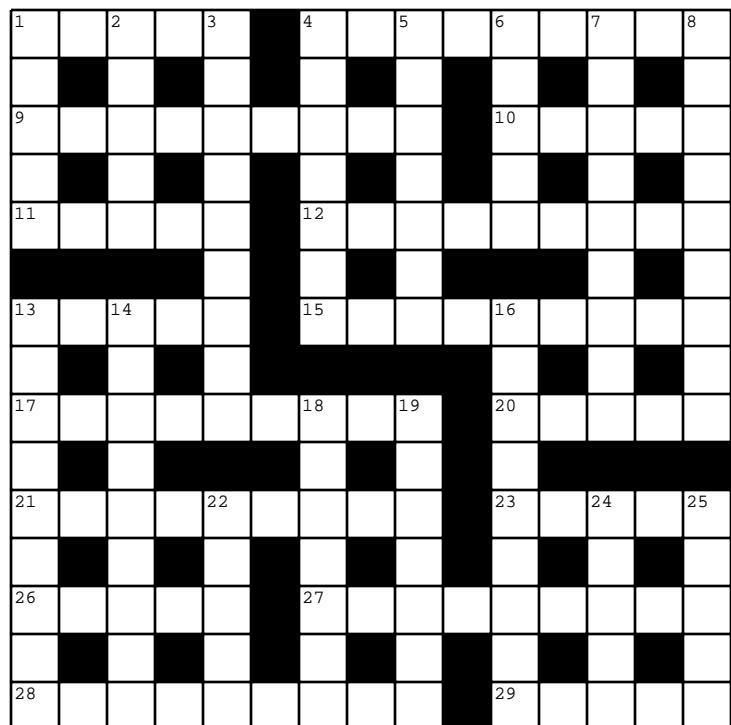
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| 4. WHEREUPON  | 2. VIEWS      |
| 9. CRESCENDI  | 3. LOCKSMITH  |
| 10. TOPIC     | 4. WANDA      |
| 11. SISES     | 5. EMINENCES  |
| 12. ACETYLENE | 6. ENTRY      |
| 13. COCCI     | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 15. BACKWOODS | 8. NUCLEUSES  |
| 17. NUTSHELLS | 13. CONSORTIA |
| 18. OMITS     | 14. CITATIONS |
| 19. OUTSTRIFT | 15. BILLIARDS |
| 22. GONNA     | 16. WRONGDOER |
| 25. TROUT     | 20. TITLE     |
| 26. RHINOCERI | 21. THIRD     |
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| 28. RHYME     | 24. ASIDE     |



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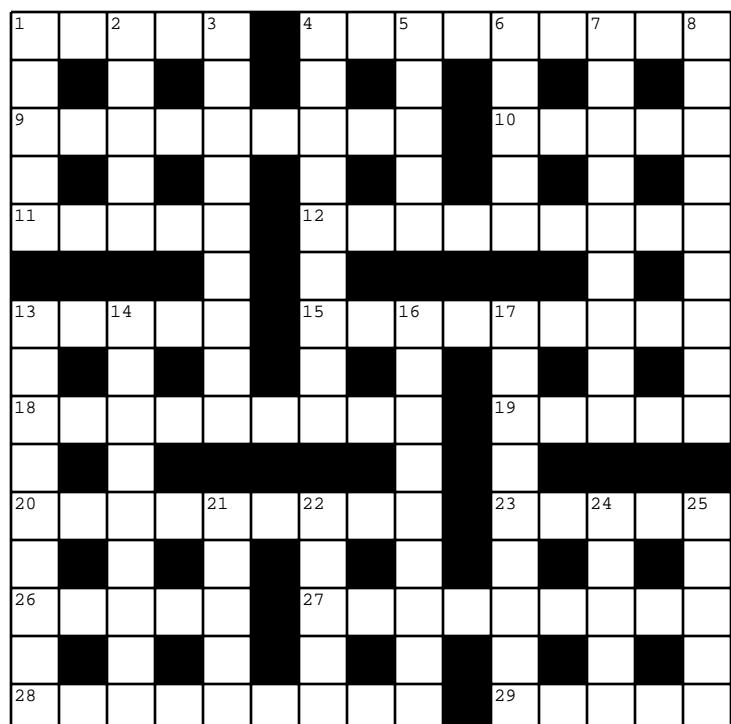
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| 4. SYMPHONIC  | 2. POSES      |
| 9. DISMEMBER  | 3. DRESSIEST  |
| 10. ARGON     | 4. SUBSOIL    |
| 11. SISES     | 5. MOROCCO    |
| 12. ORCHESTRA | 6. HEAVE      |
| 13. KNAVE     | 7. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 15. LOOPHOLES | 8. CANVASSER  |
| 17. MORATORIA | 13. KAMCHATKA |
| 20. LABOR     | 14. ACROBATIC |
| 21. HABITABLE | 16. HELIPORTS |
| 23. PATCH     | 18. REBOUND   |
| 26. TOTED     | 19. AGENDAS   |
| 27. UNDERLAIN | 22. TIDAL     |
| 28. ACCOLADES | 24. TRAMP     |
| 29. SUPER     | 25. HONOR     |



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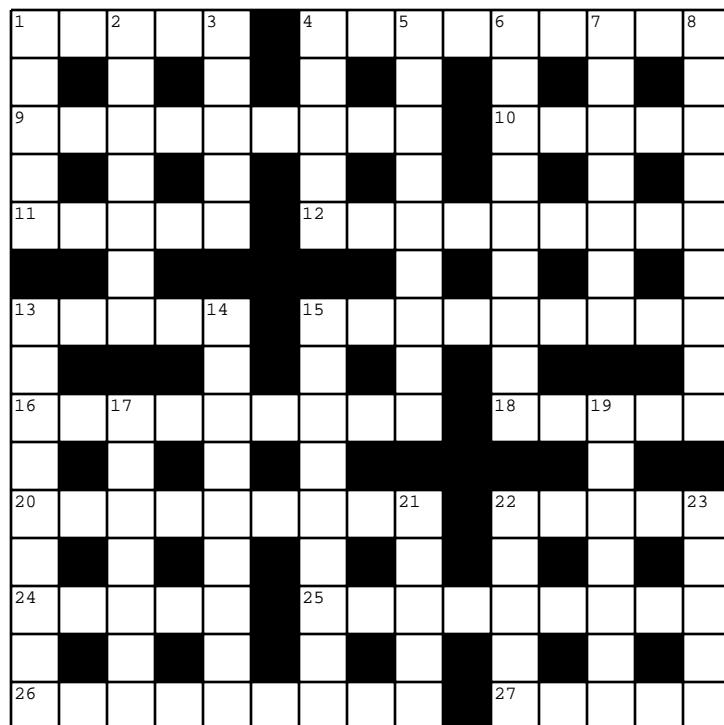
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| 4. HEARTACHE  | 2. TATTY      |
| 9. AUTOPILOT  | 3. OPPONENTS  |
| 10. STAMP     | 4. HALLOWEEN  |
| 11. HAYDN     | 5. ATTIC      |
| 12. ORCHESTRA | 6. TASTE      |
| 13. DRAWN     | 7. CHATTIEST  |
| 15. EVERGREEN | 8. EXPLAINED  |
| 18. GLISSANDO | 13. DIGNIFIES |
| 19. OPTED     | 14. AXIOMATIC |
| 20. IMMODESTY | 16. ECOSYSTEM |
| 23. RABID     | 17. GEOGRAPHY |
| 26. INTER     | 21. DARLA     |
| 27. ANTIPASTO | 22. SWAMI     |
| 28. SOCIALISM | 24. BASER     |
| 29. YARNS     | 25. DOORS     |



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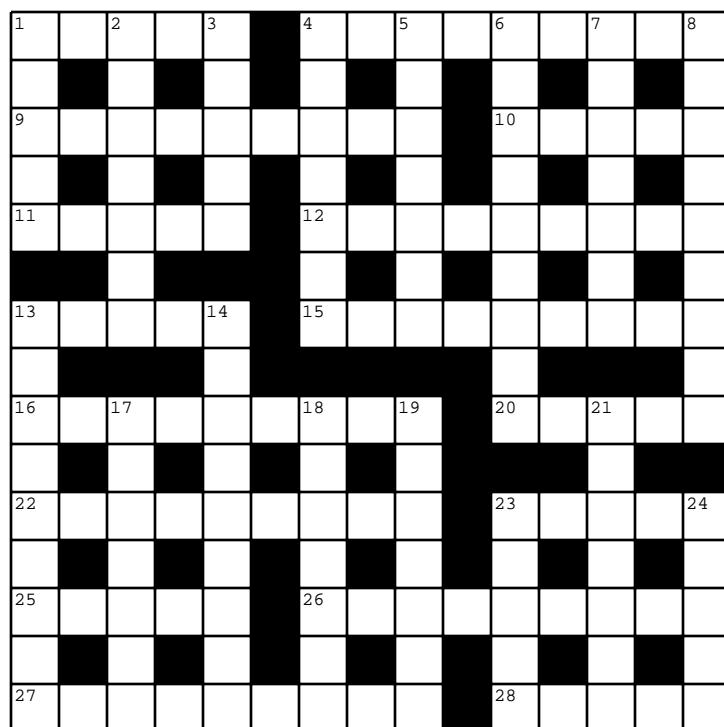
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| 4. MUSICIANS  | 2. THEREON    |
| 9. ALEJANDRA  | 3. REACT      |
| 10. NYASA     | 4. MADAM      |
| 11. SPELT     | 5. STANDOFFS  |
| 12. MCDONNELL | 6. CANONICAL  |
| 13. SANTA     | 7. ARACELI    |
| 15. DEFECTIVE | 8. SMALLNESS  |
| 16. RELATIVES | 13. SPRINKLES |
| 18. LIFTS     | 14. ANTITOXIN |
| 20. NIGHTCLUB | 15. DEVELOPED |
| 22. GLOWS     | 17. LIGHTER   |
| 24. LATEX     | 19. FLOWERS   |
| 25. PODHORETZ | 21. BODED     |
| 26. SERENADED | 22. GROUP     |
| 27. POSED     | 23. SIZED     |



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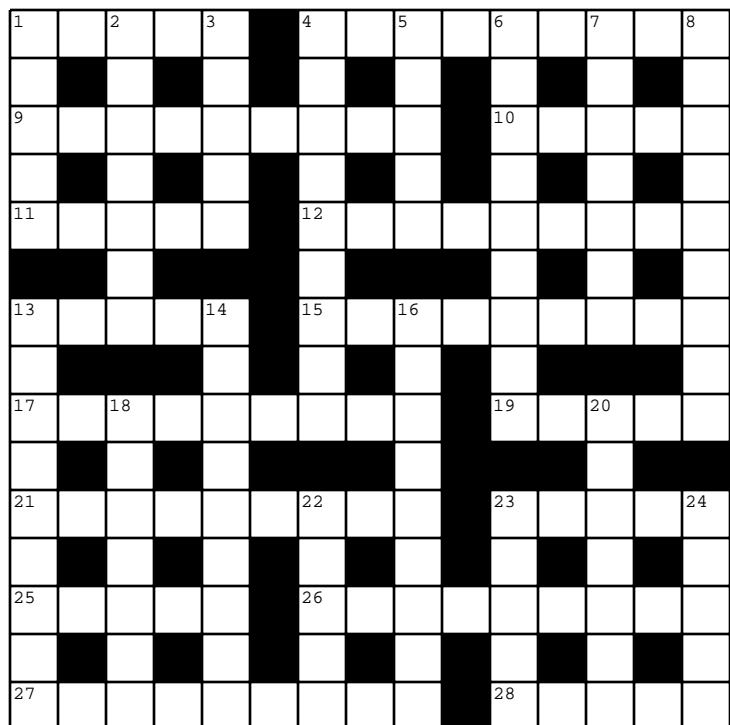
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| 1. TRASH      | 1. TRACE      |
| 4. BEEFARONI  | 2. ANTHILL    |
| 9. AUTOPILOT  | 3. HOPES      |
| 10. EIGHT     | 4. BULIMIA    |
| 11. EDITS     | 5. ESTONIA    |
| 12. MONSIGNOR | 6. AMERICANA  |
| 13. GELDS     | 7. ORGANIC    |
| 15. AVALANCHE | 8. INTERVENE  |
| 16. MUSSOLINI | 13. GAMBOLED  |
| 20. AMPLE     | 14. SCOURGING |
| 22. OWNERSHIP | 17. SENSUAL   |
| 23. AGREE     | 18. INHABIT   |
| 25. LAURI     | 19. IMPETUS   |
| 26. BUTTERNUT | 21. PARSNIP   |
| 27. DELEGATES | 23. ARENA     |
| 28. ASPEN     | 24. EATEN     |



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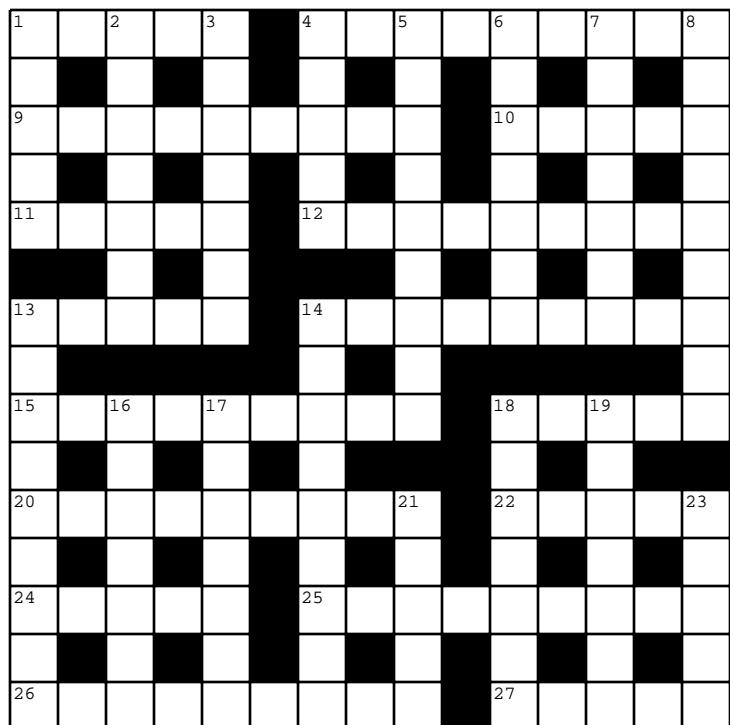
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| 4. COCKSCOMB  | 2. CHENNAI    |
| 9. PSEUDONYM  | 3. DODGE      |
| 10. PIANO     | 4. CONTRALTO  |
| 11. DENSE     | 5. COMIC      |
| 12. RECURSIVE | 6. SUPERFUND  |
| 13. ABIDE     | 7. OVATION    |
| 15. LITHUANIA | 8. BOOMERANG  |
| 17. PEPPERONI | 13. ASPHALTED |
| 19. DEBUG     | 14. EVERGREEN |
| 21. ALLEGEDLY | 16. TRICYCLED |
| 23. THREW     | 18. PALMYRA   |
| 25. THYME     | 20. BORLAUG   |
| 26. CELEBRATE | 22. DUCKS     |
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| 28. ANGEL     | 24. WHEEL     |



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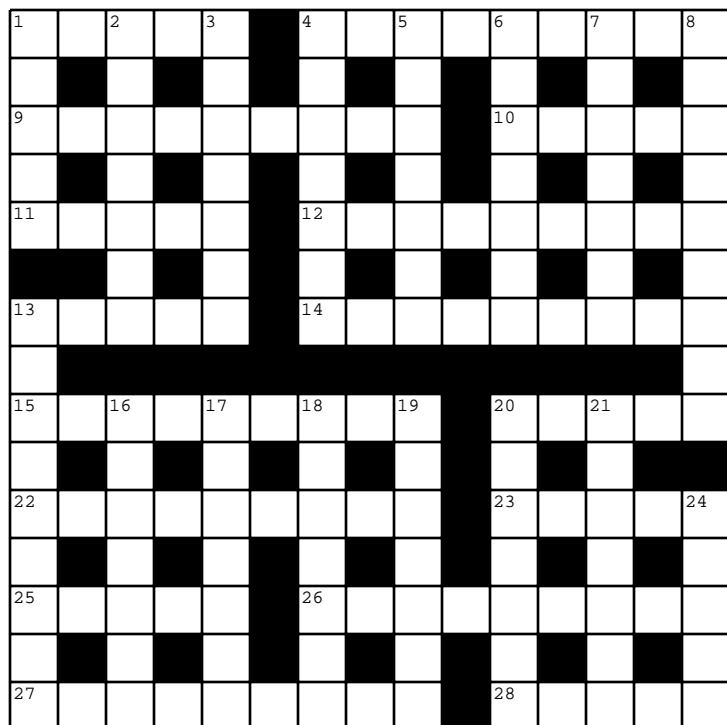
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| 4. BRAINWASH  | 2. REQUEST    |
| 9. ACQUIESCE  | 3. ALIASES    |
| 10. CLAIM     | 4. BASIC      |
| 11. TEEMS     | 5. ANEURYSMS  |
| 12. CORPOREAL | 6. NICHOLE    |
| 13. NOTES     | 7. ARACELI    |
| 14. OBSCENITY | 8. HIMALAYAS  |
| 15. GREETINGS | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. SOCKS     | 14. OWNERSHIP |
| 20. TRIGGERED | 16. ERICSON   |
| 22. ELECT     | 17. TIGHTER   |
| 24. LISZT     | 18. SWEATED   |
| 25. HEARTBURN | 19. CHERUBS   |
| 26. BANKRUPTS | 21. DIALS     |
| 27. DISCO     | 23. TANGO     |



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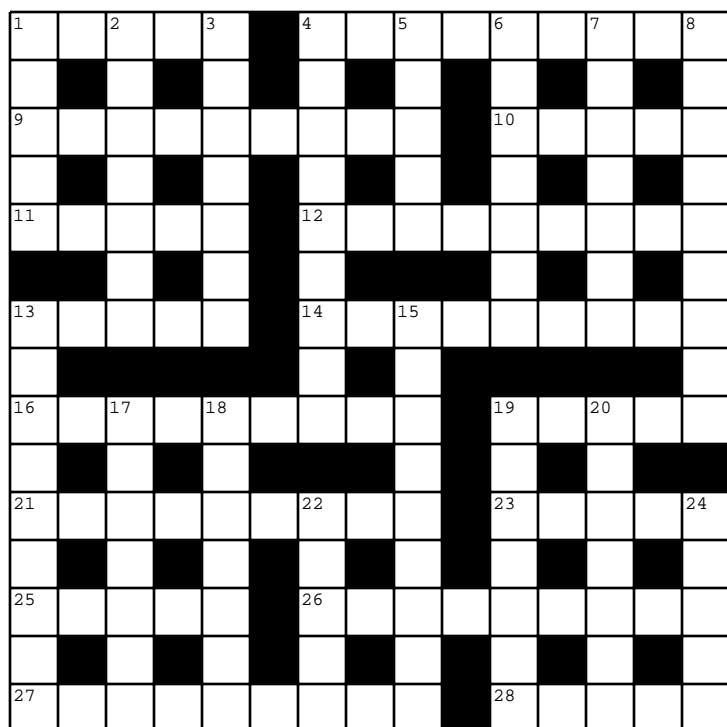
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| 1. SCRUB      | 1. SLASH      |
| 4. EFFECTIVE  | 2. REPLICA    |
| 9. AMPERSAND  | 3. BOROUGH    |
| 10. ASPIC     | 4. ERASING    |
| 11. HAIKU     | 5. FUDGING    |
| 12. INITIALLY | 6. CRANIAL    |
| 13. COACH     | 7. IMPULSE    |
| 14. GIGGLIEST | 8. ENCRYPTED  |
| 15. SNORKELED | 13. CUSHIONED |
| 20. BIKE      | 16. OCEANUS   |
| 22. IDENTICAL | 17. KUTUZOV   |
| 23. MEANT     | 18. LOCKJAW   |
| 25. NUNEZ     | 19. DELAYED   |
| 26. JAYWALKER | 20. BEMOANS   |
| 27. DISAVOWED | 21. KHARKOV   |
| 28. SAVES     | 24. TIRES     |



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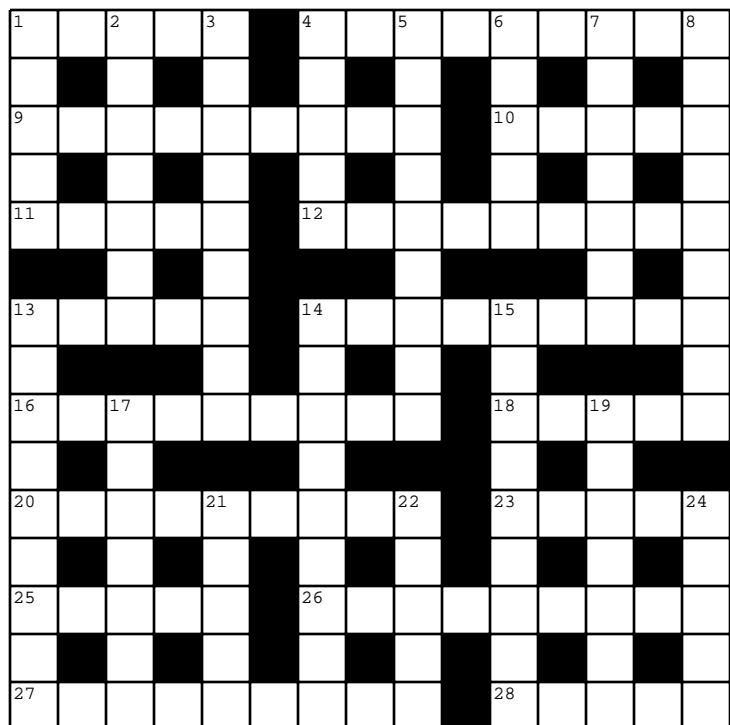
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| 1. EXAMS      | 1. EMBER      |
| 4. INSTITUTE  | 2. APOLOGY    |
| 9. BOOKSHELF  | 3. SUSPEND    |
| 10. SQUAD     | 4. IDENTICAL  |
| 11. RHONE     | 5. SAFER      |
| 12. TARANTULA | 6. INSANER    |
| 13. TOYED     | 7. UNUSUAL    |
| 14. CIGARILLO | 8. ENDEAVOUR  |
| 16. ESMERALDA | 13. THEODORIC |
| 19. LEPER     | 15. GUARANTEE |
| 21. DOCUDRAMA | 17. MACEDON   |
| 23. COMIC     | 18. RODRIGO   |
| 25. RADII     | 19. LOCKOUT   |
| 26. OUTLOOKED | 20. PUMPKIN   |
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| 28. TUNES     | 24. CODES     |



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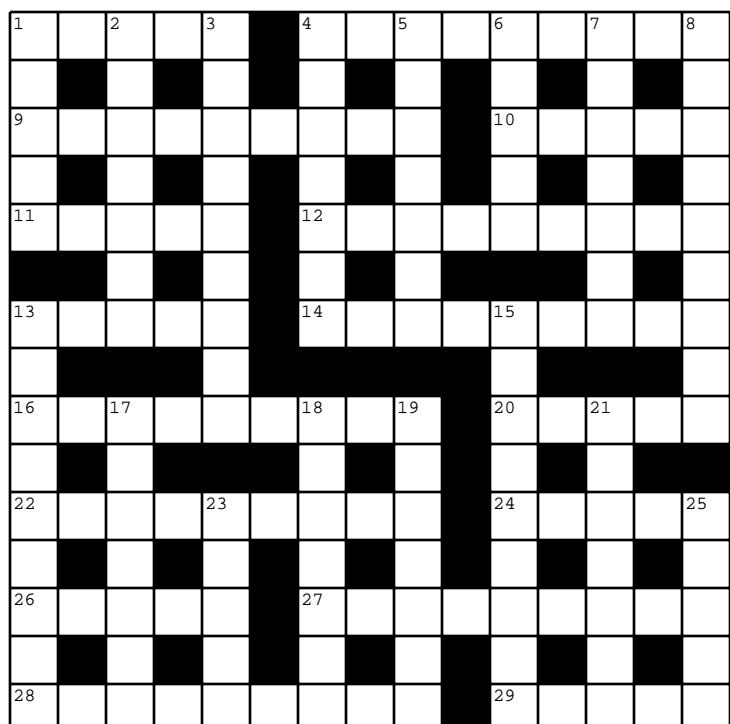
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| 4. HONEYCOMB  | 2. HOOKIER    |
| 9. BOOMERANG  | 3. CLEVEREST  |
| 10. CASIO     | 4. HEARD      |
| 11. DRIVE     | 5. NEGLIGEES  |
| 12. DRIFTWOOD | 6. YACHT      |
| 13. EERIE     | 7. ONSHORE    |
| 14. TWENTIETH | 8. BLOODSHOT  |
| 16. THROTTLES | 13. ESTABLISH |
| 18. ASCOT     | 14. TALKATIVE |
| 20. BACKSTAGE | 15. TRANSPORT |
| 23. SITES     | 17. RECLAIM   |
| 25. INANE     | 19. CATALPA   |
| 26. IMBROGLIO | 21. SHEDS     |
| 27. HOMESTEAD | 22. EBBED     |
| 28. TRACK     | 24. SHOCK     |



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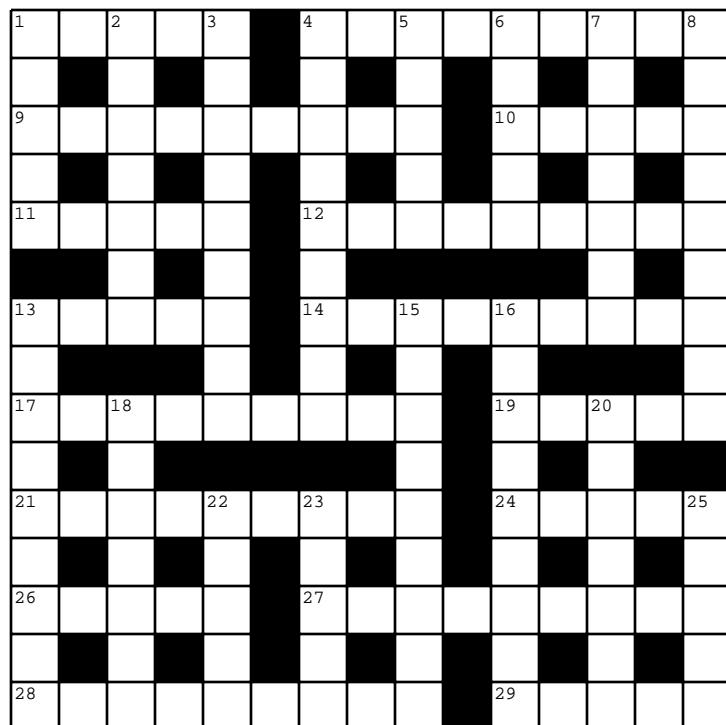
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| 4. CORROSIVE  | 2. BLUFFED    |
| 9. HAUSDORFF  | 3. REDIRECTS  |
| 10. BESET     | 4. CHRONIC    |
| 11. REFER     | 5. REFUGEE    |
| 12. NIGHTCLUB | 6. ORBIT      |
| 13. MEDIC     | 7. INSULIN    |
| 14. CRESCENDI | 8. ESTABLISH  |
| 16. CANISTERS | 13. MACINTOSH |
| 20. PATCH     | 15. CAPABLEST |
| 22. NUMBSKULL | 17. NUMBEST   |
| 24. BOMBS     | 18. EMULATE   |
| 26. OPERA     | 19. SALAAMS   |
| 27. AMATERASU | 21. TIMPANI   |
| 28. HOTELIERS | 23. SHALL     |
| 29. THIEF     | 25. STUFF     |



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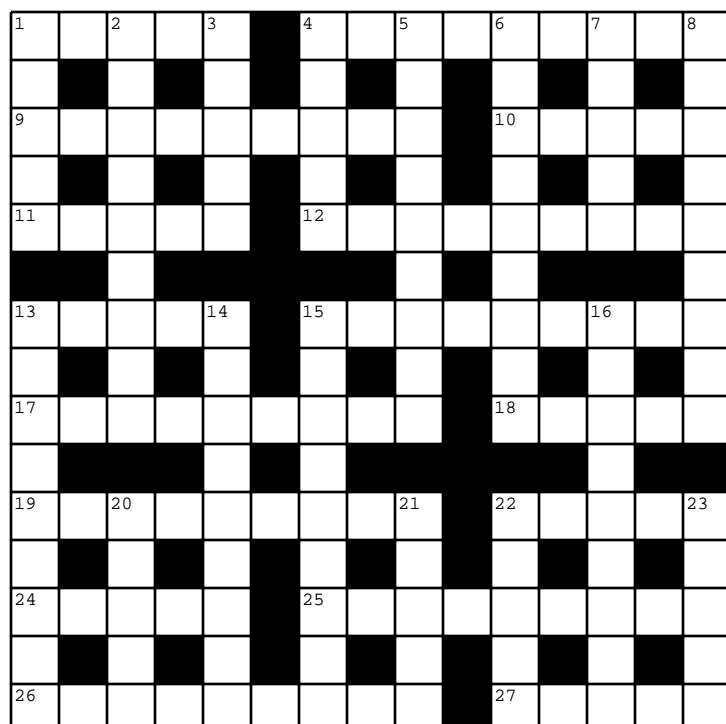
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| 1. FRESH      | 1. FAGOT      |
| 4. INTERVENE  | 2. EVENEST    |
| 9. GREENSPAN  | 3. HONEYCOMB  |
| 10. DIRAC     | 4. IMPROMPTU  |
| 11. TEENY     | 5. TENON      |
| 12. OWNERSHIP | 6. RADAR      |
| 13. DITTO     | 7. EARSHOT    |
| 14. PLUMMETED | 8. ESCAPADES  |
| 17. SAGEBRUSH | 13. DYSPEPSIA |
| 19. COSTS     | 15. UNHELPFUL |
| 21. EMOTIONAL | 16. MICROFILM |
| 24. ONION     | 18. GROWNUP   |
| 26. SINAI     | 20. SMIDGEN   |
| 27. INFRINGED | 22. IBIZA     |
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| 29. MINDS     | 25. NODES     |



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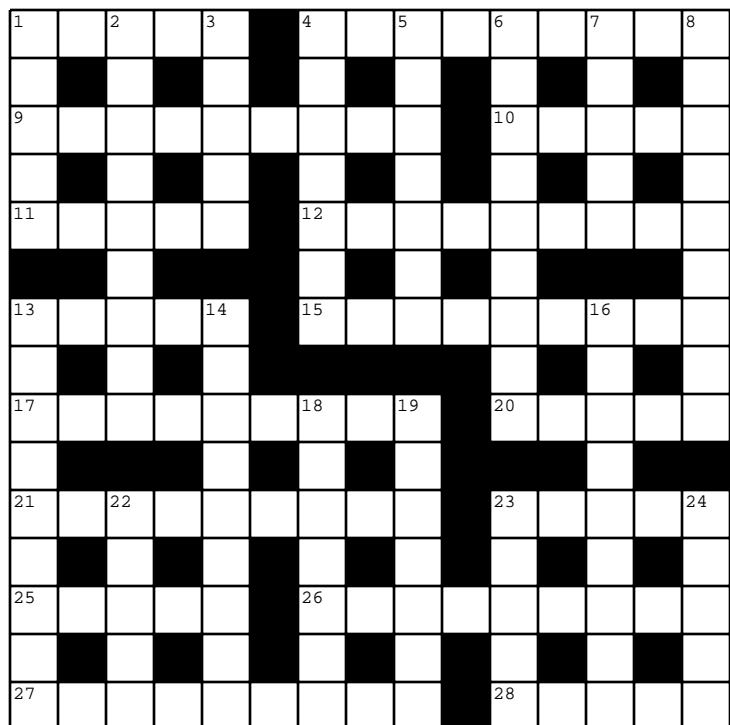
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| 4. ABUNDANCE  | 2. CONSORTIA  |
| 9. RANSACKED  | 3. SLASH      |
| 10. SIGNS     | 4. ANKLE      |
| 11. EPOCH     | 5. UNDERLIES  |
| 12. EARNESTLY | 6. DISPENSER  |
| 13. VOTER     | 7. NIGHT      |
| 15. MAINSTAYS | 8. ESSAYISTS  |
| 17. GOALPOSTS | 13. VAGABONDS |
| 18. ROADS     | 14. REPLENISH |
| 19. BARBECUED | 15. MISGUIDES |
| 22. VIEWS     | 16. AMATERASU |
| 24. NIMBI     | 20. ROMAN     |
| 25. DIAGONALS | 21. DIALS     |
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| 27. ABUSE     | 23. SUSIE     |



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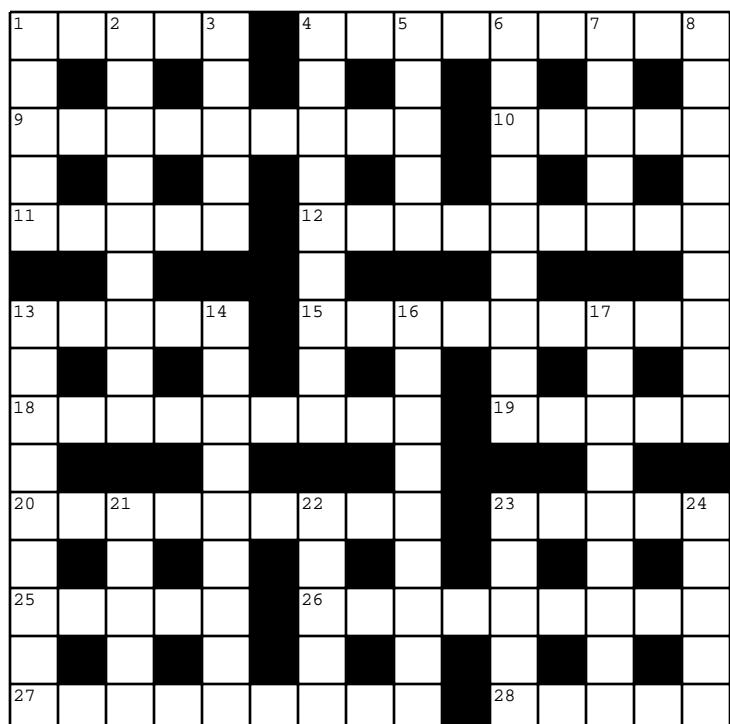
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| 4. CHAITANYA  | 2. FINGERTIP  |
| 9. CONSULTED  | 3. SQUAD      |
| 10. CLUNG     | 4. CATFISH    |
| 11. SPEED     | 5. ABDUCTS    |
| 12. INCLOSURE | 6. TECTONICS  |
| 13. SETUP     | 7. NAURU      |
| 15. HOSPITALS | 8. AGGRESSOR  |
| 17. PEPPERONI | 13. SUPERIORS |
| 20. SAFER     | 14. PREDICTOR |
| 21. RECEIPTED | 16. AFFRONTED |
| 23. SHORT     | 18. OPTIONS   |
| 25. OUGHT     | 19. INDUCES   |
| 26. ORCHESTRA | 22. CIGAR     |
| 27. SURPRISES | 23. SHEEP     |
| 28. PEDAL     | 24. TRAIL     |



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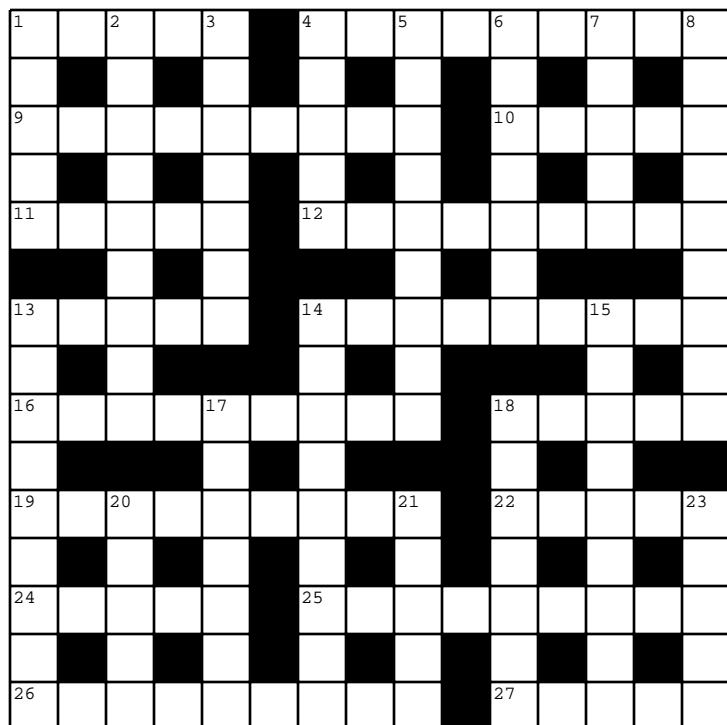
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| 4. RICOCHETS  | 2. AGGRESSOR  |
| 9. DIGNITIES  | 3. SHIED      |
| 10. NIGER     | 4. RHINOCERI  |
| 11. YIELD     | 5. COSTS      |
| 12. OBSCENEST | 6. CONVERTER  |
| 13. KASAI     | 7. EAGLE      |
| 15. EIGHTIETH | 8. SCRATCHED  |
| 18. CHRISTIAN | 13. KICKBACKS |
| 19. RACED     | 14. INSERTION |
| 20. BIOGRAPHY | 16. GUNNYSACK |
| 23. PLUMB     | 17. EXCLUSIVE |
| 25. CHILI     | 21. OLIVE     |
| 26. QUALIFIER | 22. PIQUE     |
| 27. STEINBECK | 23. PAINT     |
| 28. TEETH     | 24. BIRTH     |



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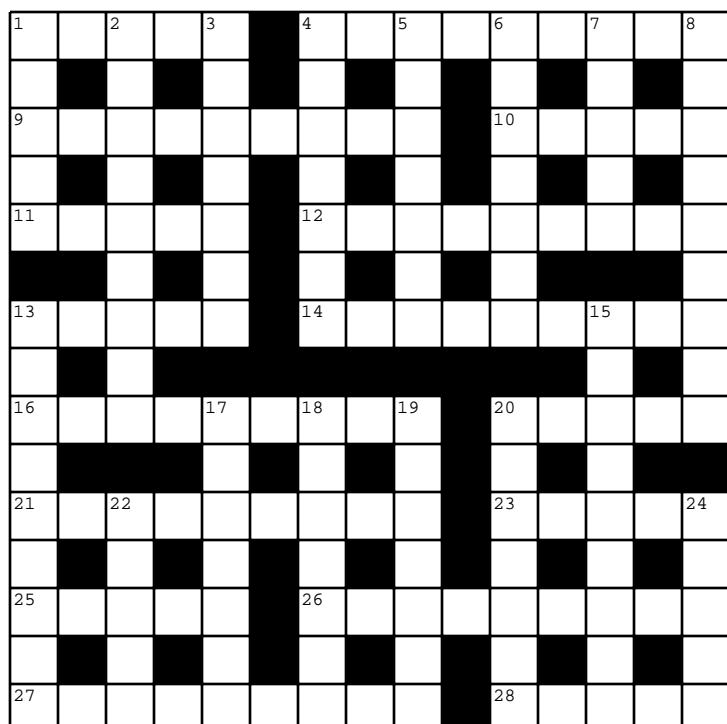
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| 1. DOCKS      | 1. DIDNT      |
| 4. CLIMACTIC  | 2. CASTRATES  |
| 9. DISBELIEF  | 3. SEETHES    |
| 10. TAMER     | 4. CLIPT      |
| 11. TORCH     | 5. INFRINGED  |
| 12. THIRSTIER | 6. ARTISTE    |
| 13. HATES     | 7. TEMPI      |
| 14. REGRETTED | 8. CARTRIDGE  |
| 16. POSSESSED | 13. HYPERBOLA |
| 18. DROVE     | 14. RESOURCED |
| 19. RUNAROUND | 15. TROUSSEAU |
| 22. NASAL     | 17. ETRURIA   |
| 24. OWNER     | 18. DYNAMIC   |
| 25. CLAMMIES  | 20. NANAK     |
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| 27. CRUSH     | 23. LATCH     |



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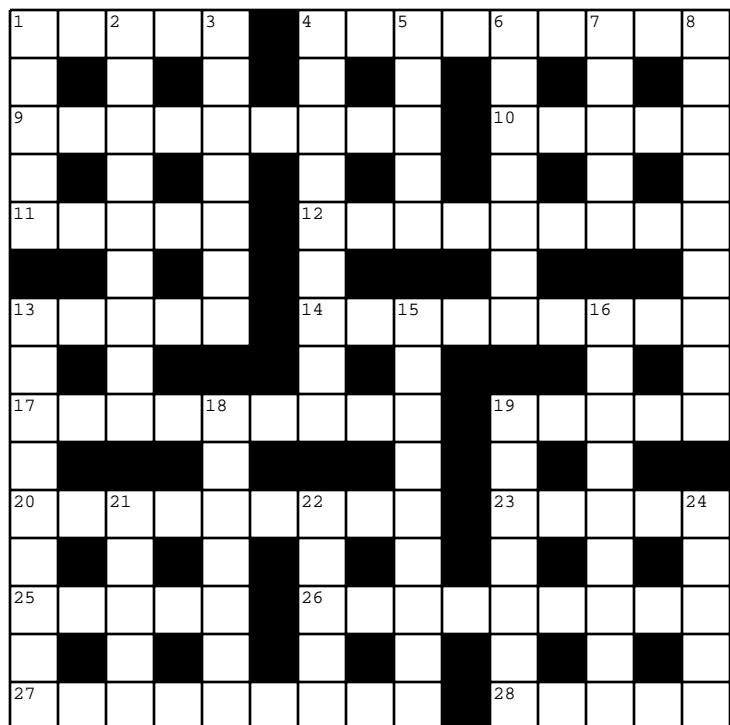
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| 9. MULTIPLEX  | 3. BRIEFLY    |
| 10. TULIP     | 4. COLONEL    |
| 11. STAFF     | 5. HEXAGON    |
| 12. NEGOTIATE | 6. ROTATES    |
| 13. DEITY     | 7. NELDA      |
| 14. LONESOMES | 8. EXPRESSED  |
| 16. ALGEBRAIC | 13. DIALECTIC |
| 20. VALID     | 15. MILLENNIA |
| 21. EUCALYPTI | 17. BELUSHI   |
| 23. REEDS     | 18. ASPHALT   |
| 25. TRAPS     | 19. CRIPPLE   |
| 26. APPLIANCE | 20. VARYING   |
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| 28. GRAVE     | 24. SCENE     |



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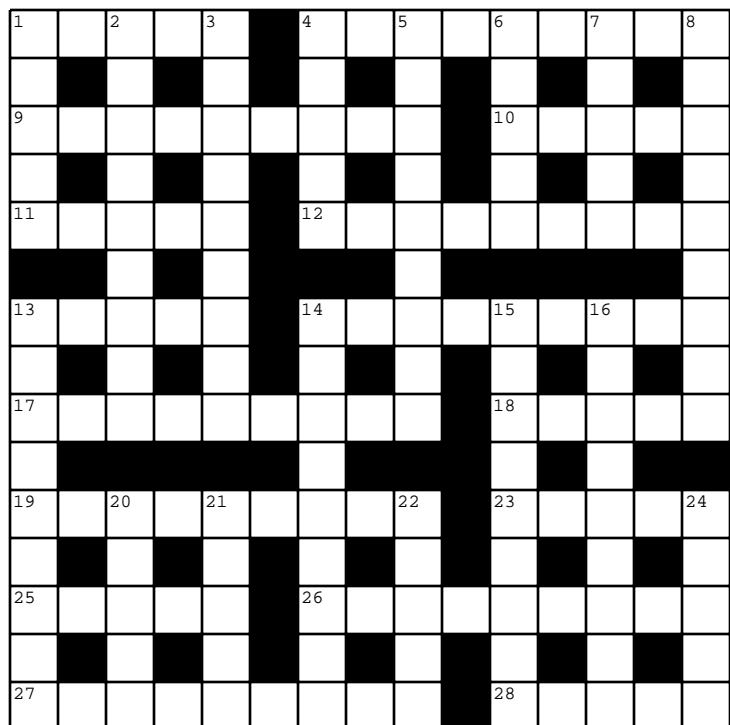
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| 4. GAMECOCKS  | 2. COSTLIES   |
| 9. YESTERDAY  | 3. TRENDED    |
| 10. UNION     | 4. GODFATHER  |
| 11. SOLID     | 5. MAYBE      |
| 12. AVERSIONS | 6. COUNSEL    |
| 13. BREED     | 7. CHINO      |
| 14. HIGHLIGHT | 8. SINUSITIS  |
| 17. CATAMARAN | 13. BACTERIUM |
| 19. UNITS     | 15. GENERATES |
| 20. ENGLISHER | 16. GLISSANDO |
| 23. EASED     | 18. MOISTER   |
| 25. IDIOT     | 19. URETHRA   |
| 26. KITCHENED | 21. GUILT     |
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| 28. ALONE     | 24. DODGE     |



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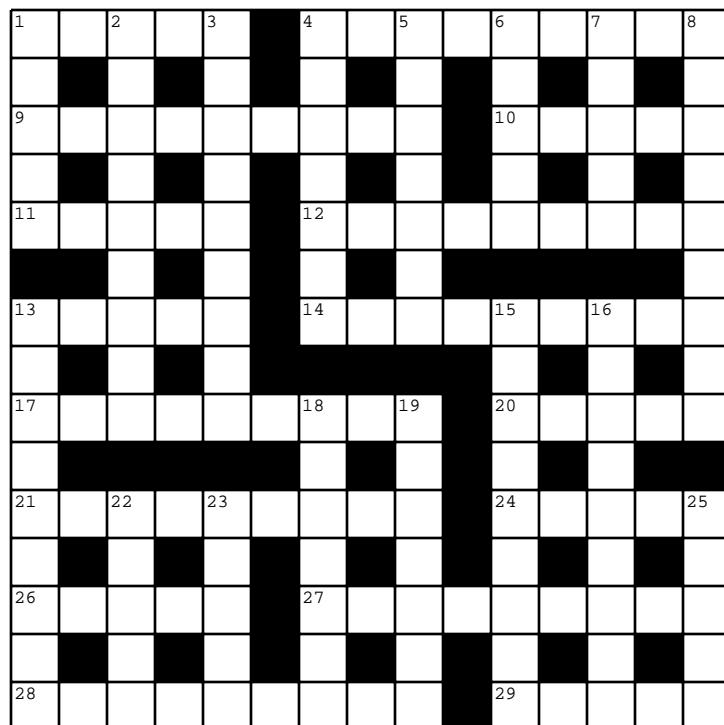
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| 1. BISON      | 1. BASRA      |
| 4. GUERRILLA  | 2. SCIENTIST  |
| 9. SKINNIEST  | 3. NONEXEMPT  |
| 10. CRAMP     | 4. GREEN      |
| 11. ANNEX     | 5. ESTIMATES  |
| 12. NUMERATOR | 6. RACER      |
| 13. IDIOM     | 7. LEAST      |
| 14. WITHDRAWN | 8. ASPIRANTS  |
| 17. ATTITUDES | 13. INAUGURAL |
| 18. TAPES     | 14. WEDNESDAY |
| 19. GUARNIERI | 15. DETERGENT |
| 23. READY     | 16. APPRAISAL |
| 25. ROOST     | 20. ALOOF     |
| 26. DYSPEPSIA | 21. NOTES     |
| 27. LIFESTYLE | 22. ISSUE     |
| 28. TALKS     | 24. YEARS     |



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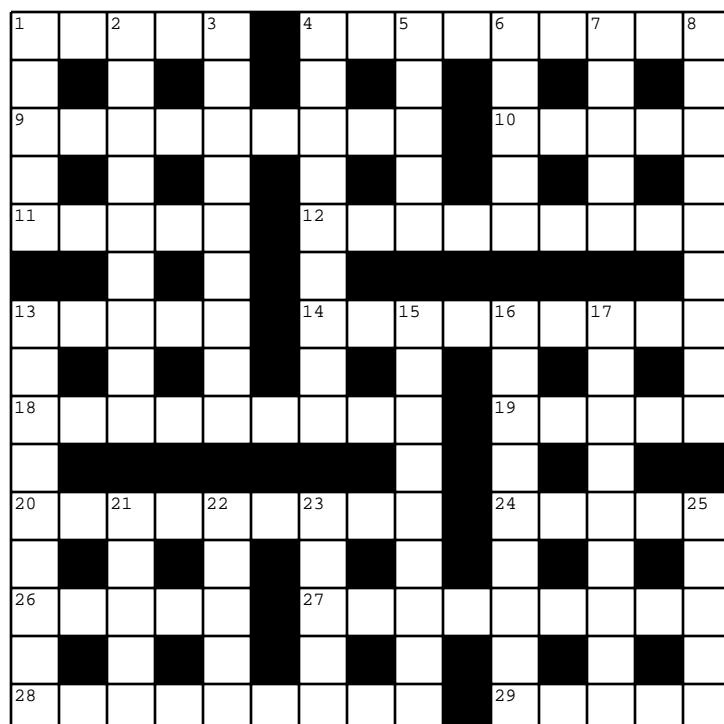
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| 1. ALARM      | 1. ACCHED     |
| 4. FANTASTIC  | 2. AIRFIELDS  |
| 9. HOROSCOPE  | 3. MISTYPING  |
| 10. ARRON     | 4. FLOSSED    |
| 11. DAIRY     | 5. NEEDING    |
| 12. SPINDLIER | 6. AWARD      |
| 13. KELLI     | 7. TORSI      |
| 14. DOGHOUSES | 8. CONTRASTS  |
| 17. DESIGNATE | 13. KIDNAPPED |
| 20. EXAMS     | 15. OVERSLEEP |
| 21. AUDITORIA | 16. SPAGHETTI |
| 24. SAHIB     | 18. ACRIDER   |
| 26. PRIME     | 19. ELAPSED   |
| 27. DISSENTER | 22. DRIES     |
| 28. DESPAIRED | 23. THETA     |
| 29. PRIOR     | 25. BARER     |



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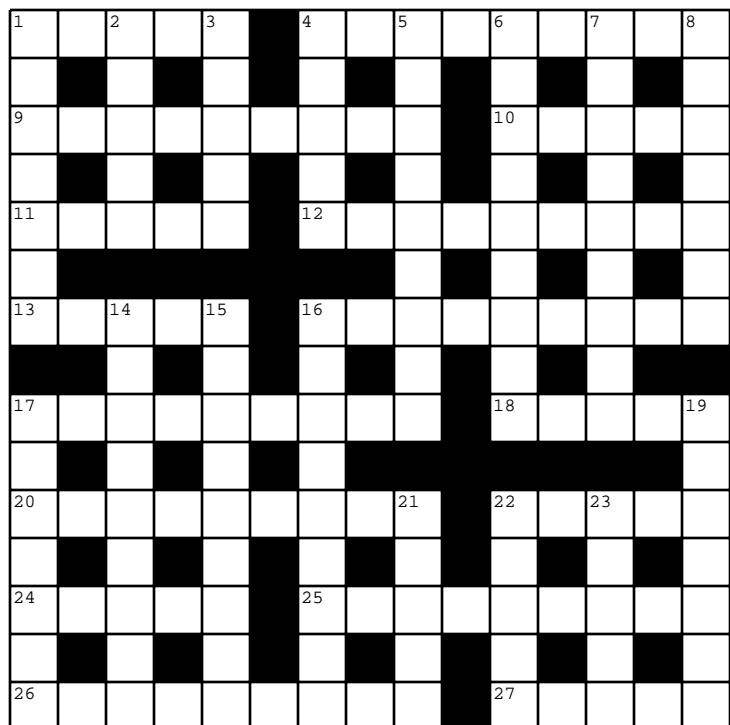
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| 4. BYSTANDER  | 2. AMATERASU  |
| 9. HEARTBEAT  | 3. OUTGROWTH  |
| 10. SHOWN     | 4. BEELZEBUB  |
| 11. CHEER     | 5. SETUP      |
| 12. ZIPPERING | 6. AISLE      |
| 13. MIAOW     | 7. DHOTI      |
| 14. BOOKENDED | 8. RENEGADES  |
| 18. LAUGHABLE | 13. MILLIONTH |
| 19. CASTS     | 15. OVERWHELM |
| 20. INTERVIEW | 16. ENCHILADA |
| 24. INPUT     | 17. DISAPPEAR |
| 26. NAKED     | 21. TAKES     |
| 27. CAESAREAN | 22. RADIO     |
| 28. HISTOGRAM | 23. INCUR     |
| 29. AORTA     | 25. TANYA     |



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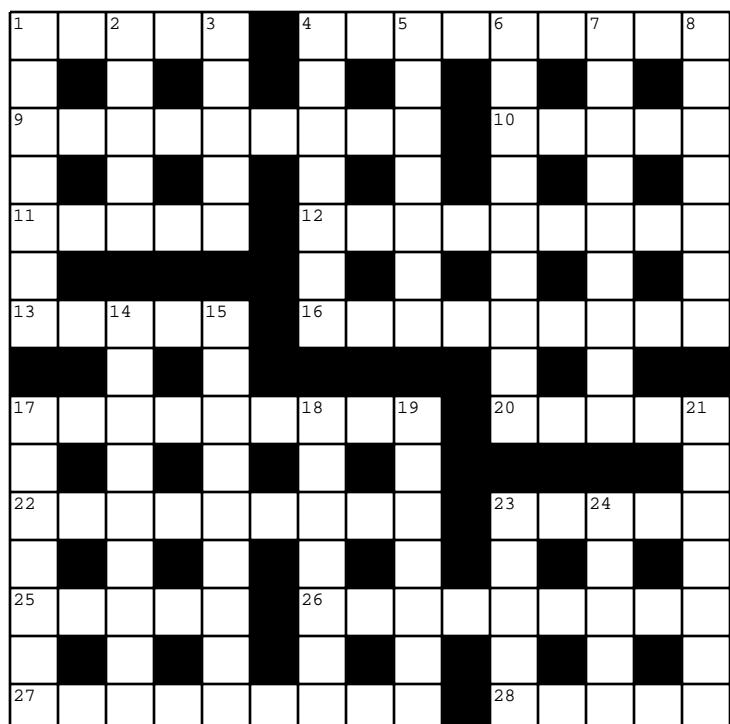
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| 4. RUTABAGAS  | 2. KUDZU      |
| 9. HYDRAULIC  | 3. EMAIL      |
| 10. TONIC     | 4. RELIC      |
| 11. EQUAL     | 5. TECHNICAL  |
| 12. CONCEALED | 6. BUTTERNUT  |
| 13. ERASE     | 7. GENTLEMEN  |
| 16. NICKNAMES | 8. SECEDES    |
| 17. PARALEGAL | 14. AEROPLANE |
| 18. TUNED     | 15. ENLISTING |
| 20. OPPOSITES | 16. NEGATIONS |
| 22. NEGEV     | 17. PEONAGE   |
| 24. ABACI     | 19. DEVISES   |
| 25. ODOMETERS | 21. STOOD     |
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| 27. SISES     | 23. GUESS     |



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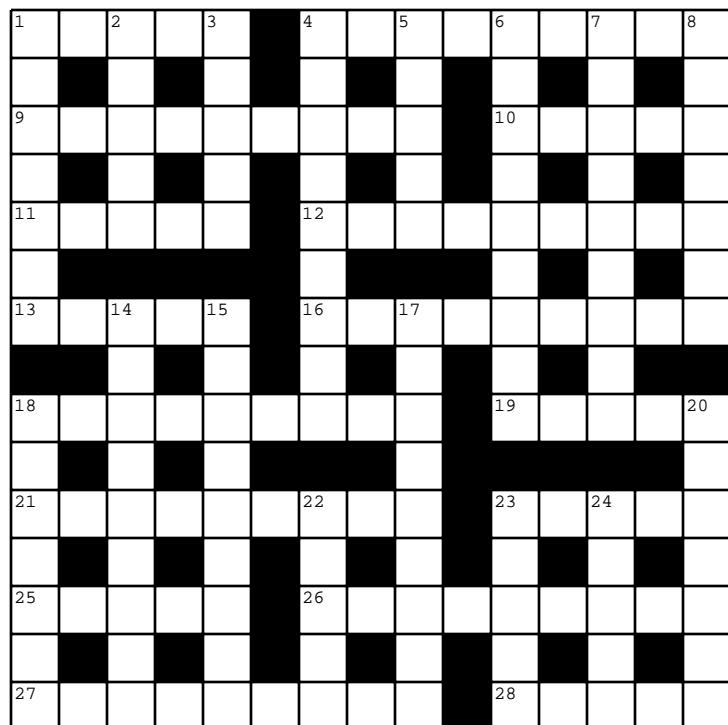
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| 4. INSCRIBED  | 2. AFTER      |
| 9. CATECHISM  | 3. TACES      |
| 10. AGREE     | 4. IDIOTIC    |
| 11. DARNS     | 5. SAMURAI    |
| 12. TERMINALS | 6. REALIZING  |
| 13. DUMPS     | 7. BARRACUDA  |
| 16. CRITIQUED | 8. DRESSED    |
| 17. TENANCIES | 14. MANNERISM |
| 20. GLASS     | 15. SANITARIA |
| 22. OVERTHREW | 17. TROUPES   |
| 23. MECCA     | 18. ISRAELI   |
| 25. PRIOR     | 19. SAWYERS   |
| 26. ELECTIVES | 21. SPARSER   |
| 27. SUMMARIES | 23. METRE     |
| 28. ERROR     | 24. COVER     |



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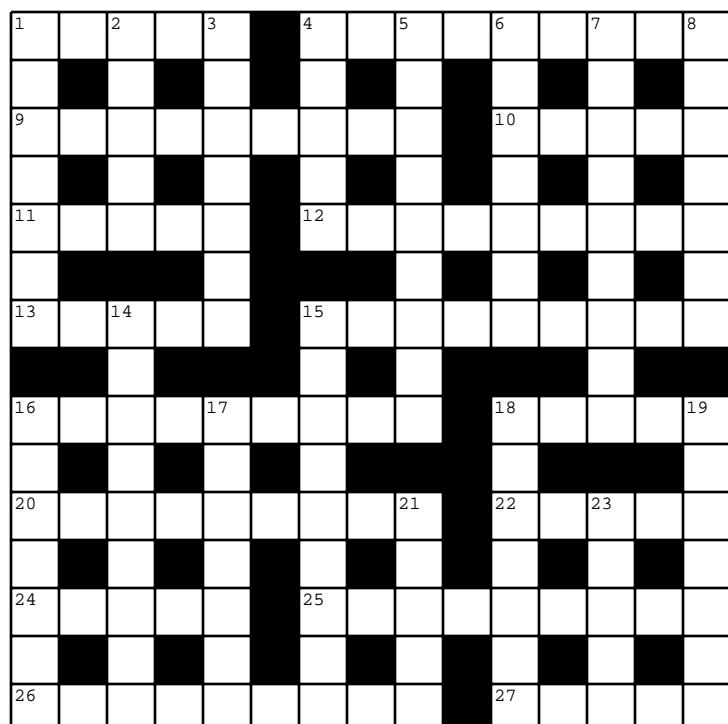
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| 4. TRANSACTS  | 2. UTERI      |
| 9. PHENOMENA  | 3. SHOTS      |
| 10. RAMBO     | 4. TWENTIETH  |
| 11. EXITS     | 5. AGAIN      |
| 12. TENACIOUS | 6. STRUCTURE  |
| 13. EMBER     | 7. COMFORTER  |
| 16. ENCOUNTER | 8. SPONSOR    |
| 18. CHANGCHUN | 14. BOARDROOM |
| 19. EARTH     | 15. REGULATOR |
| 21. MIDDLEMEN | 17. CANONICAL |
| 23. FACET     | 18. CAMERON   |
| 25. ROOST     | 20. HATCHET   |
| 26. MACINTOSH | 22. MIMIC     |
| 27. NUMERICAL | 23. FINED     |
| 28. DRIFT     | 24. CROCI     |



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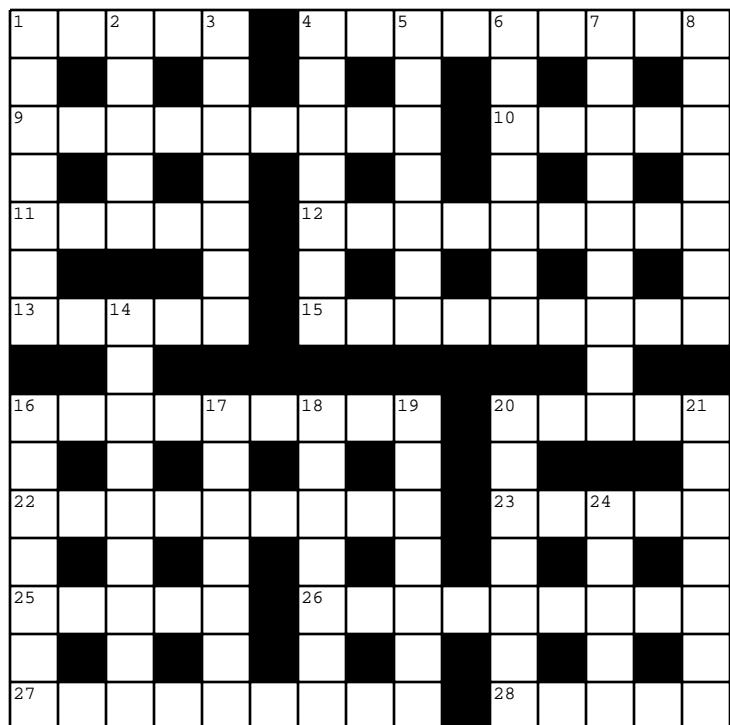
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| 4. SCRUBBIER  | 2. NORMA      |
| 9. CERTIFIED  | 3. BRICKED    |
| 10. DUCKS     | 4. STILL      |
| 11. THANK     | 5. REDUNDANT  |
| 12. LANGUAGES | 6. BEDBUGS    |
| 13. CAKED     | 7. INCOGNITO  |
| 15. TRANSMITS | 8. RESISTS    |
| 16. PHYSICIST | 14. KEYNOTING |
| 18. DROOP     | 15. TAILLIGHT |
| 20. APOSTOLIC | 16. PLATOON   |
| 22. PADRE     | 17. INTENSE   |
| 24. ONION     | 18. DEPOSIT   |
| 25. GLISSANDI | 19. PREVIEW   |
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| 27. THREW     | 23. DINER     |



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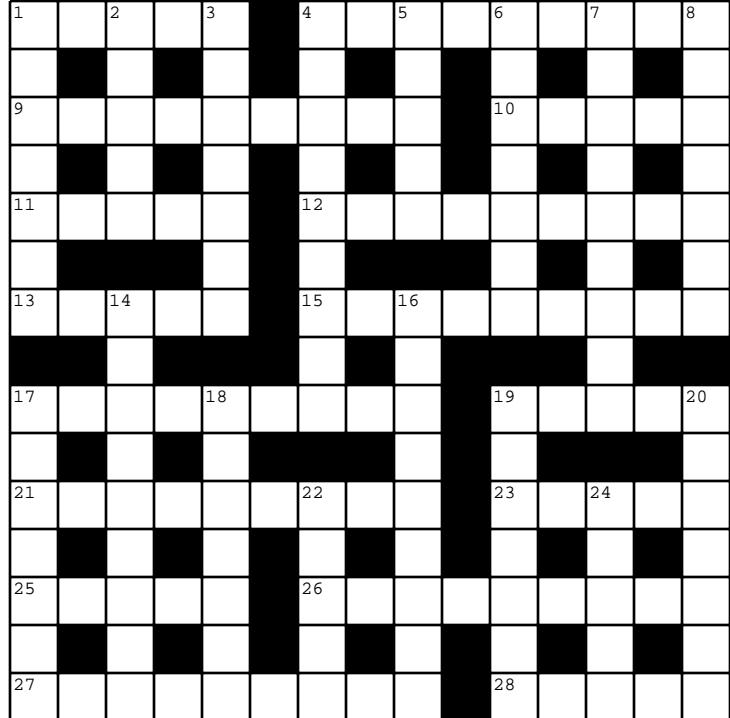
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| 4. KIBBUTZIM  | 2. BEBOP      |
| 9. BUBBLIEST  | 3. AALIYAH    |
| 10. APPAL     | 4. KNEECAP    |
| 11. IMPLY     | 5. BATTERY    |
| 12. CAESAREAN | 6. UCAYALI    |
| 13. FLASH     | 7. ZIPPERING  |
| 15. PHYSICIAN | 8. MELANIN    |
| 16. POTPOURRI | 14. ATTESTING |
| 20. PAGER     | 16. PURSUED   |
| 22. RESOURCED | 17. OPULENT   |
| 23. RESTS     | 18. RECKONS   |
| 25. UNITE     | 19. INDUCED   |
| 26. ORCHESTRA | 20. PARVENU   |
| 27. DIGITISED | 21. RESTART   |
| 28. UPSET     | 24. SITES     |



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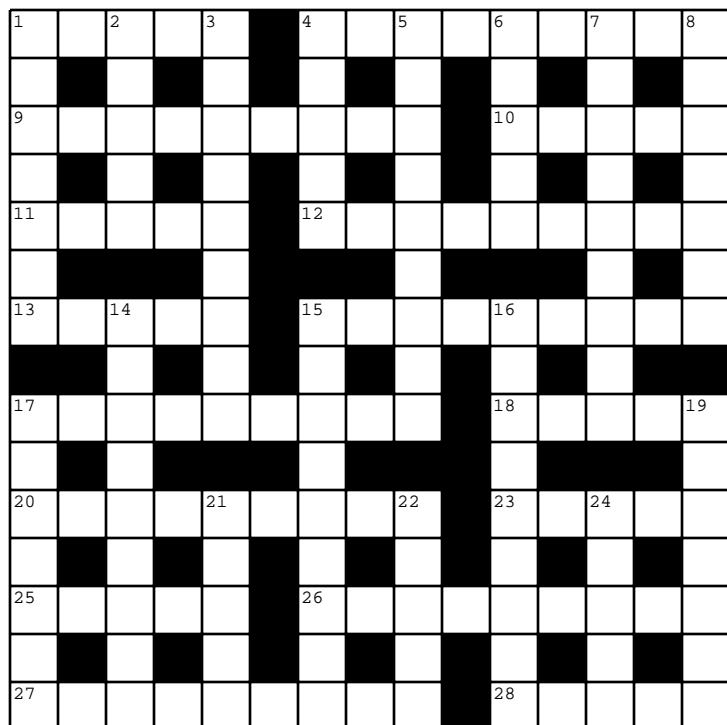
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| 4. ADAPTABLE  | 2. CLANG      |
| 9. SPAGHETTI  | 3. ACHIEVE    |
| 10. CACAO     | 4. AFTERNOON  |
| 11. ANGLE     | 5. ALIBI      |
| 12. RHINOCERI | 6. TYCOONS    |
| 13. DRIVE     | 7. BACTERIUM  |
| 15. OBSESSION | 8. EMOTION    |
| 17. PSEUDONYM | 14. INEBRIATE |
| 19. AIMED     | 16. SEMIFINAL |
| 21. FIREPROOF | 17. PUFFINS   |
| 23. CITES     | 18. DEPOSIT   |
| 25. IMAMS     | 19. ARCHEST   |
| 26. MENDELEEV | 20. DISAVOW   |
| 27. SKEPTICAL | 22. OLMEC     |
| 28. THROW     | 24. THEIR     |



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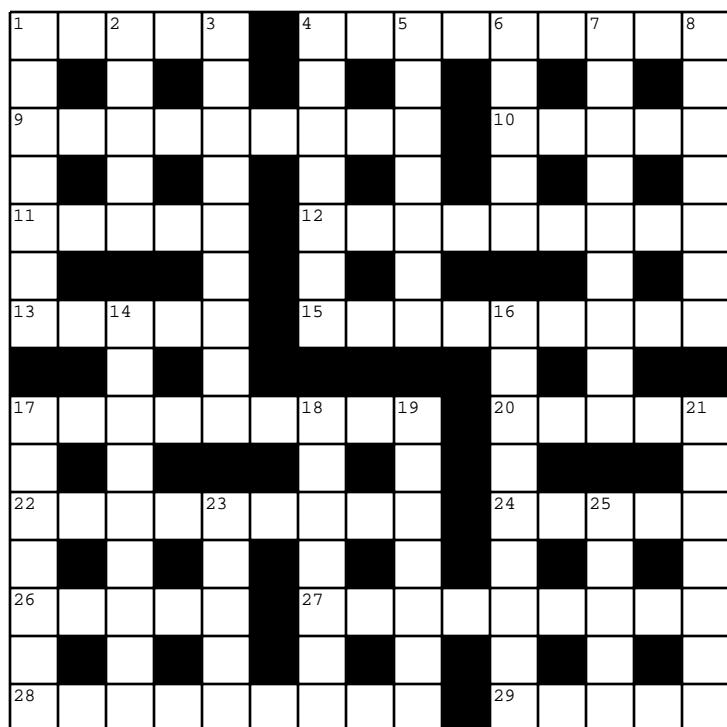
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| 4. ERGONOMIC  | 2. ARNEB      |
| 9. GONORRHEA  | 3. AGREEMENT  |
| 10. MARCO     | 4. ETHIC      |
| 11. NOBLE     | 5. GRAVEYARD  |
| 12. CHERISHES | 6. NIMBI      |
| 13. BATHE     | 7. MARSHALED  |
| 15. FEARFULLY | 8. CHOOSEY    |
| 17. BOLSTERED | 14. TELEPHOTO |
| 18. RADIO     | 15. FURNISHED |
| 20. TYPIFYING | 16. FIREPROOF |
| 23. PROOF     | 17. BATHTUB   |
| 25. THOSE     | 19. OFFENDS   |
| 26. HALLOWEEN | 21. FREAK     |
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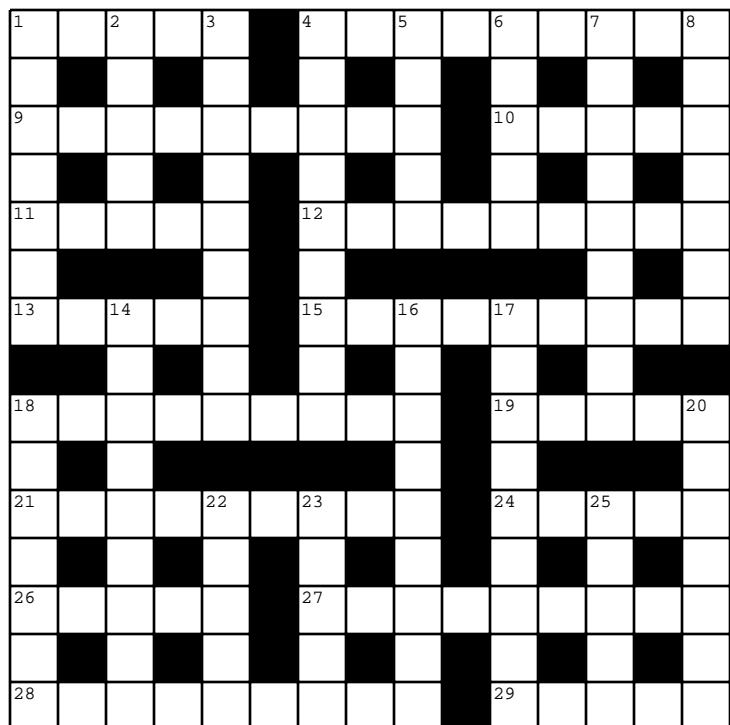
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| 9. GENITALIA  | 3. OUTNUMBER  |
| 10. VEILS     | 4. MALLARD    |
| 11. KUDZU     | 5. GRAPHIC    |
| 12. ADHERENCE | 6. COVER      |
| 13. NABOB     | 7. ALIENATES  |
| 15. DECIMATED | 8. SUSPEND    |
| 17. MAHARISHI | 14. BEHAVIOUR |
| 20. LISTS     | 16. MELODRAMA |
| 22. CIVILISED | 17. MACRONS   |
| 24. DISCO     | 18. SESAMES   |
| 26. OBOES     | 19. INDUCED   |
| 27. MECHANISM | 21. SHOWMAN   |
| 28. SURPRISED | 23. LASER     |
| 29. APRON     | 25. SKIER     |



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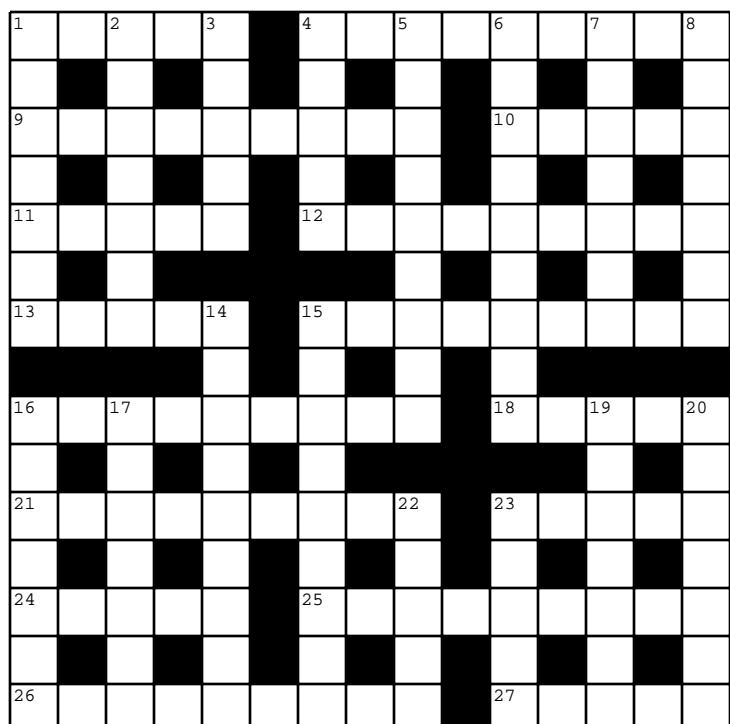
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| 4. CATNAPPED  | 2. BRAIN      |
| 9. AGAMEMNON  | 3. CRESCENDI  |
| 10. SUPER     | 4. CONTRACTS  |
| 11. CYNIC     | 5. TONIC      |
| 12. RECONVENE | 6. ARSON      |
| 13. SWORN     | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 15. CUTTHROAT | 8. DARKEST    |
| 18. DISMISSAL | 14. OBSCURING |
| 19. NOISE     | 16. TOLERANCE |
| 21. ADULTERER | 17. HONEYCOMB |
| 24. YEARS     | 18. DRASTIC   |
| 26. THING     | 20. ENSURED   |
| 27. BANDOLEER | 22. TIGER     |
| 28. CIGARETTE | 23. ROBOT     |
| 29. BEARD     | 25. AMEBA     |



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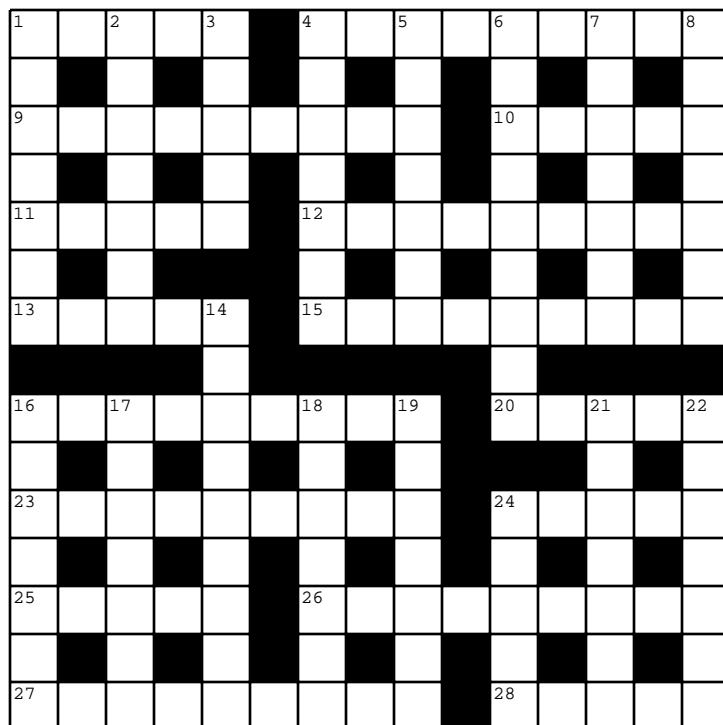
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| 9. REORDERED  | 3. LADES      |
| 10. NORMS     | 4. SHRUB      |
| 11. LEANS     | 5. MODIFYING  |
| 12. BEFITTING | 6. LENGTHIER  |
| 13. CREEP     | 7. TERMINI    |
| 15. ABILITIES | 8. DESIGNS    |
| 16. CARPETBAG | 14. PRECISELY |
| 18. REALM     | 15. AMBIGUOUS |
| 21. AMUSINGLY | 16. COASTAL   |
| 23. SLANG     | 17. RHUBARB   |
| 24. TRACE     | 19. AWAITED   |
| 25. ORANGUTAN | 20. MAGENTA   |
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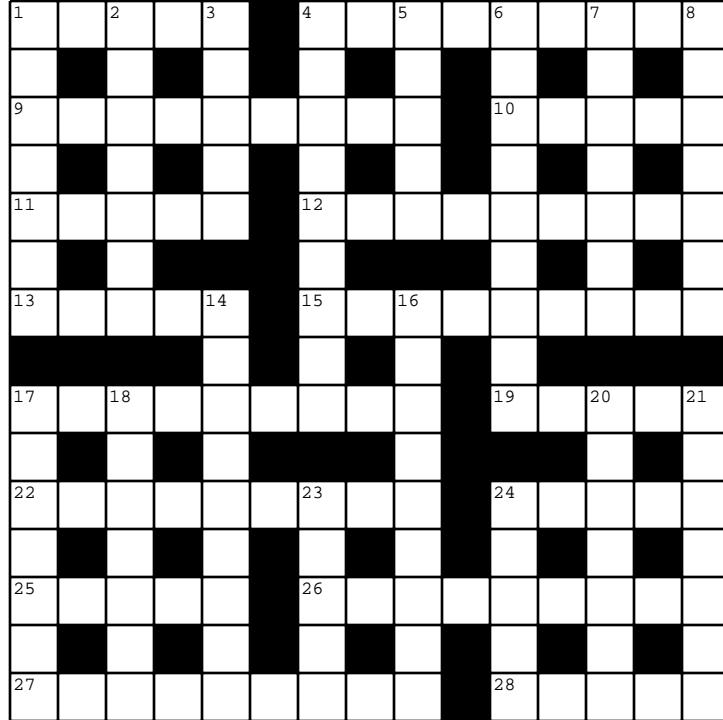
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| 4. ARTIFACTS  | 2. KETCHUP    |
| 9. INTERESTS  | 3. SCRUB      |
| 10. NIGHT     | 4. ASSURED    |
| 11. REHAB     | 5. TASTING    |
| 12. REITERATE | 6. FINGERTIP  |
| 13. PUPIL     | 7. COGNACS    |
| 15. DIGITISES | 8. SETTERS    |
| 16. WINEGLASS | 14. LOGICALLY |
| 20. PIANO     | 16. WHISTLE   |
| 23. INNOCENCE | 17. NONSTOP   |
| 24. SPOIL     | 18. ANNETTE   |
| 25. TOTAL     | 19. SPECTRA   |
| 26. TATTOOING | 21. ABODING   |
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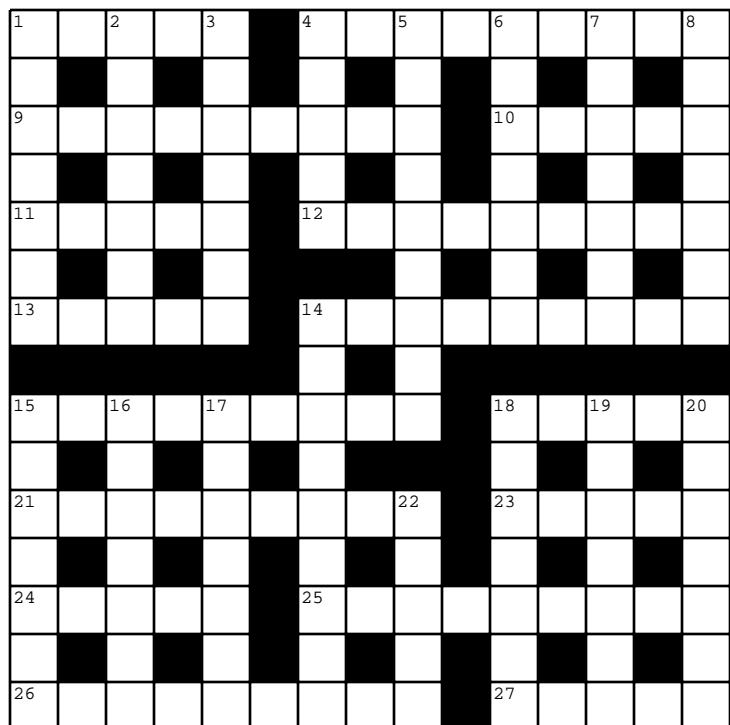
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| 9. PIGGYBACK  | 3. WRYLY      |
| 10. EPCOT     | 4. CLASSICAL  |
| 11. RUNNY     | 5. MAKES      |
| 12. SUSPECTED | 6. UNEVENEST  |
| 13. SHARP     | 7. INCITED    |
| 15. CONTENDER | 8. MATADOR    |
| 17. UNDERFLOW | 14. PARAGRAPH |
| 19. TUBES     | 16. NEWCOMERS |
| 22. INCOGNITO | 17. UNITING   |
| 24. INCUR     | 18. DECODER   |
| 25. INDIA     | 20. BECOMES   |
| 26. LIEBERMAN | 21. SERENER   |
| 27. GIRLHOODS | 23. IGLOO     |
| 28. LASER     | 24. IDEAL     |



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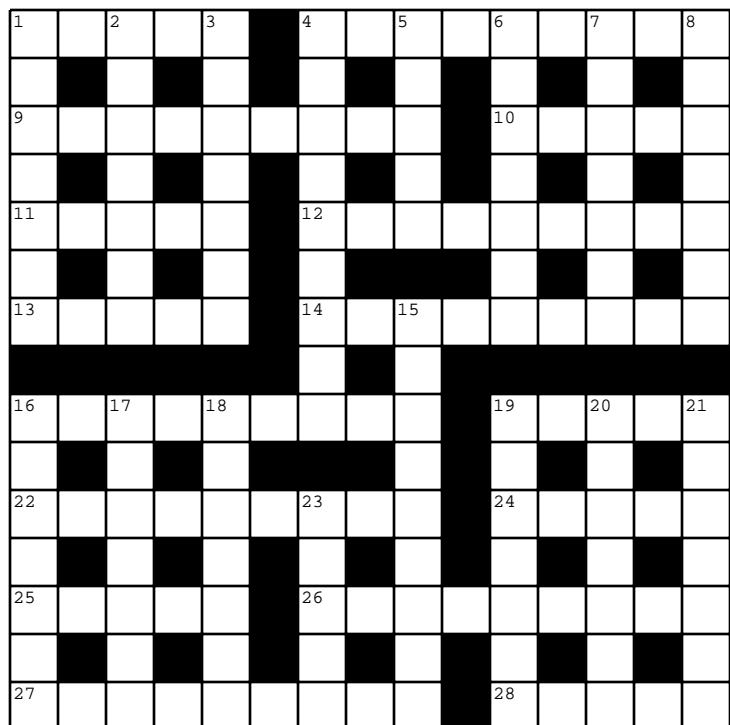
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| 4. ABDUCTING  | 2. FASHION    |
| 9. ASSORTING  | 3. SARDINE    |
| 10. LASSO     | 4. AGING      |
| 11. CHILI     | 5. DEGRADING  |
| 12. GRADUALLY | 6. COLOURS    |
| 13. SINCE     | 7. INSULIN    |
| 14. GLISSANDO | 8. GROMYKO    |
| 15. BOOMERANG | 14. GHASTLIER |
| 18. EMEND     | 15. BEAGLES   |
| 21. AFFLICTED | 16. OFFICER   |
| 23. ETHIC     | 17. EPITAPH   |
| 24. LUCIA     | 18. EMERGED   |
| 25. ILLEGIBLY | 19. EXHIBIT   |
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| 27. DATED     | 22. DELVE     |



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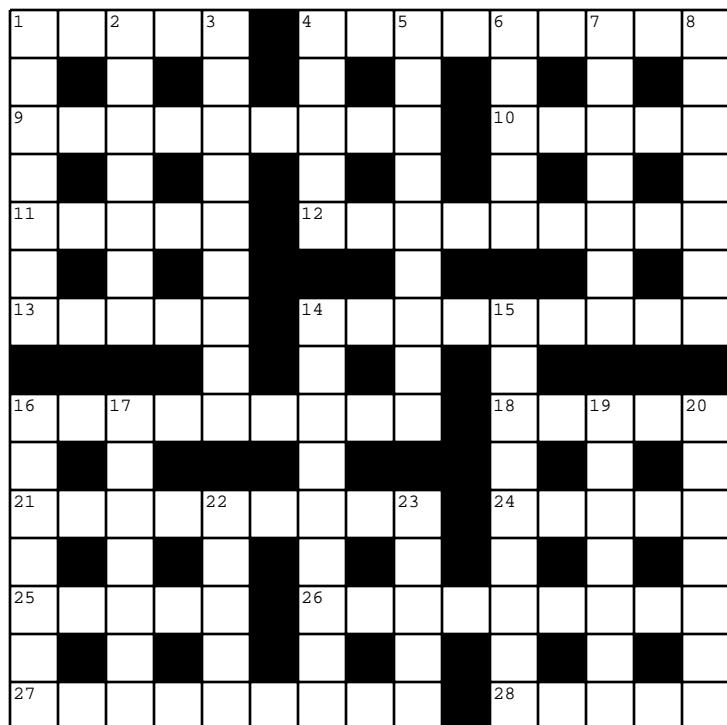
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| 4. COMPASSED  | 2. KETCHUP    |
| 9. MITIGATED  | 3. EAGERLY    |
| 10. ETHIC     | 4. CATALOGUE  |
| 11. OTHER     | 5. MEDIA      |
| 12. LIABILITY | 6. ATELIER    |
| 13. HAPPY     | 7. SCHWINN    |
| 14. GANGRENED | 8. DECAYED    |
| 16. MENDELEEV | 15. NAVIGATES |
| 19. OCCUR     | 16. MANURED   |
| 22. NOTIFYING | 17. NATIVES   |
| 24. THIEF     | 18. EFFORTS   |
| 25. RIVER     | 19. OPTIMAL   |
| 26. AUTOMATES | 20. CLIFTON   |
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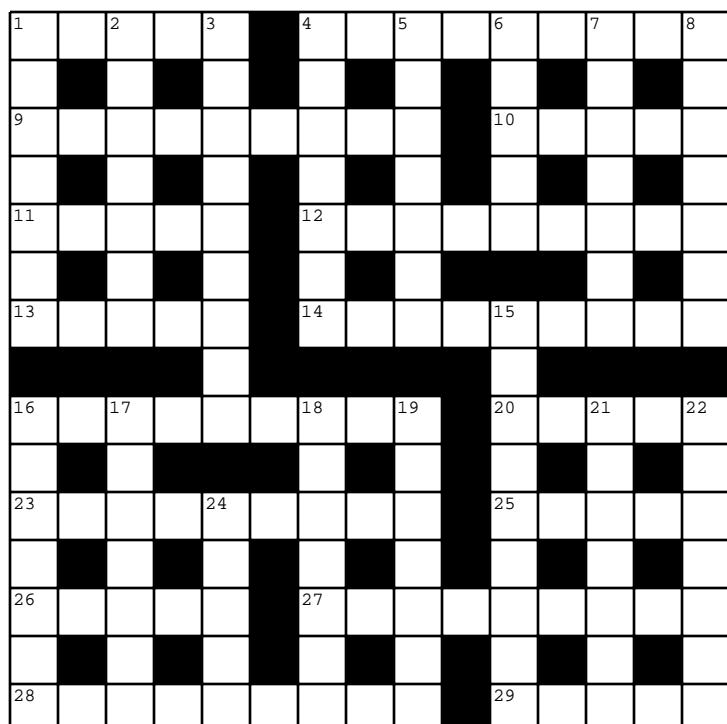
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| 1. AMPLY      | 1. AVENGED    |
| 4. TELESCOPE  | 2. PLATEAU    |
| 9. EVALUATES  | 3. YOUNGSTER  |
| 10. LOGIC     | 4. TUTOR      |
| 11. GREGG     | 5. LISTENERS  |
| 12. REENTRIES | 6. SPLIT      |
| 13. DOUBT     | 7. ONGOING    |
| 14. PREJUDGES | 8. EXCUSES    |
| 16. EXPORTERS | 14. PREVENTED |
| 18. DWARF     | 15. UNDERCUTS |
| 21. ABRUPTEST | 16. ELASTIC   |
| 24. RULER     | 17. PERTAIN   |
| 25. TRAMP     | 19. ALLYING   |
| 26. TORTURING | 20. FORAGES   |
| 27. CONCLUDES | 22. PUPIL     |
| 28. SAGAS     | 23. TURNS     |



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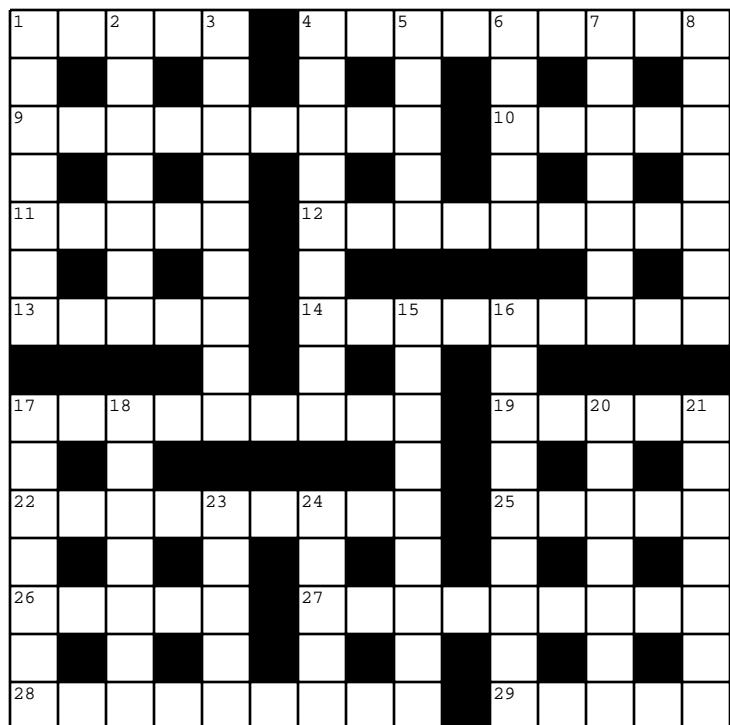
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| 9. RAINCOATS  | 3. DECADENCE  |
| 10. TIGER     | 4. ANASAZI    |
| 11. STOOD     | 5. INSTEAD    |
| 12. ANECDOTAL | 6. NOTED      |
| 13. WOMEN     | 7. BUGATTI    |
| 14. INDULGING | 8. EARPLUG    |
| 16. COALESCES | 15. LICORICES |
| 20. CELLI     | 16. CHAIRED   |
| 23. AMPERSAND | 17. ASPECTS   |
| 25. ROUTS     | 18. CRABBED   |
| 26. RACED     | 19. SADDEST   |
| 27. BLEACHING | 21. LAUDING   |
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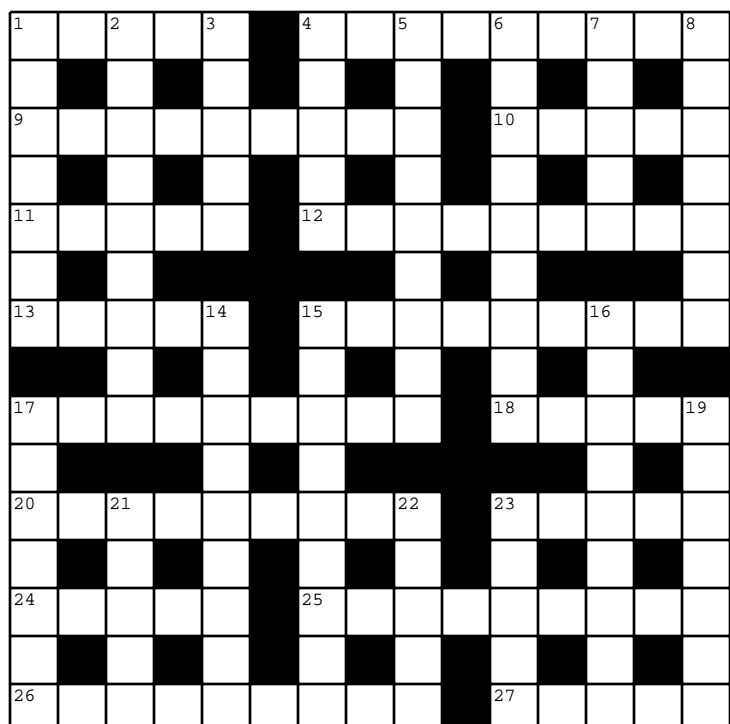
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| 4. ALLEGEDLY  | 2. JUJITSU    |
| 9. ADJUDGING  | 3. REDRESSED  |
| 10. NAIVE     | 4. ALIGNMENT  |
| 11. OUTRE     | 5. LEGAL      |
| 12. NULLIFIED | 6. GENII      |
| 13. STUNS     | 7. DAILIES    |
| 14. EXERCISED | 8. YIELDED    |
| 17. ANTIDOTES | 15. ENSEMBLES |
| 19. OBESE     | 16. CHOPPERED |
| 22. MISINFORM | 17. ADMIRAL   |
| 25. PARKA     | 18. TASTING   |
| 26. REICH     | 20. ERRATIC   |
| 27. TOLERATES | 21. ELAPSES   |
| 28. LIGAMENTS | 23. NAHUM     |
| 29. DECKS     | 24. OFTEN     |



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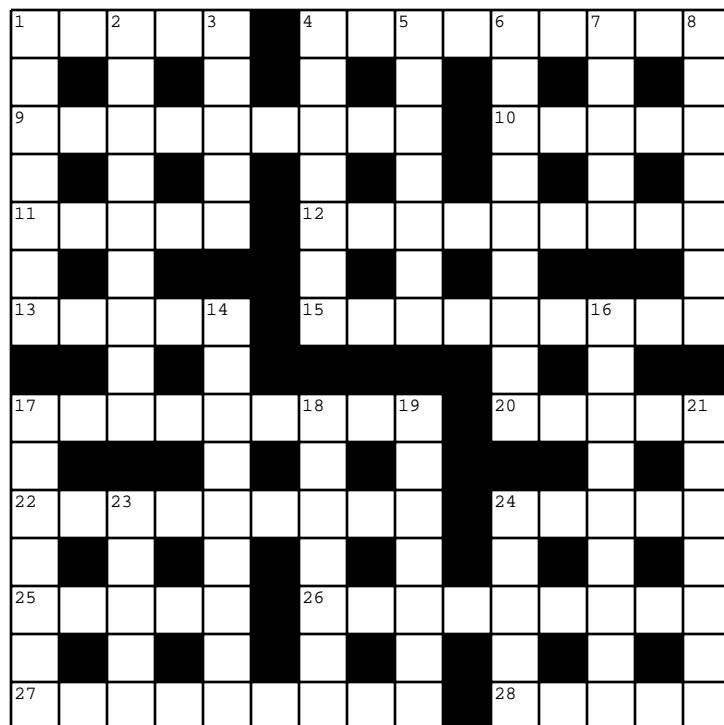
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| 4. GUARANTOR  | 2. CRESCENDI  |
| 9. PREVALENT  | 3. STAIR      |
| 10. TRAMP     | 4. GLENS      |
| 11. OCCUR     | 5. AFTERWARD  |
| 12. SURPRISED | 6. ASTEROIDS  |
| 13. TUNED     | 7. TEAMS      |
| 15. AMAZINGLY | 8. RAPIDLY    |
| 17. ALIENATED | 14. DONATELLO |
| 18. SPOOF     | 15. ANTELOPES |
| 20. NIGHTCLUB | 16. GROOVIEST |
| 23. NOVEL     | 17. AMNESIA   |
| 24. SMALL     | 19. FALTERS   |
| 25. POLYTHENE | 21. GRAND     |
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| 27. DATES     | 23. NOTED     |



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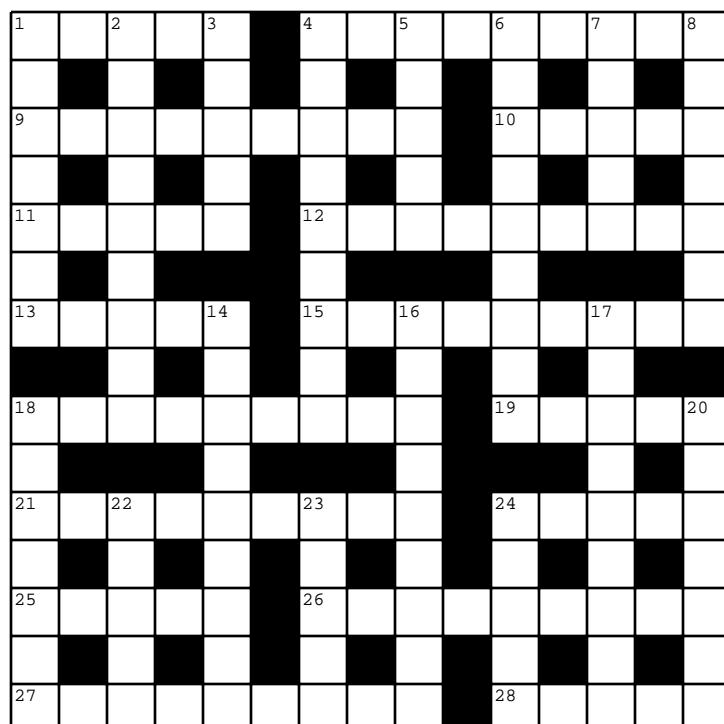
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| 4. LEAPFROGS  | 2. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 9. TROMBONES  | 3. TIBET      |
| 10. RATED     | 4. LONGISH    |
| 11. INSET     | 5. ASSIGNS    |
| 12. INGENIOUS | 6. FORENSICS  |
| 13. SHRUG     | 7. OUTDO      |
| 15. HOSPITALS | 8. SADISTS    |
| 17. APPRAISER | 14. GUATEMALA |
| 20. STAFF     | 16. AMATERASU |
| 22. CHAPERONS | 17. ARCHAIC   |
| 24. BREAD     | 18. SHOPPED   |
| 25. ALISA     | 19. RESENTS   |
| 26. PENETRATE | 21. FODDERS   |
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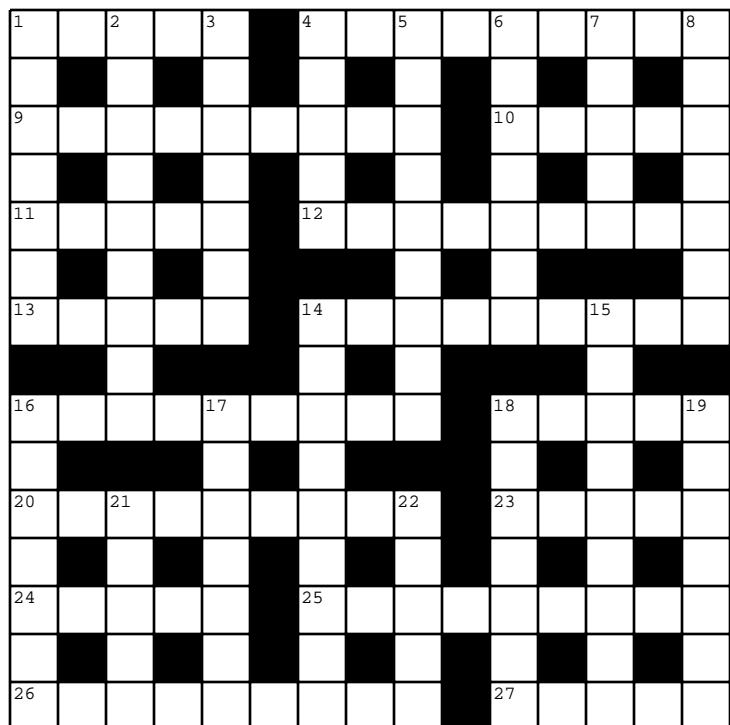
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| 9. MANICURED  | 3. EXCEL      |
| 10. ORVAL     | 4. FORGETFUL  |
| 11. VOWEL     | 5. AIDES      |
| 12. ELSEWHERE | 6. HOODWINKS  |
| 13. LOGIC     | 7. REVUE      |
| 15. FORTNIGHT | 8. DULLEST    |
| 18. PINNACLES | 14. CRAFTSMEN |
| 19. SMOKE     | 16. RESTARTED |
| 21. CAFETERIA | 17. GEOMETRIC |
| 24. CHEAP     | 18. PICCOLO   |
| 25. OPIUM     | 20. EMPTIED   |
| 26. POTPOURRI | 22. FLING     |
| 27. ORGANISED | 23. RAPES     |
| 28. RACED     | 24. CHOIR     |



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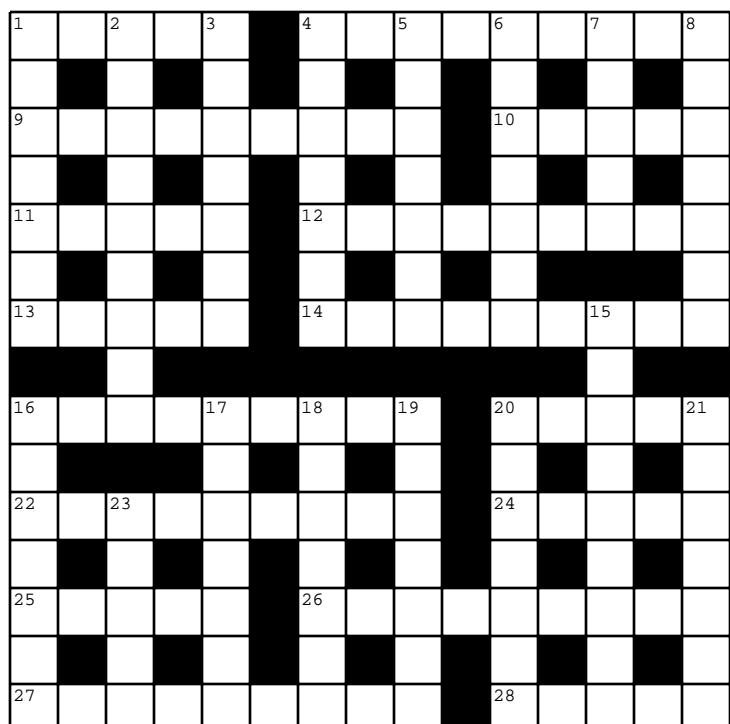
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| 9. GENITALIA  | 3. ATTESTS    |
| 10. THUMB     | 4. CILIA      |
| 11. OPENS     | 5. AGAMEMNON  |
| 12. ALEXANDER | 6. SITUATE    |
| 13. DRIES     | 7. COULD      |
| 14. WONDERFUL | 8. LIBERAL    |
| 16. DIGESTION | 14. WEIGHTING |
| 18. SORTA     | 15. FORGOTTEN |
| 20. GARNISHED | 16. DIGITAL   |
| 23. STOIC     | 17. SHIKOKU   |
| 24. TABOO     | 18. SUSPECT   |
| 25. INSPECTED | 19. ARCADES   |
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| 27. TUNES     | 22. DISCS     |



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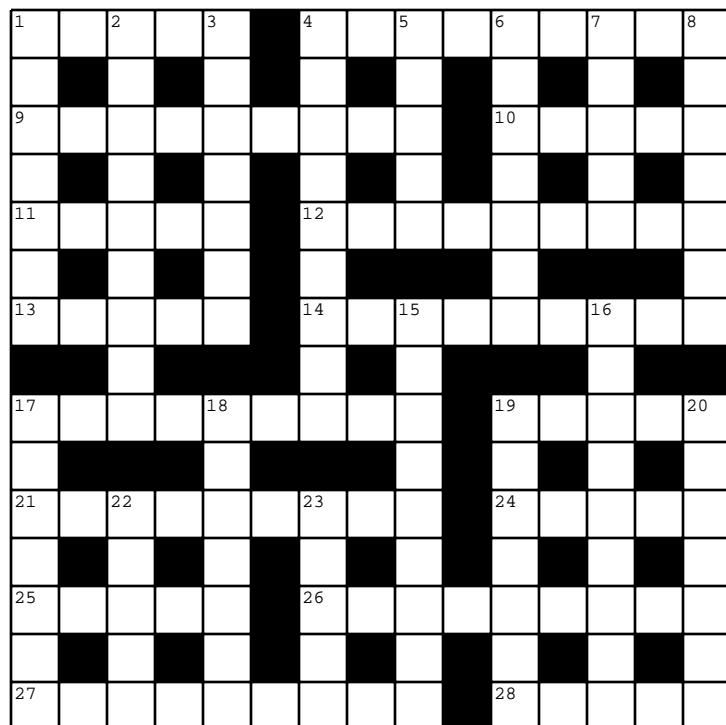
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| 9. SURROUNDS  | 3. DIORAMA    |
| 10. MEGAN     | 4. CONFORM    |
| 11. TAMRA     | 5. CASTERS    |
| 12. OVERLOOKS | 6. RAMBLER    |
| 13. PIZZA     | 7. ANGLO      |
| 14. MISERABLY | 8. HONESTY    |
| 16. INVISIBLE | 15. BOTANICAL |
| 20. BATED     | 16. INDIANA   |
| 22. DACHSHUND | 17. SUSPECT   |
| 24. RENAL     | 18. BOUNCED   |
| 25. ARISE     | 19. ENDINGS   |
| 26. CONVINCED | 20. BURNISH   |
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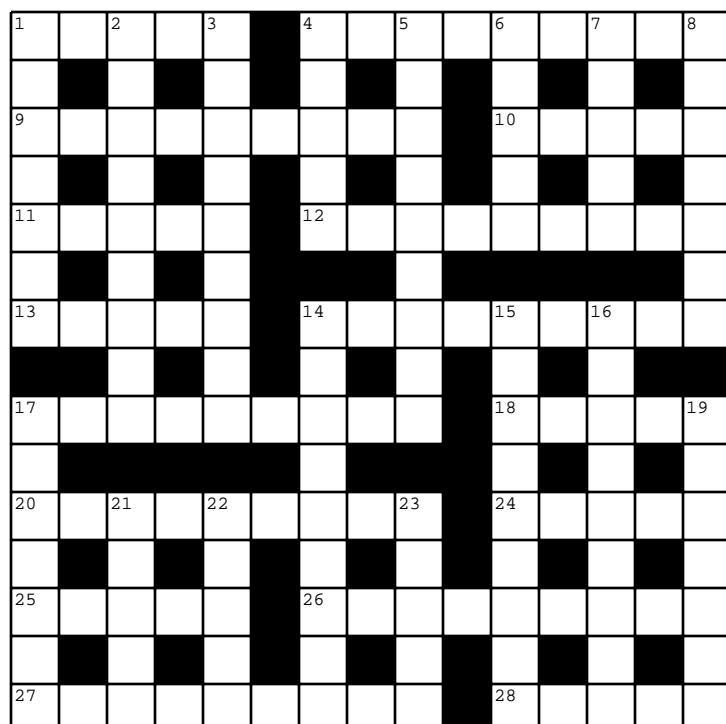
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| 9. FIBONACCI  | 3. ANNUALS    |
| 10. BRYCE     | 4. INCAPABLE  |
| 11. LEILA     | 5. OWING      |
| 12. PIGGYBACK | 6. EMBRYOS    |
| 13. ASHES     | 7. REYNA      |
| 14. BOOTSTRAP | 8. CHECKUP    |
| 17. TESTAMENT | 15. OUTRAGING |
| 19. EXITS     | 16. REINSTATE |
| 21. MARIJUANA | 17. TAMABLE   |
| 24. CASES     | 18. ADJOURN   |
| 25. BELAU     | 19. EXCRETA   |
| 26. REITERATE | 20. SYSTEMS   |
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| 28. AMENS     | 23. AGREE     |



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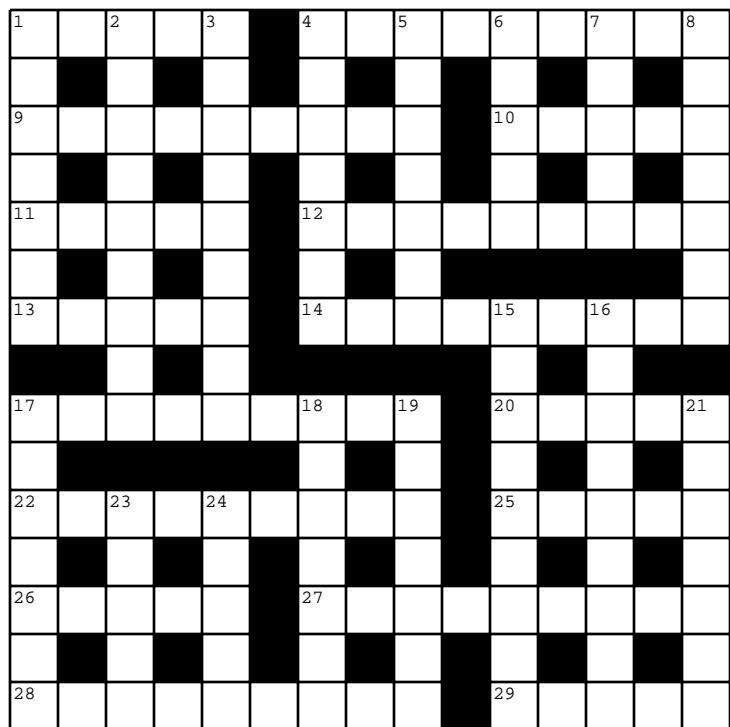
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| 9. PRISCILLA  | 3. ORCHESTRA  |
| 10. GRILL     | 4. FALLS      |
| 11. TAHOE     | 5. AMAZINGLY  |
| 12. SKINTIGHT | 6. SIGHT      |
| 13. SHORT     | 7. ICING      |
| 14. REGISTERS | 8. SALUTES    |
| 17. CERTAINLY | 14. RANSACKED |
| 18. FACED     | 15. SAFEGUARD |
| 20. DIAPHRAGM | 16. EUCLYPTI  |
| 24. GALES     | 17. CADENZA   |
| 25. NOISE     | 19. DISHRAG   |
| 26. KIDNAPPER | 21. ALIVE     |
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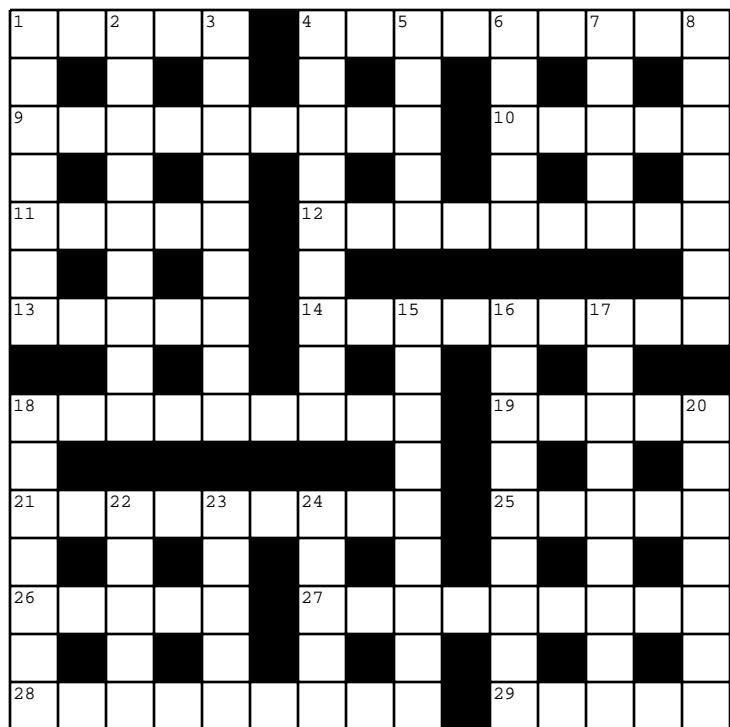
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| 9. AUTOMATIC  | 3. ESMERALDA  |
| 10. AUDIO     | 4. LITTLER    |
| 11. WISER     | 5. ACCLAIM    |
| 12. LEAPFROGS | 6. WHARF      |
| 13. DRILL     | 7. RADIO      |
| 14. REMAINDER | 8. SPONSOR    |
| 17. BOMBARDED | 15. INGENIOUS |
| 20. GASES     | 16. DISBELIEF |
| 22. STEADICAM | 17. BASTING   |
| 25. NEEDS     | 18. DECIMAL   |
| 26. IDEAL     | 19. DEMISED   |
| 27. MUSSOLINI | 21. SASSIER   |
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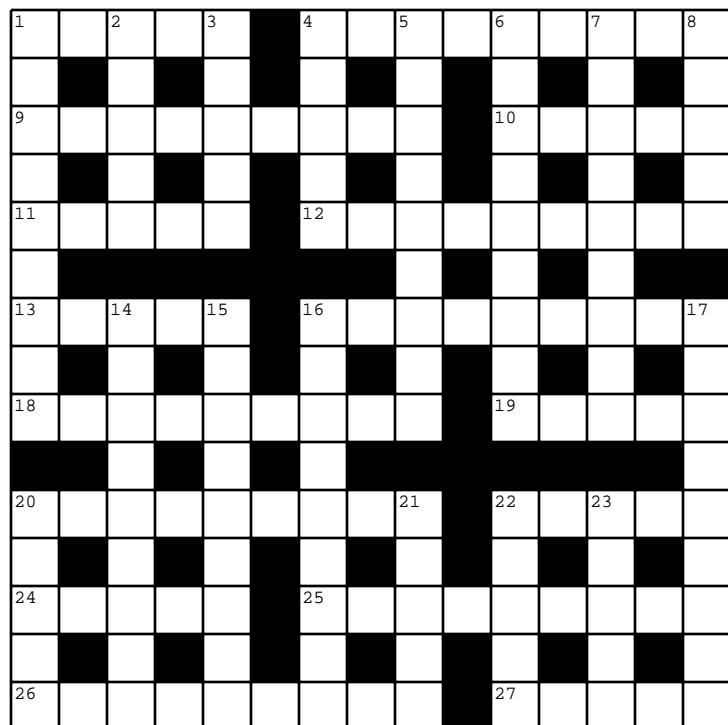
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| 9. BLOSSOMED  | 3. POSTDATED  |
| 10. LIMBO     | 4. HOMICIDAL  |
| 11. NAKED     | 5. WADES      |
| 12. CASTAWAYS | 6. HELGA      |
| 13. SHOUT     | 7. RUMBA      |
| 14. DISAPPEAR | 8. SPONSOR    |
| 18. ARMADILLO | 15. SHOWCASED |
| 19. EASED     | 16. PREACHERS |
| 21. ISOTROPIC | 17. ENSLAVING |
| 25. CHARM     | 18. ALIASES   |
| 26. SHIFT     | 20. DEMURER   |
| 27. POSTERIOR | 22. OPIUM     |
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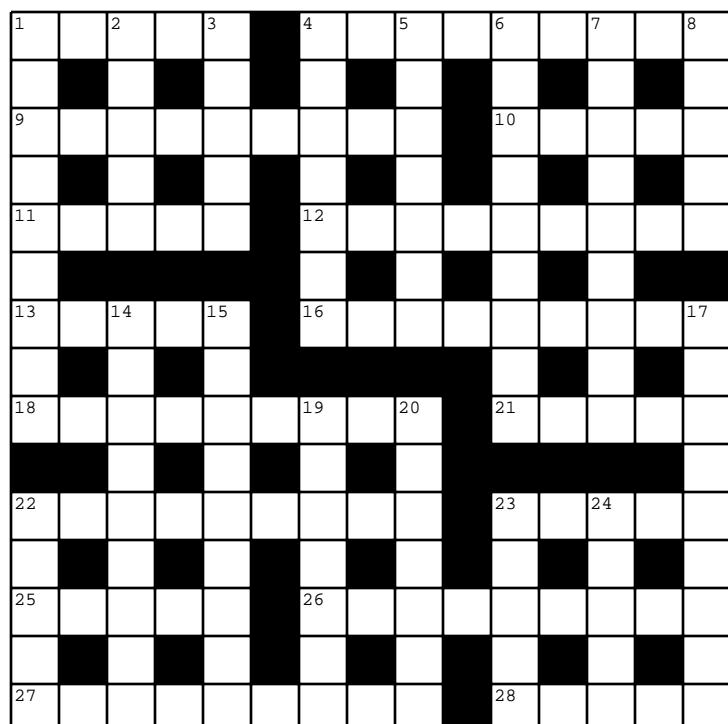
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| 9. ALGEBRAIC  | 3. FIBER      |
| 10. GREAT     | 4. SWAMI      |
| 11. AFTER     | 5. NECESSARY  |
| 12. INSTRUCTS | 6. EAGERNESS  |
| 13. INANE     | 7. CRESCENDO  |
| 16. AGAMEMNON | 8. SITES      |
| 18. GRADUALLY | 14. ADAMANTLY |
| 19. SHOOK     | 15. EQUALIZER |
| 20. SWALLOWED | 16. ALLOWANCE |
| 22. GRAND     | 17. NAKEDNESS |
| 24. ORTIZ     | 20. STORM     |
| 25. NARRATIVE | 21. DIRER     |
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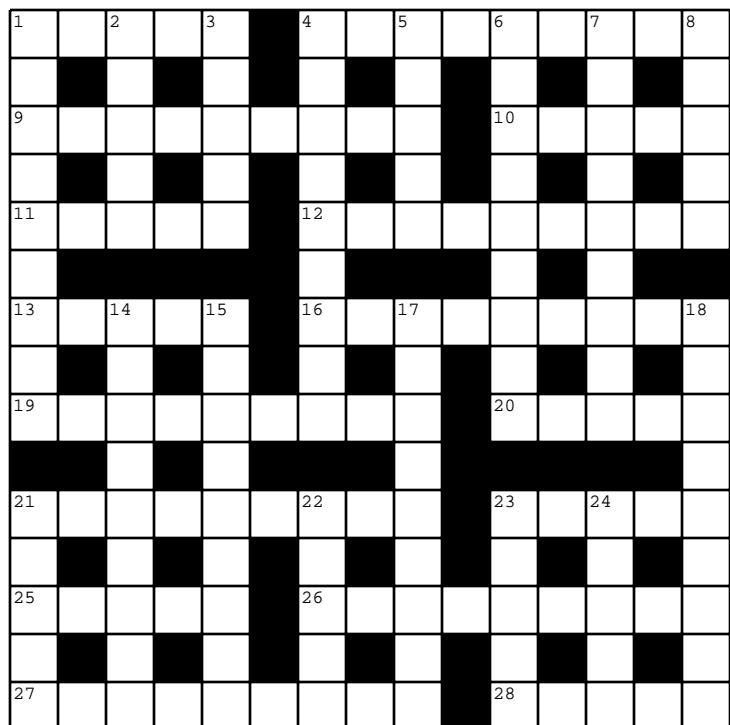
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| 9. PALEOZOIC  | 3. LLOYD      |
| 10. EDGED     | 4. PLOPPED    |
| 11. ROUND     | 5. ORCHIDS    |
| 12. PAINTINGS | 6. OVERTHREW  |
| 13. FEAST     | 7. ORGANISER  |
| 16. DISTRUSTS | 8. SIDES      |
| 18. CURRICULA | 14. AIRSTRIPS |
| 21. WORDS     | 15. TAILORING |
| 22. POTPOURRI | 17. SUSPICION |
| 23. RABBI     | 19. UPRIGHT   |
| 25. LUIGI     | 20. AGILITY   |
| 26. GLISSANDI | 22. PALAU     |
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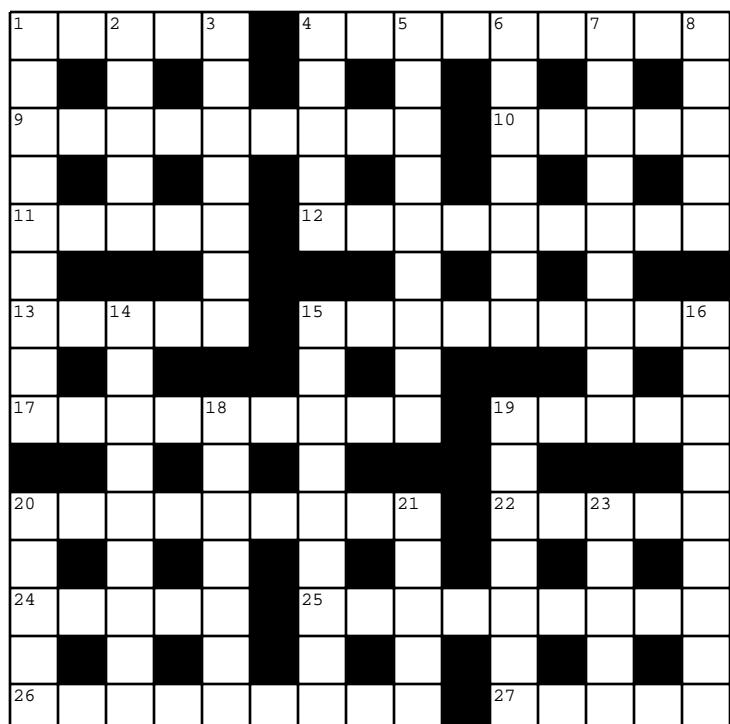
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| 4. STRUMMING  | 2. HINDU      |
| 9. PANORAMIC  | 3. NARCS      |
| 10. RADII     | 4. SEMIFINAL  |
| 11. ROUTS     | 5. RECTA      |
| 12. FLAPJACKS | 6. MARIJUANA  |
| 13. GONNA     | 7. INDICATOR  |
| 16. NEWCASTLE | 8. GRIPS      |
| 19. TARPAULIN | 14. NURSERIES |
| 20. AIRED     | 15. ANARCHIST |
| 21. CRESCENDO | 17. WINDOWING |
| 23. DENSE     | 18. ENDLESSLY |
| 25. CHILI     | 21. CACAO     |
| 26. MAINLANDS | 22. NIMBI     |
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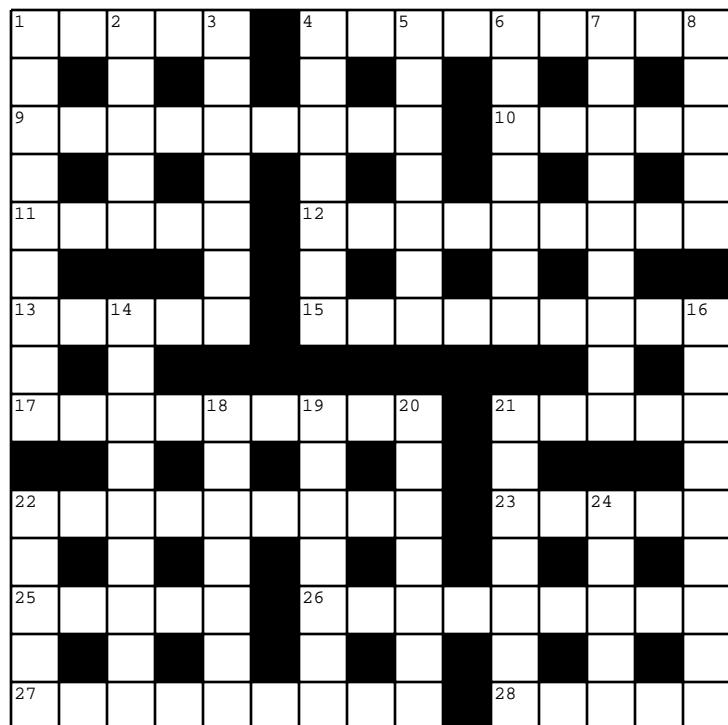
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| 9. PALEOZOIC  | 3. FLOODER    |
| 10. AFTER     | 4. PRONG      |
| 11. ENDED     | 5. ENCIRCLES  |
| 12. GARDENERS | 6. ARACELI    |
| 13. OLDER     | 7. BUTTERNUT  |
| 15. MILLIONTH | 8. DARNS      |
| 17. INTERACTS | 14. DETERRENT |
| 19. DATUM     | 15. MICROCHIP |
| 20. FOREFRONT | 16. HIMALAYAS |
| 22. ANNUL     | 18. REFUSAL   |
| 24. OPENS     | 19. DWARFER   |
| 25. HARMFULLY | 20. FLORA     |
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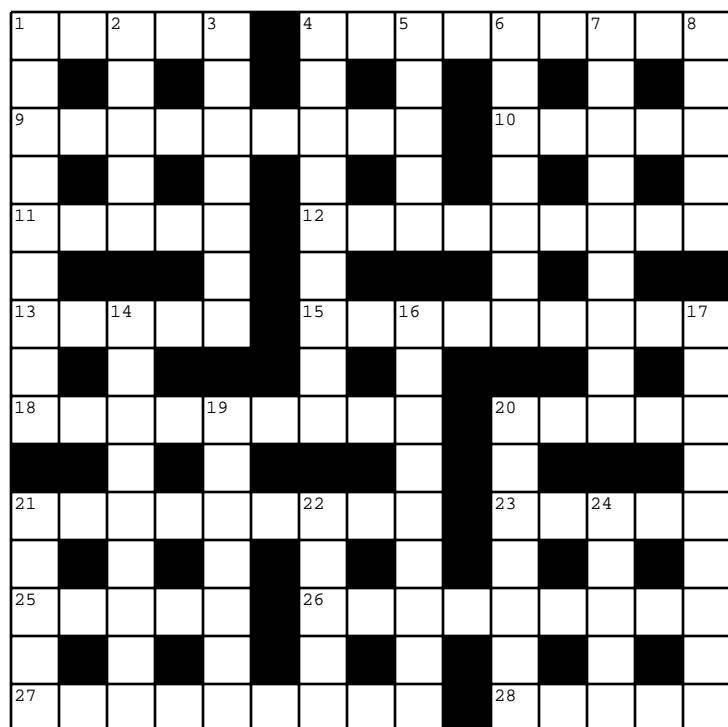
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| 4. NARRATING  | 2. TABOO      |
| 9. EMBRYONIC  | 3. PAYOFFS    |
| 10. GECKO     | 4. NONSTOP    |
| 11. PROOF     | 5. ROCKIER    |
| 12. TAILLIGHT | 6. ANGELIC    |
| 13. NOUNS     | 7. INCOGNITO  |
| 15. PAROCHIAL | 8. GHOST      |
| 17. SEDENTARY | 14. UNDERLAYS |
| 21. GROWN     | 16. LANDLORDS |
| 22. PERENNIAL | 18. NONZERO   |
| 23. MABEL     | 19. ARIADNE   |
| 25. IMAGE     | 20. YELTSIN   |
| 26. DESTROYER | 21. GUMDROP   |
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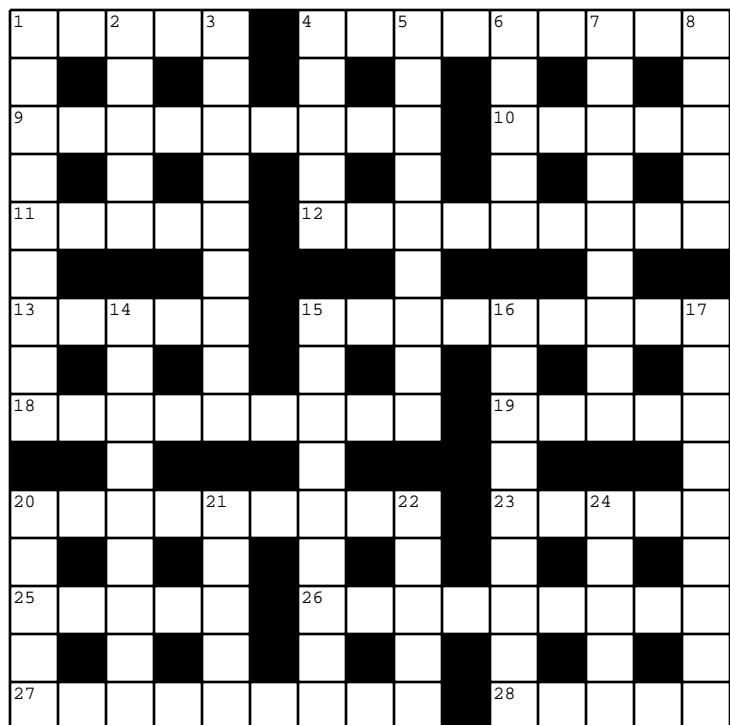
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| 10. VILLA     | 4. STANDOFFS  |
| 11. ERASE     | 5. HATES      |
| 12. DISALLOWS | 6. ENVELOP    |
| 13. VIDEO     | 7. PALEOZOIC  |
| 15. FIREPROOF | 8. DRAWS      |
| 18. DYSPEPSIA | 14. DESECRATE |
| 20. CACTI     | 16. REARRANGE |
| 21. INCUBATOR | 17. FRILLIEST |
| 23. APPAL     | 19. EMBLEMS   |
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| 26. LANDSCAPE | 21. IGLOO     |
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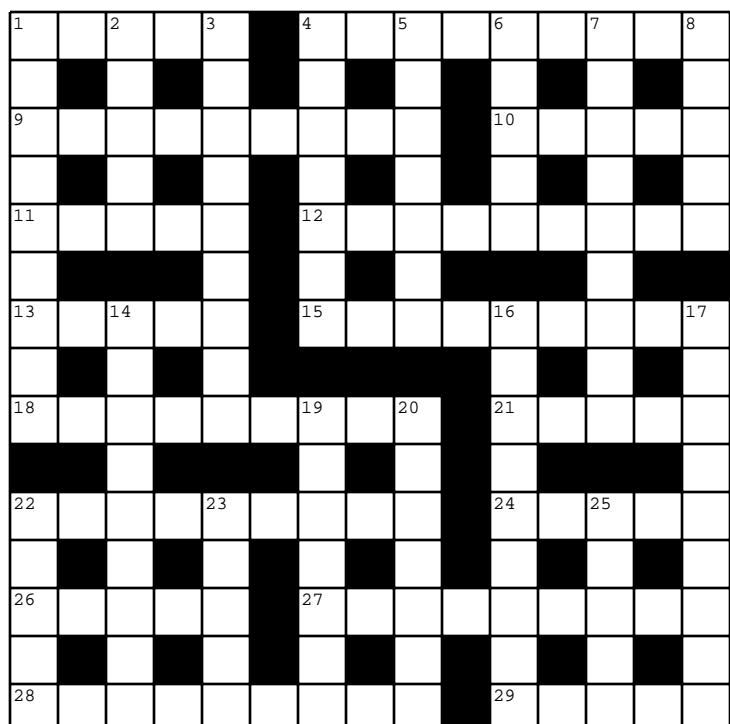
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| 9. CHILDCARE  | 3. LEDERBERG  |
| 10. ADMIT     | 4. FRANC      |
| 11. SUGAR     | 5. SPELLBIND  |
| 12. COLLECTOR | 6. IMAGE      |
| 13. OZONE     | 7. ADMITTING  |
| 15. FLIGHTIER | 8. ENTER      |
| 18. BODYGUARD | 14. OLDENBURG |
| 19. NEGEV     | 15. FLAPJACKS |
| 20. PANMUNJOM | 16. HONEYCOMB |
| 23. YARNS     | 17. REVISITED |
| 25. LAURI     | 20. POLYP     |
| 26. CONDORCET | 21. UNITS     |
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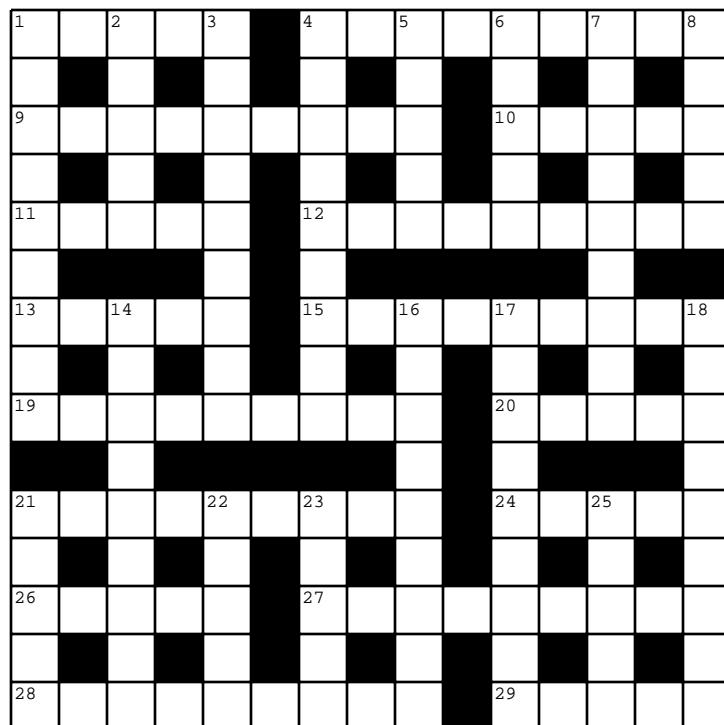
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| 9. CONDORCET  | 3. BROADSIDE  |
| 10. COPED     | 4. KICKOFF    |
| 11. BOUND     | 5. OBTUSER    |
| 12. OBSOLETED | 6. LOCAL      |
| 13. COCCI     | 7. DIPHTHONG  |
| 15. FIREPROOF | 8. ENDED      |
| 18. SENTENCED | 14. CONSOLING |
| 21. EAGLE     | 16. PRESENTLY |
| 22. FOOLPROOF | 17. FREESTYLE |
| 24. ECHOS     | 19. CHOICER   |
| 26. ALIBI     | 20. DEFENDS   |
| 27. CONSTANCY | 22. FLAIL     |
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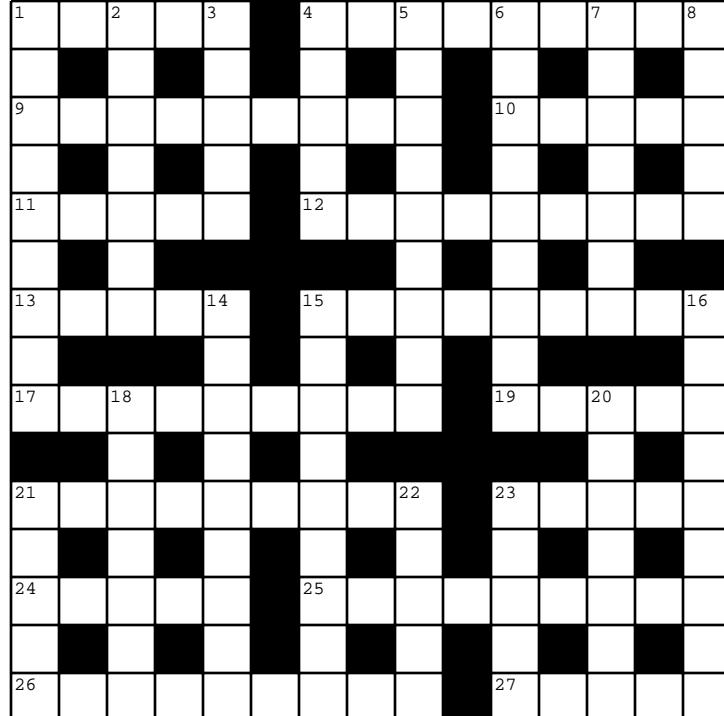
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| 4. HEADACHES  | 2. TORSO      |
| 9. FIRESIDES  | 3. DESPERADO  |
| 10. ADMIT     | 4. HYDRANGEA  |
| 11. ERODE     | 5. AISLE      |
| 12. ANECDOTES | 6. AWARD      |
| 13. HYENA     | 7. HAMSTRUNG  |
| 15. GREYHOUND | 8. SITES      |
| 19. RATIONALE | 14. EXTREMIST |
| 20. NEGEV     | 16. ELECTORAL |
| 21. OVERSHOOT | 17. HONEYCOMB |
| 24. YIELD     | 18. DIVIDENDS |
| 26. TRIES     | 21. OPTIC     |
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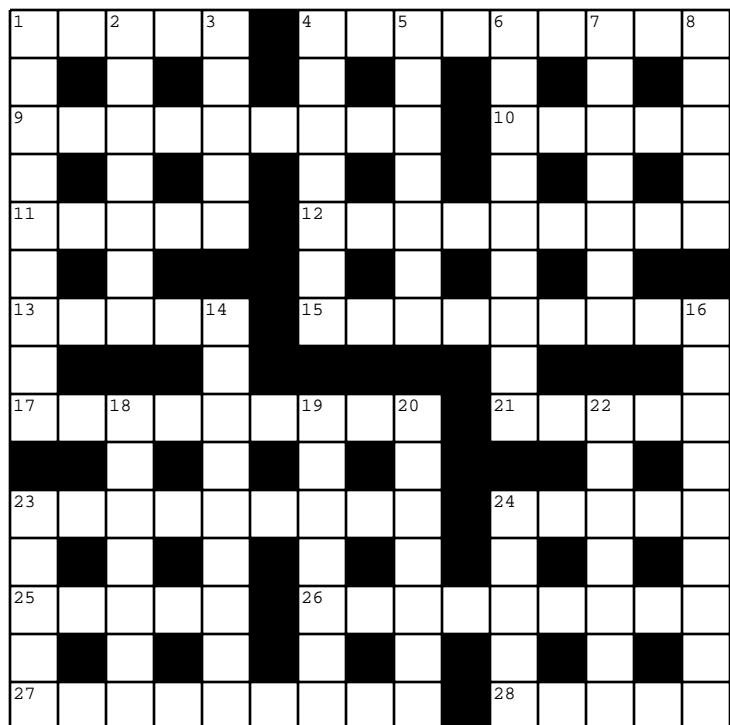
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| 9. OVERTHREW  | 3. NATTY      |
| 10. OARED     | 4. SERVE      |
| 11. ESSAY     | 5. BOWLEGGED  |
| 12. EVERYBODY | 6. ECOSYSTEM  |
| 13. ANNUL     | 7. TURMOIL    |
| 15. NIGHTCLUB | 8. DADDY      |
| 17. DISAVOWED | 14. LIVELIEST |
| 19. MEDAL     | 15. NEWSPAPER |
| 21. ANTELOPES | 16. BALLERINA |
| 23. TASTE     | 18. SITUATE   |
| 24. ERASE     | 20. DISHRAG   |
| 25. POTPOURRI | 21. ARENA     |
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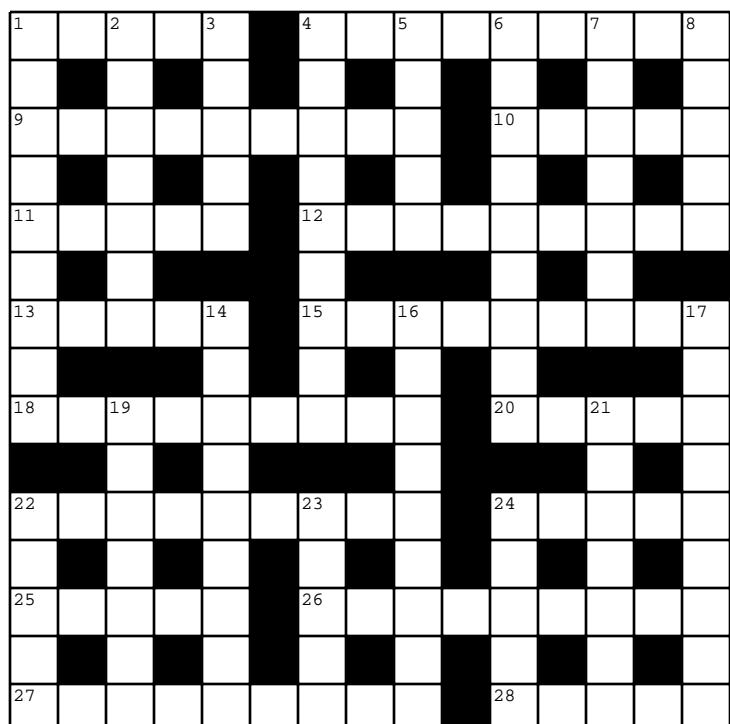
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| 4. EUROPEANS  | 2. TROUSER    |
| 9. ABOLISHED  | 3. RAIDS      |
| 10. PLAIN     | 4. EXHUMED    |
| 11. RESTS     | 5. RADICAL    |
| 12. MACKERELS | 6. PEPPERONI  |
| 13. LYRIC     | 7. ARACELI    |
| 15. DOLLOPING | 8. SINKS      |
| 17. EXCLAIMED | 14. CHARACTER |
| 21. INCUR     | 16. GIRLHOODS |
| 23. BARGAINER | 18. CARODOZO  |
| 24. BELCH     | 19. MINIMUM   |
| 25. BOOST     | 20. DERANGE   |
| 26. MANIFESTO | 22. COLOSSI   |
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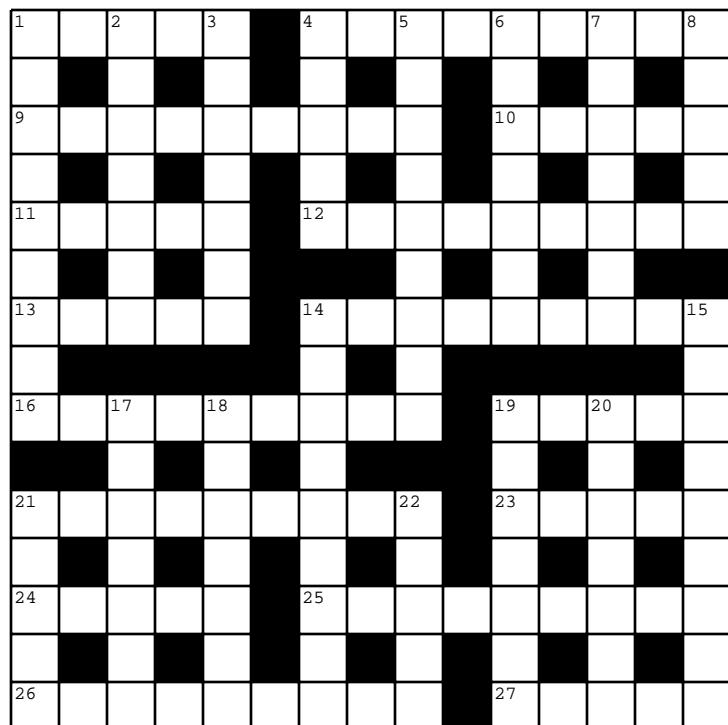
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| 9. NORTHERLY  | 3. ASHED      |
| 10. MOLAR     | 4. STRATEGIC  |
| 11. YIELD     | 5. LOYAL      |
| 12. TOLERANCE | 6. COMPRISES  |
| 13. OASES     | 7. MELANIN    |
| 15. GLISSANDO | 8. NERVE      |
| 18. BUTTERCUP | 14. STERNNESS |
| 20. SCRUB     | 16. IMPAIRING |
| 22. FIBONACCI | 17. OMBUDSMAN |
| 24. DATED     | 19. TABBING   |
| 25. NAIVE     | 21. RETHINK   |
| 26. CRITICISM | 22. FINED     |
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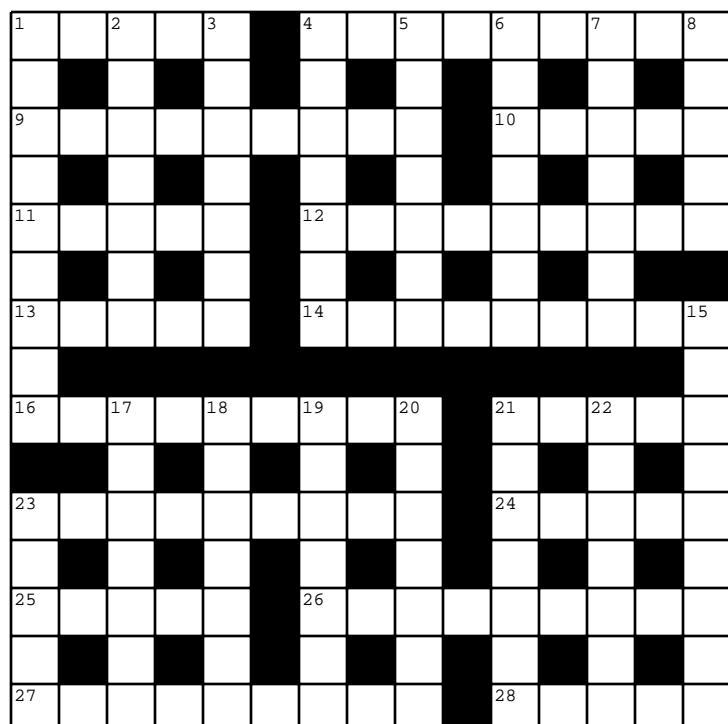
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| 9. GALLOPING  | 3. LOONIES    |
| 10. UTTER     | 4. FLIED      |
| 11. TEMPI     | 5. EGGPLANTS  |
| 12. DILIGENCE | 6. LOUNGES    |
| 13. LOSES     | 7. ANTENNA    |
| 14. BANDSTAND | 8. SPREE      |
| 16. BASEMENTS | 14. BANKRUPTS |
| 19. LACES     | 15. DISEMBARK |
| 21. GEOMETRIC | 17. STOPGAP   |
| 23. CHARM     | 18. MCENROE   |
| 24. RIGOR     | 19. LOCKOUT   |
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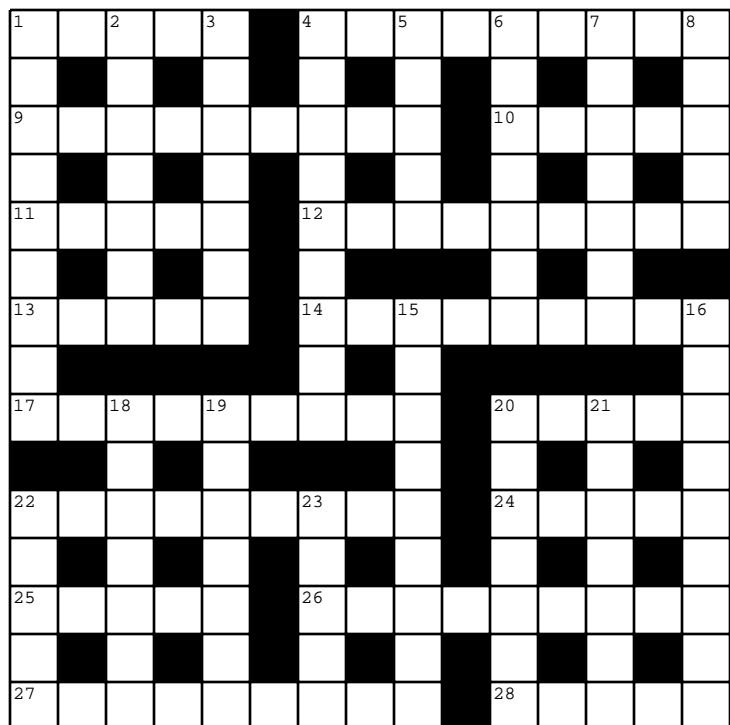
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| 4. DISCHARGE  | 2. MASCARA    |
| 9. DYSPEPSIA  | 3. CLEANSE    |
| 10. BAWLS     | 4. DASHIKI    |
| 11. LEARN     | 5. SCANNER    |
| 12. IGNITIONS | 6. HABITAT    |
| 13. IMAGE     | 7. ROWBOAT    |
| 14. IRRITATED | 8. EASES      |
| 16. GENITALIA | 15. DISCREDIT |
| 21. KICKS     | 17. NICKING   |
| 23. ORCHESTRA | 18. THEREIN   |
| 24. CIDER     | 19. LATHERS   |
| 25. TRIBE     | 20. AMASSES   |
| 26. ENSCONCED | 21. KICKOFF   |
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| 28. FAINT     | 23. OUTDO     |



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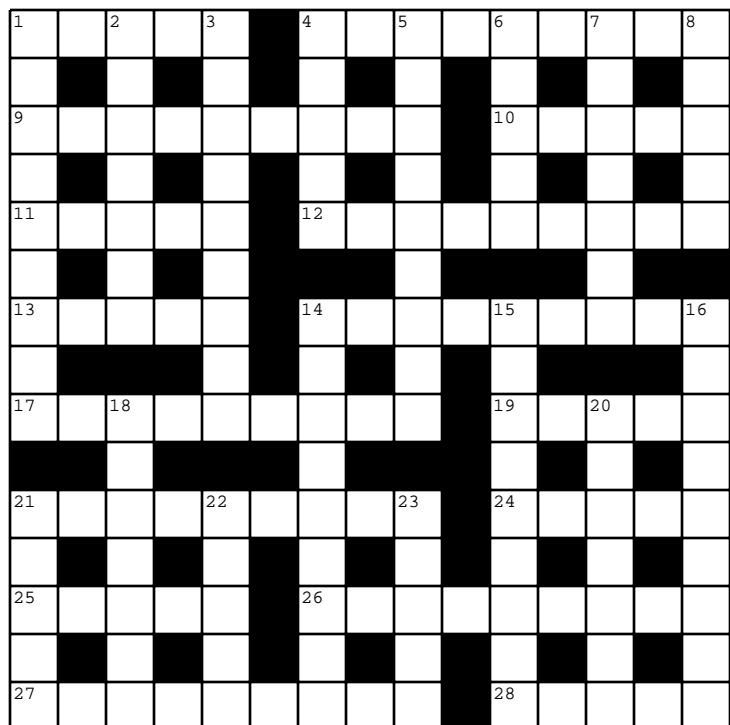
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| 4. LEVIATHAN  | 2. INVITES    |
| 9. COVENANTS  | 3. EUNUCHS    |
| 10. BABES     | 4. LONESOMES  |
| 11. ANTIC     | 5. VISIT      |
| 12. SATIRICAL | 6. ALBERTA    |
| 13. GASES     | 7. HIBACHI    |
| 14. MECHANISM | 8. NASAL      |
| 17. DONALDSON | 15. CANISTERS |
| 20. BRAWL     | 16. MULTIPLEX |
| 22. ANTELOPES | 18. NATURAL   |
| 24. COCCI     | 19. LILTING   |
| 25. PARSI     | 20. BACARDI   |
| 26. CLEARASIL | 21. ACCUSED   |
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| 28. INDEX     | 23. PACKS     |



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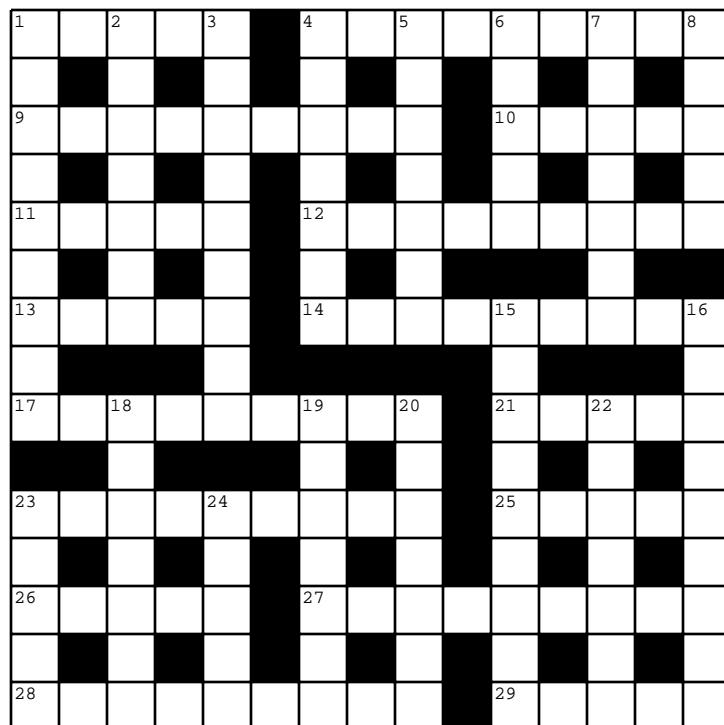
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| 9. EMULATORS  | 3. AMATERASU  |
| 10. ALPHA     | 4. ABORT      |
| 11. OBESE     | 5. DISREPAIR  |
| 12. THEREFORE | 6. CHASE      |
| 13. EXTRA     | 7. IMPROVE    |
| 14. AWARENESS | 8. GRACE      |
| 17. ASSAULTER | 14. ANTELOPES |
| 19. GRAVE     | 15. EIGHTIETH |
| 21. GENITALIA | 16. SPECIALTY |
| 24. TORSI     | 18. SANDBOX   |
| 25. RABIN     | 20. AFRICAN   |
| 26. PROVENCAL | 21. GARZA     |
| 27. ANXIOUSLY | 22. TANGO     |
| 28. HANDY     | 23. AGONY     |



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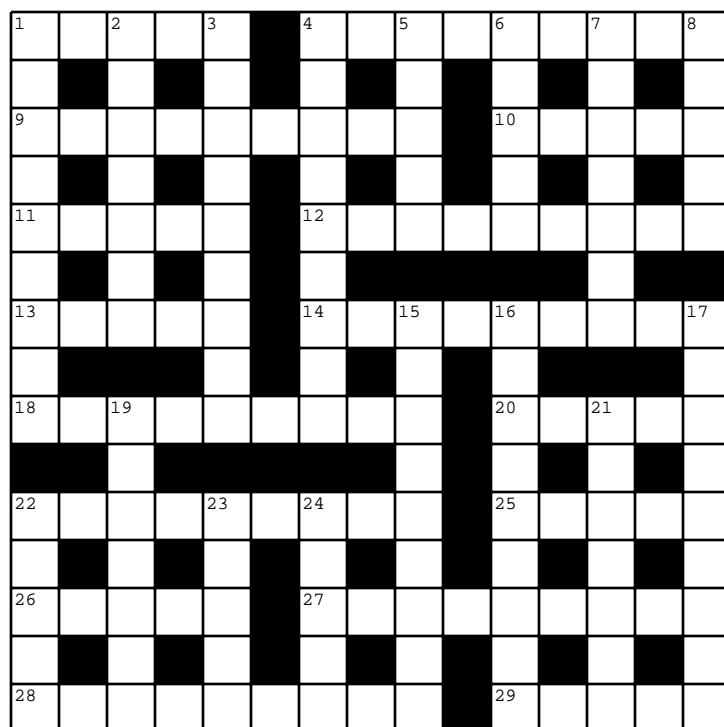
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| 4. HABITUALS  | 2. BLOWING    |
| 9. BOOMERANG  | 3. WEEKENDED  |
| 10. WROTE     | 4. HEAVIER    |
| 11. TWICE     | 5. BEGONIA    |
| 12. IGNORANCE | 6. TOWER      |
| 13. EDGED     | 7. ADORNED    |
| 14. RHAPSODIC | 8. SCENE      |
| 17. SHREDDING | 15. STRATEGIC |
| 21. REIGN     | 16. CONCLUDES |
| 23. ANTIPASTI | 18. RATTLER   |
| 25. TOTAL     | 19. INSISTS   |
| 26. OGLES     | 20. GRIMACE   |
| 27. STAGGERED | 22. INTERIM   |
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| 29. COMES     | 24. POSIT     |



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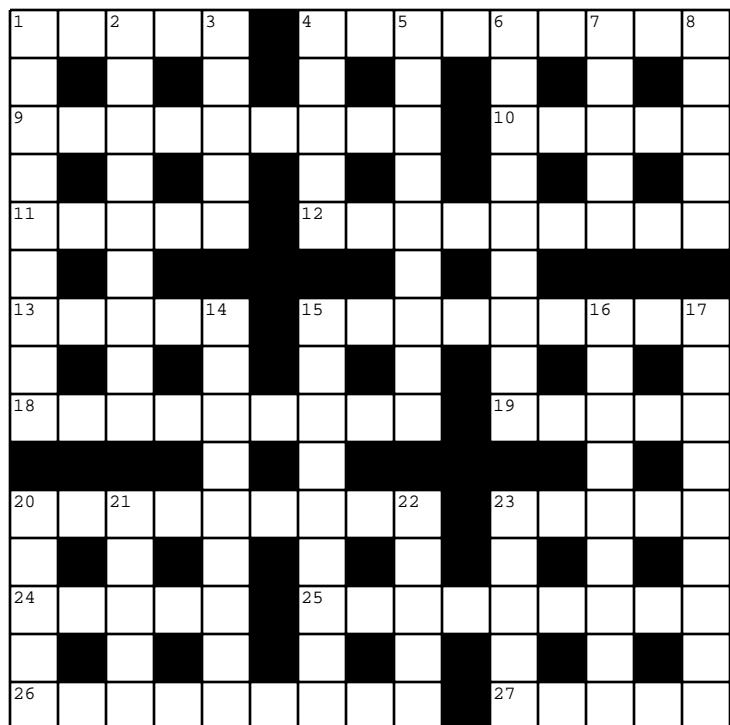
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| 4. REDIRECTS  | 2. PERTURB    |
| 9. STRESSFUL  | 3. DISBELIEF  |
| 10. VIDEO     | 4. REFERENDA  |
| 11. OVULE     | 5. DOLES      |
| 12. RESTRICTS | 6. RIVER      |
| 13. RABBI     | 7. CADUCEI    |
| 14. NOTIFYING | 8. SHOWS      |
| 18. MAINFRAME | 15. THEORIZED |
| 20. RIPER     | 16. FORTHWITH |
| 22. BYSTANDER | 17. GARRULOUS |
| 25. HINDU     | 19. INSOFAR   |
| 26. INFER     | 21. PINBALL   |
| 27. PIZZICATO | 22. BRIEF     |
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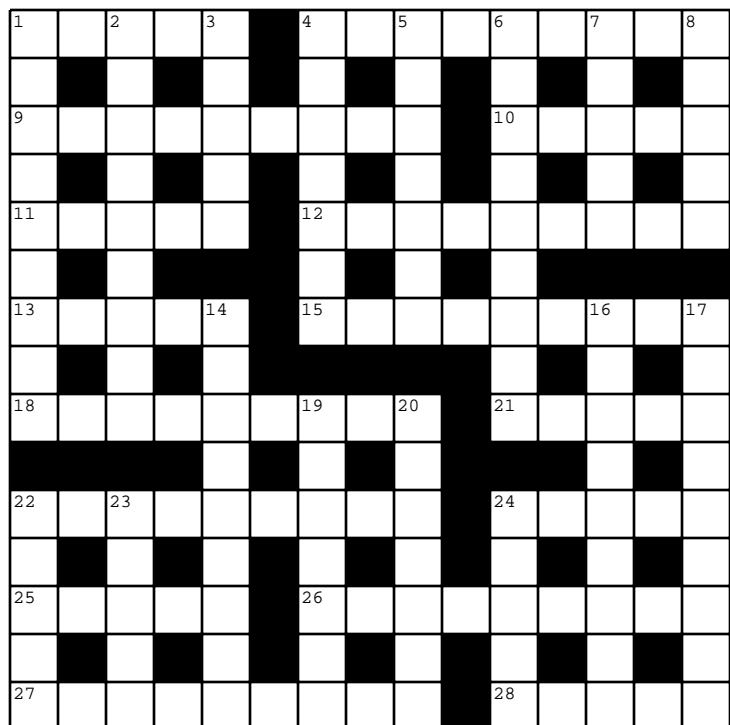
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| 4. DECIMATED  | 2. UNGODLIER  |
| 9. ORGANELLE  | 3. INNER      |
| 10. MIMIC     | 4. DELTA      |
| 11. OLDER     | 5. CLEAVAGES  |
| 12. ADVERSARY | 6. MEMORANDA  |
| 13. ICING     | 7. TAMRA      |
| 15. ERGONOMIC | 8. DECOY      |
| 18. VARIETIES | 14. GUERRILLA |
| 19. ANGER     | 15. EPIDERMIS |
| 20. INTERVENE | 16. MAGNESIUM |
| 23. CHERI     | 17. CERTIFIES |
| 24. IDEAL     | 20. IBIZA     |
| 25. MUSSOLINI | 21. TWERP     |
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| 27. DAMNS     | 23. CHORD     |



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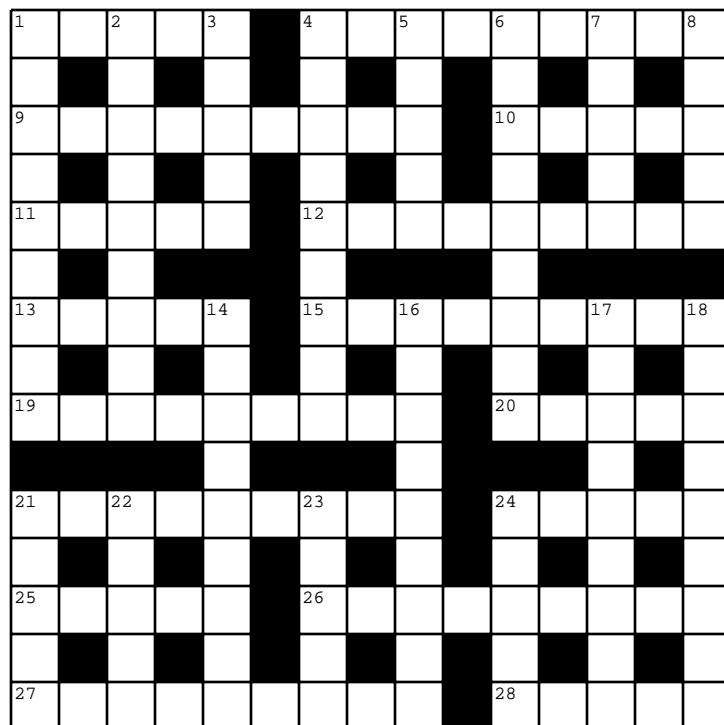
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| 4. BACKHANDS  | 2. MISINFORM  |
| 9. MISTLETOE  | 3. AILED      |
| 10. PAINS     | 4. BATHTUB    |
| 11. URNED     | 5. CHECKUP    |
| 12. TAKEOVERS | 6. HYPNOTISM  |
| 13. ICONS     | 7. NOISE      |
| 15. BAPTISMAL | 8. SISES      |
| 18. MEMORABLE | 14. STRANGEST |
| 21. MINED     | 16. MANIFESTO |
| 22. FORENSICS | 17. LEDERBERG |
| 24. GOFER     | 19. BRIEFER   |
| 25. RHYME     | 20. ENSURED   |
| 26. FORETASTE | 22. FORUM     |
| 27. MONITORED | 23. RAYON     |
| 28. ALONG     | 24. GOTTA     |



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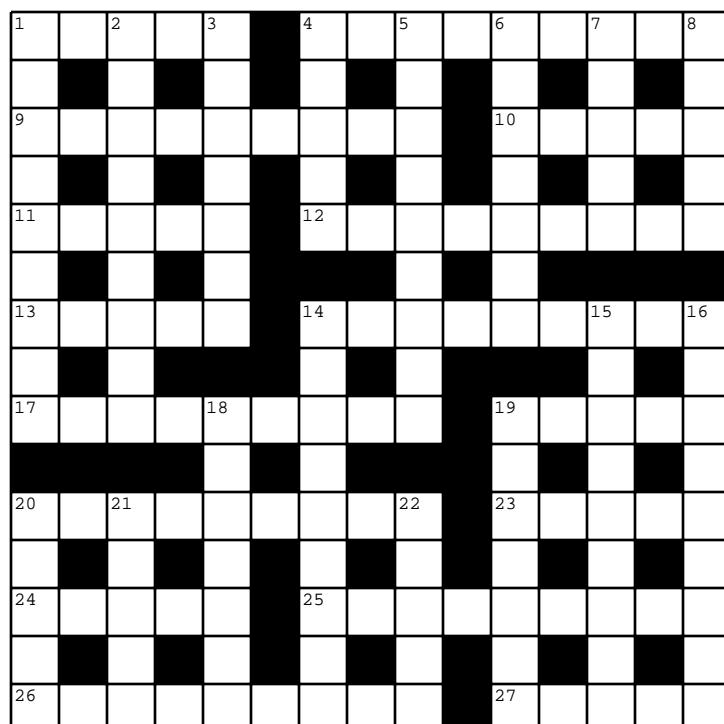
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| 4. POMPOSITY  | 2. TRIATHLON  |
| 9. GLITTERED  | 3. DETER      |
| 10. TENSE     | 4. PERSUADES  |
| 11. ENTER     | 5. MEDIA      |
| 12. UNALTERED | 6. OUTSTRIPS  |
| 13. IDLED     | 7. INNER      |
| 15. DEBRIEFED | 8. YIELD      |
| 19. MANIFESTO | 14. DEFECTIVE |
| 20. SLANG     | 16. BLOSSOMED |
| 21. RICOCHETS | 17. FLASHBACK |
| 24. ASHES     | 18. DIGESTION |
| 25. RABBI     | 21. RARED     |
| 26. HAMMURABI | 22. CUBIC     |
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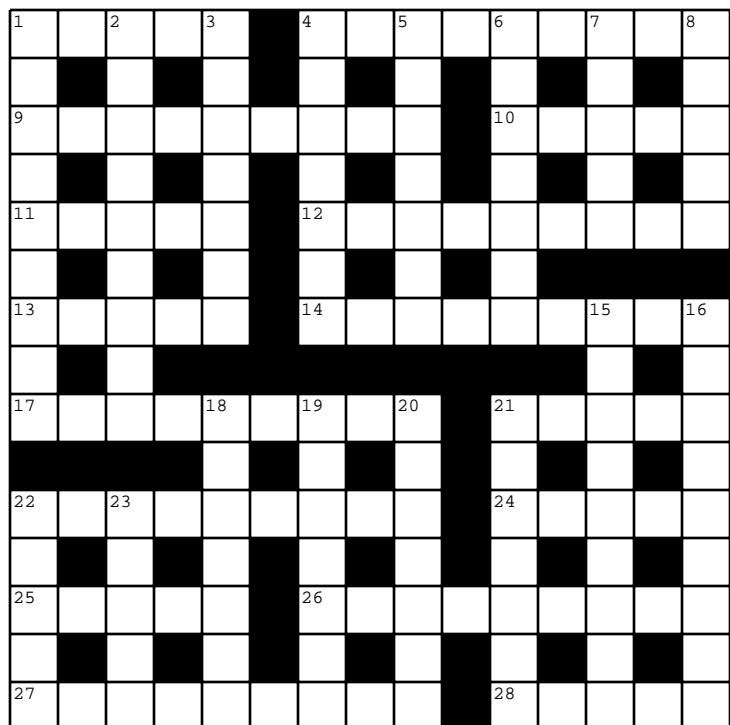
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| 9. APPRAISAL  | 3. DRAFTED    |
| 10. PARKA     | 4. SUSHI      |
| 11. EXACT     | 5. DELIVERED  |
| 12. INVENTING | 6. TOPKNOT    |
| 13. ADDED     | 7. VERDI      |
| 14. STRATEGEM | 8. SLANG      |
| 17. UNDEFINED | 14. SENTENCES |
| 19. GENET     | 15. GENITALIA |
| 20. CLIENTELE | 16. MATCHBOOK |
| 23. NOTCH     | 18. FINESSE   |
| 24. ROLLS     | 19. GENERIC   |
| 25. CIGARILLO | 20. CIRCA     |
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| 27. CHALK     | 22. EAGLE     |



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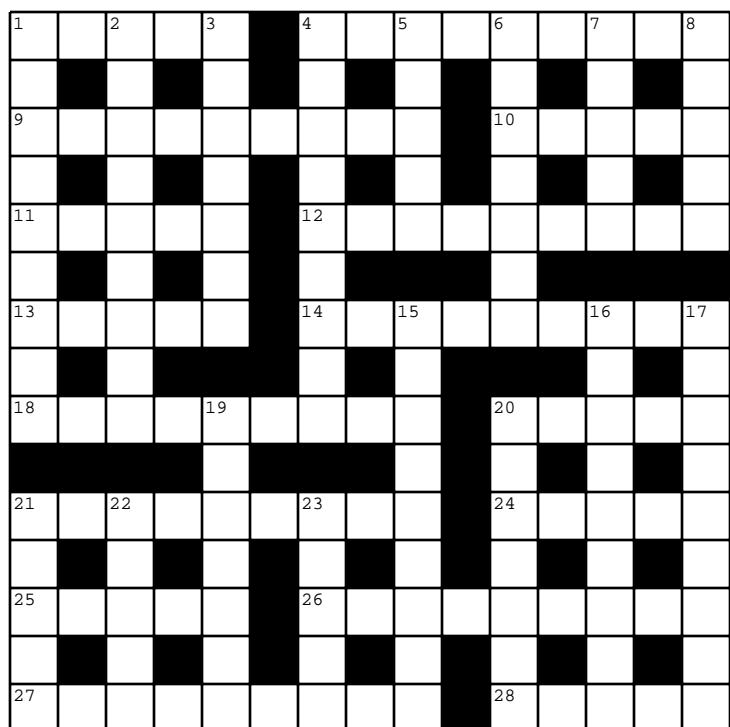
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| 4. FREUDIANS  | 2. PAPERWORK  |
| 9. UNPOPULAR  | 3. RAPISTS    |
| 10. SPICA     | 4. FELECIA    |
| 11. TERMS     | 5. EARPLUG    |
| 12. CULTURING | 6. DISTURB    |
| 13. HOOFS     | 7. ALIBI      |
| 14. ALGEBRAIC | 8. SLANG      |
| 17. PAKISTANI | 15. ADVERTISE |
| 21. HAVOC     | 16. COCKROACH |
| 22. AMUSINGLY | 18. SHIKOKU   |
| 24. MERER     | 19. ALGEBRA   |
| 25. OUTDO     | 20. IDYLLIC   |
| 26. BALLERINA | 21. HIMSELF   |
| 27. FORMULAIC | 22. ALOOF     |
| 28. FLESH     | 23. UTTER     |



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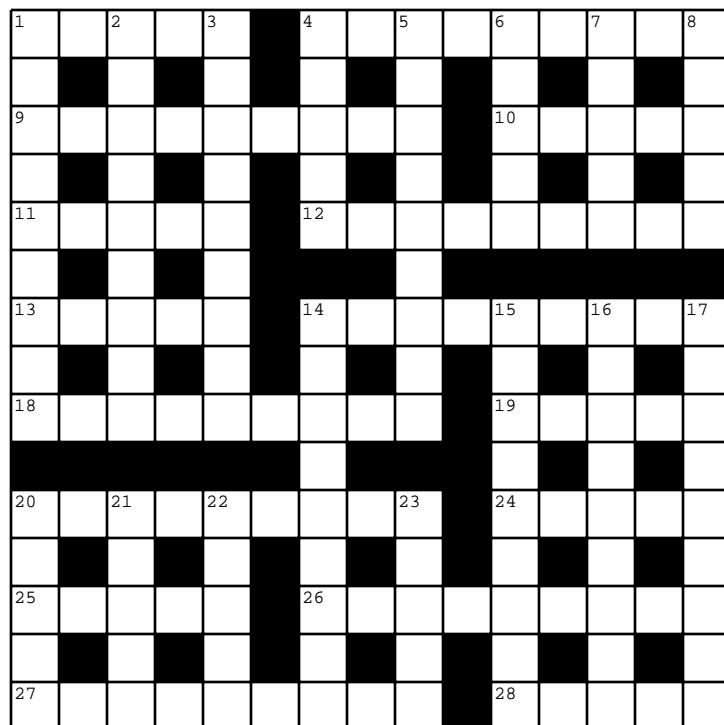
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| 4. ADDITIVES  | 2. ALCOHOLIC  |
| 9. NOCTURNAL  | 3. GLUCOSE    |
| 10. ROCKS     | 4. ANNOUNCER  |
| 11. YAHOO     | 5. DELHI      |
| 12. UTILITIES | 6. TERMINI    |
| 13. OLLIE     | 7. VICKI      |
| 14. CRUCIFIED | 8. SISES      |
| 18. BACKFIRED | 15. UNDEFINED |
| 20. ISSAC     | 16. INSTITUTE |
| 21. FOODSTUFF | 17. DECORATOR |
| 24. ICIER     | 19. FISHNET   |
| 25. OCEAN     | 20. IDIOTIC   |
| 26. CONSTRUCT | 21. FLORA     |
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| 28. CHEER     | 23. UNCLE     |



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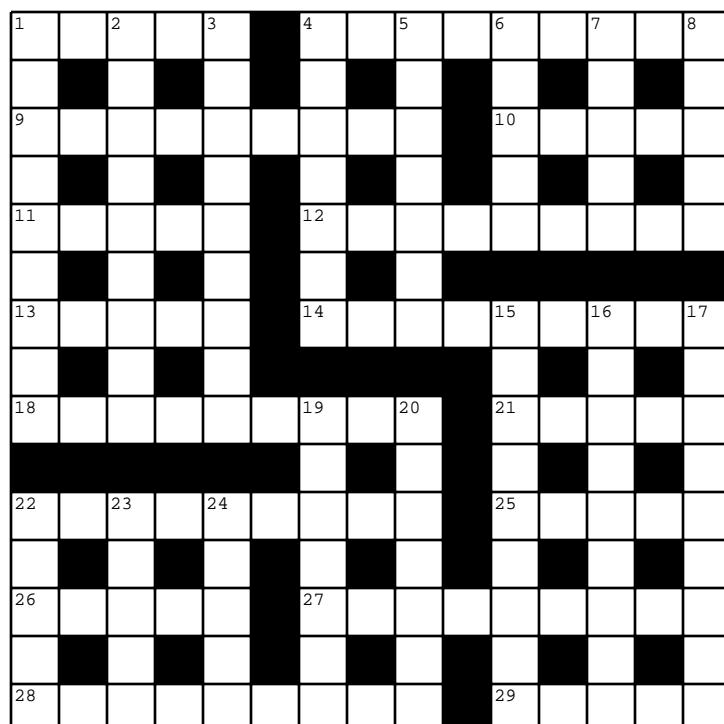
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| 4. ENCIRCLED  | 2. RETHOUGHT  |
| 9. INTERVENE  | 3. MORATORIA  |
| 10. CLIMB     | 4. EDEMA      |
| 11. TROUT     | 5. CRESCENTS  |
| 12. ANCHORING | 6. ROCCO      |
| 13. LAGER     | 7. LUIGI      |
| 14. MINIBUSES | 8. DEBUG      |
| 18. ANTEATERS | 14. MAELSTROM |
| 19. OBEYS     | 15. BLOWTORCH |
| 20. DICKERSON | 16. SPECIFIED |
| 24. TRIPE     | 17. SUSPECTED |
| 25. LIMIT     | 20. DYLAN     |
| 26. RESTRAINT | 21. COMIC     |
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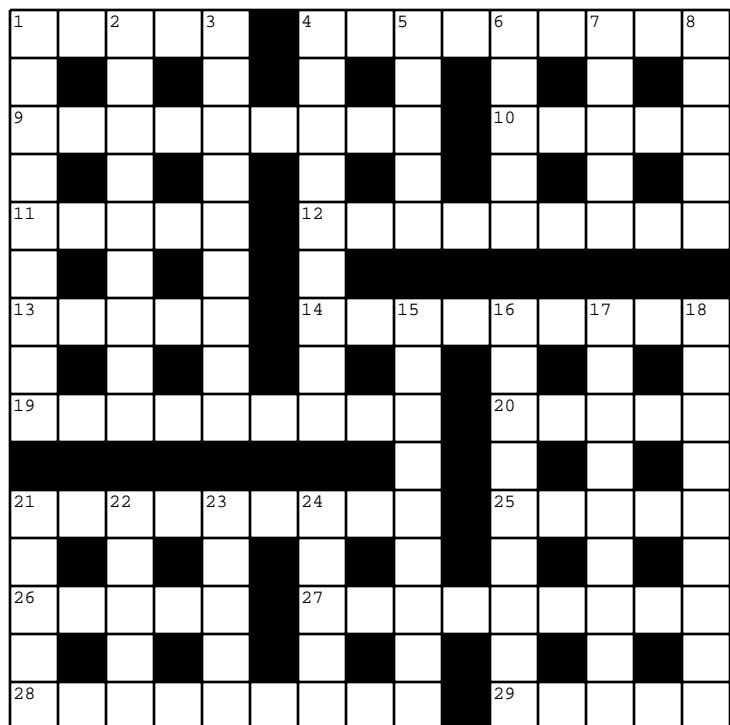
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| 9. CLEAVAGES  | 3. ENVELOPES  |
| 10. AGENT     | 4. REGALIA    |
| 11. NOBEL     | 5. CASTOFF    |
| 12. LIONESSES | 6. PLANE      |
| 13. CHAMP     | 7. ITEMS      |
| 14. AFFABLEST | 8. NOTES      |
| 18. LODESTARS | 15. BOOTSTRAP |
| 21. OPERA     | 16. ELEVATION |
| 22. PARAMECIA | 17. TEAMMATES |
| 25. SPASM     | 19. ACCORDS   |
| 26. DRIER     | 20. SPARSER   |
| 27. RESTRAINT | 22. PEDRO     |
| 28. ORGANISER | 23. RUING     |
| 29. PUNTS     | 24. MORON     |



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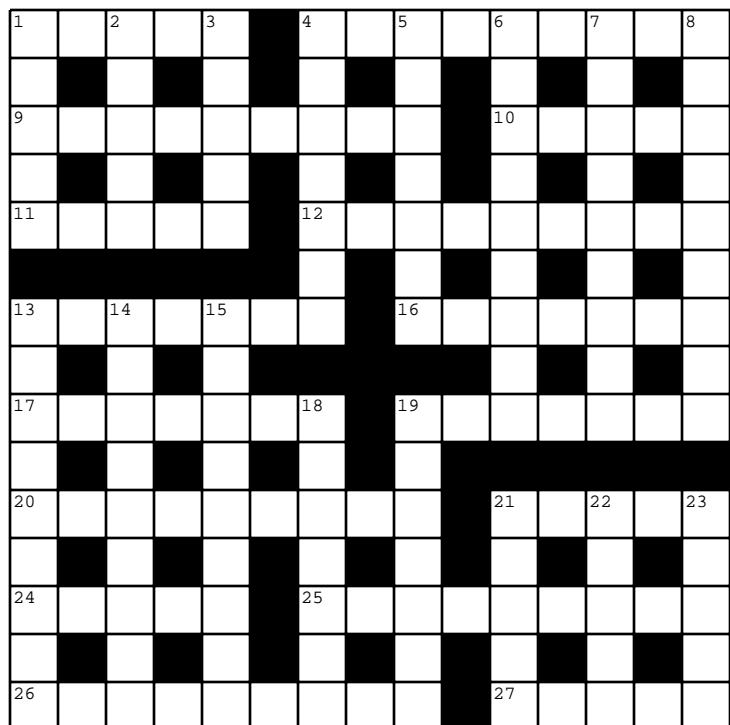
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| 4. HOTHEADED  | 2. ORGANELLE  |
| 9. AGGRAVATE  | 3. STATISTIC  |
| 10. CROCI     | 4. HEARTBURN  |
| 11. GENII     | 5. THEIR      |
| 12. TARGETING | 6. EMCEE      |
| 13. SPLIT     | 7. DHOTI      |
| 14. UNSOUNDER | 8. DOING      |
| 19. CRESCENDO | 15. SPOKESMAN |
| 20. CUBIC     | 16. UNCOVERED |
| 21. ADDRESSEE | 17. DEBATABLE |
| 25. VITIM     | 18. RECOMMEND |
| 26. THORN     | 21. ANTIC     |
| 27. ADMIRABLE | 22. DROLL     |
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| 29. DREAD     | 24. SWAMI     |



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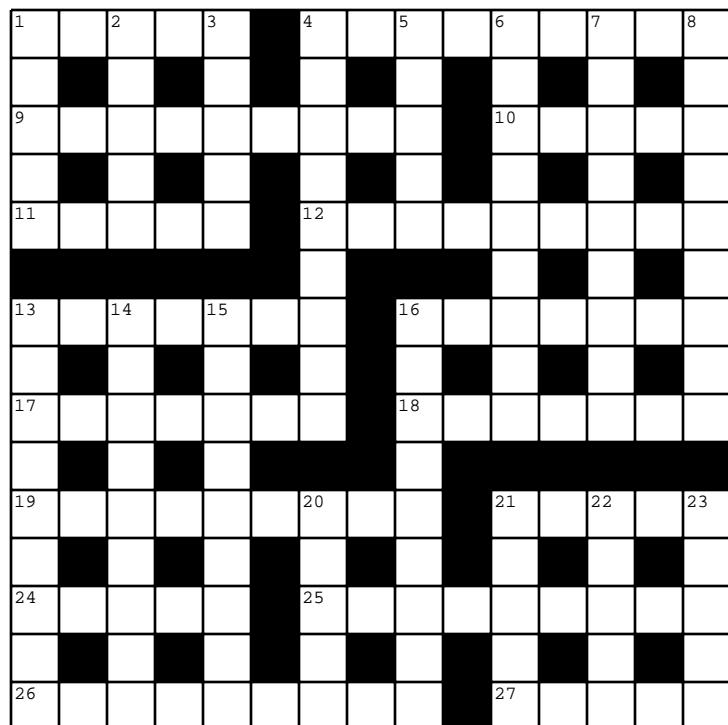
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| 4. BENEFITED  | 2. SNAFU      |
| 9. AGAMEMNON  | 3. ALERT      |
| 10. NASAL     | 4. BENEFIT    |
| 11. TRUST     | 5. NONSTOP    |
| 12. FATHERING | 6. FINGERTIP  |
| 13. COCKPIT   | 7. TESTIFIES  |
| 16. PATRIOT   | 8. DELIGHTED  |
| 17. NUMERIC   | 13. CONSPIRED |
| 19. EXPOSED   | 14. COMPLAINS |
| 20. PALEMBANG | 15. PYROMANIA |
| 21. REACT     | 18. CLASPED   |
| 24. REIGN     | 19. EAGERLY   |
| 25. PORTFOLIO | 21. REFER     |
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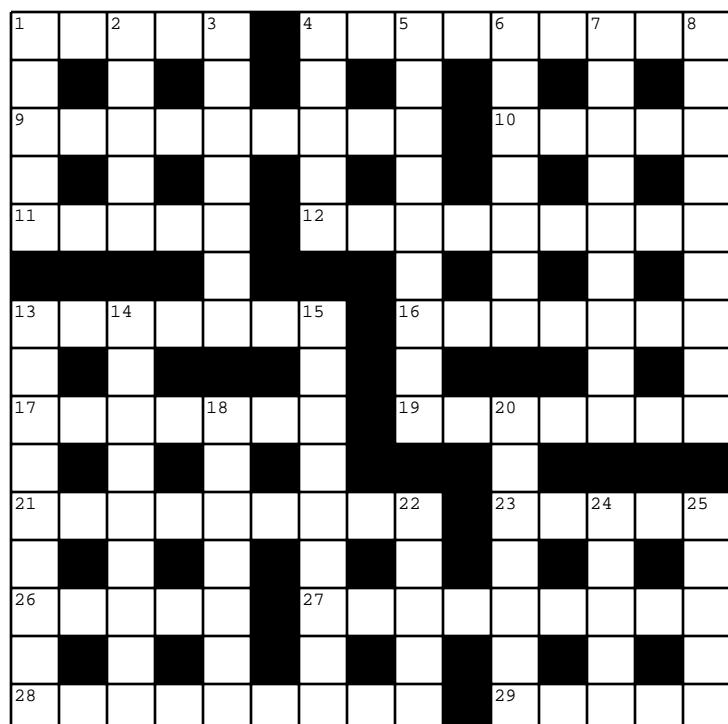
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| 4. REGROUPED  | 2. CHILI      |
| 9. ORIGINATE  | 3. OLIVE      |
| 10. TAPES     | 4. REAPPEARS  |
| 11. NAIVE     | 5. GEESE      |
| 12. PHENOMENA | 6. OUTSOURCE  |
| 13. ALFALFA   | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 16. AIRPORT   | 8. DISTANTLY  |
| 17. DENOTES   | 13. AUDITORIA |
| 18. OBESITY   | 14. FANTASIES |
| 19. TRAVAILED | 15. LETHARGIC |
| 21. IGLOO     | 16. AVOIDABLE |
| 24. RUIING    | 20. LEILA     |
| 25. IMBROGLIO | 21. ICONS     |
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| 27. SUSIE     | 23. OZONE     |



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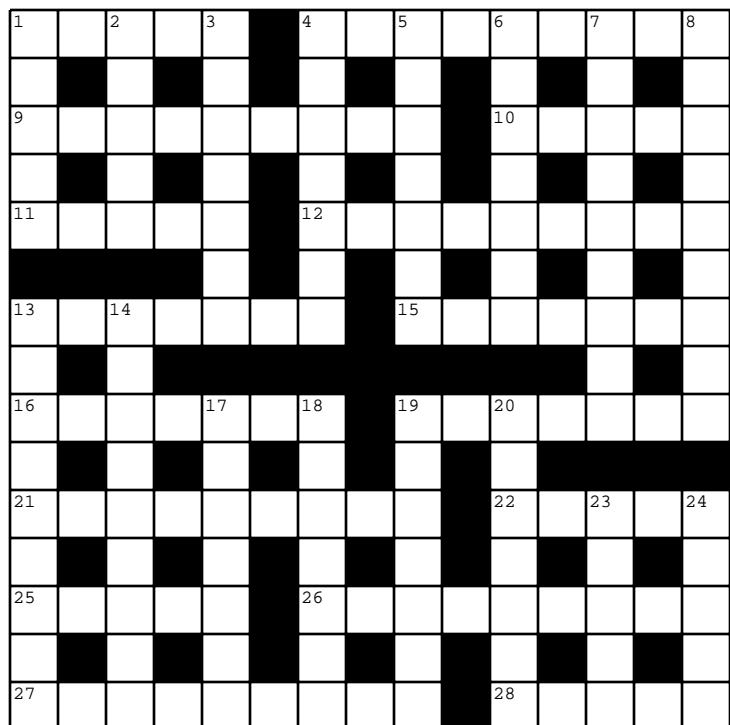
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| 9. DARKLiest  | 3. CALYPSO    |
| 10. ASPEN     | 4. ARENT      |
| 11. SHARP     | 5. EXTREMIST  |
| 12. TEENAGERS | 6. AVATARS    |
| 13. SOMEONE   | 7. IMPRECISE  |
| 16. INSPIRE   | 8. GANGSTERS  |
| 17. EXCERPT   | 13. STEPHANIE |
| 19. TESTERS   | 14. MCCONNELL |
| 21. HONEYCOMB | 15. EXTROVERT |
| 23. CRUMB     | 18. RHYMING   |
| 26. NOEMI     | 20. SECULAR   |
| 27. EUCALYPTI | 22. BACON     |
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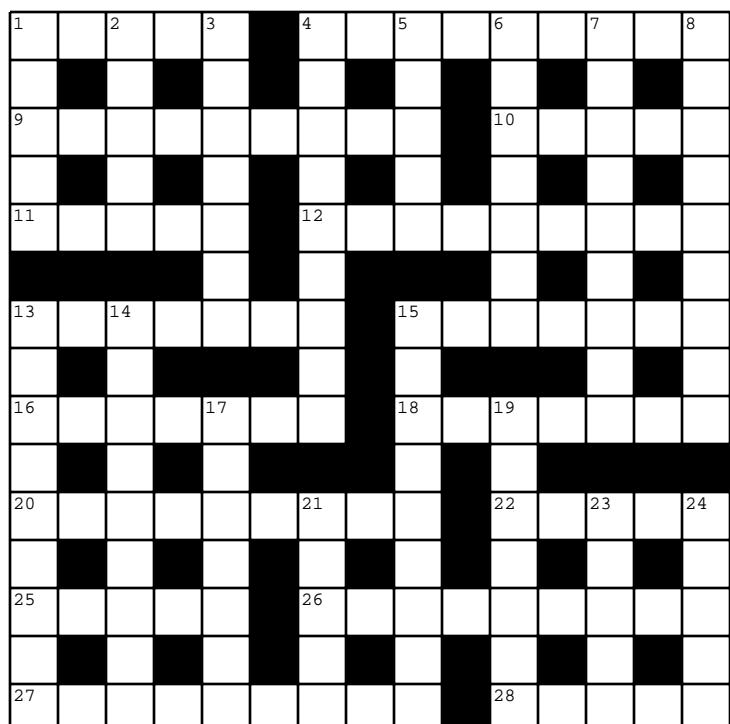
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| 4. MIDDLEMAN   | 2. UTERI      |
| 9. GUERRILLA   | 3. PERTURB    |
| 10. XYLEM      | 4. MALLARD    |
| 11. ADIEU      | 5. DWARFER    |
| 12. AFFECTION  | 6. LEXICON    |
| 13. GRABBED    | 7. MULTIPLEX  |
| 15. RINGLET    | 8. NOMINATED  |
| 16. ACROBAT    | 13. GUATEMALA |
| 19. ANNEXED    | 14. AGRIPPINA |
| 21. EMPHYSHEMA | 17. BAYONET   |
| 22. MUSIC      | 18. TEENAGE   |
| 25. ALIGN      | 19. ALARMED   |
| 26. ARMADILLO  | 20. NOMADIC   |
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| 28. CODES      | 24. CROPS     |



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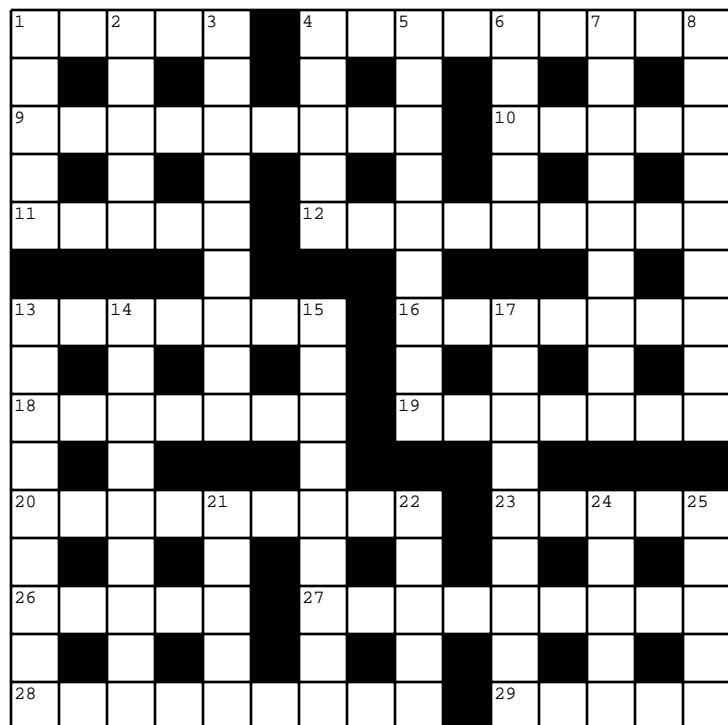
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| 9. CUNNINGER  | 3. ORIGAMI    |
| 10. CLANG     | 4. BEGRUDGES  |
| 11. SORTA     | 5. DIRAC      |
| 12. UNCLOTHES | 6. ENCLOSE    |
| 13. NEARING   | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 15. SWEATER   | 8. REGISTRAR  |
| 16. GOVERNS   | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. CASHIER   | 14. ADVERBIAL |
| 20. TERMINATE | 15. SECRETARY |
| 22. HAVOC     | 17. RAIMENT   |
| 25. LOIRE     | 19. SCHLEPP   |
| 26. AMATERASU | 21. AWARD     |
| 27. BELATEDLY | 23. VEALS     |
| 28. POSIT     | 24. COURT     |



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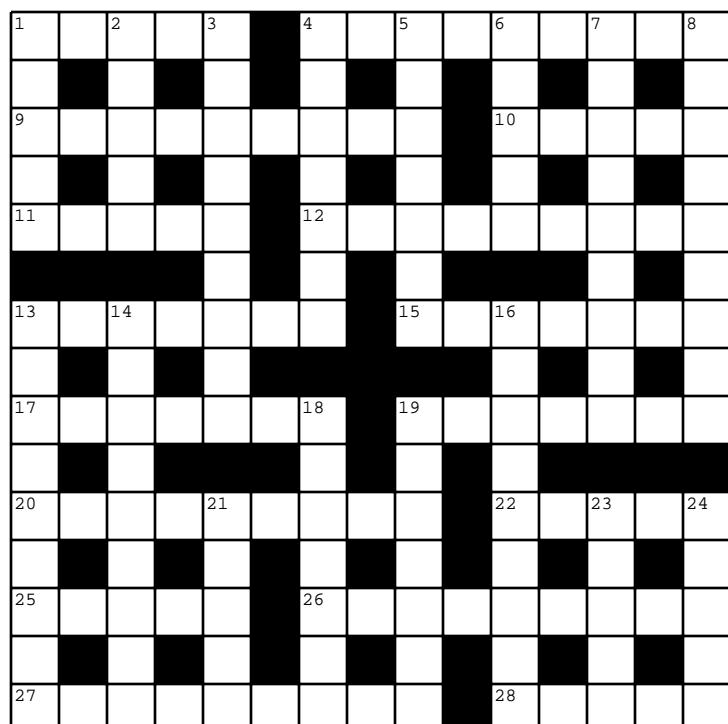
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| 4. BACKWARDS  | 2. BAYOU      |
| 9. ASYMMETRY  | 3. COMPRISES  |
| 10. NINES     | 4. BYTES      |
| 11. TRUER     | 5. CRYBABIES  |
| 12. STABILIZE | 6. WENDI      |
| 13. COLOSSI   | 7. RENDITION  |
| 16. INBUILT   | 8. SUSPECTED  |
| 18. SAMPSON   | 13. CUSTODIAL |
| 19. SCORNED   | 14. LIMBERING |
| 20. OVERSLEEP | 15. INNKEEPER |
| 23. SCREW     | 17. BLOSSOMED |
| 26. ICING     | 21. SIGHT     |
| 27. PNEUMONIA | 22. POEMS     |
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| 29. DISCS     | 25. WEARS     |



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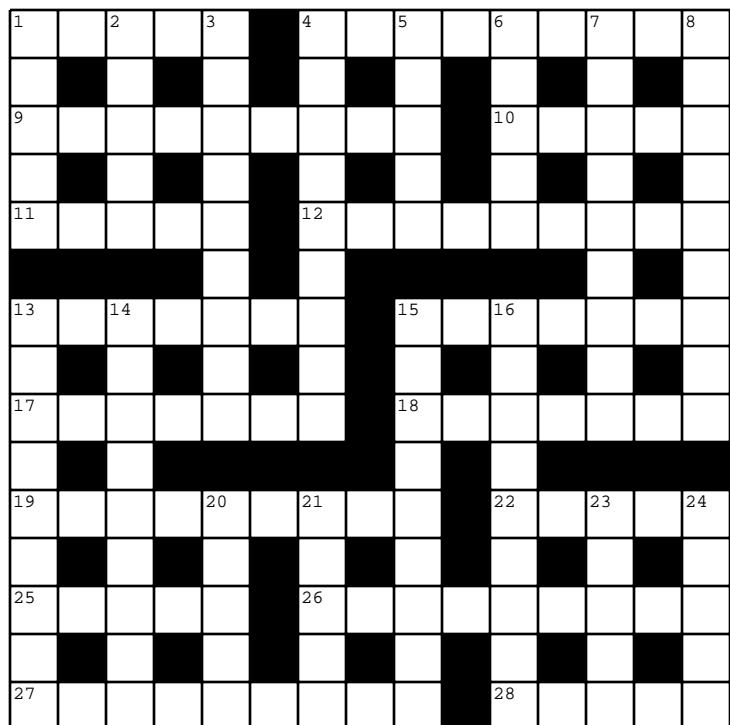
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| 4. FARRAKHAN  | 2. SAKAI      |
| 9. UNKINDEST  | 3. MENAGERIE  |
| 10. DINER     | 4. FLEECES    |
| 11. BEING     | 5. RATLIFF    |
| 12. CHIPEWYAN | 6. ADDLE      |
| 13. EMBARKS   | 7. HONEYCOMB  |
| 15. FULSOME   | 8. NIRENBERG  |
| 17. PROVERB   | 13. EXPEDITED |
| 19. SANDBAG   | 14. BOOTSTRAP |
| 20. DESTROYER | 16. LANDLORDS |
| 22. LARVA     | 18. BEYONDS   |
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| 26. NONPROFIT | 21. RANGE     |
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| 28. SORER     | 24. ACTOR     |



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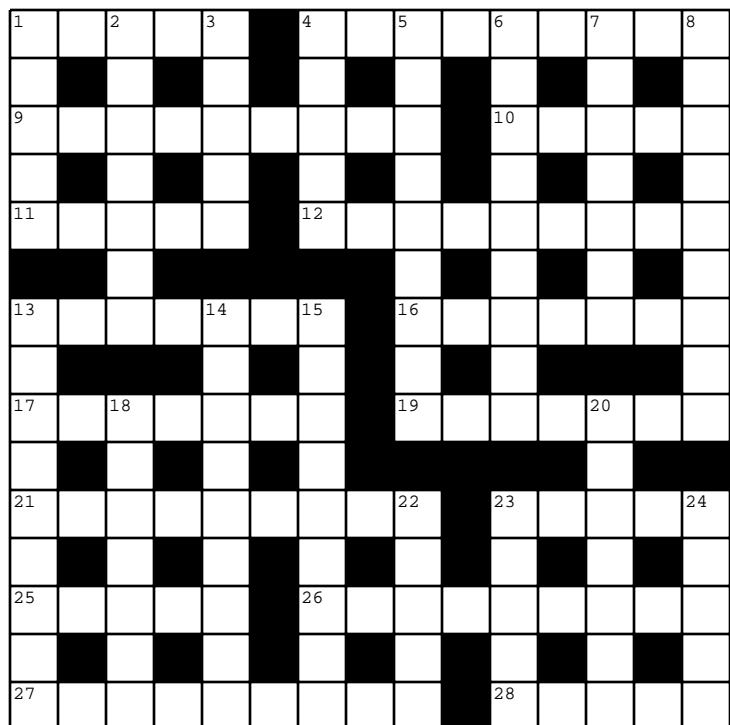
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| 4. PINEAPPLE  | 2. OASES      |
| 9. HISTORIAN  | 3. FOOLISHER  |
| 10. PAPER     | 4. PRINCIPAL  |
| 11. SUSHI     | 5. NINJA      |
| 12. CHAMELEON | 6. APPLE      |
| 13. KINSHIP   | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 15. ENCLOSE   | 8. EHRENBERG  |
| 17. NOSTRIL   | 13. KINDLIES  |
| 18. VATTING   | 14. NASHVILLE |
| 19. LIVERPOOL | 15. ENVELOPED |
| 22. CLAIM     | 16. CATACLYSM |
| 25. EULER     | 20. RURAL     |
| 26. EMPHYSEMA | 21. OPENS     |
| 27. TRELLISED | 23. AHEAD     |
| 28. MODES     | 24. MOANS     |



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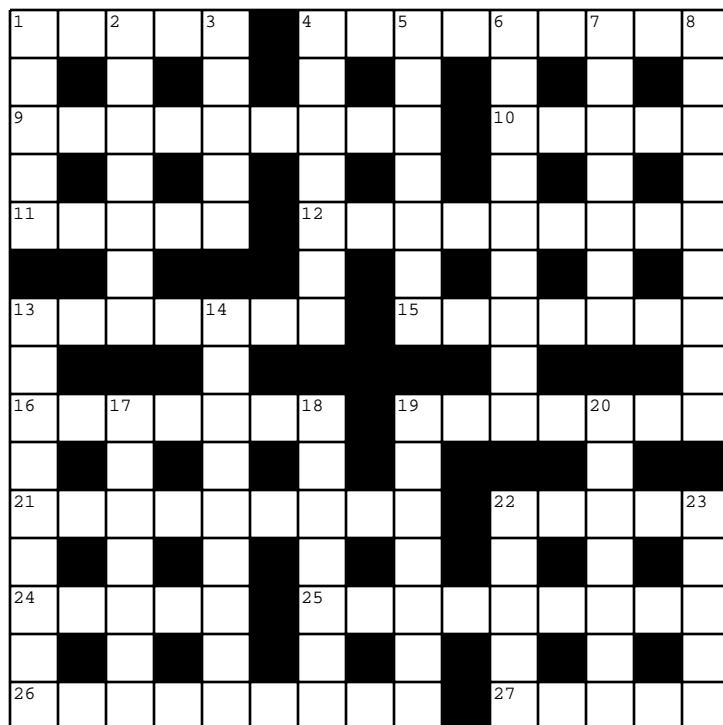
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| 9. COMMERCES  | 3. NEEDS      |
| 10. NOBLE     | 4. RACES      |
| 11. SALTS     | 5. DISTRACTS  |
| 12. STRUTTING | 6. LENGTHIER  |
| 13. DISTURB   | 7. FABRICS    |
| 16. CRIMSON   | 8. EMERGENCE  |
| 17. PERFORM   | 13. DIPLOMATA |
| 19. SURVIVE   | 14. UROLOGIST |
| 21. OPTIONALS | 15. BOMBARDED |
| 23. LISZT     | 18. RETRACT   |
| 25. ABACI     | 20. INSTALL   |
| 26. DISEMBARK | 22. SISES     |
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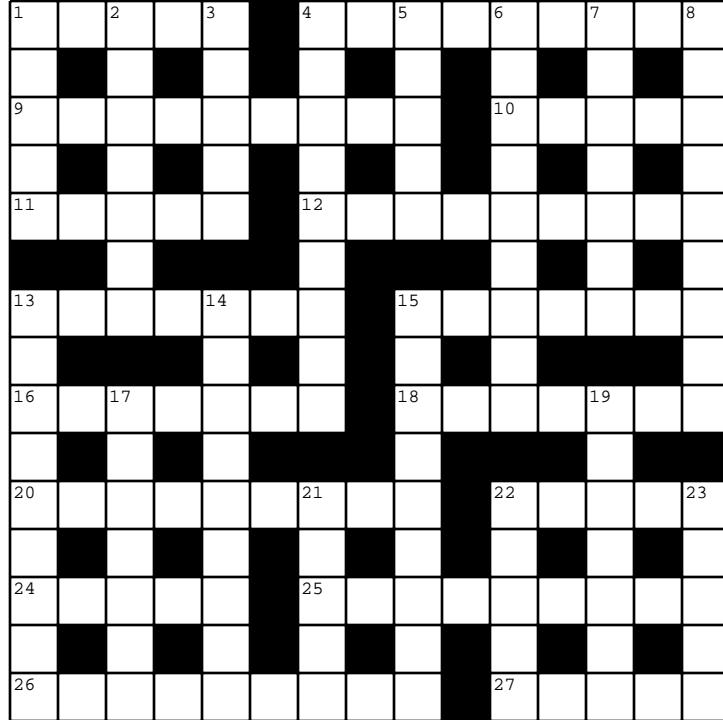
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| 4. CANADIANS  | 2. FINGERS    |
| 9. CONTINUUM  | 3. SKIMP      |
| 10. CARPI     | 4. COULDNT    |
| 11. SHEEP     | 5. NUMERIC    |
| 12. DAREDEVIL | 6. DOCUDRAMA  |
| 13. DISTANT   | 7. ARRIVED    |
| 15. CLAUDIO   | 8. STILLBORN  |
| 16. PLASTIC   | 13. DIPLOMATA |
| 19. ALASKAN   | 14. ANTIPASTO |
| 21. OVERPLAYS | 17. AGENDAS   |
| 22. APART     | 18. CHARGED   |
| 24. AIDES     | 19. ASSURED   |
| 25. GARBANZOS | 20. KWANZAA   |
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| 27. MOANS     | 23. TASKS     |



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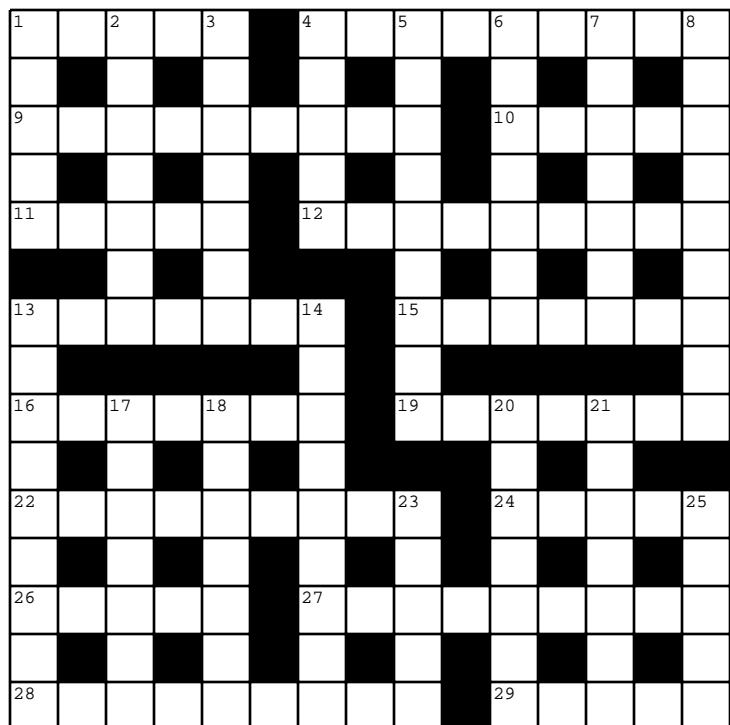
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| 9. DEVELOPER  | 3. SOLVE      |
| 10. WIDEN     | 4. APPRAISAL  |
| 11. OZONE     | 5. BARKS      |
| 12. ABSORBENT | 6. TAWDRIEST  |
| 13. ASSISTS   | 7. ODDNESS    |
| 15. CHELSEA   | 8. SANCTUARY  |
| 16. NUMERAL   | 13. ANNAPURNA |
| 18. NOTABLY   | 14. STROMBOLI |
| 20. PRAGMATIC | 15. CONSCIOUS |
| 22. OGLES     | 17. MOANING   |
| 24. RHINO     | 19. BOLSHOI   |
| 25. ABOLISHED | 21. TEACH     |
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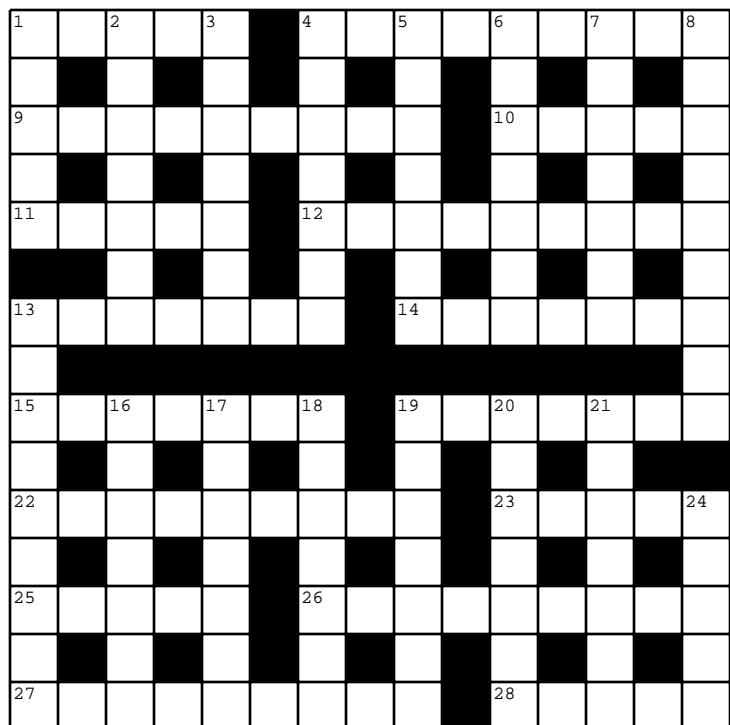
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| 4. TAMERLANE  | 2. ORIFICE    |
| 9. GUILLERMO  | 3. ILLEGAL    |
| 10. BLIMP     | 4. THREW      |
| 11. GOING     | 5. MOONLIGHT  |
| 12. WILLOWIER | 6. RUBDOWN    |
| 13. OVERLAP   | 7. ANIMIST    |
| 15. GENETIC   | 8. EMPIRICAL  |
| 16. TADPOLE   | 13. OUTLOOKED |
| 19. TYPICAL   | 14. PRESERVED |
| 22. OVERSLEEP | 17. DEEJAYS   |
| 24. RUMBA     | 18. OBSCENE   |
| 26. KNAVE     | 20. PERTURB   |
| 27. VOYEURISM | 21. COMPILE   |
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| 29. BREAD     | 25. AIMED     |



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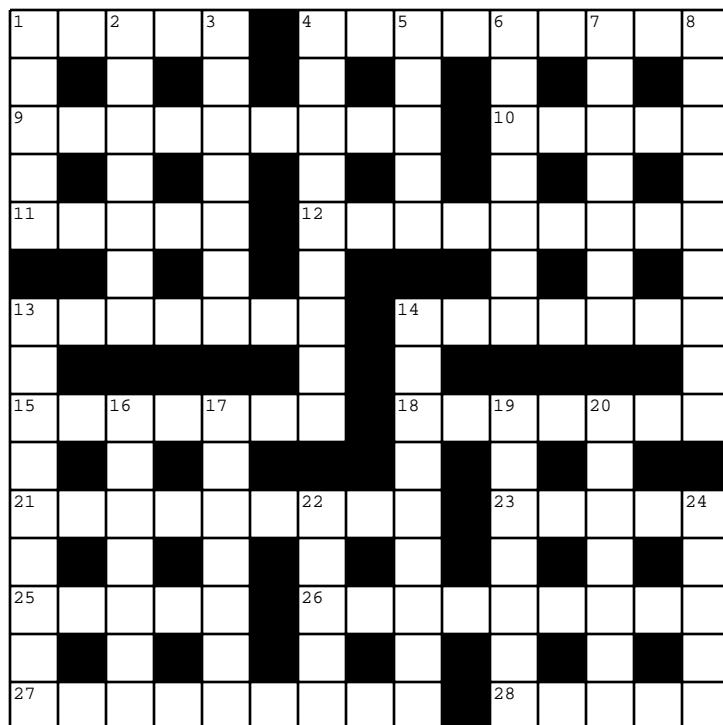
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| 4. REFINANCE  | 2. LABIALS    |
| 9. FIBONACCI  | 3. DYNAMIC    |
| 10. PARSI     | 4. RECIPES    |
| 11. ALARM     | 5. FRIEZES    |
| 12. PIZZICATO | 6. NUPTIAL    |
| 13. INSECTS   | 7. NIRVANA    |
| 14. SYLLABI   | 8. EDITORIAL  |
| 15. THUMBED   | 13. INTRINSIC |
| 19. ALCOHOL   | 16. URBANER   |
| 22. IMBROGLIO | 17. BRONCHI   |
| 23. RISKS     | 18. DILEMMA   |
| 25. SONIC     | 19. AMOUNTS   |
| 26. MONOMANIA | 20. CHROMES   |
| 27. CARDIGANS | 21. HOSANNA   |
| 28. SHARE     | 24. SHAPE     |



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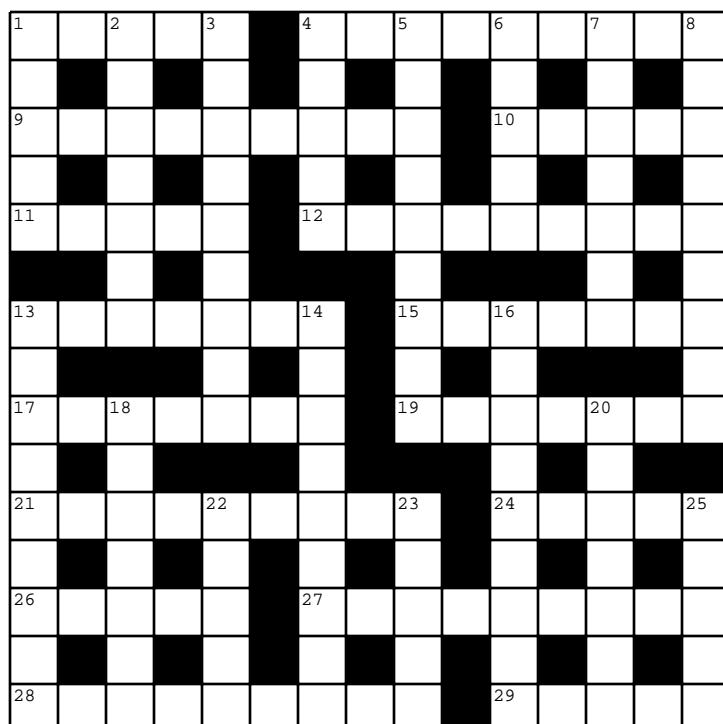
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| 4. SUBSIDIZE  | 2. SOLARIA    |
| 9. ILLNESSES  | 3. KNEECAP    |
| 10. CYCLE     | 4. SUSPENDED  |
| 11. LYRIC     | 5. BASIC      |
| 12. EXCLUSIVE | 6. INCLUDE    |
| 13. TRAPPED   | 7. INCLINE    |
| 14. CLEMENT   | 8. ELEVENTHS  |
| 15. ENCODED   | 13. THEORETIC |
| 18. SCHEMES   | 14. CUSHIONED |
| 21. RHINOCERI | 16. CLIMBER   |
| 23. MARRY     | 17. DIORAMA   |
| 25. TIBIA     | 19. HIMSELF   |
| 26. CONNEXION | 20. MARTINI   |
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| 28. FLIES     | 24. YANKS     |



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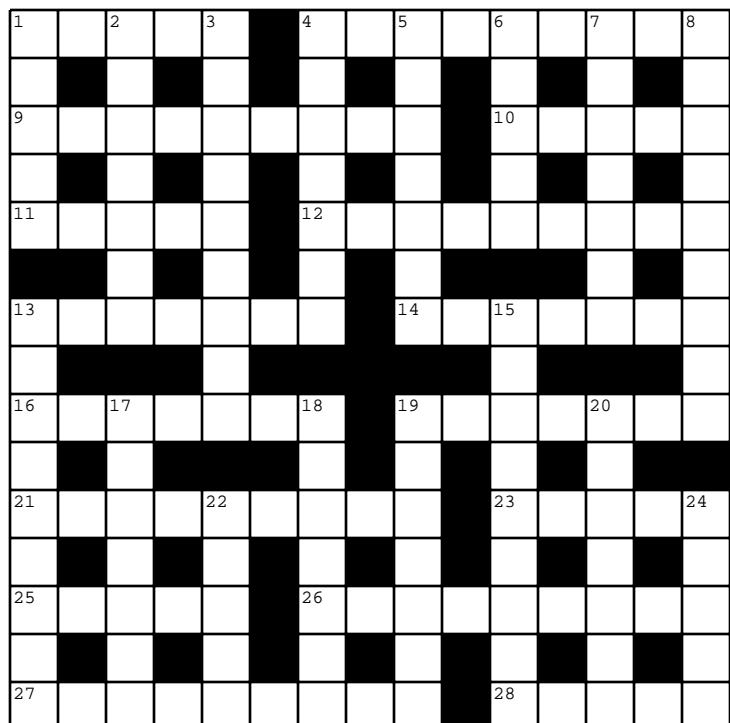
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| 9. RAMBLINGS  | 3. TOLERANCE  |
| 10. NEGEV     | 4. DONNA      |
| 11. OUTER     | 5. DISCLOSES  |
| 12. ALLOCATES | 6. CYNIC      |
| 13. AMMONIA   | 7. BUGATTI    |
| 15. SAPLING   | 8. ENVISAGED  |
| 17. CAGIEST   | 13. ALCOHOLIC |
| 19. SPRUCED   | 14. ANTELOPES |
| 21. HYDRAULIC | 16. PARAGRAPH |
| 24. GIRTH     | 18. GODLIER   |
| 26. LYING     | 20. CARIBOU   |
| 27. PREFABBED | 22. ANGLO     |
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| 29. HOURS     | 25. HIDES     |



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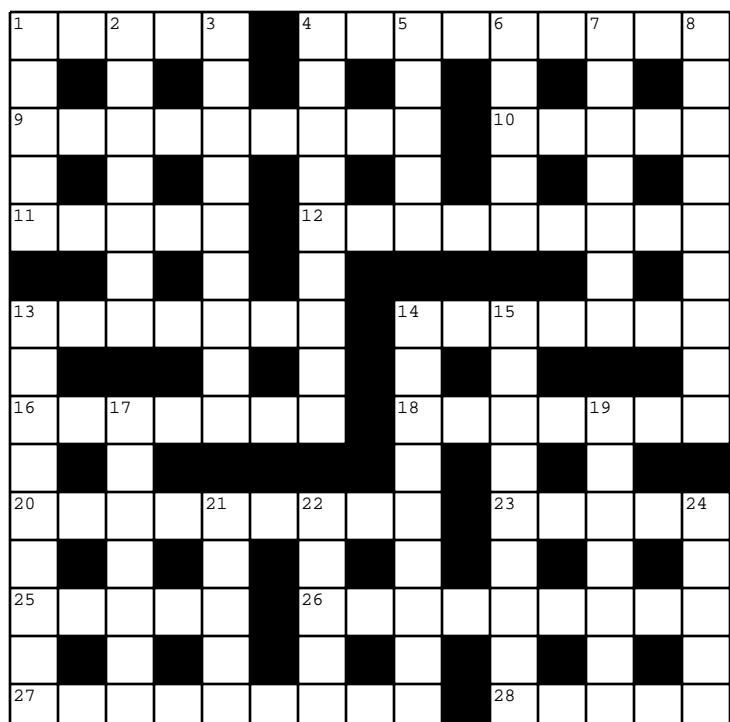
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| 4. SUCCEEDED  | 2. MAILBOX    |
| 9. GLISSANDO  | 3. SUSPICION  |
| 10. NESTS     | 4. SINCERE    |
| 11. RABBI     | 5. CHOICER    |
| 12. ENCHILADA | 6. ENNUI      |
| 13. TEXTILE   | 7. DESPAIR    |
| 14. RUMORED   | 8. DASTARDLY  |
| 16. ESSENCE   | 13. THEODORIC |
| 19. HOMEBOY   | 15. MEMORANDA |
| 21. DIARRHOEA | 17. SCANDAL   |
| 23. RELAY     | 18. EBONIES   |
| 25. RADII     | 19. HOARDED   |
| 26. INDONESIA | 20. BELUSHI   |
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| 28. ACIDS     | 24. YEARS     |



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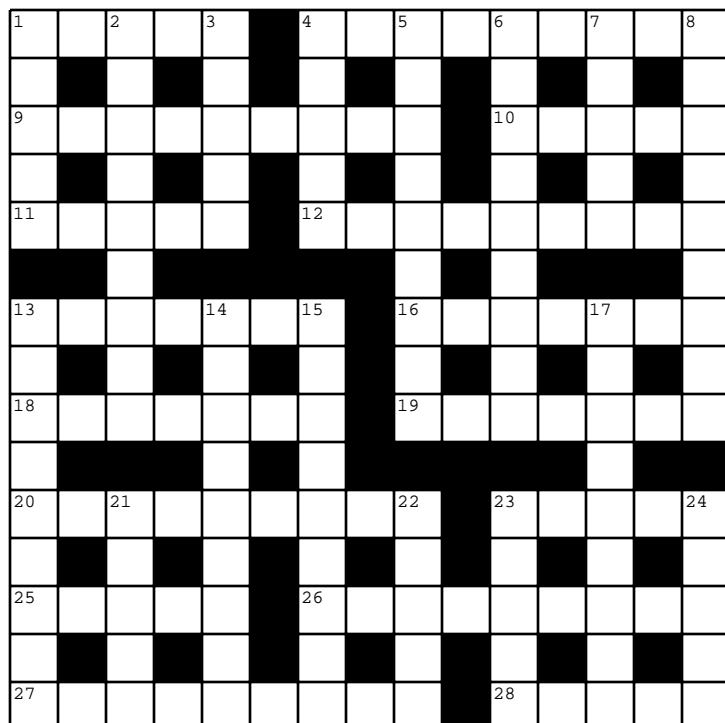
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| 9. CRESCENDI  | 3. DECREASED  |
| 10. STEEP     | 4. ANNAPOLIS  |
| 11. YOURE     | 5. ONION      |
| 12. PENINSULA | 6. RISEN      |
| 13. AEROSOL   | 7. PRESUME    |
| 14. INBREDS   | 8. APPRAISAL  |
| 16. ALLUDES   | 13. ABANDONED |
| 18. DECIBEL   | 14. INDULGENT |
| 20. DISMISSAL | 15. BACKPACKS |
| 23. POLKA     | 17. LESIONS   |
| 25. NAOMI     | 19. BELUSHI   |
| 26. OVERCASTS | 21. ICIER     |
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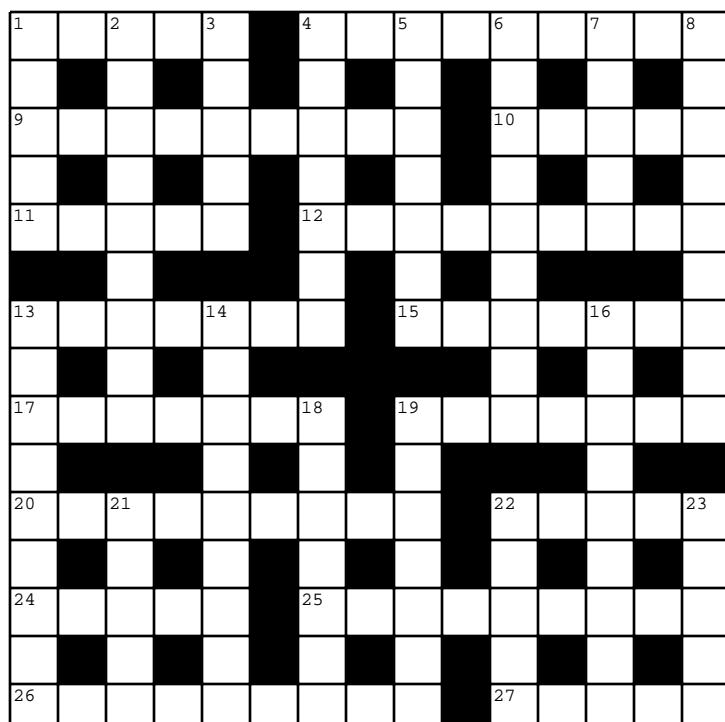
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| 4. POLYMERIC  | 2. CATAPULTS  |
| 9. INTERVIEW  | 3. SORTA      |
| 10. SWING     | 4. PIING      |
| 11. ALPHA     | 5. LOWENBRAU  |
| 12. GUNRUNNER | 6. MISGUIDED  |
| 13. CALCIUM   | 7. REIGN      |
| 16. RADICAL   | 8. CIGARILLO  |
| 18. INSECTS   | 13. COINCIDES |
| 19. UNDERGO   | 14. INCREASED |
| 20. CONFERRED | 15. MISERABLE |
| 23. ROUGH     | 17. CORRUPTER |
| 25. DUMPS     | 21. NIMBI     |
| 26. BANKNOTES | 22. DUNES     |
| 27. SWINDLERS | 23. RENEW     |
| 28. WARMS     | 24. HOSTS     |



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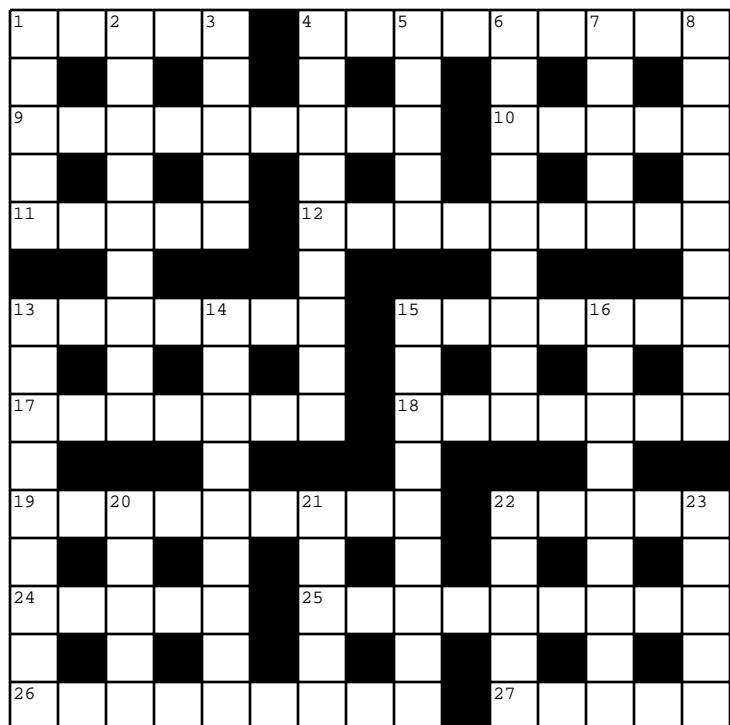
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| 9. INQUIRING  | 3. SHIED      |
| 10. MAGMA     | 4. AGILITY    |
| 11. DREAD     | 5. NUGGETS    |
| 12. INELASTIC | 6. GYMNASIUM  |
| 13. DECENCY   | 7. TIGHT      |
| 15. STIRRUP   | 8. SEASCAPES  |
| 17. SARAWAK   | 13. DISBANDED |
| 19. COMMITS   | 14. NEWSPAPER |
| 20. AUTOPILOT | 16. RHINOCERI |
| 22. BROKE     | 18. KILLJOY   |
| 24. DROOP     | 19. CATERER   |
| 25. JARLSBERG | 21. TOOLS     |
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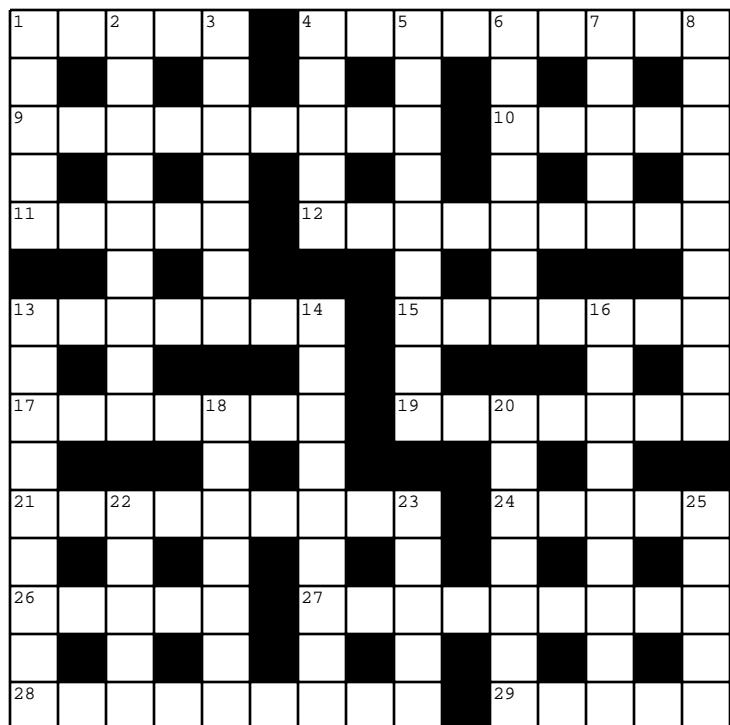
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| 4. WINSOMEST  | 2. BALLERINA  |
| 9. COLONISER  | 3. YANKS      |
| 10. NAIVE     | 4. WASHBASIN  |
| 11. TEENS     | 5. NERVE      |
| 12. BLEARIEST | 6. OWNERSHIP  |
| 13. MAIDENS   | 7. EXILE      |
| 15. BEHEADS   | 8. TREATISES  |
| 17. TIANJIN   | 13. METABOLIC |
| 18. EXPOSES   | 14. ENJOYMENT |
| 19. BIALYSTOK | 15. BREAKDOWN |
| 22. NAILS     | 16. ASSAILANT |
| 24. LOIRE     | 20. ADIEU     |
| 25. PYONGYANG | 21. TAPES     |
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| 27. VOTES     | 23. SIGNS     |



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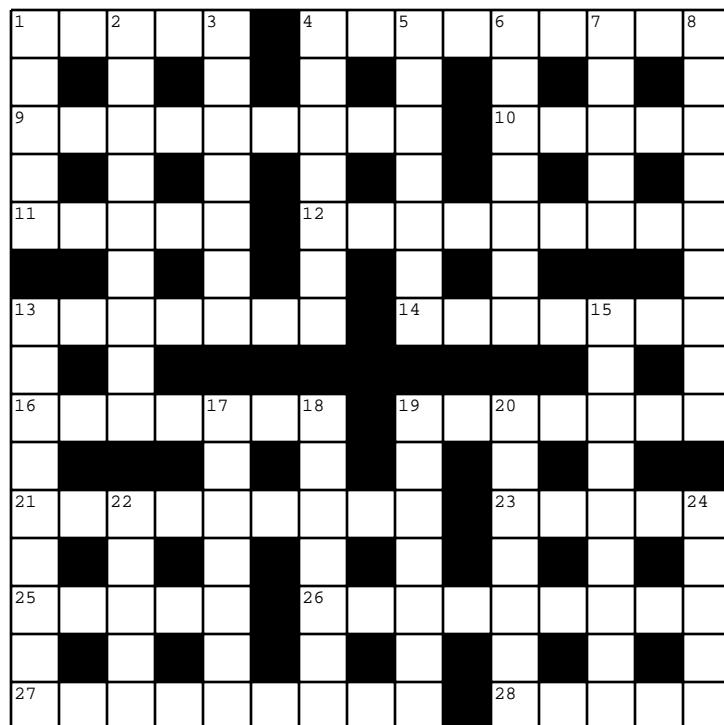
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| 9. REFRAINED  | 3. STAMINA    |
| 10. LAMBS     | 4. MENUS      |
| 11. ALTAI     | 5. INDELIBLE  |
| 12. SILVERIER | 6. TALLEST    |
| 13. NIRVANA   | 7. NIMBI      |
| 15. BATHTUB   | 8. DESIRABLE  |
| 17. SCALPEL   | 13. NOSEBLEED |
| 19. EMBRACE   | 14. ALLEGEDLY |
| 21. BETHOUGHT | 16. TRANSFORM |
| 24. BUSES     | 18. PROVERB   |
| 26. ELUDE     | 20. BOBBING   |
| 27. DORMITORY | 22. THUDS     |
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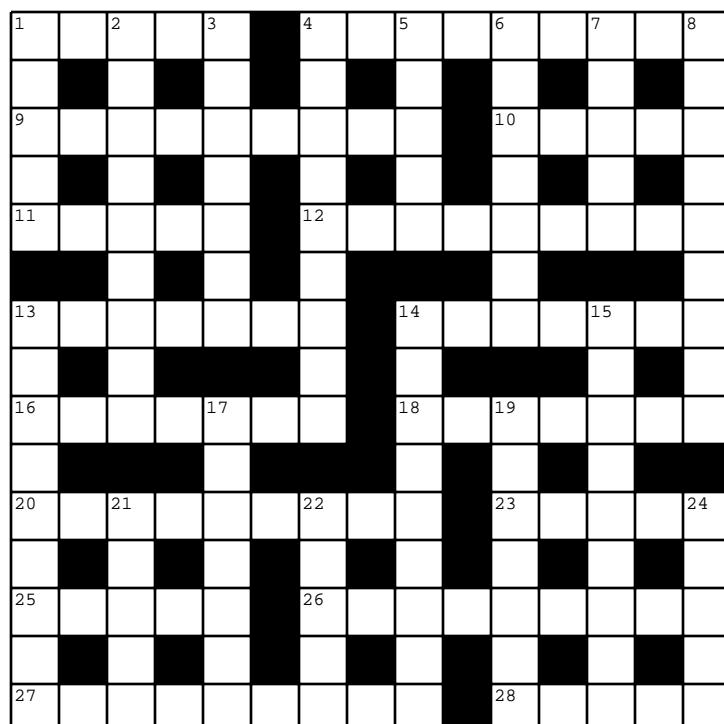
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| 4. VALIDATED  | 2. MENTORING  |
| 9. CANVASSER  | 3. NEARING    |
| 10. STRIP     | 4. VESICLE    |
| 11. DHOTI     | 5. LARAMIE    |
| 12. COMMUNIST | 6. DISTURB    |
| 13. WRIGGLE   | 7. TORSI      |
| 14. EMBARGO   | 8. DIPHTHONG  |
| 16. INGRAIN   | 13. WHIMPERED |
| 19. HOUSING   | 15. RAINSTORM |
| 21. PASSENGER | 17. AWESOME   |
| 23. BASIC     | 18. NEGATES   |
| 25. RATIO     | 19. HURRAYS   |
| 26. TRANSFORM | 20. UNBOSOM   |
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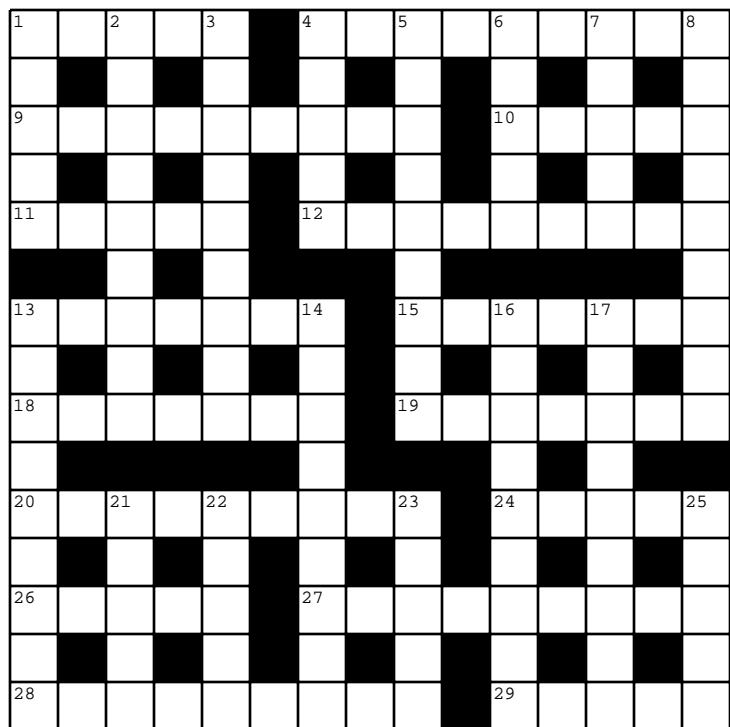
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| 9. RHINOCERI  | 3. AVOCADO    |
| 10. RANTS     | 4. OVERDRAFT  |
| 11. LIBRA     | 5. EDITS      |
| 12. DESPERADO | 6. PARVENU    |
| 13. SARCOMA   | 7. WANDA      |
| 14. DRUDGED   | 8. RESPONDED  |
| 16. ELEGANT   | 13. STEAMSHIP |
| 18. CADDIED   | 14. DECLAIMED |
| 20. MEMORANDA | 15. GLISSANDI |
| 23. LOSES     | 17. ACREAGE   |
| 25. HENNA     | 19. DILEMMA   |
| 26. ARMAMENTS | 21. MANGO     |
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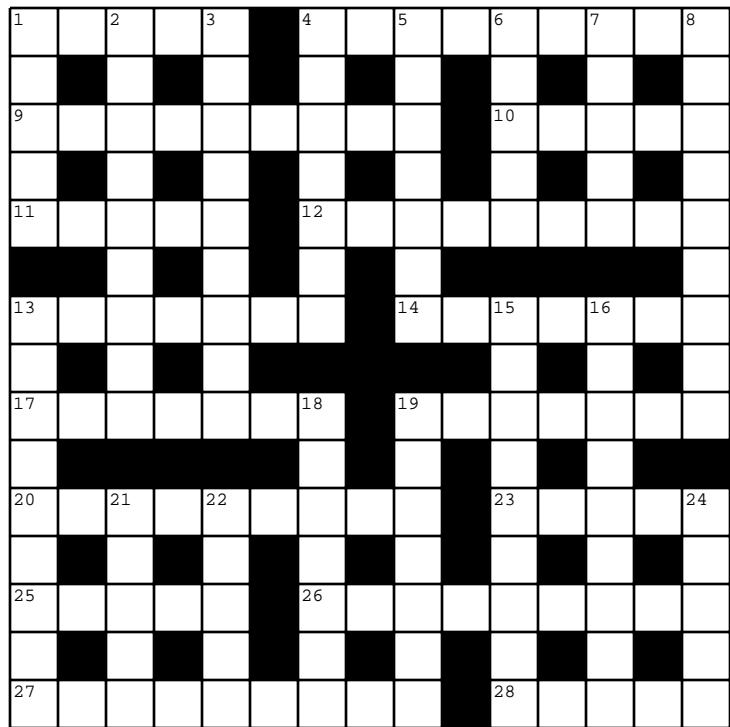
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| 9. WHIRLIGIG  | 3. OBLATIONS  |
| 10. OAKUM     | 4. MAGMA      |
| 11. YACHT     | 5. HIGHCHAIR  |
| 12. ANCESTRAL | 6. ROOTS      |
| 13. ARIZONA   | 7. JOKER      |
| 15. ALREADY   | 8. HIMALAYAS  |
| 18. AUGUSTS   | 13. AMAZEMENT |
| 19. REDUCES   | 14. ASSISTANT |
| 20. EXERCISED | 16. REDUNDANT |
| 24. NINNY     | 17. ASCENSION |
| 26. ENEMA     | 21. EDEMA     |
| 27. ADULATION | 22. CHARM     |
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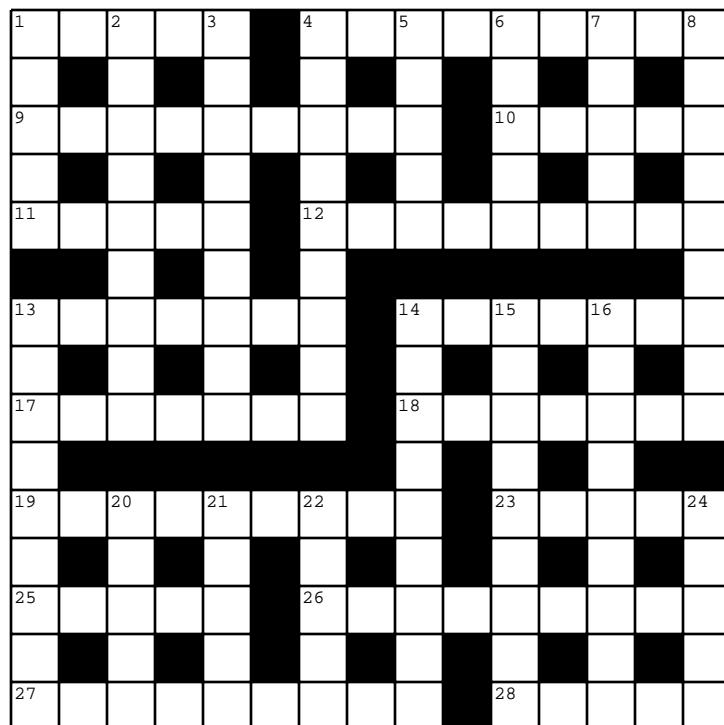
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| 9. HONEYCOMB  | 3. PHYSICIST  |
| 10. UNCUT     | 4. AGONIZE    |
| 11. NAOMI     | 5. DEBRIEF    |
| 12. ITINERANT | 6. TRUCE      |
| 13. REALIZE   | 7. RECTA      |
| 14. FLEECED   | 8. ALTITUDES  |
| 17. SCEPTIC   | 13. RESEMBLES |
| 19. SAVINGS   | 15. EAVESDROP |
| 20. MAHARISHI | 16. CANONICAL |
| 23. SONGS     | 18. CASINGS   |
| 25. LIVED     | 19. SHIMMER   |
| 26. NUMERICAL | 21. HAVOC     |
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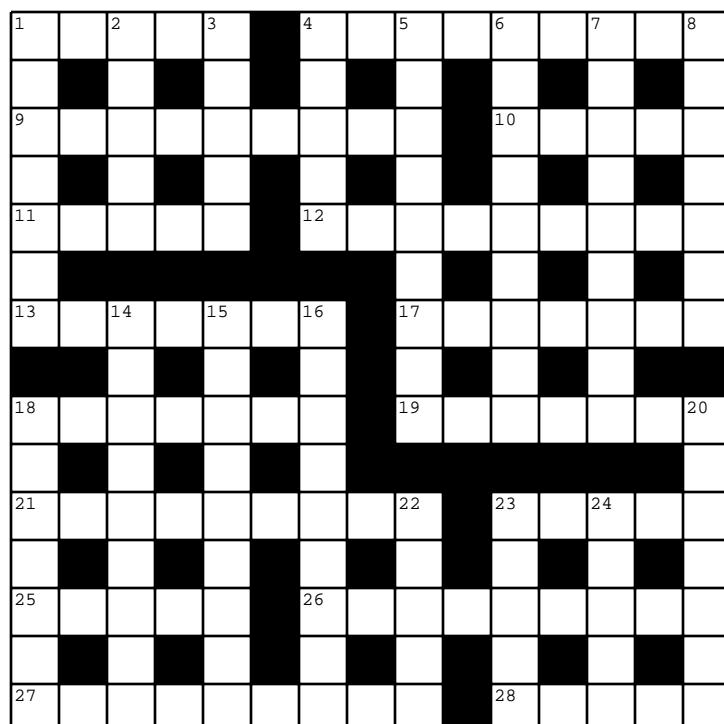
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| 1. ORDER      | 1. OTHER      |
| 4. EIGHTIETH  | 2. DEADBOLTS  |
| 9. HEARTACHE  | 3. RETAILERS  |
| 10. EMBER     | 4. ENCUMBERS  |
| 11. RABBI     | 5. GLEAN      |
| 12. MANHANDLE | 6. THETA      |
| 13. COLLEGE   | 7. EMBED      |
| 14. UPDATES   | 8. HARNESSES  |
| 17. ASSISTS   | 13. CLAMBERED |
| 18. RUINOUS   | 14. UPRISINGS |
| 19. BANKRUPTS | 15. DRIBBLERS |
| 23. BASER     | 16. TROUSSEAU |
| 25. RACED     | 20. NICKS     |
| 26. MENDELEEV | 21. RADII     |
| 27. DISMISSES | 22. PUMPS     |
| 28. SHUTS     | 24. RAVES     |



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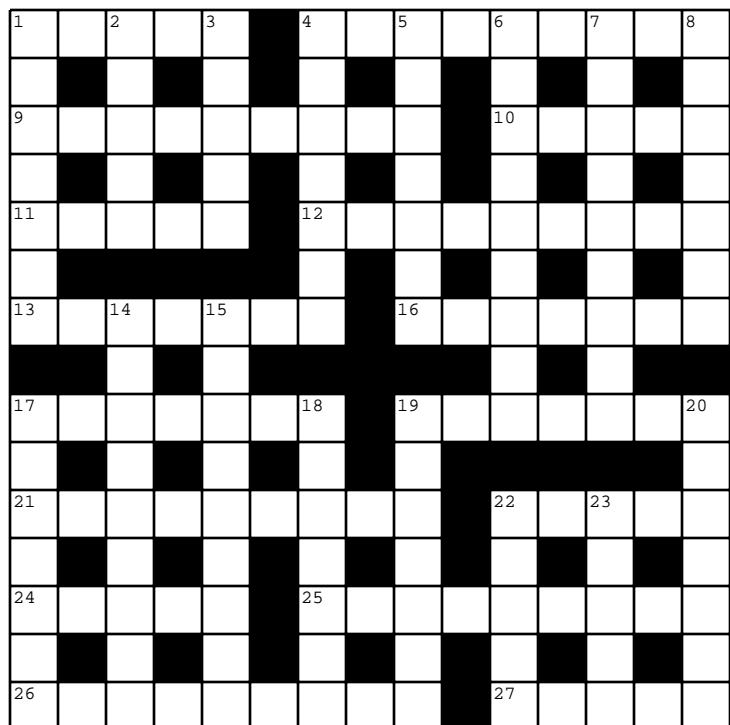
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| 4. DOMESTICS  | 2. SKEIN      |
| 9. VIEWPOINT  | 3. DOPED      |
| 10. INNED     | 4. DRIES      |
| 11. LINED     | 5. METABOLIC  |
| 12. SUBLIMEST | 6. SPIRITUAL  |
| 13. PLATEAU   | 7. INNUENDOS  |
| 17. LAUNDER   | 8. SEDATER    |
| 18. OSHKOSH   | 14. APHELIONS |
| 19. COLOSSI   | 15. EROTICISM |
| 21. FULFILLED | 16. UNHELPFUL |
| 23. DICED     | 18. OFFENSE   |
| 25. NAOMI     | 20. INDULGE   |
| 26. FICTIONAL | 22. DUCKS     |
| 27. ENSEMBLES | 23. DOING     |
| 28. GRAVE     | 24. CONGA     |



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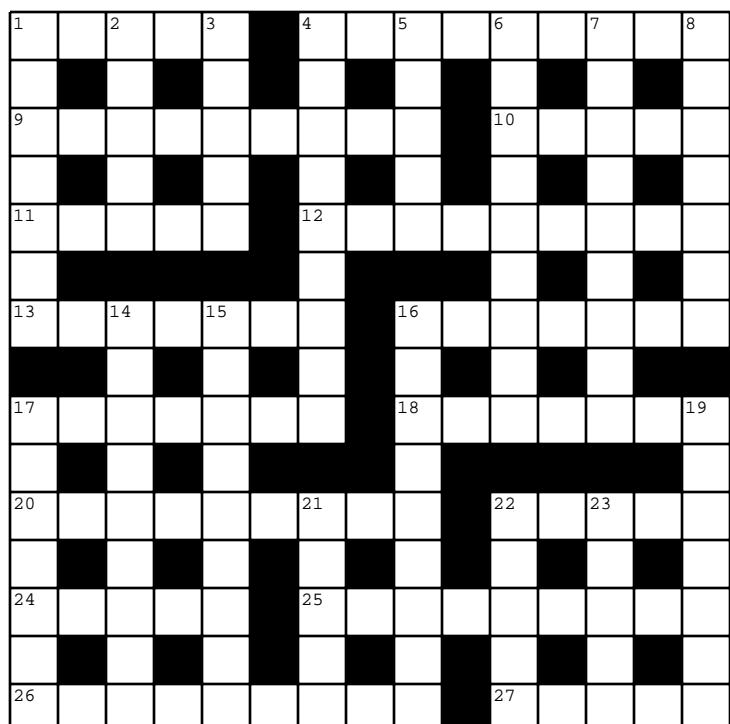
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| 4. BARRICADE  | 2. INTER      |
| 9. JETTISONS  | 3. SUITS      |
| 10. PEROT     | 4. BLONDER    |
| 11. TYRES     | 5. RESPOND    |
| 12. DEODORANT | 6. IMPROMPTU  |
| 13. UNWISER   | 7. AERIALIST  |
| 16. DEPRIVE   | 8. ENTITLE    |
| 17. HOTCAKE   | 14. WITHDRAWN |
| 19. AQUATIC   | 15. STAIRCASE |
| 21. LEDERBERG | 17. HOLCOMB   |
| 22. KNOWN     | 18. ELEMENT   |
| 24. OHARA     | 19. ARGUING   |
| 25. EPILEPTIC | 20. CYNICAL   |
| 26. BUNDESTAG | 22. KNELT     |
| 27. TOTAL     | 23. OCTET     |



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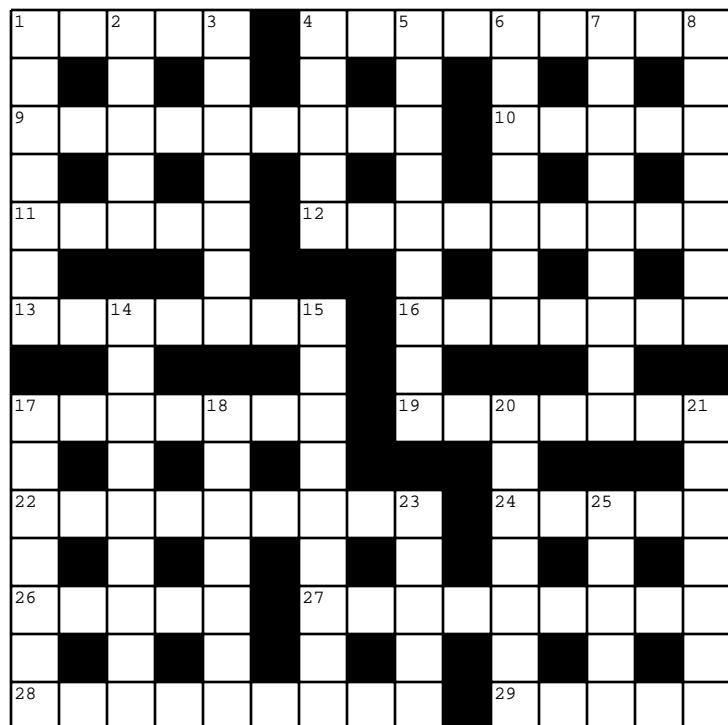
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| 9. NONVERBAL  | 3. GREGG      |
| 10. SECTS     | 4. EMBEZZLED  |
| 11. ICING     | 5. POLYP      |
| 12. ZIPPERING | 6. DESPERADO  |
| 13. ETHICAL   | 7. TACKINESS  |
| 16. BEAKERS   | 8. DESIGNS    |
| 17. EXPIRED   | 14. HEPATITIS |
| 18. BLOSSOM   | 15. CURIOUSER |
| 20. BETROTHAL | 16. BUBBLIEST |
| 22. GASES     | 17. ELBOWED   |
| 24. WATTS     | 19. MISTYPE   |
| 25. PREDATORY | 21. HOPED     |
| 26. DISCREDIT | 22. GRAPH     |
| 27. HALVE     | 23. SPOOL     |



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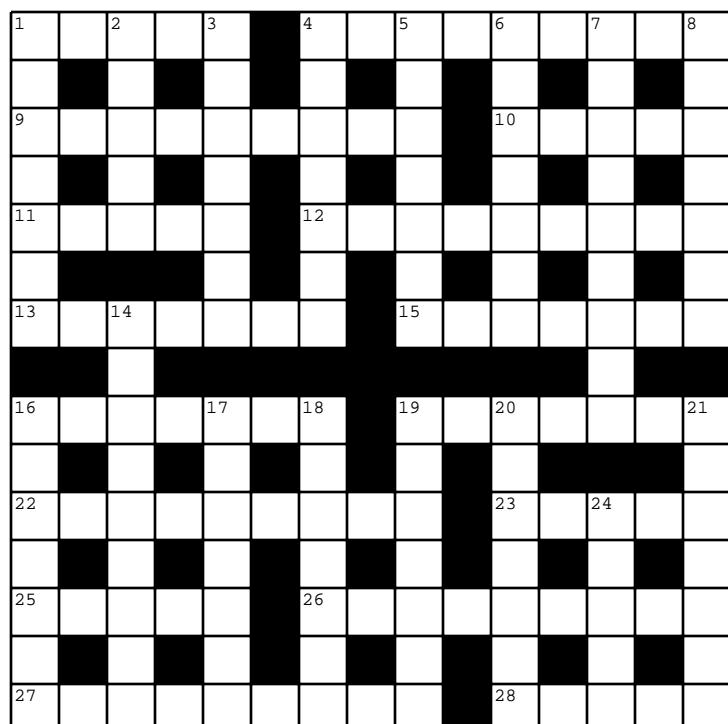
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| 4. CREDITORS  | 2. ENNUI      |
| 9. MENDELEEV  | 3. PREMIUM    |
| 10. AWFUL     | 4. CHEWS      |
| 11. LUIGI     | 5. EAVESDROP  |
| 12. SUSTAINED | 6. IZANAGI    |
| 13. RESUMES   | 7. OFFENCIVE  |
| 16. RAINIER   | 8. SOLIDER    |
| 17. SHAKEUP   | 14. SCALAWAGS |
| 19. PROVERB   | 15. SUPPLIERS |
| 22. DIAGHILEV | 17. SADDLED   |
| 24. AMASS     | 18. ENHANCE   |
| 26. LEARN     | 20. ORACLES   |
| 27. EUCALYPTI | 21. BESTIAL   |
| 28. DISPERSAL | 23. VOCAL     |
| 29. STEEL     | 25. AMPLE     |



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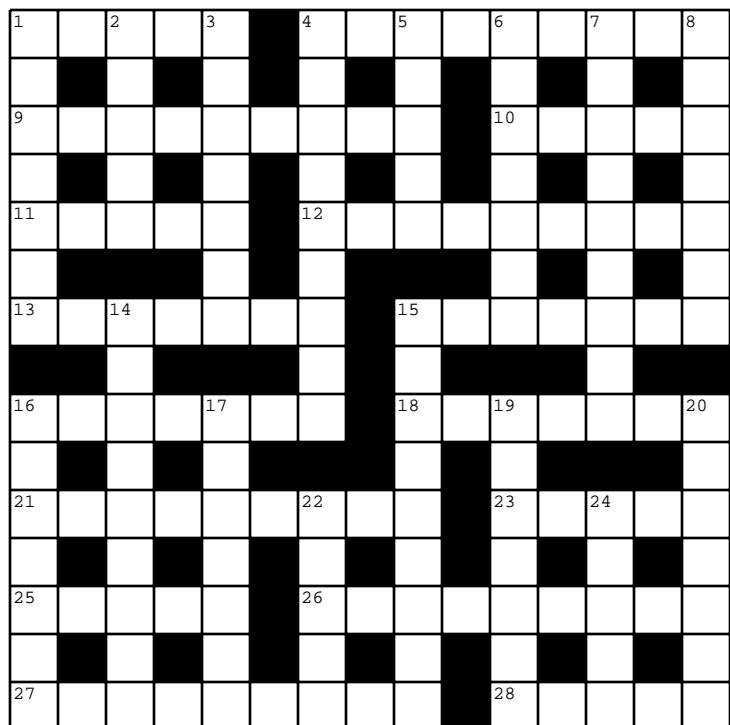
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| 4. MISHAPPED  | 2. OVARY      |
| 9. CEAUSESCU  | 3. INSTALL    |
| 10. TYPED     | 4. MISERLY    |
| 11. MAYRA     | 5. STUDIED    |
| 12. RHINOCERI | 6. ACTIONS    |
| 13. LEGALLY   | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 15. DESPOTS   | 8. DADDIES    |
| 16. NAIPPAUL  | 14. GLISSANDO |
| 19. APPOINT   | 16. NONSTOP   |
| 22. NOSTALGIA | 17. ANALYSE   |
| 23. RABBI     | 18. LEGUMES   |
| 25. TANGY     | 19. ADAPTOR   |
| 26. MUTSUHITO | 20. PERTURB   |
| 27. PROCESSOR | 21. TAILORS   |
| 28. BOGUS     | 24. BEING     |



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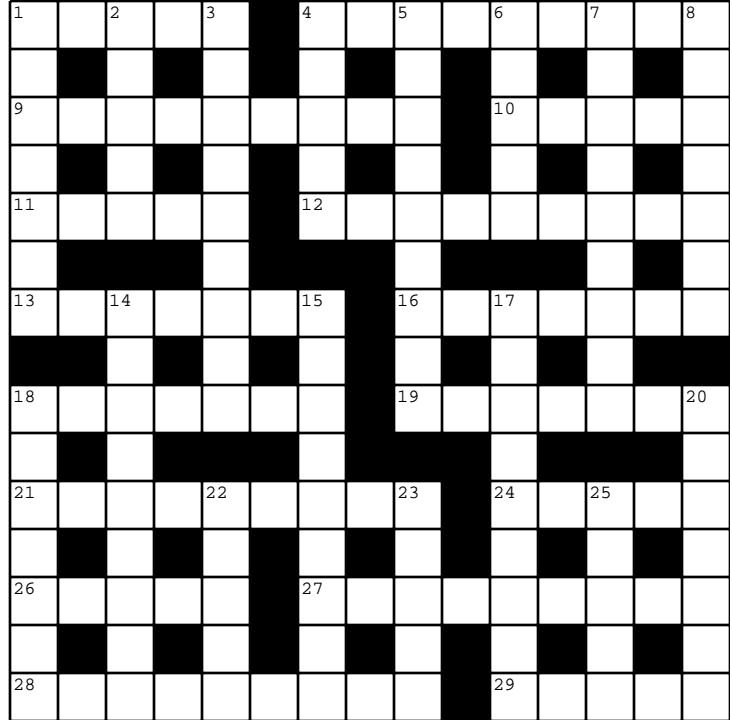
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| 4. RESERVOIR  | 2. LLAMA      |
| 9. FLAGELLUM  | 3. AWESOME    |
| 10. DISCS     | 4. RELOCATED  |
| 11. ERATO     | 5. SAMBA      |
| 12. CHAPARRAL | 6. RADIANT    |
| 13. SEGMENT   | 7. OESTROGEN  |
| 15. INTEGER   | 8. RUSTLER    |
| 16. RENEGED   | 14. GUNPOWDER |
| 18. CASINOS   | 15. INCLUSION |
| 21. TROUSSEAU | 16. RATLIFF   |
| 23. HAPPY     | 17. GUSTAVO   |
| 25. INDIA     | 19. SCHISMS   |
| 26. GLISSANDI | 20. SKYLINE   |
| 27. FORGOTTEN | 22. EIGHT     |
| 28. SHADE     | 24. PANDA     |



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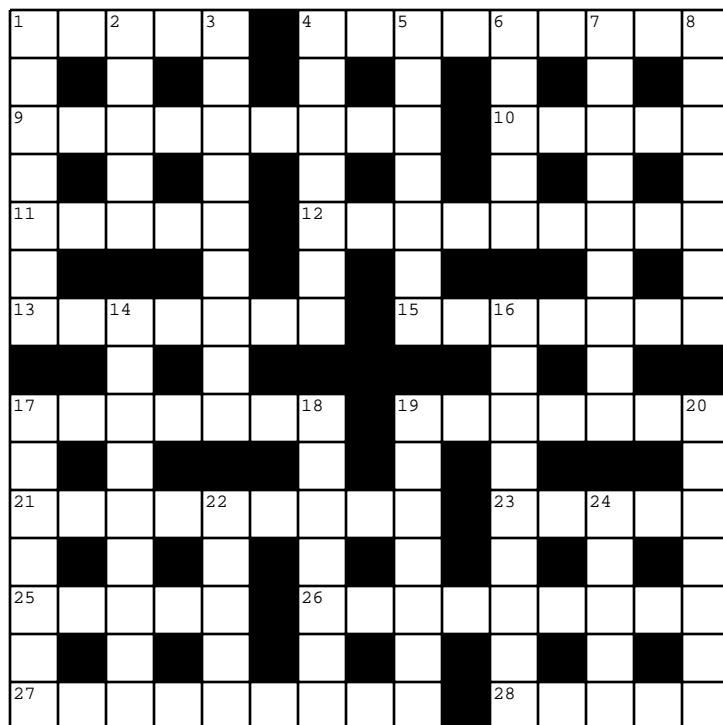
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| 4. FREIGHTED  | 2. AMASS      |
| 9. FLATTERER  | 3. ENTANGLED  |
| 10. ITCHY     | 4. FORUM      |
| 11. RISEN     | 5. EHRENBERG  |
| 12. MONOMANIA | 6. GRIMM      |
| 13. OVERLAP   | 7. TECHNICAL  |
| 16. ETHICAL   | 8. DRYWALL    |
| 18. DWINDLE   | 14. EMIGRANTS |
| 19. GANGLIA   | 15. PREFABBED |
| 21. PARAGRAPH | 17. HONEYCOMB |
| 24. YOURE     | 18. DEPOSED   |
| 26. SINCE     | 20. AGENDAS   |
| 27. BOYCOTTED | 22. GEESE     |
| 28. DESCENDED | 23. HAYED     |
| 29. BRASS     | 25. ULTRA     |



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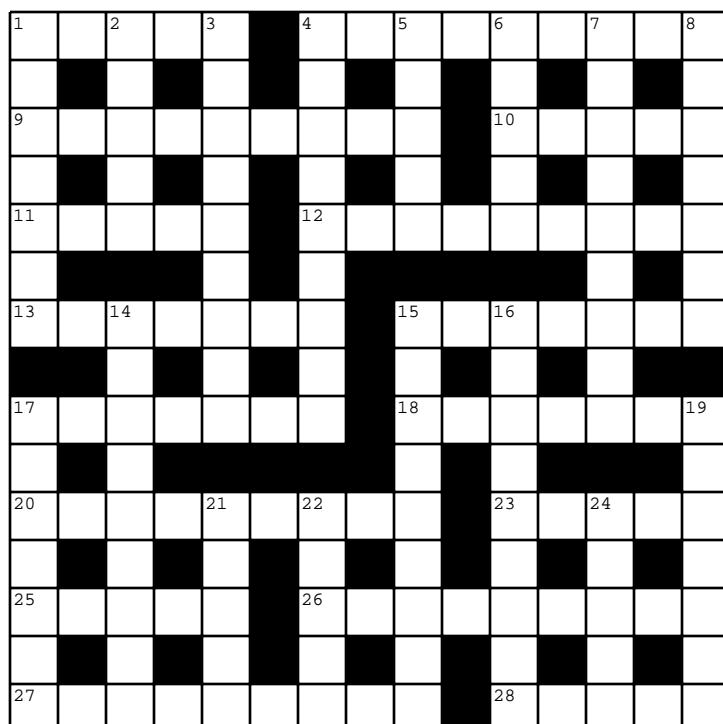
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| 1. FUNGI      | 1. FACETED    |
| 4. PENDULUMS  | 2. NINJA      |
| 9. CANISTERS  | 3. INSINCERE  |
| 10. INDIA     | 4. PRESSES    |
| 11. TRAIN     | 5. NASTIER    |
| 12. SLITHERED | 6. URIAH      |
| 13. DEPRESS   | 7. UNDERLINE  |
| 15. RISKIER   | 8. SLANDER    |
| 17. SUSPEND   | 14. PISTACHIO |
| 19. COCTEAU   | 16. SACCHARIN |
| 21. AMATERASU | 17. SHAKEUP   |
| 23. HATED     | 18. DIAGRAM   |
| 25. ETHER     | 19. CRUISED   |
| 26. RESTRAINT | 20. UPDATED   |
| 27. PROGRAMED | 22. ERROR     |
| 28. NAKED     | 24. THINK     |



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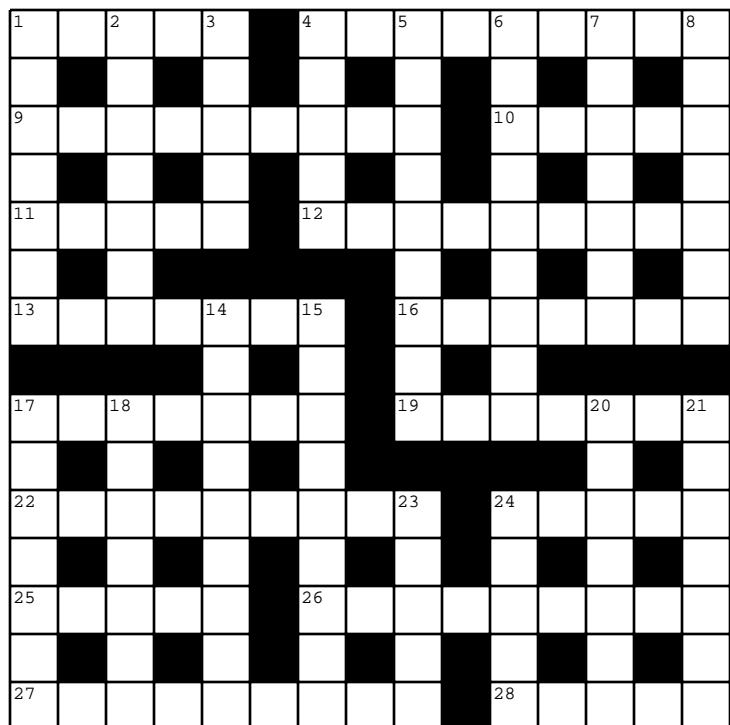
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| 1. FORUM      | 1. FERRARI    |
| 4. TEARGASES  | 2. RATIO      |
| 9. RETURNING  | 3. MORATORIA  |
| 10. CRAWL     | 4. TRIANGLES  |
| 11. ADOPT     | 5. ANGLO      |
| 12. NEOLITHIC | 6. GUCCI      |
| 13. IMMORAL   | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 15. LIMITED   | 8. SPLICED    |
| 17. RASCALS   | 14. MISINFORM |
| 18. FORGIVE   | 15. LIFETIMES |
| 20. CONDORCET | 16. MARIJUANA |
| 23. JOKED     | 17. RUCHBAH   |
| 25. BOOZE     | 19. ENDORSE   |
| 26. COMMANDER | 21. ONEIL     |
| 27. HIMALAYAS | 22. COCKY     |
| 28. ACUTE     | 24. KUDZU     |



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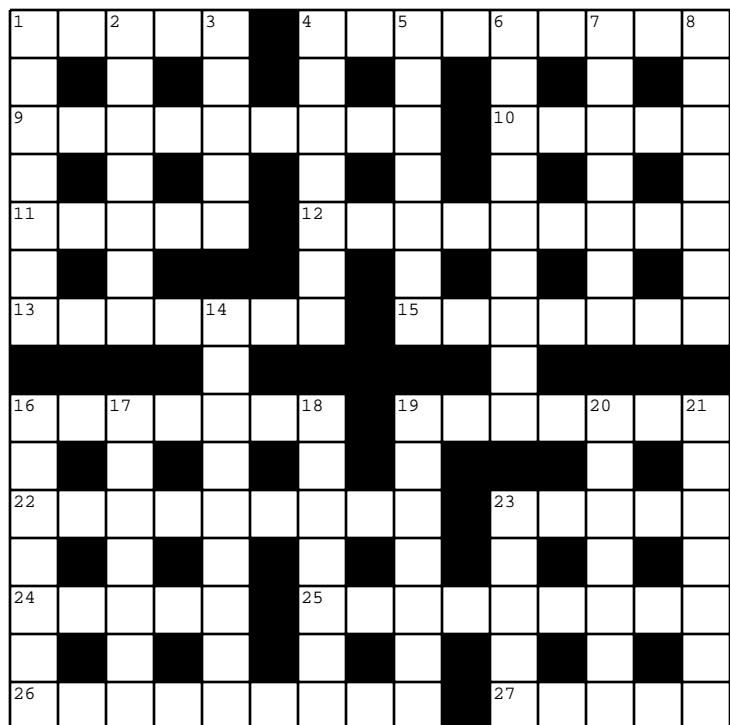
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| 1. ASHEN      | 1. ATTRACT    |
| 4. IMPETUSES  | 2. HIMSELF    |
| 9. TIMETABLE  | 3. NOTED      |
| 10. NEVER     | 4. IQBAL      |
| 11. AHEAD     | 5. PRESIDENT  |
| 12. LOITERING | 6. TINDERBOX  |
| 13. TAFFETA   | 7. SAVVIER    |
| 16. EMBARKS   | 8. SCRUGGS    |
| 17. DISTURB   | 14. ENUMERATE |
| 19. TAXICAB   | 15. AMBERGRIS |
| 22. GEOMETRIC | 17. DEGRADE   |
| 24. ORDER     | 18. STOPPED   |
| 25. ALPHA     | 20. CADUCEI   |
| 26. RECHERCHE | 21. BURGEON   |
| 27. ENDLESSLY | 23. COCKY     |
| 28. ALIGN     | 24. OMEGA     |



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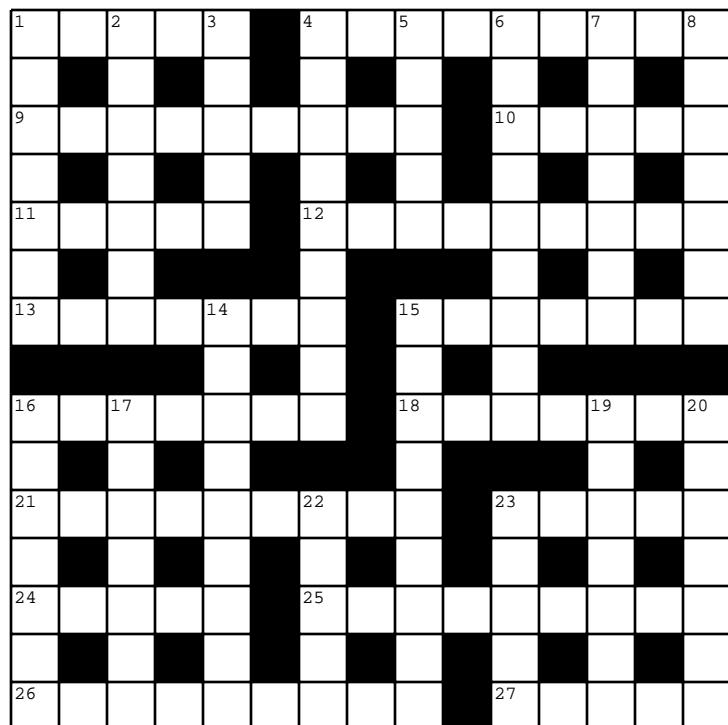
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| 4. DECATHLON  | 2. MARABOUT   |
| 9. OURSELVES  | 3. SPEED      |
| 10. NANAK     | 4. DIVINER    |
| 11. EMBED     | 5. COSTUME    |
| 12. NAUSEATED | 6. TINDERBOX  |
| 13. BLUFFER   | 7. LENGTHS    |
| 15. EMBASSY   | 8. NAKEDLY    |
| 16. ROBERTA   | 14. FORETELLS |
| 19. TAXICAB   | 16. RANTING   |
| 22. NIGHTCLUB | 17. BUGATTI   |
| 23. CHASE     | 18. AILERON   |
| 24. INTEL     | 19. TOBACCO   |
| 25. RECOMMEND | 20. CHATEAU   |
| 26. GLISSANDO | 21. BREADTH   |
| 27. LAUGH     | 23. CAMEL     |



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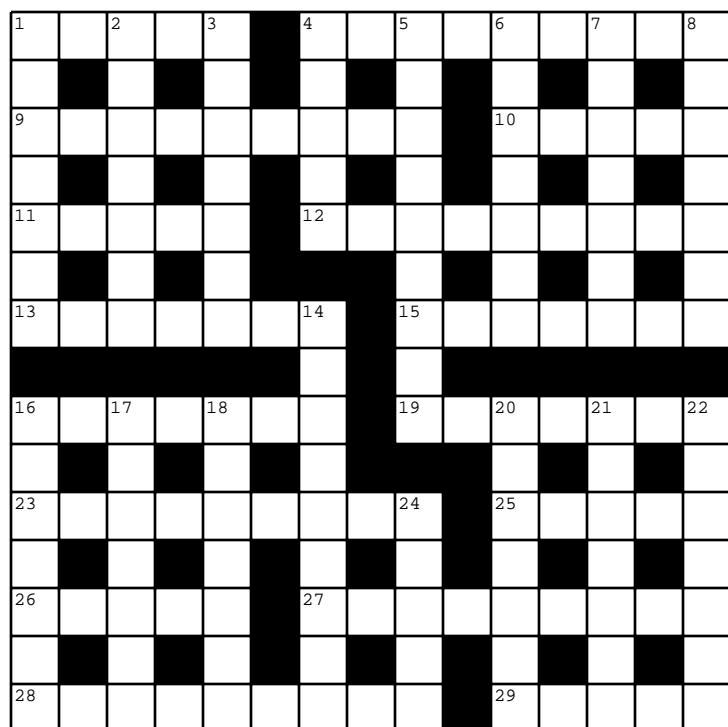
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| 4. LIFEBOATS  | 2. LANZHOU    |
| 9. WONDERBRA  | 3. DREAM      |
| 10. NAMES     | 4. LIBRARIES  |
| 11. ISHIM     | 5. FLAIL      |
| 12. ALLOWANCE | 6. BANDWIDTH  |
| 13. HYUNDAI   | 7. ALMANAC    |
| 15. DEDUCES   | 8. SYSTEMS    |
| 16. ROTATES   | 14. DETERRING |
| 18. APHASIA   | 15. DRAFTSMAN |
| 21. DISCREDIT | 16. RODOLFO   |
| 23. DELTA     | 17. TOSHIBA   |
| 24. LUIGI     | 19. SYLLABI   |
| 25. DEMOCRACY | 20. ANALYZE   |
| 26. ORANGUTAN | 22. DIDNT     |
| 27. ASIDE     | 23. DICTA     |



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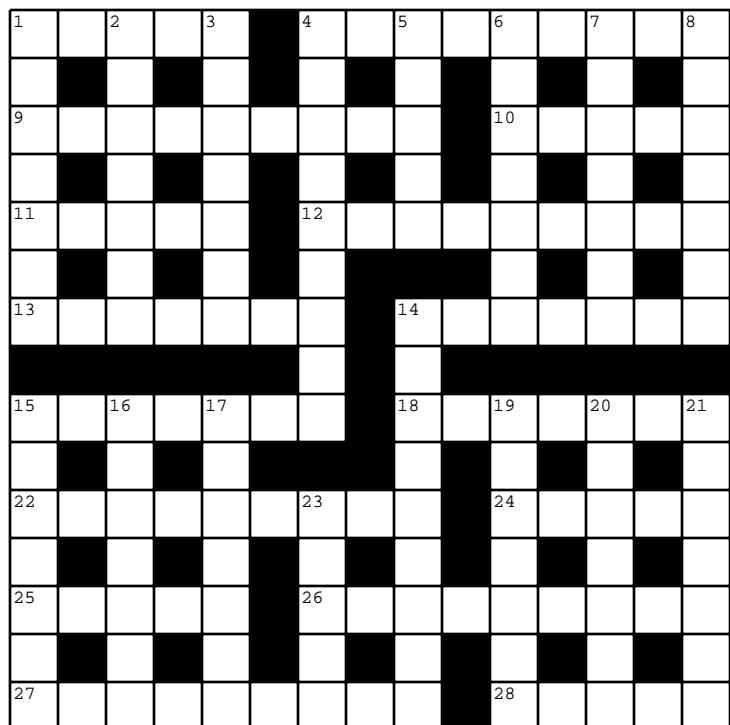
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| 4. RECOGNIZE  | 2. EXCEPTS    |
| 9. UNCERTAIN  | 3. PARVENU    |
| 10. DISCO     | 4. REACT      |
| 11. APPLE     | 5. CONFINING  |
| 12. TRIANGLES | 6. GODUNOV    |
| 13. DISTURB   | 7. INSULIN    |
| 15. INVENTS   | 8. EGOISTS    |
| 16. INFERO    | 14. BLOODSHED |
| 19. GULLIES   | 16. IMPOSED   |
| 23. PERSUADED | 17. FERRIES   |
| 25. BASED     | 18. ROUGHER   |
| 26. SMITH     | 20. LOBSTER   |
| 27. HABITUALS | 21. INSTALL   |
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| 29. ROLLS     | 24. DEBUT     |



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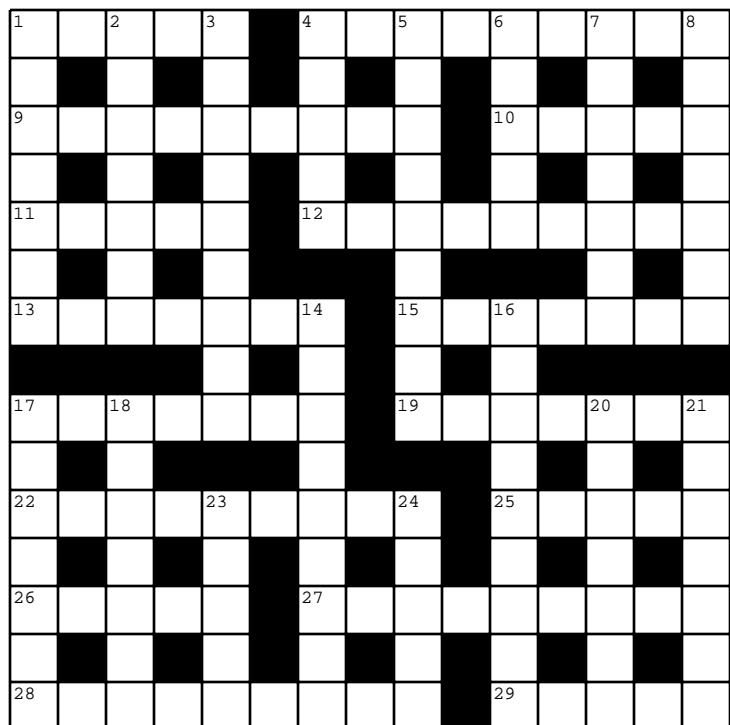
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| 4. RECTANGLE  | 2. CHENGDU    |
| 9. ALEXANDRA  | 3. ARACELI    |
| 10. TENET     | 4. RADICALLY  |
| 11. TOGAE     | 5. CHAIN      |
| 12. CONQUEROR | 6. ASTOUND    |
| 13. CRUCIAL   | 7. GENERIC    |
| 14. INDUCED   | 8. ENTERED    |
| 15. REAPPLY   | 14. IMPROMPTU |
| 18. PREEMPT   | 15. RECEIPT   |
| 22. CONTRALTO | 16. ARNULFO   |
| 24. EASES     | 17. PHRASES   |
| 25. IDLES     | 19. EYEBROW   |
| 26. IMPARTIAL | 20. MISSION   |
| 27. TROUSSEAU | 21. TUSSLES   |
| 28. WANTS     | 23. LOIRE     |



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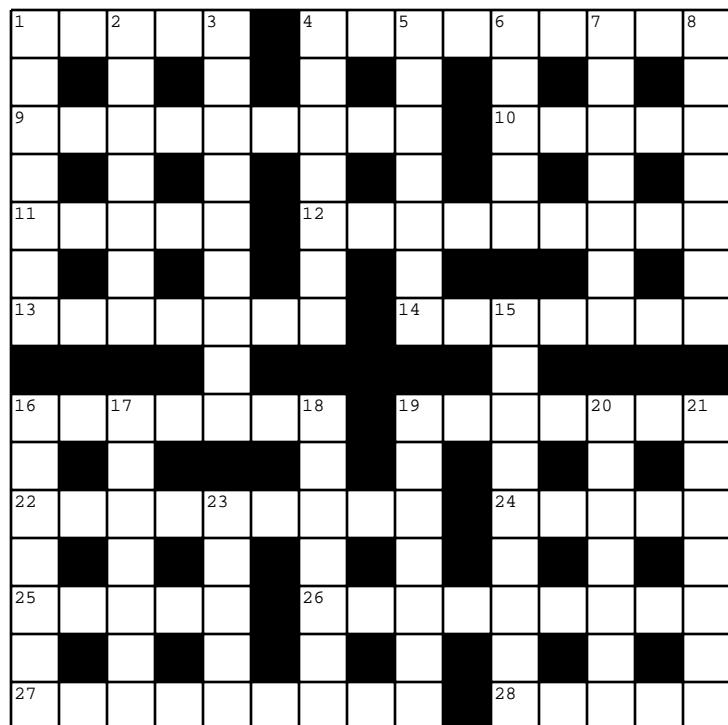
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| 4. VITIATING  | 2. CARIBOU    |
| 9. FORLORNER  | 3. STOPWATCH  |
| 10. OFFER     | 4. VENDS      |
| 11. ELBOW     | 5. TERRORISM  |
| 12. SNOWFLAKE | 6. ALOOF      |
| 13. AQUATIC   | 7. INFLAME    |
| 15. INANEST   | 8. GORIEST    |
| 17. DRACHMA   | 14. CEAUSESCU |
| 19. MATCHED   | 16. ARTHRITIC |
| 22. BOTANISTS | 17. DEBRIEF   |
| 25. RESTS     | 18. ANTONIO   |
| 26. INNER     | 20. HOSANNA   |
| 27. SWEETENER | 21. DESIRES   |
| 28. FOODSTUFF | 23. NARCS     |
| 29. COATS     | 24. SHELF     |



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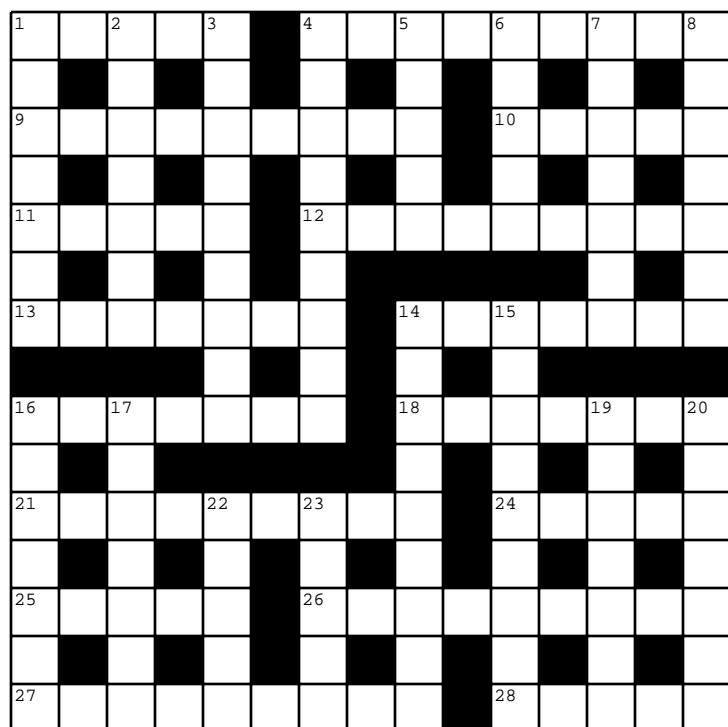
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| 1. POLYP      | 1. PROVERB    |
| 4. FRIGHTFUL  | 2. LEEWARD    |
| 9. OVERSLEEP  | 3. POSITIONS  |
| 10. SERVO     | 4. FREEDOM    |
| 11. EXACT     | 5. IMPASSE    |
| 12. DYSPEPSIA | 6. HASTE      |
| 13. BEDROOM   | 7. FORESAW    |
| 14. ENDOWED   | 8. LEOPARD    |
| 16. REFUSAL   | 15. DISBELIEF |
| 19. PESETAS   | 16. RUINING   |
| 22. INSTITUTE | 17. FASHION   |
| 24. ENEMA     | 18. LOUDEST   |
| 25. IDIOM     | 19. PIERCED   |
| 26. EUCLIDEAN | 20. THEREOF   |
| 27. GENERATED | 21. STAUNCH   |
| 28. FIFTH     | 23. IZMIR     |



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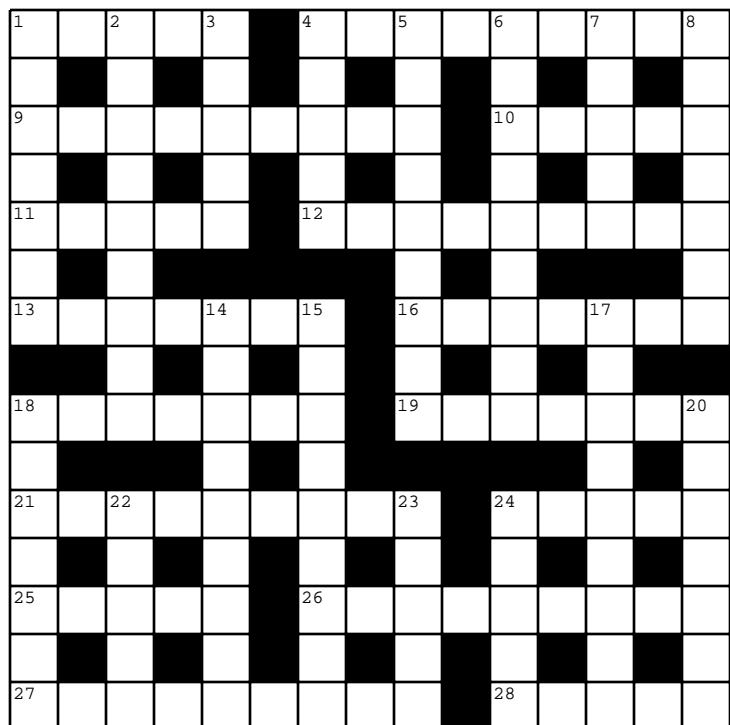
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| 4. AVALANCHE  | 2. AFFECTS    |
| 9. AFFIDAVIT  | 3. UNDERGONE  |
| 10. DEATH     | 4. ADVOCATES  |
| 11. DECOR     | 5. ANTIC      |
| 12. COCKSCOMB | 6. AIDES      |
| 13. DISTORT   | 7. CLAMOUR    |
| 14. INHERIT   | 8. EXHIBIT    |
| 16. MAIDENS   | 14. INCIDENTS |
| 18. CYNICAL   | 15. HONEYCOMB |
| 21. COINCIDED | 16. MACABRE   |
| 24. YAWNS     | 17. IDIOTIC   |
| 25. BUTTE     | 19. COWLICK   |
| 26. MENDOCINO | 20. LASSED    |
| 27. ESCAPADES | 22. CHEAP     |
| 28. BAKED     | 23. DOMED     |



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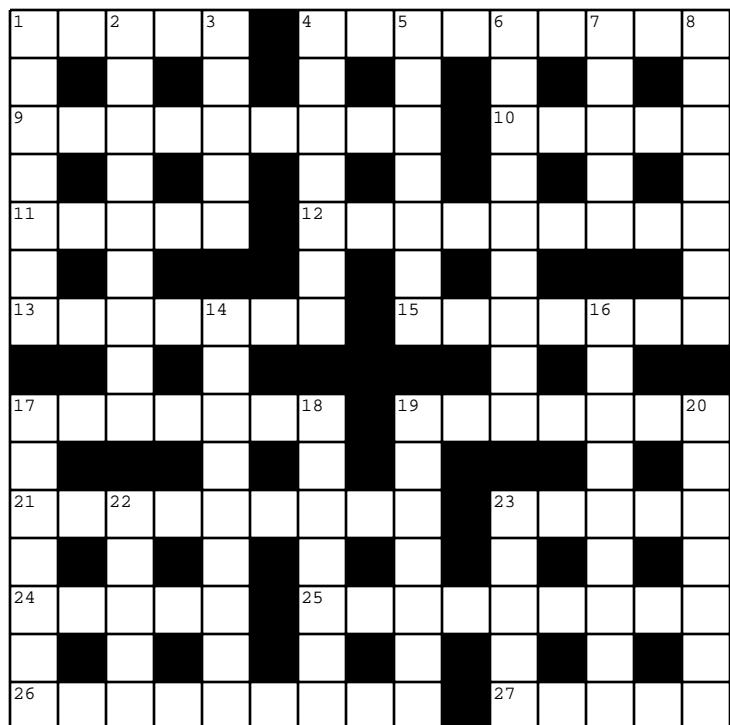
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| 1. DICED      | 1. DESKTOP    |
| 4. DECLARING  | 2. CANTALOUP  |
| 9. SYNTACTIC  | 3. DRAWS      |
| 10. AMIGO     | 4. DATED      |
| 11. TRAPS     | 5. COCKSCOMB  |
| 12. DESPERADO | 6. AMAZEMENT  |
| 13. PROVERB   | 7. IBIZA      |
| 16. OVERPAY   | 8. GEOLOGY    |
| 18. SAPPORO   | 14. ECONOMICS |
| 19. BATHTUB   | 15. BIOGRAPHY |
| 21. CUPBOARDS | 17. POTPOURRI |
| 24. RHONE     | 18. SECONAL   |
| 25. NAOMI     | 20. BREADTH   |
| 26. PARTNERED | 22. PROOF     |
| 27. LIFESTYLE | 23. SERVE     |
| 28. WEIGH     | 24. RENEW     |



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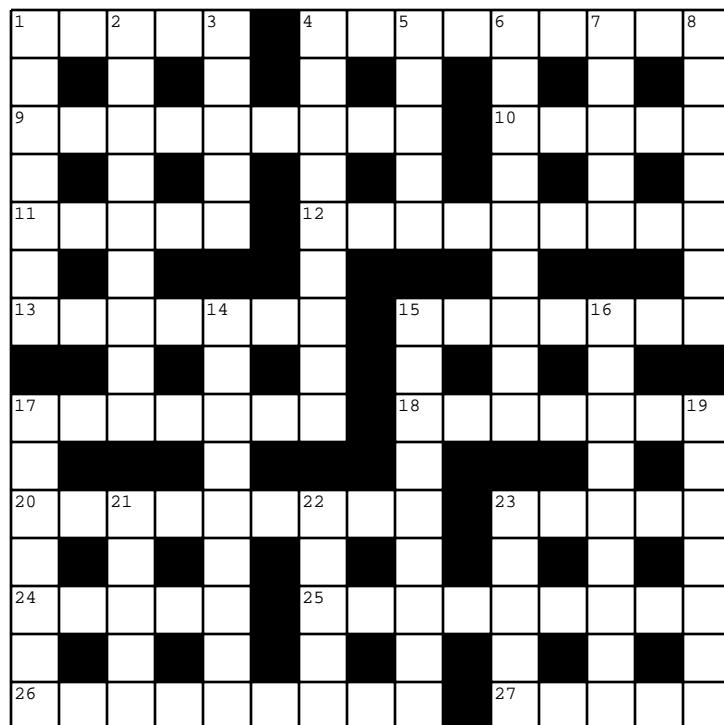
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| 4. FLASHBACK  | 2. KNOWINGER  |
| 9. SNOWSTORM  | 3. SISSY      |
| 10. MOIST     | 4. FLOSSES    |
| 11. AMITY     | 5. ADMIRER    |
| 12. STRATEGIC | 6. HAMSTRUNG  |
| 13. ANGLERS   | 7. AGING      |
| 15. ROUGHLY   | 8. KITSCHY    |
| 17. PERTURB   | 14. EQUIPMENT |
| 19. ALGENIB   | 16. HONEYCOMB |
| 21. FIREPROOF | 17. PUFFING   |
| 23. GUYED     | 18. BLOODED   |
| 24. ISSUE     | 19. AFFECTS   |
| 25. DECOMPOSE | 20. BADDEST   |
| 26. GLOTTIDES | 22. RUSSO     |
| 27. ROBOT     | 23. GAMER     |



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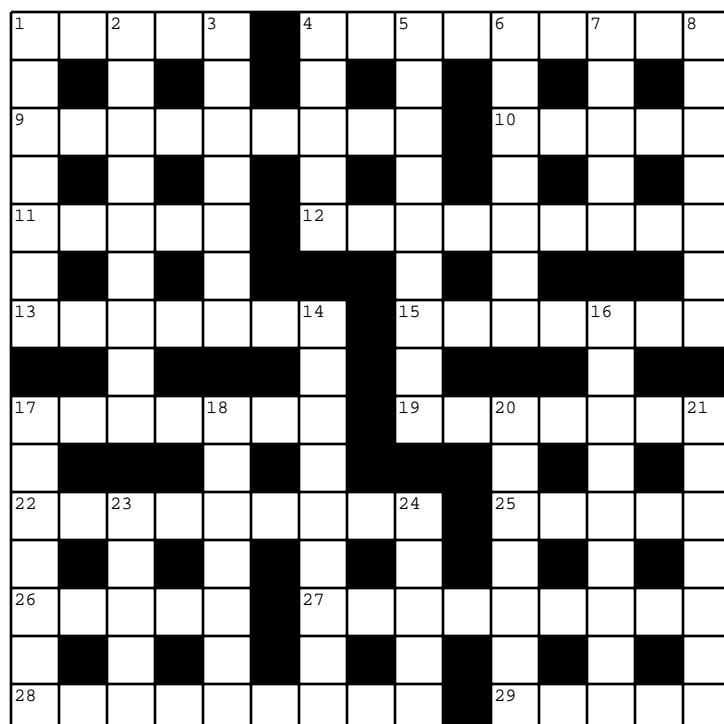
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| 1. ACRID      | 1. AUDIBLE    |
| 4. DRAMATIST  | 2. RACKETEER  |
| 9. DECREASED  | 3. DREAD      |
| 10. THIEU     | 4. DISCREDIT  |
| 11. BREAD     | 5. AUDIO      |
| 12. REORDERED | 6. ANTIDOTES  |
| 13. EMERGED   | 7. ICIER      |
| 15. INTEGER   | 8. THUNDER    |
| 17. ABREAST   | 14. GUANGZHOU |
| 18. DASHIKI   | 15. INDICATES |
| 20. ENERGETIC | 16. GLISSANDI |
| 23. LOSES     | 17. AVENGED   |
| 24. GIRTH     | 19. INSULTS   |
| 25. OCTAGONAL | 21. EARLS     |
| 26. DISGUISES | 22. TOOLS     |
| 27. TWINS     | 23. LIGHT     |



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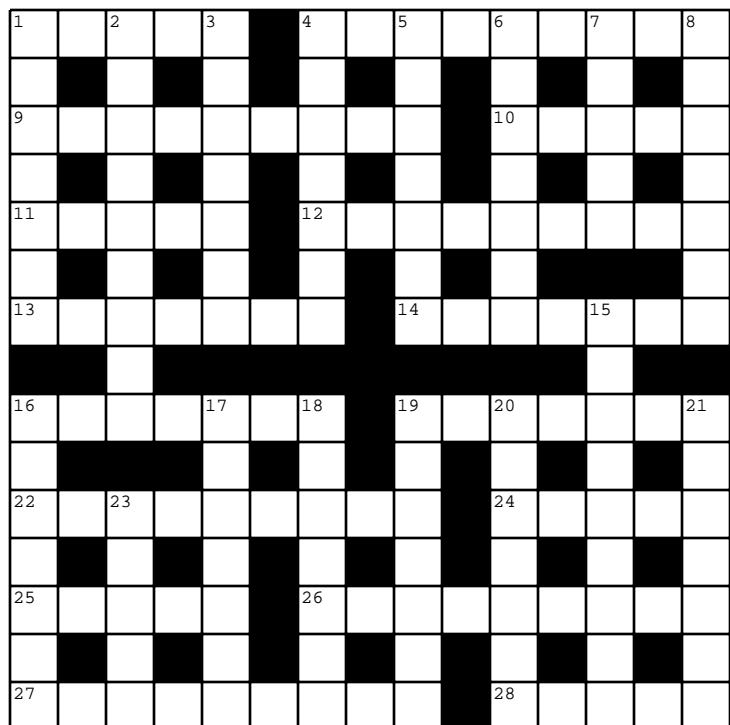
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| 1. DACHA      | 1. DISTURB    |
| 4. BOJANGLES  | 2. CORDIALLY  |
| 9. SCROLLING  | 3. AALIYAH    |
| 10. MOTTO     | 4. BUILD      |
| 11. UNIFY     | 5. JAGGEDEST  |
| 12. DREARIEST | 6. NUMERIC    |
| 13. BOLSHOI   | 7. LITRE      |
| 15. ESCAPED   | 8. SCOOTED    |
| 17. COYOTES   | 14. INSTANCES |
| 19. THERESA   | 16. PREMATURE |
| 22. AFTERMATH | 17. CRACKUP   |
| 25. IMAGE     | 18. TARRIER   |
| 26. KHAKI     | 20. ELITIST   |
| 27. CURRICULA | 21. AVERAGE   |
| 28. PEDERASTY | 23. TEAED     |
| 29. THEME     | 24. HURRY     |



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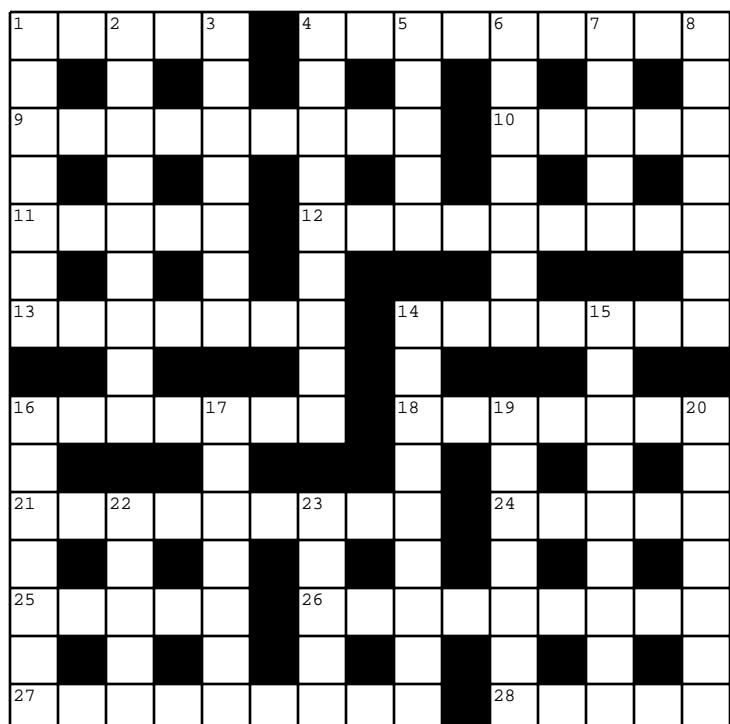
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| 4. BLOSSOMED  | 2. STAGGERED  |
| 9. DIAPHRAGM  | 3. ETHICAL    |
| 10. LADEN     | 4. BRANDED    |
| 11. LOGIC     | 5. OSMOSIS    |
| 12. DISMISSAL | 6. SOLDIER    |
| 13. HURDLED   | 7. MODES      |
| 14. SCRIPTS   | 8. DANGLES    |
| 16. GODUNOV   | 15. PORTFOLIO |
| 19. ASTORIA   | 16. GOBBLED   |
| 22. BLOODSHOT | 17. NODDING   |
| 24. FIFTH     | 18. VEHICLE   |
| 25. LUIGI     | 19. ALTERED   |
| 26. CORNEILLE | 20. TAFFETA   |
| 27. DISAGREED | 21. ACHIEVE   |
| 28. ABOVE     | 23. OMITS     |



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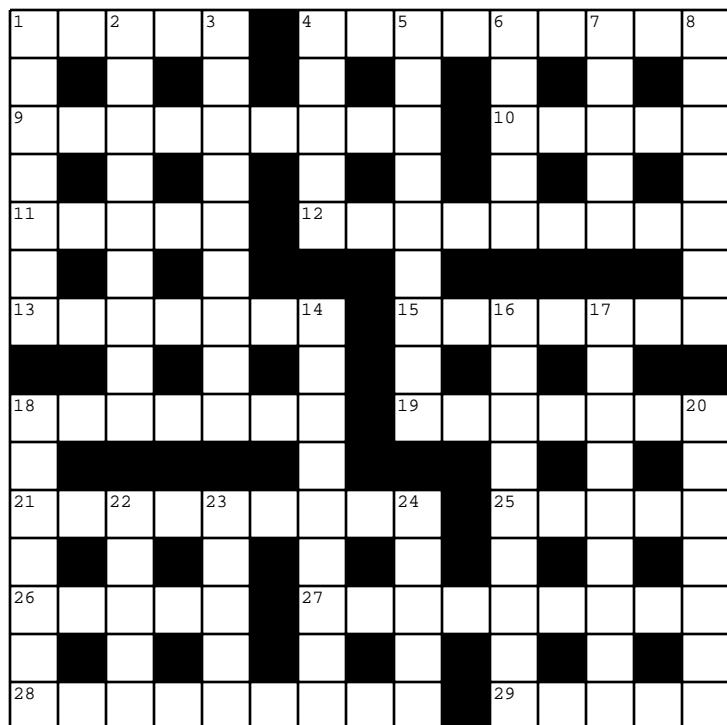
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| 4. EMBROIDER  | 2. CORKSCREW  |
| 9. VARIETIES  | 3. STEPSON    |
| 10. WHELP     | 4. EPICUREAN  |
| 11. CASES     | 5. BASED      |
| 12. UNDERPASS | 6. ONWARDS    |
| 13. STRANGE   | 7. DEENA      |
| 14. WASTAGE   | 8. RIPOSTE    |
| 16. NEWSMAN   | 14. WORSHIPED |
| 18. REMATCH   | 15. AUTOMATIC |
| 21. BACKSLASH | 16. NEBULAE   |
| 24. DUMMY     | 17. MASCARA   |
| 25. LIVIA     | 19. MIDRIFF   |
| 26. APPOINTEE | 20. HAYSEED   |
| 27. EARMARKED | 22. COVER     |
| 28. FACED     | 23. ABACK     |



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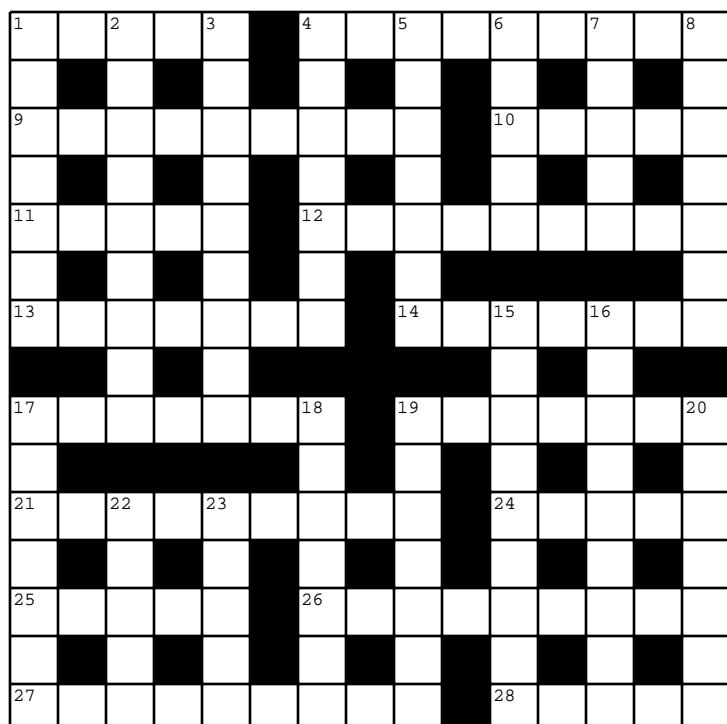
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| 4. PRIVILEGE  | 2. GENTLEMAN  |
| 9. CANADIANS  | 3. ENDEAVOUR  |
| 10. INNED     | 4. PEACE      |
| 11. TULSA     | 5. INSCRIBEIS |
| 12. EARTHIER  | 6. IRISH      |
| 13. CAMEOED   | 7. ENNUI      |
| 15. BABOONS   | 8. ENDURES    |
| 18. GENERIC   | 14. DECEITFUL |
| 19. SHORTLY   | 16. BLOWTorch |
| 21. ESSENTIAL | 17. OPTIMISES |
| 25. TIMON     | 18. GRENADA   |
| 26. AGING     | 20. YANKEES   |
| 27. FLUORESCe | 22. SPICA     |
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| 29. HOSTS     | 24. LAUGH     |



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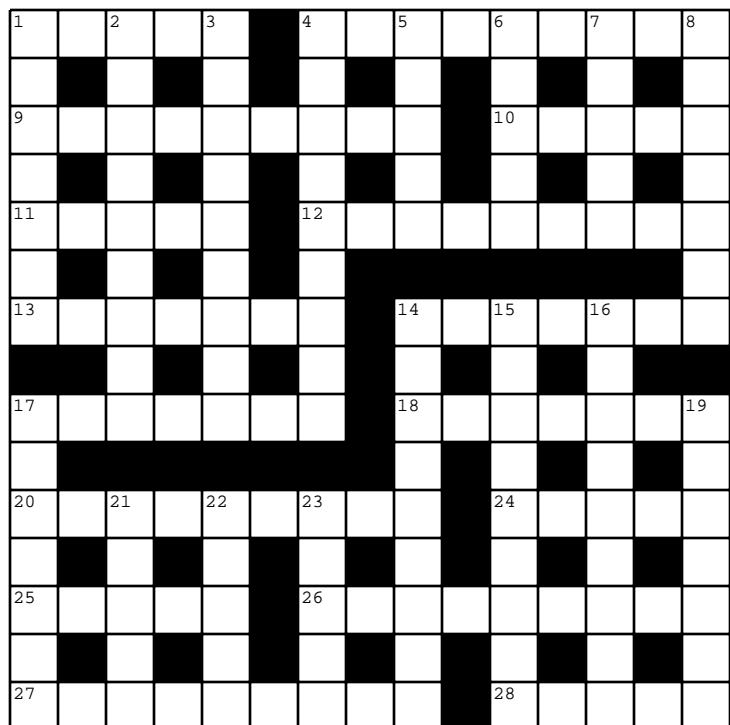
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| 9. THERAPIES  | 3. FLASHBACK  |
| 10. INONU     | 4. BRITTLE    |
| 11. NEIGH     | 5. BISECTS    |
| 12. TACKINESS | 6. LUIGI      |
| 13. CHARADE   | 7. ELOPE      |
| 14. SHIPPED   | 8. TRUSSED    |
| 17. CRACKED   | 15. IGNORANTS |
| 19. SYNAPSE   | 16. PEPPERONI |
| 21. DEVELOPED | 17. CEDILLA   |
| 24. REEFS     | 18. DEPOSIT   |
| 25. LOGIC     | 19. SADDLES   |
| 26. SPLENDOUR | 20. ENSURES   |
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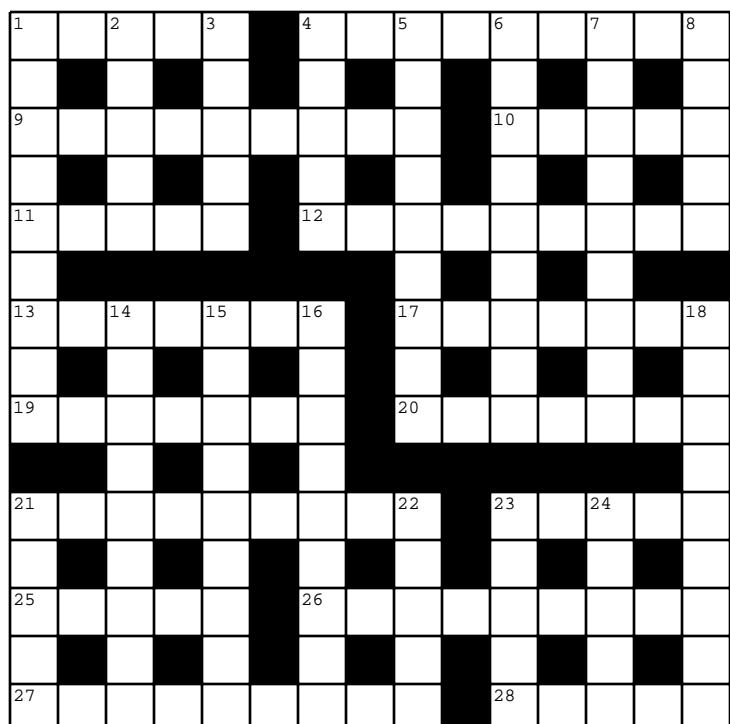
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| 4. HARMONIES  | 2. PRESIDENT  |
| 9. GUERRILLA  | 3. IRREGULAR  |
| 10. REIGN     | 4. HELIPORTS  |
| 11. DYING     | 5. READY      |
| 12. PSYCHOSES | 6. OPRAH      |
| 13. SHELTER   | 7. IVIES      |
| 14. EXPECTS   | 8. SINUSES    |
| 17. MATURES   | 14. ECCENTRIC |
| 18. CASUIST   | 15. PESSIMISM |
| 20. NIGHTGOWN | 16. CHIEFTAIN |
| 24. INFER     | 17. MANATEE   |
| 25. TENET     | 19. THRUSTS   |
| 26. TERMINALS | 21. GENII     |
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| 28. MENDS     | 23. OCTET     |



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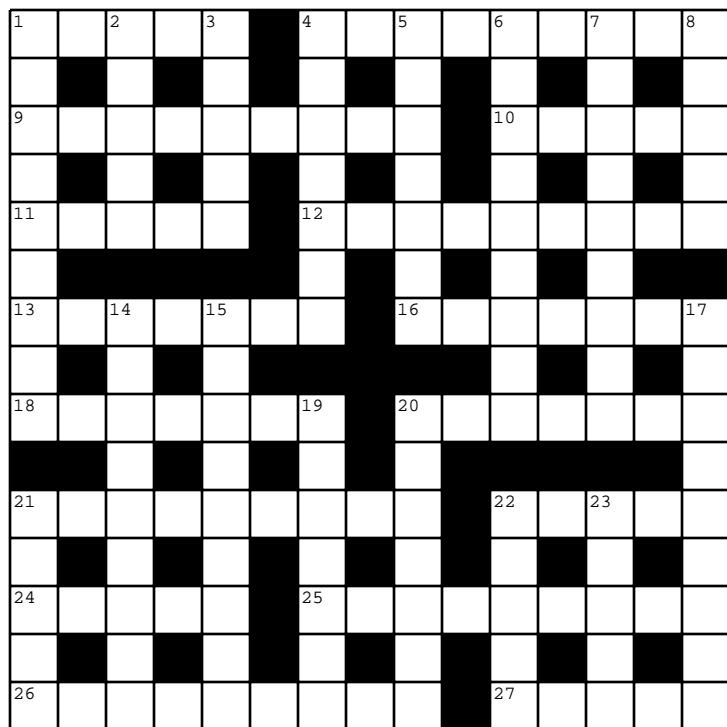
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| 9. CENTRALER  | 3. CURIO      |
| 10. INNER     | 4. SOLID      |
| 11. AUDIO     | 5. AGREEABLE  |
| 12. DRESSINGS | 6. CHINSTRAP  |
| 13. CASTOFF   | 7. PENINSULA  |
| 17. BOROUGH   | 8. SIRES      |
| 19. OPIATES   | 14. STIMULANT |
| 20. EXPLAIN   | 15. OPTIONING |
| 21. MAUSOLEUM | 16. FISHERMAN |
| 23. MUCKS     | 18. HANDSOMER |
| 25. TRACI     | 21. METRO     |
| 26. MIDSTREAM | 22. MODEL     |
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| 28. SUPER     | 24. CHEAP     |



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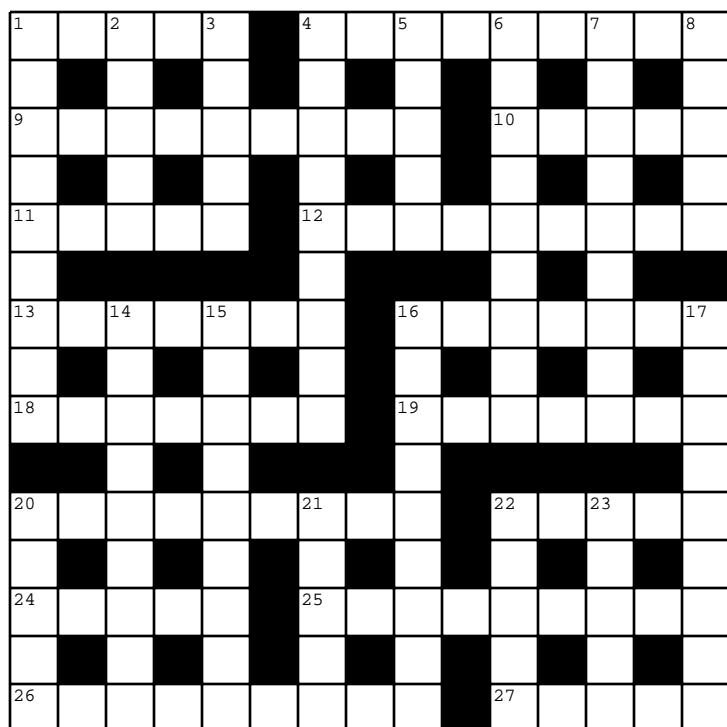
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| 1. AREAS      | 1. ASPIDISKE  |
| 4. APPRAISES  | 2. EARNS      |
| 9. PERCEIVED  | 3. SEEMS      |
| 10. COYER     | 4. ADVISER    |
| 11. DOSES     | 5. PADLOCK    |
| 12. SHOWROOMS | 6. ASCERTAIN  |
| 13. SPONSOR   | 7. SKYROCKET  |
| 16. KHARKOV   | 8. SORTS      |
| 18. EXTINCT   | 14. OSTRACISM |
| 20. GENETIC   | 15. SANATORIA |
| 21. HEARTBURN | 17. VOCALISTS |
| 22. AWFUL     | 19. TSUNAMI   |
| 24. ICIER     | 20. GINGHAM   |
| 25. ADHESIVES | 21. HYING     |
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| 27. TYRES     | 23. FAVOR     |



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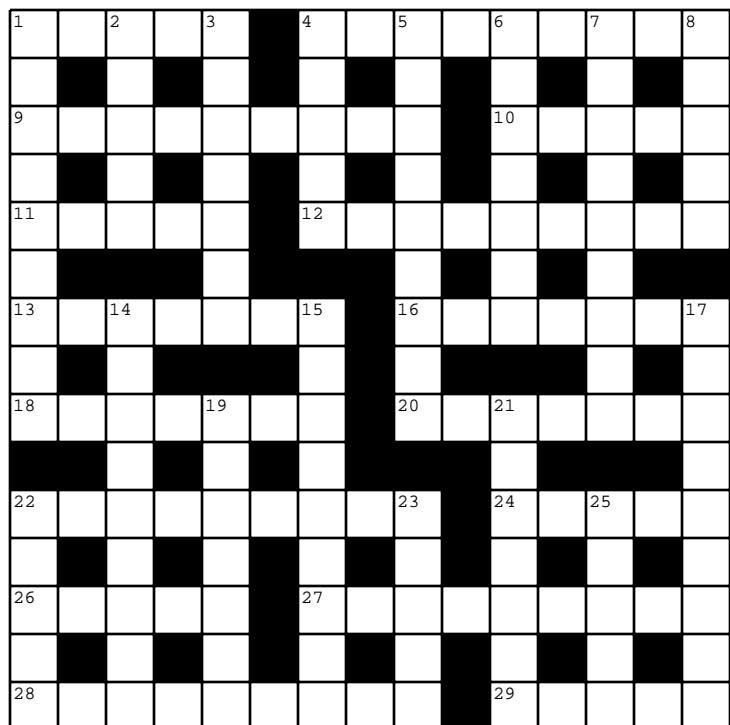
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| 4. FISHBOWLS  | 2. NEWER      |
| 9. LOWENBRAU  | 3. INNER      |
| 10. TENET     | 4. FORWARDED  |
| 11. PURER     | 5. SAUNA      |
| 12. AWARENESS | 6. BUTTERNUT  |
| 13. GIGGLED   | 7. WONDERFUL  |
| 16. HANDFUL   | 8. SITES      |
| 18. STUNNED   | 14. GRUESOMER |
| 19. UNTILED   | 15. LANDOWNER |
| 20. DISCOURSE | 16. HOUSEHOLD |
| 22. ACTOR     | 17. LEDERBERG |
| 24. OSMAN     | 20. DROOP     |
| 25. PROGRAMME | 21. REPLY     |
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| 27. APING     | 23. TEMPI     |



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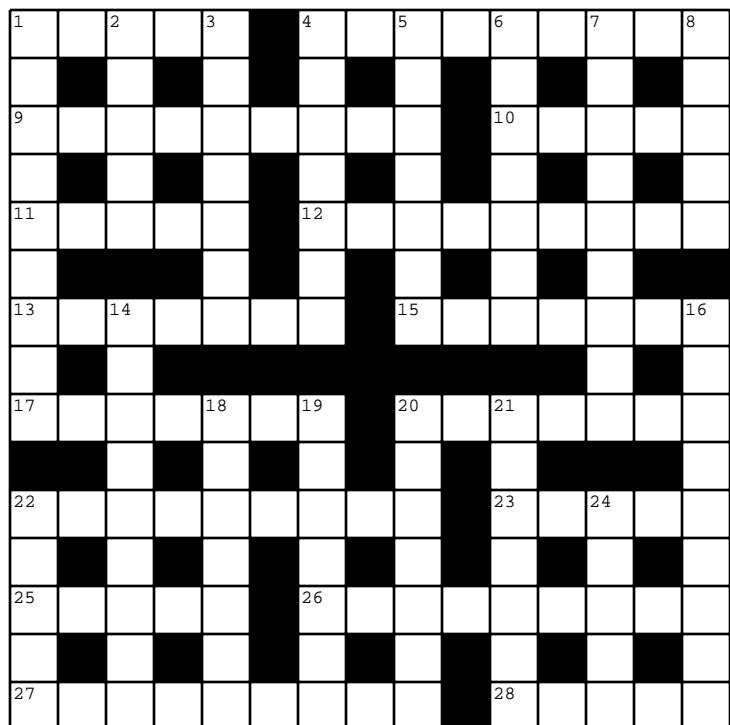
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| 4. DISPENSED  | 2. LINES      |
| 9. CONSORTIA  | 3. AVOCADO    |
| 10. ENEMA     | 4. DITTO      |
| 11. PASTA     | 5. SPAGHETTI  |
| 12. OTHERWISE | 6. EYEBROW    |
| 13. CASTOFF   | 7. SPECIFIER  |
| 16. TAWNIER   | 8. DRAPE      |
| 18. SORRIER   | 14. STRATEGIC |
| 20. INJURES   | 15. FIRESIDES |
| 22. ANTIPASTO | 17. RESIDENCE |
| 24. JADED     | 19. IMPULSE   |
| 26. LEGAL     | 21. JUJITSU   |
| 27. DECATHLON | 22. ATLAS     |
| 28. SUCCESSOR | 23. OCCUR     |
| 29. USAGE     | 25. DELTA     |



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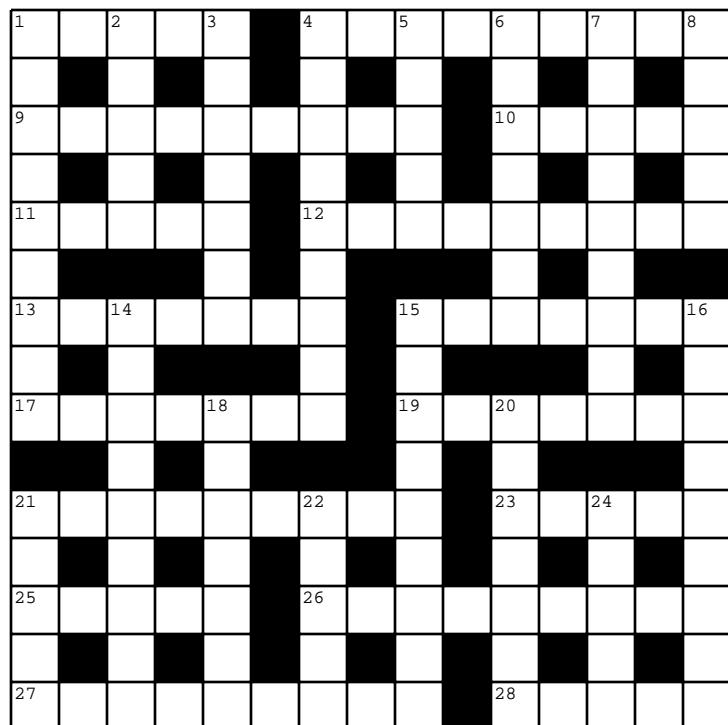
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| 4. BLESSEDER  | 2. CHERI      |
| 9. AMERICANA  | 3. ENIGMAS    |
| 10. MUCKS     | 4. BEARDED    |
| 11. IDIOM     | 5. ELASTIC    |
| 12. DETERMINE | 6. SAMURAI    |
| 13. IMPOSED   | 7. DECEITFUL  |
| 15. CHIEFER   | 8. ROSIE      |
| 17. DISTURB   | 14. PISTACHIO |
| 20. MODELED   | 16. RADICALLY |
| 22. COALITION | 18. UNITIES   |
| 23. FRANC     | 19. BRIEFER   |
| 25. BAHAI     | 20. MINORED   |
| 26. FORGETFUL | 21. DIFFERS   |
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| 28. SIXTY     | 24. AFFIX     |



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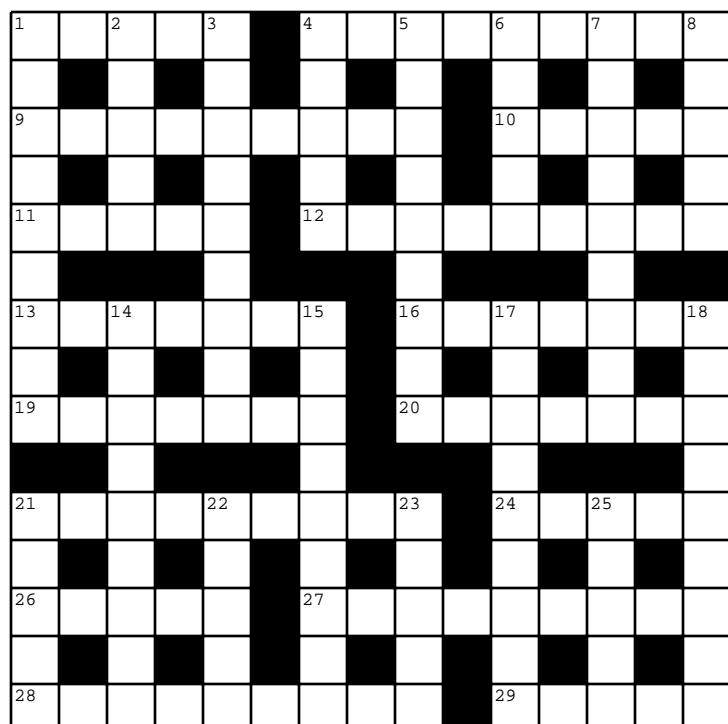
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| 4. NEWSPAPER  | 2. ARMOR      |
| 9. TOMAHAWKS  | 3. ATHEIST    |
| 10. OBEYS     | 4. NEWSCASTS  |
| 11. TORSI     | 5. WASTE      |
| 12. CREDITORS | 6. PROVISO    |
| 13. DENOTES   | 7. PHENOMENA  |
| 15. PROVERB   | 8. RISKS      |
| 17. STREETS   | 14. NARROWING |
| 19. RADIANT   | 15. PERSUADED |
| 21. TROUSSEAU | 16. BUTTERNUT |
| 23. BUTTE     | 18. EASTERN   |
| 25. NAIVE     | 20. DABBLES   |
| 26. MIDDLEMAN | 21. TANGO     |
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| 28. SPOUT     | 24. TEMPO     |



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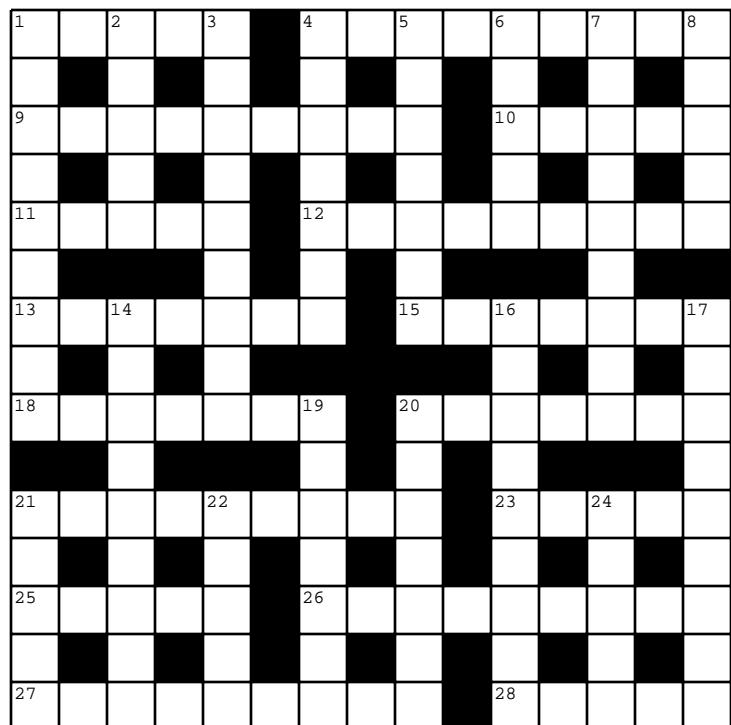
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| 4. PLACARDED  | 2. RONDA      |
| 9. CONSONANT  | 3. PROKOFIEV  |
| 10. OFFER     | 4. PIANO      |
| 11. ERATO     | 5. ANTIPASTI  |
| 12. OPPONENTS | 6. ACORN      |
| 13. DEBRIEF   | 7. DEFENDANT  |
| 16. STOMACH   | 8. DARTS      |
| 19. DELIVER   | 14. BALLASTED |
| 20. INERTIA   | 15. FORBIDDEN |
| 21. QUALITIES | 17. OVERSLEEP |
| 24. SABER     | 18. HEADRESTS |
| 26. OCTAL     | 21. QUOTA     |
| 27. DRIVEWAYS | 22. ISLAM     |
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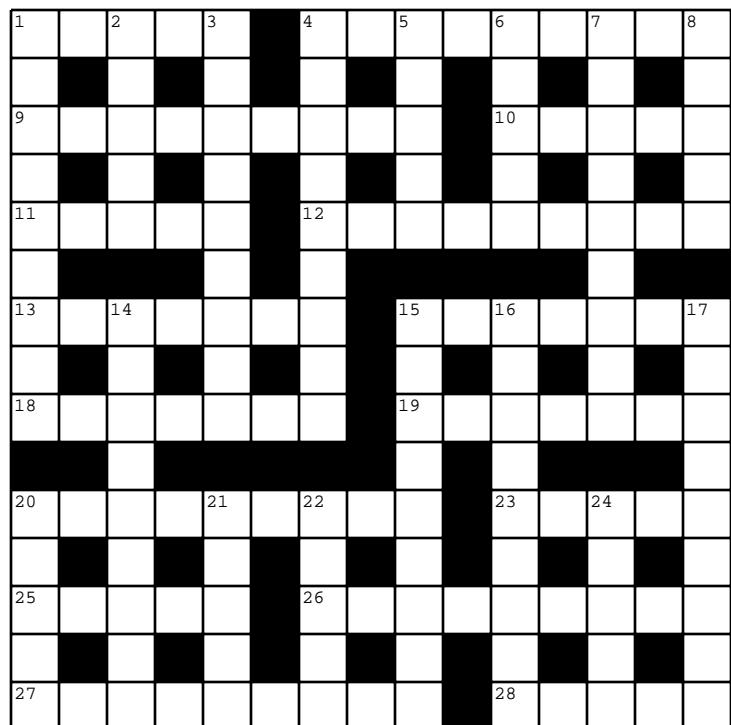
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| 4. DUPLICATE  | 2. KLIMT      |
| 9. GUILLERMO  | 3. NULLIFIED  |
| 10. PAGES     | 4. DIRECTS    |
| 11. TUTSI     | 5. PROVERB    |
| 12. CREATURES | 6. INPUT      |
| 13. LASSIES   | 7. ALGORITHM  |
| 15. BATHTUB   | 8. EASES      |
| 18. BULLDOG   | 14. SILICOSIS |
| 20. POLEMIC   | 16. TALISMANS |
| 21. INCOGNITO | 17. BACKSLASH |
| 23. SWAPS     | 19. GRIMMER   |
| 25. ISSAC     | 20. PROGRAM   |
| 26. MARGARITA | 21. IRISH     |
| 27. HISTOGRAM | 22. GECKO     |
| 28. SOUTH     | 24. ADIEU     |



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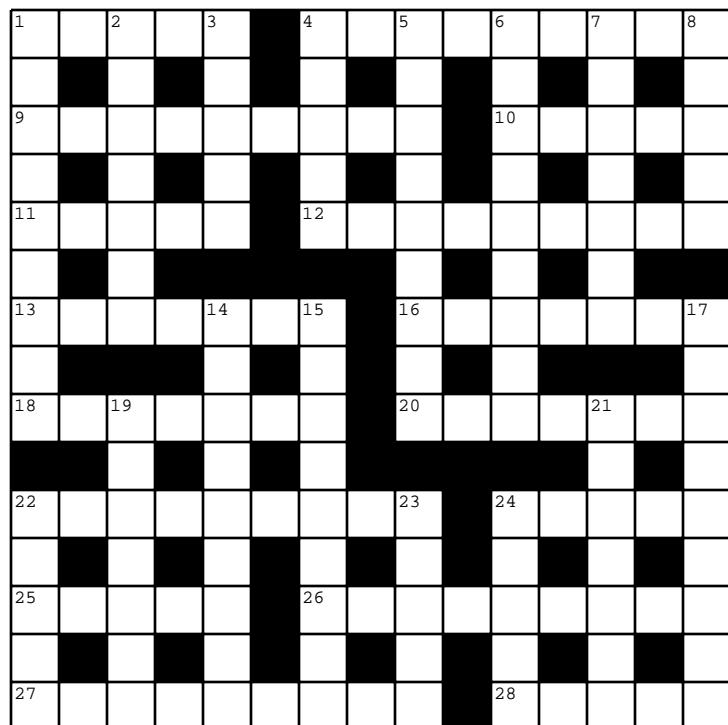
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| 4. BANKRUPTS  | 2. BATIK      |
| 9. METABOLIC  | 3. DEBUNKING  |
| 10. YARDS     | 4. BULLFIGHT  |
| 11. LIKEN     | 5. NICKS      |
| 12. FISHERMAN | 6. RHYME      |
| 13. ADORING   | 7. PARAMECIA  |
| 15. VEHICLE   | 8. SUSAN      |
| 18. TONIGHT   | 14. OWNERSHIP |
| 19. GONZALO   | 15. VAGUENESS |
| 20. HORSESHOE | 16. HUNCHBACK |
| 23. HIPPO     | 17. ECONOMIES |
| 25. NEHRU     | 20. HENNA     |
| 26. BEEFARONI | 21. ERUPT     |
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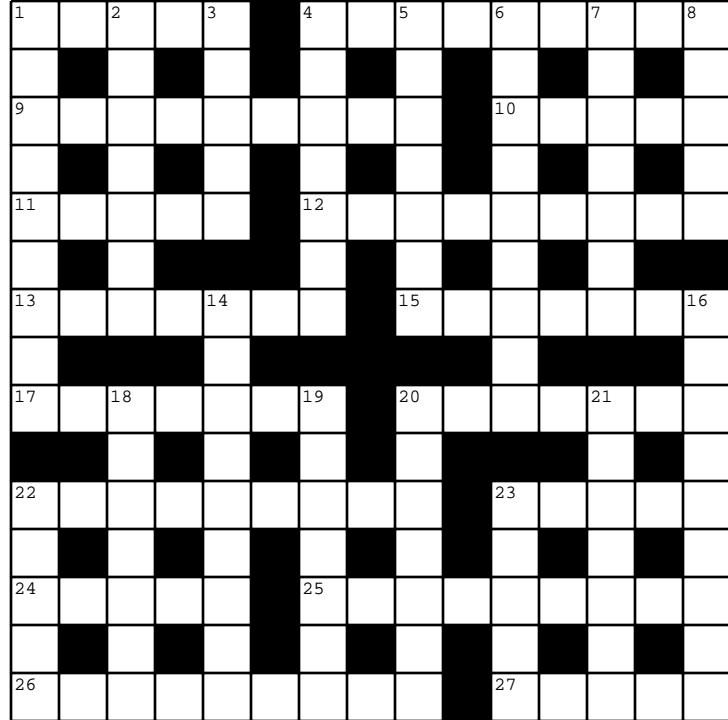
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| 4. SAPPHIRES  | 2. ANTEING    |
| 9. POTPOURRI  | 3. ALONG      |
| 10. NESTS     | 4. SCRUB      |
| 11. OWING     | 5. PRINCIPLE  |
| 12. BACKYARDS | 6. HONEYCOMB  |
| 13. ANGELIC   | 7. RESERVE    |
| 16. PROVERB   | 8. SISES      |
| 18. YESHIVA   | 14. LOINCLOTH |
| 20. EMBARGO   | 15. CLASSICAL |
| 22. EXERCISES | 17. BOOKSHELF |
| 24. BABES     | 19. SPECTRA   |
| 25. METRO     | 21. ROBERTO   |
| 26. CONCOURSE | 22. EMMYS     |
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| 28. SPOOF     | 24. BOOTS     |



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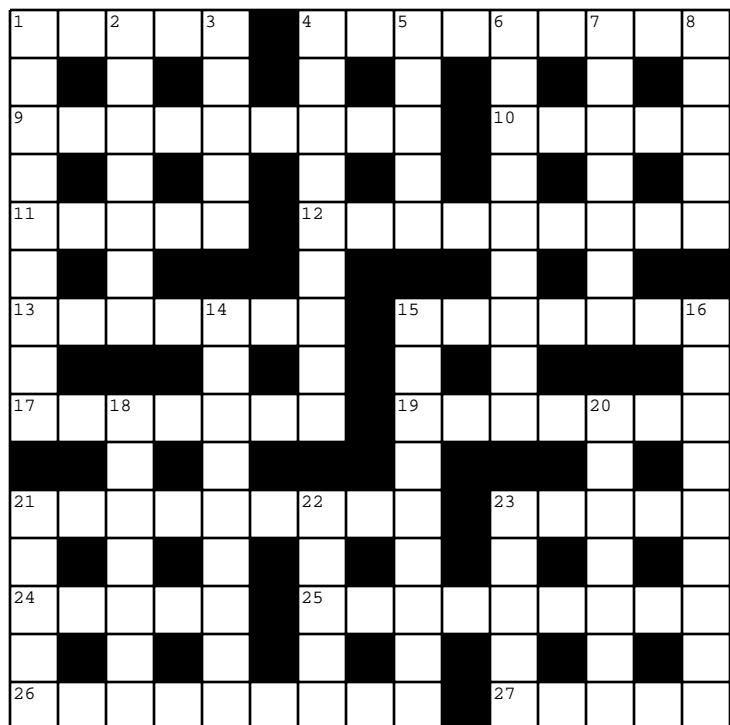
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| 9. ISOTROPIC  | 3. RERAN      |
| 10. EDITS     | 4. IMPOUND    |
| 11. OSMAN     | 5. CACKLED    |
| 12. UNLIMITED | 6. PNEUMONIA  |
| 13. MANKIND   | 7. BRITTLE    |
| 15. DUNGEON   | 8. EASED      |
| 17. RELABEL   | 14. IMBROGLIO |
| 20. TRAFFIC   | 16. NECESSARY |
| 22. CONCOURSE | 18. LANZHOU   |
| 23. EDGES     | 19. LARAMIE   |
| 24. ETHEL     | 20. THEOREM   |
| 25. MORATORIA | 21. FIGURES   |
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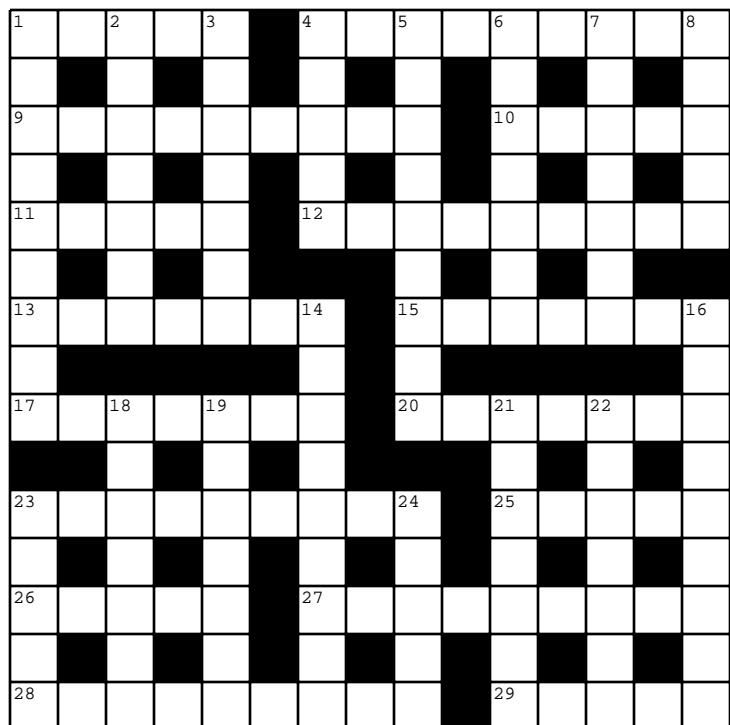
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| 4. AUDITORIA  | 2. VIRTUAL    |
| 9. NARROWEST  | 3. SHOES      |
| 10. OASES     | 4. ALEJANDRO  |
| 11. YOURS     | 5. DATUM      |
| 12. ADMISSION | 6. TROUSSEAU  |
| 13. OBLIGED   | 7. ROSSINI    |
| 15. PREVIEW   | 8. ARSON      |
| 17. BUFFALO   | 14. GUARNIERI |
| 19. COULDNT   | 15. PECKINPAH |
| 21. KISANGANI | 16. WITHDRAWS |
| 23. HOPED     | 18. FASTEST   |
| 24. ADELE     | 20. DIPLOMA   |
| 25. HYPERBOLA | 21. KNAPP     |
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| 27. HEATS     | 23. HARSH     |



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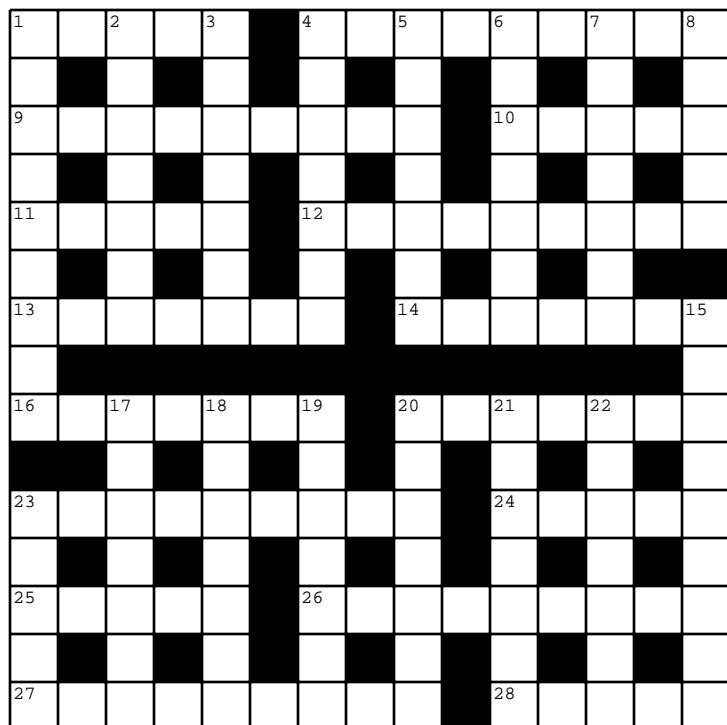
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| 9. ANTIPASTO  | 3. IMPOSED    |
| 10. COCKS     | 4. DOSED      |
| 11. YANKS     | 5. FOOLISHER  |
| 12. DRIVELLED | 6. NUCLEAR    |
| 13. DREADED   | 7. BACILLI    |
| 15. HARDIER   | 8. EASED      |
| 17. SARATOV   | 14. DEVASTATE |
| 20. REPUTES   | 16. RESIDENTS |
| 23. CURIouser | 18. REREADS   |
| 25. OARED     | 19. TOOLING   |
| 26. SWAMI     | 21. PROGRAM   |
| 27. ASSERTION | 22. TERMINI   |
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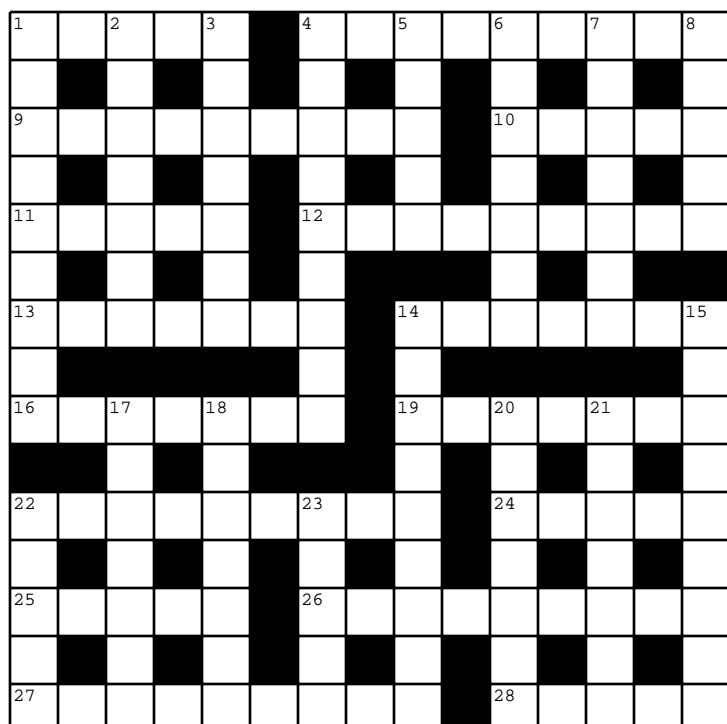
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| 9. RHEOSTATS  | 3. MISSTEP    |
| 10. DHOTI     | 4. ERASURE    |
| 11. CHART     | 5. CASTLED    |
| 12. UNLOCKING | 6. REDUCES    |
| 13. EXAMPLE   | 7. LEONINE    |
| 14. DESCEND   | 8. DYING      |
| 16. TRANSOM   | 15. DOCTRINES |
| 20. PACIFIC   | 17. ABIGAIL   |
| 23. GUILLERMO | 18. SYLLABI   |
| 24. EDGER     | 19. MARSHAL   |
| 25. OHARA     | 20. PHOENIX   |
| 26. HINDUSTAN | 21. CAESURA   |
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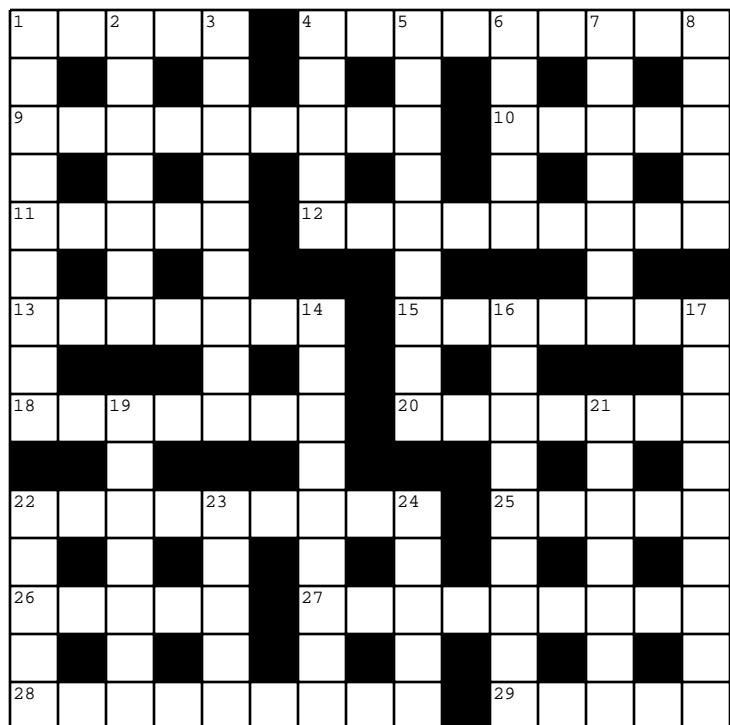
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| 9. APPARATUS  | 3. STRUDEL    |
| 10. MAPLE     | 4. CATECHIZE  |
| 11. TOTED     | 5. NESTS      |
| 12. CASTRATES | 6. NUMERIC    |
| 13. BACILLI   | 7. CAPITAL    |
| 14. BUCOLIC   | 8. LEERS      |
| 16. EMBRACE   | 14. BIOGRAPHY |
| 19. OPOSSUM   | 15. COMMUNITY |
| 22. PREDICTOR | 17. BEESWAX   |
| 24. SNAFU     | 18. ARIOSTO   |
| 25. NEWTS     | 20. OBSCENE   |
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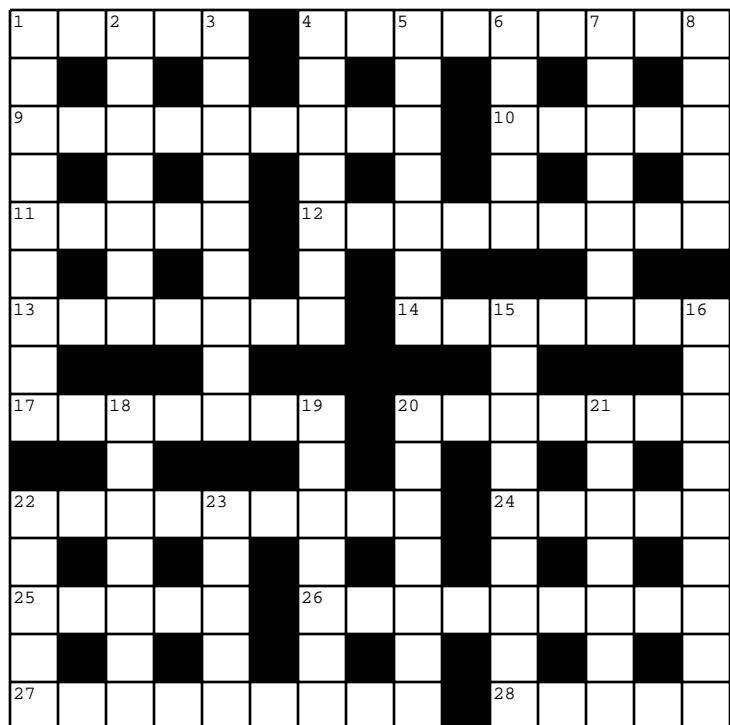
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| 9. CLEARINGS  | 3. PORTFOLIO  |
| 10. ENNUI     | 4. DUNNO      |
| 11. PILAF     | 5. DESPERADO  |
| 12. OVERNIGHT | 6. CLEAN      |
| 13. INDULGE   | 7. TONIGHT    |
| 15. ANNETTE   | 8. SHIFT      |
| 18. NICCOLO   | 14. EMOTIONAL |
| 20. ONGOING   | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 22. LENGTHIER | 17. EIGHTIETH |
| 25. THEFT     | 19. CONDEMN   |
| 26. GREEK     | 21. INERTIA   |
| 27. NOVELETTE | 22. LOGIC     |
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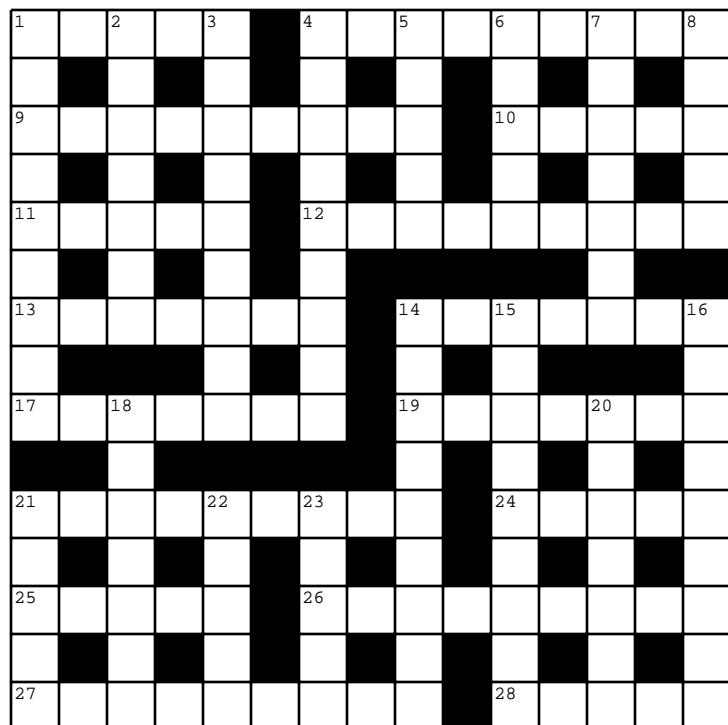
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| 9. ORANGUTAN  | 3. REGISTRAR  |
| 10. PITCH     | 4. DETECTS    |
| 11. CROSS     | 5. VENDING    |
| 12. CLIMACTIC | 6. SEPIA      |
| 13. INFORMS   | 7. BATHTUB    |
| 14. GOODBYE   | 8. ETHIC      |
| 17. GENERIC   | 15. OVERTHREW |
| 20. TREACLE   | 16. ELECTRIFY |
| 22. STAIRCASE | 18. NEAREST   |
| 24. TOAST     | 19. CRAMMED   |
| 25. MEETS     | 20. TEETHES   |
| 26. MAHARISHI | 21. COARSER   |
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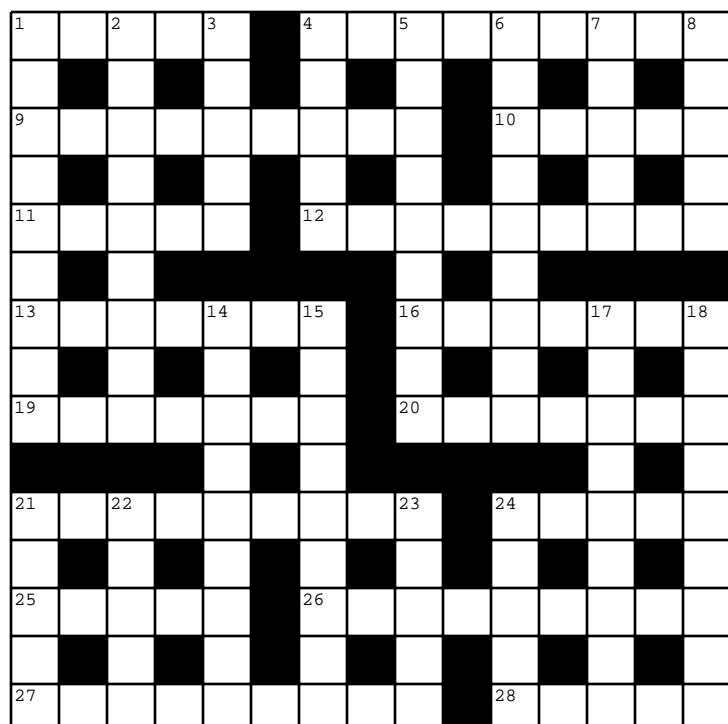
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| 4. ESTIMABLE  | 2. ROOFTOP    |
| 9. GHOSTLIER  | 3. ATTENTION  |
| 10. TRINA     | 4. ETIQUETTE  |
| 11. SATIN     | 5. TORCH      |
| 12. UNHELPFUL | 6. METAL      |
| 13. APPOINT   | 7. BRIEFER    |
| 14. MAGHREB   | 8. EMAIL      |
| 17. ENHANCE   | 14. MACKENZIE |
| 19. CLASSIC   | 15. GOATSKINS |
| 21. HORSESHOE | 16. BACTERIAL |
| 24. SOLVE     | 18. HERSELF   |
| 25. TEETH     | 20. SYLLABI   |
| 26. PIZZICATI | 21. HOTEL     |
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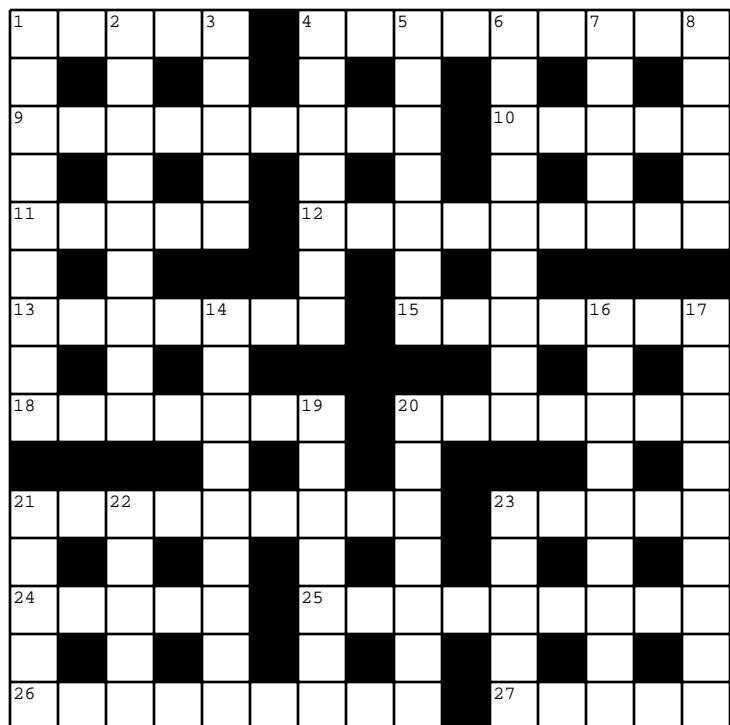
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| 9. INFLATION  | 3. FLAIR      |
| 10. ZINCS     | 4. BLIMP      |
| 11. VICAR     | 5. CONDENSES  |
| 12. PREMIERES | 6. PIZZICATI  |
| 13. NEITHER   | 7. DINER      |
| 16. SCALPEL   | 8. LASTS      |
| 19. EUNUCHS   | 14. HICKORIES |
| 20. SNIPPET   | 15. RESTARTED |
| 21. SOCIOPATH | 17. PEPPERONI |
| 24. THEIR     | 18. LITERALLY |
| 25. ABACI     | 21. STAFF     |
| 26. TOADSTOOL | 22. CHAIR     |
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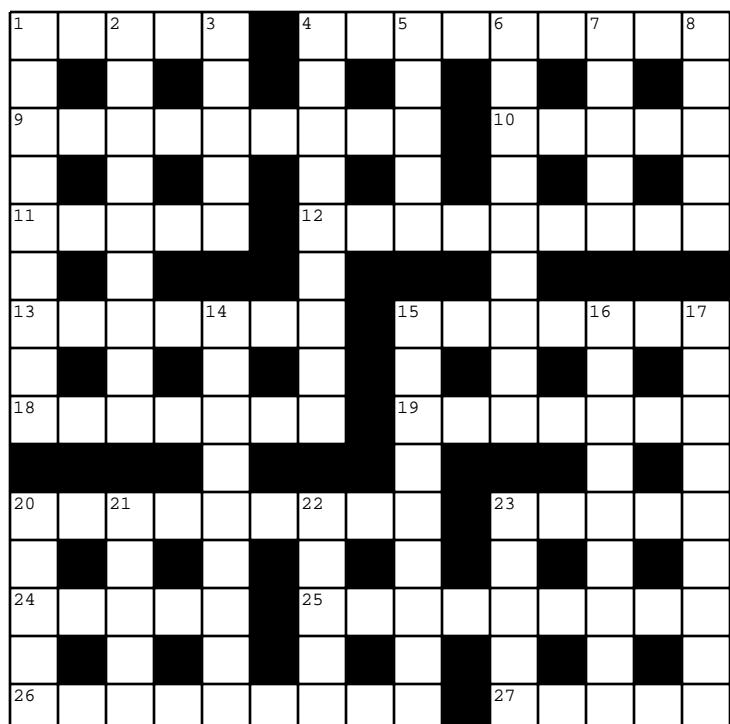
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| 4. RECOGNIZE  | 2. ATAHUALPA  |
| 9. SCAVENGER  | 3. SCENE      |
| 10. EVENS     | 4. RIGHTLY    |
| 11. OVULE     | 5. CARDIAC    |
| 12. TRIANGLES | 6. GREENHORN  |
| 13. APLENTY   | 7. IDEAL      |
| 15. CHOICER   | 8. EASES      |
| 18. TRAFFIC   | 14. NEFERTITI |
| 20. GINSENG   | 16. CRESCENDO |
| 21. AUSTRALIA | 17. REGISTRAR |
| 23. SOCKS     | 19. CALCULI   |
| 24. LANAI     | 20. GLANCED   |
| 25. UNCLEANER | 21. ALLAH     |
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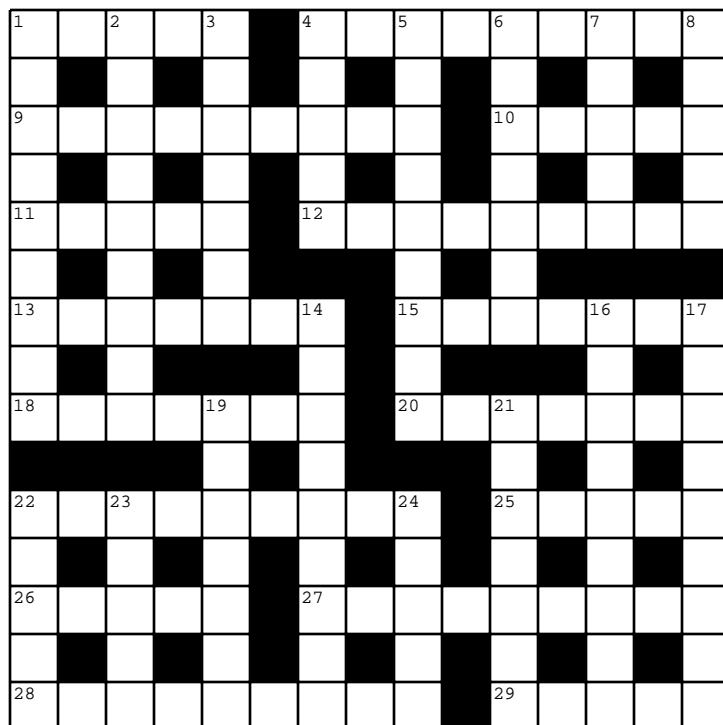
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| 9. SWAGGERER  | 3. LEGAL      |
| 10. GAWKY     | 4. FORETASTE  |
| 11. RURAL     | 5. VERSE      |
| 12. TREASURED | 6. REGISTRAR  |
| 13. BRONCOS   | 7. TOWER      |
| 15. EARPLUG   | 8. SKYED      |
| 18. EMANATE   | 14. CLAUDETTE |
| 19. CARIBOU   | 15. EXCLAIMED |
| 20. DOCUDRAMA | 16. LIBERTINE |
| 23. FIRES     | 17. GRUESOMER |
| 24. ADAPT     | 20. DRAWN     |
| 25. COMMUNISM | 21. CLANG     |
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| 27. THEIR     | 23. FAULT     |



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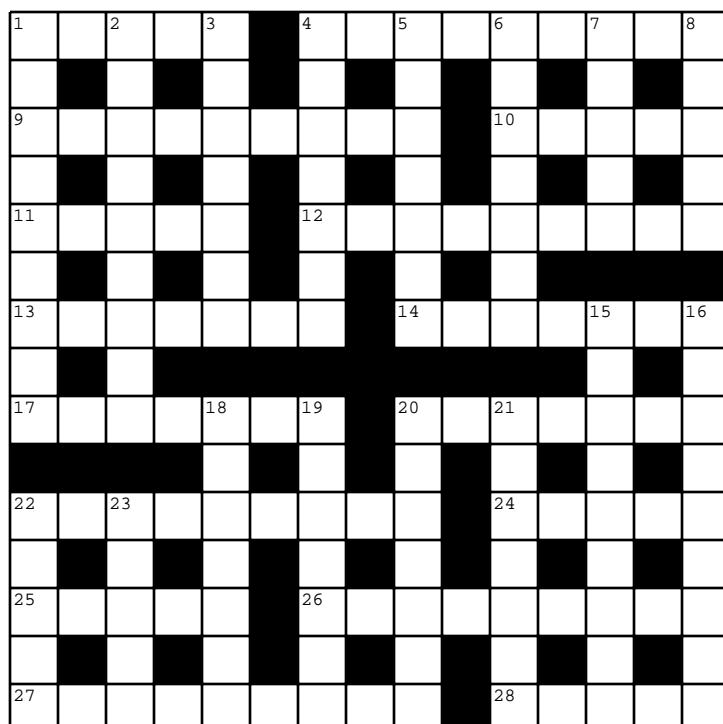
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| 4. MEDIAEVAL  | 2. NONEVENTS  |
| 9. CONSORTIA  | 3. BRONCHI    |
| 10. ALSOP     | 4. MYTHS      |
| 11. HAVOC     | 5. DRAWBACKS  |
| 12. SUBJECTED | 6. ARACELI    |
| 13. LANDING   | 7. VISIT      |
| 15. CHICANO   | 8. LOPED      |
| 18. CASSAVA   | 14. GRAPHICAL |
| 20. STEPSON   | 16. ASSOCIATE |
| 22. BETROTHAL | 17. OWNERSHIP |
| 25. INCUR     | 19. ABOLISH   |
| 26. RABBI     | 21. EMIGRES   |
| 27. COCKROACH | 22. BERYL     |
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| 29. STEEP     | 24. LACKS     |



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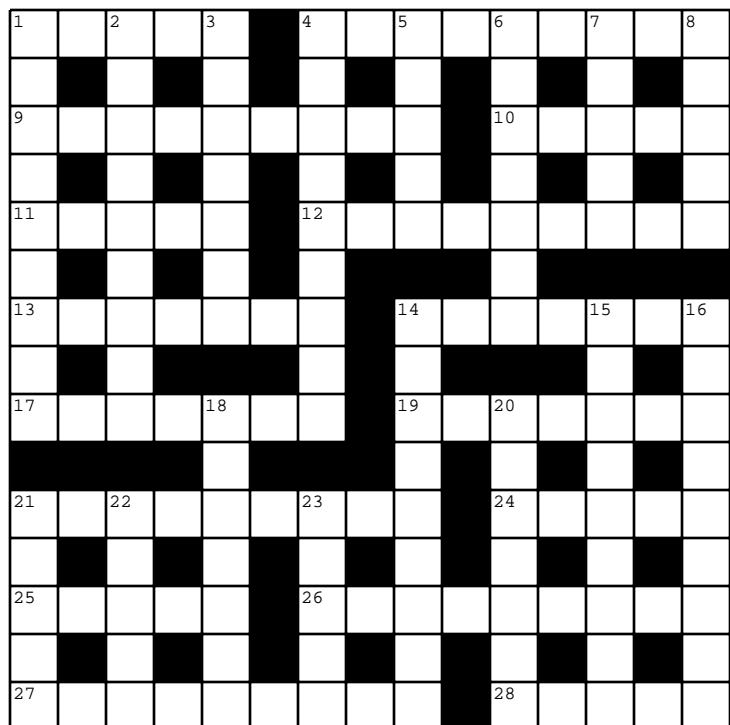
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| 9. PREACHING  | 3. ALCOHOL    |
| 10. SHEEN     | 4. PRIESTS    |
| 11. YOUTH     | 5. INGRAIN    |
| 12. STAGNATES | 6. ARSENIC    |
| 13. EDIBLES   | 7. EVENT      |
| 14. NUCLEIC   | 8. YANKS      |
| 17. ALGEBRA   | 15. EMIGRATES |
| 20. ADJOINS   | 16. COSMOLOGY |
| 22. OURSELVES | 18. BREADTH   |
| 24. VIRGO     | 19. ADVERTS   |
| 25. ILIAD     | 20. ASSIGNS   |
| 26. RIGOLETTO | 21. JAVELIN   |
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| 28. NASTY     | 23. REIGN     |



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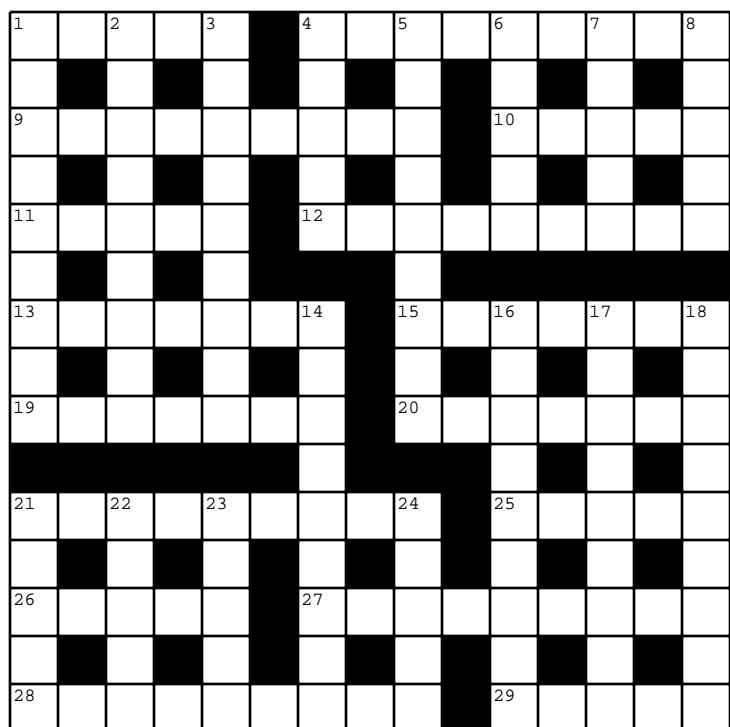
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| 4. BRACKETED  | 2. DIGESTION  |
| 9. NIGHTCLUB  | 3. SETBACK    |
| 10. NASTY     | 4. BILLIARDS  |
| 11. AISHA     | 5. ALBUM      |
| 12. IMMEDIACY | 6. KINGDOM    |
| 13. THINKER   | 7. TASHA      |
| 14. NUMERIC   | 8. DRYLY      |
| 17. CANNONS   | 14. NUCLEUSES |
| 19. CHOICER   | 15. RECOGNIZE |
| 21. MANOEUVRE | 16. CHRISTIAN |
| 24. EDGES     | 18. OVERSEE   |
| 25. MYTHS     | 20. OREGANO   |
| 26. TOSCANINI | 21. MOMMA     |
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| 28. OCEAN     | 23. VOTES     |



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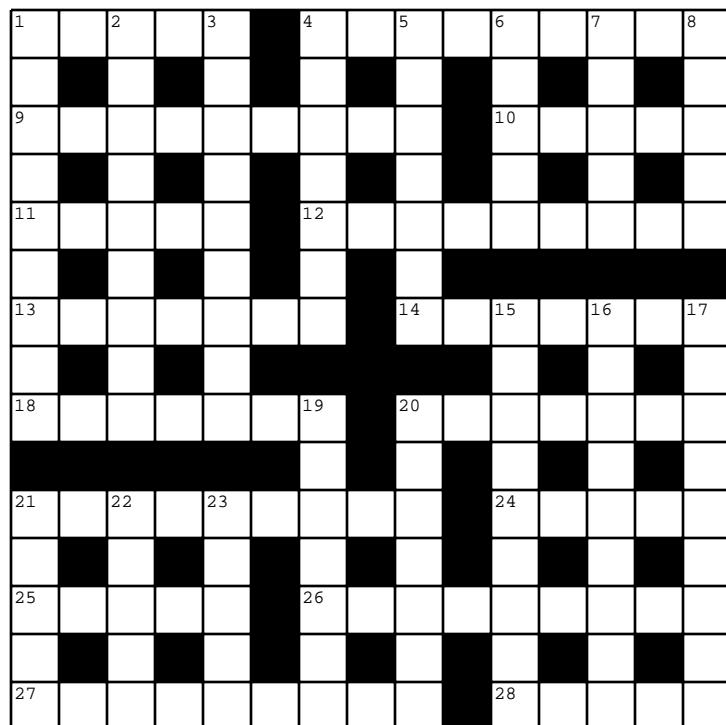
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| 9. AMATERASU  | 3. SPECTACLE  |
| 10. RUIING    | 4. DRAWN      |
| 11. ASSET     | 5. LEUKAEMIA  |
| 12. NEARLIEST | 6. MORAL      |
| 13. CADUCEI   | 7. TWICE      |
| 15. MODESTO   | 8. DIGIT      |
| 19. EASIEST   | 14. INTERCOMS |
| 20. AGAINST   | 16. DIALECTAL |
| 21. CORKSCREW | 17. SANATORIA |
| 25. ENTER     | 18. OUTGROWTH |
| 26. UNION     | 21. CRUMB     |
| 27. OVERTHREW | 22. RHINO     |
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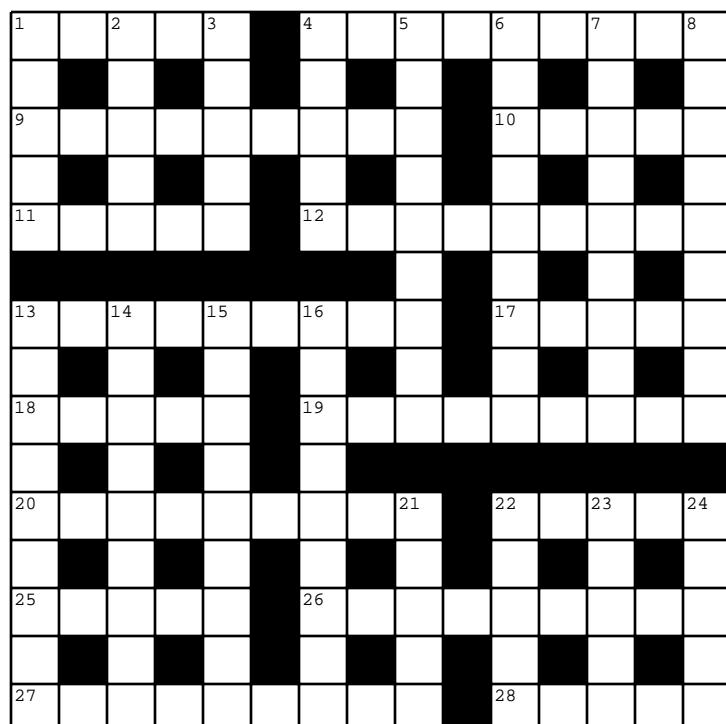
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| 4. EVALUATED  | 2. DIGESTIVE  |
| 9. ORGIASTIC  | 3. STATISTIC  |
| 10. SABER     | 4. ENTERED    |
| 11. KASAI     | 5. ACCLAIM    |
| 12. REACTIONS | 6. UPSET      |
| 13. OMITTED   | 7. TABOO      |
| 14. MANUELA   | 8. DARTS      |
| 18. KNEECAP   | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 20. EDGIEST   | 16. ENERGIZES |
| 21. FINGERTIP | 17. ALTITUDES |
| 24. TIGHT     | 19. PUTTIED   |
| 25. INVAR     | 20. EXPRESS   |
| 26. IDEALIZED | 21. FAITH     |
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| 28. BASES     | 23. EARNS     |



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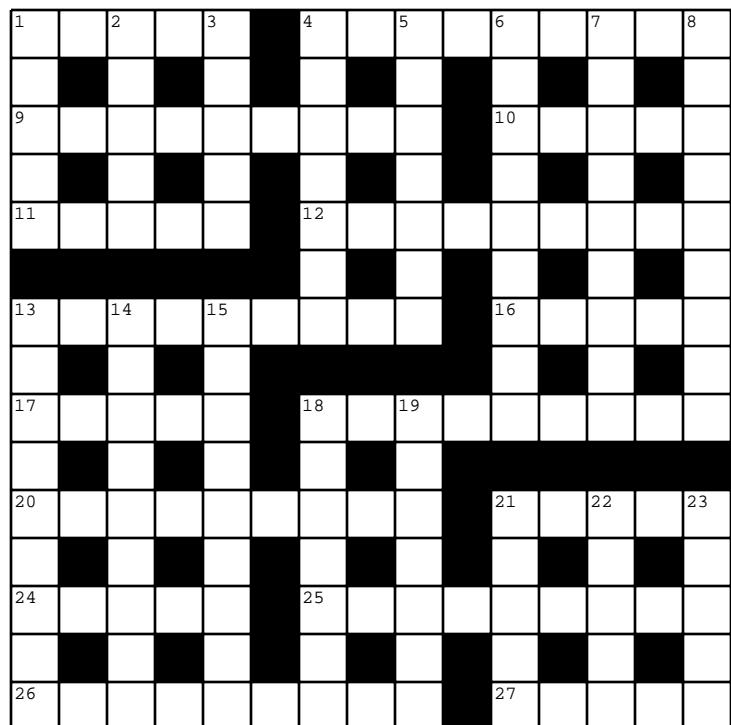
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| 9. WASHBASIN  | 3. HABIT      |
| 10. INPUT     | 4. RESET      |
| 11. SHEET     | 5. CONTENDED  |
| 12. TREASURER | 6. GLISSANDI  |
| 13. HAPHAZARD | 7. IMPORTANT  |
| 17. NYASA     | 8. ENTERTAIN  |
| 18. SHORT     | 13. HISTAMINE |
| 19. BADMINTON | 14. PROSTRATE |
| 20. AUTOMATES | 15. AUTOMATIC |
| 22. DIDNT     | 16. AMBITIONS |
| 25. INAPT     | 21. SPEED     |
| 26. OVERWHELM | 22. DOWNS     |
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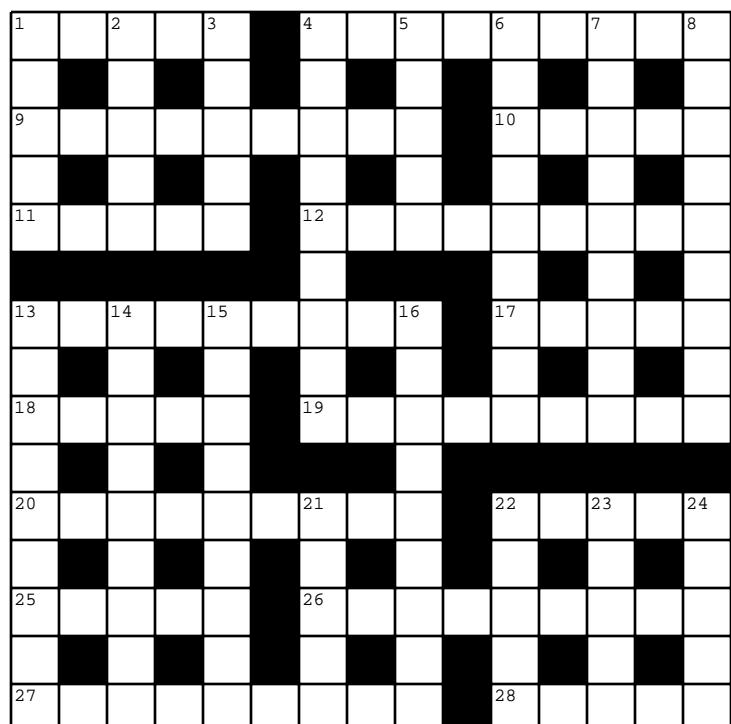
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| 9. PAUNCHIER  | 3. DECKS      |
| 10. CUTUP     | 4. HAIRCUT    |
| 11. SISES     | 5. GARBAGE    |
| 12. CLASSICAL | 6. COCKSCOMB  |
| 13. NEWCASTLE | 7. ARTICHOKE  |
| 16. OZONE     | 8. REPELLENT  |
| 17. GENET     | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. CAPABLEST | 14. WONDERFUL |
| 20. THESPIANS | 15. ANTIPASTI |
| 21. DELTA     | 18. CHAMBER   |
| 24. LIFTS     | 19. PESETAS   |
| 25. BUTTERCUP | 21. DWEEB     |
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| 27. BASIN     | 23. ASPEN     |



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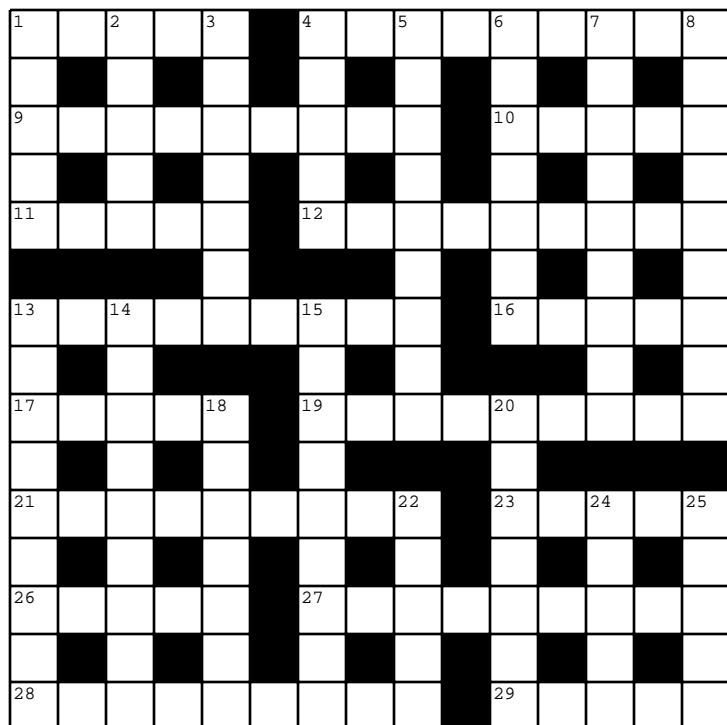
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| 9. INTRINSIC  | 3. LOINS      |
| 10. SEPIA     | 4. DISBELIEF  |
| 11. FORMS     | 5. CACAO      |
| 12. ECOLOGIST | 6. DISLOCATE  |
| 13. FLAGSHIPS | 7. APPLICANT  |
| 17. AMAZE     | 8. APARTHEID  |
| 18. ALARM     | 13. FRANCISCA |
| 19. FERMENTED | 14. ALARMISTS |
| 20. COMPACTER | 15. SIMPATICO |
| 22. MAGIC     | 16. SURPRISED |
| 25. SUSHI     | 21. TYRED     |
| 26. RESERVOIR | 22. MERER     |
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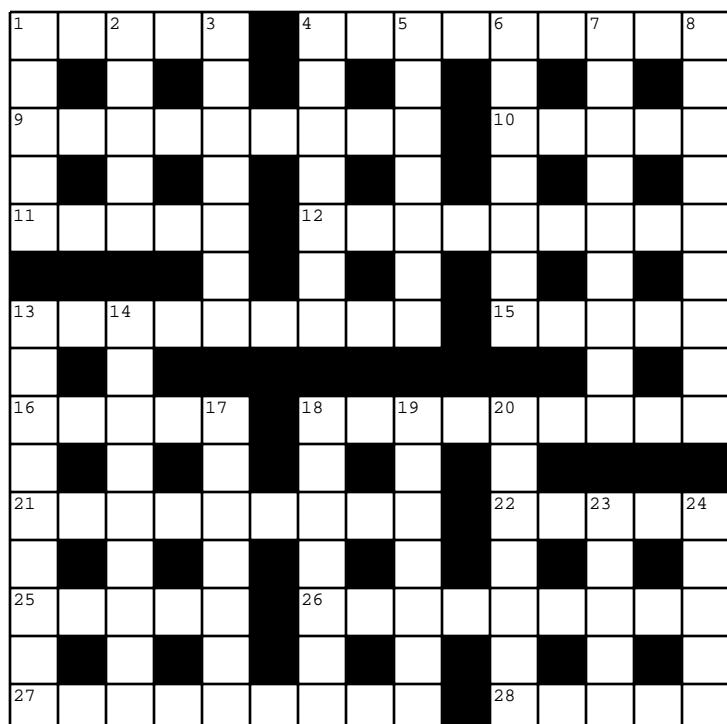
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| 9. CIGARILLO  | 3. PARVENU    |
| 10. TROUT     | 4. RELAY      |
| 11. EERIE     | 5. TROUSSEAU  |
| 12. YESTERDAY | 6. OATMEAL    |
| 13. RESHUFFLE | 7. AVOIDABLE  |
| 16. LIBRA     | 8. ENTRYWAYS  |
| 17. MATES     | 13. REMAINDER |
| 19. ROUGHNESS | 14. SATISFIES |
| 21. INSOMNIAC | 15. FORBIDDEN |
| 23. LARVA     | 18. SAMOYED   |
| 26. DAILY     | 20. HALBERD   |
| 27. DISREPAIR | 22. CYSTS     |
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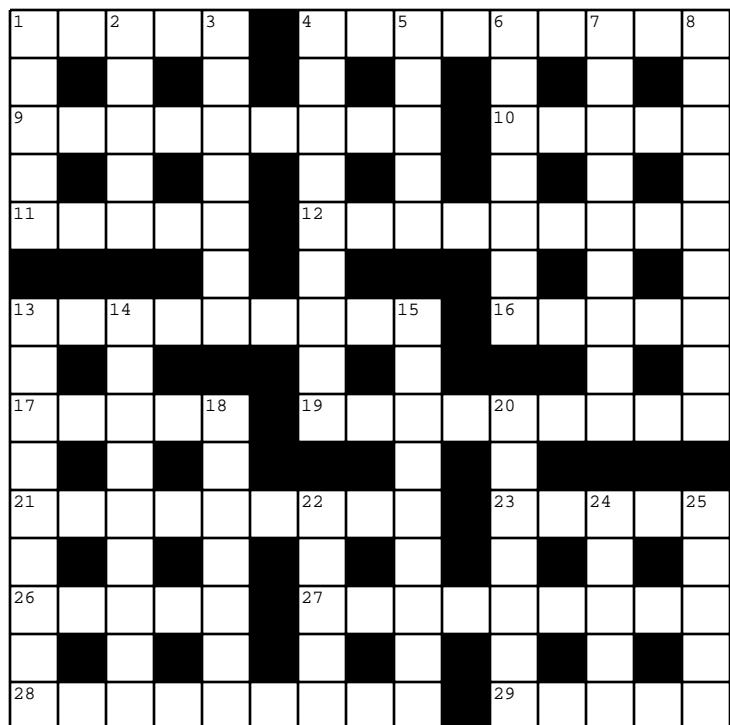
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| 10. SPICA     | 4. PERTURB    |
| 11. SUSHI     | 5. BEDTIME    |
| 12. UNIVERSAL | 6. INSTEAD    |
| 13. ALLOWABLE | 7. HAILSTONE  |
| 15. DROVE     | 8. DEADLIEST  |
| 16. DOWNS     | 13. ABDICATED |
| 18. COMPETENT | 14. LOWENBRAU |
| 21. CONTINUED | 17. SNIDEST   |
| 22. INCUR     | 18. CRUMBLE   |
| 25. THREE     | 19. MUDDLES   |
| 26. BALLERINA | 20. EMINENT   |
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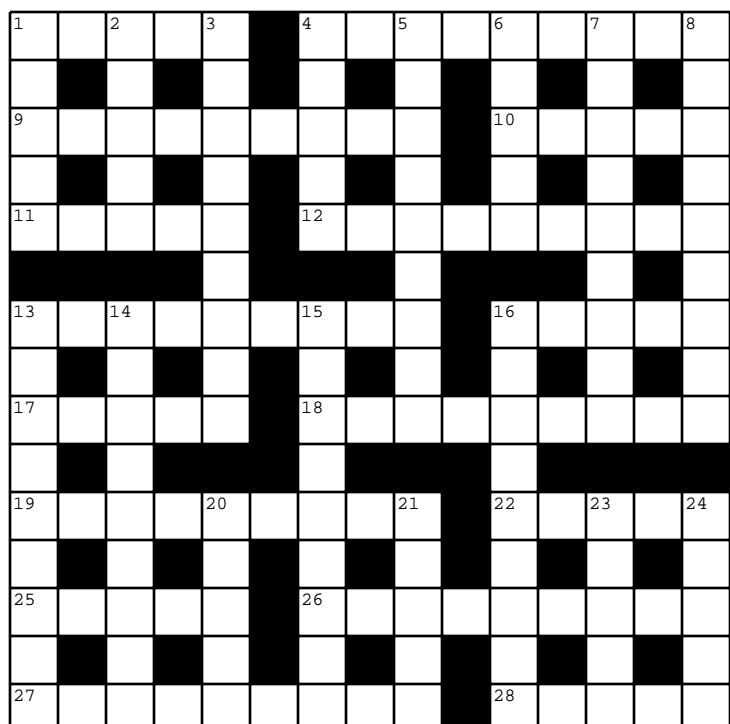
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| 4. ALLOCATED  | 2. HEIDI      |
| 9. COINCIDES  | 3. BECAUSE    |
| 10. NEEDS     | 4. ABDICATED  |
| 11. ADIEU     | 5. LASER      |
| 12. CARPENTER | 6. CONTEND    |
| 13. FINGERTIP | 7. TREATMENT  |
| 16. DWEEB     | 8. DESCRIBED  |
| 17. RARER     | 13. FIREBRAND |
| 19. DECIMATED | 14. NARCOTICS |
| 21. BOOKSHELF | 15. PACIFISTS |
| 23. MONTH     | 18. ROSANNA   |
| 26. ALIGN     | 20. MAMMOTH   |
| 27. ENSCONCES | 22. EJECT     |
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| 29. HARDY     | 25. HASTY     |



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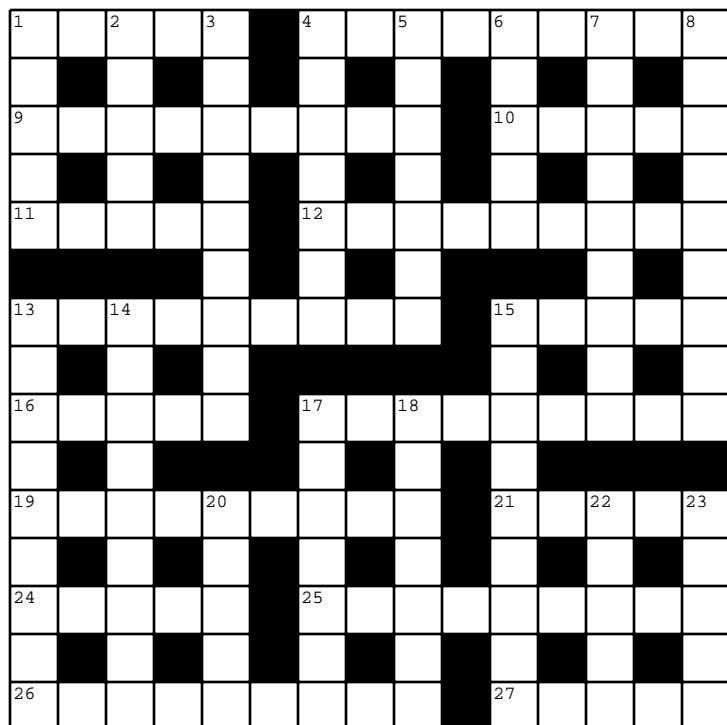
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| 9. PIZZICATO  | 3. ELIMINATE  |
| 10. NICER     | 4. ALARM      |
| 11. SUSHI     | 5. TROUSSEAU  |
| 12. MUSKMELON | 6. ANNAM      |
| 13. MANHANDLE | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 16. SEPAL     | 8. SPRINKLES  |
| 17. ELITE     | 13. MAELSTROM |
| 18. COUNTRIES | 14. NEIGHBORS |
| 19. SCHOOLING | 15. DECEITFUL |
| 22. SORTA     | 16. SATISFIED |
| 25. ROOST     | 20. OPTIC     |
| 26. FURNITURE | 21. GERRY     |
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| 28. DEEDS     | 24. AREAS     |



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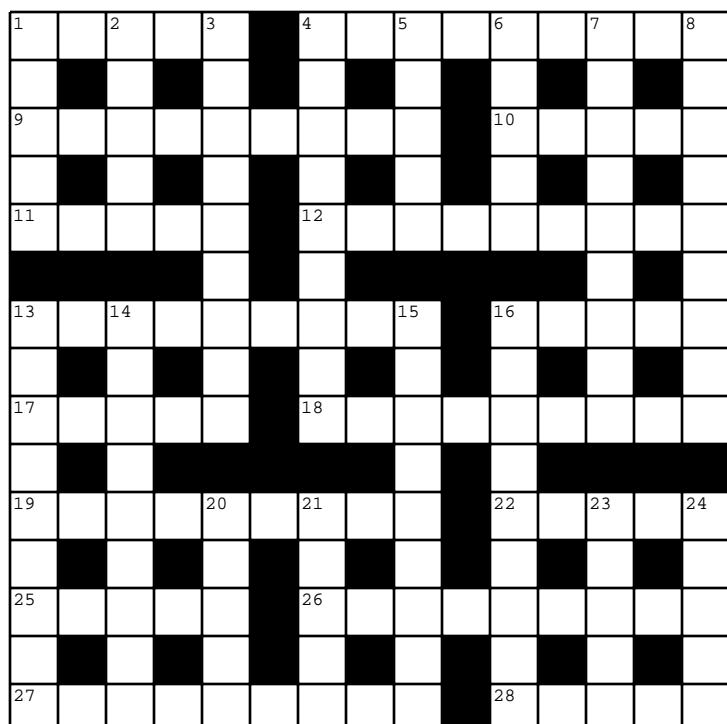
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| 4. PINEAPPLE  | 2. THUMB      |
| 9. HOUSEWORK  | 3. CHEMICALS  |
| 10. ONSET     | 4. PROSAIC    |
| 11. RABBI     | 5. NAKEDLY    |
| 12. ANDROMEDA | 6. AMOCO      |
| 13. HIERARCHY | 7. POSTERIOR  |
| 15. CRISP     | 8. ENTRAPPED  |
| 16. RACKS     | 13. HARDWOODS |
| 17. BOLSTERED | 14. EUCLIDEAN |
| 19. WHIRLIGIG | 15. CATNAPPED |
| 21. AWARD     | 17. BAGGAGE   |
| 24. OCEAN     | 18. LIGHTLY   |
| 25. ANTIPASTI | 20. LANCE     |
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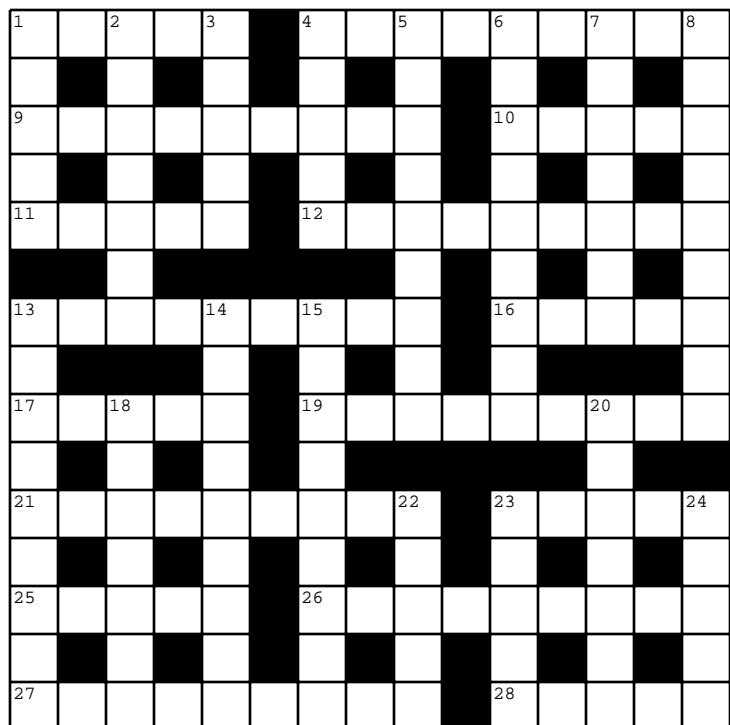
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| 9. PYROMANIA  | 3. COMPRISES  |
| 10. INEPT     | 4. HONEYCOMB  |
| 11. SEDER     | 5. SNAFU      |
| 12. YOUNGSTER | 6. AGING      |
| 13. RAINSTORM | 7. IDENTICAL  |
| 16. MECCA     | 8. ESTERHAZY  |
| 17. SIGNS     | 13. RESOURCED |
| 18. BASICALLY | 14. INGENIOUS |
| 19. UNNATURAL | 15. MISPLACED |
| 22. NEGEV     | 16. MCCONNELL |
| 25. CROCI     | 20. TWICE     |
| 26. BACTERIAL | 21. RABID     |
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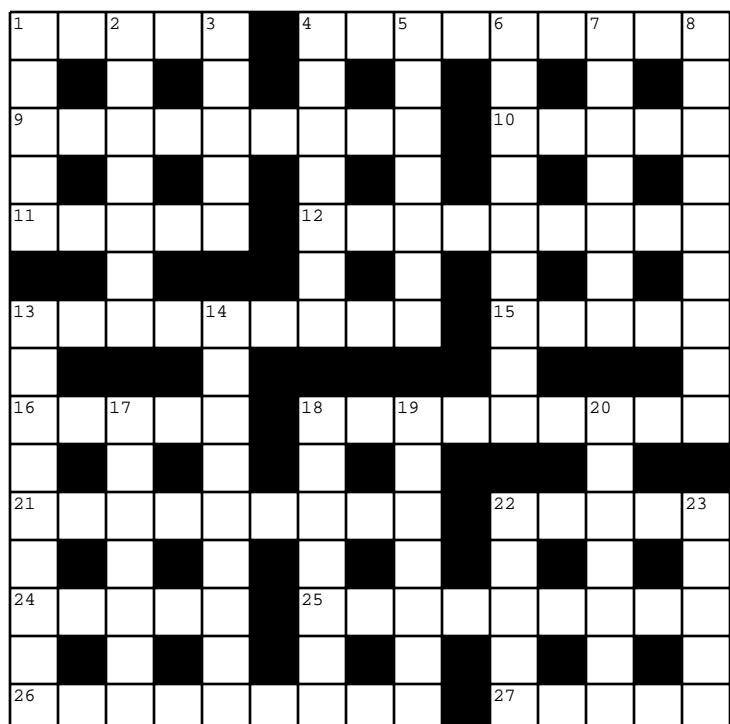
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| 4. APPEALING  | 2. AQUATIC    |
| 9. COURSHIP   | 3. ALTOS      |
| 10. COLON     | 4. ASHEN      |
| 11. SITES     | 5. PEPPERONI  |
| 12. NEEDINESS | 6. ACCLIMATE  |
| 13. INCOGNITO | 7. ILLNESS    |
| 16. AISLE     | 8. GANGSTERS  |
| 17. CILIA     | 13. INCEPTION |
| 19. EPIDERMIS | 14. GLADIATOR |
| 21. PIZZICATI | 15. ITERATORS |
| 23. WASPS     | 18. LAZIEST   |
| 25. INEPT     | 20. MISLEAD   |
| 26. OVERSLEEP | 22. ITEMS     |
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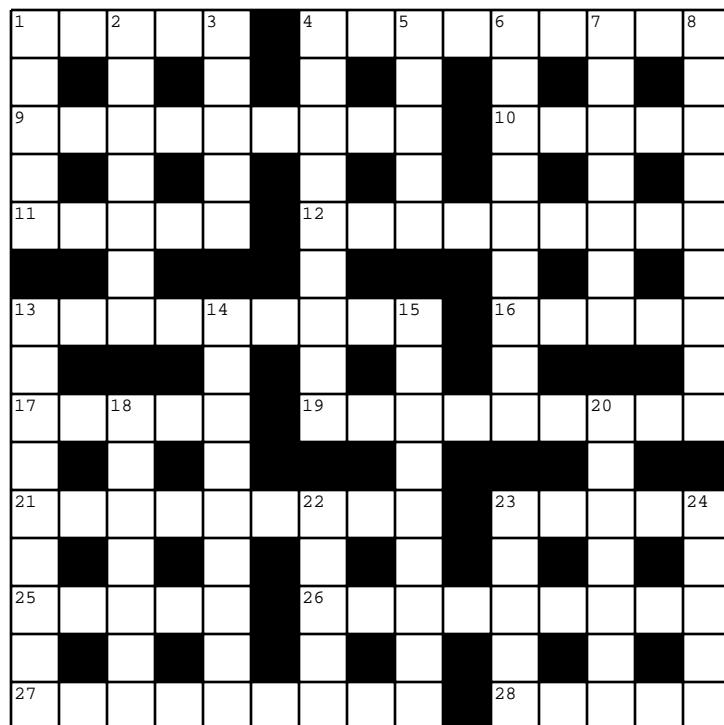
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| 10. UMBEL     | 4. THEATER    |
| 11. LIKES     | 5. ATTENDS    |
| 12. TENDERING | 6. EXUBERANT  |
| 13. LANDMARKS | 7. LOBBIED    |
| 15. AUDIO     | 8. RELIGIONS  |
| 16. MICAH     | 13. LYMPHATIC |
| 18. LIFETIMES | 14. MAHARISHI |
| 21. HIBERNATE | 17. CABOOSE   |
| 22. CANAL     | 18. LEAFLET   |
| 24. THOUS     | 19. FREEWAY   |
| 25. LOWENBRAU | 20. MINERVA   |
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| 27. CRASH     | 23. LAUGH     |



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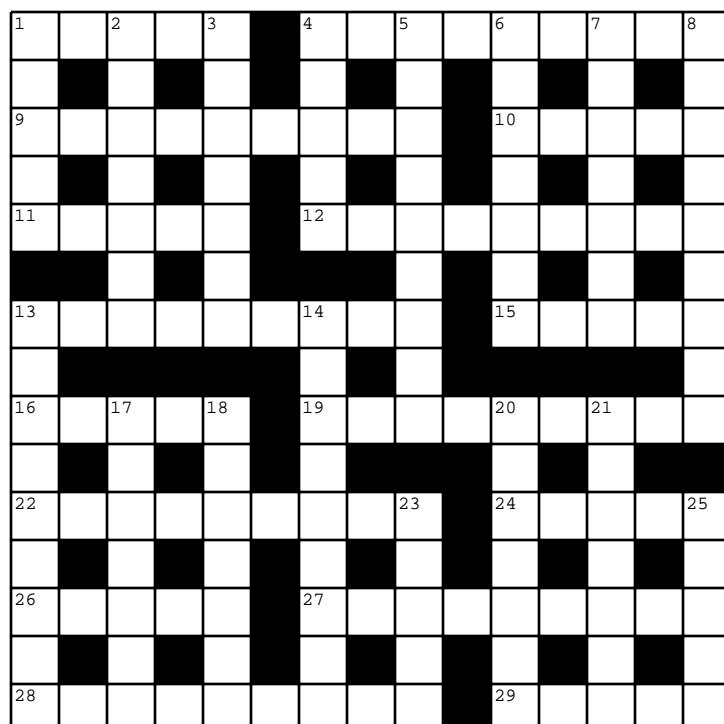
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| 9. SLENDERER  | 3. CEDAR      |
| 10. NAOMI     | 4. FORETASTE  |
| 11. STEER     | 5. ERROR      |
| 12. TERRORISM | 6. CONSORTIA  |
| 13. ANTIPASTI | 7. EMOTIVE    |
| 16. TEETH     | 8. TRIUMPHED  |
| 17. OZONE     | 13. ACONCAGUA |
| 19. ENTRAPPED | 14. PRETTIEST |
| 21. COURTROOM | 15. ISTHMUSES |
| 23. TENTH     | 18. OPULENT   |
| 25. GEESE     | 20. PANACEA   |
| 26. RESOURCED | 22. OARED     |
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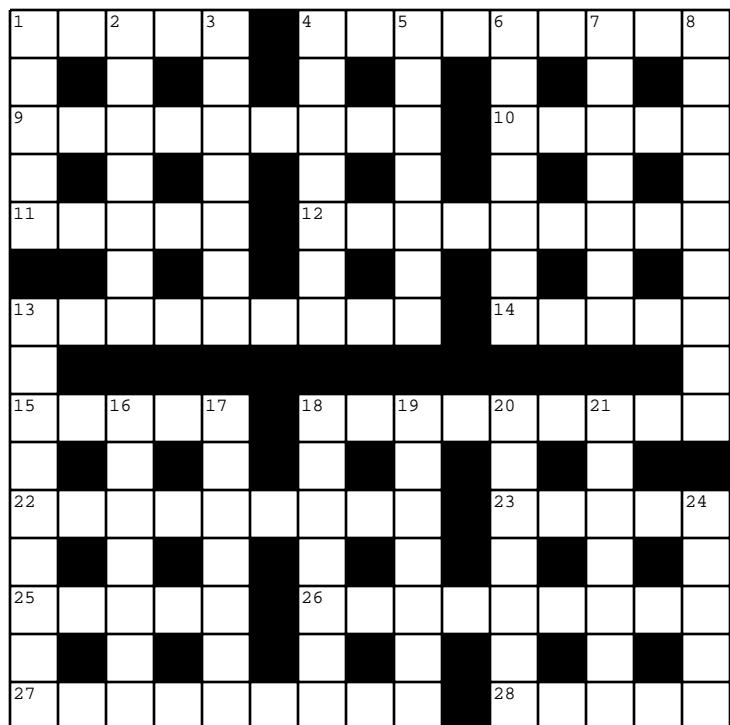
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| 9. ADENOIDAL  | 3. WHOEVER    |
| 10. ROBES     | 4. SEDAN      |
| 11. NEGEV     | 5. OBLIGATES  |
| 12. NIGHTCLUB | 6. STRETCH    |
| 13. DISCREDIT | 7. RUBELLA    |
| 15. HEAVY     | 8. DISOBeyed  |
| 16. LIMBO     | 13. DELIMITER |
| 19. SUSPENDED | 14. DESCRIBES |
| 22. MORATORIA | 17. MARXISM   |
| 24. IDEAL     | 18. OCTAGON   |
| 26. THING     | 20. EDITION   |
| 27. BAPTISMAL | 21. DREAMED   |
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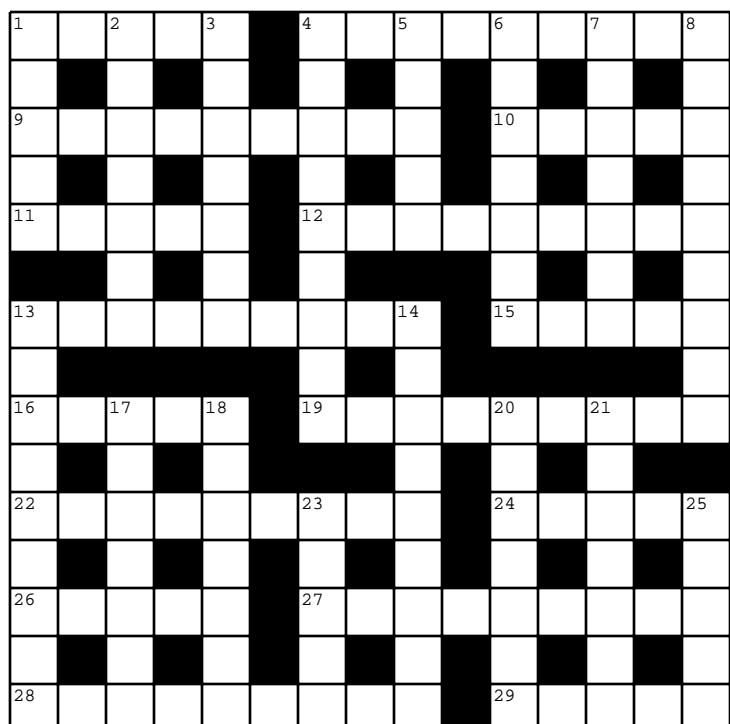
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| 4. ANECDOTAL  | 2. ELITISM    |
| 9. PRINCIPLE  | 3. DICTION    |
| 10. OSMAN     | 4. APPEARS    |
| 11. ALIBI     | 5. ELEVATE    |
| 12. AMATERASU | 6. DUODENA    |
| 13. REMINISCE | 7. TIMPANI    |
| 14. ACING     | 8. LANGUAGES  |
| 15. ARGUE     | 13. REACTIONS |
| 18. TESTICLES | 16. GALOSHE   |
| 22. TALKATIVE | 17. ELAPSED   |
| 23. VIRUS     | 18. THINNER   |
| 25. OASIS     | 19. SPEAKER   |
| 26. NAKEDNESS | 20. INVADES   |
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| 28. SITES     | 24. SISES     |



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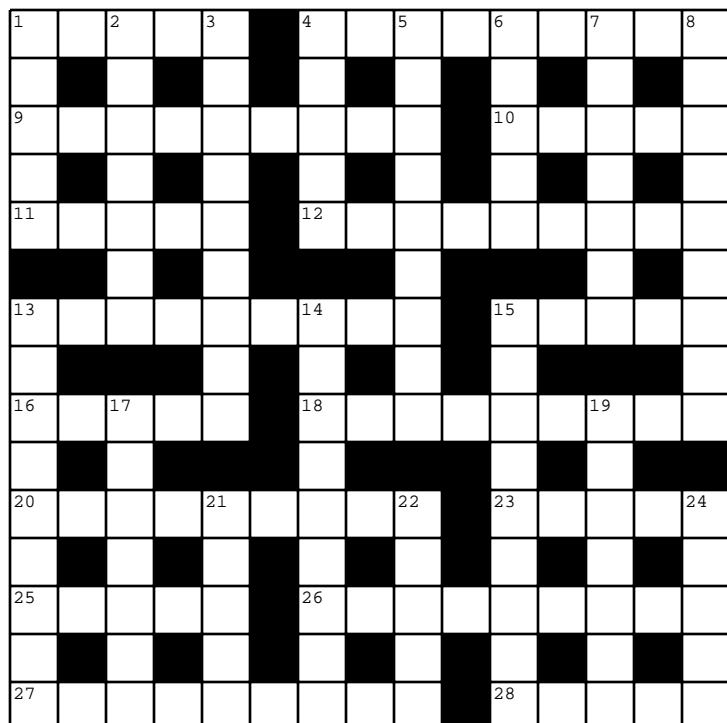
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| 9. Matriarch  | 3. GLINTED    |
| 10. OBOES     | 4. PARABOLAS  |
| 11. STRUT     | 5. ETHIC      |
| 12. BOCCACCIO | 6. AVOCADO    |
| 13. ARMADILLO | 7. BRONCHI    |
| 15. OWING     | 8. DISLODGES  |
| 16. DARED     | 13. ADDICTIVE |
| 19. SOFTBALLS | 14. OFFERINGS |
| 22. CROSSOVER | 17. ROOFTOP   |
| 24. ROCKS     | 18. DESIRES   |
| 26. INTER     | 20. BARRENS   |
| 27. CONSENTED | 21. LOCATED   |
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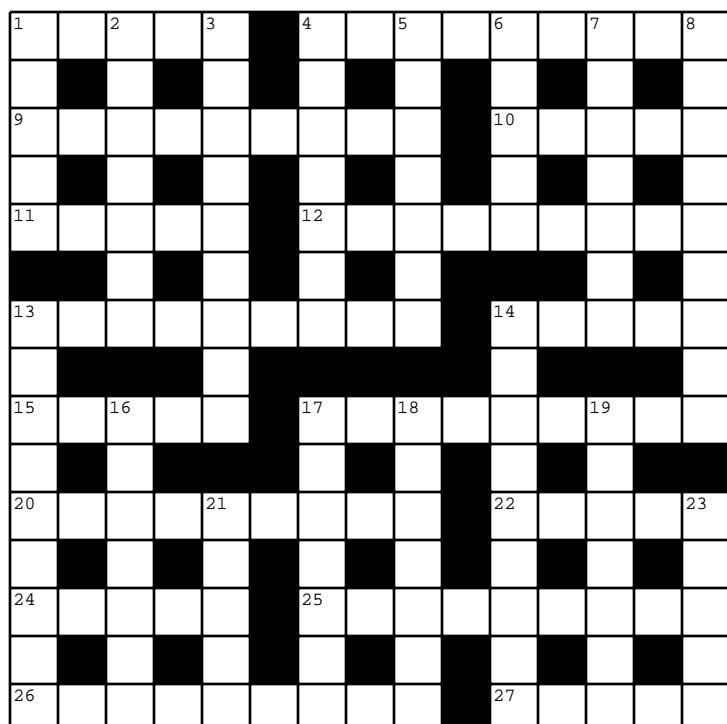
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| 4. AFFIRMING  | 2. SYLLABI    |
| 9. COLLISION  | 3. NEIGHBOUR  |
| 10. AVILA     | 4. AMIGA      |
| 11. DEATH     | 5. FINANCIAL  |
| 12. AMNESTIED | 6. READS      |
| 13. RHINOCERI | 7. INITIAL    |
| 15. SALVO     | 8. GRANDIOSE  |
| 16. INNER     | 13. RAINFALLS |
| 18. BELLYACHE | 14. EMBROIDER |
| 20. FRACTIONS | 15. SKYROCKET |
| 23. OARED     | 17. NUANCES   |
| 25. LUCIA     | 19. CARIBOU   |
| 26. DRINKABLE | 21. TIARA     |
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| 28. TRUST     | 24. DOEST     |



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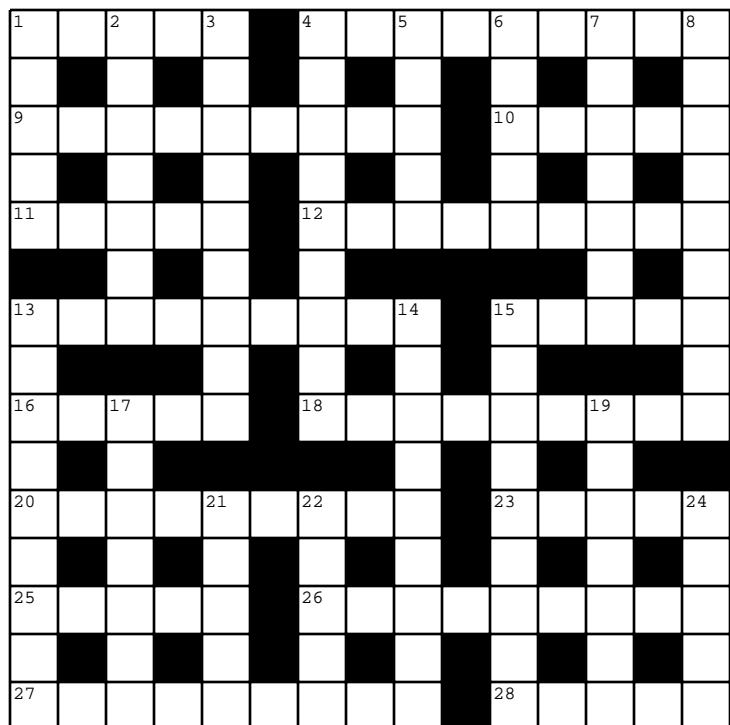
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| 9. IMBROGLIO  | 3. PROFITEER  |
| 10. ASSAM     | 4. BULLDOG    |
| 11. ALTAI     | 5. NEONATE    |
| 12. DIALECTAL | 6. WHALE      |
| 13. COLLEAGUE | 7. DESKTOP    |
| 14. HAPPY     | 8. HIMALAYAS  |
| 15. ALTER     | 13. CHAMPAGNE |
| 17. TRIANGLES | 14. HONEYCOMB |
| 20. PSEUDONYM | 16. TREACLE   |
| 22. YOURS     | 17. TONIGHT   |
| 24. GECKO     | 18. IMMORAL   |
| 25. GARGOYLES | 19. LOUELLA   |
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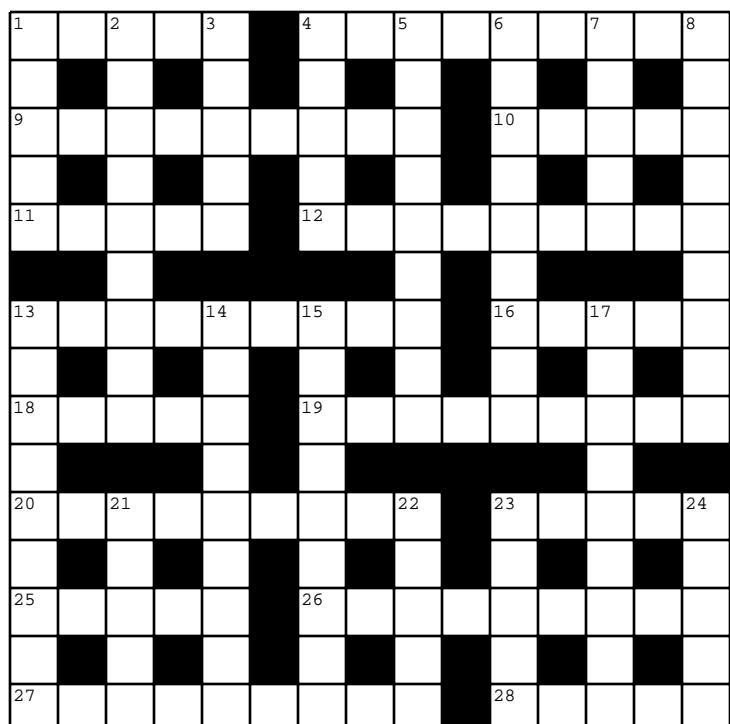
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| 9. DIPLOMACY  | 3. FLOWERPOT  |
| 10. LOGIC     | 4. BLACKHEAD  |
| 11. TASTE     | 5. LAYER      |
| 12. KERCHIEFS | 6. ALLAH      |
| 13. BEDSPREAD | 7. TIGRESS    |
| 15. MISDO     | 8. DECISIONS  |
| 16. ASSET     | 13. BLANKETED |
| 18. DELIRIOUS | 14. DELIVERED |
| 20. KARAMAZOV | 15. MERIDIANS |
| 23. DREAM     | 17. SCRAWLS   |
| 25. TAWNY     | 19. ONESELF   |
| 26. PERMANENT | 21. MAYOR     |
| 27. DESTROYED | 22. ZIPPY     |
| 28. SAFER     | 24. MOTOR     |



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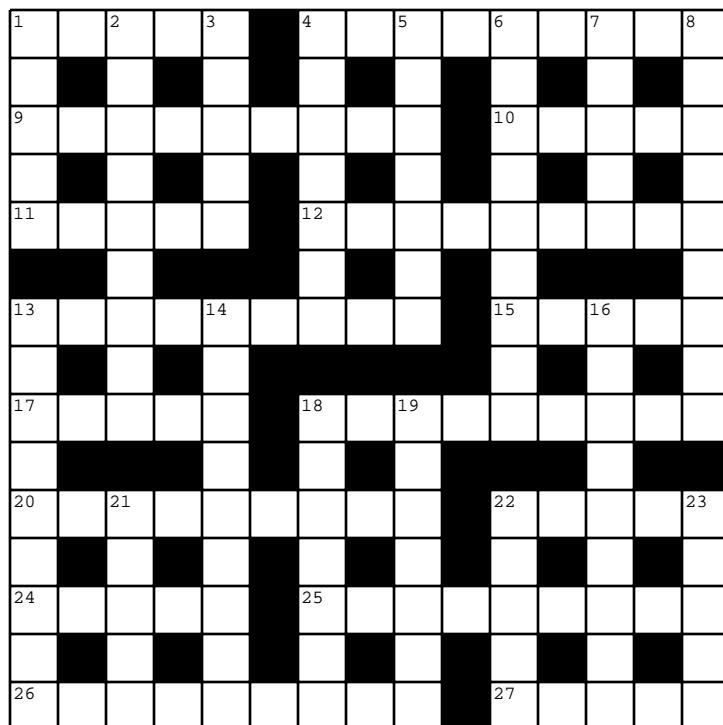
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| 9. BAZILLION  | 3. DELTA      |
| 10. NORMS     | 4. IVIES      |
| 11. SPICA     | 5. DONALDSON  |
| 12. SPLASHIER | 6. CYNOSURES  |
| 13. CHARYBDIS | 7. TORSI      |
| 16. RADIO     | 8. RESERVOIR  |
| 18. UNITS     | 13. COURSHIP  |
| 19. HANDSOMER | 14. YPSILANTI |
| 20. THRALLDOM | 15. DEHYDRATE |
| 23. MINOR     | 17. DOMINANCE |
| 25. HUMAN     | 21. RAMBO     |
| 26. ABYSSINIA | 22. MAYOR     |
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| 28. CREAM     | 24. REALM     |



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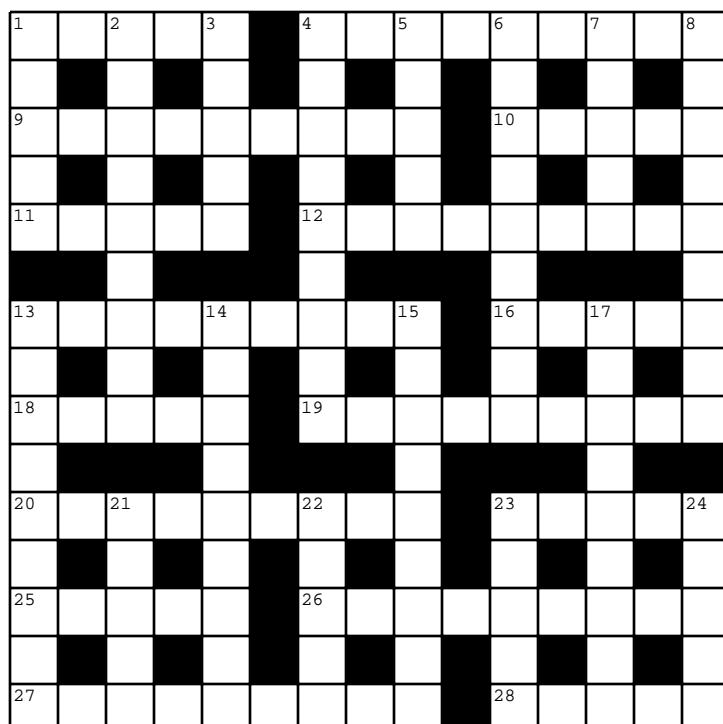
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| 4. GOSSIPING  | 2. BARTHOLDI  |
| 9. ARRANGING  | 3. GANGS      |
| 10. ICAHN     | 4. GOIANIA    |
| 11. ASHES     | 5. SEGMENT    |
| 12. NEEDINESS | 6. INITIATOR  |
| 13. RELUCTANT | 7. IMAGE      |
| 15. TRUCE     | 8. GANGSTERS  |
| 17. FLING     | 13. REFRESHES |
| 18. BANKRUPTS | 14. CIGARILLO |
| 20. ENCIRCLES | 16. UNPOPULAR |
| 22. DOPES     | 18. BELONGS   |
| 24. HOTEL     | 19. NOSEGAY   |
| 25. NIGHTCLUB | 21. CATER     |
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| 27. RARER     | 23. SOBER     |



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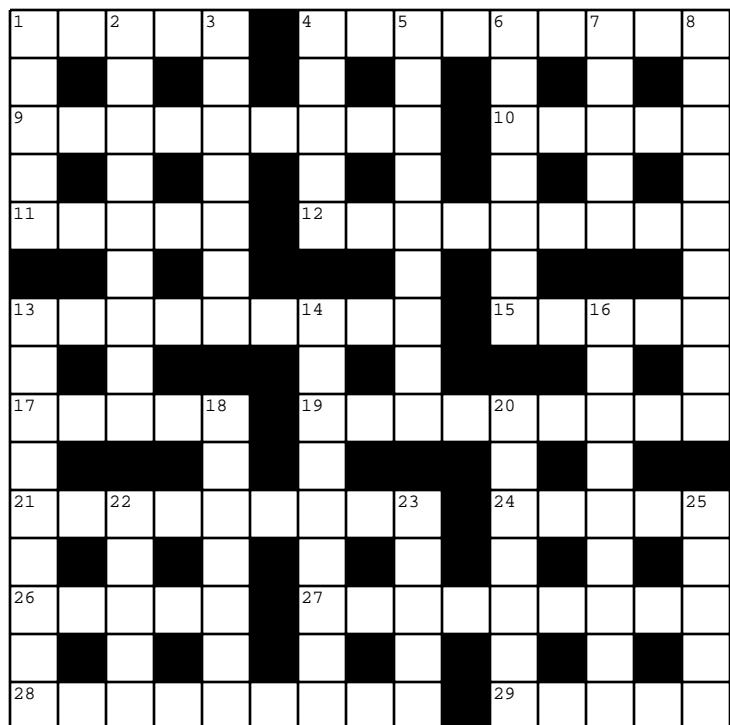
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| 9. PERSONNEL  | 3. ICONS      |
| 10. DRIVE     | 4. CENTRALER  |
| 11. DEEMS     | 5. LILAC      |
| 12. RECURSIVE | 6. UNDERLAIN  |
| 13. NIGHTCLUB | 7. ALIBI      |
| 16. ABBOT     | 8. ELEMENTAL  |
| 18. SCORN     | 13. NOSTALGIA |
| 19. RESENTFUL | 14. TENTATIVE |
| 20. AVALANCHE | 15. BESEECHES |
| 23. DEATH     | 17. BUFFALOES |
| 25. GUCCI     | 21. ASCOT     |
| 26. BEHAVIOUR | 22. CUBES     |
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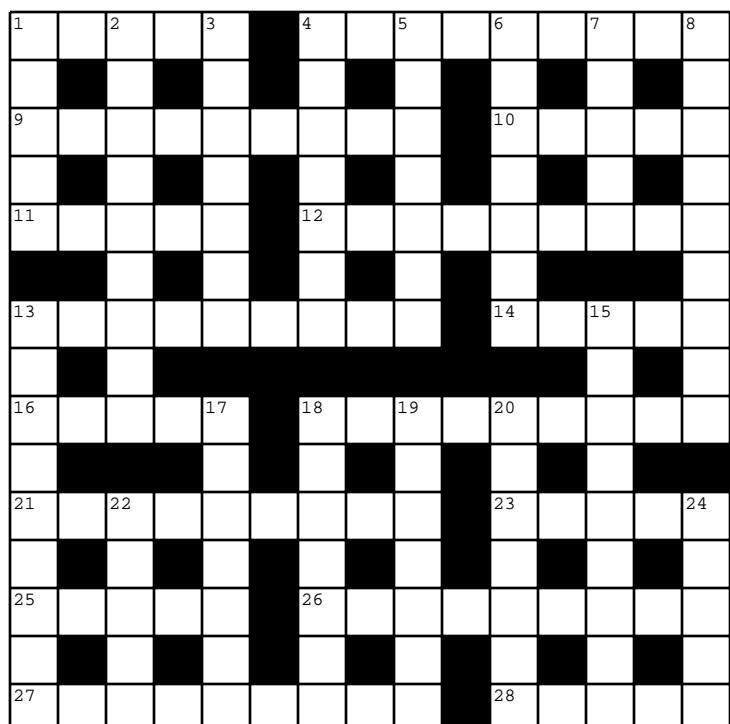
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| 9. HONEYCOMB  | 3. ELYSIUM    |
| 10. NEGEV     | 4. STOCK      |
| 11. RANDI     | 5. EMBRYONIC  |
| 12. KEYBOARDS | 6. CONDONE    |
| 13. CATAMARAN | 7. LAGER      |
| 15. EXTRA     | 8. DEVASTATE  |
| 17. NASTY     | 13. CONNEMARA |
| 19. DECOMPOSE | 14. REDIRECTS |
| 21. ECCENTRIC | 16. TROUSSEAU |
| 24. RISES     | 18. YANGTZE   |
| 26. ASSET     | 20. MORTALS   |
| 27. CASTANEDA | 22. CASED     |
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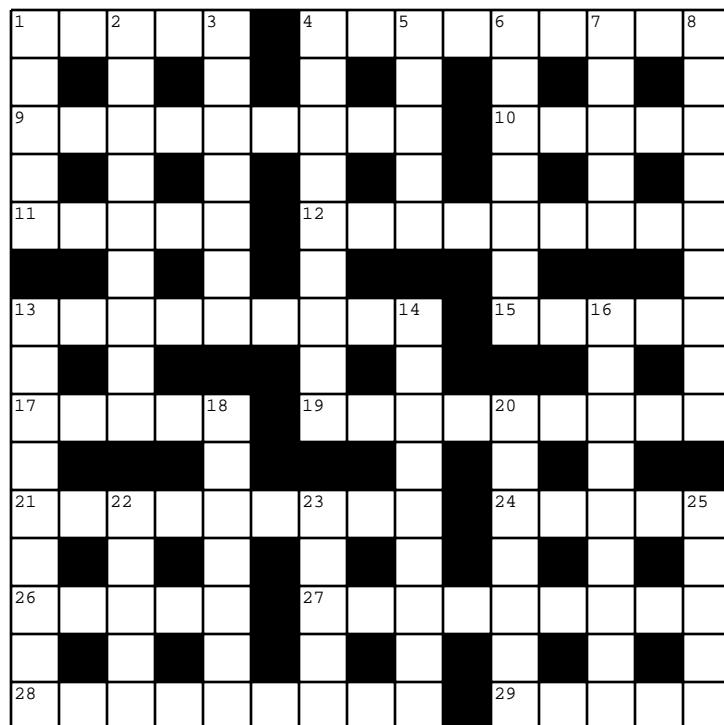
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| 9. REFLECTOR  | 3. EXECUTE    |
| 10. ALANA     | 4. NOTABLE    |
| 11. CORFU     | 5. GORIEST    |
| 12. BEEFSTEAK | 6. TRANSOM    |
| 13. TENDEREST | 7. LEAVE      |
| 14. MEDIA     | 8. BLACKMAIL  |
| 16. OZARK     | 13. TROOPSHIP |
| 18. SCEPTICAL | 15. DECREASES |
| 21. PENINSULA | 17. KINGDOM   |
| 23. USERS     | 18. SAUNAED   |
| 25. HEWED     | 19. ELASTIC   |
| 26. ANTIPASTI | 20. TRUMPET   |
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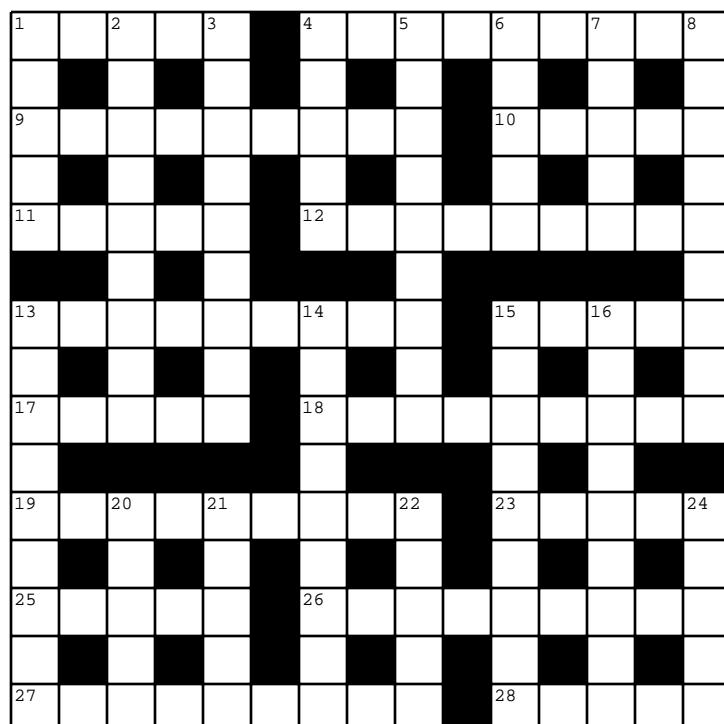
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| 9. ENTANGLES  | 3. MANCINI    |
| 10. PRIME     | 4. BELEAGUER  |
| 11. SHERI     | 5. LASER      |
| 12. AGREEABLE | 6. YIPPEES    |
| 13. CONTINUUM | 7. CLIMB      |
| 15. SHORT     | 8. ELEVENTHS  |
| 17. ULTRA     | 13. COUNCILOR |
| 19. REMEMBERS | 14. MOMENTOUS |
| 21. CONSTRAIN | 16. OVERSLEEP |
| 24. NESTS     | 18. ASTORIA   |
| 26. LIVER     | 20. MANNISH   |
| 27. PROFITEER | 22. NOVEL     |
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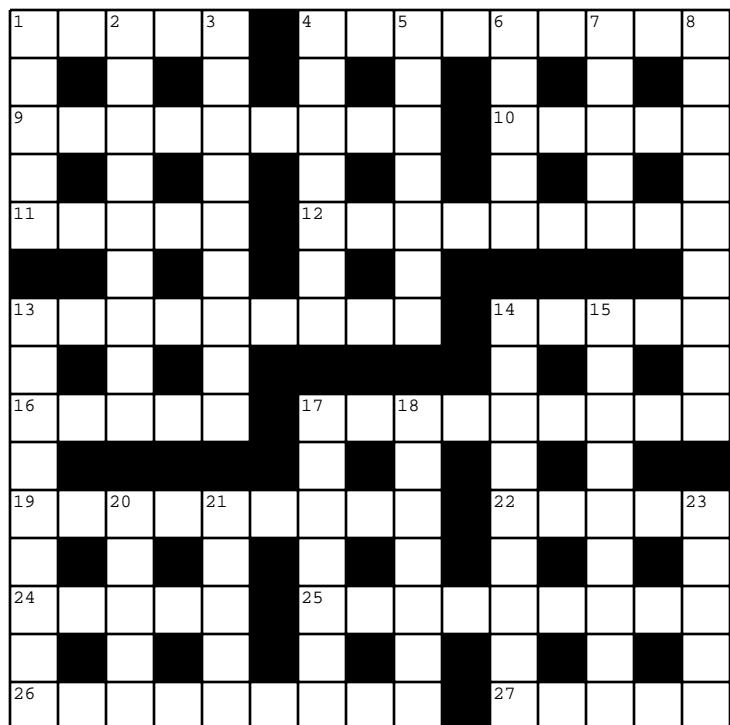
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| 9. NOSTALGIA  | 3. TRADITION  |
| 10. DOUBT     | 4. NEGRO      |
| 11. SUSHI     | 5. GLASSWARE  |
| 12. OBSESSION | 6. TIDES      |
| 13. AMERICANA | 7. LAURI      |
| 15. KNITS     | 8. BOTANISTS  |
| 17. BASIN     | 13. AMBIGUOUS |
| 18. TRELLISES | 14. ASTRONAUT |
| 19. GOVERNORS | 15. KILOBYTES |
| 23. BREED     | 16. INSPECTOR |
| 25. OPTED     | 20. VOTER     |
| 26. ANNOTATES | 21. RADII     |
| 27. SERVIETTE | 22. SENSE     |
| 28. SPRAY     | 24. DUSTY     |



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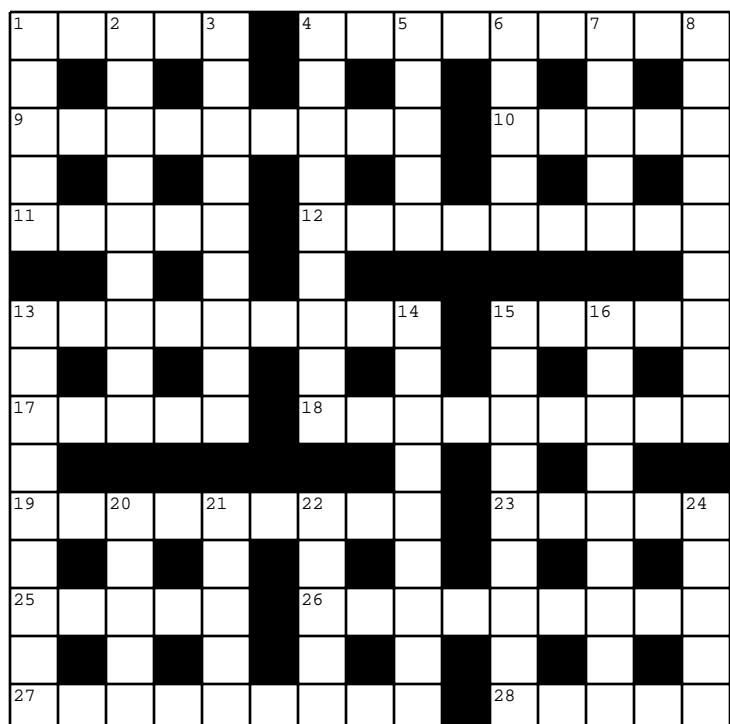
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| 1. MECCA      | 1. MEANS      |
| 4. DISMISSAL  | 2. CATCALLED  |
| 9. ANTIPASTI  | 3. ASPARAGUS  |
| 10. LEARN     | 4. DISLIKE    |
| 11. STAIR     | 5. SLIPPED    |
| 12. IMPROMPTU | 6. IGLOO      |
| 13. FILIGREED | 7. SHARP      |
| 14. OWING     | 8. LANGUAGES  |
| 16. NODES     | 13. FINGERTIP |
| 17. AUDIENCES | 14. OVERSLEEP |
| 19. ESTIMATES | 15. INCREASES |
| 22. SHELL     | 17. AUTOPSY   |
| 24. TUBAS     | 18. DISPOSE   |
| 25. PROCESSED | 20. TABOO     |
| 26. PROTOTYPE | 21. MISDO     |
| 27. PASTE     | 23. LADLE     |



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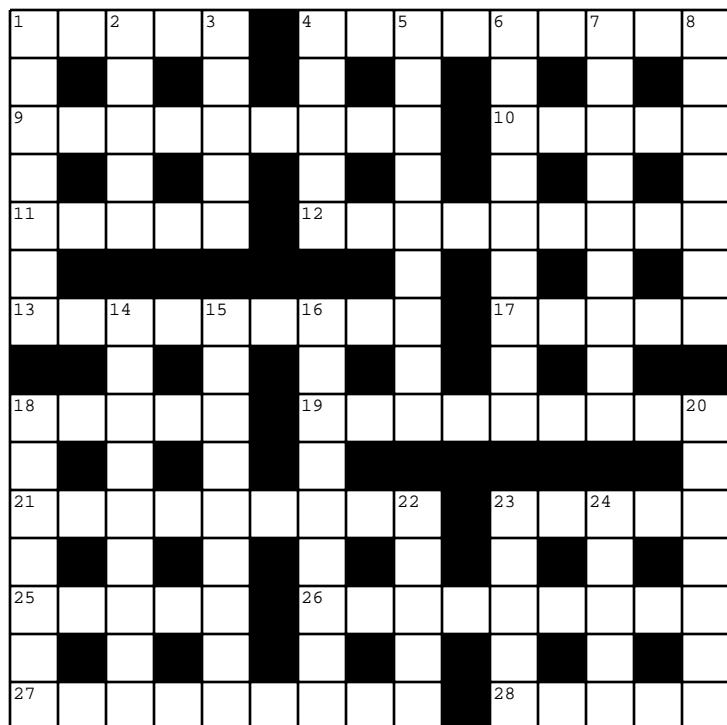
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| 1. OZONE      | 1. OCCAM      |
| 4. HEALTHFUL  | 2. OVERRULED  |
| 9. CRESCENDI  | 3. EUCALYPTI  |
| 10. BLURB     | 4. HONEYCOMB  |
| 11. MORAL     | 5. ALIAS      |
| 12. YESTERDAY | 6. TABLE      |
| 13. TELEPHOTO | 7. FOUND      |
| 15. MOANS     | 8. LOBBYISTS  |
| 17. RADII     | 13. THRESHOLD |
| 18. BIENNIALS | 14. OVERCOATS |
| 19. SARCASTIC | 15. MENDELEEV |
| 23. ETHIC     | 16. APATHETIC |
| 25. OVERT     | 20. RHEUM     |
| 26. TEAKETTLE | 21. ANTIC     |
| 27. DOMICILES | 22. TOTAL     |
| 28. VICAR     | 24. CLEAR     |



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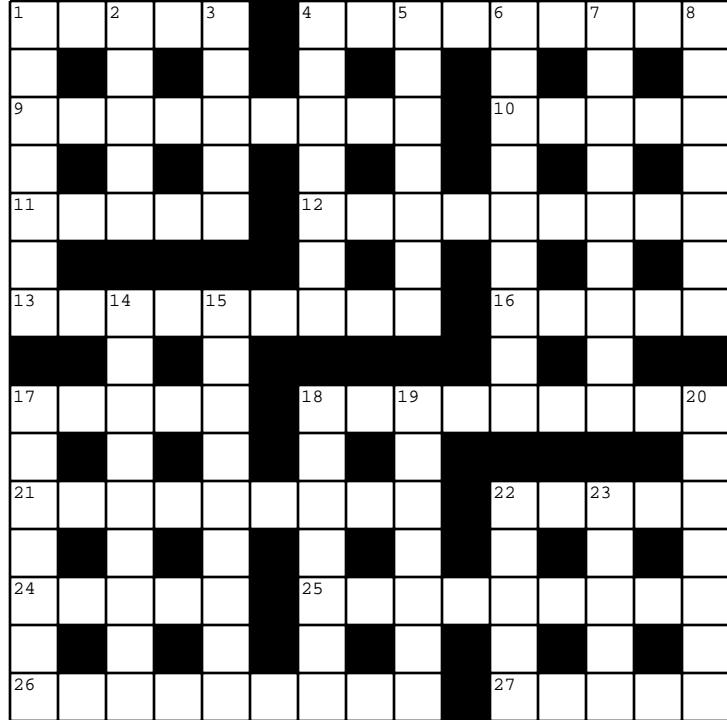
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| 4. ANTELOPES  | 2. ABACI      |
| 9. SPAGHETTI  | 3. ASHEN      |
| 10. NERVE     | 4. AFTER      |
| 11. UNION     | 5. TRIATHLON  |
| 12. RETHOUGHT | 6. LANDOWNER  |
| 13. BOUNTIFUL | 7. PARAGRAPH  |
| 17. NEARS     | 8. SHEATHS    |
| 18. VISOR     | 14. UNSELFISH |
| 19. OWNERSHIP | 15. TERRORISM |
| 21. HALLOWEEN | 16. FLOWERIER |
| 23. BIBLE     | 18. VEHICLE   |
| 25. CHILI     | 20. PRESSES   |
| 26. INVENTORS | 22. NOVEL     |
| 27. EPHEMERAL | 23. BUNCH     |
| 28. HOMES     | 24. BROOM     |



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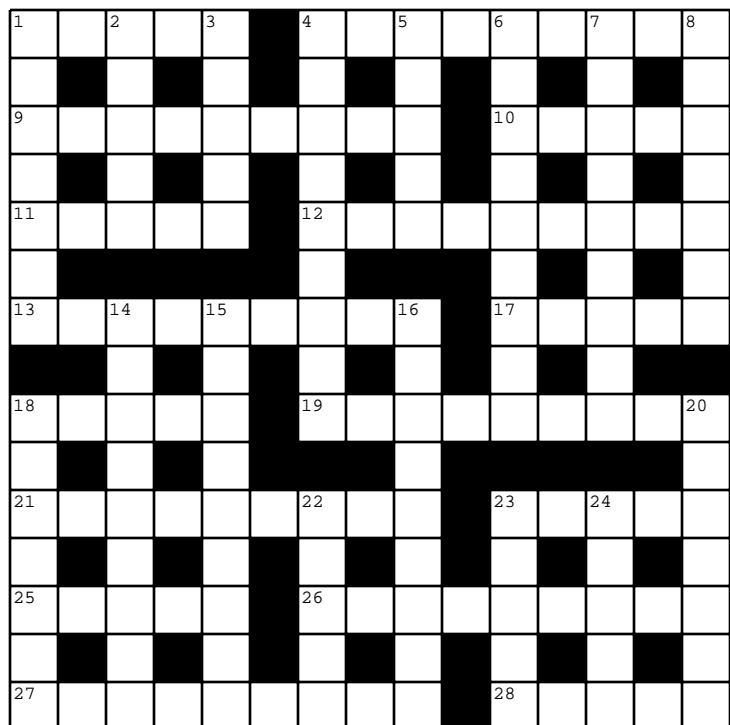
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| 1. ENDED      | 1. ESCAPES    |
| 4. TRADEMARK  | 2. DINER      |
| 9. CONFORMED  | 3. DOOMS      |
| 10. AMUSE     | 4. TIMPANI    |
| 11. PARES     | 5. ADDICTS    |
| 12. ACCOUNTED | 6. EVALUATES  |
| 13. SOCIETIES | 7. ADULTERER  |
| 16. TIRED     | 8. KNEADED    |
| 17. SPENT     | 14. CHERNENKO |
| 18. BOOTSTRAP | 15. ENTRYWAYS |
| 21. HONEYCOMB | 17. SCHEMES   |
| 22. RISKY     | 18. BLOOMER   |
| 24. MANNA     | 19. ORBITED   |
| 25. MUTSUHITO | 20. PAYLOAD   |
| 26. SPONSORED | 22. ROUGH     |
| 27. HEARD     | 23. SPICA     |



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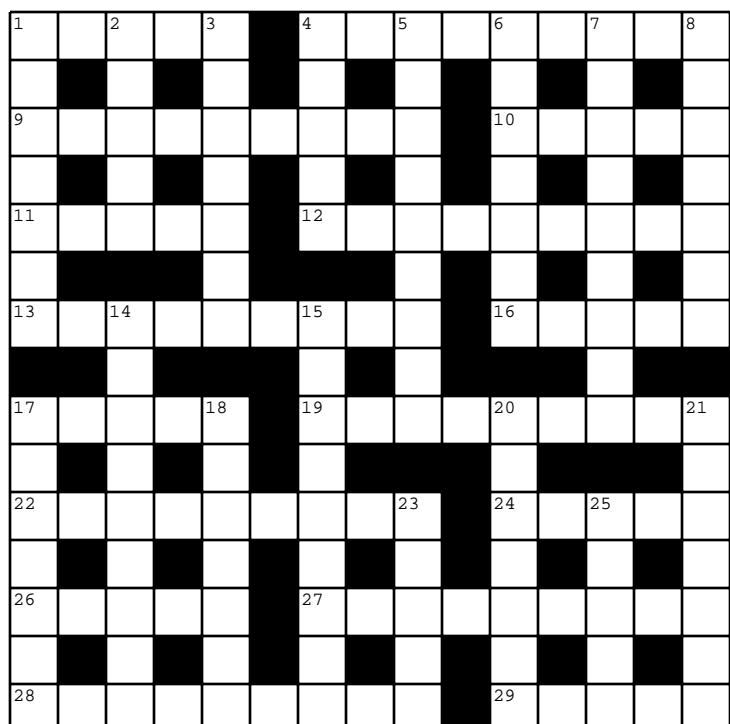
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| 1. TIDED      | 1. THEREIN    |
| 4. CUSTOMERS  | 2. DWEEB      |
| 9. ELECTORAL  | 3. DATED      |
| 10. SOFIA     | 4. CURTAILED  |
| 11. EBBED     | 5. SALES      |
| 12. ABSTRACTS | 6. OESTROGEN  |
| 13. NIGHTCLUB | 7. EFFICIENT  |
| 17. GREER     | 8. SPARSER    |
| 18. KHAKI     | 14. GUARNIERI |
| 19. DOMINATED | 15. THIRTIETH |
| 21. CENOTAPHS | 16. BOMBSHELL |
| 23. RISEN     | 18. KICKOFF   |
| 25. OBESSE    | 20. DENOTES   |
| 26. OVERNIGHT | 22. PROOF     |
| 27. FRIGHTFUL | 23. RENEW     |
| 28. WEARS     | 24. SIGMA     |



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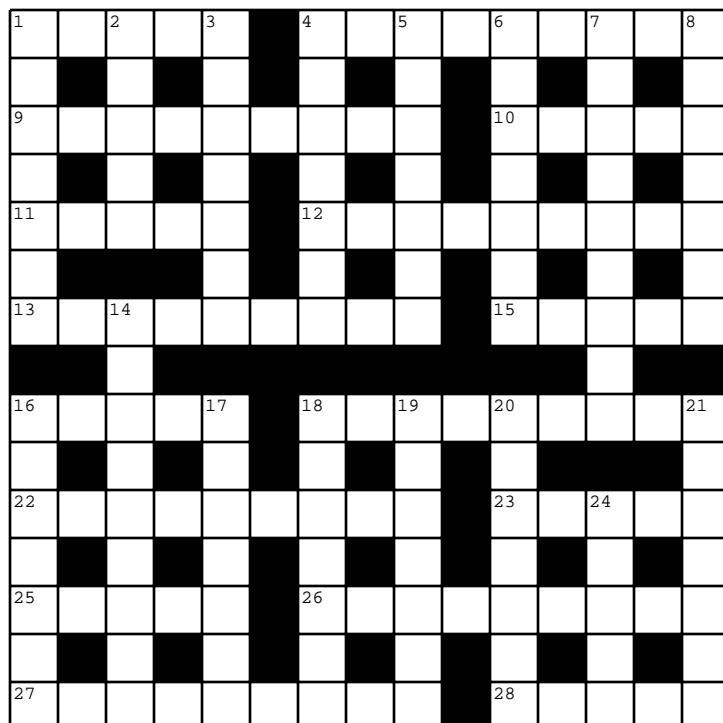
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. PLUMB      | 1. PICCOLO    |
| 4. DEBRIEFED  | 2. USAGE      |
| 9. CHAUFFEUR  | 3. BAFFLED    |
| 10. BEFIT     | 4. DWEEB      |
| 11. ONEIL     | 5. BARGAINER  |
| 12. BLAMELESS | 6. INBREDS    |
| 13. OVERDRAWN | 7. FIFTEENTH  |
| 16. SINKS     | 8. DETESTS    |
| 17. SNEAK     | 14. ENERGETIC |
| 19. SCRIMSHAW | 15. ABSTAINED |
| 22. NIGHTFALL | 17. SYNAPSE   |
| 24. ROADS     | 18. KETCHUP   |
| 26. PATCH     | 20. MARGRET   |
| 27. NEFERTITI | 21. WASTING   |
| 28. ESCAPADES | 23. LIFTS     |
| 29. THING     | 25. ALIBI     |



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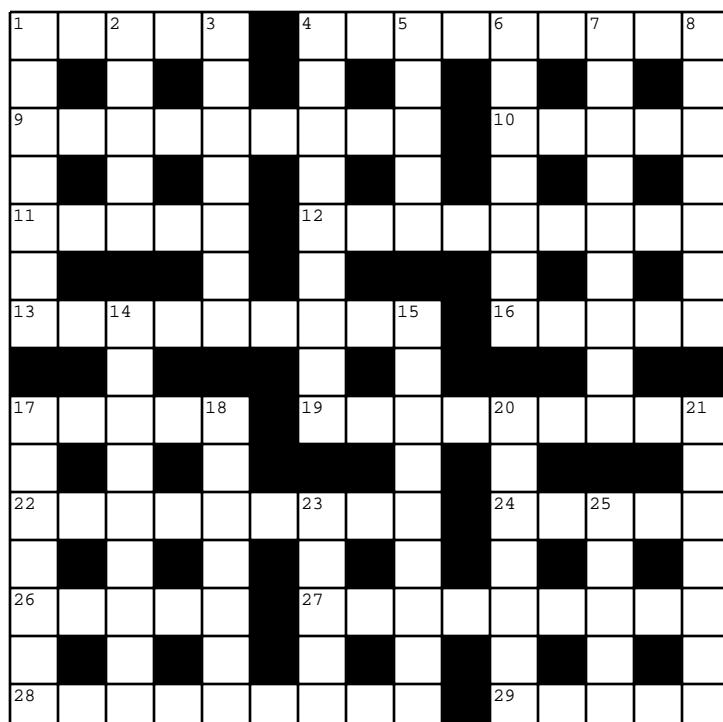
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| 1. NAHUM      | 1. NUREYEV    |
| 4. JAYWALKED  | 2. HUMOR      |
| 9. RAMANUJAN  | 3. MINUSES    |
| 10. YALTA     | 4. JUJITSU    |
| 11. YARDS     | 5. YANKING    |
| 12. TRIUMPHED | 6. ABYSMAL    |
| 13. VICKSBURG | 7. KILOHERTZ  |
| 15. LARGE     | 8. DEANDRE    |
| 16. IZAAK     | 14. CHAPLAINS |
| 18. BULLDOZED | 16. IMBIBED   |
| 22. BELEAGUER | 17. KWANZAA   |
| 23. DAMNS     | 18. BOUNCED   |
| 25. BLITZ     | 19. LARCENY   |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 20. DEDUCES   |
| 27. DASTARDLY | 21. DESPISE   |
| 28. SMOKE     | 24. MANGO     |



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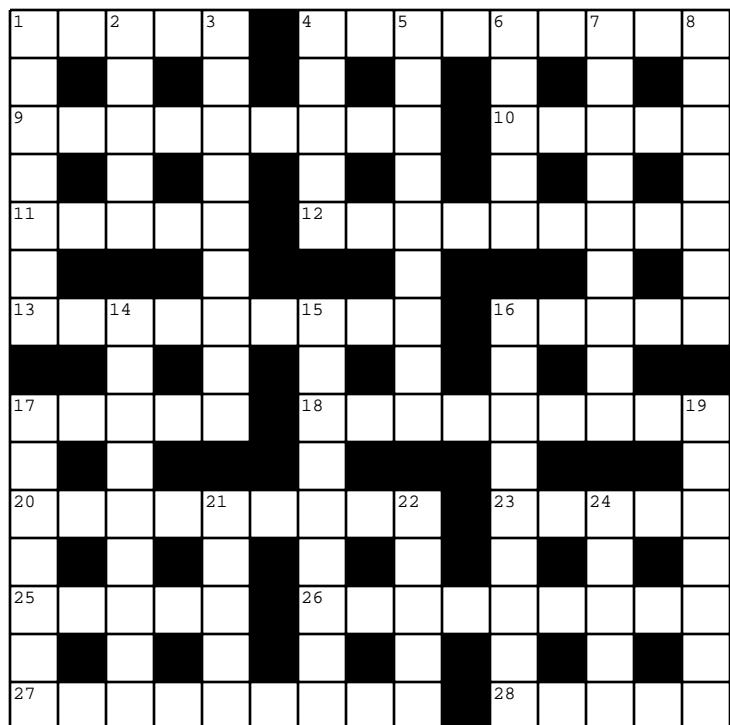
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| 1. PLUME      | 1. PORTRAY    |
| 4. MOBILISED  | 2. URGED      |
| 9. REGULARLY  | 3. ENLARGE    |
| 10. USERS     | 4. MARTYRDOM  |
| 11. RADAR     | 5. BAYOU      |
| 12. YOUNGSTER | 6. LOUNGED    |
| 13. YESTERDAY | 7. SWEATIEST  |
| 16. DEEMS     | 8. DESIRES    |
| 17. BATIK     | 14. SATIRICAL |
| 19. MEGABYTES | 15. YGGDRASIL |
| 22. TORMENTOR | 17. BATHTUB   |
| 24. ASPEN     | 18. KNESSET   |
| 26. TACES     | 20. BEAGLED   |
| 27. DESOLATES | 21. SINUSES   |
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| 29. DISCS     | 25. PUTTS     |



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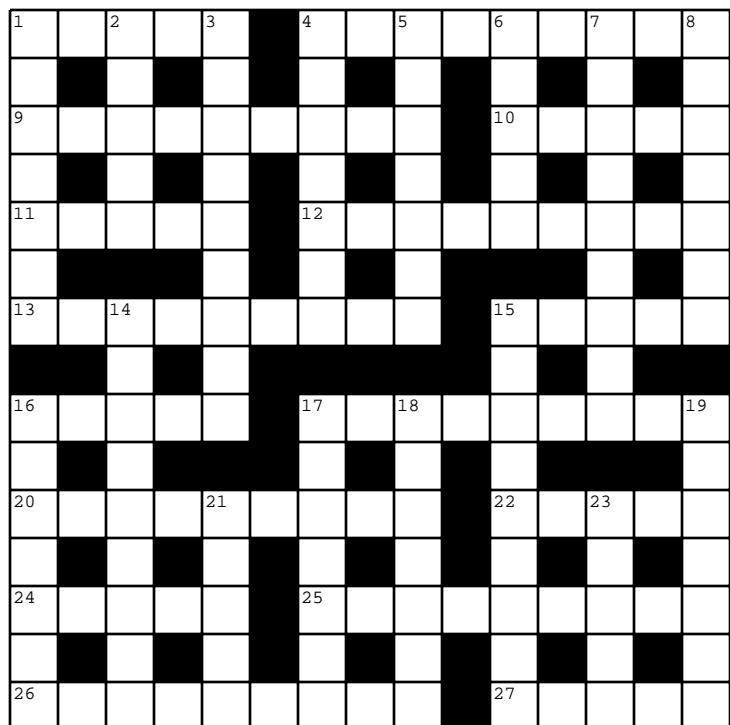
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| 1. ANTON      | 1. ASCETIC    |
| 4. SUBNORMAL  | 2. TOTAL      |
| 9. CATAMARAN  | 3. NOMINATES  |
| 10. ABLER     | 4. SHRUB      |
| 11. TALON     | 5. BANDWIDTH  |
| 12. BOWLEGGED | 6. ORATE      |
| 13. CHASTISED | 7. MALIGNANT  |
| 16. LEAKY     | 8. LURIDLY    |
| 17. HIGHS     | 14. ALGONQUIN |
| 18. ATHEISTIC | 15. SPASMODIC |
| 20. PANORAMIC | 16. LOINCLOTH |
| 23. CHARS     | 17. HEPATIC   |
| 25. TRULY     | 19. CASUALS   |
| 26. DIPLOMATA | 21. ROYAL     |
| 27. CONFLICTS | 22. CAPES     |
| 28. HAIRS     | 24. ABACI     |



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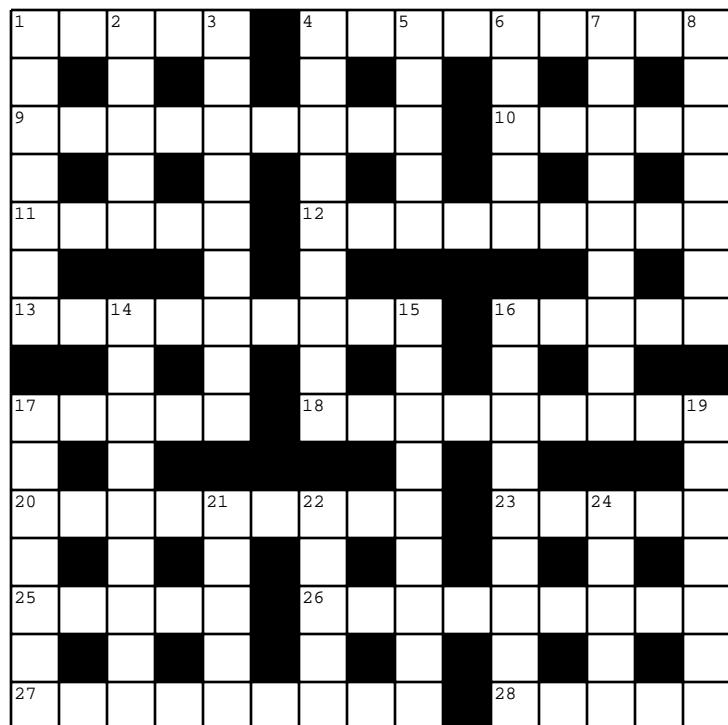
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| 1. OWNED       | 1. OFFHAND    |
| 4. CAFETERIA   | 2. NORTH      |
| 9. FAREWELLS   | 3. DOWNRIGHT  |
| 10. POPPA      | 4. COLOSSI    |
| 11. ABHOR      | 5. FISHING    |
| 12. SAILCLOTH  | 6. TOPIC      |
| 13. DEBUGGING  | 7. REPRODUCE  |
| 15. BOUND      | 8. ABASHED    |
| 16. ADULT      | 14. BLUEBERRY |
| 17. IMPATIENT  | 15. BATHSHEBA |
| 20. DUBIOUSLY  | 16. ANDORRA   |
| 22. SIGMA      | 17. INSOFAR   |
| 24. RARER      | 18. PAYOFFS   |
| 25. FIFTEENTH  | 19. TEACHES   |
| 26. ANYWHERE'S | 21. OPRAH     |
| 27. ARIAS      | 23. GENII     |



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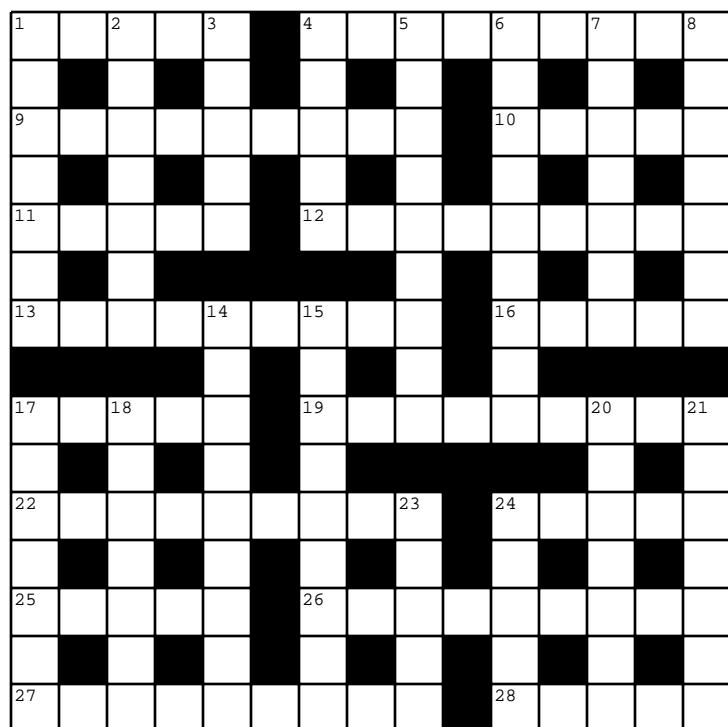
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. RIFLE      | 1. REPLICA    |
| 4. EQUATIONS  | 2. FARCE      |
| 9. PERSEVERE  | 3. ELECTORAL  |
| 10. TOTAL     | 4. ENERGETIC  |
| 11. INEPT     | 5. UTERI      |
| 12. GLIMMERED | 6. TOTEM      |
| 13. ARTHRITIC | 7. OUTGROWTH  |
| 16. NEWLY     | 8. SOLIDLY    |
| 17. RURAL     | 14. TARANTULA |
| 18. CHANGCHUN | 15. CLAPPERED |
| 20. FINGERTIP | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 23. THEFT     | 17. REFUSED   |
| 25. STUNT     | 19. NOTICES   |
| 26. PARALYTIC | 21. EATEN     |
| 27. DIAGNOSED | 22. TAPES     |
| 28. BOATS     | 24. EXTRA     |



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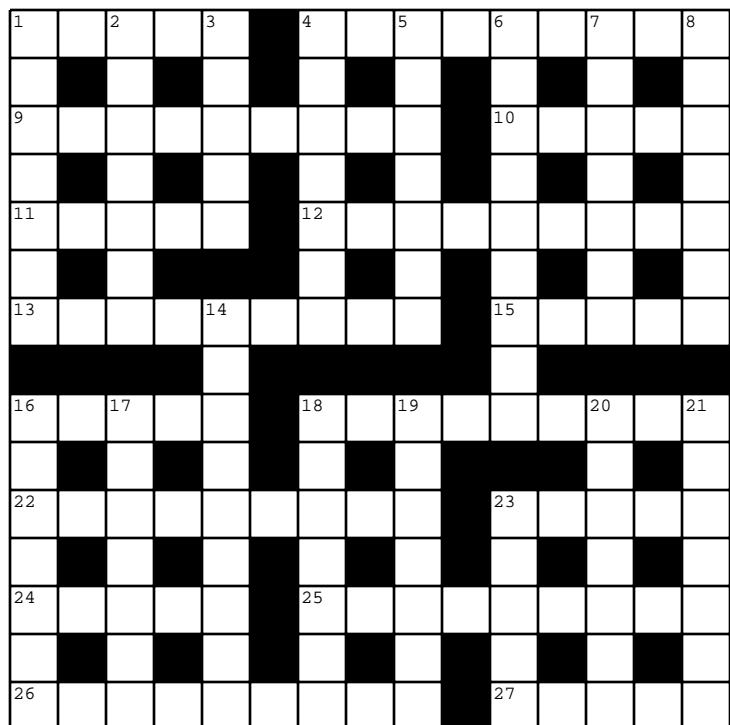
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| 1. LIFTS      | 1. LECTERN    |
| 4. DOGMATICS  | 2. FIREMAN    |
| 9. CORPUSCLE  | 3. SHUTS      |
| 10. INDIA     | 4. DICTA      |
| 11. EMMYS     | 5. GUERRILLA  |
| 12. AIRMAILED | 6. AGITATION  |
| 13. NONVERBAL | 7. INDULGE    |
| 16. IDEAL     | 8. SCANDAL    |
| 17. LIMIT     | 14. EXTREMIST |
| 19. DIAGNOSES | 15. BEDSPREAD |
| 22. WHEREUPON | 17. LAWANDA   |
| 24. YEARN     | 18. MEEKEST   |
| 25. NOEMI     | 20. STAMINA   |
| 26. EXECUTIVE | 21. SINCERE   |
| 27. ALTITUDES | 23. NEEDS     |
| 28. GRADE     | 24. YOUNG     |



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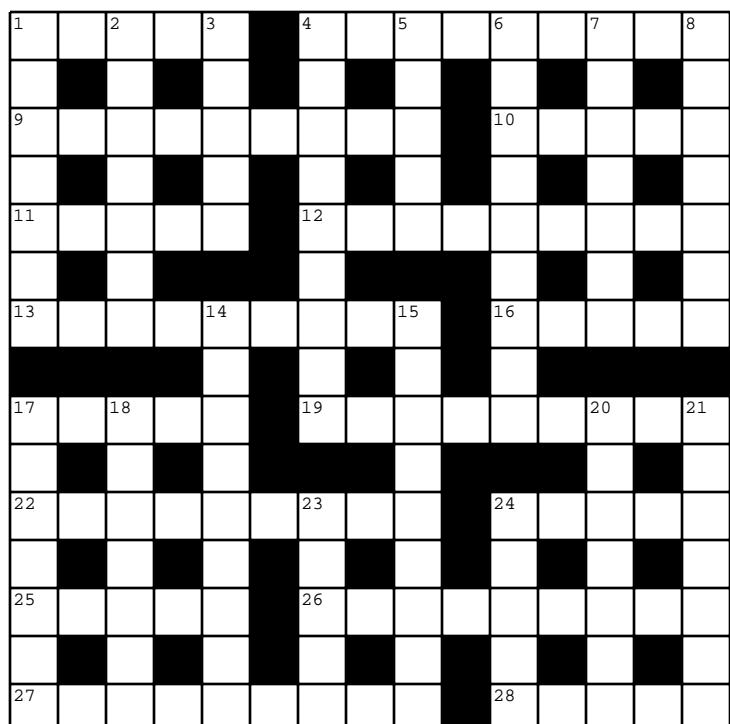
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| 4. OWNERSHIP  | 2. DYNAMIC    |
| 9. NONPROFIT  | 3. DARED      |
| 10. INANE     | 4. OFFHAND    |
| 11. ARMED     | 5. NATIONS    |
| 12. APOLOGIZE | 6. RHINOCERI  |
| 13. ACCOLADES | 7. HEADING    |
| 15. EIGHT     | 8. PRESENT    |
| 16. STAFF     | 14. LIFEBOATS |
| 18. PREVIEWED | 16. SHAKEUP   |
| 22. ALGEBRAIC | 17. ARGUING   |
| 23. SHRUG     | 18. PLAGUES   |
| 24. ELISA     | 19. ENCODES   |
| 25. UNDERSHOT | 20. WORSHIP   |
| 26. PEGASUSES | 21. DIGITAL   |
| 27. PUPIL     | 23. STRIP     |



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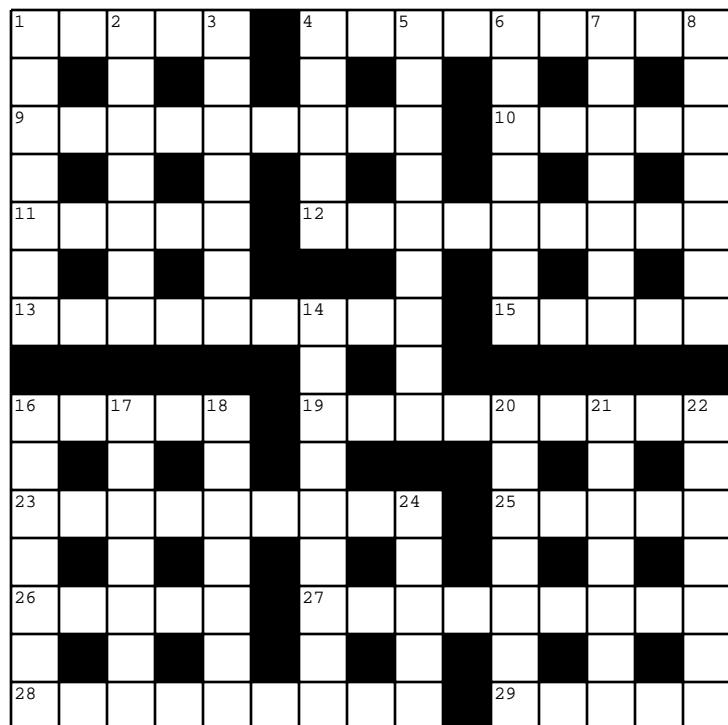
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| 4. NEWSCASTS  | 2. DIVIDES    |
| 9. ENVISAGED  | 3. EASEL      |
| 10. CACAO     | 4. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 11. TIDAL     | 5. WIDOW      |
| 12. TAWDRIEST | 6. COCKROACH  |
| 13. AUSTRALIA | 7. SICKEST    |
| 16. ACTED     | 8. SPOTTED    |
| 17. CLANG     | 14. REGULATED |
| 19. BOLSHEVIK | 15. ALLIANCES |
| 22. BALALAIKA | 17. CABRERA   |
| 24. RERAN     | 18. AILMENT   |
| 25. EVENT     | 20. VERTIGO   |
| 26. INCOGNITO | 21. KINFOLK   |
| 27. ANTIDOTES | 23. IDIOT     |
| 28. SHOCK     | 24. RAGES     |



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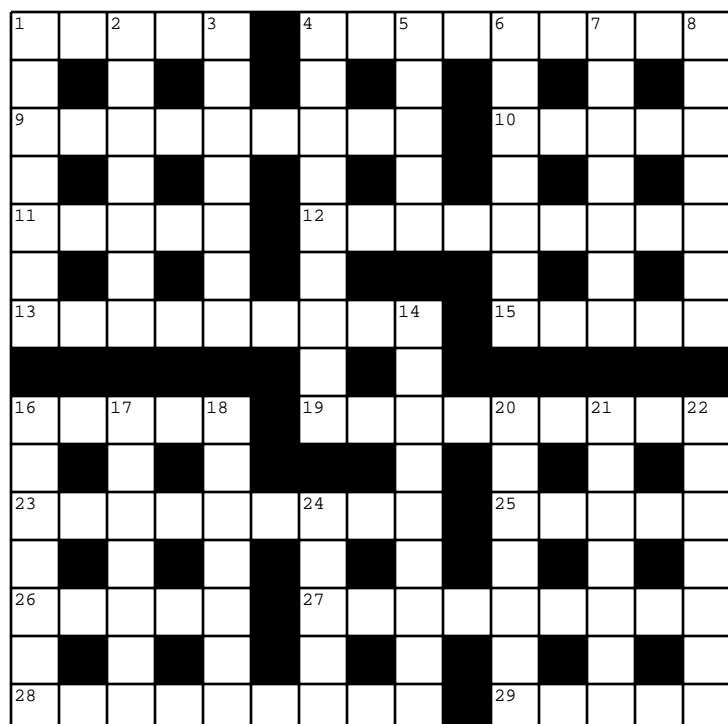
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. DWEEB      | 1. DAWDLED    |
| 4. NOSTALGIA  | 2. ELITIST    |
| 9. WHIRLIGIG  | 3. BALMIER    |
| 10. UNIFY     | 4. NEGRO      |
| 11. LUIGI     | 5. SEGMENTED  |
| 12. OVERTONES | 6. AQUATIC    |
| 13. DETERRENT | 7. GOIANIA    |
| 15. CHARS     | 8. ABYSSES    |
| 16. BADEN     | 14. ENJOYABLE |
| 19. JUDGEMENT | 16. BACILLI   |
| 23. CATACLYSM | 17. DETRACT   |
| 25. RULER     | 18. NUCLEAR   |
| 26. LEASE     | 20. EUREKAS   |
| 27. BLINKERED | 21. ENLARGE   |
| 28. INTERFERE | 22. TIREDER   |
| 29. STEER     | 24. MAIZE     |



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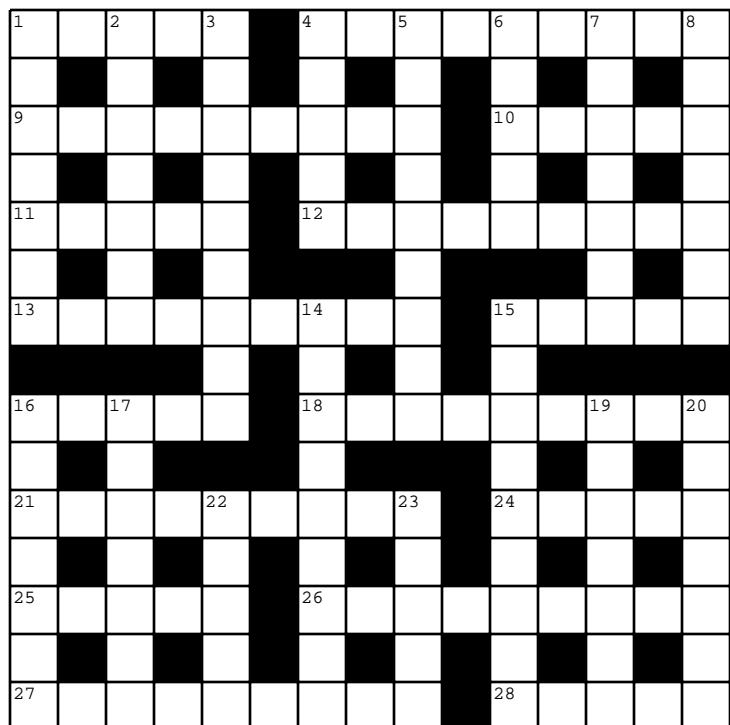
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| 1. ARNEB      | 1. ANGRIER    |
| 4. HYDRAULIC  | 2. NINNIES    |
| 9. GENITALIA  | 3. BATHTUB    |
| 10. HANDY     | 4. HELIPORTS  |
| 11. IDIOT     | 5. DEALT      |
| 12. PETTICOAT | 6. ATHEISM    |
| 13. RASPBERRY | 7. LINGOES    |
| 15. MUSIC     | 8. CRYPTIC    |
| 16. FACTS     | 14. YARDSTICK |
| 19. STRONGEST | 16. FIBBING   |
| 23. BOUTIQUES | 17. CRUMPLE   |
| 25. MAURO     | 18. SMITTEN   |
| 26. INPUT     | 20. NOMINAL   |
| 27. TRIANGLES | 21. EQUALLY   |
| 28. GREENBACK | 22. TROUSER   |
| 29. LAYER     | 24. ULTRA     |



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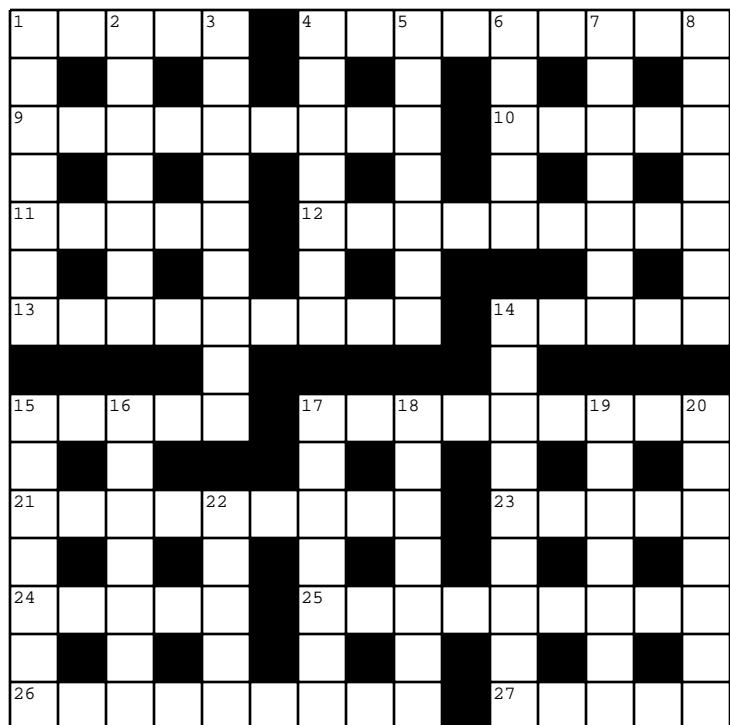
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| 1. FOOLS      | 1. FORESAW    |
| 4. PRIMROSED  | 2. OBSCENE    |
| 9. RUSTPROOF  | 3. SUPPLIERS  |
| 10. UNTIE     | 4. PIOUS      |
| 11. SHELL     | 5. INFLUENZA  |
| 12. SAUCEPANS | 6. ROUTE      |
| 13. WHEREUPON | 7. SETBACK    |
| 15. MAKER     | 8. DRESSER    |
| 16. CALMS     | 14. PLACARDED |
| 18. AVAILABLE | 15. MILLENNIA |
| 21. DOCUDRAMA | 16. CEDILLA   |
| 24. EAGER     | 17. LICENSE   |
| 25. LINEN     | 19. BUGABOO   |
| 26. DEFINABLE | 20. EARNEST   |
| 27. ADENOIDAL | 22. DUNNO     |
| 28. AFOOT     | 23. AWFUL     |



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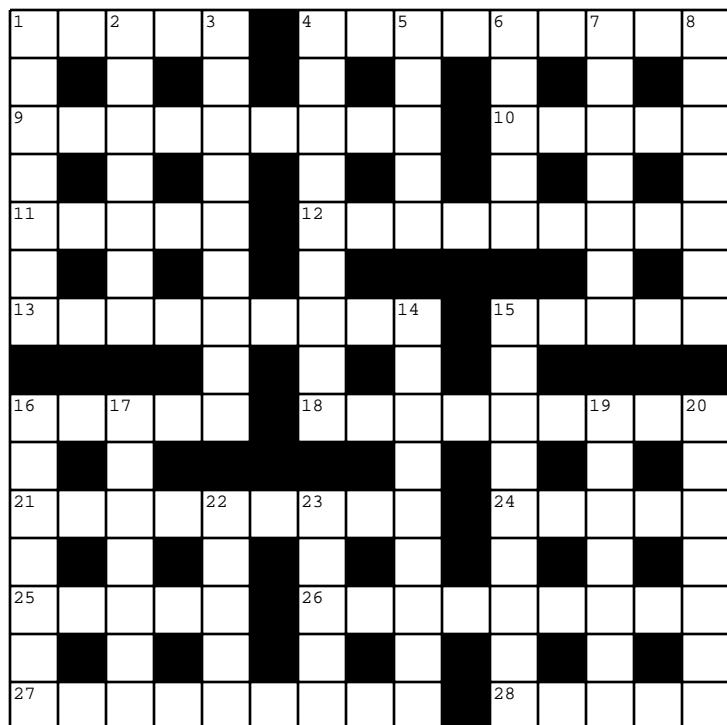
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| 1. THETA      | 1. TIMPANI    |
| 4. SWALLOWED  | 2. EARNEST    |
| 9. MARCELINO  | 3. APERTURES  |
| 10. AORTA     | 4. SHIMMER    |
| 11. AGENT     | 5. AMONGST    |
| 12. MAGNETIZE | 6. LEAVE      |
| 13. INTERPRET | 7. WARMING    |
| 14. DIGIT     | 8. DIALECT    |
| 15. VASES     | 14. DYSPEPSIA |
| 17. CROSSBEAM | 15. VISCERA   |
| 21. SCAPEGOAT | 16. SPANGLE   |
| 23. EBBED     | 17. CROWDED   |
| 24. EAGLE     | 18. OCTAVIO   |
| 25. DEVASTATE | 19. EMBRACE   |
| 26. ALEJANDRO | 20. MADDEST   |
| 27. AVERT     | 22. EDEMA     |



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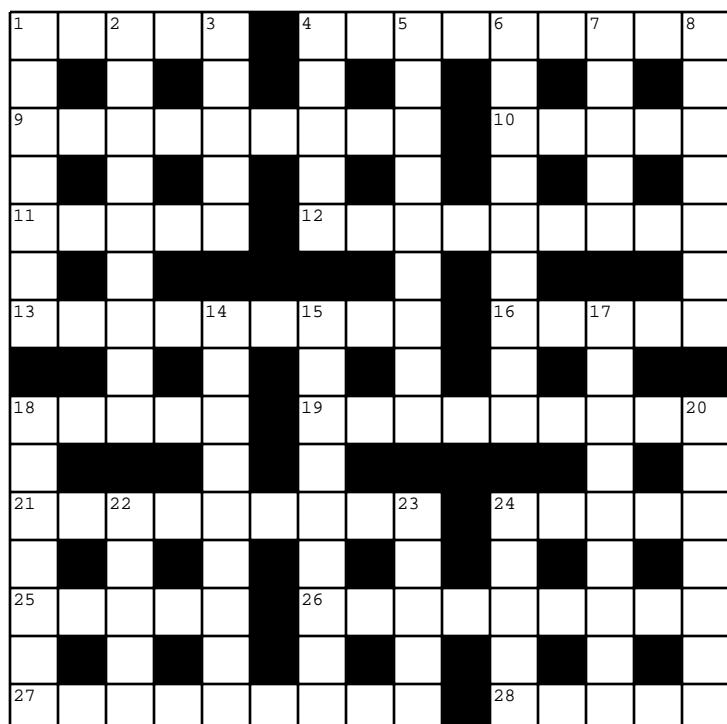
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| 1. CASED      | 1. CEREBRA    |
| 4. INGLEWOOD  | 2. SLACKER    |
| 9. REASSURED  | 3. DESCRIBES  |
| 10. GREEN     | 4. IRRITATED  |
| 11. BAKER     | 5. GODEL      |
| 12. TELLTALES | 6. EIGHT      |
| 13. ACROBATIC | 7. OVERLAP    |
| 15. EMPTY     | 8. DYNASTY    |
| 16. POSES     | 14. CASHIERED |
| 18. DISAGREED | 15. ERGONOMIC |
| 21. EUCALYPTI | 16. PREMIUM   |
| 24. NOUNS     | 17. SECTION   |
| 25. ICING     | 19. EQUATOR   |
| 26. PARAMETER | 20. DESTROY   |
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| 28. CURLY     | 23. PAPER     |



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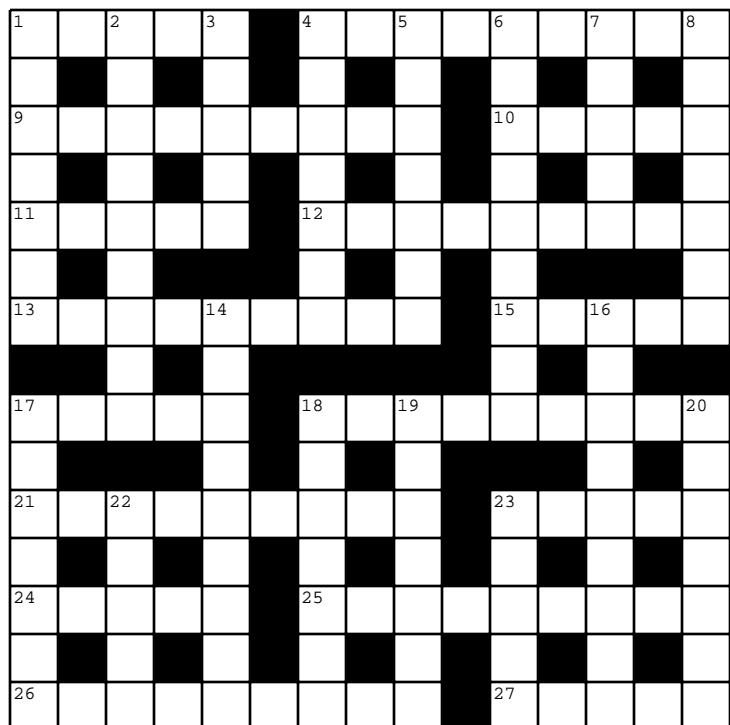
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| 4. COMMENTED  | 2. INTENDING  |
| 9. TATTOOING  | 3. EBONY      |
| 10. CARIB     | 4. CHILI      |
| 11. HANDY     | 5. MIGHTIEST  |
| 12. INTENTION | 6. ECCENTRIC  |
| 13. PRINCIPLE | 7. TORSI      |
| 16. RACES     | 8. DEBUNKS    |
| 18. TIGHT     | 14. CATHOLICS |
| 19. AUTOCRATS | 15. PRACTICES |
| 21. OXYCONTIN | 17. CRANKIEST |
| 24. JOKES     | 18. TROLLOP   |
| 25. LAURI     | 20. SYSTEMS   |
| 26. CLIENTELE | 22. YOUNG     |
| 27. PEGASUSES | 23. NAILS     |
| 28. AUTOS     | 24. JUNTA     |



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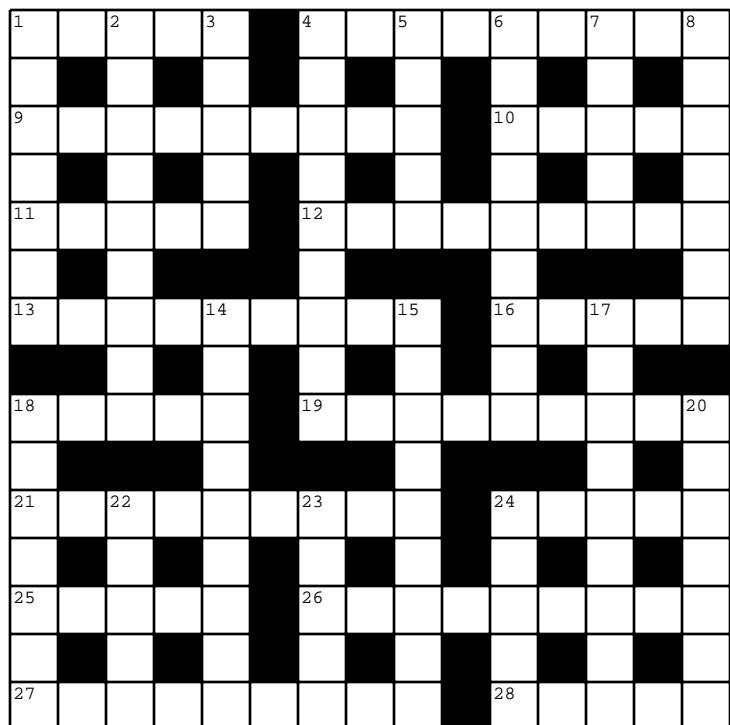
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| 4. GIBBERISH  | 2. MANIFESTO  |
| 9. INNOCENCE  | 3. TACIT      |
| 10. DELHI     | 4. GENERAL    |
| 11. BEFIT     | 5. BLESSES    |
| 12. RESTARTED | 6. ENDEAVOUR  |
| 13. DISCIPLES | 7. INLET      |
| 15. OBEYS     | 8. HAIRDOS    |
| 17. PROUD     | 14. INDICATOR |
| 18. UNDERFLOW | 16. ENLARGING |
| 21. OVERCOMES | 17. PROSAIC   |
| 23. CARDS     | 18. UNMASKS   |
| 24. ADULT     | 19. DUSTBIN   |
| 25. SUBSIDISE | 20. WESTERN   |
| 26. CAPARISON | 22. EQUIP     |
| 27. BEGUN     | 23. CLIMB     |



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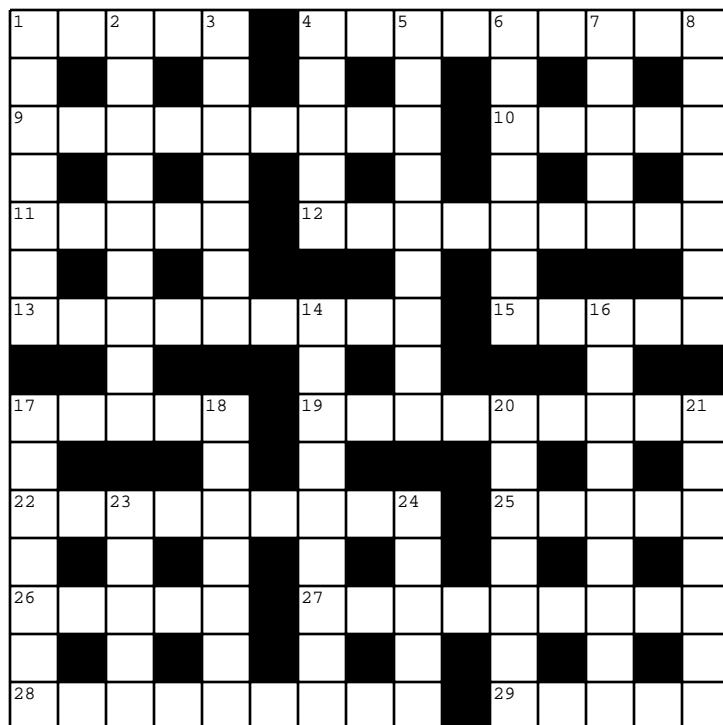
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| 1. ABUSE      | 1. AQUATIC    |
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| 9. UNDERTOOK  | 3. EARNS      |
| 10. ICAHN     | 4. FOODSTUFF  |
| 11. TIFFS     | 5. TAKEN      |
| 12. SANDSTORM | 6. GLISSANDI  |
| 13. CONSTRUED | 7. IDAHO      |
| 16. NOUNS     | 8. GENOMES    |
| 18. INDIA     | 14. THATCHING |
| 19. FORBIDDEN | 15. DARKLIEST |
| 21. PRINCIPAL | 17. UNDERGRAD |
| 24. KARAT     | 18. IMPOSES   |
| 25. SWAMI     | 20. NOTICED   |
| 26. THEODORIC | 22. IRAQI     |
| 27. SLINGSHOT | 23. PITCH     |
| 28. UNDID     | 24. KUDZU     |



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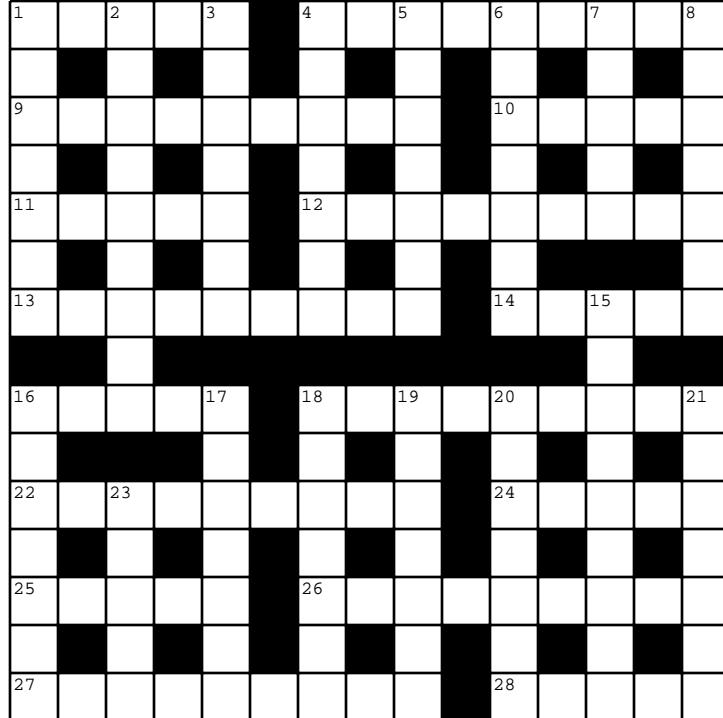
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| 1. PIANO      | 1. PLASTIC    |
| 4. ENSEMBLES  | 2. APARTHEID  |
| 9. ANALGESIA  | 3. ORGANIC    |
| 10. SAMBA     | 4. ENSUE      |
| 11. TITAN     | 5. SEASONING  |
| 12. EMOTIONAL | 6. MESTIZO    |
| 13. CRESCENDI | 7. LEMON      |
| 15. OTHER     | 8. SMALLER    |
| 17. DUDES     | 14. NULLIFIED |
| 19. LIGATURES | 16. HARMONICA |
| 22. BALLERINA | 17. DEBRIEF   |
| 25. PHOTO     | 18. SHEBELI   |
| 26. ISSUE     | 20. TYPESET   |
| 27. INSISTING | 21. SPONGES   |
| 28. FORBIDDEN | 23. LASER     |
| 29. TEARS     | 24. ARSON     |



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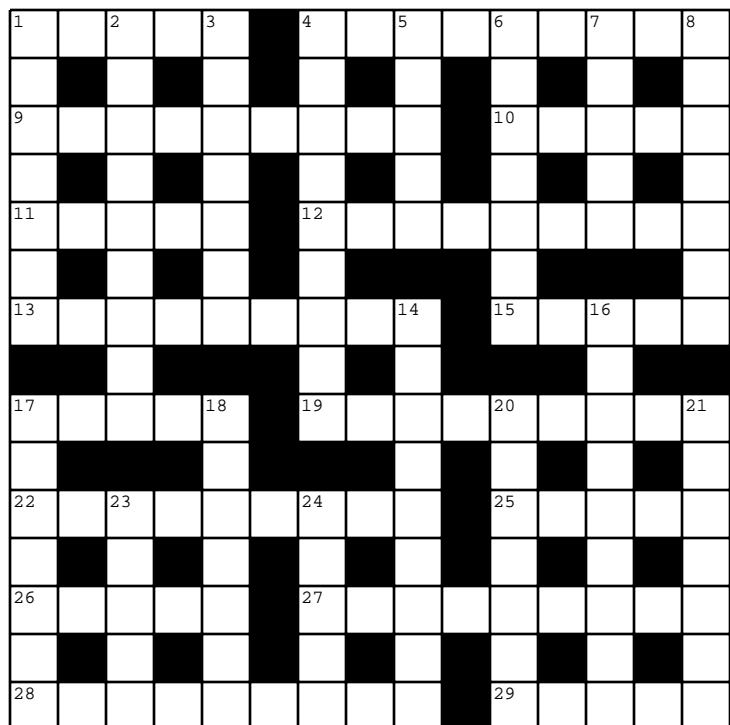
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| 4. DIFFERING  | 2. COMMUNION  |
| 9. FEMINISTS  | 3. SANCHEZ    |
| 10. ZAPPA     | 4. DASHIKI    |
| 11. SOUTH     | 5. FISHING    |
| 12. IDIOMATIC | 6. ENZYMES    |
| 13. DRIZZLING | 7. INPUT      |
| 14. SCALD     | 8. GLANCED    |
| 16. ARNEB     | 15. AESTHETIC |
| 18. FORETASTE | 16. ARCHAIC   |
| 22. COMPLEXES | 17. BELUSHI   |
| 24. ASHED     | 18. FIXABLE   |
| 25. ASSES     | 19. RESERVE   |
| 26. BAROMETER | 20. TRAMMEL   |
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| 28. LUCKY     | 23. MASON     |



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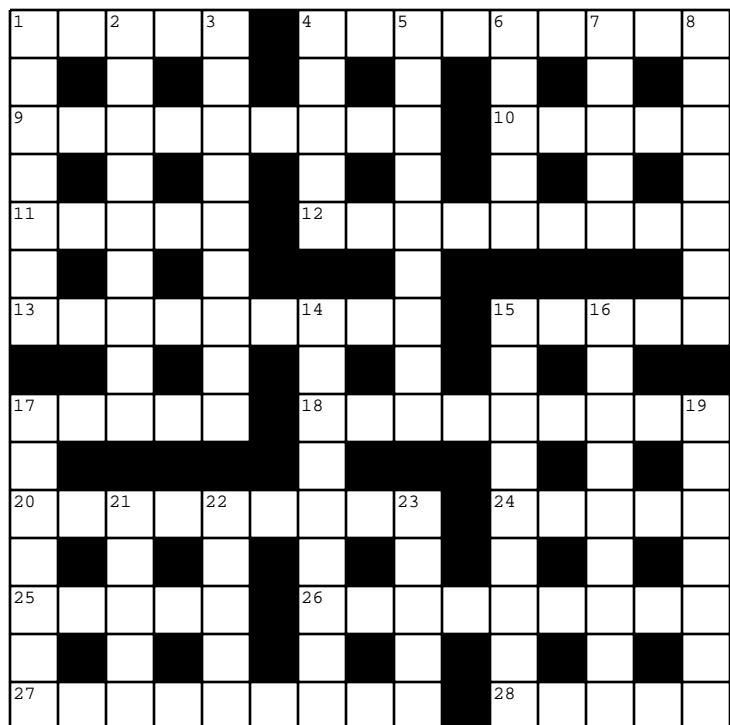
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| 4. CASEMENTS  | 2. ABHORRENT  |
| 9. UNHELPFUL  | 3. GALLANT    |
| 10. LAUGH     | 4. CAFETERIA  |
| 11. KARMA     | 5. SOLAR      |
| 12. TURNROUND | 6. MALARIA    |
| 13. ELECTORAL | 7. NAURU      |
| 15. AMBER     | 8. SCEDAR     |
| 17. ANTIC     | 14. LEUKAEMIA |
| 19. AQUEDUCTS | 16. BACKSTAGE |
| 22. DOCUDRAMA | 17. ADDENDA   |
| 25. SISSY     | 18. CADENZA   |
| 26. NYLON     | 20. DISGUST   |
| 27. HAMMURABI | 21. SKYDIVE   |
| 28. ALEJANDRA | 23. CALVE     |
| 29. THERE     | 24. ACCHED    |



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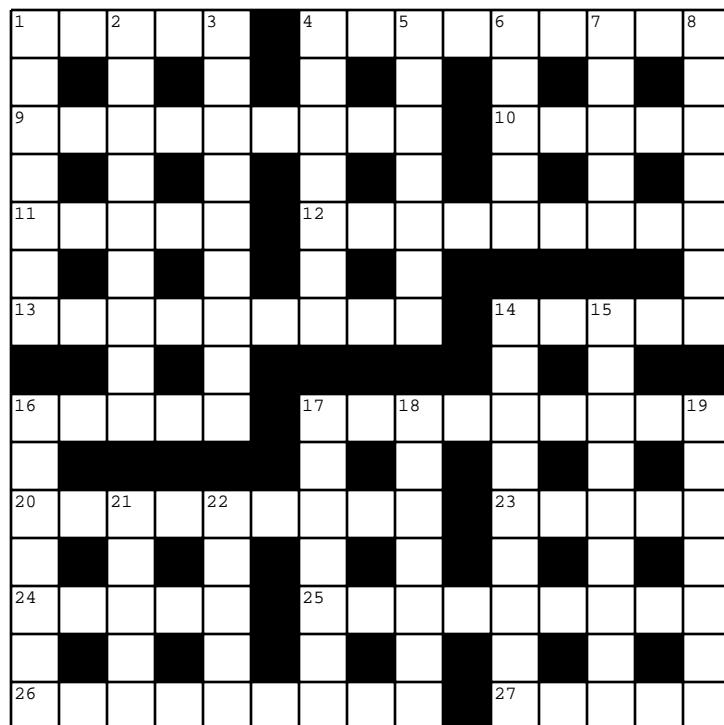
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| 4. EXHIBITED  | 2. PRESENTED  |
| 9. OVERWHELM  | 3. LAWMAKERS  |
| 10. LUMPS     | 4. EVENT      |
| 11. ELENA     | 5. HIMALAYAS  |
| 12. TALKATIVE | 6. BALSA      |
| 13. BUTTERFLY | 7. TEMPI      |
| 15. CRIED     | 8. DESCEND    |
| 17. BIDES     | 14. FURTHERED |
| 18. RESTARTED | 15. CRAGGIEST |
| 20. ABOLISHES | 16. INTERVIEW |
| 24. GIRLS     | 17. BRAVADO   |
| 25. ALIGN     | 19. DESERTS   |
| 26. RICKETIER | 21. OXIDE     |
| 27. OVERRIDES | 22. INNER     |
| 28. TOWNS     | 23. SACKS     |



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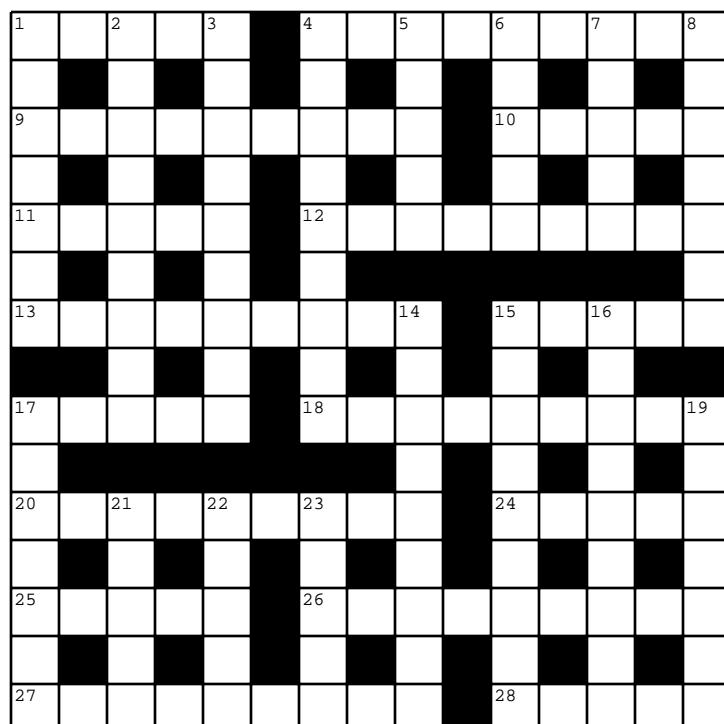
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| 4. ALARMISTS  | 2. DEVELOPER  |
| 9. DEVIATING  | 3. REASSURES  |
| 10. AMADO     | 4. AGILEST    |
| 11. TALKS     | 5. ANGRIER    |
| 12. ELICITING | 6. MIAMI      |
| 13. SEPARATOR | 7. SWAMI      |
| 14. HUMAN     | 8. SHOTGUN    |
| 16. DARNS     | 14. HEADACHES |
| 17. COLLAPSED | 15. MISTLETOE |
| 20. BOOMERANG | 16. DEBASED   |
| 23. ALLOW     | 17. CLASSED   |
| 24. STEER     | 18. LAGGARD   |
| 25. SPAGHETTI | 19. DOWNIER   |
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| 27. SWEAR     | 22. EERIE     |



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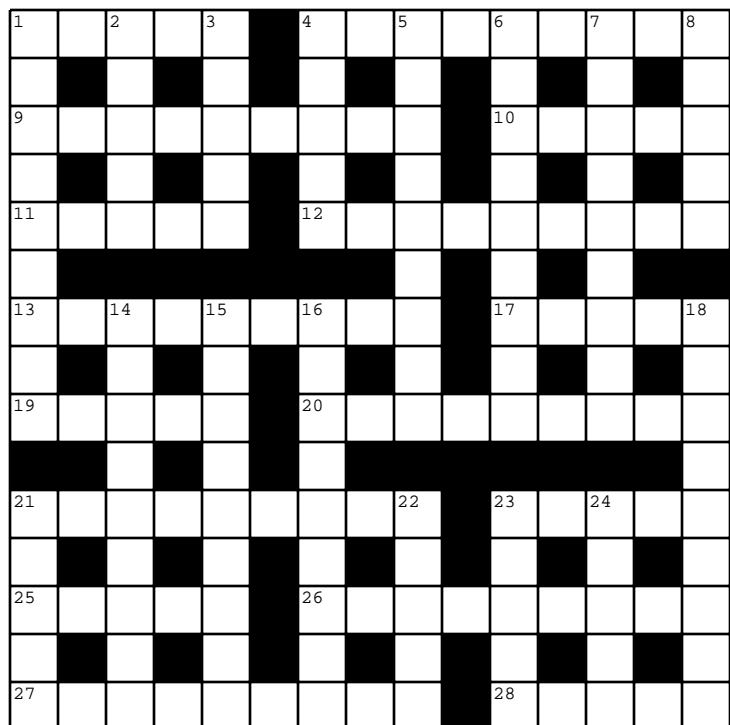
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| 9. ALLEViate  | 3. INVALIDED  |
| 10. OKAYS     | 4. DIAPHRAGM  |
| 11. LEGAL     | 5. CLEAR      |
| 12. HARDENING | 6. PROVE      |
| 13. WITHDRAWN | 7. IRAQI      |
| 15. DAFFY     | 8. NOSEGAY    |
| 17. MINED     | 14. NONPROFIT |
| 18. MINISTERS | 15. DISBELIEF |
| 20. DISMEMBER | 16. FREIGHTER |
| 24. EIGHT     | 17. MADURAI   |
| 25. READY     | 19. SATISFY   |
| 26. FIFTIETHS | 21. SNAFU     |
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| 28. FORTY     | 23. BEFIT     |



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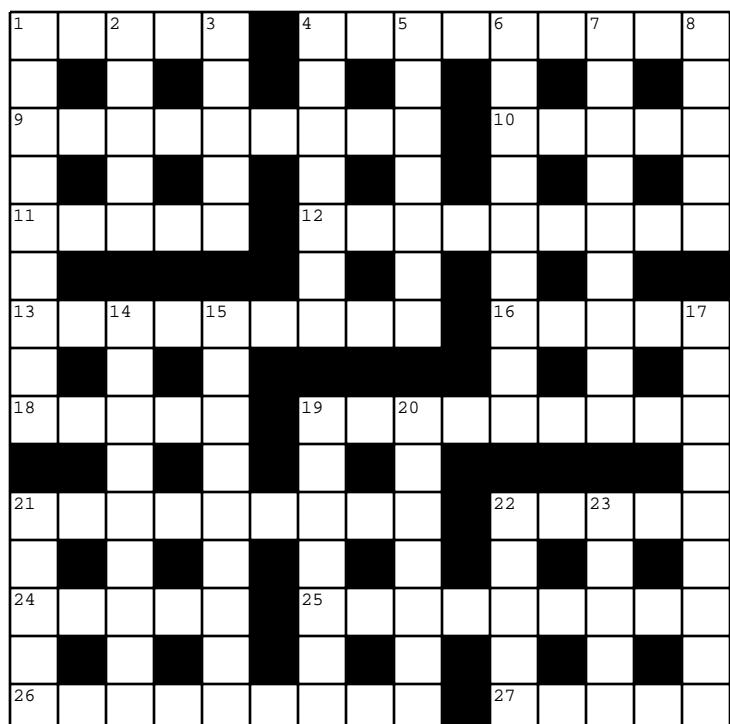
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| 4. DATABASED  | 2. COLIC      |
| 9. BALALAIKA  | 3. RULER      |
| 10. NORMS     | 4. DRILL      |
| 11. INCUR     | 5. TRAUMATIC  |
| 12. LUMBERMAN | 6. BUNDESTAG  |
| 13. FLOWERPOT | 7. STROMBOLI  |
| 17. TROOP     | 8. DYSON      |
| 19. DEERE     | 14. OVERDRAWN |
| 20. INCOGNITO | 15. ELECTRODE |
| 21. AUDITORIA | 16. PRIMROSED |
| 23. MOTTO     | 18. PROTOTYPE |
| 25. PIANO     | 21. ASPIC     |
| 26. SCHOLARLY | 22. ABHOR     |
| 27. CONTENDER | 23. MALTS     |
| 28. SMOKE     | 24. TORSO     |



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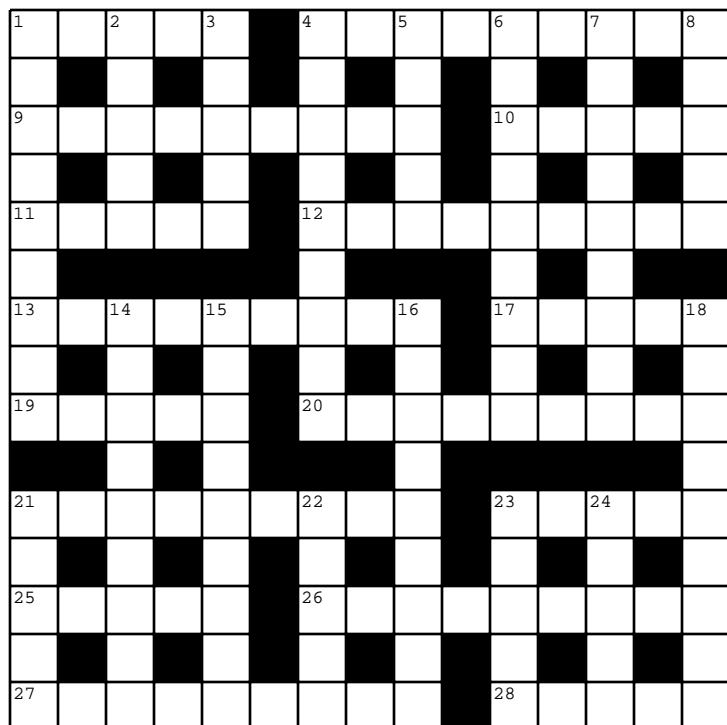
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| 4. INTRINSIC  | 2. EXTRA      |
| 9. HETEROODOX | 3. LURKS      |
| 10. UNITS     | 4. INDUCED    |
| 11. EXAMS     | 5. TEXTURE    |
| 12. COUNTRIES | 6. INUKTITUT  |
| 13. PANHANDLE | 7. SPIRITUAL  |
| 16. THUMB     | 8. COSTS      |
| 18. DUCKS     | 14. NICKNAMES |
| 19. BAGATELLE | 15. ANSWERING |
| 21. MENDELEEV | 17. BLESSINGS |
| 22. SOCKS     | 19. BREATHE   |
| 24. TEMPI     | 20. GOVERNS   |
| 25. TARPAULIN | 21. MATED     |
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| 27. FLAGS     | 23. CILIA     |



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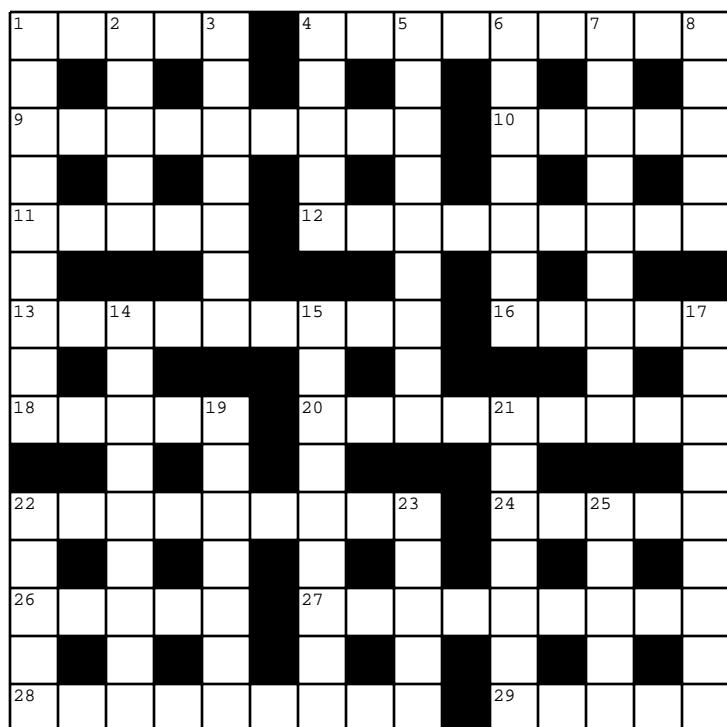
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| 1. BABES      | 1. BEDRIDDEN  |
| 4. GREENSPAN  | 2. BASED      |
| 9. DISCOURSE  | 3. SIOUX      |
| 10. NORMS     | 4. GERIATRIC  |
| 11. INDEX     | 5. EVENS      |
| 12. ASSUREDLY | 6. NONPROFIT  |
| 13. DISCHARGE | 7. PARADOXES  |
| 17. FIXED     | 8. NASTY      |
| 19. NYLON     | 14. SILVERIER |
| 20. CHASTISES | 15. HANDCRAFT |
| 21. CRESCENDO | 16. ELABORATE |
| 23. KAFKA     | 18. DASTARDLY |
| 25. IBIZA     | 21. CHIEF     |
| 26. ABANDONED | 22. NEARS     |
| 27. FORETASTE | 23. KUDZU     |
| 28. UNITY     | 24. FUNGI     |



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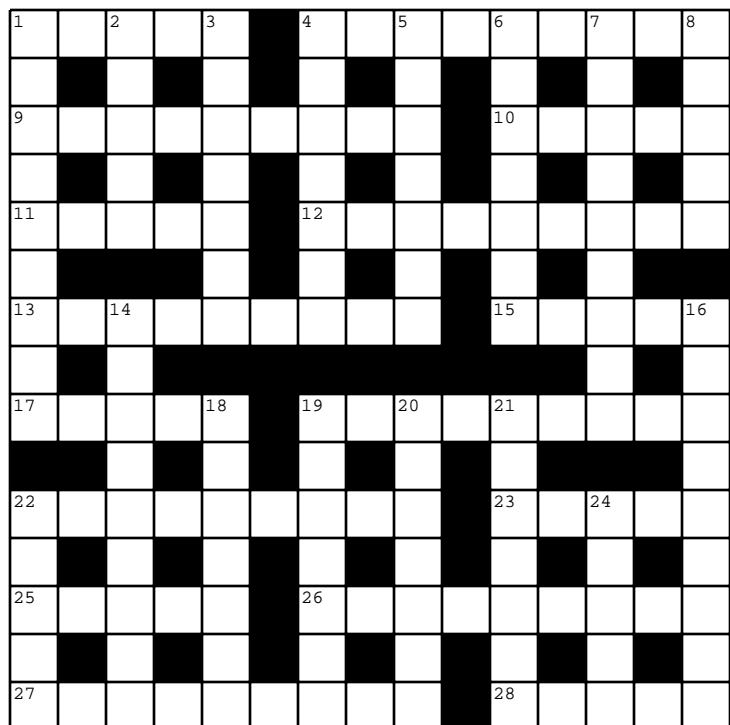
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| 4. ASPARAGUS  | 2. ROOTS      |
| 9. FLOWERPOT  | 3. CLEANSE    |
| 10. DRIVE     | 4. APPAL      |
| 11. RISEN     | 5. POTPOURRI  |
| 12. LIONESSES | 6. REDHEAD    |
| 13. SEQUENCER | 7. GLISSANDO  |
| 16. DONUT     | 8. SHEDS      |
| 18. SMALL     | 14. QUALIFIES |
| 20. NEIGHBOUR | 15. CONCLUDED |
| 22. TRICYCLED | 17. THRESHOLD |
| 24. ROCKS     | 19. LOYALER   |
| 26. URIEL     | 21. HERSELF   |
| 27. DESPERADO | 22. THUMB     |
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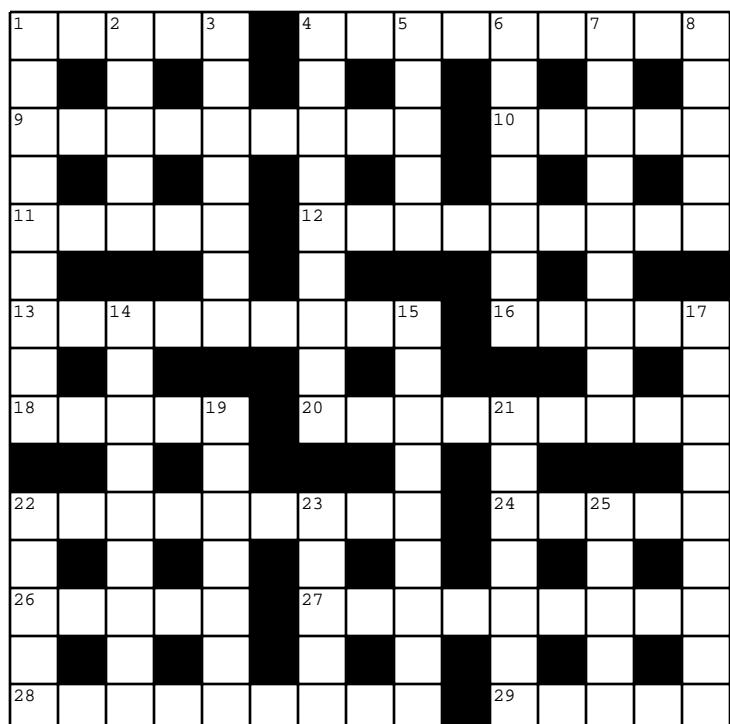
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| 4. SIDEKICKS  | 2. LOGIC      |
| 9. RIGMAROLE  | 3. AMATEUR    |
| 10. CHESS     | 4. SHOWERS    |
| 11. UNCLE     | 5. DRESSED    |
| 12. ENSCONCES | 6. KICKOFF    |
| 13. COMPRISED | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 15. FINAL     | 8. SISES      |
| 17. ERROR     | 14. MARCELINO |
| 19. GYMNASIUM | 16. LIMITLESS |
| 22. PSEUDONYM | 18. REDDISH   |
| 23. BESET     | 19. GENERAL   |
| 25. ALIBI     | 20. MEMOIRS   |
| 26. REITERATE | 21. AMBIENT   |
| 27. LOOPHOLES | 22. PEARL     |
| 28. TILES     | 24. SNAIL     |



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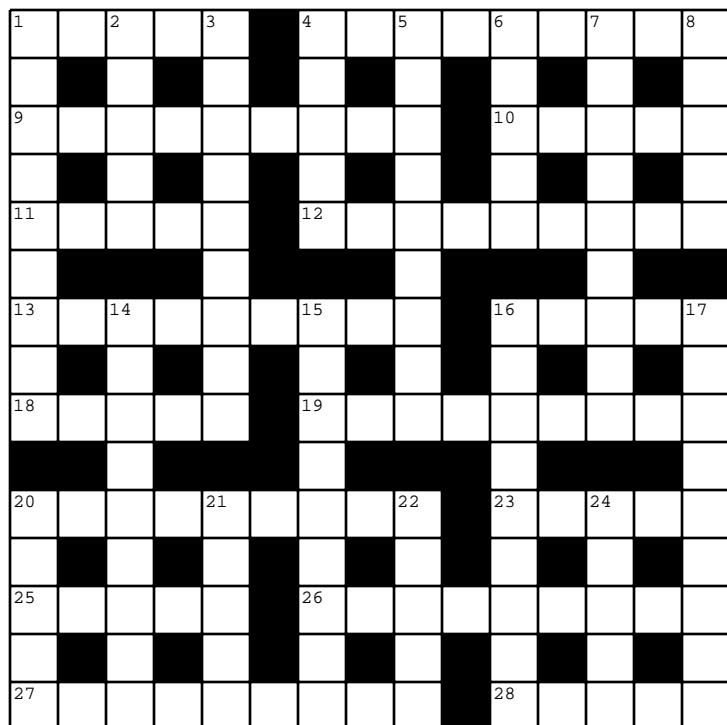
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| 4. STOCKADED  | 2. URNED      |
| 9. SENTENCED  | 3. BREASTS    |
| 10. IMPLY     | 4. SACCHARIN  |
| 11. AIDES     | 5. OLDER      |
| 12. HARVESTER | 6. KAIFENG    |
| 13. EAVESDROP | 7. DIPHTHONG  |
| 16. GROUP     | 8. DRYER      |
| 18. AORTA     | 14. VIRTUALLY |
| 20. NOSTALGIA | 15. POSTPONED |
| 22. COURTSHIP | 17. PRACTICAL |
| 24. PILOT     | 19. ASTUTER   |
| 26. INLET     | 21. APPEARS   |
| 27. SYNTACTIC | 22. CLIMB     |
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| 29. SHELL     | 25. LITRE     |



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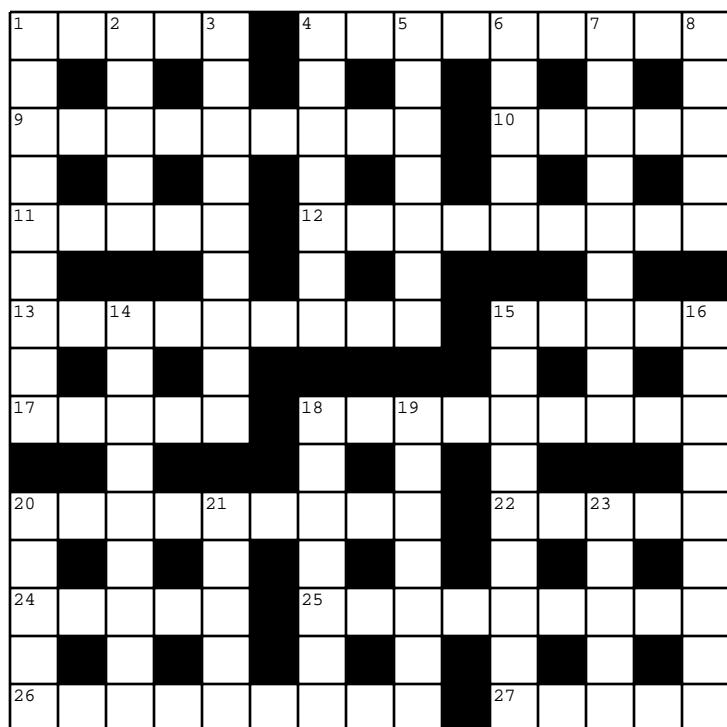
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| 4. MIDDLEMAN  | 2. OARED      |
| 9. STRATEGIC  | 3. PATROLMEN  |
| 10. MINIM     | 4. MAGOG      |
| 11. AUDIO     | 5. DECEITFUL  |
| 12. GLITTERED | 6. LIMIT      |
| 13. LEITMOTIF | 7. MONARCHIC  |
| 16. NAHUM     | 8. NAMED      |
| 18. ROMAN     | 14. IMMERSING |
| 19. ILLOGICAL | 15. TAILLIGHT |
| 20. CURTAILED | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 23. TEMPI     | 17. MILLIONTH |
| 25. BEING     | 20. CUBIC     |
| 26. GENTLEMEN | 21. ANGER     |
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| 28. BEACH     | 24. MOMMA     |



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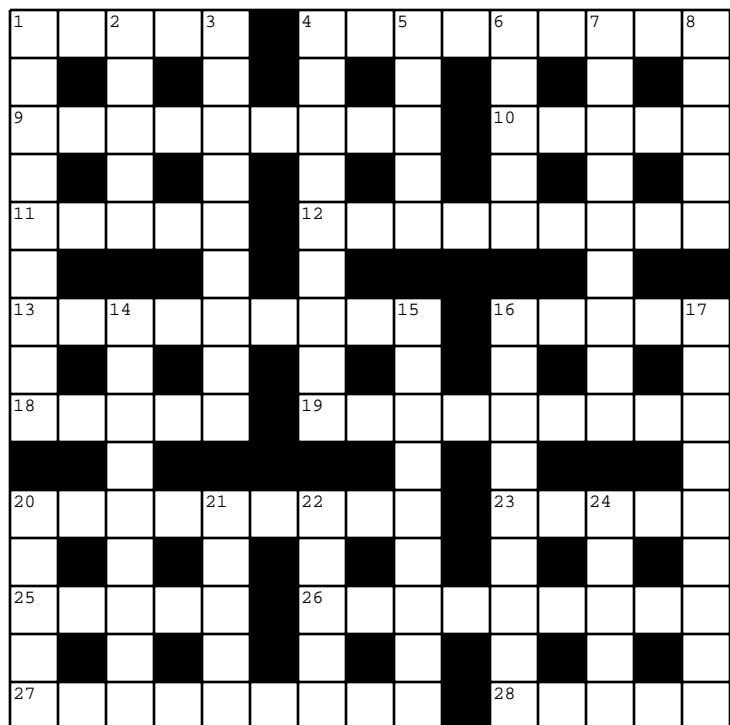
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| 9. BOOMERANG  | 3. PLENTIFUL  |
| 10. HOSTS     | 4. CHAMBER    |
| 11. OUGHT     | 5. NEGATES    |
| 12. BATHROOMS | 6. OTHER      |
| 13. LIFEFORMS | 7. MUSSOLINI  |
| 15. CLIMB     | 8. DOSES      |
| 17. DROLL     | 14. FRONTAGES |
| 18. AGRIPPINA | 15. CAPABLEST |
| 20. AUTOPILOT | 16. BOARDWALK |
| 22. BUSED     | 18. ALLEGED   |
| 24. ANGEL     | 19. RETRACT   |
| 25. GUATEMALA | 20. AWARD     |
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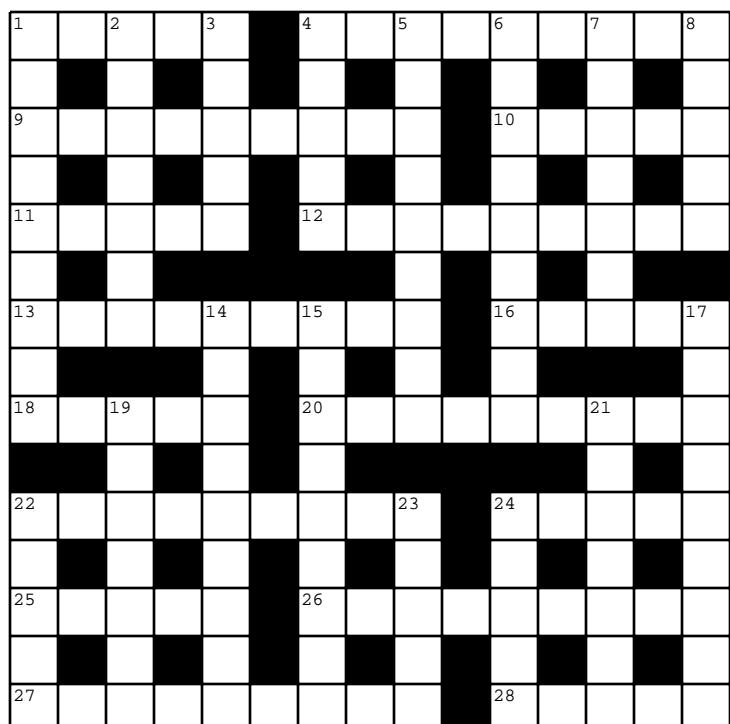
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| 4. FRIGHTFUL  | 2. ALPHA      |
| 9. PEPPERONI  | 3. INELEGANT  |
| 10. TIFFS     | 4. FOOTNOTES  |
| 11. ERASE     | 5. IBIZA      |
| 12. NEARLIEST | 6. HOTEL      |
| 13. SYNTACTIC | 7. FIFTEENTH  |
| 16. ARNEB     | 8. LISZT      |
| 18. DEBIT     | 14. NEBRASKAN |
| 19. STRETCHED | 15. CORPUSCLE |
| 20. AMATERASU | 16. ANTIQUING |
| 23. QUASI     | 17. BADMINTON |
| 25. TOKEN     | 20. ATTIC     |
| 26. ARCHITECT | 21. ENNUI     |
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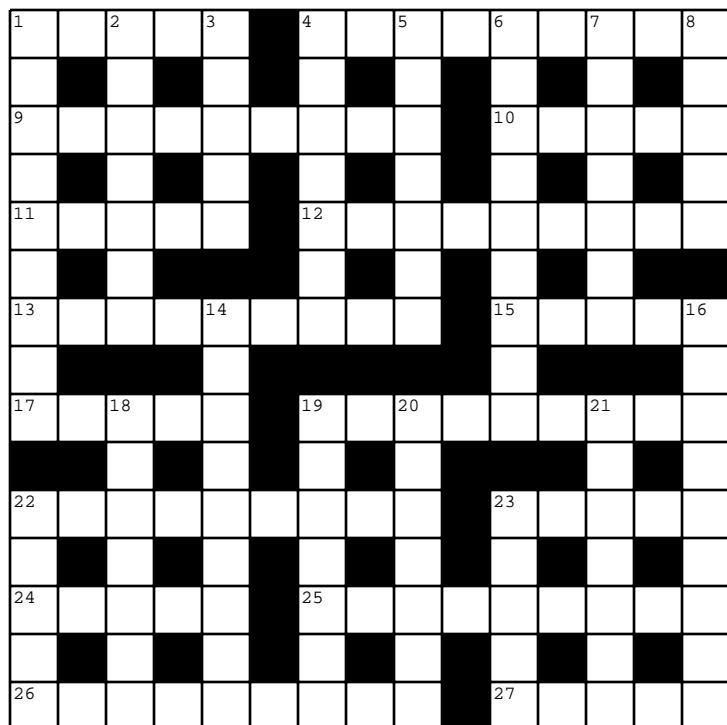
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| 9. SIMULATES  | 3. RULER      |
| 10. DEANA     | 4. BITES      |
| 11. RARER     | 5. DISGUISES  |
| 12. SQUEAKING | 6. HYDRANGEA  |
| 13. BACKPACKS | 7. STADIUM    |
| 16. GAMMA     | 8. SLANG      |
| 18. STAIR     | 14. PARASITIC |
| 20. MISHAPPED | 15. COMMODITY |
| 22. CROSSROAD | 17. ANDALUSIA |
| 24. RURAL     | 19. AMONGST   |
| 25. BIGOT     | 21. PARSNIP   |
| 26. INNOCENTS | 22. CUBIC     |
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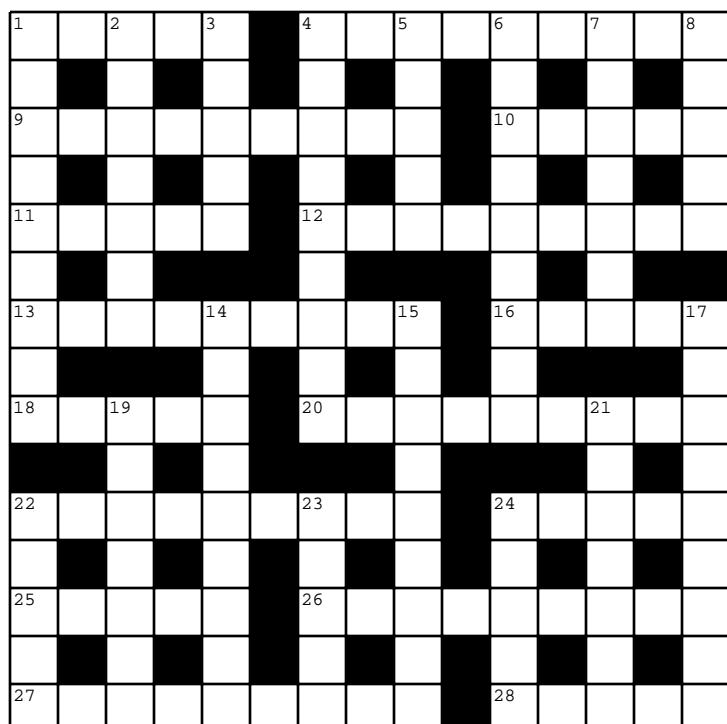
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| 4. AVALANCHE  | 2. PLAGUES    |
| 9. STAIRWAYS  | 3. ENROL      |
| 10. NOYCE     | 4. ANARCHY    |
| 11. USUAL     | 5. ASSURED    |
| 12. CORRUPTLY | 6. ANNOUNCER  |
| 13. DISPLAYED | 7. CRYPTIC    |
| 15. COCOA     | 8. ENEMY      |
| 17. DECAF     | 14. LIFESTYLE |
| 19. APOCRYPHA | 16. APARTHEID |
| 22. DRUGSTORE | 18. CLUSTER   |
| 23. CARAT     | 19. ABOLISH   |
| 24. PATTY     | 20. OKEEFFE   |
| 25. INFLUENCE | 21. PIRANHA   |
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| 27. BOARD     | 23. CRUMB     |



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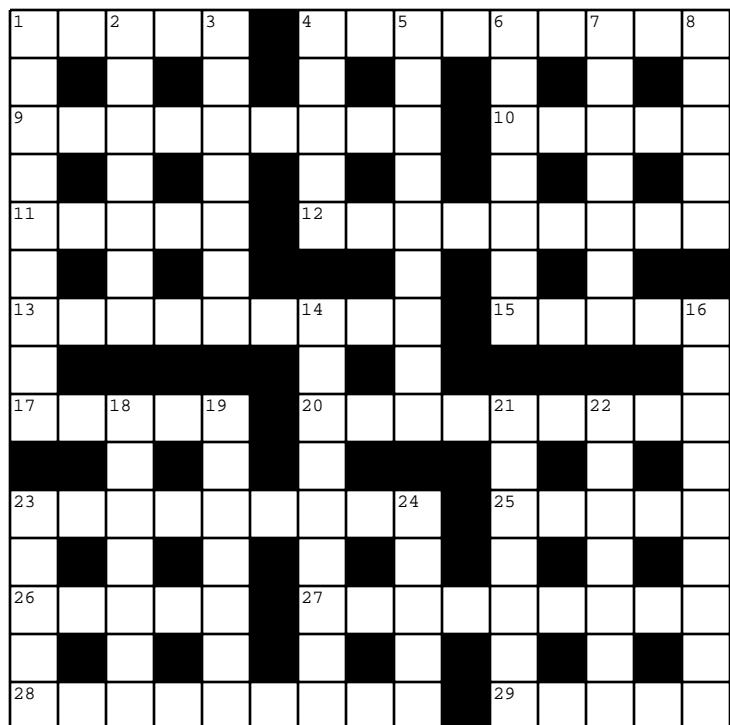
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| 4. SUMMARIZE   | 2. BRAVADO    |
| 9. TRADESMAN   | 3. REEFS      |
| 10. ADAPT      | 4. SYMMETRIC  |
| 11. AMASS      | 5. MINOR      |
| 12. EARTHPLIER | 6. APATHETIC  |
| 13. GEOMETRIC  | 7. IMAGINE    |
| 16. THEFT      | 8. ENTER      |
| 18. CANOE      | 14. ELEVENTHS |
| 20. CRESCENDI  | 15. CREEPIEST |
| 22. FINGERTIP  | 17. TRICYCLES |
| 24. PETTY      | 19. NONZERO   |
| 25. ARENT      | 21. NATURAL   |
| 26. ELECTORAL  | 22. FRANC     |
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| 28. HOLES      | 24. PITCH     |



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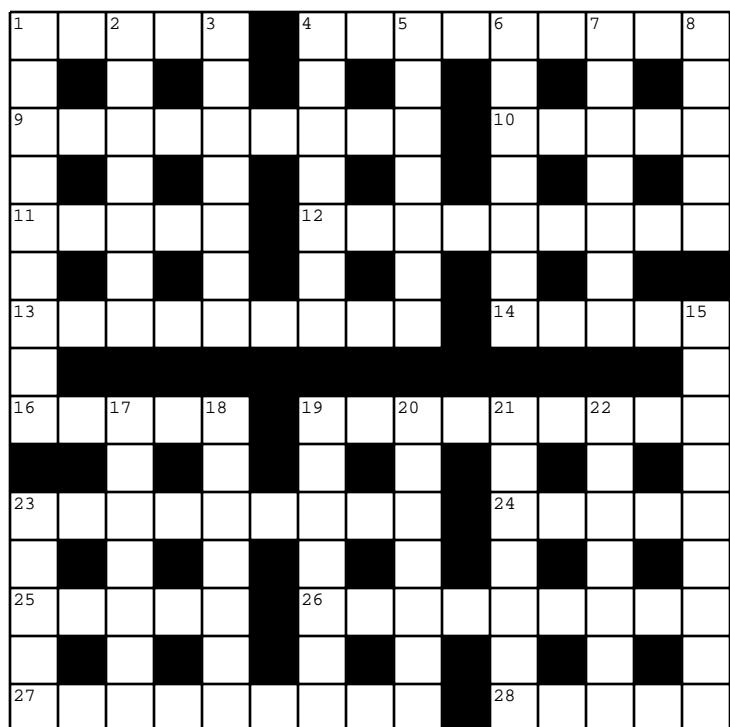
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| 4. ULTIMATUM  | 2. AIRFARE    |
| 9. HEREAFTER  | 3. FRANTIC    |
| 10. DEALT     | 4. ULTRA      |
| 11. REACT     | 5. THRIFTIER  |
| 12. AFFILIATE | 6. MEDULLA    |
| 13. CRESCENDI | 7. THALAMI    |
| 15. ACIDS     | 8. METRE      |
| 17. LYING     | 14. NARROWEST |
| 20. REREADING | 16. SEGMENTED |
| 23. MISINFORM | 18. INSTEAD   |
| 25. ALLIE     | 19. GENERIC   |
| 26. FREER     | 21. ANALYZE   |
| 27. ENJOYMENT | 22. ILLNESS   |
| 28. INDICATOR | 23. MUFTI     |
| 29. EASED     | 24. MAJOR     |



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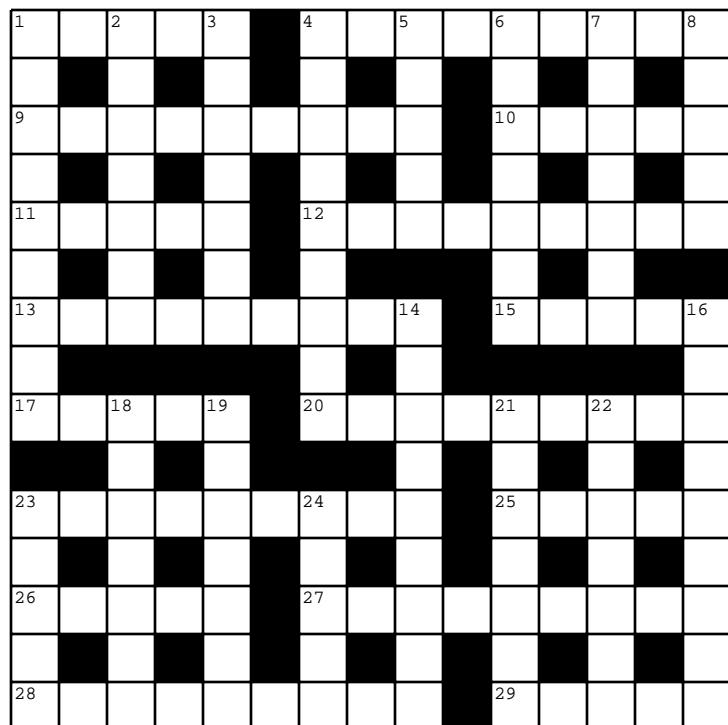
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| 4. FORSWEARS  | 2. CHOLERA    |
| 9. BOOKSHELF  | 3. EASTERN    |
| 10. AWFUL     | 4. FIESTAS    |
| 11. OBESE     | 5. REFORMS    |
| 12. TURMOILED | 6. WEAPONS    |
| 13. DIAGNOSIS | 7. ALFALFA    |
| 14. SCALE     | 8. SOLID      |
| 16. ROOMS     | 15. EMINENCES |
| 19. MAHARISHI | 17. OFFICES   |
| 23. LIFEFORMS | 18. SAFARIS   |
| 24. NAIVE     | 19. MARTINI   |
| 25. INCUR     | 20. HASHING   |
| 26. IDIOMATIC | 21. RENAMED   |
| 27. ASSESSING | 22. SHIRTED   |
| 28. DUDES     | 23. LEILA     |



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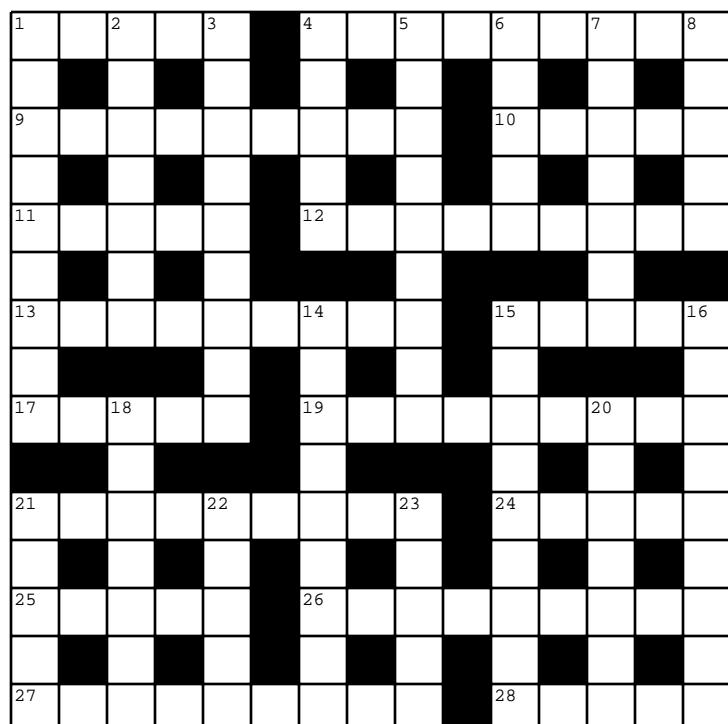
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| 4. FUSELAGES  | 2. ILLEGAL    |
| 9. MILLENNIA  | 3. UTENSIL    |
| 10. NURSE     | 4. FINICKIER  |
| 11. RAGES     | 5. SNAFU      |
| 12. COURTYARD | 6. LUNATIC    |
| 13. BALALAIKA | 7. GARBAGE    |
| 15. CHECK     | 8. SPEND      |
| 17. EXCEL     | 14. AGGRAVATE |
| 20. REGULARLY | 16. KEYBOARDS |
| 23. APOCYPHRA | 18. CHOLERA   |
| 25. MOTTO     | 19. LARDERS   |
| 26. NIECE     | 21. LIMPING   |
| 27. QUALIFIER | 22. RATTING   |
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| 29. GAGES     | 24. PIQUE     |



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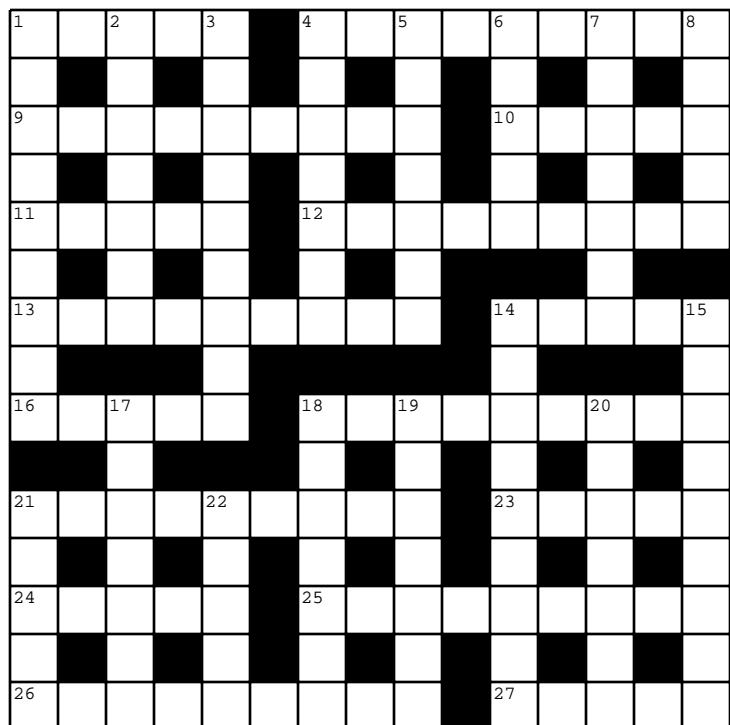
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| 4. EPIDERMIS  | 2. CAVEMAN    |
| 9. EAVESDROP  | 3. MASSACRED  |
| 10. CURES     | 4. EARNS      |
| 11. COMMA     | 5. IMPROMPTU  |
| 12. SHOELACES | 6. EXCEL      |
| 13. OWNERSHIP | 7. MOROCCO    |
| 15. ICONS     | 8. SISES      |
| 17. DREAD     | 14. HICCUPPED |
| 19. COURTSHIP | 15. INTERVIEW |
| 21. CLUBHOUSE | 16. SUPPORTED |
| 24. RADIO     | 18. EQUATED   |
| 25. UPTON     | 20. HADDOCK   |
| 26. PETTICOAT | 21. CRUMB     |
| 27. BEDRIDDEN | 22. HENRI     |
| 28. WAKED     | 23. EATEN     |



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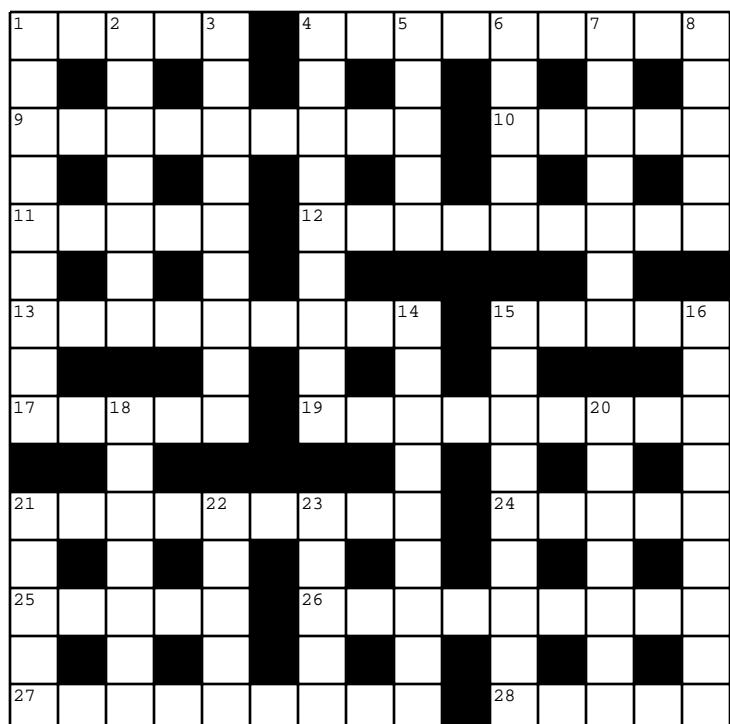
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| 4. GIDDINESS  | 2. CONTACT    |
| 9. EINSTEINS  | 3. OUTERMOST  |
| 10. PLOTS     | 4. GOIANIA    |
| 11. CHAIR     | 5. DESIGNS    |
| 12. NEGATIVES | 6. INPUT      |
| 13. NATIONALS | 7. EVOLVED    |
| 14. PEDAL     | 8. SISES      |
| 16. ORBIT     | 14. PEEPHOLES |
| 18. MENDELEEV | 15. LIVESTOCK |
| 21. ACCIDENTS | 17. BACKING   |
| 23. HIGHS     | 18. MANAGES   |
| 24. ONION     | 19. NASTIER   |
| 25. GUILLERMO | 20. EDGARDO   |
| 26. AGGRESSOR | 21. ALOHA     |
| 27. SHOCK     | 22. DANCE     |



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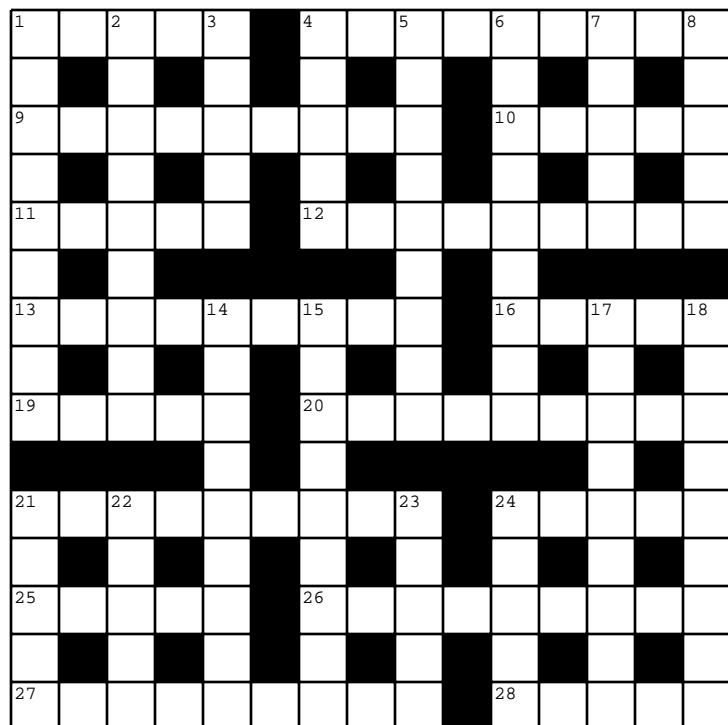
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| 4. GLIMPsing  | 2. CARAMEL    |
| 9. GERMICIDE  | 3. ELICITING  |
| 10. INDIA     | 4. GLISSANDI  |
| 11. NIMBI     | 5. IDEAL      |
| 12. SOLUTIONS | 6. POINT      |
| 13. MILLIONTH | 7. INDOORS    |
| 15. NOSES     | 8. GLASS      |
| 17. CLING     | 14. HELIPORTS |
| 19. ILLEGIBLE | 15. NIGHTCLUB |
| 21. FINGERTIP | 16. SPECTACLE |
| 24. TAROT     | 18. INNARDS   |
| 25. NORMA     | 20. BIRETTA   |
| 26. PARALYTIC | 21. FINER     |
| 27. RESPONSES | 22. ERATO     |
| 28. BRAVE     | 23. TYPES     |



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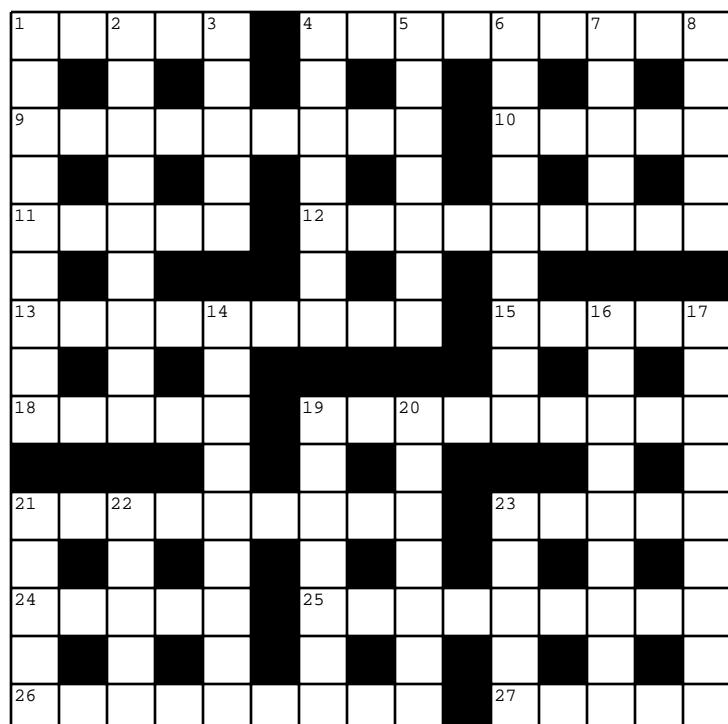
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| 4. UNBLOCKED  | 2. DELIGHTED  |
| 9. FILTRATED  | 3. DIRER      |
| 10. TROOP     | 4. UNTIE      |
| 11. EDGER     | 5. BEDRIDDEN  |
| 12. EMIGRANTS | 6. OUTERMOST  |
| 13. NETWORKED | 7. KNOWN      |
| 16. OFFED     | 8. DOPES      |
| 19. HIDES     | 14. OBSTRUCTS |
| 20. DONATIONS | 15. KIDNAPING |
| 21. TUTORIALS | 17. FOOTHOLDS |
| 24. ETHEL     | 18. DISPLAYED |
| 25. MUSIC     | 21. TEMPO     |
| 26. INITIALLY | 22. TASTE     |
| 27. OVERSIGHT | 23. SKIRT     |
| 28. HOSED     | 24. EDITH     |



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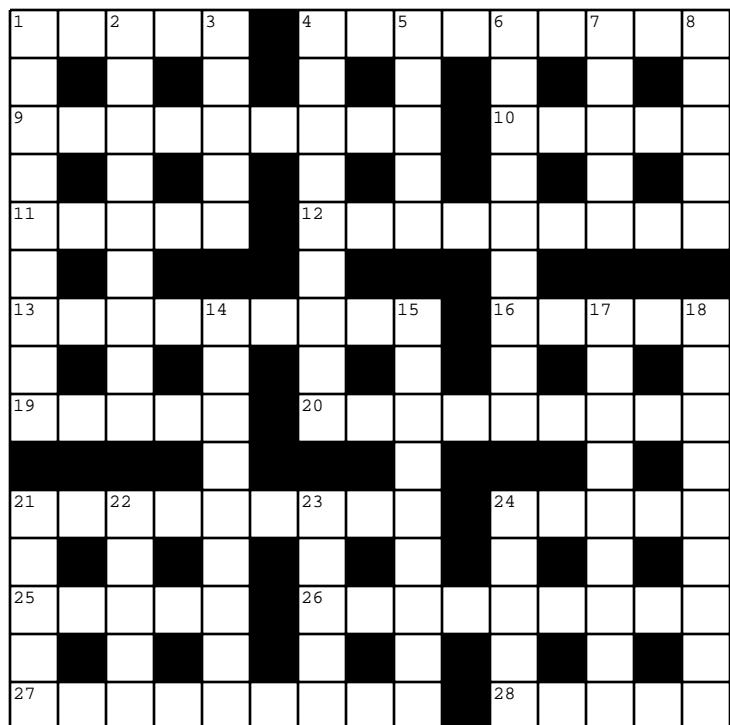
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| 4. ENLARGING  | 2. FARRAKHAN  |
| 9. TERRORISM  | 3. STORY      |
| 10. PLEAT     | 4. ELITIST    |
| 11. CRAZY     | 5. LIMITED    |
| 12. INTERESTS | 6. REPORTING  |
| 13. INHIBITED | 7. IDEAS      |
| 15. INNER     | 8. GATES      |
| 18. MINUS     | 14. BESETTING |
| 19. OBLIGATED | 16. NOTORIOUS |
| 21. ENTITLING | 17. REDRESSED |
| 23. BORNE     | 19. ORIGAMI   |
| 24. RABBI     | 20. LOGGING   |
| 25. AGITATORS | 21. ERRED     |
| 26. DESIGNING | 22. TUBES     |
| 27. DOSED     | 23. BRAND     |



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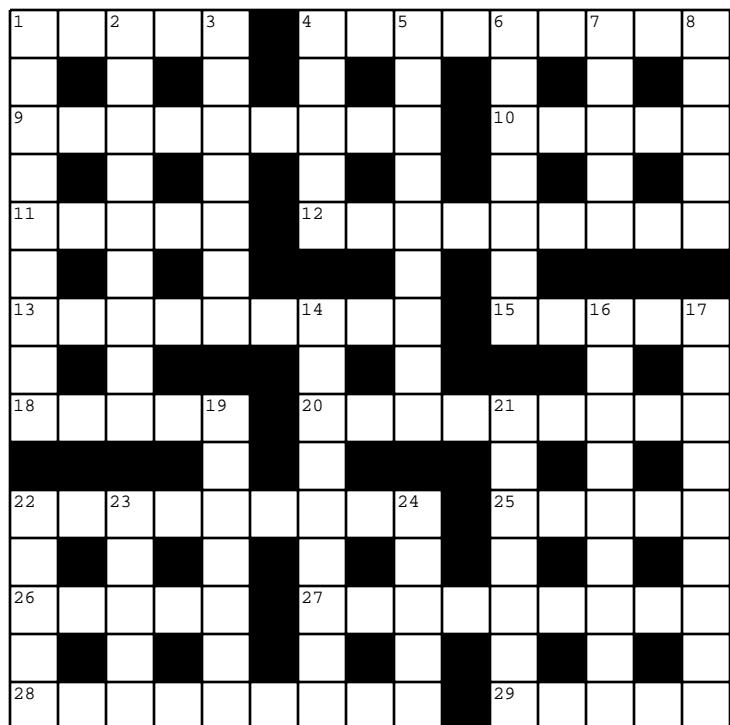
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| 4. SCHEDULES  | 2. ANTIPASTI   |
| 9. CATARACTS  | 3. AURAL       |
| 10. SKIRT     | 4. SICKENING   |
| 11. LAPEL     | 5. HOSTS       |
| 12. ECSTASIES | 6. DISTANCES   |
| 13. DISMAYING | 7. LUIGI       |
| 16. CACTI     | 8. SITES       |
| 19. DEITY     | 14. ANYWHEREES |
| 20. GLASSIEST | 15. GRAPHICAL  |
| 21. FORTHWITH | 17. CREATIONS  |
| 24. TUTSI     | 18. INTRINSIC  |
| 25. EULER     | 21. FREDA      |
| 26. FACETIOUS | 22. RELIC      |
| 27. ANCESTRAL | 23. INFER      |
| 28. MUSIC     | 24. TOTEM      |



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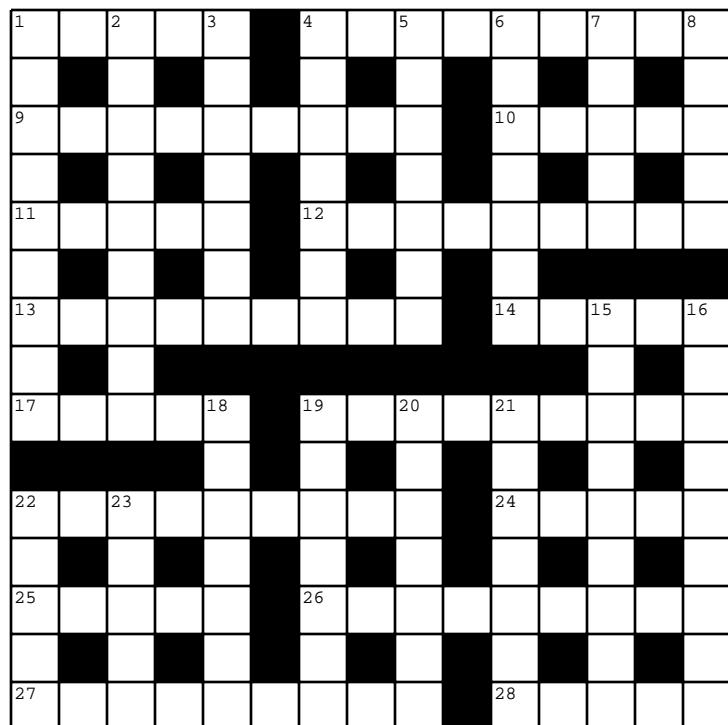
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| 1. HOMES      | 1. HANDBOOKS  |
| 4. TAUTOLOGY  | 2. MELODRAMA  |
| 9. NULLIFIED  | 3. SHINDIG    |
| 10. ETHIC     | 4. THIRD      |
| 11. BODED     | 5. UNDEFINED  |
| 12. DIFFERENT | 6. OMELETS    |
| 13. ORANGUTAN | 7. OCHRE      |
| 15. STAIR     | 8. YACHT      |
| 18. SEATS     | 14. TOILETING |
| 20. INDICATED | 16. ATTEMPTED |
| 22. BLAMELESS | 17. REDIRECTS |
| 25. LAMER     | 19. SPECIES   |
| 26. NIMBI     | 21. COLUMNS   |
| 27. IDIOMATIC | 22. BUNCH     |
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| 29. SIDES     | 24. SAINT     |



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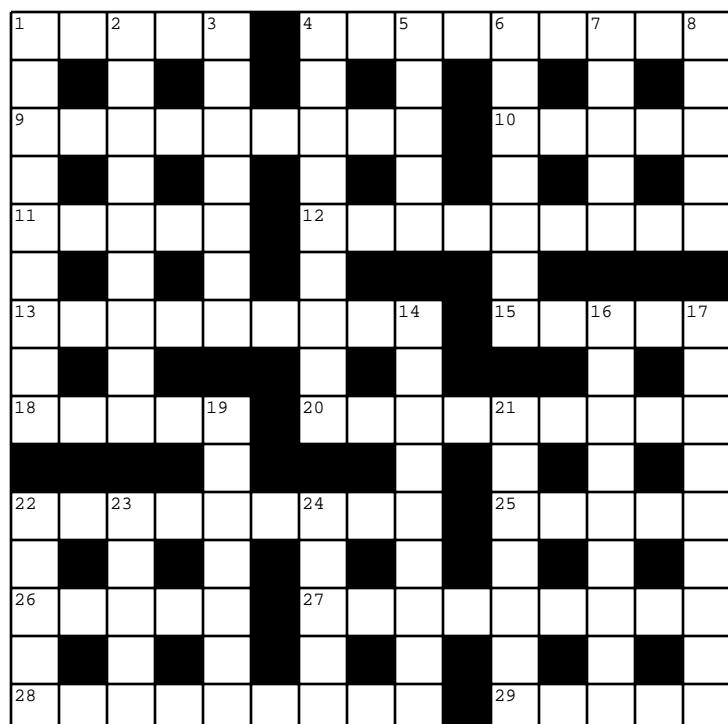
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| 1. INCUR      | 1. INTERVIEW  |
| 4. BEAUTIFUL  | 2. CONTRALTO  |
| 9. TUNISIANS  | 3. RESOLVE    |
| 10. CANON     | 4. BEATERS    |
| 11. RURAL     | 5. ANSWERS    |
| 12. ELECTRIFY | 6. TACITLY    |
| 13. ILLNESSES | 7. FUNGI      |
| 14. YEARS     | 8. LANKY      |
| 17. WHOOP     | 15. APOLOGIZE |
| 19. FOREFRONT | 16. SITUATION |
| 22. HAUSDORFF | 18. PADDLED   |
| 24. RHODA     | 19. FOREMEN   |
| 25. TOTAL     | 20. REFUSES   |
| 26. MUSSOLINI | 21. FURLONG   |
| 27. STANDINGS | 22. HATES     |
| 28. GLEAN     | 23. ULTRA     |



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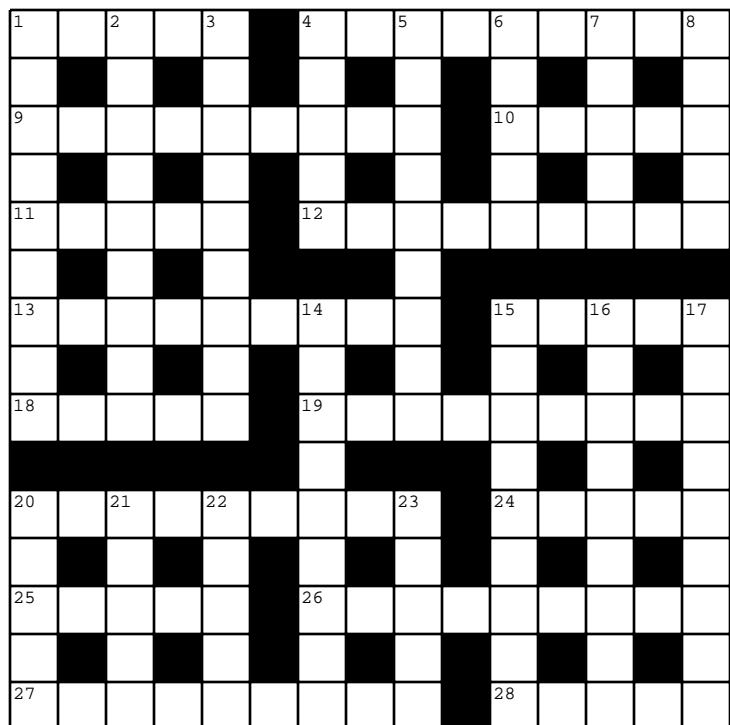
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| 4. AMBIENCES  | 2. ELEMENTAL  |
| 9. RHEUMATIC  | 3. HOMONYM    |
| 10. FAMED     | 4. ACTIVISTS  |
| 11. PREEN     | 5. BACON      |
| 12. VENTRICLE | 6. ENFORCE    |
| 13. OPTIMISED | 7. COMIC      |
| 15. EXTRA     | 8. SIDLE      |
| 18. FULLY     | 14. DWINDLING |
| 20. SLITHERED | 16. TARKENTON |
| 22. WHIRLWIND | 17. ADDRESSES |
| 25. CREPE     | 19. YELLING   |
| 26. KHAKI     | 21. HACKNEY   |
| 27. ALIENATES | 22. WAKES     |
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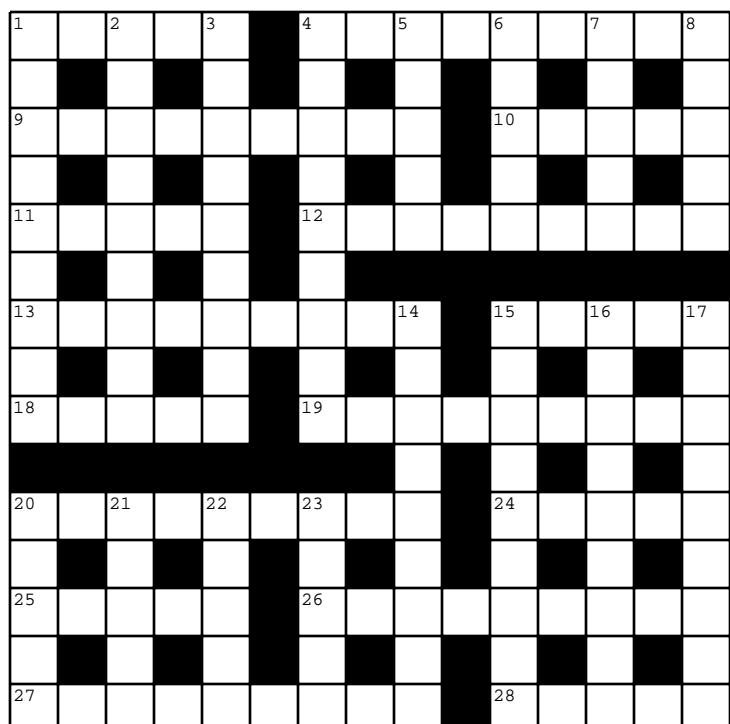
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| 4. REPRESENT  | 2. SPAGHETTI  |
| 9. REASONING  | 3. DOORSTEPS  |
| 10. HENCE     | 4. RAINS      |
| 11. ECHOS     | 5. PIGHEADED  |
| 12. SKETCHIER | 6. ETHIC      |
| 13. UNTREATED | 7. ENNUI      |
| 15. EQUIP     | 8. THEIR      |
| 18. STIRS     | 14. TRIVIALLY |
| 19. INDICATOR | 15. EXCHEQUER |
| 20. DISOWNING | 16. UNTIDIEST |
| 24. ELDER     | 17. PORTRAYED |
| 25. VALUE     | 20. DIVED     |
| 26. LEISURELY | 21. SOLES     |
| 27. DISPLAYED | 22. WHEEL     |
| 28. RATED     | 23. GRIND     |



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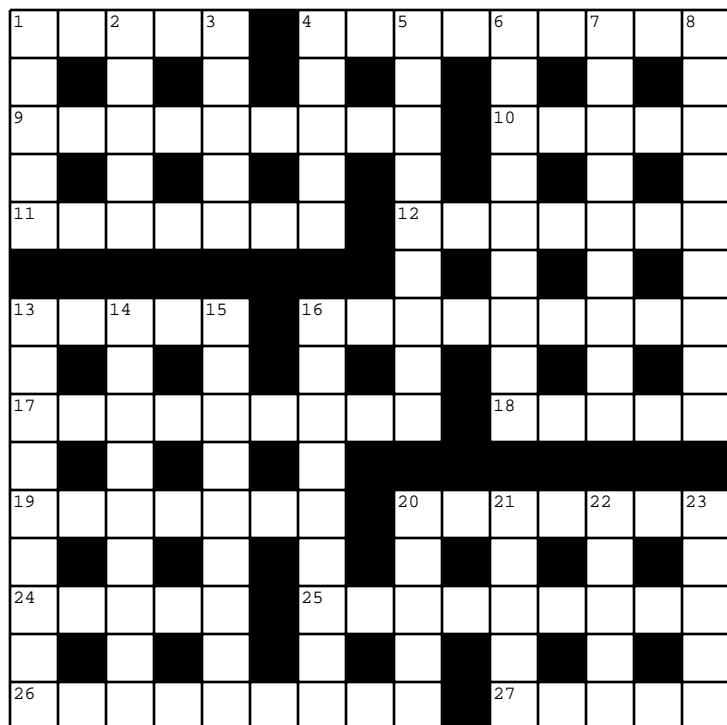
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| 1. NAKED      | 1. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 4. PACKAGING  | 2. KORZYBSKI  |
| 9. GYROSCOPE  | 3. DISBELIEF  |
| 10. REALM     | 4. PROCEDURE  |
| 11. THYME     | 5. CHEWS      |
| 12. ELSEWHERE | 6. ARROW      |
| 13. LASSITUDE | 7. IMAGE      |
| 15. SNAFU     | 8. GIMME      |
| 18. BRIEF     | 14. ERRONEOUS |
| 19. EARMARKED | 15. SHADINESS |
| 20. DOMINICAN | 16. AWKWARDLY |
| 24. ISAAC     | 17. UNDECIDED |
| 25. CLANG     | 20. DACHA     |
| 26. PROCEEDED | 21. MEANT     |
| 27. APTITUDES | 22. NIGHT     |
| 28. SKYED     | 23. COPED     |



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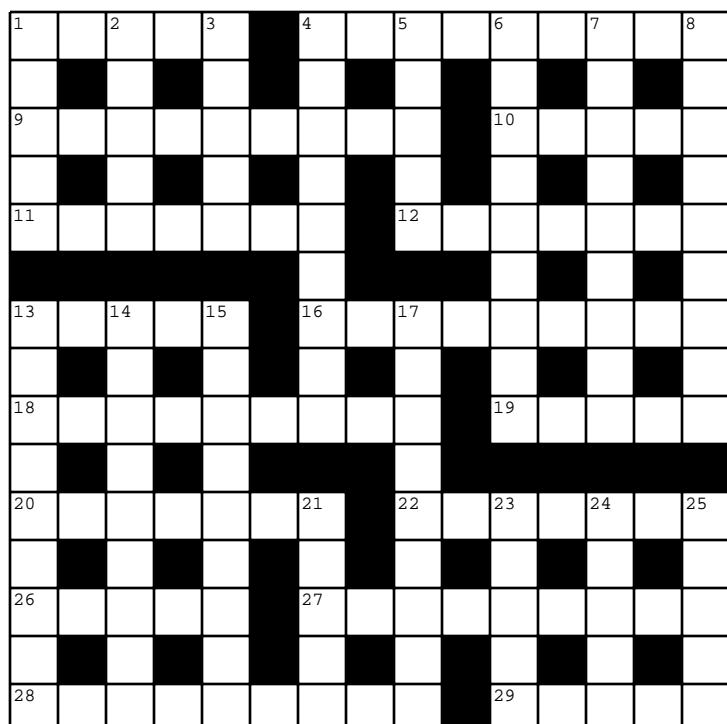
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| 4. NINETIETH  | 2. GUEST      |
| 9. STEADICAM  | 3. CIDER      |
| 10. NYLON     | 4. NICKS      |
| 11. SATIRES   | 5. NOMINATED  |
| 12. NEMESES   | 6. TENEMENTS  |
| 13. CHINA     | 7. ENLISTING  |
| 16. ATTENDING | 8. HINDSIGHT  |
| 17. COMPASSED | 13. COCKSCOMB |
| 18. SIGHT     | 14. IMMERSING |
| 19. SURREAL   | 15. AMATERASU |
| 20. SCALLOP   | 16. ABSOLVING |
| 24. ORIYA     | 20. SUITS     |
| 25. IDIOMATIC | 21. ADMIT     |
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| 27. TIRES     | 23. PICKS     |



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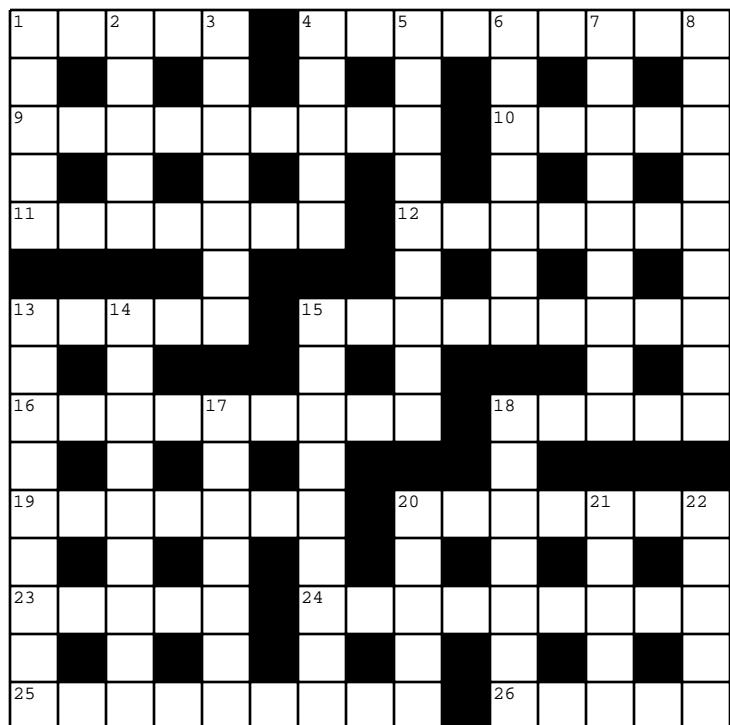
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| 9. EXCLAIMED  | 3. CHAIR      |
| 10. TWERP     | 4. SYMPHONIC  |
| 11. MONARCH   | 5. UNDER      |
| 12. RINGLET   | 6. BOTANICAL  |
| 13. PSALM     | 7. REENLISTS  |
| 16. NEWSCASTS | 8. DEPUTISES  |
| 18. EMPIRICAL | 13. PREVAILED |
| 19. LASTS     | 14. APPARATUS |
| 20. ADRIANA   | 15. MARMALADE |
| 22. PARSNIP   | 17. WALLPAPER |
| 26. LETHA     | 21. AVILA     |
| 27. IMPROMPTU | 23. RHODA     |
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| 29. AISLE     | 25. PAUSE     |



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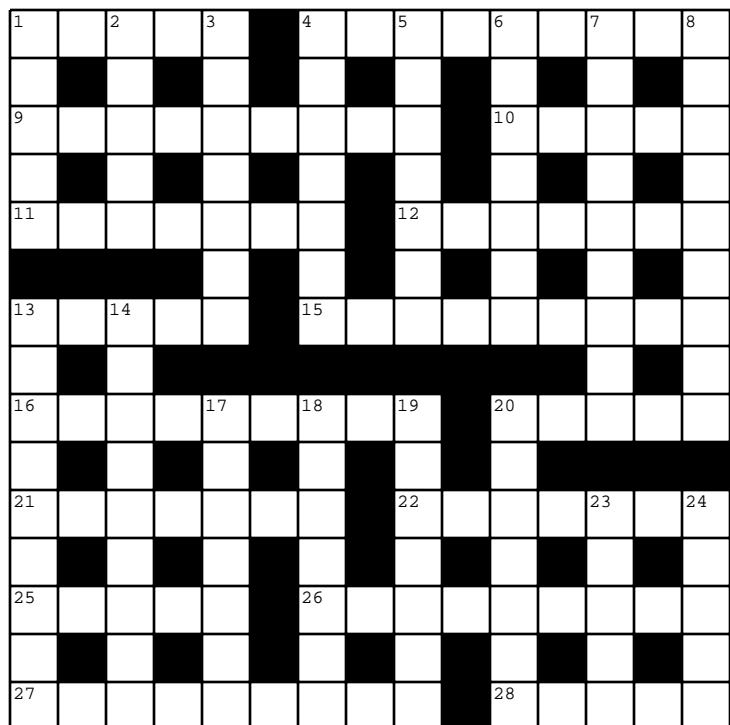
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| 4. DEATHTRAP  | 2. ACORN      |
| 9. TROUSSEAU  | 3. MYSTERY    |
| 10. VICAR     | 4. DREAD      |
| 11. CONTEND   | 5. AVUNCULAR  |
| 12. CORSAIR   | 6. HAVARTI    |
| 13. RISKY     | 7. RECTANGLE  |
| 15. WILLINGLY | 8. PORTRAYED  |
| 16. CHAUFFEUR | 13. RECONCILE |
| 18. GREED     | 14. STAIRCASE |
| 19. NURTURE   | 15. WHEREUPON |
| 20. DOUBLES   | 17. FEUDING   |
| 23. IRAQI     | 18. GAUDIER   |
| 24. PIZZICATO | 20. DIZZY     |
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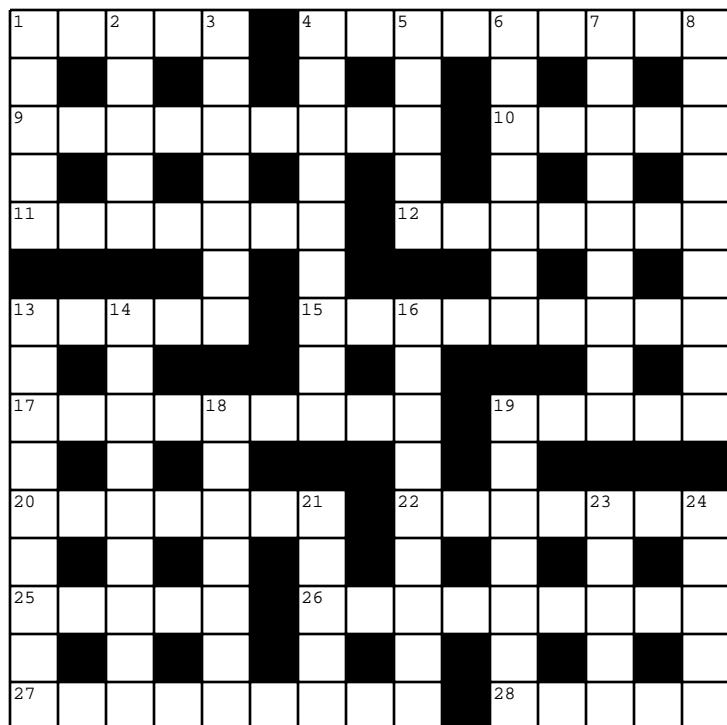
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| 9. CHIPEWYAN  | 3. EXECUTE    |
| 10. VERBS     | 4. CRYPTIC    |
| 11. YOGHURT   | 5. NINEPIN    |
| 12. PARVENU   | 6. INVERSE    |
| 13. FUGUE     | 7. CARPENTER  |
| 15. CONCERTOS | 8. DISGUISES  |
| 16. NONPROFIT | 13. FINGERTIP |
| 20. MARES     | 14. GONORRHEA |
| 21. EARLIER   | 17. RAIMENT   |
| 22. ALGIEBA   | 18. FURIOUS   |
| 25. TAHOE     | 19. TRAINED   |
| 26. OWNERSHIP | 20. MAGHREB   |
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| 28. BASIN     | 24. ASPEN     |



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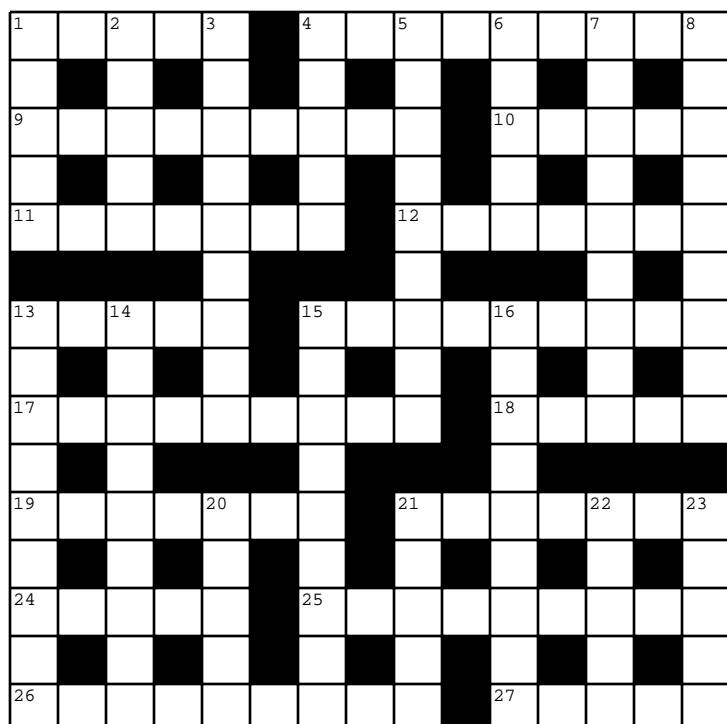
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| 1. PUFFS      | 1. POLYP      |
| 4. GAMECOCKS  | 2. FIGHT      |
| 9. LIGATURES  | 3. SATANIC    |
| 10. ROTOR     | 4. GARLANDED  |
| 11. PETUNIA   | 5. MUSIC      |
| 12. CAMACHO   | 6. CERAMIC    |
| 13. LOGIC     | 7. CATECHISM  |
| 15. DEDUCTION | 8. SURROUNDS  |
| 17. PERSUADES | 13. LIPSTICKS |
| 19. DAMES     | 14. GERMANIUM |
| 20. TRACHEA   | 16. DESOLATES |
| 22. LOGICAL   | 18. UNHOOKS   |
| 25. CHINO     | 19. DOGWOOD   |
| 26. POTPOURRI | 21. APPLE     |
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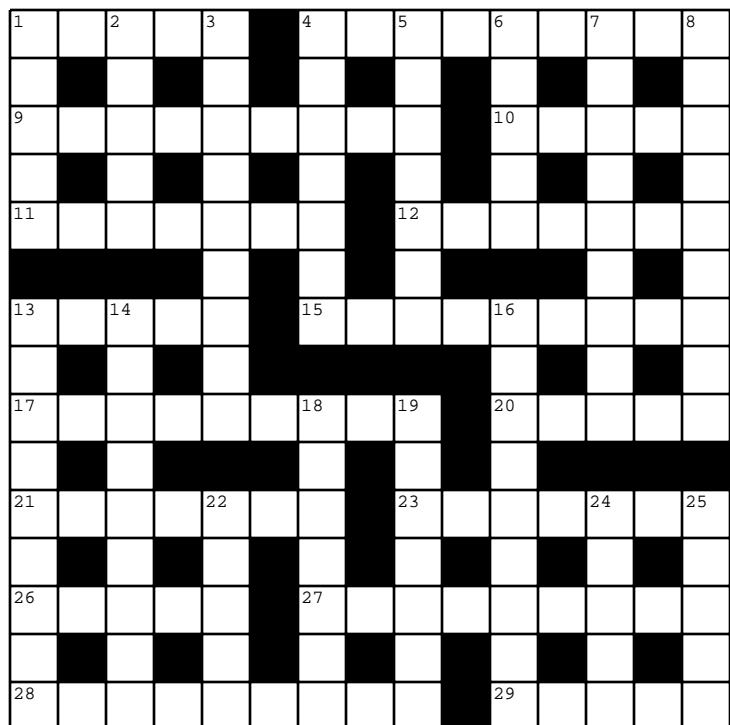
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| 9. DIVIDENDS  | 3. LEDERBERG  |
| 10. POSED     | 4. SINCE      |
| 11. OBSERVE   | 5. MUSKMELON  |
| 12. MESSAGE   | 6. TAPES      |
| 13. BUTTE     | 7. INSTALLED  |
| 15. BILLFOLDS | 8. GODDESES   |
| 17. ORANGUTAN | 13. BLOWTORCH |
| 18. LADES     | 14. TRANSFORM |
| 19. TESTATE   | 15. BUTTERFLY |
| 21. RAINBOW   | 16. FULFILLED |
| 24. RHODA     | 20. AVAIL     |
| 25. FRILLIEST | 21. RAINS     |
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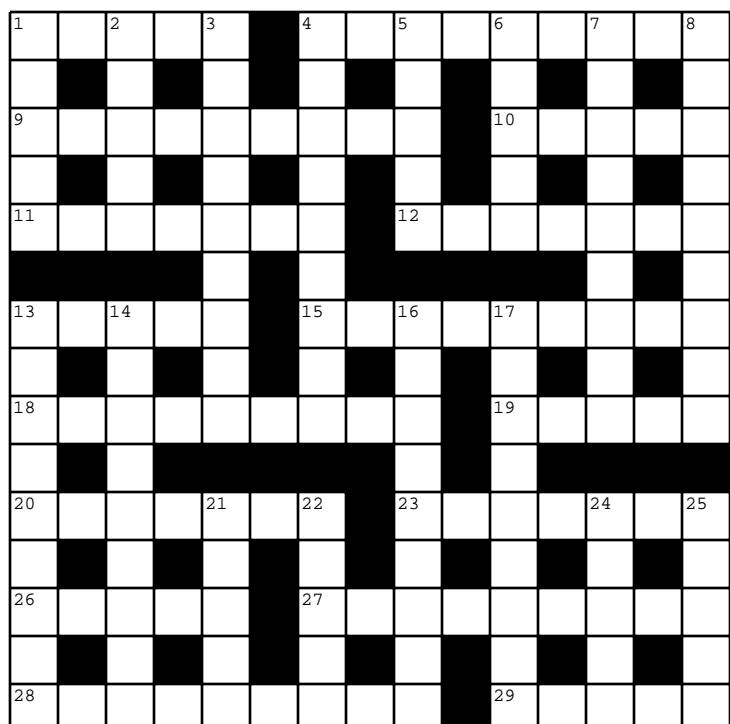
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| 4. PATRONISE  | 2. USING      |
| 9. ORIENTATE  | 3. BUNDESTAG  |
| 10. BEFOG     | 4. PLANTED    |
| 11. SEGMENT   | 5. THEOREM    |
| 12. RETINAL   | 6. ORBIT      |
| 13. RESET     | 7. INFANTILE  |
| 15. DAMNATION | 8. EGGPLANTS  |
| 17. ANALGESIC | 13. REALISTIC |
| 20. CHEFS     | 14. STATEMENT |
| 21. INERTIA   | 16. ACCOUNTED |
| 23. AQUATIC   | 18. SPARSER   |
| 26. THETA     | 19. CHANNEL   |
| 27. SANATORIA | 22. TRACE     |
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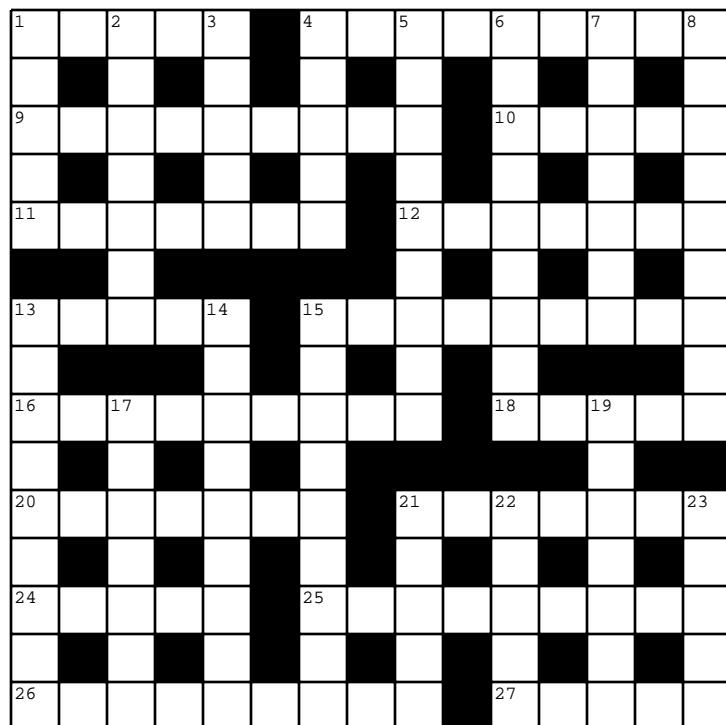
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| 10. LOGIC     | 4. ONLOOKERS  |
| 11. EDGARDO   | 5. GLEAM      |
| 12. MINUTIA   | 6. NYLON      |
| 13. HOPED     | 7. LIGHTNING  |
| 15. EMBODYING | 8. EXCHANGED  |
| 18. PROCESSOR | 13. HOPEFULLY |
| 19. PAGED     | 14. PHENICIA  |
| 20. FUNERAL   | 16. BIRDCAGES |
| 23. CASTOFF   | 17. DEPOSITOR |
| 26. LOCKS     | 21. RISEN     |
| 27. NIGHTCLUB | 22. LINEN     |
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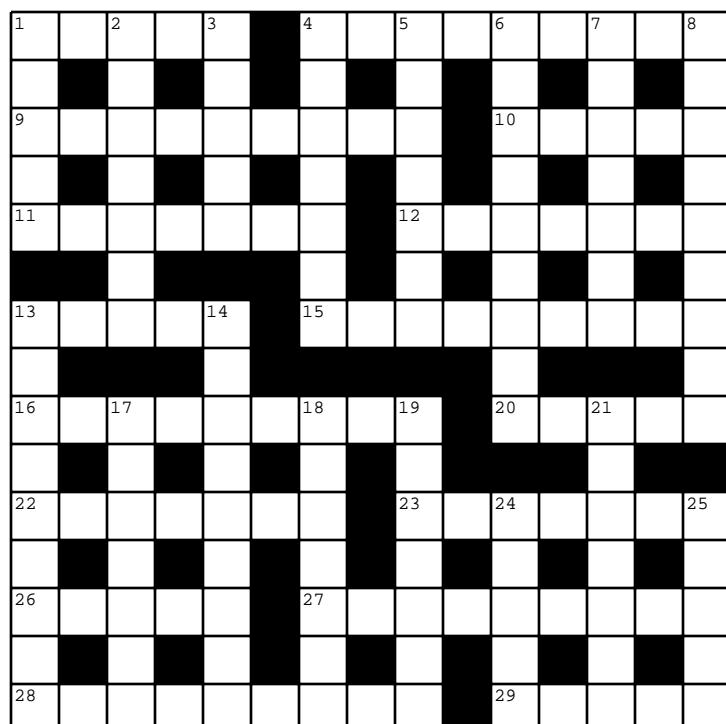
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| 9. UNNATURAL  | 3. LATER      |
| 10. ANVIL     | 4. BORES      |
| 11. EXTORTS   | 5. COLLAPSED  |
| 12. ANGELIC   | 6. STAGGERED  |
| 13. CARED     | 7. DEVALUE    |
| 15. ABSURDEST | 8. SOLICITOR  |
| 16. ENTRAPPED | 13. CLEOPATRA |
| 18. DIMER     | 14. DEATHTRAP |
| 20. PARTHIA   | 15. APPRAISAL |
| 21. ARSENAL   | 17. TERSEST   |
| 24. THEIR     | 19. MENOTTI   |
| 25. SPAGHETTI | 21. AWAIT     |
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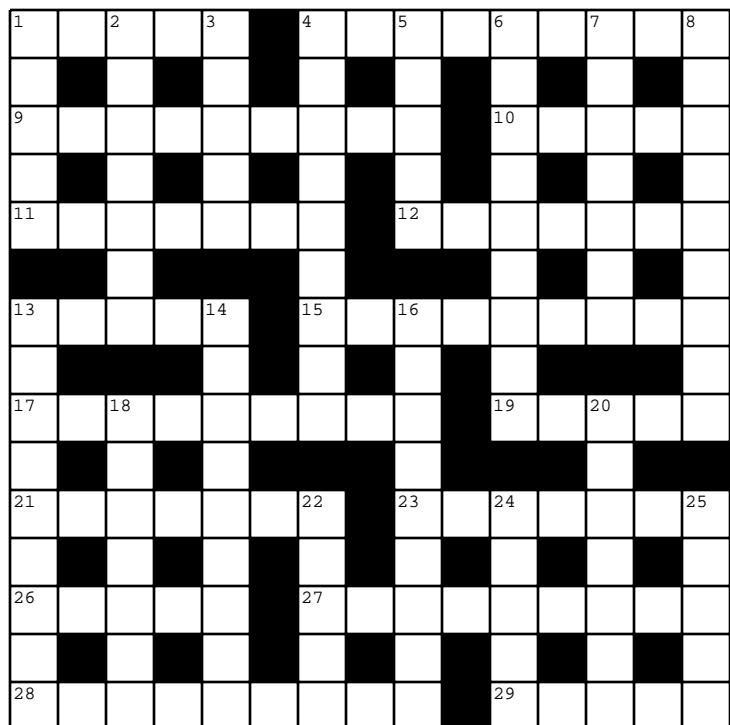
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| 9. HAMMURABI  | 3. KHUFU      |
| 10. PROOF     | 4. FLATTOP    |
| 11. DISRUPT   | 5. IMITATE    |
| 12. AGONIZE   | 6. HYPNOTISM  |
| 13. MUSIC     | 7. IDOLIZE    |
| 15. PRESIDENT | 8. REFLECTOR  |
| 16. NARCOTICS | 13. MONITORED |
| 20. MOTOR     | 14. CHORUSING |
| 22. TISSUES   | 17. ROSANNA   |
| 23. ESCAPED   | 18. INSTANT   |
| 26. RANDI     | 19. SPEEDED   |
| 27. AUDIENCES | 21. TYPICAL   |
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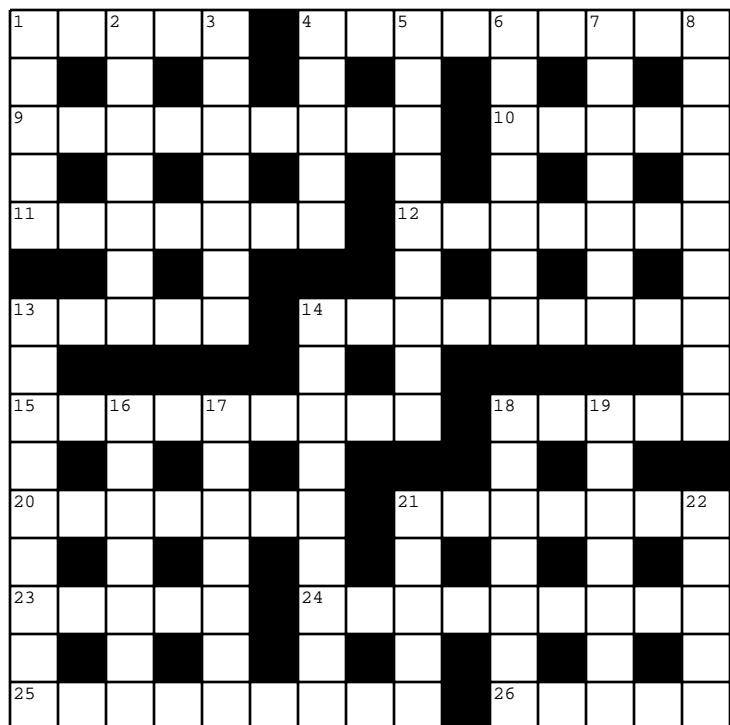
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| 9. SPASMODIC  | 3. TIMED      |
| 10. FICES     | 4. AUDITORIA  |
| 11. COULDNT   | 5. VICAR      |
| 12. REGULAR   | 6. SAFEGUARD  |
| 13. KEEPS     | 7. BACILLI    |
| 15. RADIATION | 8. ENSHRINES  |
| 17. EXTERNALS | 13. KEEPSAKES |
| 19. DISCS     | 14. SURPASSED |
| 21. SUBWAYS   | 16. DISAVOWED |
| 23. VECTORS   | 18. TABATHA   |
| 26. KITES     | 20. SHORTER   |
| 27. REWRITTEN | 22. SORER     |
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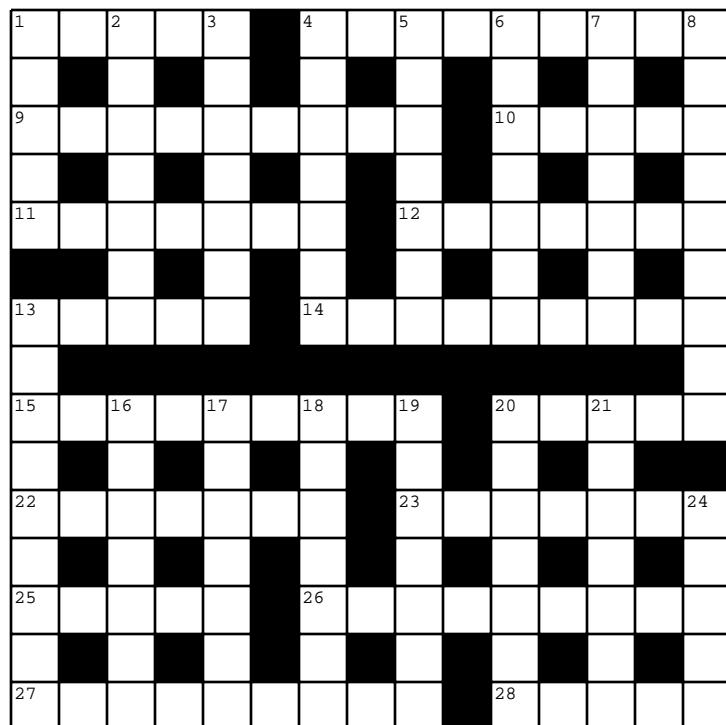
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| 9. AUDITORIA  | 3. ENTRIES    |
| 10. ASKEW     | 4. NORTH      |
| 11. CATFISH   | 5. GOALPOSTS  |
| 12. PRITHEE   | 6. TRACING    |
| 13. HURTS     | 7. LAKSHMI    |
| 14. DESIGNING | 8. BOWLEGGED  |
| 15. ACTIVISTS | 13. HEADACHES |
| 18. OWNED     | 14. DESCENDED |
| 20. ARRANGE   | 16. TARDIES   |
| 21. PREEMPT   | 17. VENTURE   |
| 23. HAIKU     | 18. OVERLAP   |
| 24. DECOLLETE | 19. NUMBEST   |
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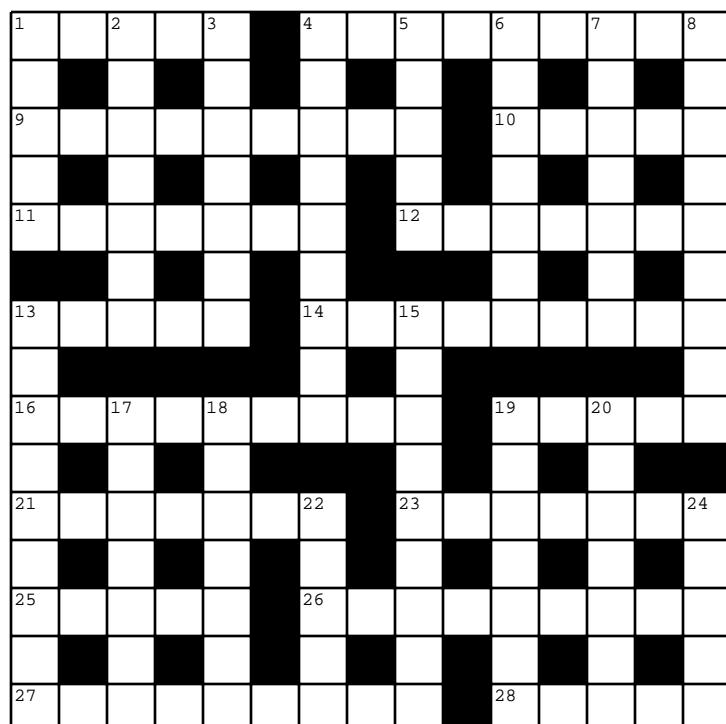
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| 4. SEDUCTION  | 2. LEATHER    |
| 9. CHARCOALS  | 3. RECTIFY    |
| 10. ALDEN     | 4. STARTER    |
| 11. ATHEIST   | 5. DASHIKI    |
| 12. INSTALL   | 6. COARSER    |
| 13. CURLY     | 7. INDIANA    |
| 14. RAILROADS | 8. NONPLUSES  |
| 15. ECCENTRIC | 13. CHECKROOM |
| 20. PLAYS     | 16. CAREFUL   |
| 22. KARAKUL   | 17. NIKOLAI   |
| 23. MERCURY   | 18. RELABEL   |
| 25. OFFAL     | 19. COMPLEX   |
| 26. BALLERINA | 20. PARVENU   |
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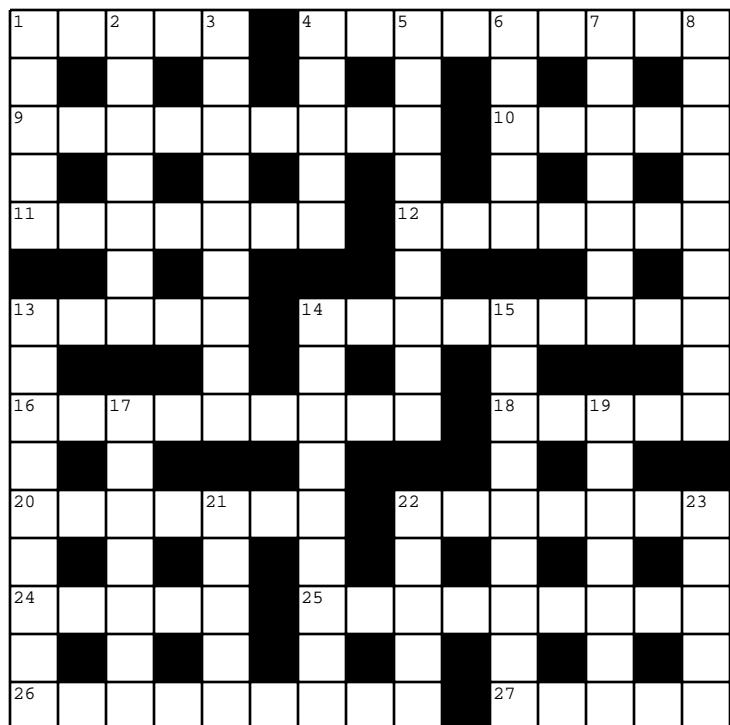
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| 9. PARAMECIA  | 3. MIMICRY    |
| 10. DELTA     | 4. ACCLIMATE  |
| 11. CADUCEI   | 5. HEART      |
| 12. THALAMI   | 6. BEDLAMS    |
| 13. NASTY     | 7. SYLLABI    |
| 14. ADJUSTING | 8. AMAZINGLY  |
| 16. TROUSSEAU | 13. NATIONALS |
| 19. IMPLY     | 15. JAUNDICED |
| 21. OTHELLO   | 17. OPHELIA   |
| 23. DISHRAG   | 18. SALIENT   |
| 25. ALLIE     | 19. INSIGHT   |
| 26. INCOGNITO | 20. PORTICO   |
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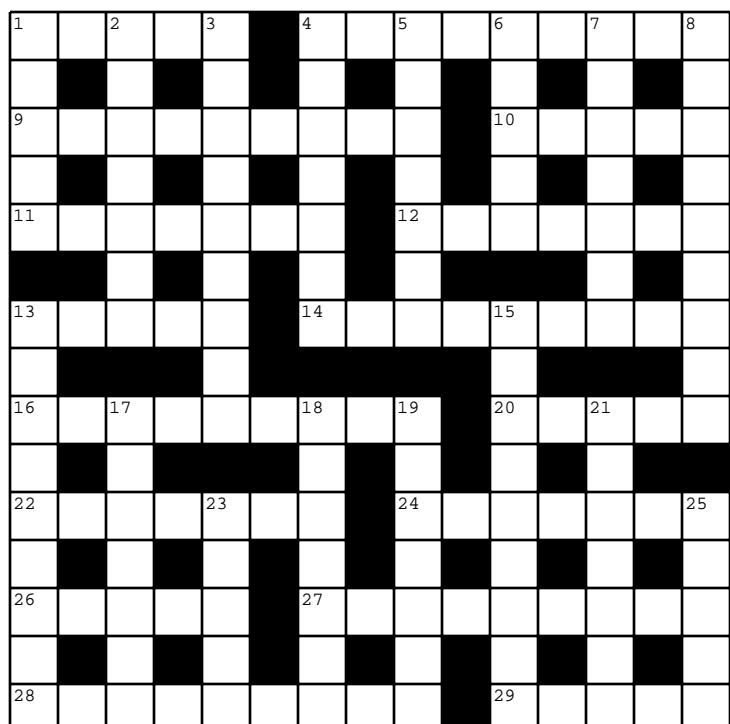
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| 9. SELECTIVE  | 3. DECORATOR  |
| 10. MEDIC     | 4. TRIPS      |
| 11. EXHORTS   | 5. CLEARANCE  |
| 12. RADICAL   | 6. NAMED      |
| 13. GUILT     | 7. CADUCEI    |
| 14. CENTURIES | 8. LOCALISES  |
| 16. REARRANGE | 13. GYROSCOPE |
| 18. HEARS     | 14. CONCEALED |
| 20. SNUGGLE   | 15. UNHELPFUL |
| 22. HOLCOMB   | 17. AQUATIC   |
| 24. OUTDO     | 19. APOLOGY   |
| 25. LEAPFROGS | 21. GROUP     |
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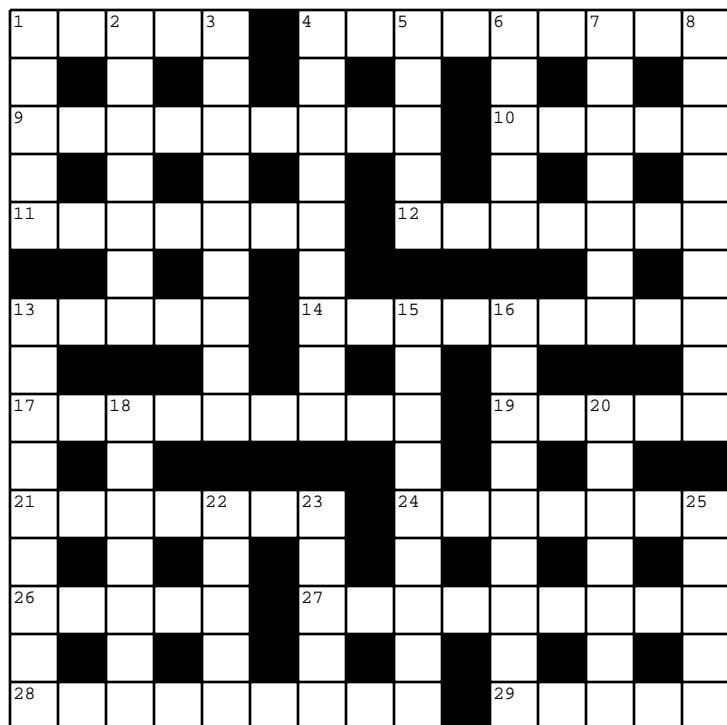
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| 9. REACTIONS  | 3. ANTELOPES  |
| 10. FRANC     | 4. BLOSSOM    |
| 11. EXHALES   | 5. RUSSIAN    |
| 12. INSTEAD   | 6. FIFES      |
| 13. STRIP     | 7. CHATEAU    |
| 14. MANNEQUIN | 8. DECADENCE  |
| 16. BLESSEDER | 13. SUBSTRATA |
| 20. PRIZE     | 15. EMPIRICAL |
| 22. THISTLE   | 17. ELITIST   |
| 24. STRIPED   | 18. DREAMED   |
| 26. ADIEU     | 19. RESIDES   |
| 27. MEDICAIDS | 21. IMPLIES   |
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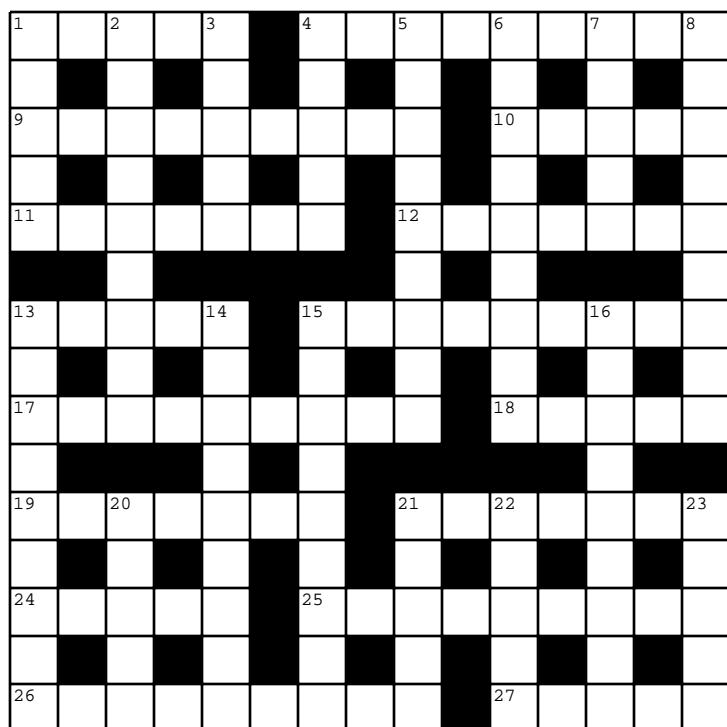
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| 9. BOOMERANG  | 3. EXECRATES  |
| 10. NEGEV     | 4. TRANSFORM  |
| 11. TAVERNS   | 5. MAGOG      |
| 12. GROWTHS   | 6. TANGO      |
| 13. HADNT     | 7. BUGATTI    |
| 14. OFFENDING | 8. ENVISAGED  |
| 17. LONESOMES | 13. HALLOWEEN |
| 19. COULD     | 15. FASHIONED |
| 21. ONESELF   | 16. NECESSITY |
| 24. INSECTS   | 18. NEEDING   |
| 26. EXILE     | 20. UNCLEAR   |
| 27. CENTIPEDE | 22. ENEMA     |
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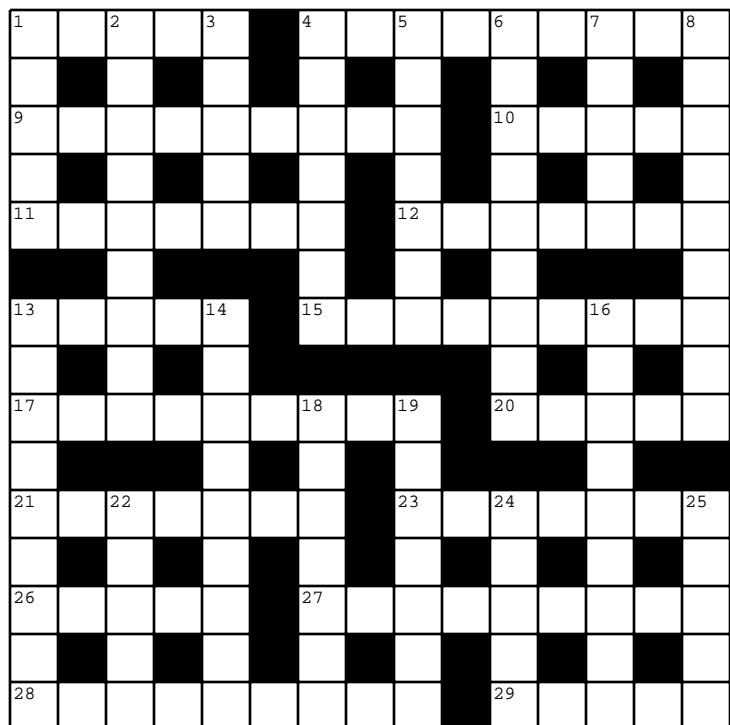
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| 9. OVERSLEEP  | 3. RISEN      |
| 10. PLAIN     | 4. SCENE      |
| 11. ASKANCE   | 5. RAPACIOUS  |
| 12. CHENGDU   | 6. APPREHEND  |
| 13. BLOOD     | 7. TWANG      |
| 15. PROFESSOR | 8. CONQUERED  |
| 17. CREATURES | 13. BACKHANDS |
| 18. DREAD     | 14. DETECTIVE |
| 19. HIBACHI   | 15. PARTISANS |
| 21. BATHTUB   | 16. SKEPTICAL |
| 24. NISEI     | 20. BASIC     |
| 25. ARTIFACTS | 21. BITES     |
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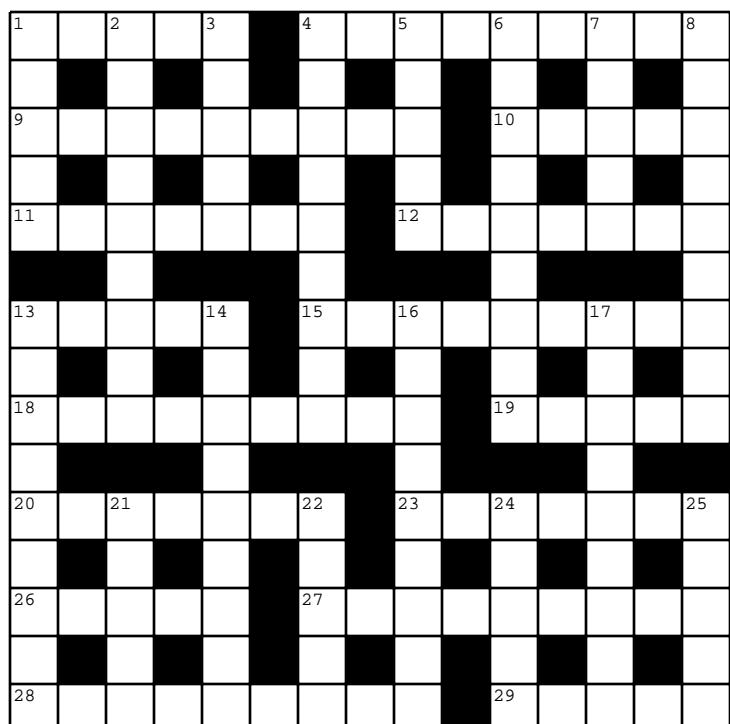
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| 9. HEADFIRST  | 3. DEFER      |
| 10. INANE     | 4. HARELIP    |
| 11. CENTRAL   | 5. LETICIA    |
| 12. CAMILLA   | 6. AXIOMATIC  |
| 13. STACI     | 7. AVAIL      |
| 15. PRACTISED | 8. ALEJANDRA  |
| 17. ATHEISTIC | 13. SPAGHETTI |
| 20. COBRA     | 14. INITIATOR |
| 21. HAPPIER   | 16. SUBSTANCE |
| 23. ROBOTIC   | 18. TERMINI   |
| 26. TRUST     | 19. CAREFUL   |
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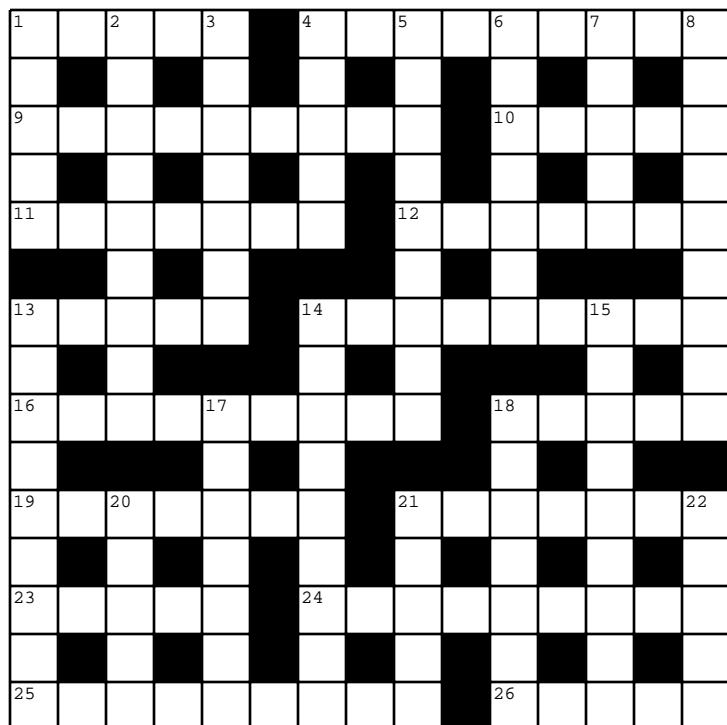
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| 9. RIGOLETTO  | 3. SOLAR      |
| 10. DATES     | 4. ENTRAPPED  |
| 11. ROBERTA   | 5. THOSE      |
| 12. ESTELLA   | 6. AUDITORIA  |
| 13. CHATS     | 7. TOTAL      |
| 15. PROGRAMED | 8. DISCARDED  |
| 18. ACCOLADED | 13. CLASSICAL |
| 19. ACHED     | 14. SPLENDOUR |
| 20. SAVANNA   | 16. ORDAINING |
| 23. IMPARTS   | 17. MAHARISHI |
| 26. CACAO     | 21. VICED     |
| 27. UNIVERSAL | 22. ABUSE     |
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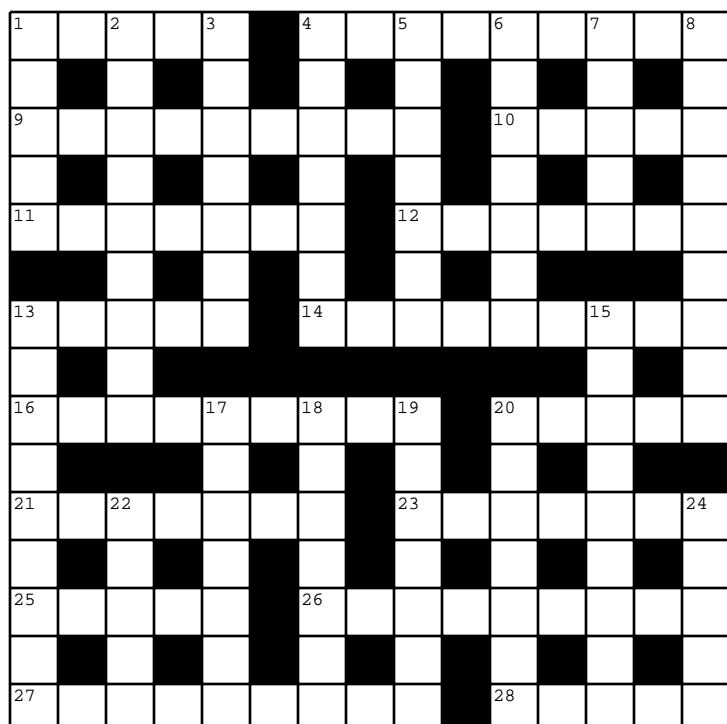
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| 9. DENIGRATE  | 3. TIGHTLY    |
| 10. AIMED     | 4. AGAIN      |
| 11. AGUSTIN   | 5. APERTURES  |
| 12. THUNDER   | 6. ERASURE    |
| 13. DECAY     | 7. ARMED      |
| 14. FORGETFUL | 8. UNDERFLOW  |
| 16. ABRASIVES | 13. DIASTOLIC |
| 18. ARROW     | 14. FAVOURING |
| 19. TABLEAU   | 15. FORTUNATE |
| 21. DISTURB   | 17. SPECTRA   |
| 23. LISZT     | 18. ABSCOND   |
| 24. INAMORATA | 20. BOSOM     |
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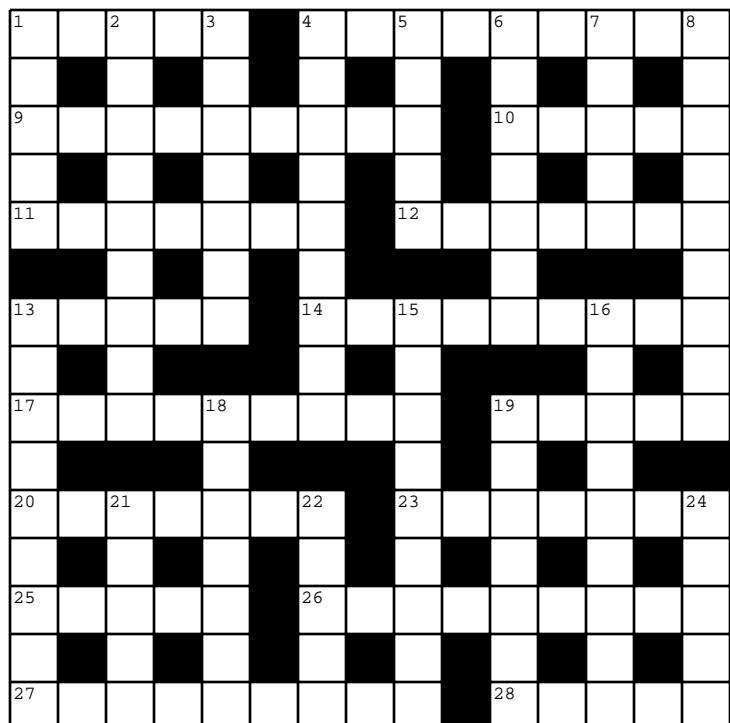
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| 10. IDIOT     | 4. PLASTIC    |
| 11. GALLANT   | 5. THEREON    |
| 12. ENAMOUR   | 6. ORIGAMI    |
| 13. DEPTH     | 7. RHINO      |
| 14. CUNNINGER | 8. INTERPRET  |
| 16. AXIOMATIC | 13. DIARRHOEA |
| 20. EXACT     | 15. GLANDULAR |
| 21. RIVIERA   | 17. MEEKEST   |
| 23. RIGIDLY   | 18. TRAMPED   |
| 25. OVULE     | 19. CORPSES   |
| 26. POSSIBLER | 20. ENGLISH   |
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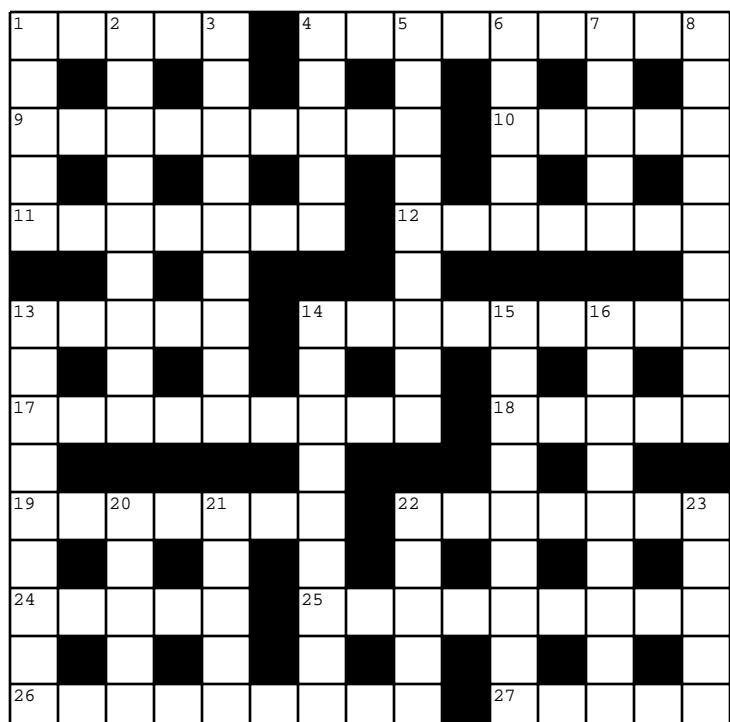
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| 9. OVERCOMES  | 3. SECLUDE    |
| 10. BATON     | 4. NAMESAKES  |
| 11. COLOURS   | 5. SASSY      |
| 12. YARDAGE   | 6. ALBERTA    |
| 13. ALIVE     | 7. GOTTA      |
| 14. KIDNAPPED | 8. CONTENDED  |
| 17. ATHABASCA | 13. ADAPTABLE |
| 19. NOTED     | 15. DEADLINED |
| 20. TYPICAL   | 16. POTPOURRI |
| 23. LACTOSE   | 18. BECAUSE   |
| 25. BELAU     | 19. NUCLEAR   |
| 26. CONFERRER | 21. POLYP     |
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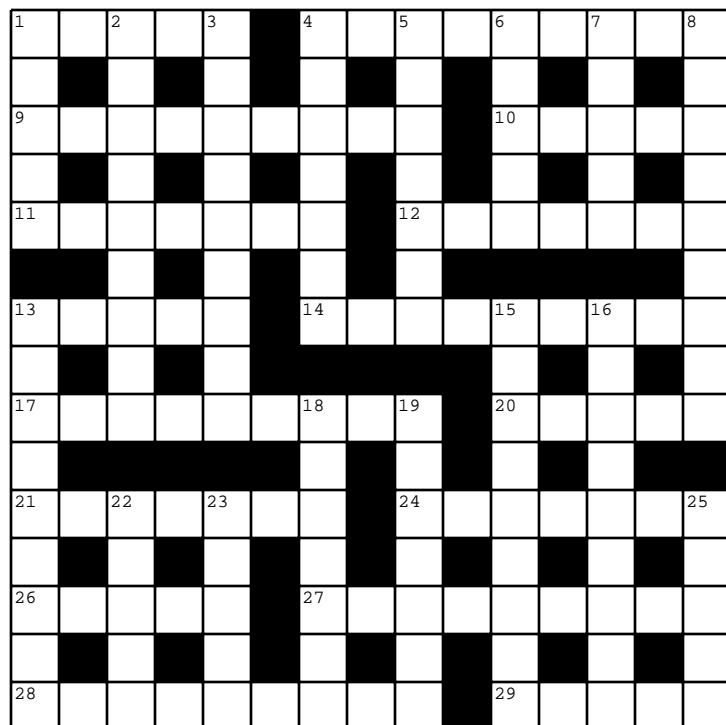
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| 10. CYNIC     | 4. GLIDE      |
| 11. REFUGEE   | 5. MILWAUKEE  |
| 12. AZIMUTH   | 6. CACTI      |
| 13. CELLI     | 7. CANTU      |
| 14. AWKWARDER | 8. SACCHARIN  |
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| 18. MASON     | 14. ANYWHERE  |
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| 22. BADGERS   | 16. DISBELIEF |
| 24. NEGRO     | 20. GAGES     |
| 25. REPULSIVE | 21. INONU     |
| 26. DISCUSSED | 22. BIPED     |
| 27. OFFER     | 23. SHEER     |



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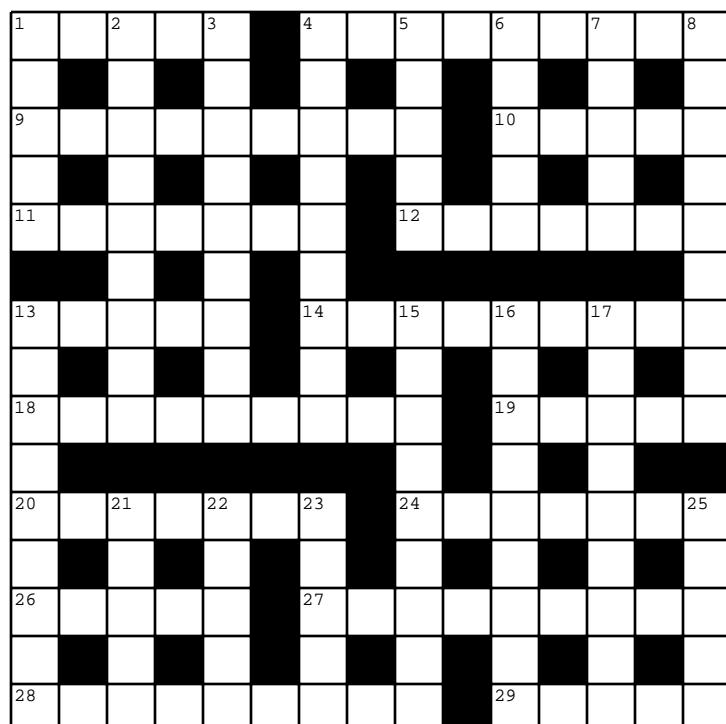
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| 4. PISTACHIO  | 2. GODPARENT  |
| 9. UNDECIDED  | 3. DICTATORS  |
| 10. SINCE     | 4. PADLOCK    |
| 11. BRAVADO   | 5. SADDLED    |
| 12. LANGUOR   | 6. ARSON      |
| 13. CREDO     | 7. HINDU      |
| 14. KIDNAPPED | 8. OVERRIDES  |
| 17. BATHSHEBA | 13. CABLECAST |
| 20. OGRES     | 15. ABOLISHES |
| 21. EARRING   | 16. PORTFOLIO |
| 24. PAINFUL   | 18. ENGULFS   |
| 26. AMIGA     | 19. APPROVE   |
| 27. LOOPHOLES | 22. REIGN     |
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| 29. SHOWS     | 25. LASTS     |



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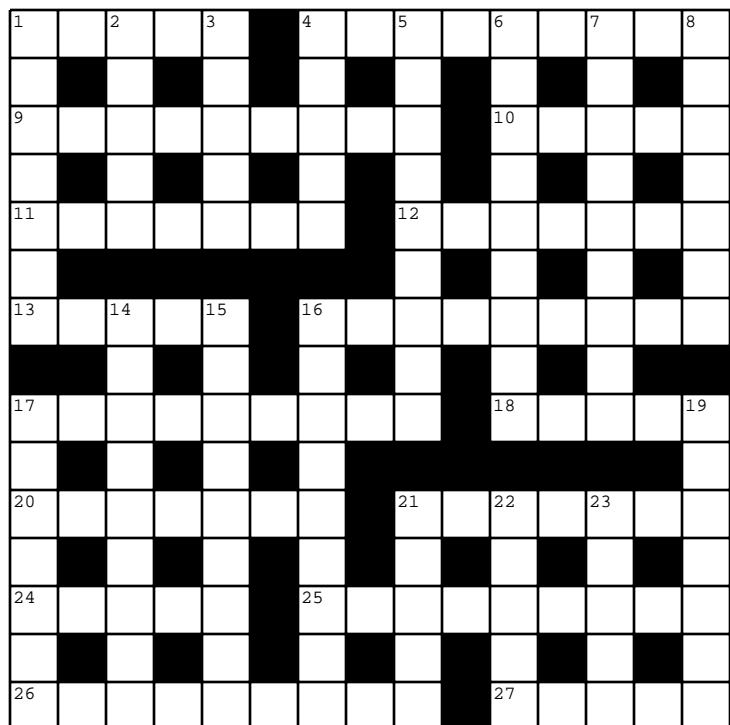
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| 4. DEBRIEFED  | 2. ANTIPASTI  |
| 9. LITERALLY  | 3. TERMINATE  |
| 10. IVIES     | 4. DELEGATES  |
| 11. CUPPING   | 5. BAYES      |
| 12. SCALLOP   | 6. IBIZA      |
| 13. PASTA     | 7. FRILL      |
| 14. TOWNHOUSE | 8. DISAPPEAR  |
| 18. UNIVERSAL | 13. PLUNDERED |
| 19. NEWER     | 15. WALLPAPER |
| 20. DELIGHT   | 16. HUNDREDTH |
| 24. PARTIAL   | 17. UNWRITTEN |
| 26. REALM     | 21. LEAST     |
| 27. EXPEDITES | 22. GAMIN     |
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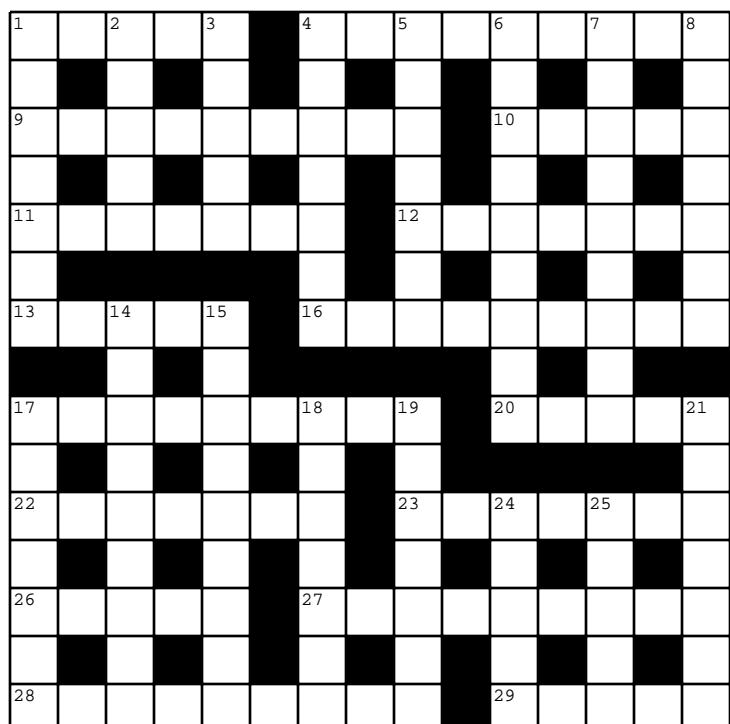
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| 4. MARIHUANA  | 2. EXPEL      |
| 9. APPEARING  | 3. HEAVE      |
| 10. NEVER     | 4. MAIMS      |
| 11. FALTERS   | 5. REGULATED  |
| 12. LAYERED   | 6. HONEYCOMB  |
| 13. COPRA     | 7. ADVERBIAL  |
| 16. PATRONIZE | 8. ABRIDGE    |
| 17. PREAMBLED | 14. PRECURSOR |
| 18. BALLS     | 15. ARMCHAIRS |
| 20. ROUGHER   | 16. PALTRIEST |
| 21. LEECHES   | 17. PARSNIP   |
| 24. NISEI     | 19. SESAMES   |
| 25. EARTHWORM | 21. LYRIC     |
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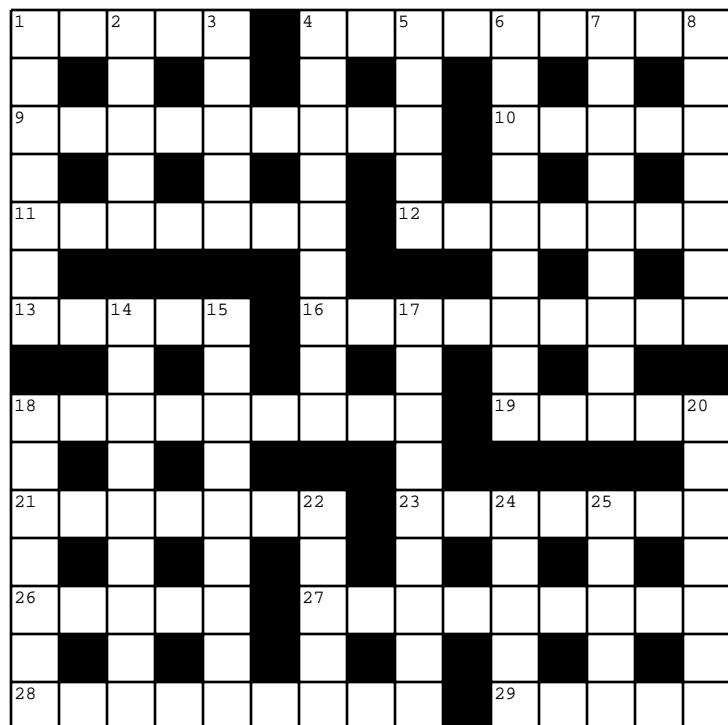
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| 9. PROGRAMME  | 3. TORSI      |
| 10. CAGES     | 4. FAMINES    |
| 11. OVATION   | 5. ACERBIC    |
| 12. BRITTLE   | 6. ENCHILADA  |
| 13. ETHIC     | 7. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 16. SOCIABLES | 8. LISTENS    |
| 17. CHRONICLE | 14. HARSHNESS |
| 20. ALBUM     | 15. CANNERIES |
| 22. ACHIEVE   | 17. CHANCED   |
| 23. IMPORTS   | 18. CREMATE   |
| 26. CHERI     | 19. EDITORS   |
| 27. ANOMALIES | 21. MISUSED   |
| 28. DISASTERS | 24. PLACE     |
| 29. EASED     | 25. RAINS     |



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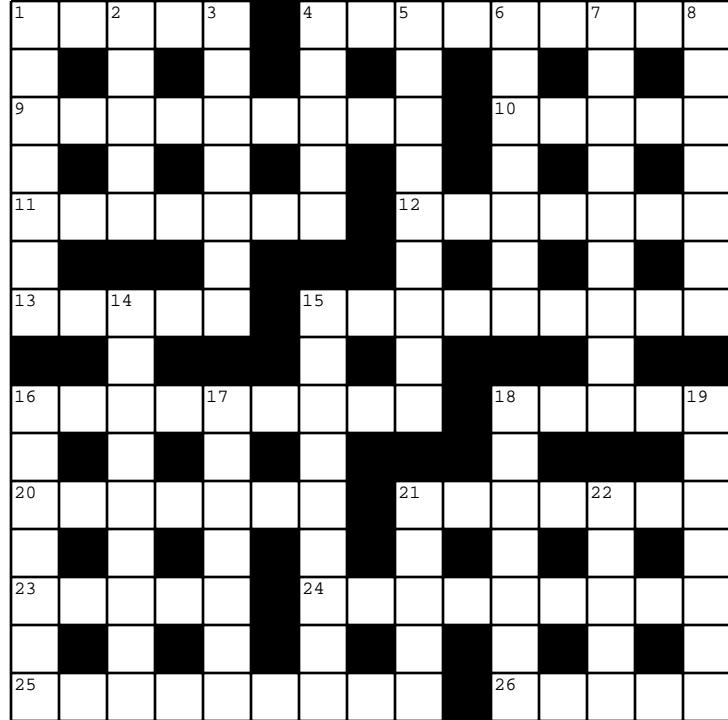
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| 4. OVERCROWD  | 2. DISCO      |
| 9. MISSHAPEN  | 3. ASHED      |
| 10. RINGS     | 4. OPPORTUNE  |
| 11. BLONDER   | 5. ENNUI      |
| 12. INSURER   | 6. CORKSCREW  |
| 13. YAWNS     | 7. OWNERSHIP  |
| 16. UNEARTHLY | 8. DESTROY    |
| 18. ANTEATERS | 14. WATERSHED |
| 19. WIPES     | 15. STALWARTS |
| 21. THROWER   | 17. ENSEMBLES |
| 23. MELODIC   | 18. ACTIONS   |
| 26. OTHER     | 20. SOCIETY   |
| 27. TOLERANCE | 22. RATIO     |
| 28. SIDESHOWS | 24. LORRY     |
| 29. YUMMY     | 25. DENIM     |



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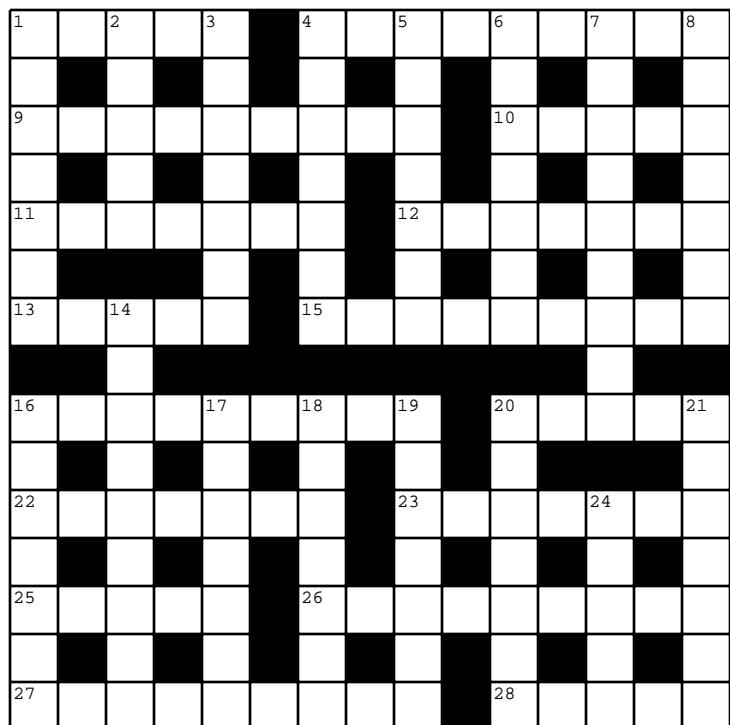
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| 9. IMPROMPTU  | 3. CHOICES    |
| 10. ALONG     | 4. BIPED      |
| 11. INDUCED   | 5. LAUNDRIES  |
| 12. DIGITAL   | 6. FRAUGHT    |
| 13. NOSES     | 7. GHOSTLIER  |
| 15. WHISTLING | 8. TAGALOG    |
| 16. BACKBONES | 14. SYCOPHANT |
| 18. PARKA     | 15. WONDERFUL |
| 20. IMPULSE   | 16. BRIANNA   |
| 21. IDIOTIC   | 17. BELLHOP   |
| 23. NEATH     | 18. POINTED   |
| 24. FLUSTERED | 19. ACCEDES   |
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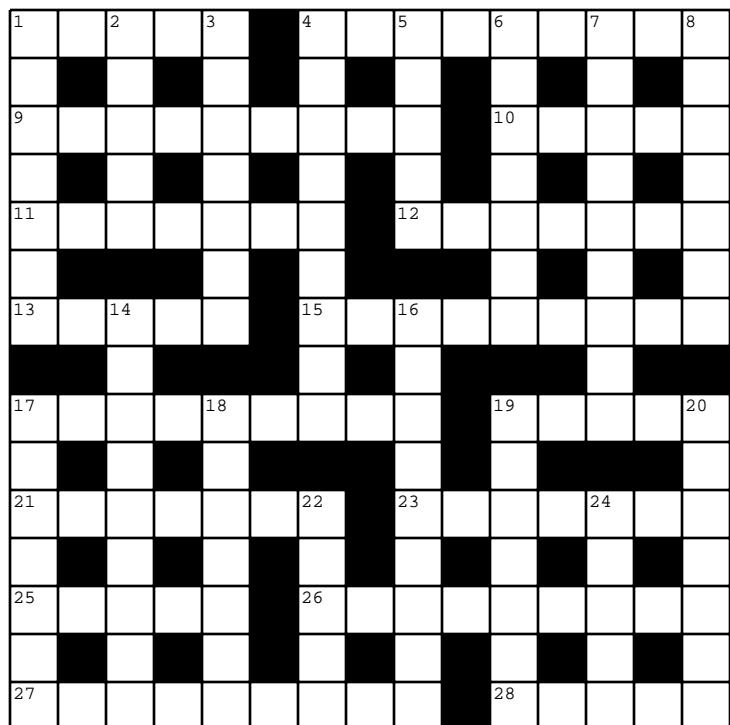
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| 4. SYCOPANT   | 2. OGRES      |
| 9. LORGNETTE  | 3. GENERIC    |
| 10. OPIUM     | 4. SATISFY    |
| 11. RESORTS   | 5. CHENGDU    |
| 12. GROOMED   | 6. PROLONG    |
| 13. MIMIC     | 7. AXIOMATIC  |
| 15. YOUNGSTER | 8. TIMIDER    |
| 16. FIREPROOF | 14. MARCELINO |
| 20. MACHO     | 16. FASTENS   |
| 22. SHERIFF   | 17. PRIESTS   |
| 23. INDUCED   | 18. OFFICER   |
| 25. EVILS     | 19. FLIPPED   |
| 26. CAPRICORN | 20. MIDRIFF   |
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| 28. FRIED     | 24. CROCI     |



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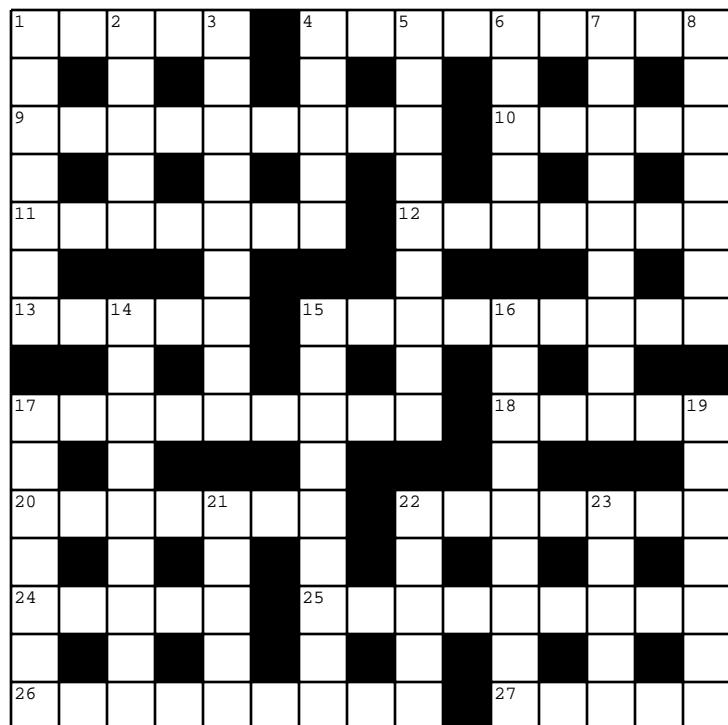
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| 4. INSOMNIAC  | 2. HOMED      |
| 9. DOMINICAN  | 3. CONSIST    |
| 10. SUPER     | 4. INCORRECT  |
| 11. RUDDIER   | 5. SENNA      |
| 12. ANCHORS   | 6. MUSICAL    |
| 13. DEBIT     | 7. IMPROMPTU  |
| 15. EUCALYPTI | 8. CHRISTI    |
| 17. PIROUETTE | 14. BARRISTER |
| 19. PLUMB     | 16. CHEAPENED |
| 21. IDIOTIC   | 17. PHILLIP   |
| 23. PROMPTS   | 18. UTTERER   |
| 25. LATER     | 19. PROVERB   |
| 26. CONGEALED | 20. BESIDES   |
| 27. PORTRAYED | 22. COCKY     |
| 28. BEARS     | 24. POLKA     |



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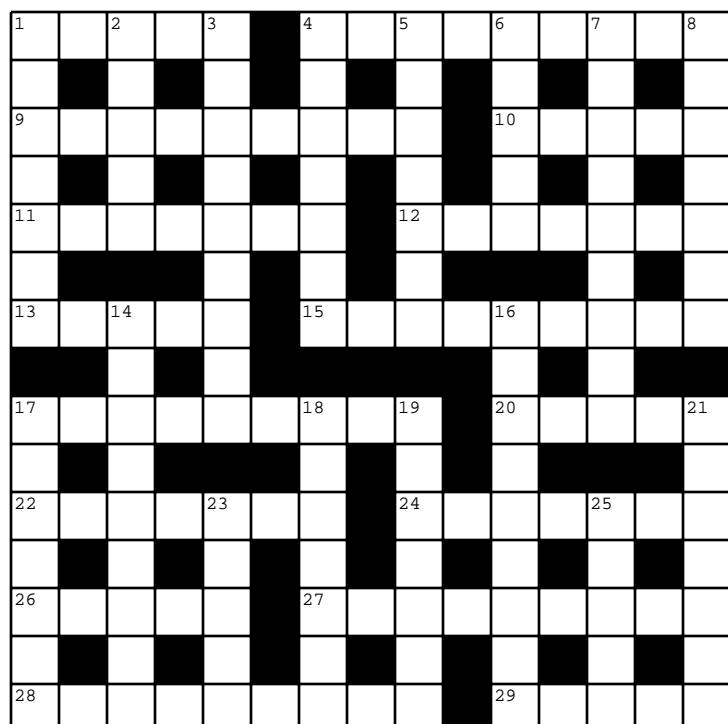
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| 4. UNFOUNDED  | 2. ANNIE      |
| 9. FINANCIER  | 3. CENTIPEDE  |
| 10. BASIC     | 4. USING      |
| 11. EVENING   | 5. FOREIGNER  |
| 12. ISRAELI   | 6. UMBER      |
| 13. NICHE     | 7. DESPERADO  |
| 15. CONSTRAIN | 8. DICTION    |
| 17. RAGGEDIER | 14. CIGARILLO |
| 18. ALOHA     | 15. COINCIDED |
| 20. CERAMIC   | 16. TOADSTOOL |
| 22. ABSENTS   | 17. RECHECK   |
| 24. ECLAT     | 19. ASSISTS   |
| 25. DISLODGES | 21. METAL     |
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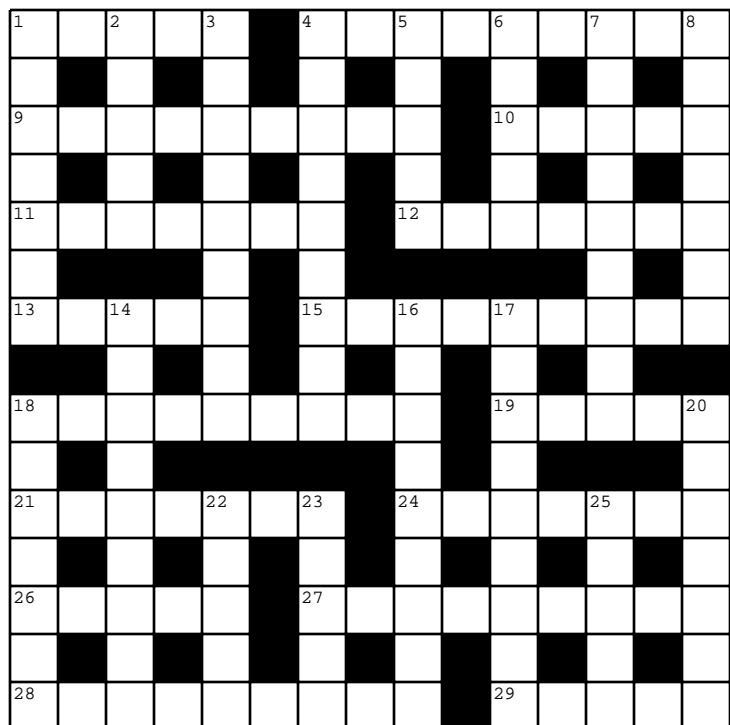
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| 4. GOSSIPED   | 2. LIVEN      |
| 9. INVASIONS  | 3. DISCREDIT  |
| 10. EQUAL     | 4. GROOMED    |
| 11. TANTRUM   | 5. SESAMES    |
| 12. MALACHI   | 6. IDEAL      |
| 13. CASED     | 7. PAUNCHIER  |
| 15. DESISTING | 8. DELVING    |
| 17. SANATORIA | 14. SYNTHESES |
| 20. OARED     | 16. SHORTENED |
| 22. APHASIC   | 17. SHALLOW   |
| 24. BATCHES   | 18. RECEDES   |
| 26. LASER     | 19. ALBUMEN   |
| 27. DOMINANTS | 21. DESISTS   |
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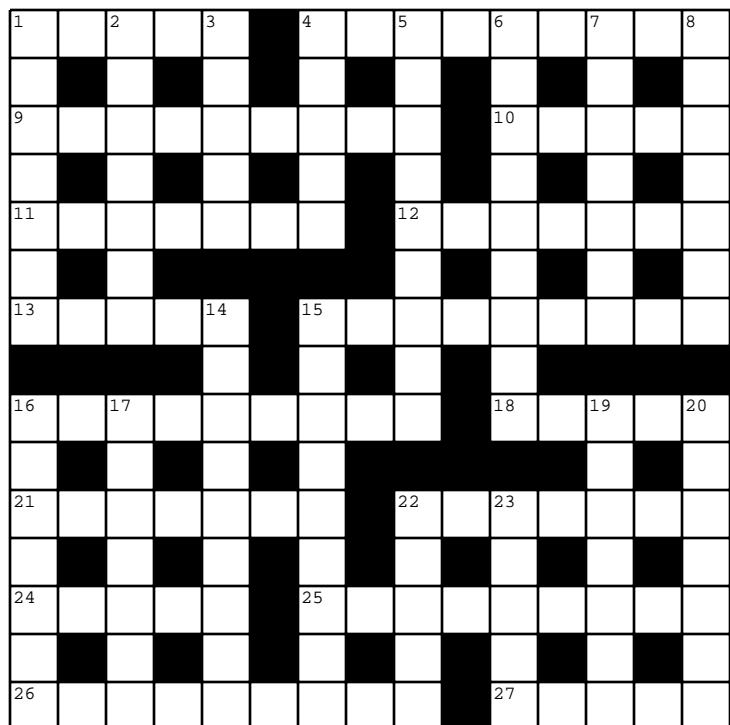
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| 4. LONESOMES  | 2. BASER      |
| 9. RESULTANT  | 3. MALLEABLE  |
| 10. NACHO     | 4. LEAPFROGS  |
| 11. HERSELF   | 5. NOTES      |
| 12. SECONDS   | 6. SONIC      |
| 13. PLUMB     | 7. MACINTOSH  |
| 15. OFFSHOOTS | 8. SPOUSES    |
| 18. DYSPEPSIA | 14. UNSCREWED |
| 19. NAHUM     | 16. FLAPJACKS |
| 21. GYRATED   | 17. HONEYCOMB |
| 24. JAYWALK   | 18. DOGMATA   |
| 26. AMWAY     | 20. MIKOYAN   |
| 27. SOCIOLOGY | 22. TRYST     |
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| 29. BEGAN     | 25. AMONG     |



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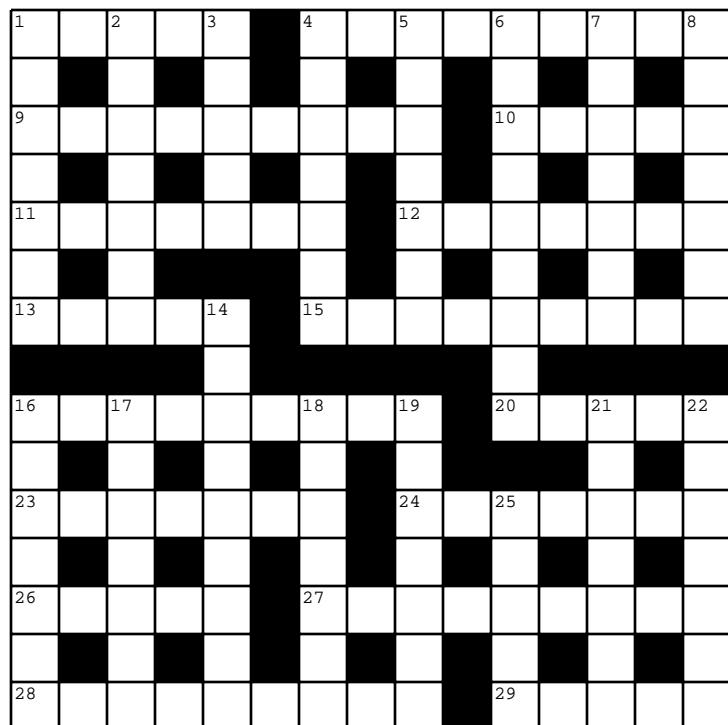
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| 1. BAKED      | 1. BOOTLEG    |
| 4. LAWMAKERS  | 2. KWANZAA    |
| 9. ORATORIES  | 3. DHOTI      |
| 10. CHEER     | 4. LYING      |
| 11. LAZYING   | 5. WASHCLOTH  |
| 12. CAPTAIN   | 6. ACCEPTING  |
| 13. GRAVE     | 7. ENEMATA    |
| 15. TROPICALS | 8. SERENES    |
| 16. GOLDSMITH | 14. ENSEMBLES |
| 18. GOODY     | 15. TRIALLING |
| 21. ABYSMAL   | 16. GRAMMAR   |
| 22. RESPELL   | 17. LAYERED   |
| 24. MORAL     | 19. OBEYING   |
| 25. INCOGNITO | 20. YELLOWS   |
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| 27. RAGES     | 23. SUGAR     |



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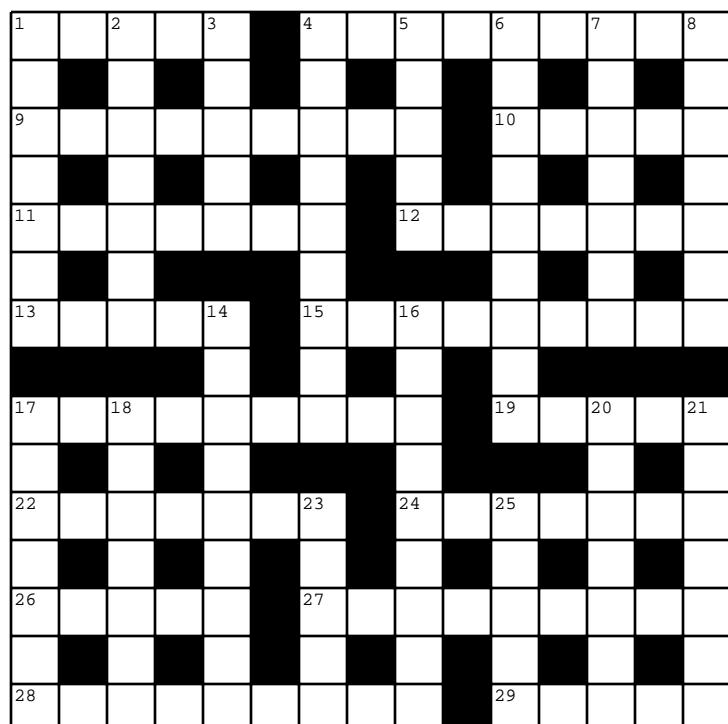
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| 4. ANECDOTES  | 2. NEUTRAL    |
| 9. EQUALISES  | 3. DELHI      |
| 10. SERVE     | 4. ASSIGNS    |
| 11. LARDING   | 5. ESSENCE    |
| 12. NEEDING   | 6. DISBELIEF  |
| 13. PULSE     | 7. TERMINI    |
| 15. SPECIFIES | 8. SLEIGHS    |
| 16. OVERCOMES | 14. ENCOURAGE |
| 20. FACES     | 16. OCULARS   |
| 23. UNSOUND   | 17. ENSURED   |
| 24. REBIRTH   | 18. MADURAI   |
| 26. ATRIA     | 19. SORTING   |
| 27. RAINDROPS | 21. CARTOON   |
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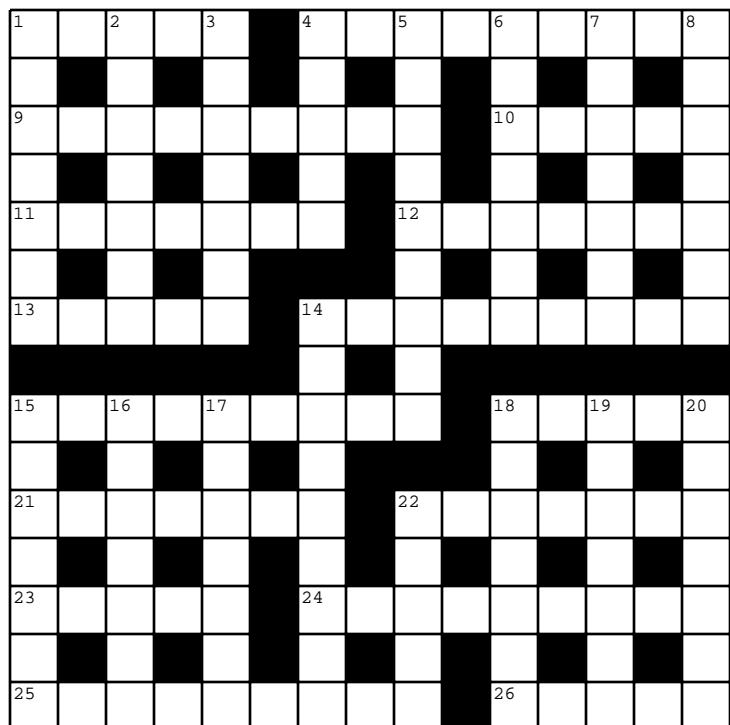
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| 4. BUMBLEBEE  | 2. AQUARIA    |
| 9. YOUNGSTER  | 3. SIGMA      |
| 10. NITER     | 4. BUTTERFLY  |
| 11. TERRACE   | 5. MERER      |
| 12. ROSETTE   | 6. LONESOMES  |
| 13. CRAWL     | 7. BATHTUB    |
| 15. FLAMMABLE | 8. EARLENE    |
| 17. DESTROYER | 14. LARBOARDS |
| 19. STAND     | 16. AIRFIELDS |
| 22. CALLOUS   | 17. DECRIED   |
| 24. INGRAIN   | 18. SILENCE   |
| 26. INNER     | 20. ANAGRAM   |
| 27. DELIVERED | 21. DENUDES   |
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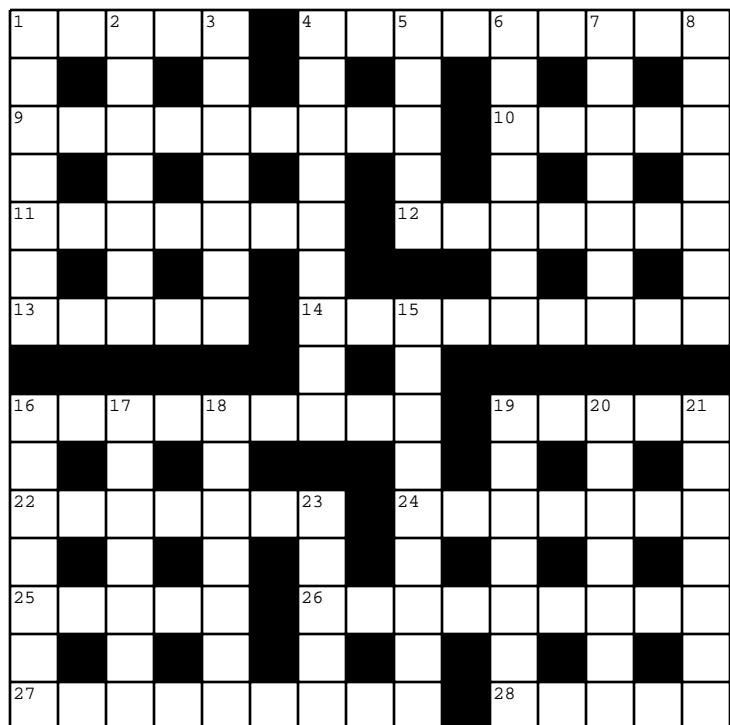
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| 4. AMPLIFIER  | 2. AUSTERE    |
| 9. OBSCURITY  | 3. EQUATES    |
| 10. HENRI     | 4. ANITA      |
| 11. INERTIA   | 5. PHYSICIST  |
| 12. INVITES   | 6. IZHEVSK    |
| 13. OBEYS     | 7. IGNITED    |
| 14. CHICKADEE | 8. REISSUE    |
| 15. EXUBERANT | 14. CHAMPIONS |
| 18. WHOLE     | 15. ENNOBLE   |
| 21. NONSTOP   | 16. UNNAMED   |
| 22. DIOCESE   | 17. ENTWINE   |
| 23. BAMBI     | 18. WHOEVER   |
| 24. OBLIVIOUS | 19. ONEROUS   |
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| 26. RISEN     | 22. DELAY     |



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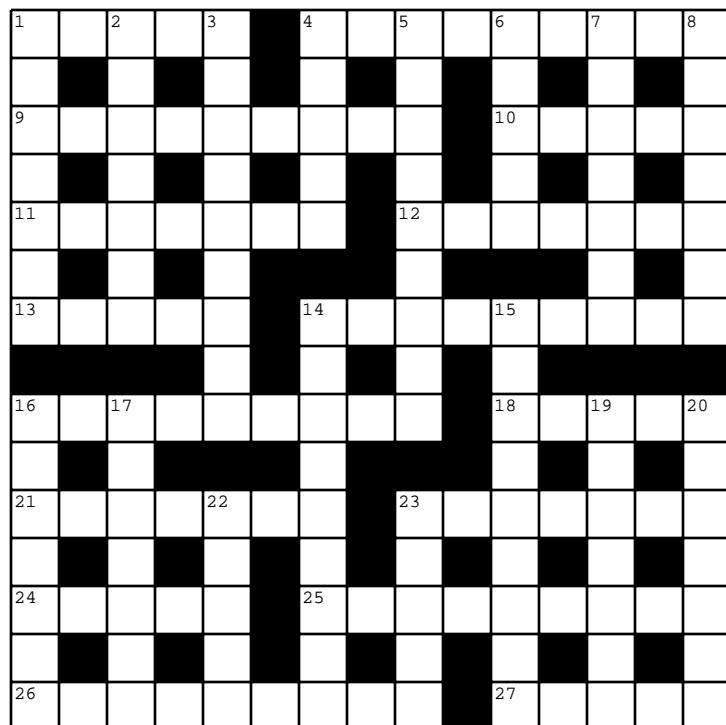
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| 9. HEADLINES  | 3. MULATTO    |
| 10. KIROV     | 4. BANDAGING  |
| 11. INERTIA   | 5. RUSTY      |
| 12. YANKING   | 6. ASKANCE    |
| 13. METRO     | 7. NORDICS    |
| 14. INCREASED | 8. RAVAGED    |
| 16. FORESIGHT | 15. CATAPULTS |
| 19. BERRA     | 16. FASTING   |
| 22. SOPRANO   | 17. REPLICA   |
| 24. PARSONS   | 18. SLAMMED   |
| 25. IDIOM     | 19. BARGAIN   |
| 26. TALKATIVE | 20. ROOKIER   |
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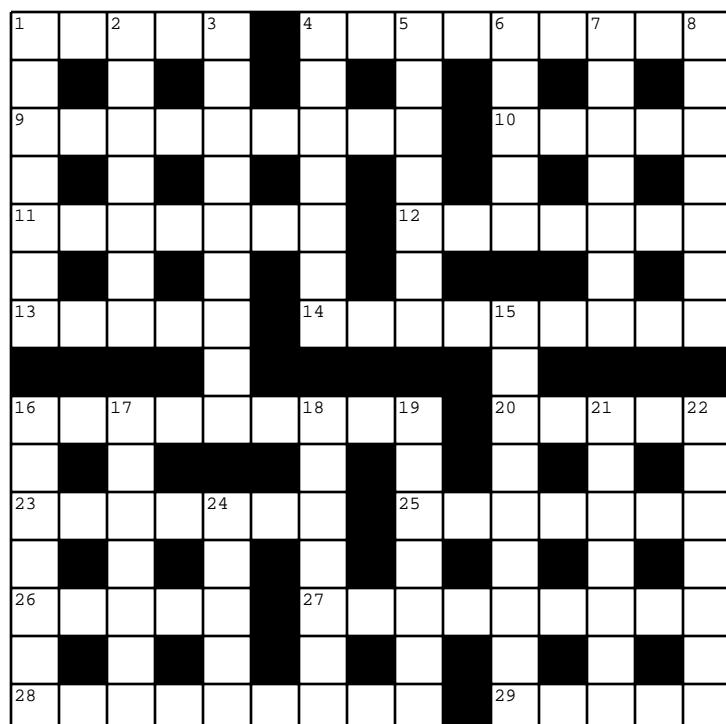
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| 4. DIGESTING  | 2. COCHLEA    |
| 9. ORCHESTRA  | 3. OVERWHELM  |
| 10. RAPED     | 4. DITTY      |
| 11. HALFWAY   | 5. GLADIATOR  |
| 12. ISOLATE   | 6. SERVO      |
| 13. STATE     | 7. IMPLANT    |
| 14. ESTIMATES | 8. GODDESS    |
| 16. PARAMETER | 14. ESTIMATED |
| 18. SCRUB     | 15. MISDIRECT |
| 21. BEDROOM   | 16. PUBLISH   |
| 23. DRIPPED   | 17. RADIANT   |
| 24. IMAGE     | 19. REPAIRS   |
| 25. TETHERING | 20. BODEGAS   |
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| 27. TASKS     | 23. DATED     |



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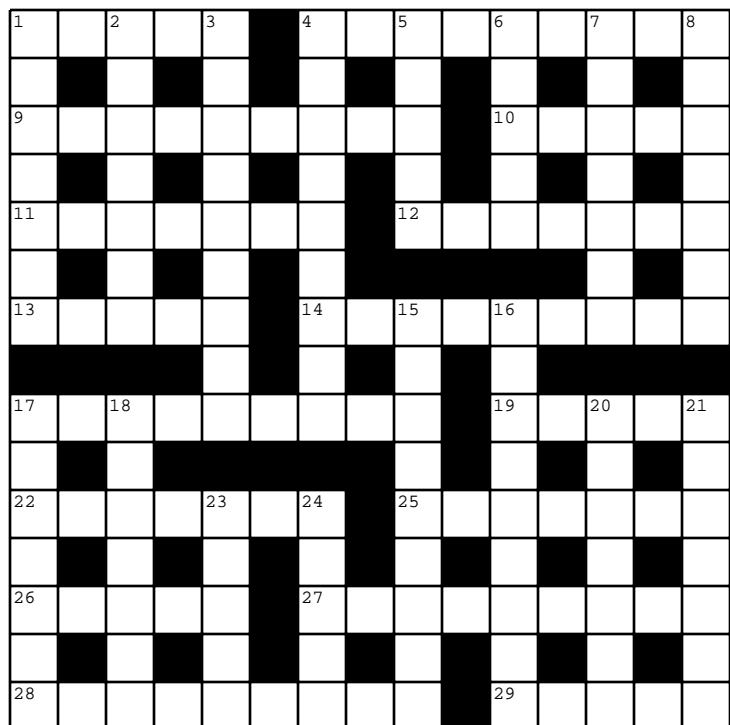
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| 9. GUERRILLA  | 3. NERVOUSLY  |
| 10. ROUTS     | 4. UNLIKES    |
| 11. NETWORK   | 5. TEACHES    |
| 12. HAYWIRE   | 6. MERCY      |
| 13. CARDS     | 7. TOURIST    |
| 14. SUSPECTED | 8. MISLEAD    |
| 16. ANALYSING | 15. ENFORCING |
| 20. FUNGI     | 16. AMBIENT   |
| 23. BOREDOM   | 17. ARRESTS   |
| 25. LORRIES   | 18. IMMENSE   |
| 26. ENSUE     | 19. GOLDEST   |
| 27. NEEDINESS | 21. NAIVEST   |
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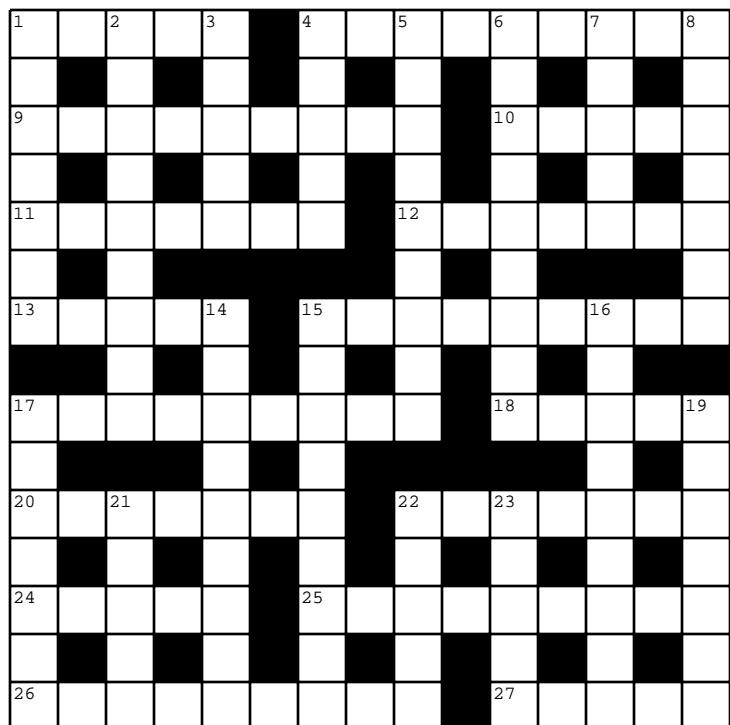
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| 4. BACKPACKS  | 2. IMPROVE    |
| 9. UNPOPULAR  | 3. IMPROMPTU  |
| 10. PLEAD     | 4. BELITTLED  |
| 11. LOOKOUT   | 5. CARES      |
| 12. SPROUTS   | 6. PAPER      |
| 13. SWEEP     | 7. CAESURA    |
| 14. LIFEBOATS | 8. SADISTS    |
| 17. PERSUADES | 15. FASTENING |
| 19. MISDO     | 16. BAMBOOZLE |
| 22. CZARINA   | 17. PACKAGE   |
| 25. ECONOMY   | 18. READIER   |
| 26. AMIGA     | 20. SCOURGE   |
| 27. BLIZZARDS | 21. ODYSSEY   |
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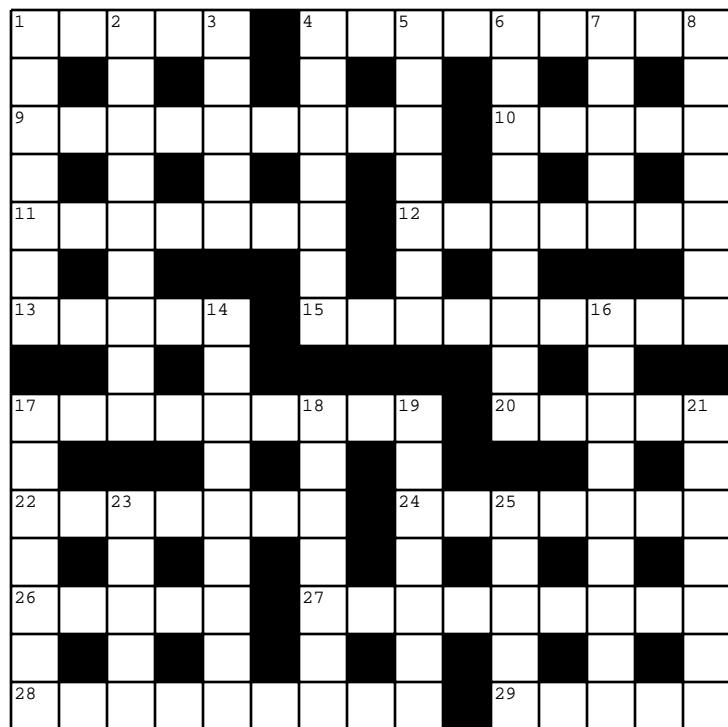
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| 1. NEARS      | 1. NOMADIC    |
| 4. DZUNGARIA  | 2. ABHORRENT  |
| 9. MAHARISHI  | 3. SIRED      |
| 10. INDEX     | 4. DISCS      |
| 11. DERIDES   | 5. UNIFORMLY  |
| 12. OBSERVE   | 6. GLISSANDO  |
| 13. CREAM     | 7. RADAR      |
| 15. IMMENSITY | 8. ANXIETY    |
| 17. CATALEPSY | 14. MILLIGRAM |
| 18. OUTER     | 15. IMPORTANT |
| 20. DAFFIER   | 16. INTERCEDE |
| 22. AIRDROP   | 17. CADENCE   |
| 24. NICER     | 19. REPUTED   |
| 25. ALLOTMENT | 21. FACET     |
| 26. ESTIMATES | 22. ATLAS     |
| 27. DREAD     | 23. RATED     |



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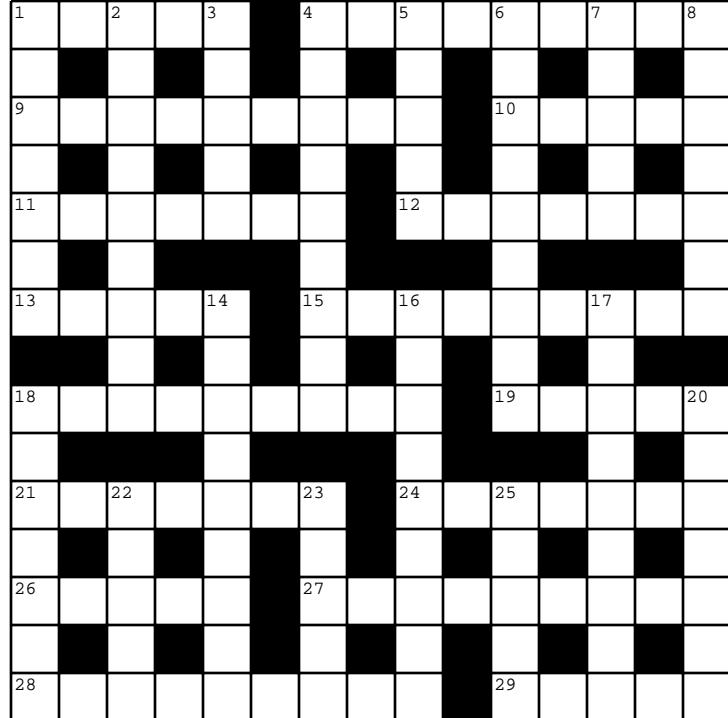
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| 4. ELEPHANTS  | 2. DIPLOMATA  |
| 9. LIPSTICKS  | 3. EXTRA      |
| 10. ANTIC     | 4. EXCISED    |
| 11. HOORAYS   | 5. EASIEST    |
| 12. ENFORCE   | 6. HEADFIRST  |
| 13. PLAZA     | 7. NITER      |
| 15. DETHRONED | 8. SUCCEED    |
| 17. HEARTACHE | 14. ASTRONAUT |
| 20. TIGER     | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 22. PICCOLO   | 17. HEPATIC   |
| 24. SKEPTIC   | 18. CROWBAR   |
| 26. TANIA     | 19. ENSURED   |
| 27. BARTHOLDI | 21. ROCKIER   |
| 28. CLUSTERED | 23. CANTU     |
| 29. LABOR     | 25. ETHEL     |



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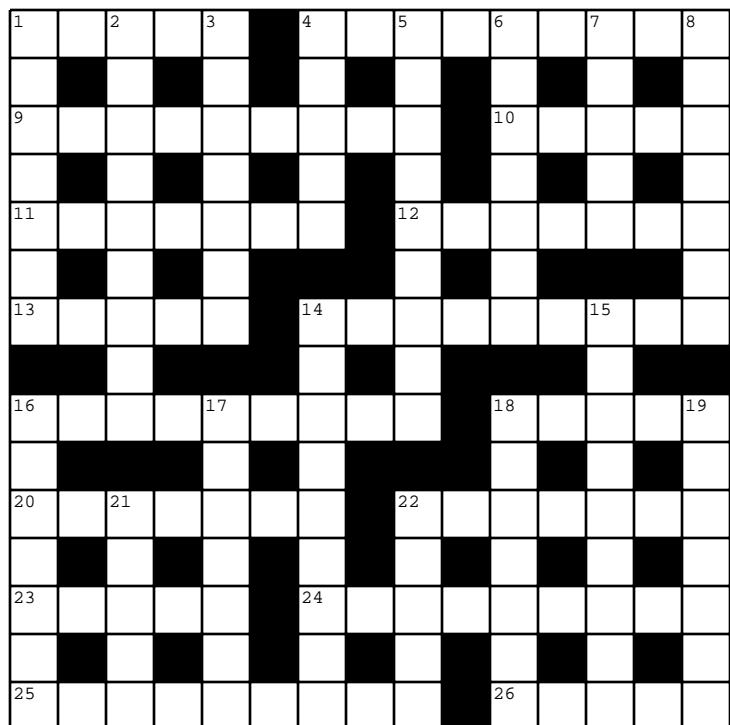
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| 4. RECYCLING  | 2. ESSENTIAL  |
| 9. INSOMNIAC  | 3. LEMME      |
| 10. TRAIN     | 4. RHINOCERI  |
| 11. TANGELO   | 5. CACTI      |
| 12. IMMENSE   | 6. CATAMARAN  |
| 13. DRINK     | 7. ICAHN      |
| 15. EXHORTING | 8. GINSENG    |
| 18. CELESTIAL | 14. KISANGANI |
| 19. NOBLE     | 16. HELIPORTS |
| 21. SKEINED   | 17. IMBROGLIO |
| 24. PAVLOVA   | 18. CASTOFF   |
| 26. OMEGA     | 20. EXAMINE   |
| 27. BERNOULLI | 22. ENEMA     |
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| 29. ATONE     | 25. VIOLA     |



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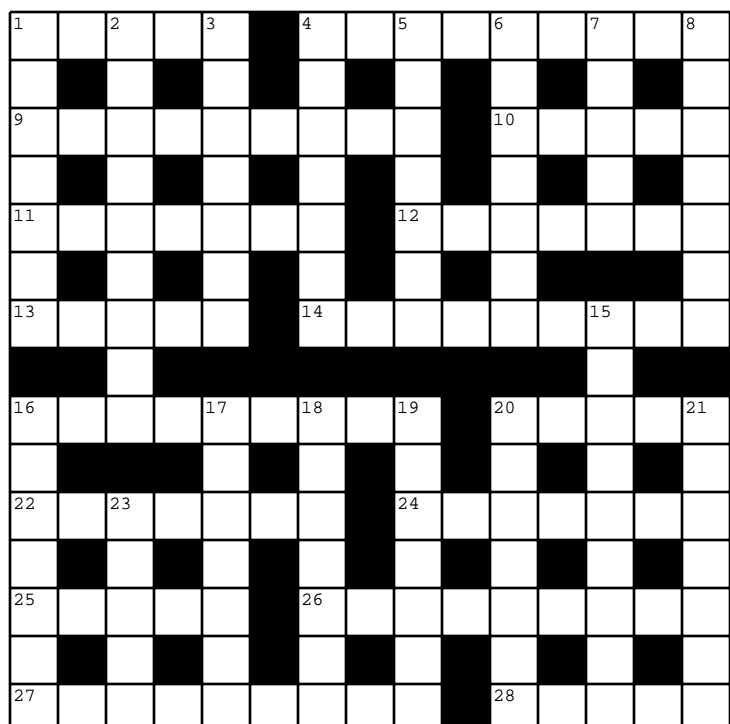
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| 4. ARCHANGEL  | 2. DESOLATES  |
| 9. DISCREDIT  | 3. ERRATAS    |
| 10. THONG     | 4. AUDIO      |
| 11. MULATTO   | 5. CATCALLED  |
| 12. ALMANAC   | 6. ATTEMPT    |
| 13. NOTES     | 7. GROWN      |
| 14. POLITICAL | 8. LOGICAL    |
| 16. COSTARRED | 14. PERCEIVED |
| 18. PEERS     | 15. CRESCENDO |
| 20. MISTAKE   | 16. CAMILLA   |
| 22. CHOICES   | 17. ATACAMA   |
| 23. LEOLA     | 18. PROVERB   |
| 24. VENGEANCE | 19. SUSPEND   |
| 25. AWKWARDLY | 21. SHOOK     |
| 26. BROAD     | 22. CANNY     |



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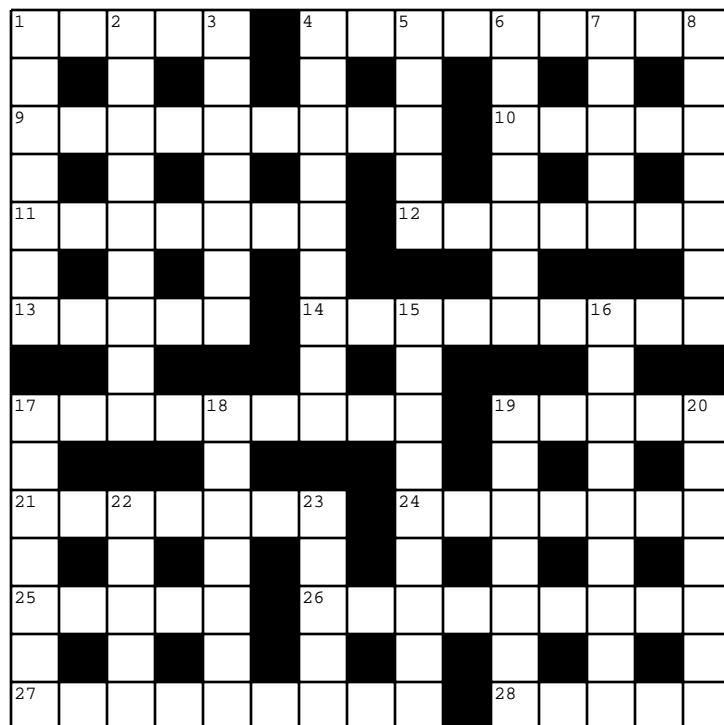
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| 9. ENTHUSISING | 3. COURBET    |
| 10. INONU      | 4. LOITERS    |
| 11. ENNOBLE    | 5. LOGICAL    |
| 12. CATERED    | 6. IDIOTIC    |
| 13. FAINT      | 7. ODOUR      |
| 14. SOLICITOR  | 8. SHUDDER    |
| 16. RELOCATES  | 15. TROUSSEAU |
| 20. STORM      | 16. RATTRAP   |
| 22. TABLEAU    | 17. CHENNAI   |
| 24. COARSEN    | 18. TSUNAMI   |
| 25. RISEN      | 19. SECTION   |
| 26. ALIGHIERI  | 20. SMASHES   |
| 27. PRECISION  | 21. MANNISH   |
| 28. SOUTH      | 23. BASTE     |



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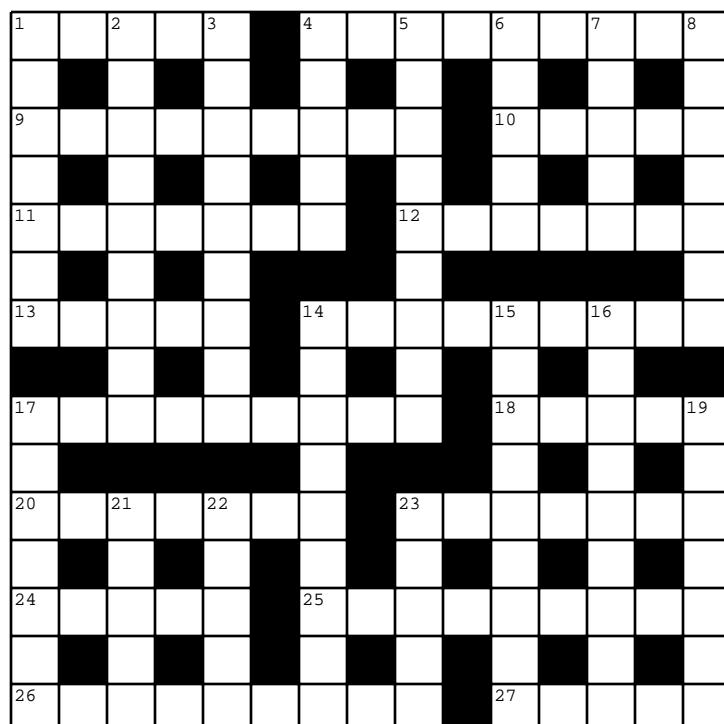
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| 4. FUGITIVES  | 2. DECORATOR  |
| 9. EXCITABLE  | 3. RETAINS    |
| 10. RAISE     | 4. FIBONACCI  |
| 11. ARRAIGN   | 5. GREED      |
| 12. DOUREST   | 6. TORTURE    |
| 13. LATHS     | 7. VOICE      |
| 14. COMMENCED | 8. SWEATED    |
| 17. FORMATION | 15. MANIFESTO |
| 19. DUMPS     | 16. COMMITTAL |
| 21. GODUNOV   | 17. FIGURED   |
| 24. FASCISM   | 18. ANNETTE   |
| 25. REACT     | 19. DISTURB   |
| 26. SASQUATCH | 20. SOMEHOW   |
| 27. DESPERADO | 22. DEALS     |
| 28. BELOW     | 23. VISTA     |



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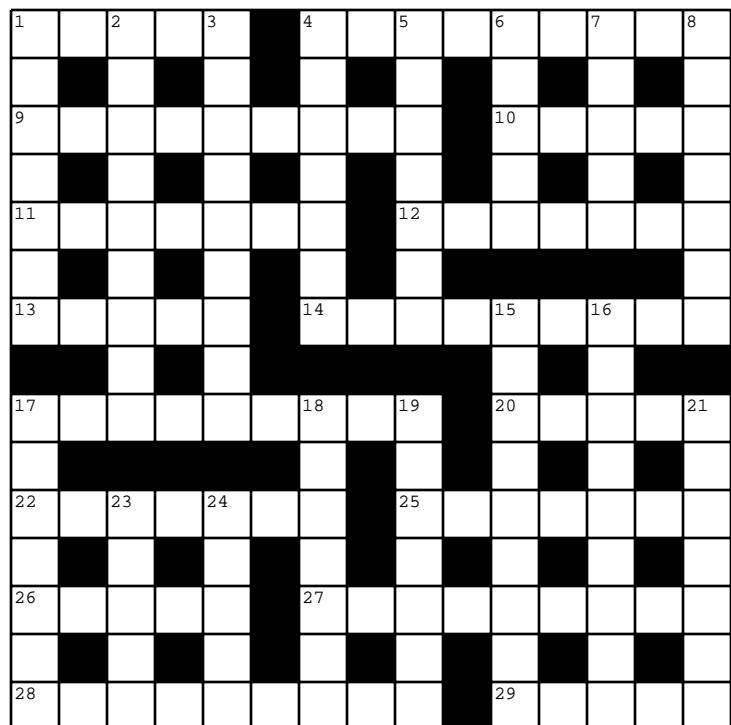
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| 4. EXPOSURES  | 2. TRAILERED  |
| 9. GHASTLIER  | 3. INTERFACE  |
| 10. ALIVE     | 4. ELITE      |
| 11. CALORIE   | 5. PERCEIVES  |
| 12. EXPLOIT   | 6. SWAMP      |
| 13. LARVA     | 7. RHINO      |
| 14. DEVELOPER | 8. SHELTER    |
| 17. ADDRESSES | 14. DISLODGES |
| 18. MERGE     | 15. LAMINATES |
| 20. MEMENTO   | 16. PORTFOLIO |
| 23. CONIFER   | 17. ALMANAC   |
| 24. NEGEV     | 19. EARMARK   |
| 25. GENITALIA | 21. MIGHT     |
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| 27. STOCK     | 23. CANES     |



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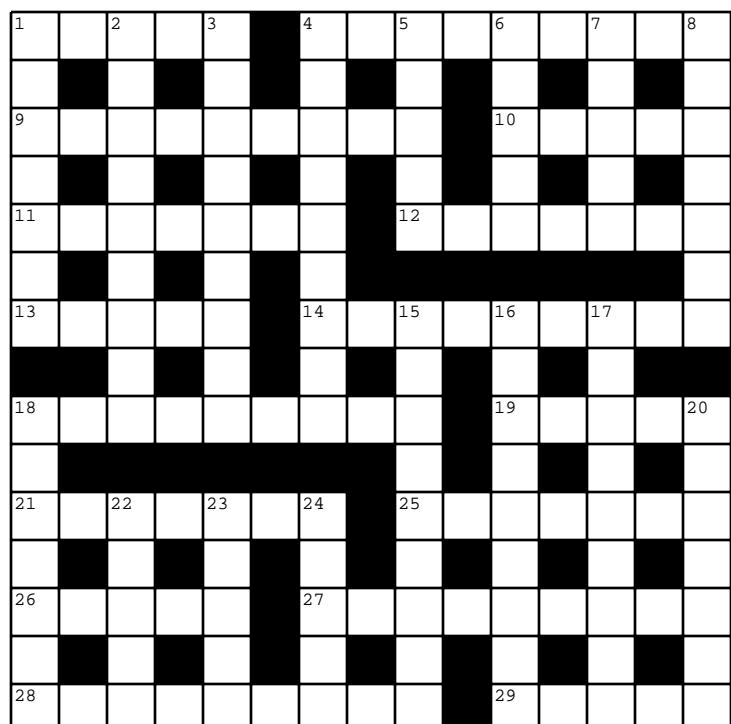
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| 4. REPLENISH  | 2. SPECULATE  |
| 9. OVERPOWER  | 3. IMPROVING  |
| 10. UNION     | 4. REWRITE    |
| 11. SPUMONI   | 5. PERTURB    |
| 12. UMPIRED   | 6. EQUIP      |
| 13. STACI     | 7. ICIER      |
| 14. EMBODYING | 8. HANGDOG    |
| 17. FREIGHTER | 15. DISBELIEF |
| 20. SOBER     | 16. IMBROGLIO |
| 22. RODOLFO   | 17. FERRARI   |
| 25. STEROID   | 18. TROUBLE   |
| 26. ALARM     | 19. RESERVE   |
| 27. BERTILLON | 21. RODENTS   |
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| 29. FLOWS     | 24. LEMON     |



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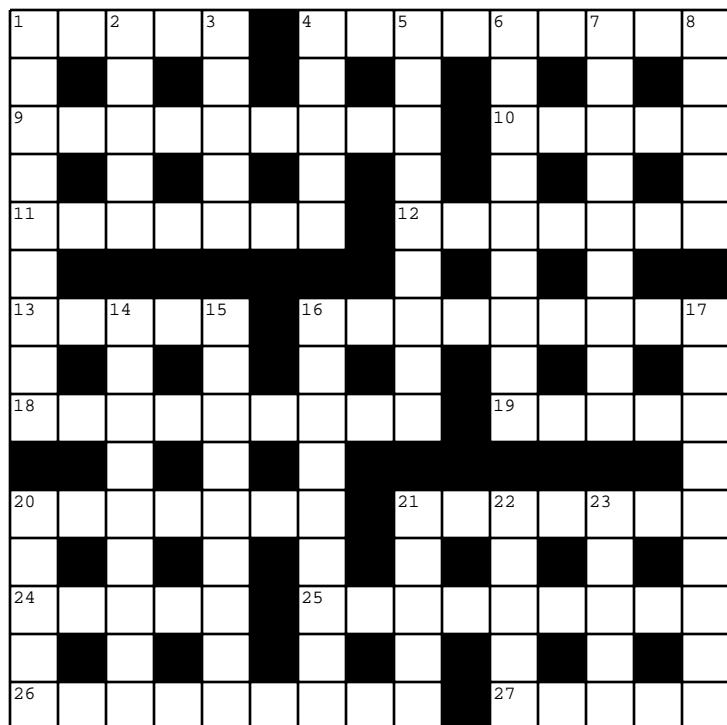
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| 4. EXTRACTED  | 2. ADDITIVES  |
| 9. MEDIAEVAL  | 3. REARRANGE  |
| 10. BASTE     | 4. ENVELOPES  |
| 11. NATURAL   | 5. TELLS      |
| 12. SCREENS   | 6. AMBER      |
| 13. SEVEN     | 7. TASTE      |
| 14. PREFABBED | 8. DRESSED    |
| 18. DISPENSER | 15. EARTHWORM |
| 19. TALES     | 16. AUTOMATIC |
| 21. BEGONIA   | 17. BALALAIKA |
| 25. HUMBLER   | 18. DEBRIEF   |
| 26. IZMIR     | 20. SERPENT   |
| 27. FROSTBITE | 22. GAMMA     |
| 28. FLAGELLUM | 23. NERVE     |
| 29. CHART     | 24. AWFUL     |



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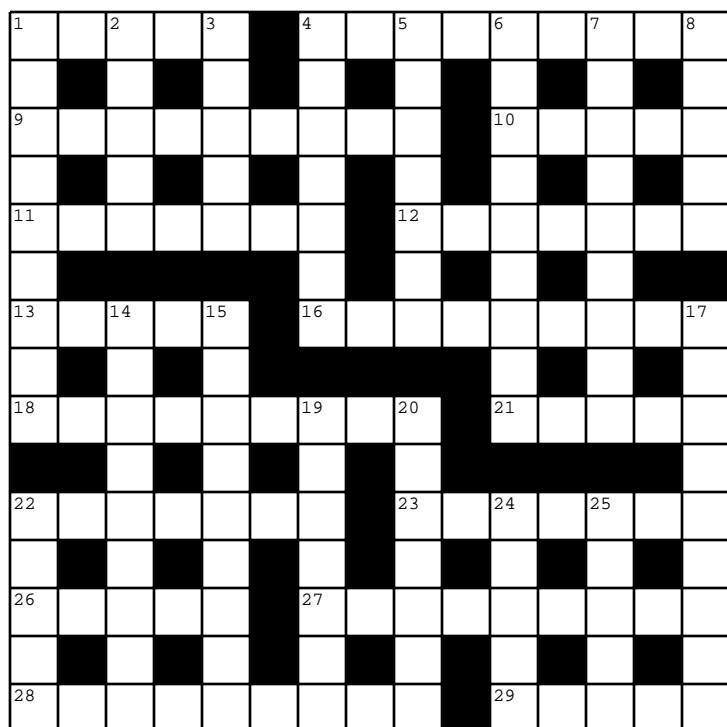
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| 1. JEANS      | 1. JABBERING  |
| 4. SYNTACTIC  | 2. ANTIC      |
| 9. BUTTERNUT  | 3. SHEEP      |
| 10. KNOCK     | 4. SONGS      |
| 11. ESCAPES   | 5. NOTEBOOKS  |
| 12. BRAISED   | 6. AWKWARDER  |
| 13. INFER     | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 16. SHODDIEST | 8. CAKED      |
| 18. GALLERIES | 14. FILTERING |
| 19. ROUTS     | 15. REENACTED |
| 20. SEESAWS   | 16. SHIPSHAPE |
| 21. SYNAPSE   | 17. TASTELESS |
| 24. FEINT     | 20. SAFER     |
| 25. ALLOWANCE | 21. SOLES     |
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| 27. RACES     | 23. PANIC     |



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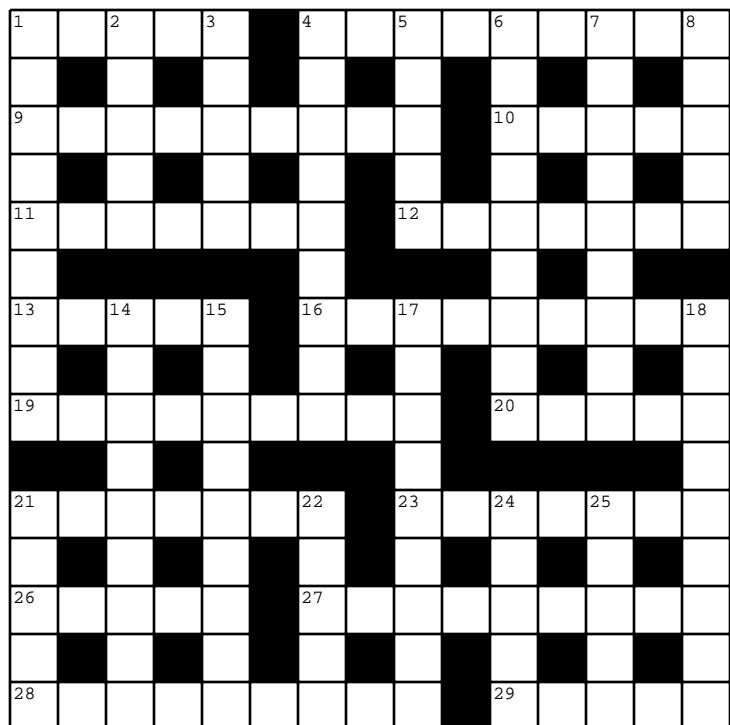
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| 4. CARDBOARD  | 2. SONIC      |
| 9. BUNDESTAG  | 3. DWEEB      |
| 10. OPTIC     | 4. CATALPA    |
| 11. DECIBEL   | 5. ROGUISH    |
| 12. INSIPID   | 6. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 13. IDIOM     | 7. ANTIPASTI  |
| 16. APHORISMS | 8. DICED      |
| 18. GLIMPSING | 14. IDIOMATIC |
| 21. PAINS     | 15. MCPHERSON |
| 22. COMPETE   | 17. SUSTAINED |
| 23. AQUARIA   | 19. INERTIA   |
| 26. ALTOS     | 20. GRANARY   |
| 27. TRADESMAN | 22. CHAPS     |
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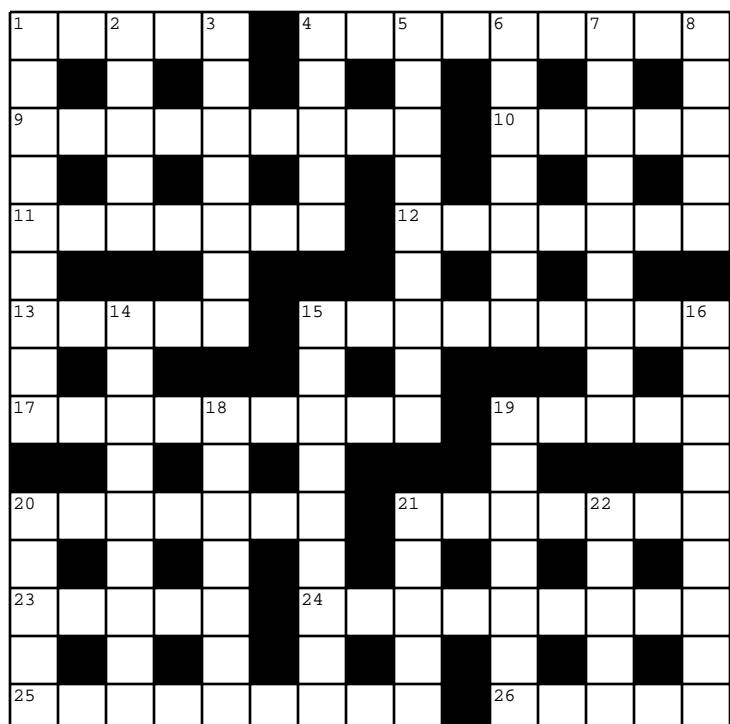
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| 4. MAHARISHI  | 2. LASER      |
| 9. RASMUSSEN  | 3. CRUMB      |
| 10. FEARS     | 4. MISGUIDED  |
| 11. CARIBOU   | 5. HENNA      |
| 12. ABRIDGE   | 6. REFERENDA  |
| 13. LIMIT     | 7. SCALDINGS  |
| 16. DOMINANTS | 8. ISSUE      |
| 19. ACCOLADES | 14. MICROWAVE |
| 20. ARSON     | 15. TALISMANS |
| 21. CROSSED   | 17. MASSACRES |
| 23. ACQUIRE   | 18. SENTENCED |
| 26. CLARA     | 21. COCOA     |
| 27. STRATEGIC | 22. DISCO     |
| 28. AVERSIONS | 24. QATAR     |
| 29. RATED     | 25. INGOT     |



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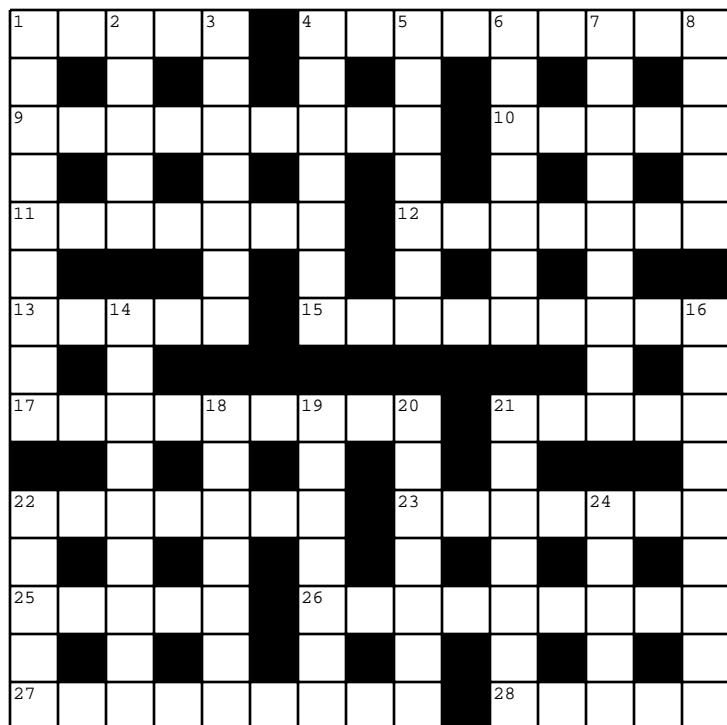
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| 1. FEVER       | 1. FOODSTUFF  |
| 4. MCPHERSON   | 2. VIBES      |
| 9. OGBOMOSHON  | 3. RAMPANT    |
| 10. CLUNG      | 4. MASON      |
| 11. SUSTAIN    | 5. PROGRAMME  |
| 12. REELECT    | 6. EXCRETA    |
| 13. UPSET      | 7. SQUEEZING  |
| 15. GYMNASIUM  | 8. NIGHT      |
| 17. FLAGSTONE  | 14. SPAGHETTI |
| 19. ANGER      | 15. GEOGRAPHY |
| 20. SCHOLAR    | 16. MARTYRDOM |
| 21. BLUNTLY    | 18. SPLODGE   |
| 23. NOTED      | 19. AQUARIA   |
| 24. PROGRAMMED | 20. SONIC     |
| 25. CHIPEWYAN  | 21. BROWN     |
| 26. AXIOM      | 22. TEMPI     |



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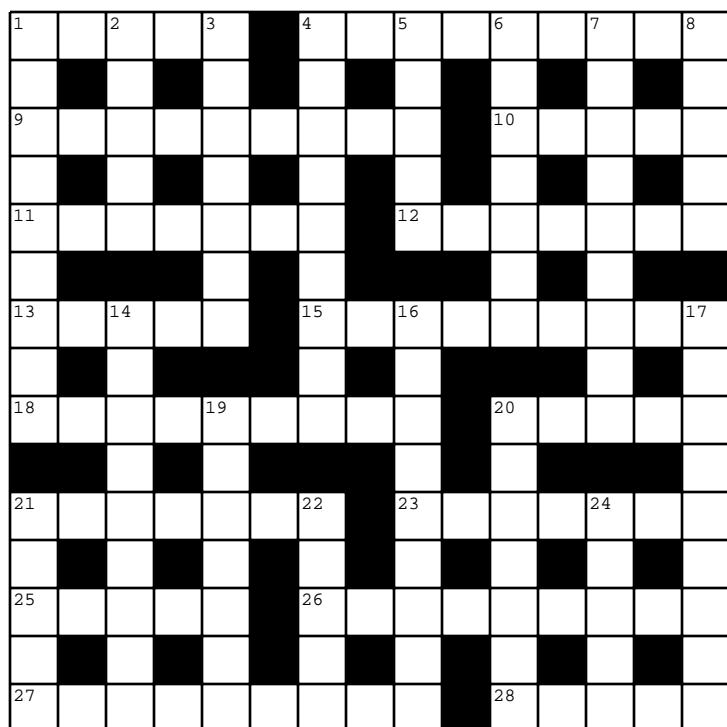
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| 1. BIDET      | 1. BOOKSHELF  |
| 4. DESIRABLE  | 2. DOGMA      |
| 9. ORGANISED  | 3. TONGUES    |
| 10. BARER     | 4. DISDAIN    |
| 11. SPATULA   | 5. SIDLING    |
| 12. IRISHER   | 6. REBUILT    |
| 13. EMMYS     | 7. BARTHOLDI  |
| 15. NIGHTCLUB | 8. ERROR      |
| 17. FIREPROOF | 14. MURDERING |
| 21. ALIVE     | 16. BLESSEDER |
| 22. TREACLE   | 18. PUCKETT   |
| 23. ACCUSES   | 19. OVERALL   |
| 25. URINE     | 20. FEATURE   |
| 26. ADULTHOOD | 21. ASCETIC   |
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| 28. CATER     | 24. SHORT     |



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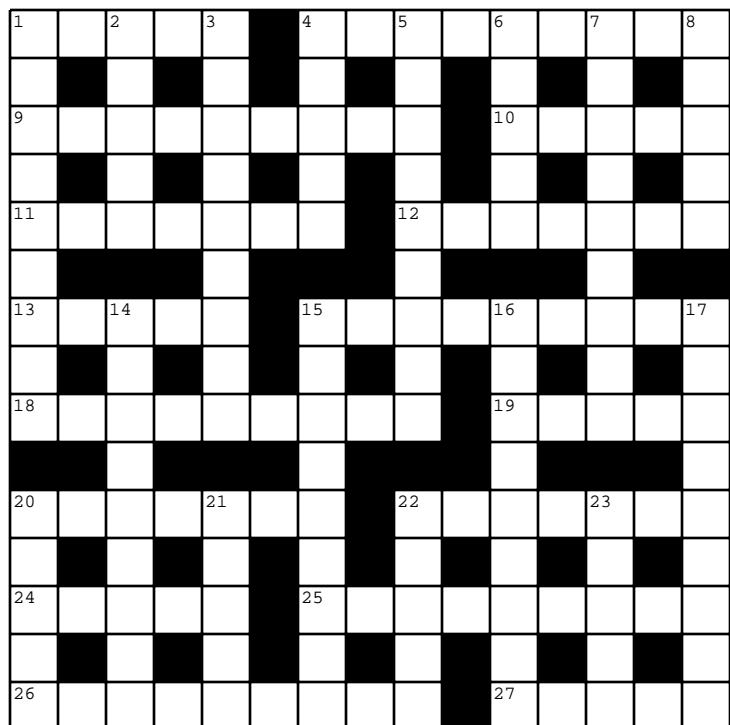
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| 4. WHEREUPON  | 2. KASAI      |
| 9. DISSUADES  | 3. SLUMPED    |
| 10. ABLES     | 4. WEDNESDAY  |
| 11. GLIMPSE   | 5. ENSUE      |
| 12. ENTROPY   | 6. ELASTIC    |
| 13. AVOID     | 7. PALEOZOIC  |
| 15. DISHCLOTH | 8. NASTY      |
| 18. DESTROYER | 14. OBSCURITY |
| 20. EXCEL     | 16. STRUCTURE |
| 21. AQUATIC   | 17. HILLSIDES |
| 23. CHEESES   | 19. RETRACE   |
| 25. IBIZA     | 20. ELECTED   |
| 26. COURTYARD | 21. ACING     |
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| 28. DRUMS     | 24. SNAFU     |



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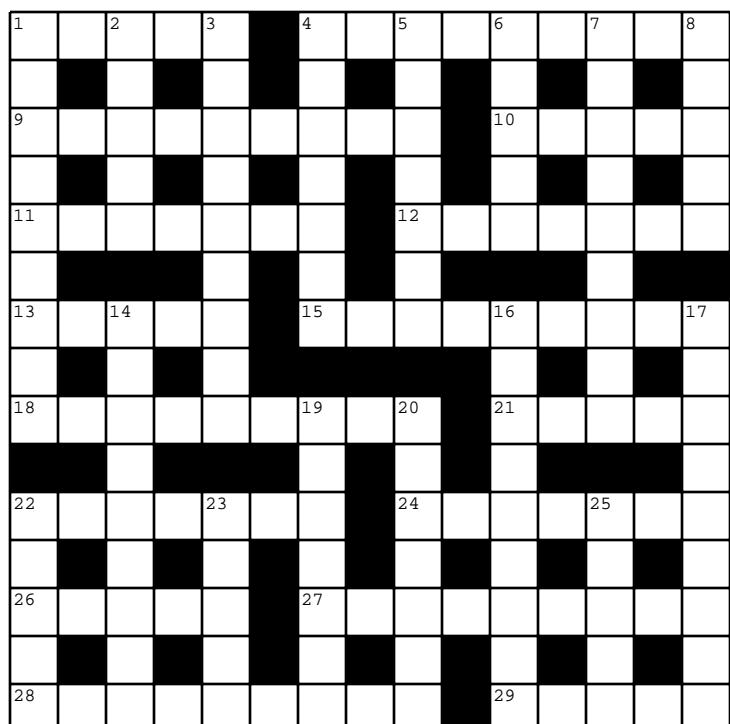
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| 1. PAWED      | 1. PADDOCKED  |
| 4. NIGHTFALL  | 2. WASTE      |
| 9. DISCHARGE  | 3. DEHYDRATE  |
| 10. PIQUE     | 4. NURSE      |
| 11. OVERDUE   | 5. GLEAMINGS  |
| 12. MYSTIFY   | 6. TYPES      |
| 13. KARMA     | 7. ACQUITTAL  |
| 15. SYNTACTIC | 8. LEERY      |
| 18. DANGEROUS | 14. RENDERING |
| 19. SALVO     | 15. SMOOTHEST |
| 20. DEEPEST   | 16. AUSTRALIA |
| 22. STRIPED   | 17. CHOWDERED |
| 24. MOIRA     | 20. DIMER     |
| 25. ESCALATOR | 21. EMAIL     |
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| 27. ALOUD     | 23. PATIO     |



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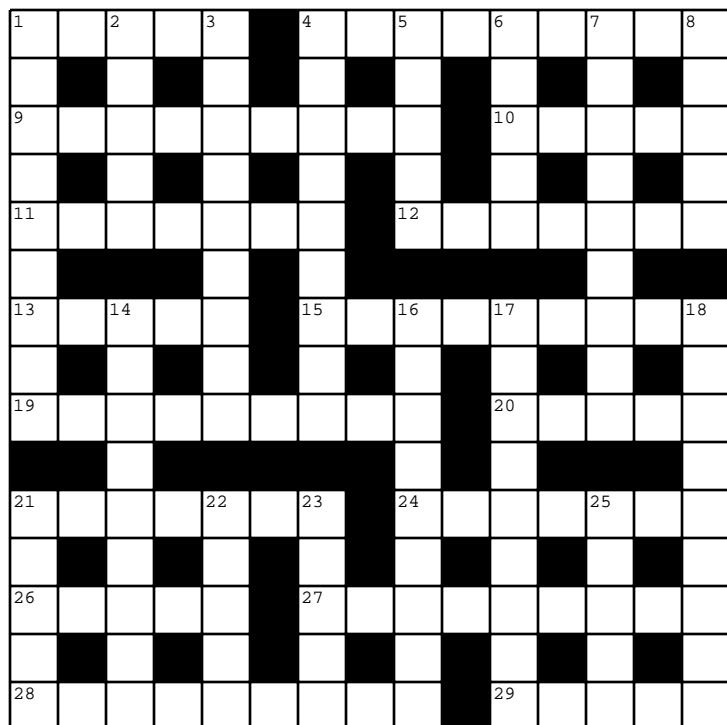
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| 4. PASSPORTS  | 2. TENET      |
| 9. MENDELEEV  | 3. PREVIEWER  |
| 10. RIGHT     | 4. PRECEDE    |
| 11. LATRINE   | 5. SEVENTH    |
| 12. NESTLES   | 6. PARES      |
| 13. THREW     | 7. RIGOLETTO  |
| 15. EXHIBITED | 8. SITES      |
| 18. DECORATOR | 14. RECKONING |
| 21. LOOPS     | 16. BALLERINA |
| 22. PROVERB   | 17. DISREPAIR |
| 24. TREACLE   | 19. TOBACCO   |
| 26. PRIOR     | 20. RETURNS   |
| 27. CURRICULA | 22. PEPSI     |
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| 29. ACTOR     | 25. COURT     |



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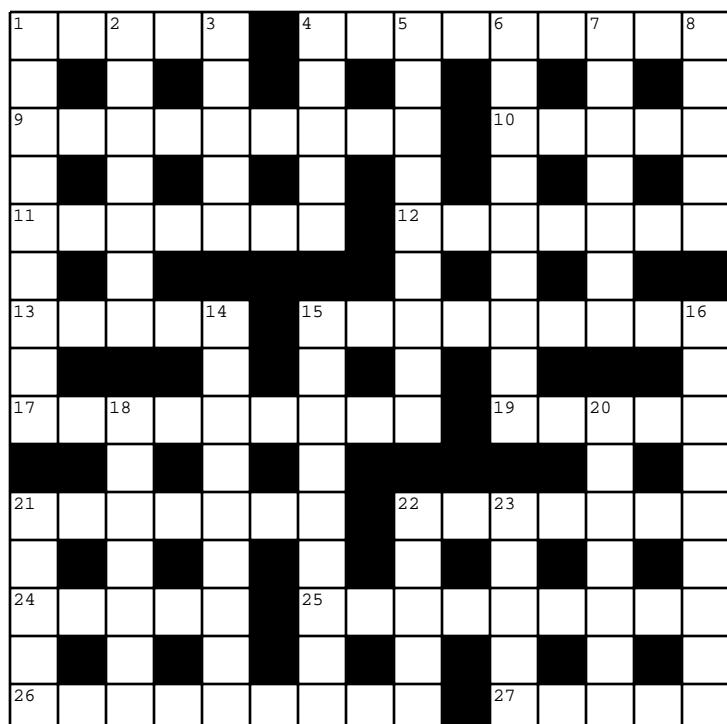
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| 1. KITES      | 1. KARAMAZOV  |
| 4. REFLECTOR  | 2. TABLE      |
| 9. REBINDING  | 3. SANATORIA  |
| 10. COOKY     | 4. RHINOCERI  |
| 11. MAESTRO   | 5. FOGGY      |
| 12. YELTSIN   | 6. EXCEL      |
| 13. ZUKOR     | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 15. EFFICIENT | 8. RAYON      |
| 19. VANDALISM | 14. KINDLIEST |
| 20. USUAL     | 16. FAMILIARS |
| 21. DELIRIA   | 17. COURSHIP  |
| 24. LITTLER   | 18. TOLERATES |
| 26. TEETH     | 21. DATUM     |
| 27. FLASHIEST | 22. REHAB     |
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| 29. POLL      | 25. LYELL     |



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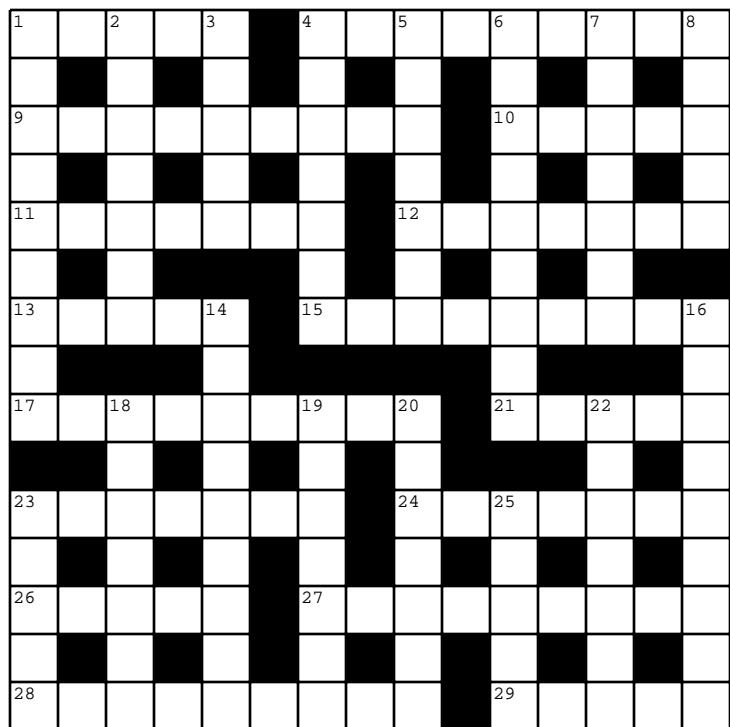
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| 4. IRASCIBLE  | 2. LUGGAGE    |
| 9. ALGEBRAIC  | 3. ROBIN      |
| 10. RURAL     | 4. INANE      |
| 11. TRAINEE   | 5. ACCIDENTS  |
| 12. DISGUST   | 6. CORKSCREW  |
| 13. SWEEP     | 7. BOROUGH    |
| 15. OWNERSHIP | 8. ECLAT      |
| 17. SIGNPOSTS | 14. PEPPERONI |
| 19. WISER     | 15. OBSESSING |
| 21. BARRELS   | 16. PARASITES |
| 22. MOTIVES   | 18. GERARDO   |
| 24. TORSO     | 20. SEVERAL   |
| 25. INTERPRET | 21. BATIK     |
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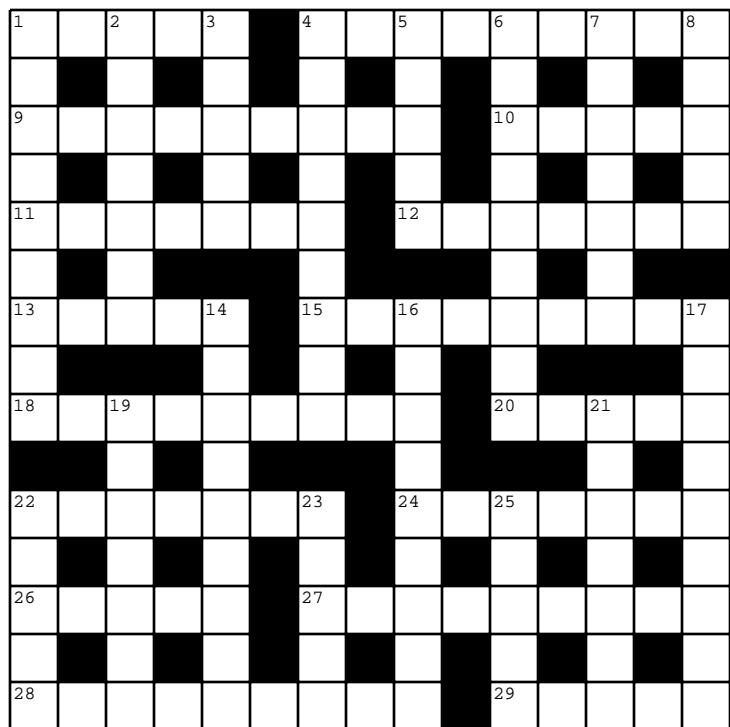
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| 4. NECESSITY  | 2. EXPECTS    |
| 9. BAPTISMAL  | 3. SLIPS      |
| 10. EAGLE     | 4. NUMERIC    |
| 11. INCISOR   | 5. CALORIE    |
| 12. RUDYARD   | 6. STEADICAM  |
| 13. ISSUE     | 7. INGRAIN    |
| 15. CRESCENDI | 8. YIELD      |
| 17. ECOSYSTEM | 14. ETYMOLOGY |
| 21. MADAM     | 16. IMMENSELY |
| 23. TUAMOTU   | 18. OCARINA   |
| 24. SIMENON   | 19. TRUMPET   |
| 26. RHINO     | 20. MISTOOK   |
| 27. PROGRAMME | 22. DYNAMIC   |
| 28. BIALYSTOK | 23. THROB     |
| 29. LUCKY     | 25. MORAL     |



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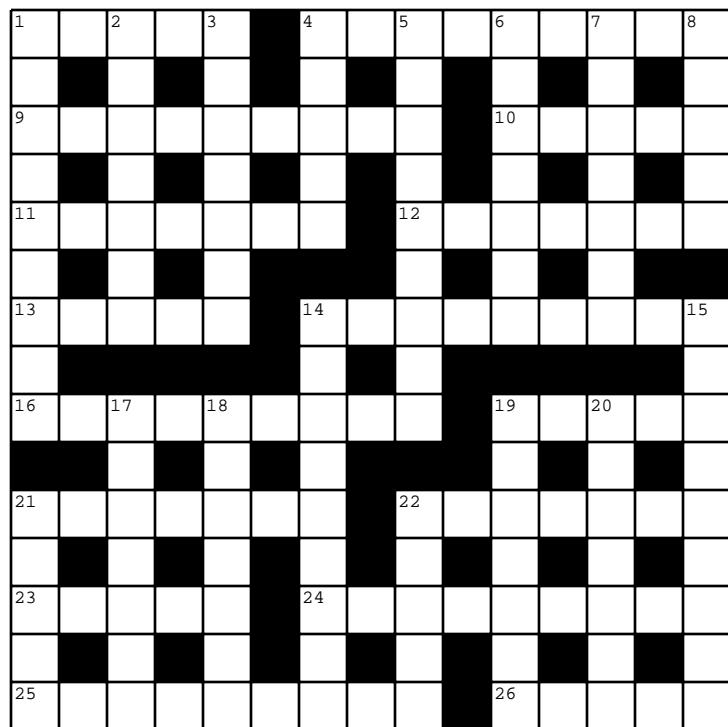
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| 4. PARTITION  | 2. DECIMAL    |
| 9. MACINTOSH  | 3. LINEN      |
| 10. TASKS     | 4. PROGRAMME  |
| 11. SEMINAR   | 5. REHAB      |
| 12. BURBLES   | 6. INTERVIEW  |
| 13. ALLAH     | 7. INSULIN    |
| 15. MILLIONTH | 8. NESTS      |
| 18. EHRENBERG | 14. HENRIETTA |
| 20. WOMEN     | 16. LOGICALLY |
| 22. HAFNIUM   | 17. HUNDREDTH |
| 24. CLEARER   | 19. REFRESH   |
| 26. INEPT     | 21. MARTINI   |
| 27. GALLERIED | 22. HAIKU     |
| 28. UNHEALTHY | 23. MIGHT     |
| 29. SMITH     | 25. EXECs     |



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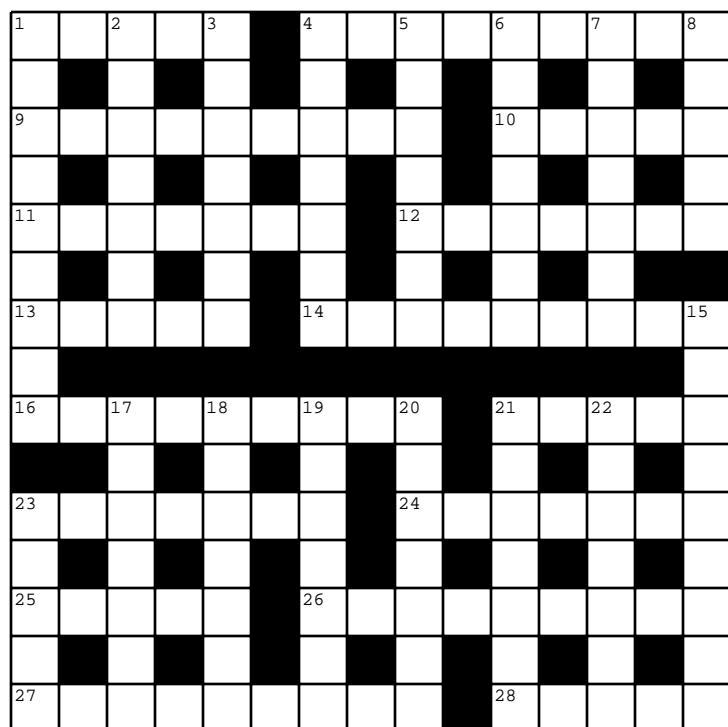
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| 1. EMMYS      | 1. EXPERTISE  |
| 4. DRINKABLE  | 2. MARTINI    |
| 9. PERCEIVES  | 3. STERNUM    |
| 10. TOTAL     | 4. DIVED      |
| 11. REIGNED   | 5. INSCRIBED  |
| 12. RACEMES   | 6. KITSCHY    |
| 13. IDIOM     | 7. BATSMAN    |
| 14. EMBRYONIC | 8. ELLIS      |
| 16. ENSCONCED | 14. ENCLOSURE |
| 19. CACAO     | 15. CROUPIERS |
| 21. PLACEBO   | 17. STATUES   |
| 22. AIRDROP   | 18. OVERLAP   |
| 23. USUAL     | 19. CHRONIC   |
| 24. UNTENABLE | 20. CEREBRA   |
| 25. DISAPPEAR | 21. POUND     |
| 26. CHAOS     | 22. AFTER     |



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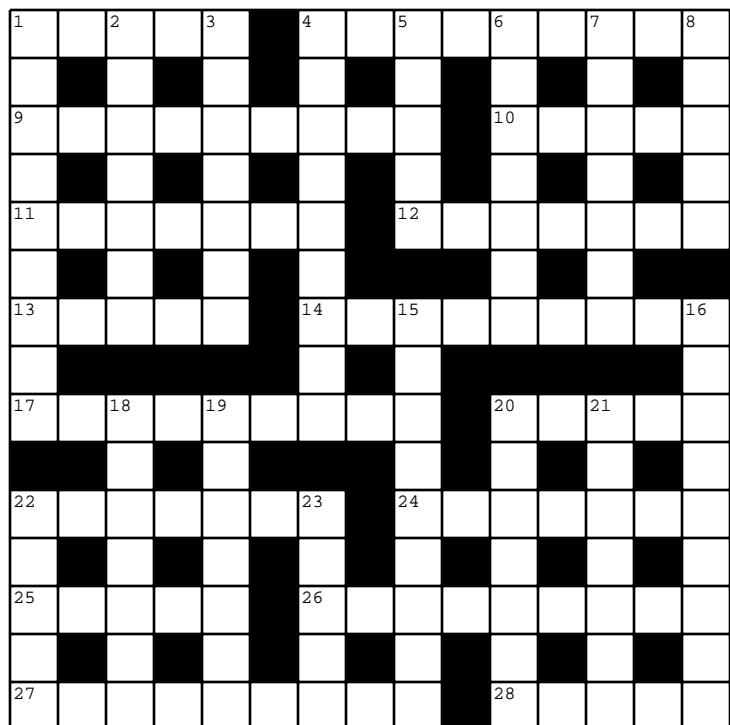
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| 4. MAGICKING  | 2. ACCLAIM    |
| 9. BACKRESTS  | 3. SERRIED    |
| 10. REALM     | 4. MISTYPE    |
| 11. REALITY   | 5. GESTURE    |
| 12. UPBEATS   | 6. CARIBOU    |
| 13. NAMED     | 7. IZANAGI    |
| 14. EXECUTING | 8. GAMES      |
| 16. HONEYCOMB | 15. GONORRHEA |
| 21. GRAIN     | 17. NATTIER   |
| 23. BATHTUB   | 18. YTTRIUM   |
| 24. CENTAUR   | 19. ORBITED   |
| 25. CHILI     | 20. BACKERS   |
| 26. TWENTIETH | 21. GENETIC   |
| 27. PYRAMIDES | 22. ANAHEIM   |
| 28. COMMA     | 23. BICEP     |



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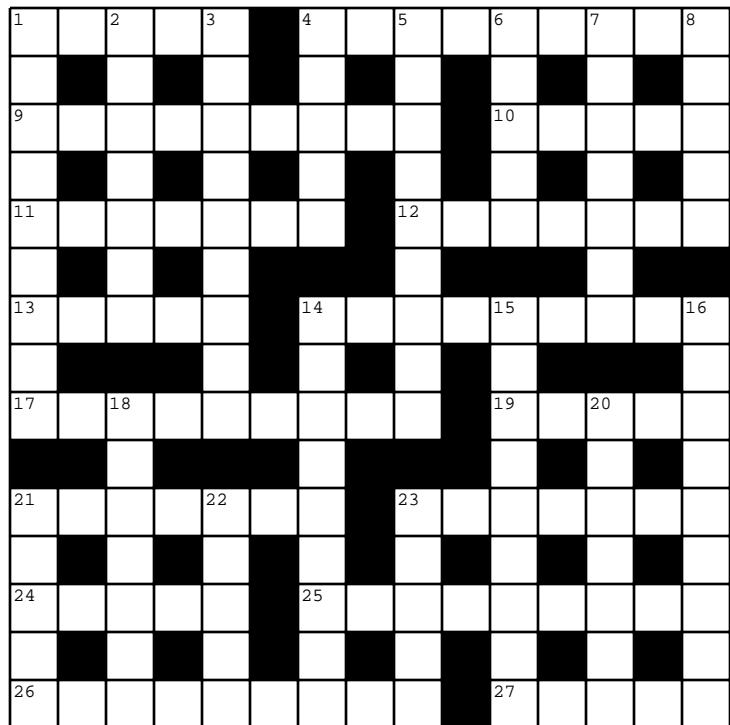
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| 4. COINCIDES  | 2. SELLER     |
| 9. CRESCENDI  | 3. PACIFIC    |
| 10. UPSET     | 4. CONCLUDED  |
| 11. HELPFUL   | 5. IDIOM      |
| 12. MISSTEP   | 6. COUNSEL    |
| 13. LYRIC     | 7. DESKTOP    |
| 14. DEVELOPED | 8. SETUP      |
| 17. CROOKEDER | 15. VARIABLES |
| 20. WAGES     | 16. DASTARDLY |
| 22. PRECEDE   | 18. OBEYING   |
| 24. AMNESIA   | 19. KEEPERS   |
| 25. UNITE     | 20. WANDERS   |
| 26. GALLERIED | 21. GUSTIER   |
| 27. PEGASUSES | 22. PLUMP     |
| 28. SPRAY     | 23. EDGES     |



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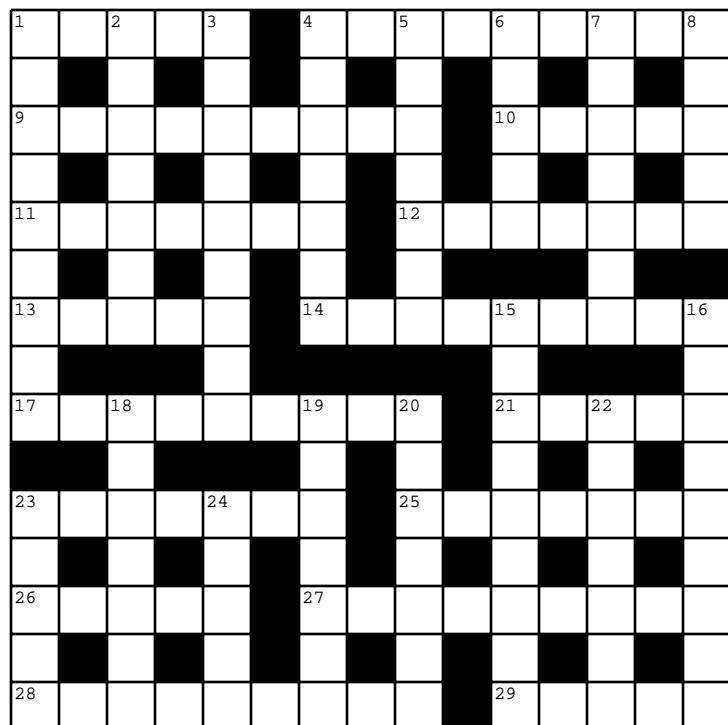
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| 9. PLATOONED  | 3. GEOMETRIC  |
| 10. VAPID     | 4. DANCE      |
| 11. PRECEDE   | 5. PEDIGREES  |
| 12. GENERAL   | 6. IRVIN      |
| 13. LAYER     | 7. IMPURER    |
| 14. MAELSTROM | 8. GODEL      |
| 17. RIDICULES | 14. MALIGNANT |
| 19. AFFIX     | 15. STAUNCHED |
| 21. EARNING   | 16. MAXIMIZED |
| 23. SYNONYM   | 18. DIRTIER   |
| 24. UNITS     | 20. FANCIER   |
| 25. AUSCHWITZ | 21. EQUIP     |
| 26. PERFECTLY | 22. ISSUE     |
| 27. DARED     | 23. SISSY     |



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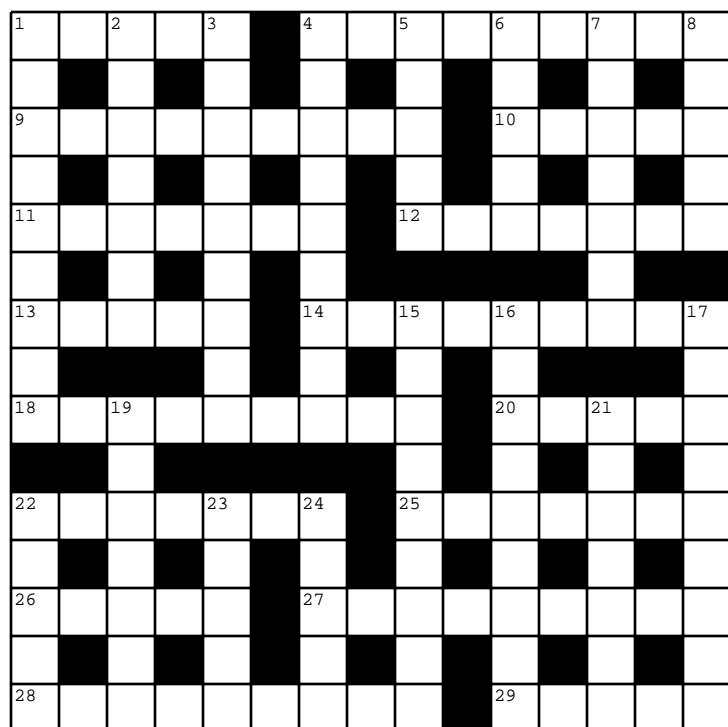
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| 4. DEBUNKING  | 2. RETRACT    |
| 9. ANTIPASTO  | 3. DEPRESSED  |
| 10. GAFFE     | 4. DISTURB    |
| 11. PLATEAU   | 5. BRONCHI    |
| 12. CULPRIT   | 6. NIGEL      |
| 13. GATES     | 7. INFERNO    |
| 14. BLINDFOLD | 8. GUEST      |
| 17. EMBEDDING | 15. DISBELIEF |
| 21. SATIN     | 16. DANGEROUS |
| 23. ARCADES   | 18. BUCOLIC   |
| 25. ITERATE   | 19. INSIPID   |
| 26. ALLOT     | 20. GRIZZLY   |
| 27. PIZZICATO | 22. TRAVAIL   |
| 28. DECIDEDLY | 23. AWARD     |
| 29. FILMS     | 24. DATED     |



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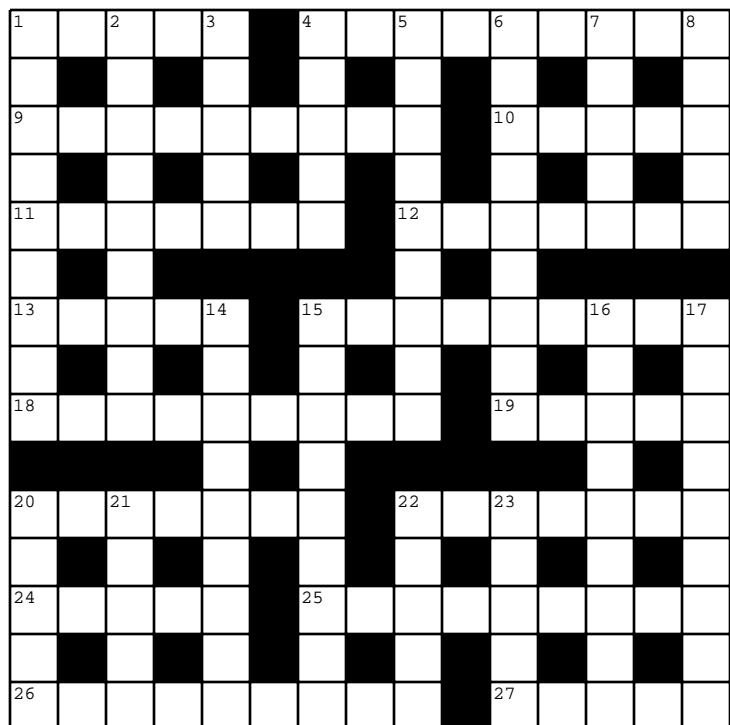
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| 4. PUBLISHED  | 2. STEAMER    |
| 9. OVERSIZED  | 3. AUSTRALIA  |
| 10. PARSI     | 4. PIZZICATI  |
| 11. SAMURAI   | 5. BADLY      |
| 12. YELLING   | 6. IMPEL      |
| 13. ENROL     | 7. HARPIST    |
| 14. ATHEISTIC | 8. DOING      |
| 18. FORMATION | 15. HANDPICKS |
| 20. TENSE     | 16. INTERVIEW |
| 22. OPPOSES   | 17. CLEARANCE |
| 25. PARTNER   | 19. REPROOF   |
| 26. THOSE     | 21. NONZERO   |
| 27. EUCLIDEAN | 22. OUTDO     |
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| 29. WHOLE     | 24. SCENE     |



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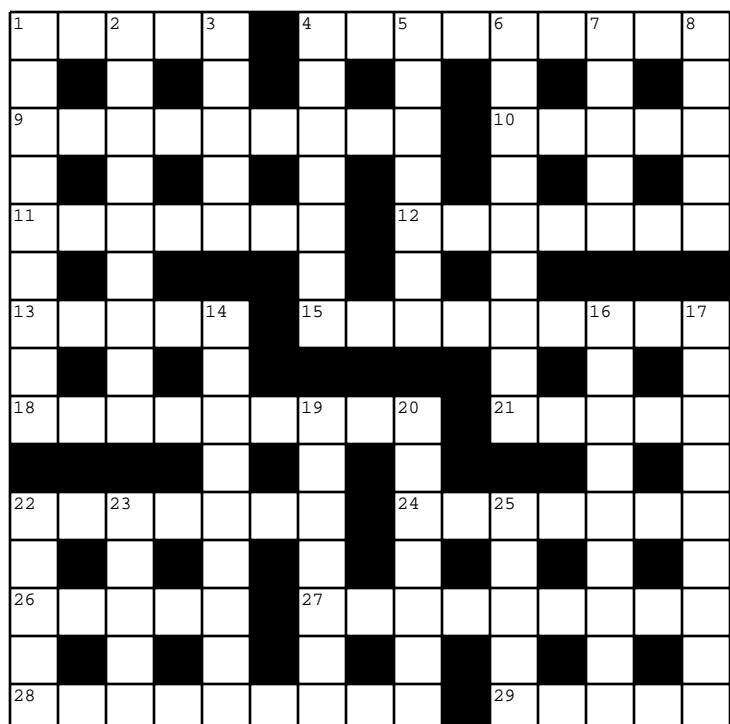
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| 4. ATHEISTIC  | 2. EMPORIUMS  |
| 9. AMPLIFIER  | 3. TWICE      |
| 10. THERE     | 4. ACIDS      |
| 11. GARNETS   | 5. HORSESHOE  |
| 12. EMINENT   | 6. INTRINSIC  |
| 13. STUFF     | 7. THESE      |
| 15. ADHESIVES | 8. CHEST      |
| 18. ASSOCIATE | 14. FICTIONAL |
| 19. CUBIC     | 15. AMAZINGLY |
| 20. DASHIKI   | 16. VIBRANTLY |
| 22. NITRATE   | 17. SUCCESSOR |
| 24. ACORN     | 20. DEATH     |
| 25. GRADUATES | 21. STORM     |
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| 27. BUYER     | 23. THUMB     |



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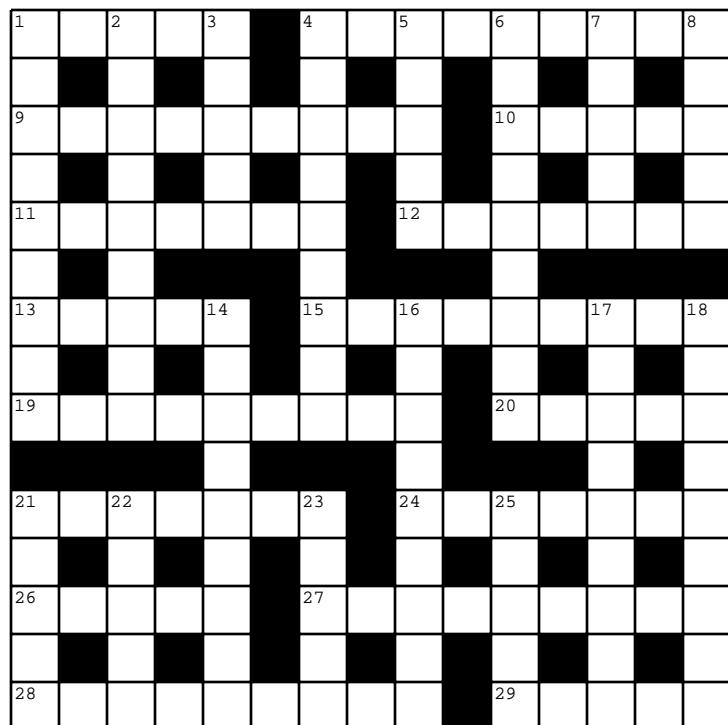
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| 4. FRISKIEST  | 2. CAUCUSED   |
| 9. HAUSDORFF  | 3. DUDES      |
| 10. DRINK     | 4. FORMULA    |
| 11. IGUASSU   | 5. INFILCT    |
| 12. IMAGERY   | 6. KIDNAPPED  |
| 13. TASTY     | 7. ELITE      |
| 15. ANTIPASTO | 8. TOKAY      |
| 18. CUDGELLED | 14. YIELDINGS |
| 21. DRAKE     | 16. SPARKLING |
| 22. BULLDOG   | 17. OVERNIGHT |
| 24. BUMPKIN   | 19. LEGIBLE   |
| 26. SLAIN     | 20. DEBTORS   |
| 27. BLOODYING | 22. BOSOM     |
| 28. MINISTERS | 23. LEARN     |
| 29. ANGST     | 25. MEDIA     |



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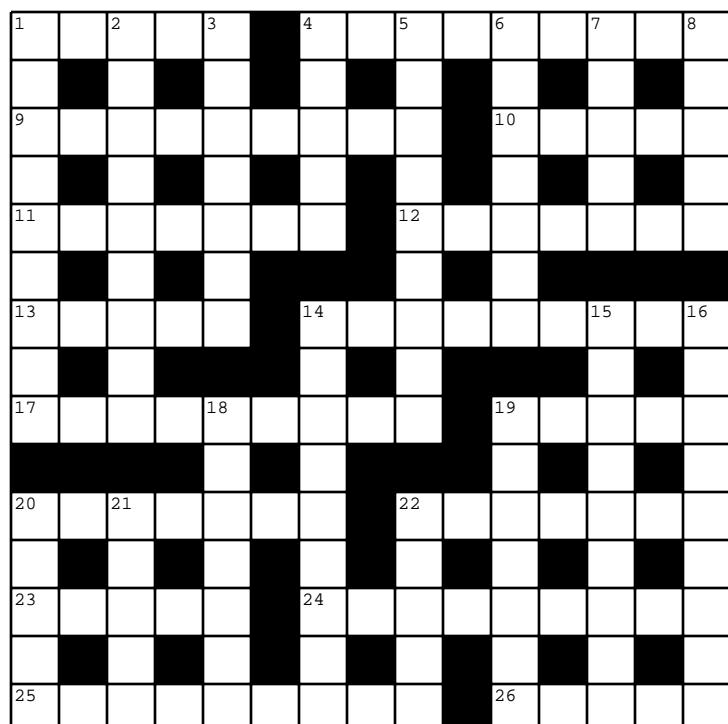
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| 1. NAMES      | 1. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 4. CAFETERIA  | 2. MENDOCINO  |
| 9. GENERALLY  | 3. SCRUB      |
| 10. LAIRS     | 4. COLLEAGUE  |
| 11. TROUBLE   | 5. FOYER      |
| 12. RAVAGES   | 6. TELEVISES  |
| 13. LOINS     | 7. RUING      |
| 15. GRUESOMER | 8. ASSES      |
| 19. BOOKSHELF | 14. SUSPENDED |
| 20. SALSA     | 16. UNFAIREST |
| 21. PORTEND   | 17. MOLECULAR |
| 24. INFECTS   | 18. REASSURED |
| 26. UNDID     | 21. PLUMB     |
| 27. WOEFULLER | 22. RODEO     |
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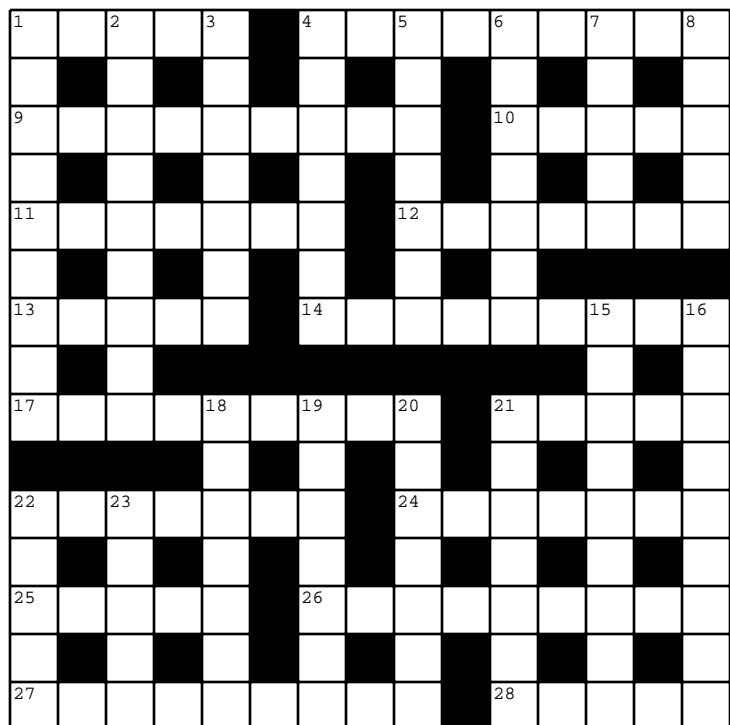
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| 4. GRADATION  | 2. MANNERISM  |
| 9. NINETIETH  | 3. DOTTING    |
| 10. UNITE     | 4. GREGG      |
| 11. TEEMING   | 5. ADHERENTS  |
| 12. REREADS   | 6. AQUARIA    |
| 13. LYING     | 7. IBIZA      |
| 14. CONTACTED | 8. NEEDS      |
| 17. ARMAMENTS | 14. CONSENSUS |
| 19. BACKS     | 15. TECHNIQUE |
| 20. CAMERAE   | 16. DESTROYED |
| 22. SCANNER   | 18. MARABOU   |
| 23. BLURB     | 19. BRAWLED   |
| 24. SOLILOQUY | 20. CUBIC     |
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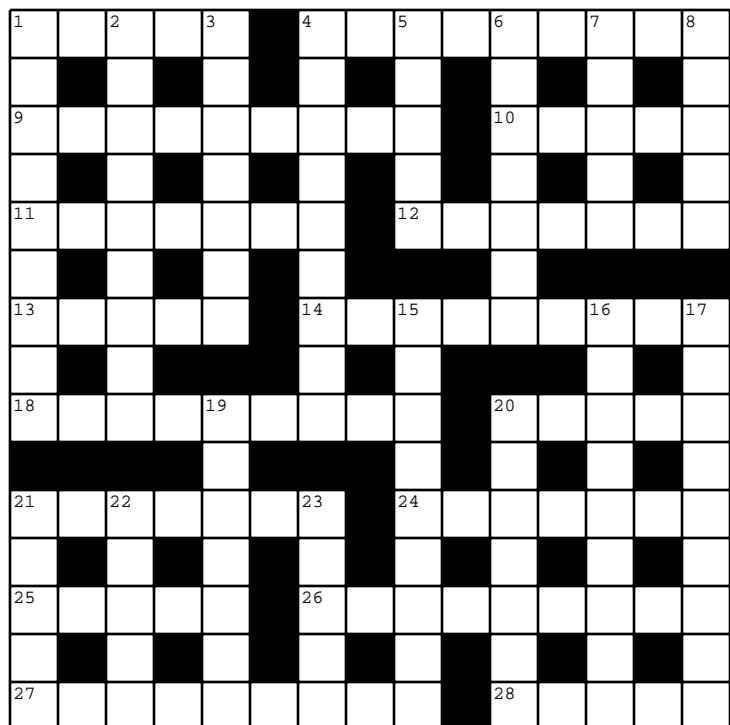
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| 4. DIRECTING  | 2. NIGHTGOWN  |
| 9. ALGEBRAIC  | 3. LOBBIED    |
| 10. AREAS     | 4. DIAGRAM    |
| 11. NATTIER   | 5. RECIPES    |
| 12. PLEASES   | 6. CHATEAU    |
| 13. AVOID     | 7. ITEMS      |
| 14. MISGUIDES | 8. GASES      |
| 17. HUNDREDTH | 15. DYSPEPSIA |
| 21. COSTS     | 16. SASSAFRAS |
| 22. VALENTI   | 18. RENEWAL   |
| 24. DUODENA   | 19. DRIPPED   |
| 25. SCREW     | 20. HIDEOUS   |
| 26. PROFESSOR | 21. CHOLERA   |
| 27. ACCOLADES | 22. VISTA     |
| 28. AWAYS     | 23. LYRIC     |



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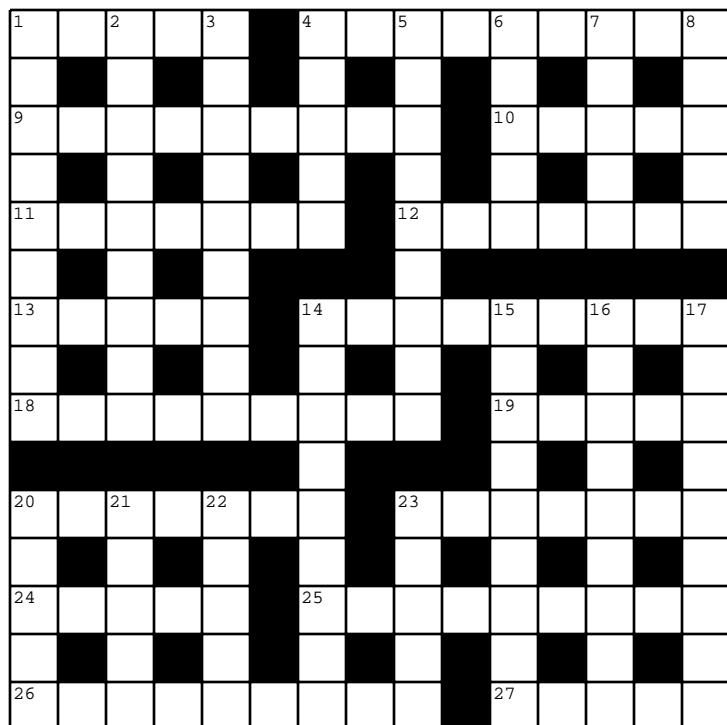
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| 4. ACHIEVING  | 2. TAWDRIEST  |
| 9. NEWSPAPER  | 3. HAPPILY    |
| 10. CACHE     | 4. APPLICANT  |
| 11. MARTINI   | 5. HEROS      |
| 12. SCOURED   | 6. ENCLOSE    |
| 13. NEEDY     | 7. INCUR      |
| 14. AGREEABLE | 8. GREED      |
| 18. AUTOMATES | 15. RASPBERRY |
| 20. SCRUB     | 16. BARRICADE |
| 21. MELODIC   | 17. EMBEZZLES |
| 24. BERLITZ   | 19. MODESTO   |
| 25. GATES     | 20. SCRAWLS   |
| 26. SCREWBALL | 21. MAGIC     |
| 27. COPIOUSLY | 22. LETUP     |
| 28. SEEMS     | 23. COSTS     |



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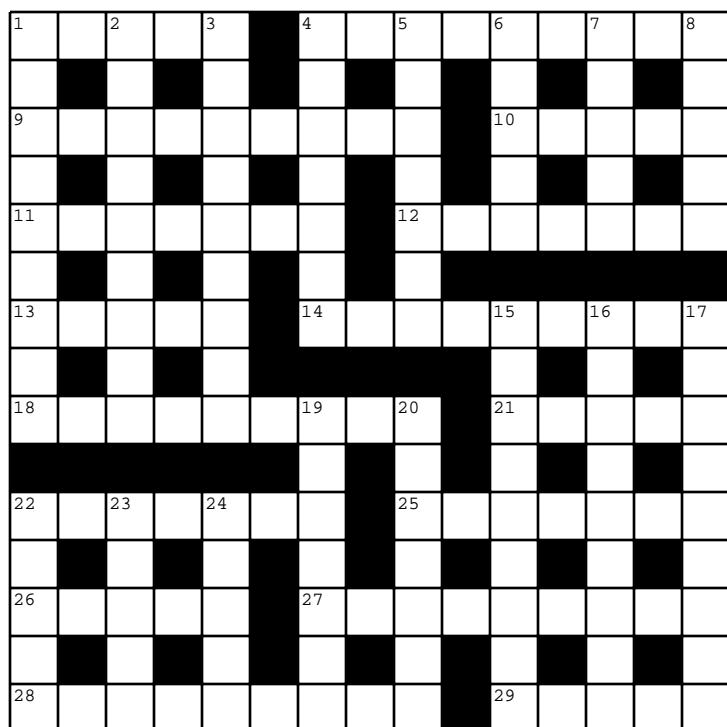
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| 4. ORANGUTAN  | 2. CRESCENDI  |
| 9. EXEMPTION  | 3. REPLENISH  |
| 10. MIMIC     | 4. OMITS      |
| 11. TICKETS   | 5. ANNOUNCER  |
| 12. UPSHOTS   | 6. GAMES      |
| 13. RANDI     | 7. TEMPO      |
| 14. INCAPABLE | 8. NICKS      |
| 18. WHICHEVER | 14. INVALIDED |
| 19. DOING     | 15. PEDAGOGIC |
| 20. CAPITAL   | 16. BRITANNIA |
| 23. MIGRANT   | 17. EIGHTIETH |
| 24. UPPER     | 20. CRUMB     |
| 25. DILIGENCE | 21. PIPED     |
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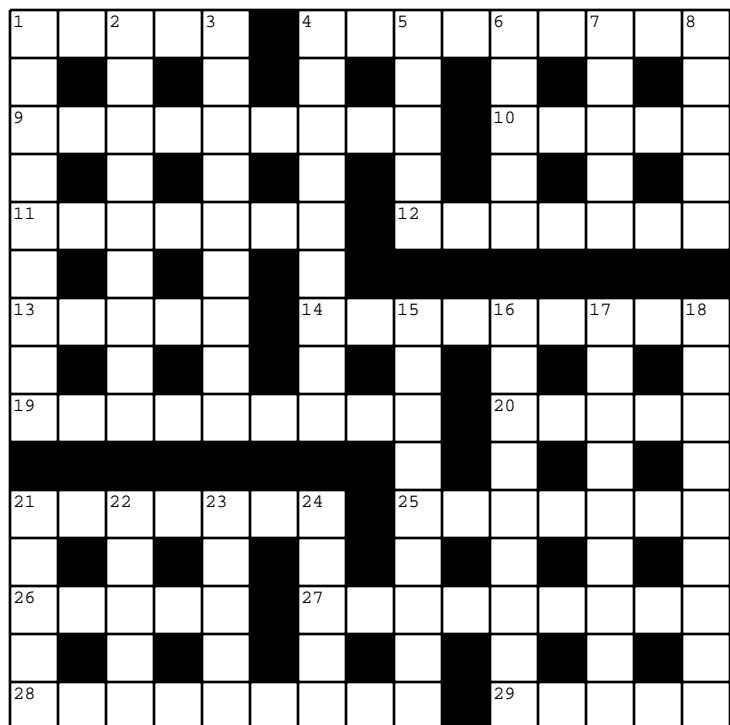
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| 9. INTRINSIC  | 3. CHISELING  |
| 10. REALM     | 4. DESKTOP    |
| 11. COSIEST   | 5. ARCHAIC    |
| 12. ACCENTS   | 6. LYRIC      |
| 13. LOEWI     | 7. CHAIN      |
| 14. PACEMAKER | 8. SAMES      |
| 18. ANALGESIC | 15. MIDSTREAM |
| 21. DIRAC     | 16. KARAMAZOV |
| 22. REFRESH   | 17. RECOMMEND |
| 25. OPTIMUM   | 19. SCHEMED   |
| 26. SNAFU     | 20. CHOICES   |
| 27. MACKENZIE | 22. ROSIE     |
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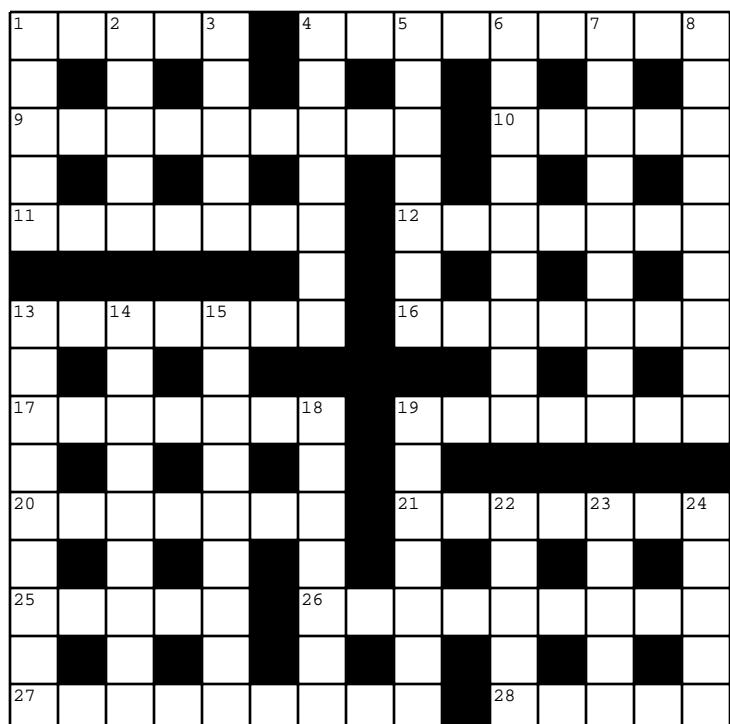
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| 4. COQUETTED  | 2. UNFITTING  |
| 9. AFFLUENCE  | 3. BOUNTIFUL  |
| 10. ICAHN     | 4. CONTENDER  |
| 11. ENTITLE   | 5. QUEUE      |
| 12. EJECTED   | 6. ELITE      |
| 13. GRIEF     | 7. TOAST      |
| 14. DRAWBACKS | 8. DINED      |
| 19. REGULARLY | 15. ABYSSINIA |
| 20. TWERP     | 16. BUTTERCUP |
| 21. CARDIAC   | 17. CRESCENDI |
| 25. SPENCER   | 18. SUPERSEDE |
| 26. EXCEL     | 21. CREED     |
| 27. INNOCENCE | 22. RECAP     |
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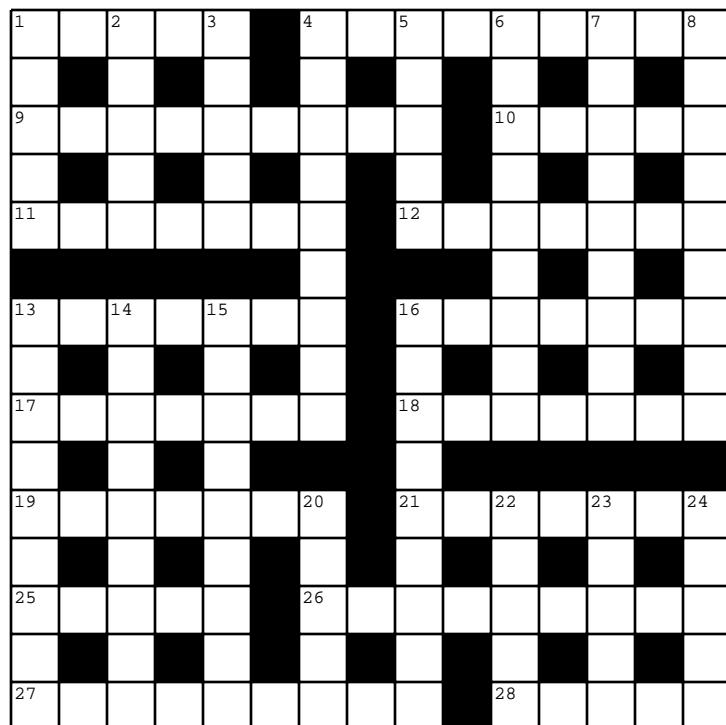
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| 9. CRESCENDO  | 3. RECTA      |
| 10. ERROR     | 4. BANDIES    |
| 11. THALAMI   | 5. ABOLISH    |
| 12. INSIPID   | 6. TREASURER  |
| 13. ODOROUS   | 7. FIREPROOF  |
| 16. HORMONE   | 8. LURIDNESS  |
| 17. ETERNAL   | 13. OVERSLEEP |
| 19. SCRUFFS   | 14. OVERLOOKS |
| 20. SOLARIA   | 15. OWNERSHIP |
| 21. ARRIVES   | 18. LIAISON   |
| 25. EPOCH     | 19. STARRED   |
| 26. STRUGGLED | 22. RIGID     |
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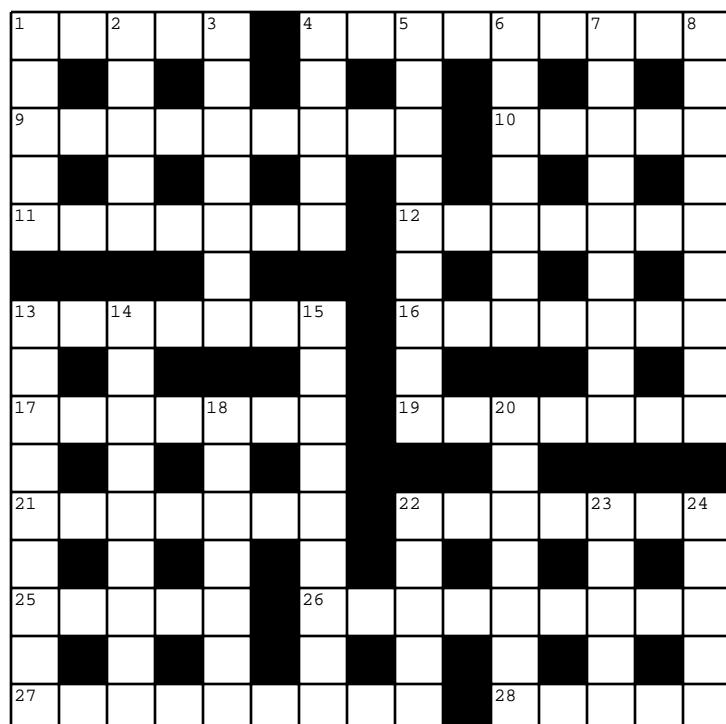
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| 4. EFFECTIVE  | 2. BORNE      |
| 9. CORREGGIO  | 3. GUEST      |
| 10. ALSOP     | 4. EAGERNESS  |
| 11. SHELTER   | 5. FLORA      |
| 12. AKIHITO   | 6. CLAVICLES  |
| 13. PACKAGE   | 7. INSTITUTE  |
| 16. CALCULI   | 8. EXPLOSION  |
| 17. LENGTHS   | 13. POLITICOS |
| 18. EASTERN   | 14. CONQUEROR |
| 19. TRUMPET   | 15. ANTIPASTI |
| 21. REFUSAL   | 16. CLEARANCE |
| 25. CARDS     | 20. TEMPT     |
| 26. MENDELEEV | 22. FEELS     |
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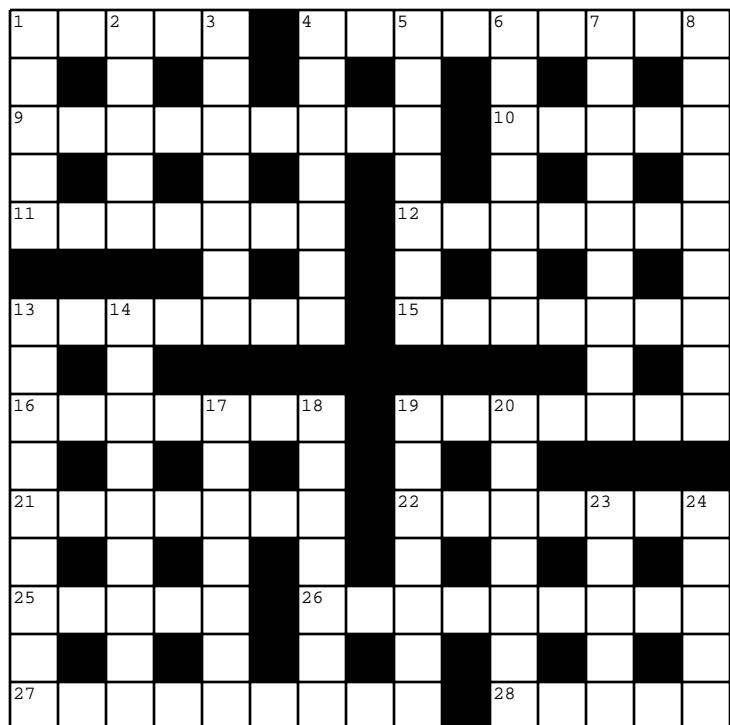
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| 9. ILLNESSES  | 3. CHENNAI    |
| 10. ALPHA     | 4. CASED      |
| 11. GREENED   | 5. DESIRABLE  |
| 12. REDUCED   | 6. LEANDER    |
| 13. MISSION   | 7. EXPECTING  |
| 16. BURRITO   | 8. TEARDROPS  |
| 17. SARCASM   | 13. MUSICIANS |
| 19. ENGAGES   | 14. STRATAGEM |
| 21. CATERER   | 15. NUMERICAL |
| 22. BULLDOG   | 18. ACRYLIC   |
| 25. ANGEL     | 20. GALORES   |
| 26. CIGARILLO | 22. BEGIN     |
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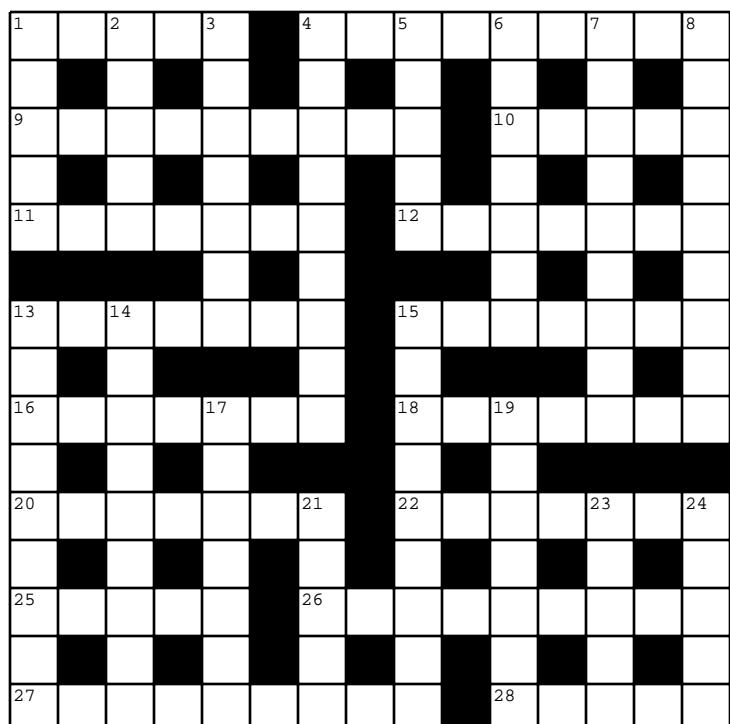
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. POETS      | 1. PIANO      |
| 4. GREATNESS  | 2. EARNS      |
| 9. ARRAIGNED  | 3. STIMULI    |
| 10. REPEL     | 4. GINSENG    |
| 11. OBSCURE   | 5. ENDORSE    |
| 12. RAVENED   | 6. THRIVED    |
| 13. FOPPING   | 7. EXPANSION  |
| 15. ENDWISE   | 8. SOLIDNESS  |
| 16. AGRIPPA   | 13. FRANCISCA |
| 19. DEFINES   | 14. PORCELAIN |
| 21. CLEARER   | 17. PERTURB   |
| 22. CHERUBS   | 18. AEROSOL   |
| 25. SNAFU     | 19. DECLARE   |
| 26. SPAGHETTI | 20. FRESHLY   |
| 27. ANNABELLE | 23. UTTER     |
| 28. YARDS     | 24. SHIPS     |



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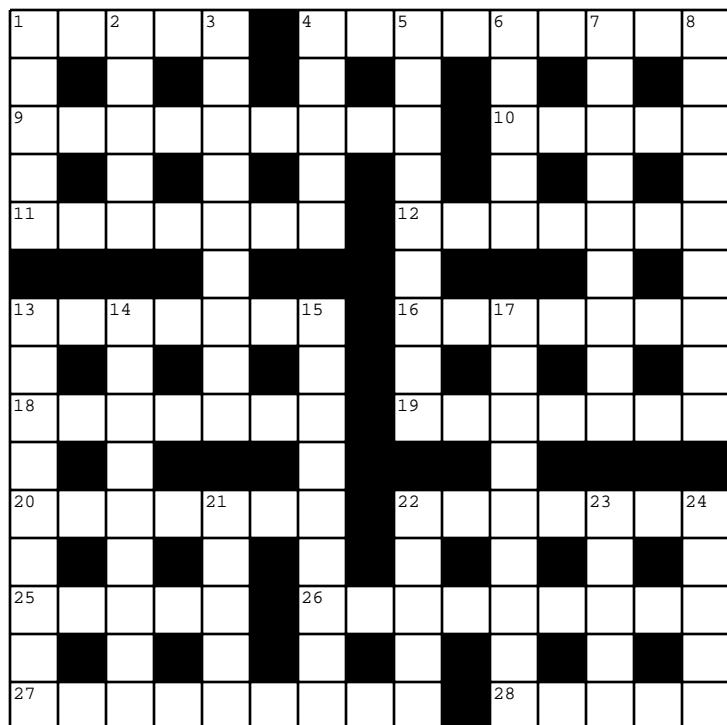
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| 4. MORPHEMED  | 2. CAPED      |
| 9. IMPROMPTU  | 3. ATONING    |
| 10. LETUP     | 4. MCPHERSON  |
| 11. BEDTIME   | 5. ROUND      |
| 12. DEFICIT   | 6. HELPFUL    |
| 13. EMERGES   | 7. METACARPI  |
| 15. HILARIO   | 8. DIPHTHONG  |
| 16. COCHRAN   | 13. ECCENTRIC |
| 18. REELING   | 14. EXCEPTION |
| 20. NAPHTHA   | 15. HARDLINER |
| 22. LOGICAL   | 17. RETINAE   |
| 25. REIGN     | 19. EGGHEAD   |
| 26. MENDELEEV | 21. AIMED     |
| 27. CONTENDER | 23. CHESS     |
| 28. DOSED     | 24. LOVED     |



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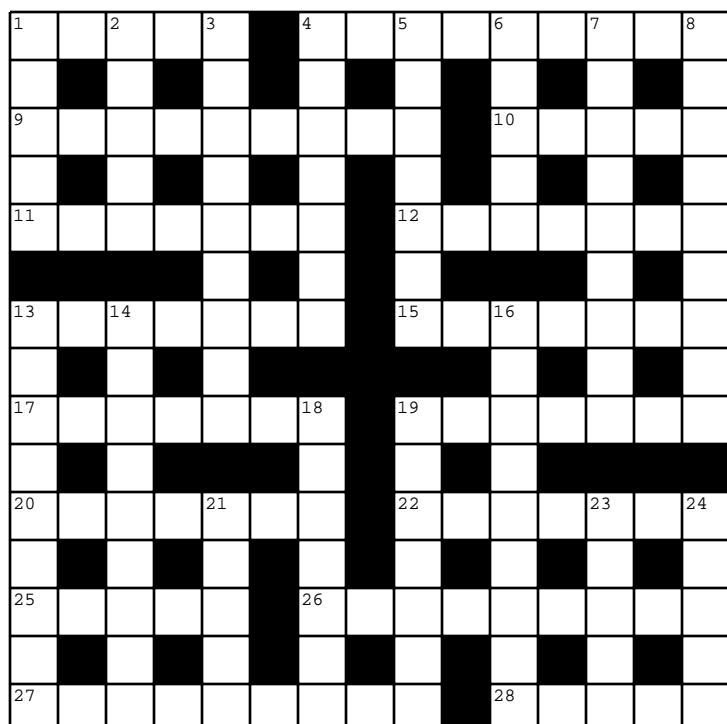
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| 4. PLEBEIANS  | 2. TITLE      |
| 9. INTENSITY  | 3. DONIZETTI  |
| 10. ARGUE     | 4. PRIOR      |
| 11. FREEZER   | 5. ETYMOLOGY  |
| 12. OFTENER   | 6. EXACT      |
| 13. JUJITSU   | 7. ALGONQUIN  |
| 16. OBSCURE   | 8. SPEARHEAD  |
| 18. MILLION   | 13. JUMPSUITS |
| 19. YEARNED   | 14. JELLYFISH |
| 20. SEYFERT   | 15. UNNATURAL |
| 22. SOMEHOW   | 17. STAMMERER |
| 25. IVIES     | 21. EASED     |
| 26. REMBRANDT | 22. SAMES     |
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| 28. REACH     | 24. WATCH     |



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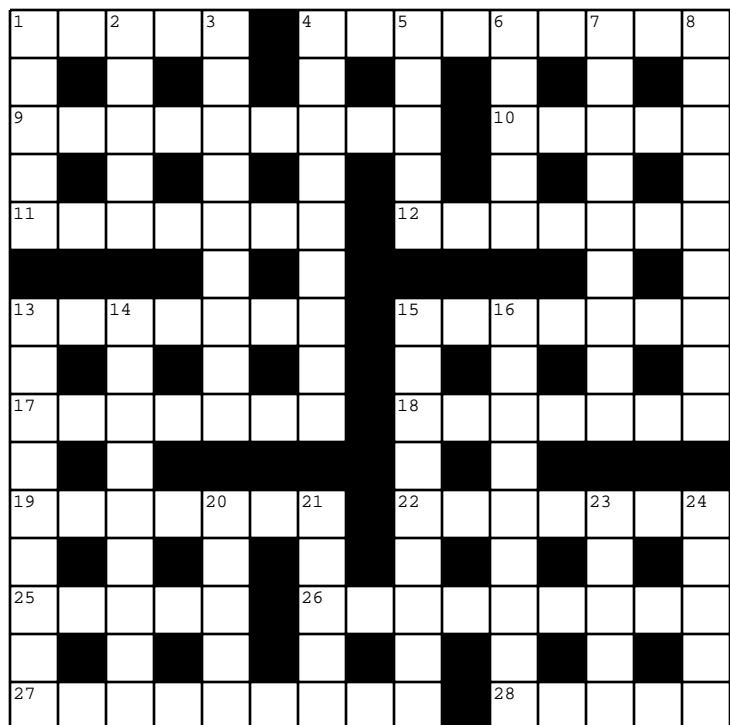
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| 4. BUJUMBURA  | 2. INTER      |
| 9. INTEGRITY  | 3. ANGUISHES  |
| 10. DUDES     | 4. BLINDLY    |
| 11. BERRIED   | 5. JAYWALK    |
| 12. ASTARTE   | 6. MIDST      |
| 13. MONTHLY   | 7. UNDERLAIN  |
| 15. KIDNAPS   | 8. ABSCESSSES |
| 17. ASSISTS   | 13. MEANWHILE |
| 19. CASINOS   | 14. NASTINESS |
| 20. WHITTLE   | 16. DISGUISED |
| 22. CHUGGED   | 18. SWEETEN   |
| 25. ILENE     | 19. COCOONS   |
| 26. TROUSSEAU | 21. THEIR     |
| 27. ENSHRINES | 23. GREGG     |
| 28. DIGIT     | 24. DOUBT     |



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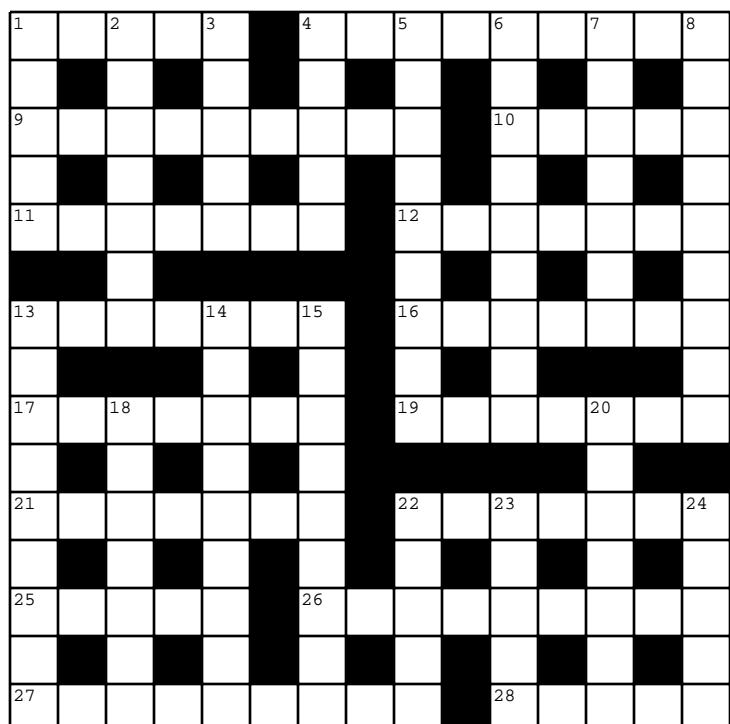
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| 1. TACIT      | 1. TRAIL      |
| 4. BAPTISMAL  | 2. CHAIR      |
| 9. AMATERASU  | 3. THEREFORE  |
| 10. BUSED     | 4. BEAUTIFUL  |
| 11. LARGEST   | 5. PLUMB      |
| 12. BALFOUR   | 6. IQBAL      |
| 13. CASTOFF   | 7. MUSSOLINI  |
| 15. COCAINE   | 8. LEDERBERG  |
| 17. OATMEAL   | 13. CHOWDERED |
| 18. INCHING   | 14. SATISFIED |
| 19. DISTILL   | 15. CRIMSONED |
| 22. SYMPTOM   | 16. CUCUMBERS |
| 25. RAIDS     | 20. ISSAC     |
| 26. MENDELEEV | 21. LIMIT     |
| 27. DEDICATED | 23. THEFT     |
| 28. SITES     | 24. MOVES     |



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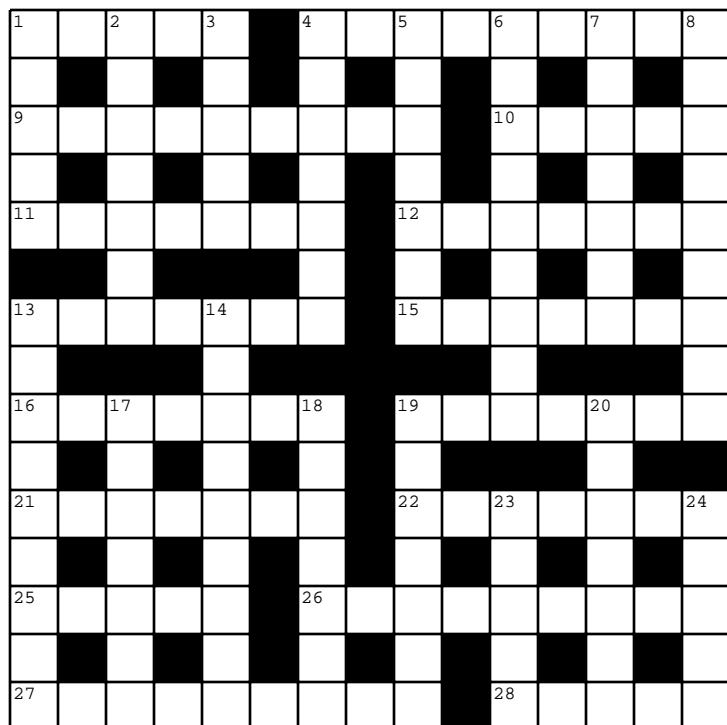
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| 4. UPHEAVALS  | 2. TALLEST    |
| 9. SALVATION  | 3. LLAMA      |
| 10. ALTER     | 4. UNITE      |
| 11. TEENAGE   | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. YOUNGER   | 6. ATAHUALPA  |
| 13. ESTELLA   | 7. ANTIGEN    |
| 16. OBLONGS   | 8. SURPRISED  |
| 17. COARSEN   | 13. ESCAPISTS |
| 19. BRAGGED   | 14. LISTERINE |
| 21. PARVENU   | 15. ANNOUNCER |
| 22. CLEANER   | 18. ACRONYM   |
| 25. SINAI     | 20. GENTLER   |
| 26. CONCEALED | 22. CYNIC     |
| 27. SYMMETRIC | 23. EXECS     |
| 28. SORTS     | 24. RIDES     |



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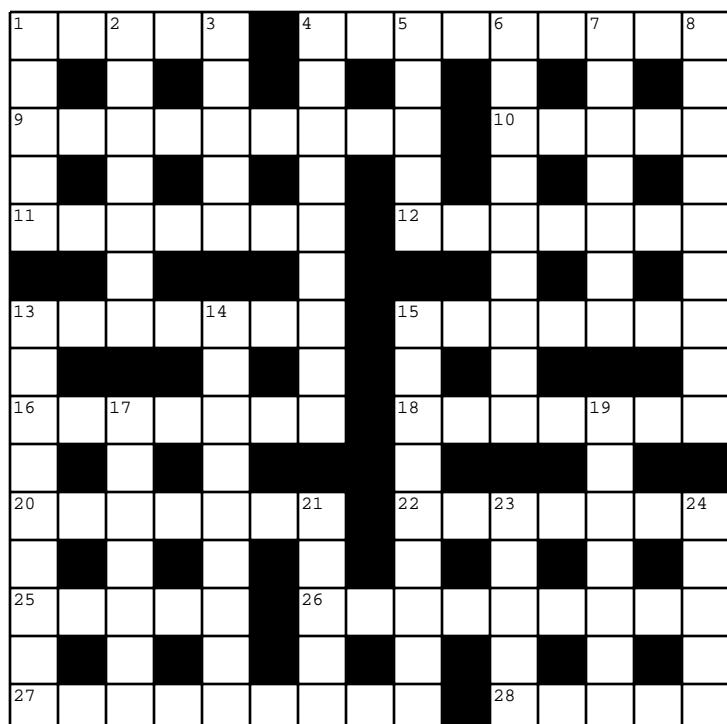
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| 4. PRISCILLA  | 2. GALORES    |
| 9. CELLULOSE  | 3. SPURN      |
| 10. INPUT     | 4. PROCESS    |
| 11. STRANGE   | 5. INERTIA    |
| 12. TRAINER   | 6. CLIMACTIC  |
| 13. BISECTS   | 7. LUPINES    |
| 15. ARTISTE   | 8. ATTORNEYS  |
| 16. THALAMI   | 13. BATHSHEBA |
| 19. EXCUSES   | 14. CHALLENGE |
| 21. SCALLOP   | 17. AWAITED   |
| 22. ANGUISH   | 18. IMPENDS   |
| 25. EATEN     | 19. ERASURE   |
| 26. NEURALGIA | 20. SMIDGEN   |
| 27. ADDRESSEE | 23. GRAPH     |
| 28. HONEY     | 24. HEAVY     |



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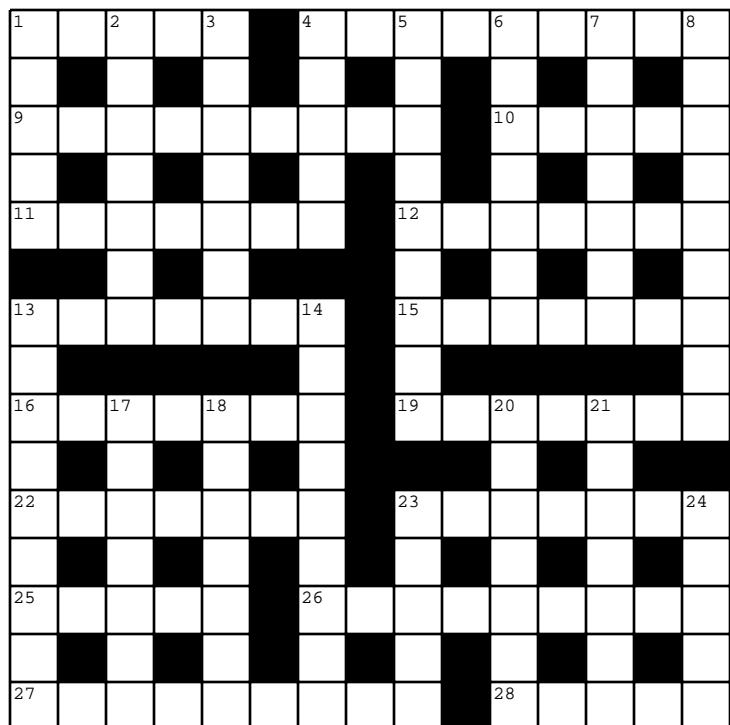
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| 4. PRISCILLA  | 2. TRIVIAL    |
| 9. RHINOCERI  | 3. RHODA      |
| 10. GENET     | 4. PRECEDING  |
| 11. COINAGE   | 5. IRISH      |
| 12. HARPIST   | 6. CIGARILLO  |
| 13. BELUSHI   | 7. LONGISH    |
| 15. BELCHED   | 8. ATTITUDES  |
| 16. CYCLING   | 13. BACKPACKS |
| 18. CHOICES   | 14. STIMULATE |
| 20. PERTURB   | 15. BACKFIRES |
| 22. FATTIER   | 17. CARDIAC   |
| 25. CHINA     | 19. CUISINE   |
| 26. FORGIVING | 21. BUFFS     |
| 27. SUCCESSES | 23. TYING     |
| 28. GUEST     | 24. RIGHT     |



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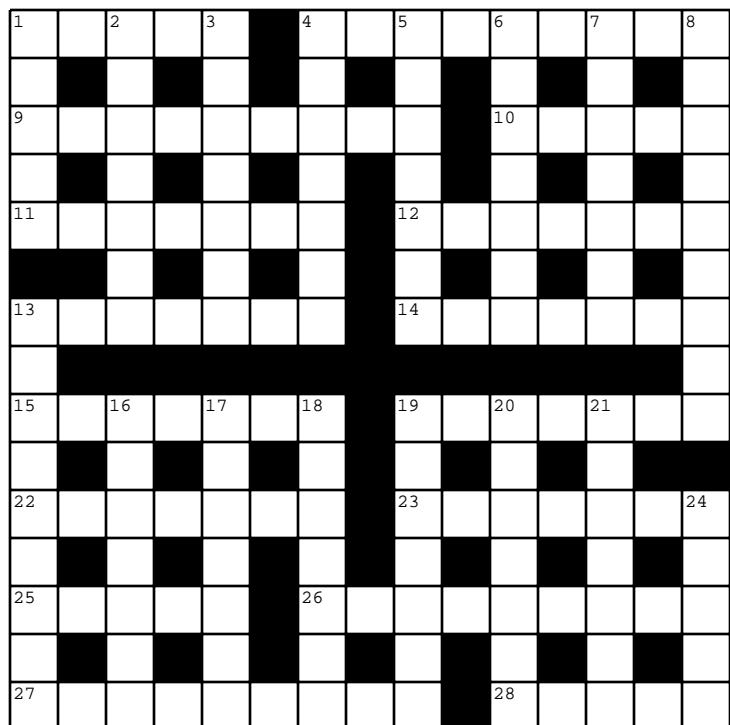
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| 4. GERIATRIC  | 2. CONSORT    |
| 9. GENITALIA  | 3. DITHERS    |
| 10. LIPPI     | 4. GALAS      |
| 11. SHOWERS   | 5. REALISTIC  |
| 12. INVALID   | 6. ALLOVER    |
| 13. ARTISTS   | 7. REPULSE    |
| 15. TORPEDO   | 8. CHILDHOOD  |
| 16. AKIHITO   | 13. ANALGESIA |
| 19. CLASPED   | 14. SHOWCASED |
| 22. GRAPHIC   | 17. INANEST   |
| 23. MIDWAYS   | 18. INHERIT   |
| 25. SHEER     | 20. ABDUCTS   |
| 26. SUNSCREEN | 21. PLATEAU   |
| 27. ATTITUDES | 23. MINES     |
| 28. STUDY     | 24. SUNNY     |



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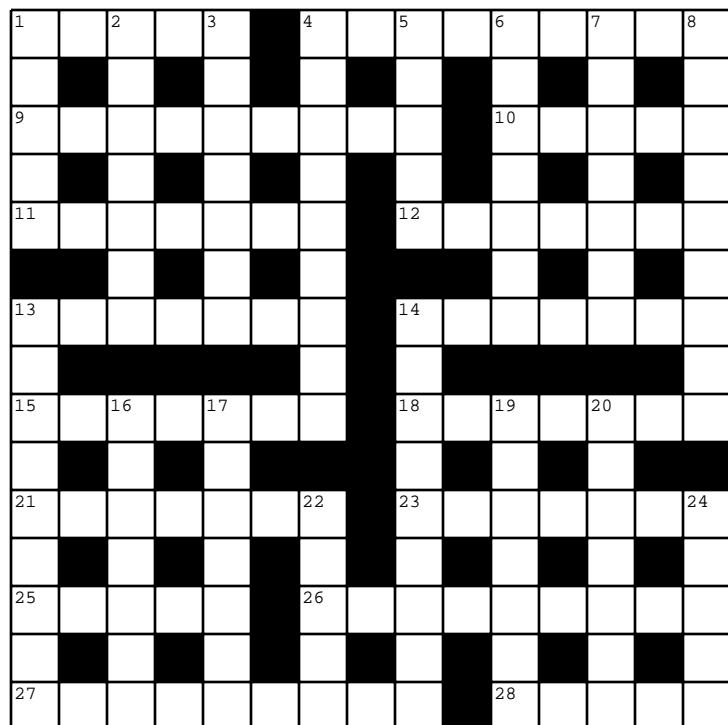
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| 1. CUBIC      | 1. CAFES      |
| 4. IDIOMATIC  | 2. BENEATH    |
| 9. FINGERTIP  | 3. CHENNAI    |
| 10. NICER     | 4. INTERIM    |
| 11. SCANNER   | 5. IMPORTS    |
| 12. REGALIA   | 6. MANAGUA    |
| 13. ATHEISM   | 7. TACKLER    |
| 14. SHARRON   | 8. CERTAINER  |
| 15. MIDRIFT   | 13. ARMATURED |
| 19. DELIVER   | 16. DEBASES   |
| 22. TABLEAU   | 17. INERTIA   |
| 23. UNDERGO   | 18. FLUFFED   |
| 25. RESET     | 19. DRUMMED   |
| 26. FEMININES | 20. LADONNA   |
| 27. DISCARDED | 21. VERANDA   |
| 28. ADAPT     | 24. ONSET     |



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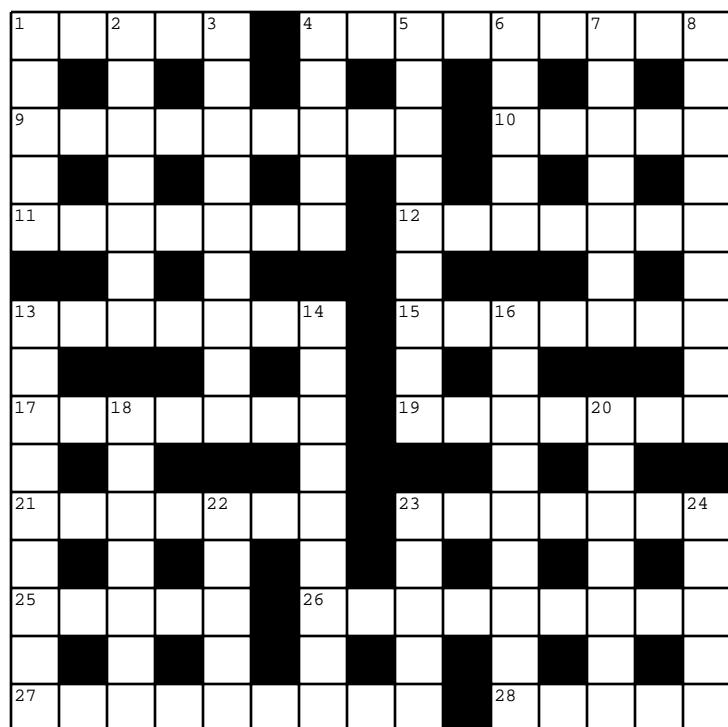
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| 1. LIBRA      | 1. LASSA      |
| 4. NIGHTCLUB  | 2. BONANZA    |
| 9. SANATORIA  | 3. ARTISTE    |
| 10. ECLAT     | 4. NORMALITY  |
| 11. AMNESIA   | 5. GRABS      |
| 12. SITUATE   | 6. TREETOP    |
| 13. ARACELI   | 7. LILIANA    |
| 14. EXPLAIN   | 8. BUTTERNUT  |
| 15. TACITLY   | 13. ANTIPATHY |
| 18. DEPOSIT   | 14. ENDOWMENT |
| 21. PARSNIP   | 16. CORDIAL   |
| 23. WORKMAN   | 17. TANGELO   |
| 25. TWICE     | 19. PERTURB   |
| 26. UNEQUALED | 20. SIMPLEX   |
| 27. YELLOWEST | 22. PAUSE     |
| 28. BOXES     | 24. NODES     |



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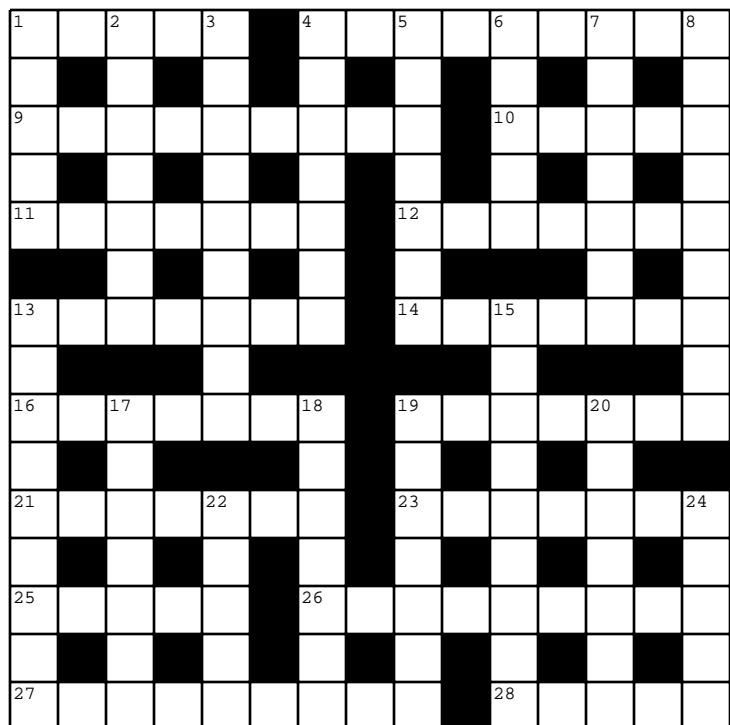
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| 1. THEIR      | 1. THUMB      |
| 4. INCIDENCE  | 2. EXPECTS    |
| 9. UNPOPULAR  | 3. REPRODUCE  |
| 10. APPLE     | 4. IDLES      |
| 11. BECKONS   | 5. CURRICULA  |
| 12. INERTIA   | 6. DRAPE      |
| 13. DISTURB   | 7. NAPSTER    |
| 15. UNEARTH   | 8. EYELASHES  |
| 17. TORPEDO   | 13. DETONATED |
| 19. ACCEPTS   | 14. BLOCKADED |
| 21. NITPICK   | 16. ESCALATOR |
| 23. HOLCOMB   | 18. RATINGS   |
| 25. TANGO     | 20. PEOPLES   |
| 26. DONATELLO | 22. INONU     |
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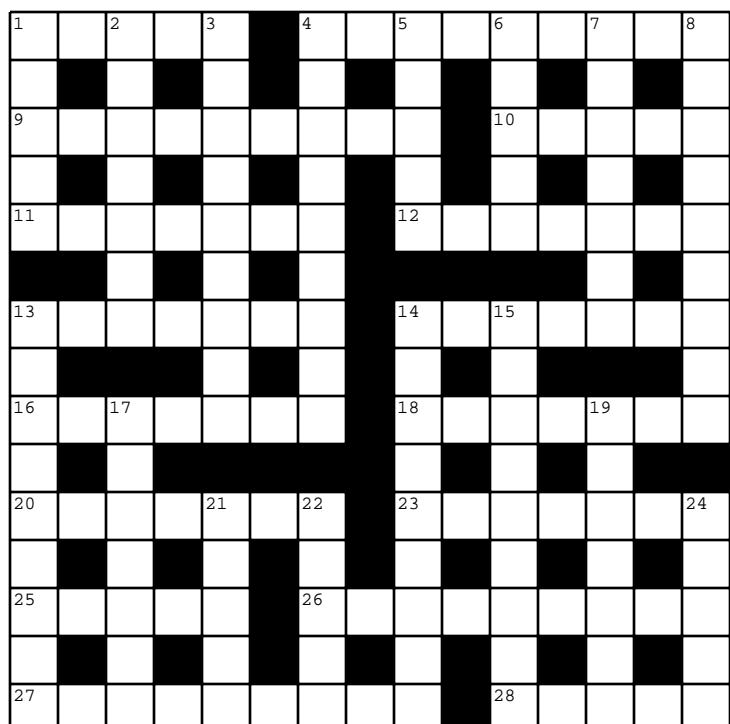
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| 4. GUATEMALA  | 2. ACCLAIM    |
| 9. ORCHESTRA  | 3. CREMATING  |
| 10. CUBIC     | 4. GETTING    |
| 11. THALAMI   | 5. AMATEUR    |
| 12. ETERNAL   | 6. EMCEE      |
| 13. CUMMING   | 7. ALBINOS    |
| 14. REFUSED   | 8. ACCOLADED  |
| 16. SHINGLE   | 13. CASTANEDA |
| 19. HOUNDED   | 15. FEUDALISM |
| 21. AELFRIC   | 17. ISLAMIC   |
| 23. PLASTIC   | 18. ESCAPED   |
| 25. ELMER     | 19. HAPPENS   |
| 26. PRECISION | 20. DETAINS   |
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| 28. MUSIC     | 24. CYNIC     |



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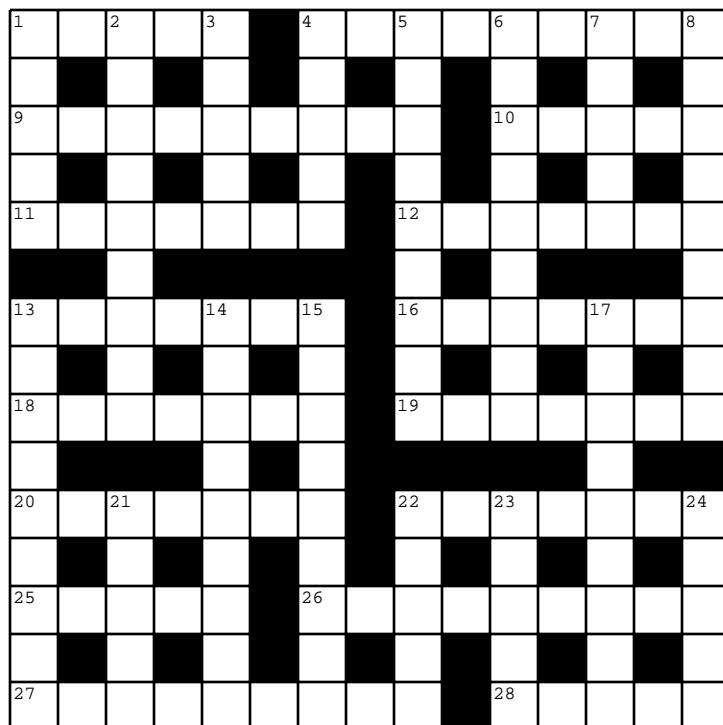
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| 4. ALLOCATED  | 2. NABOKOV    |
| 9. SUBATOMIC  | 3. POTPOURRI  |
| 10. KIROV     | 4. ARMSTRONG  |
| 11. TAKEOUT   | 5. LOCKS      |
| 12. SASSIER   | 6. CAKES      |
| 13. NAVARRO   | 7. TERMINI    |
| 14. SWAHILI   | 8. DIVERSITY  |
| 16. GETTING   | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. UNHAPPY   | 14. STUMBLING |
| 20. THEOREM   | 15. AKHMATOVA |
| 23. BRAVADO   | 17. THEREON   |
| 25. LEERY     | 19. PLACEBO   |
| 26. RHINOCERI | 21. RHYME     |
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| 28. AMONG     | 24. OWING     |



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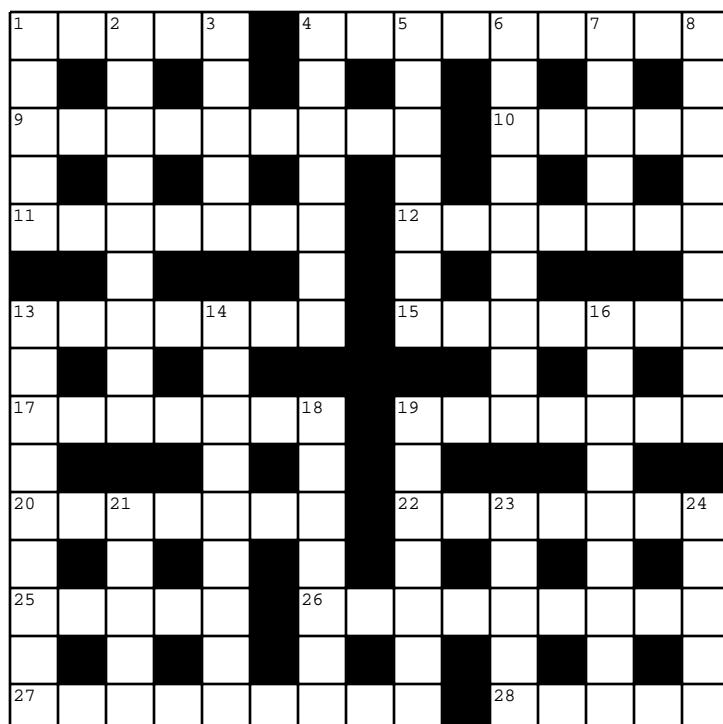
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| 9. ENUNCIATE  | 3. DOCKS      |
| 10. MANIC     | 4. TEAED      |
| 11. DRESSED   | 5. ALEJANDRA  |
| 12. ARTICLE   | 6. SOMETIME   |
| 13. PROVERB   | 7. TONIC      |
| 16. DAMAGES   | 8. DECREASED  |
| 18. RADICAL   | 13. PARALYTIC |
| 19. ASSURED   | 14. ENCLOSURE |
| 20. LAOCOON   | 15. BILINGUAL |
| 22. WASHING   | 17. GARNISHEE |
| 25. THIEU     | 21. ONION     |
| 26. UNUKALHAI | 22. WOUND     |
| 27. CANCELLED | 23. SWAMP     |
| 28. POEMS     | 24. GAITS     |



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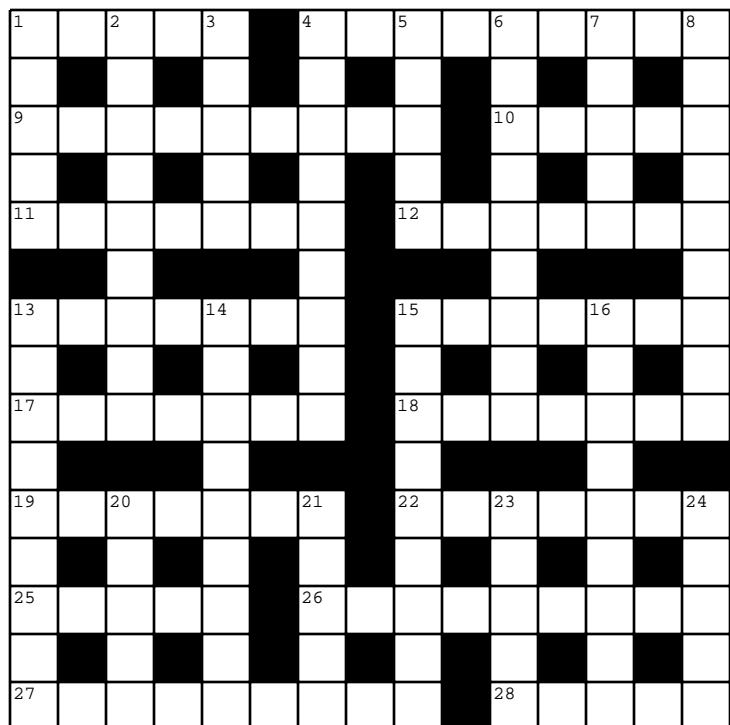
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| 4. POSITIVER  | 2. VERITABLE  |
| 9. CURRICULA  | 3. DRIFT      |
| 10. EPSOM     | 4. PLUMBER    |
| 11. BATHTUB   | 5. SCALLOP    |
| 12. LATERAN   | 6. TWENTIETH  |
| 13. SOBERER   | 7. VISOR      |
| 15. PRESSES   | 8. REMINISCE  |
| 17. CHENNAI   | 13. SECTIONAL |
| 19. ENHANCE   | 14. RENASCENT |
| 20. INFUSED   | 16. SANITARIA |
| 22. THEATER   | 18. INDUCED   |
| 25. NERVE     | 19. EXTENDS   |
| 26. CONCURRED | 21. FIRST     |
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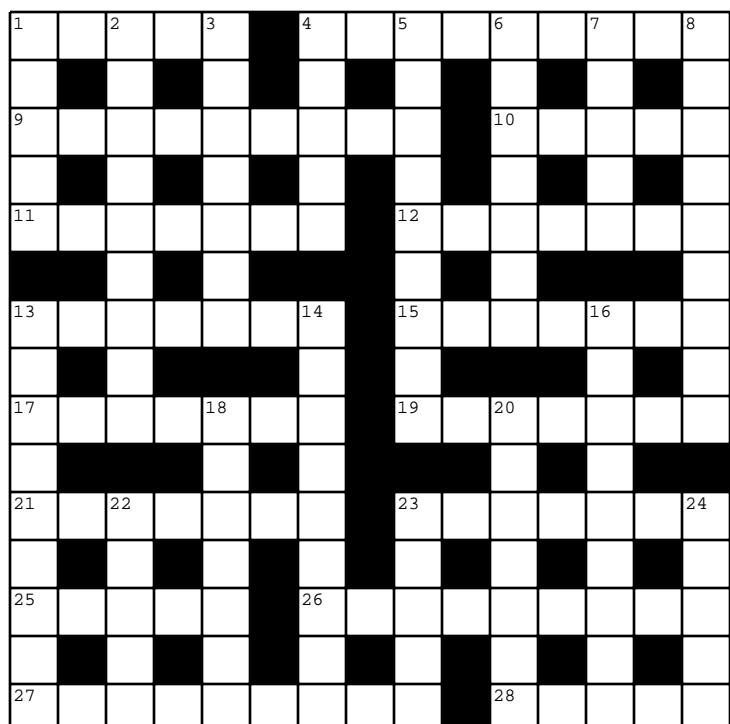
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| 4. MILLENNIA  | 2. INSERTION     |
| 9. DYSPEPSIA  | 3. ARENA         |
| 10. FLORA     | 4. MASSACRED     |
| 11. NIRVANA   | 5. LEAVE         |
| 12. ENCASED   | 6. EFFECTIVE     |
| 13. MOISTER   | 7. NOONS         |
| 15. OPINION   | 8. ABANDONED     |
| 17. LANGUID   | 13. MELODRAMATIC |
| 18. ELECTED   | 14. TRUCULENT    |
| 19. DISTURB   | 15. OVERCASTS    |
| 22. COCKER    | 16. INTRINSIC    |
| 25. AWARE     | 20. START        |
| 26. DISCUSSED | 21. BODED        |
| 27. APTITUDES | 23. CRUMB        |
| 28. BACKS     | 24. RIDES        |



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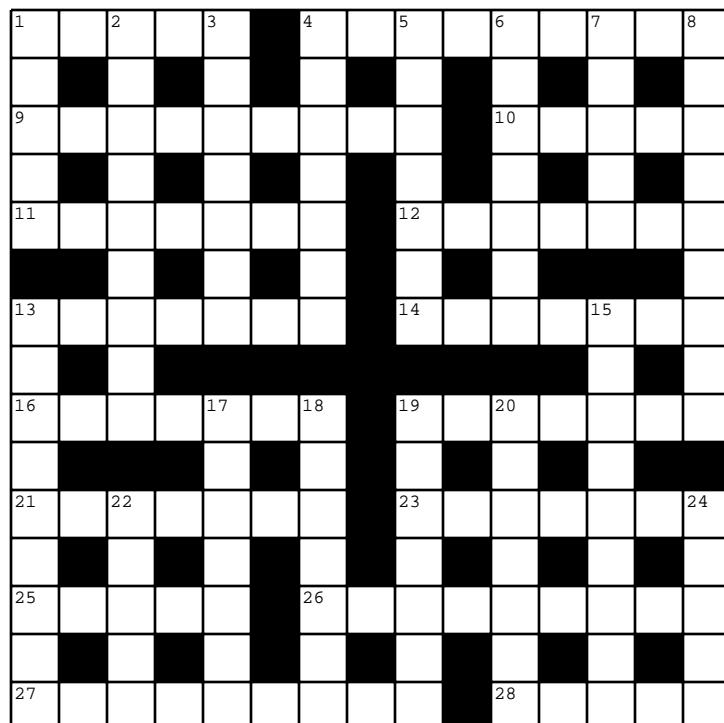
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| 4. MALDONADO  | 2. HAUSDORFF  |
| 9. COUNTDOWN  | 3. RETRAIN    |
| 10. ALONG     | 4. MOODS      |
| 11. ENDEARS   | 5. LONESOMES  |
| 12. SALWEEN   | 6. ORACLES    |
| 13. BYRONIC   | 7. ALONE      |
| 15. MUSICAL   | 8. ORGANELLE  |
| 17. OFFENSE   | 13. BOOKSHELF |
| 19. STORAGE   | 14. CLERGYMAN |
| 21. SAPLING   | 16. COALITION |
| 23. BUFFING   | 18. NAIVETE   |
| 25. ELOPE     | 20. OFFICER   |
| 26. MARACAIBO | 22. PROOF     |
| 27. FIFTEENTH | 23. BIRTH     |
| 28. RANTS     | 24. GOODS     |



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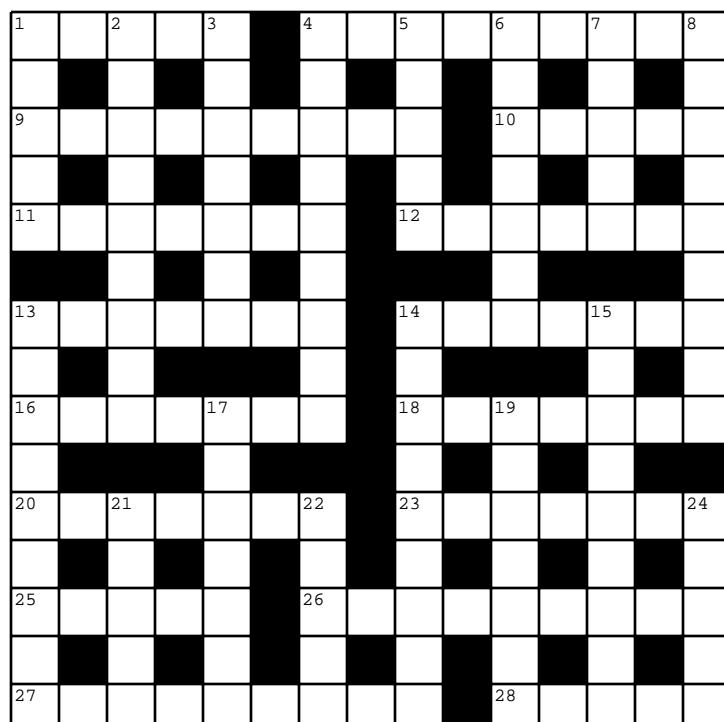
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| 4. MECHANICS  | 2. ARTHRITIC  |
| 9. CITIZENRY  | 3. PIZZAZZ    |
| 10. RULER     | 4. MANIKIN    |
| 11. EARMARK   | 5. CRYBABY    |
| 12. ABDOMEN   | 6. ABRIDGE    |
| 13. CITIZEN   | 7. ISLAM      |
| 14. YIELDED   | 8. SERENADES  |
| 16. ARCHAIC   | 13. CHAGRINED |
| 19. ACCUSES   | 15. DISHTOWEL |
| 21. RELEASE   | 17. ADAPTER   |
| 23. BATHTUB   | 18. CHEEPED   |
| 25. NIGHT     | 19. AMBIENT   |
| 26. PREVIEWER | 20. CATFISH   |
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| 28. HELLO     | 24. BURRO     |



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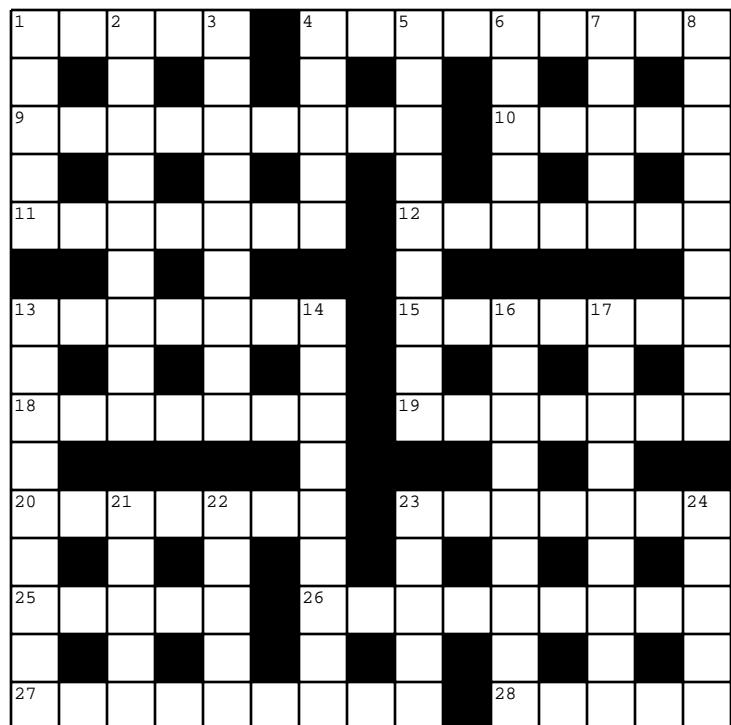
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| 9. OVERSTATE  | 3. ASSYRIA    |
| 10. BARER     | 4. BLASPHEME  |
| 11. OUTCROP   | 5. THETA      |
| 12. AURELIO   | 6. EMBARGO    |
| 13. FORBADE   | 7. CAROL      |
| 14. EMOTION   | 8. PERSONNEL  |
| 16. REWRITES  | 13. FIREPROOF |
| 18. CYNICAL   | 14. ESCAPISTS |
| 20. PROVERB   | 15. INCOGNITO |
| 23. PLUGGED   | 17. OVERALL   |
| 25. OPERA     | 19. NEURONS   |
| 26. MUSSOLINI | 21. OCEAN     |
| 27. FINALISTS | 22. BUMPS     |
| 28. SHOTS     | 24. DRIPS     |



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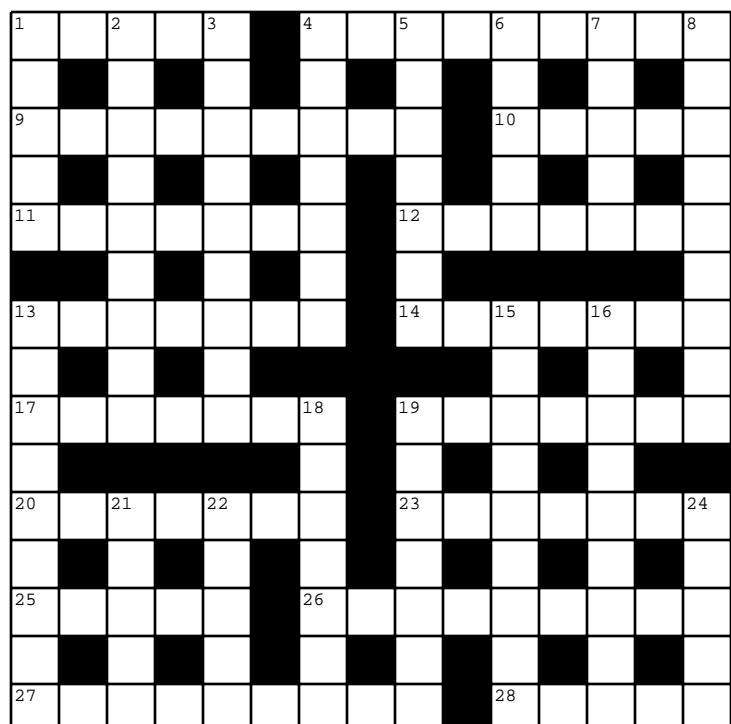
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| 4. TRIBALISM  | 2. GENITALIA  |
| 9. MENDICANT  | 3. CLIPBOARD  |
| 10. REIGN     | 4. TEARY      |
| 11. NOTABLY   | 5. INTEGRALS  |
| 12. GRAPHIC   | 6. AORTA      |
| 13. DOLLARS   | 7. IRISH      |
| 15. ADMIRER   | 8. MANICURES  |
| 18. STARDOM   | 13. DISBELIEF |
| 19. SCRAWLS   | 14. SIMPATICO |
| 20. EXCRETA   | 16. MARTYRDOM |
| 23. DAYTIME   | 17. REWRITTEN |
| 25. IAMBS     | 21. COMMA     |
| 26. INUNDATED | 22. ENSUE     |
| 27. FRAMEWORK | 23. DRUNK     |
| 28. MINED     | 24. ENDED     |



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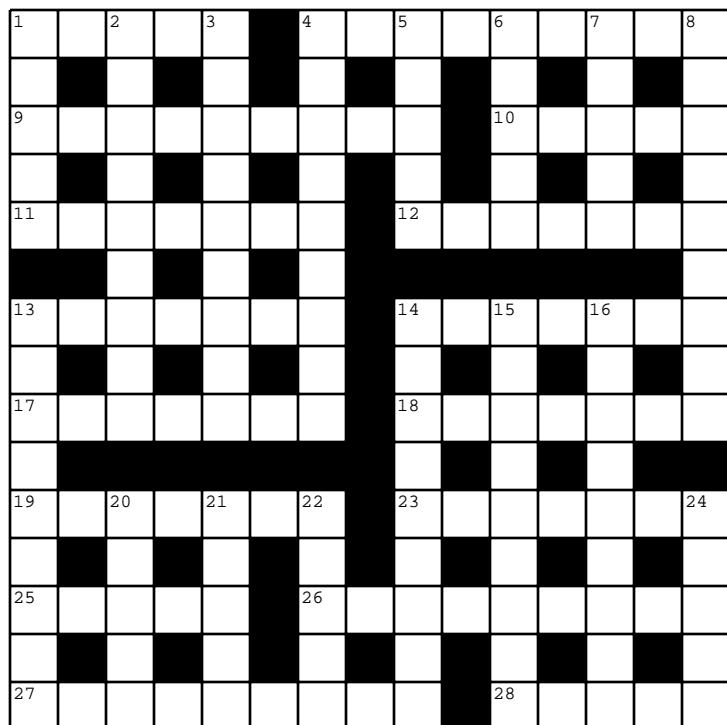
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| 9. INFLUENZA  | 3. SHUFFLING  |
| 10. BONER     | 4. DANGLED    |
| 11. HANDFUL   | 5. SWALLOW    |
| 12. LOWBROW   | 6. ELBOW      |
| 13. ALIBIED   | 7. INNER      |
| 14. WRAPPER   | 8. FIREWORKS  |
| 17. DREDGED   | 13. ADDRESSED |
| 19. ENAMELS   | 15. APATHETIC |
| 20. ENSURED   | 16. PNEUMONIA |
| 23. EXHUMED   | 18. DEDUCED   |
| 25. SOLAR     | 19. ELEGANT   |
| 26. CHASTENED | 21. SOLES     |
| 27. DISCREDIT | 22. RARER     |
| 28. CHAOS     | 24. DUDES     |



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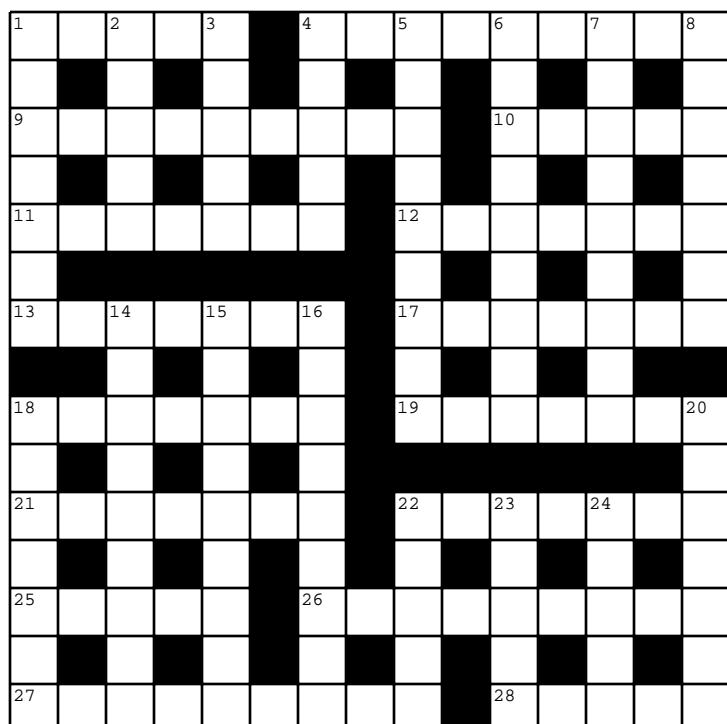
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| 4. SYLLOGISM  | 2. EPHEMERAL  |
| 9. MAHARISHI  | 3. SCROLLING  |
| 10. REACT     | 4. SUSTAINED  |
| 11. CAMILLA   | 5. LYING      |
| 12. GODUNOV   | 6. OARED      |
| 13. ARRAIGN   | 7. ICAHN      |
| 14. ATTRACT   | 8. MOTIVATES  |
| 17. OBLIGED   | 13. APOSTOLIC |
| 18. ARRESTS   | 14. AMATERASU |
| 19. THEREOF   | 15. TARANTULA |
| 23. EUNUCHS   | 16. ASSOCIATE |
| 25. LUIGI     | 20. ELISA     |
| 26. COAGULATE | 21. EVILS     |
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| 28. AMENS     | 24. SEEMS     |



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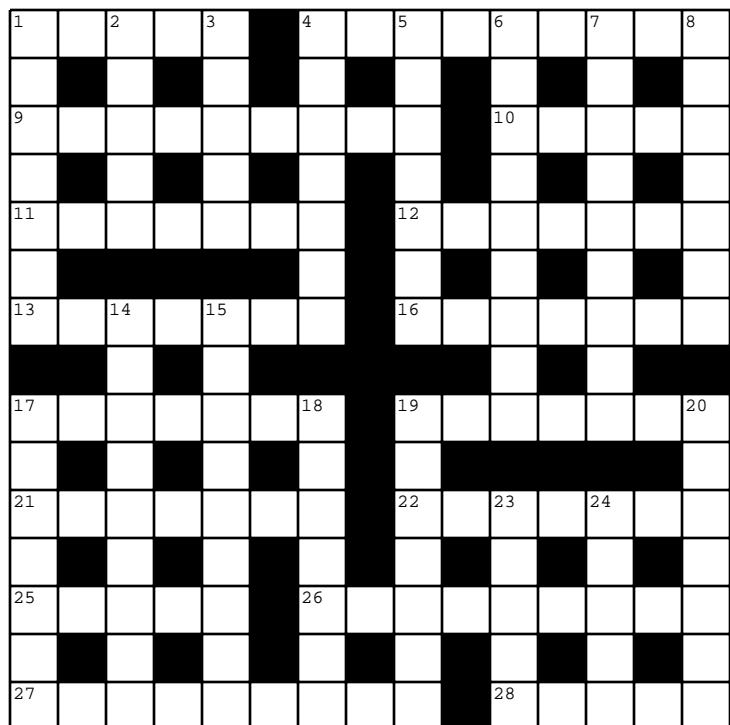
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| 9. MANNERISM  | 3. GUESS      |
| 10. LOIRE     | 4. BLIND      |
| 11. CLASSED   | 5. COMMUNISM  |
| 12. UNCLING   | 6. POLICEMEN  |
| 13. YAPPING   | 7. CRITICISM  |
| 17. IAMBICS   | 8. SLEIGHS    |
| 18. ANTENNA   | 14. PITTANCES |
| 19. MINIMUM   | 15. INNKEEPER |
| 21. PLATEAU   | 16. GRADUATED |
| 22. REMODEL   | 18. ASPIRED   |
| 25. RECAP     | 20. MILITIA   |
| 26. TRANSIENT | 22. REACT     |
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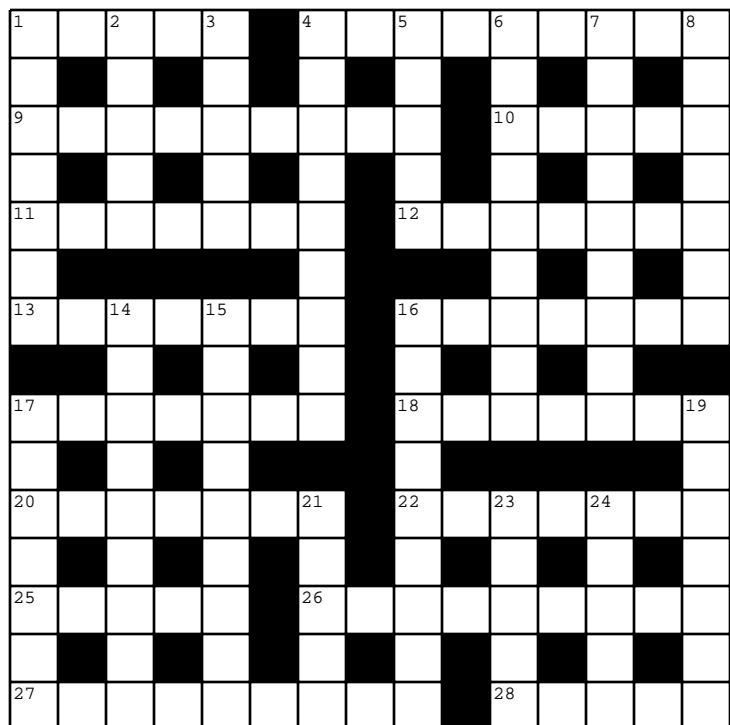
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| 4. ADVISABLE  | 2. EULER      |
| 9. POLITICAL  | 3. ALTAI      |
| 10. EXCEL     | 4. ALCOHOL    |
| 11. FURNISH   | 5. VOLTAIC    |
| 12. ACCUSER   | 6. SKETCHIER  |
| 13. LOGICAL   | 7. BACKSLASH  |
| 16. COINAGE   | 8. ENLARGE    |
| 17. HILARIO   | 14. GOLDENEST |
| 19. BERTHED   | 15. CARPENTER |
| 21. THEREOF   | 17. HITACHI   |
| 22. OPERATE   | 18. OFFICER   |
| 25. CHEAT     | 19. BOOKLET   |
| 26. CELLULOSE | 20. DEEPENS   |
| 27. INTERPRET | 23. EQUIP     |
| 28. PAGES     | 24. AMONG     |



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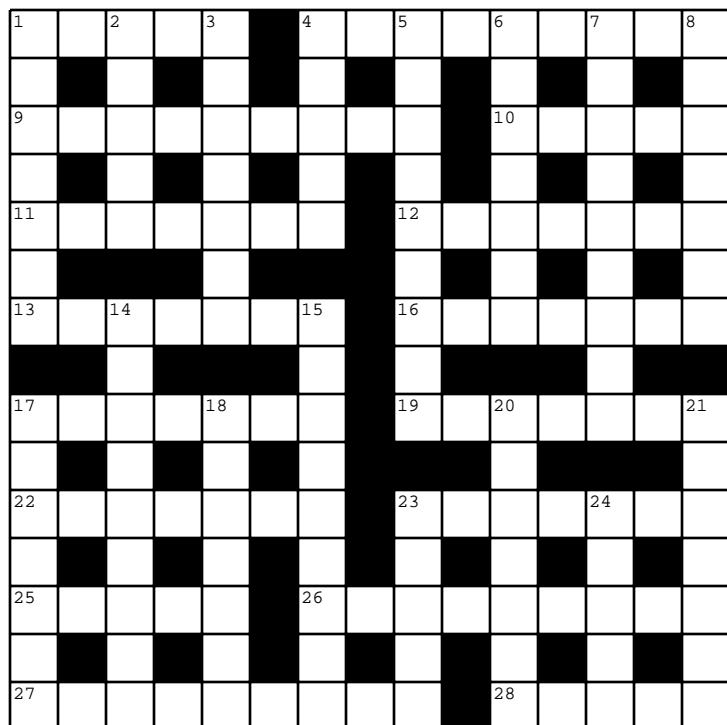
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| 4. AMBIGUITY  | 2. SAKHA      |
| 9. NAKEDNESS  | 3. SODOM      |
| 10. SUCRE     | 4. ALEJANDRO  |
| 11. ANAEMIA   | 5. BASTE      |
| 12. ELAPSED   | 6. GESTATION  |
| 13. REFUTED   | 7. INCESSANT  |
| 16. SZILARD   | 8. YIELDED    |
| 17. EDUARDO   | 14. FOUNDLING |
| 18. NONSTOP   | 15. TARANTULA |
| 20. ADDENDA   | 16. SYNTHESIS |
| 22. HOWEVER   | 17. EMANATE   |
| 25. ADIEU     | 19. PARADES   |
| 26. SUSPENDED | 21. AISLE     |
| 27. ENGRAVERS | 23. WRECK     |
| 28. KNOWS     | 24. VIDEO     |



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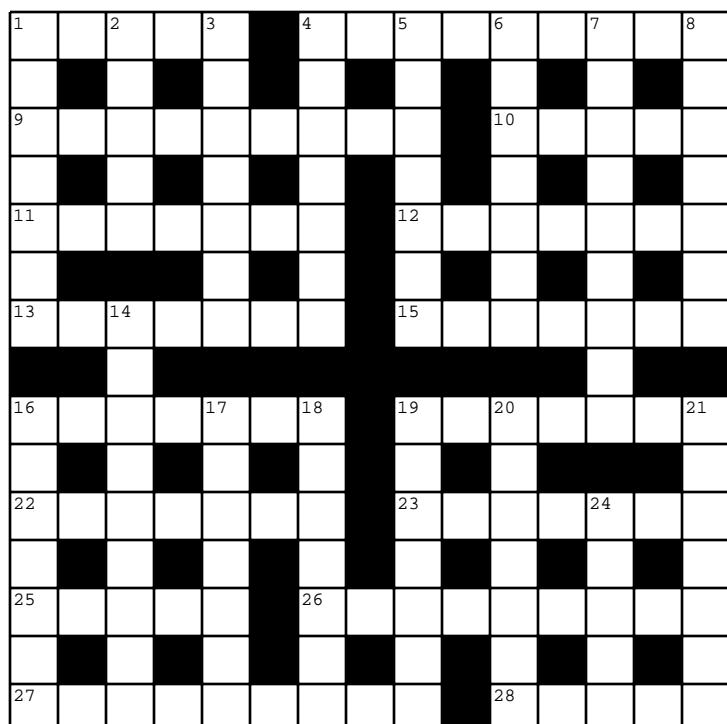
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| 4. CAPILLARY  | 2. MEDIA      |
| 9. UNDOUBTED  | 3. TRUMPET    |
| 10. AGAIN     | 4. CITED      |
| 11. TRAMPED   | 5. PADDOCKED  |
| 12. OBSCENE   | 6. LIAISON    |
| 13. CAUSTIC   | 7. AMATERASU  |
| 16. KANSANS   | 8. YANKEES    |
| 17. MUFFLER   | 14. UNFAILING |
| 19. DISTURB   | 15. CORPORATE |
| 22. CHICANO   | 17. MACADAM   |
| 23. CRANKER   | 18. LEAFLET   |
| 25. DRILL     | 20. SPATIAL   |
| 26. AMERICANA | 21. BORLAUG   |
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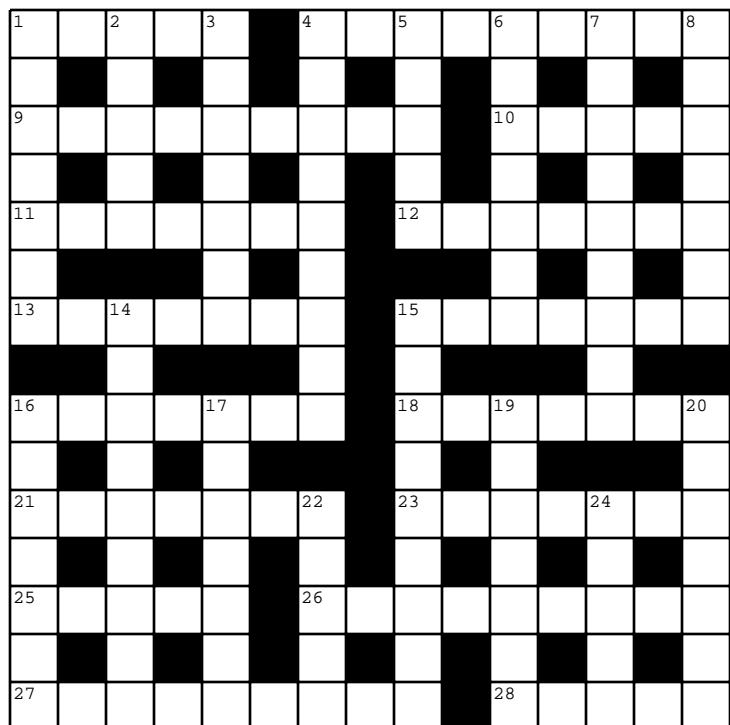
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| 9. PRAGMATIC  | 3. DEMOUNT    |
| 10. NIGHT     | 4. SETTLES    |
| 11. ASEXUAL   | 5. NICOBAR    |
| 12. BACARDI   | 6. EUNUCHS    |
| 13. NEGATES   | 7. CIGARILLO  |
| 15. RUSTLES   | 8. DETAILS    |
| 16. CANASTA   | 14. GENERATOR |
| 19. PLAYOFF   | 16. COCKPIT   |
| 22. CORINTH   | 17. SONGHAI   |
| 23. MIRACLE   | 18. APHASIA   |
| 25. PITCH     | 19. PUMMELS   |
| 26. SHELLFISH | 20. ACRYLIC   |
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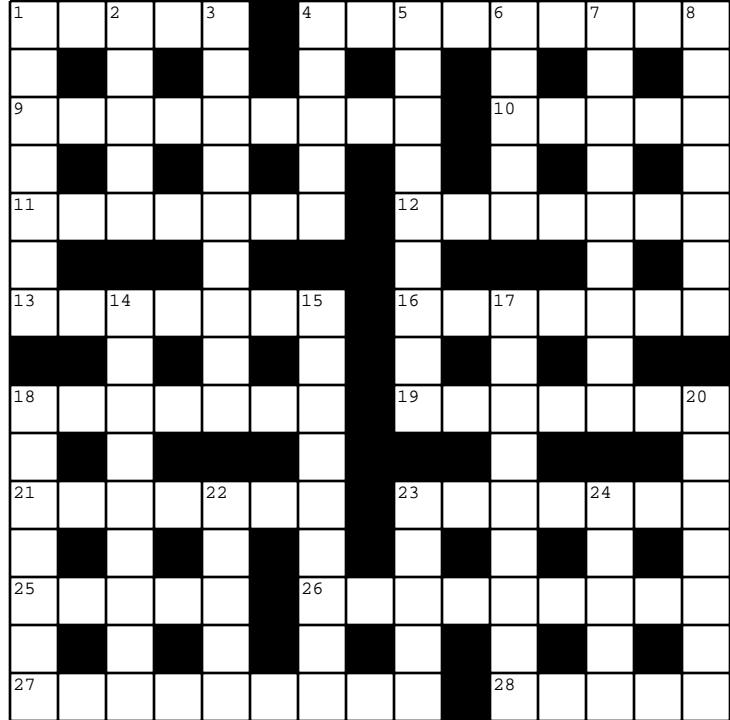
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| 4. OVERSLEEP  | 2. TROLL      |
| 9. TROUSSEAU  | 3. DASHIKI    |
| 10. CHOIR     | 4. OVERNIGHT  |
| 11. ZILLION   | 5. EQUIP      |
| 12. PARTIAL   | 6. SOCORRO    |
| 13. VIEWING   | 7. EMOTIONAL  |
| 15. PHOENIX   | 8. PERPLEX    |
| 16. PROTEST   | 14. EVOLUTION |
| 18. RAMBLER   | 15. PARADISES |
| 21. ABUTTED   | 16. PLASTIC   |
| 23. DELETED   | 17. ENTITLE   |
| 25. TWIST     | 19. MALARIA   |
| 26. MISERABLE | 20. REDDEST   |
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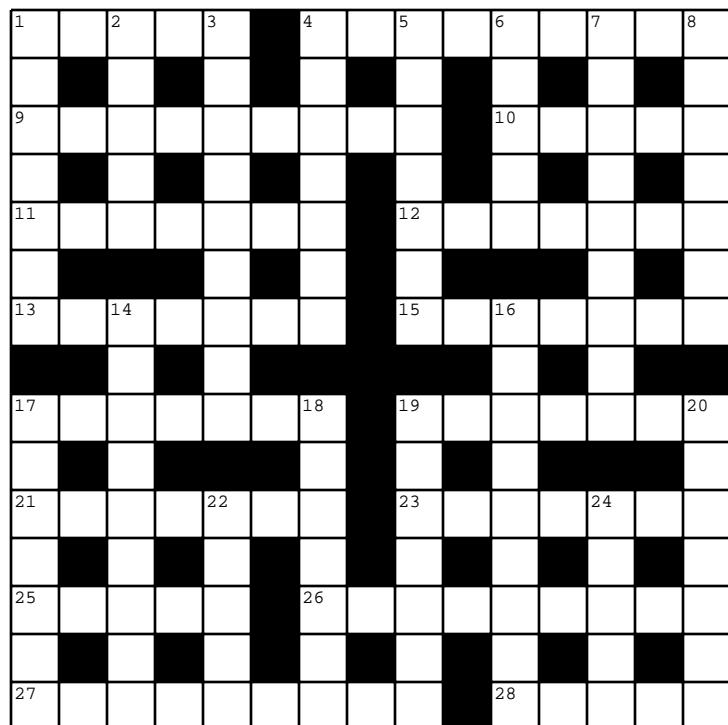
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| 9. OPERATICS  | 3. DEADLOCKS  |
| 10. IDOLS     | 4. ICING      |
| 11. EARPLUG   | 5. DESCRIBED  |
| 12. REFUSAL   | 6. CLIFF      |
| 13. BRONCHI   | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 16. BUDGETS   | 8. RESULTS    |
| 18. EXPOSES   | 14. OPPONENTS |
| 19. DISTURB   | 15. INSTRUCTS |
| 21. GENTLER   | 17. DESIGNERS |
| 23. ALGEBRA   | 18. EAGERER   |
| 25. RANKS     | 20. BEATNIK   |
| 26. CHIPEWYAN | 22. LASSO     |
| 27. RESPONSES | 23. ALIAS     |
| 28. STUCK     | 24. BAYOU     |



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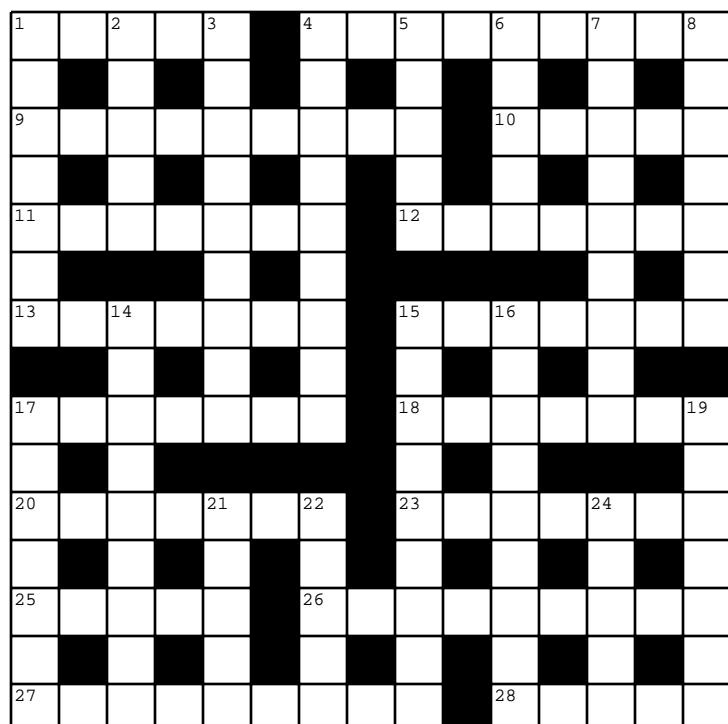
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| 4. BESEECHES  | 2. CREEP      |
| 9. PHENOMENA  | 3. TROUSSEAU  |
| 10. HOUND     | 4. BREASTS    |
| 11. OPPOSES   | 5. SHAMPOO    |
| 12. POCKETS   | 6. ETHIC      |
| 13. SUFFERS   | 7. HOUSEBOAT  |
| 15. OBVIOUS   | 8. SADISTS    |
| 17. CALCULI   | 14. FALSITIES |
| 19. ERRATIC   | 16. VARIANCES |
| 21. ALIASES   | 17. CHATTED   |
| 23. HEATHEN   | 18. INSOFAR   |
| 25. THIEU     | 19. ENHANCE   |
| 26. FINICKIER | 20. CENTRAL   |
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| 28. SKULL     | 24. HAIKU     |



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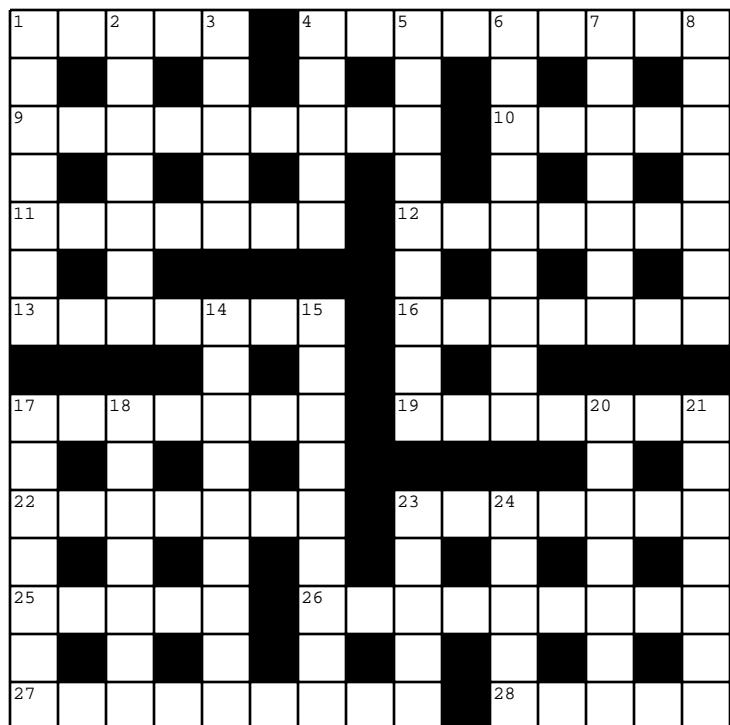
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| 4. BLOCKHEAD  | 2. DRILL      |
| 9. NEIGHBOUR  | 3. MAHARISHI  |
| 10. RIVES     | 4. BOOMERANG  |
| 11. ENLARGE   | 5. OGRES      |
| 12. SEVILLE   | 6. KIROV      |
| 13. AUGUSTA   | 7. ENVELOPED  |
| 15. STEPPED   | 8. DESCEND    |
| 17. EDITING   | 14. GLISSANDO |
| 18. GRANDPA   | 15. SAGEBRUSH |
| 20. DISTAFF   | 16. EMANATING |
| 23. BLANKER   | 17. ENDIVES   |
| 25. VINYL     | 19. ABRIDGE   |
| 26. COURIERED | 21. ALLOW     |
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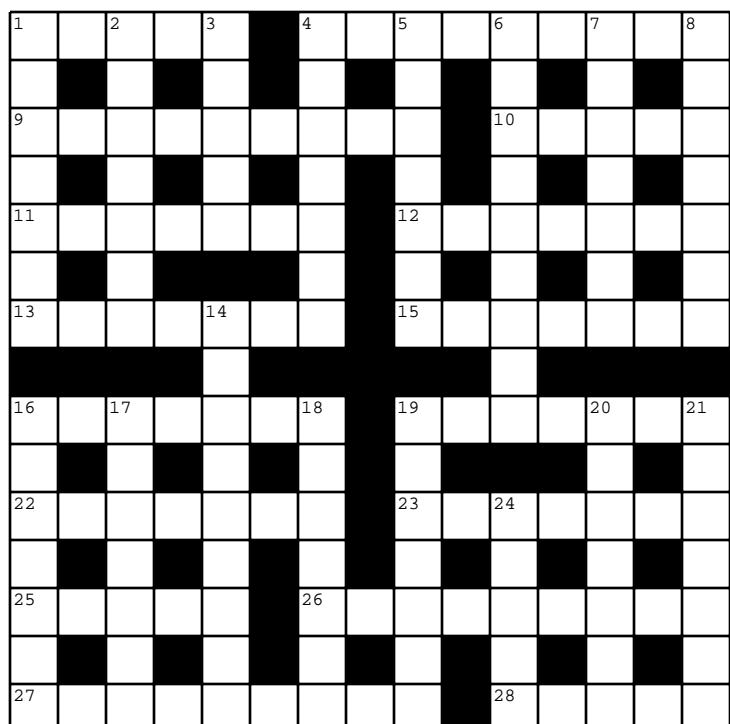
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| 4. ADHESIVES  | 2. AUTOPSY    |
| 9. DETECTION  | 3. SICES      |
| 10. RARER     | 4. ARISE      |
| 11. RIPOSTE   | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. YAWNING   | 6. SCRAWNIER  |
| 13. ODYSSEY   | 7. VERSION    |
| 16. ORIENTS   | 8. SCRUGGS    |
| 17. HERSHEL   | 14. SCHROEDER |
| 19. BERRIED   | 15. YELLOWING |
| 22. LIMPOPO   | 17. HOLCOMB   |
| 23. POSTMAN   | 18. ROMANOV   |
| 25. OWNED     | 20. IMMORAL   |
| 26. INTERPRET | 21. DENOTES   |
| 27. BEVERAGES | 23. PUTTS     |
| 28. BULBS     | 24. SCRUB     |



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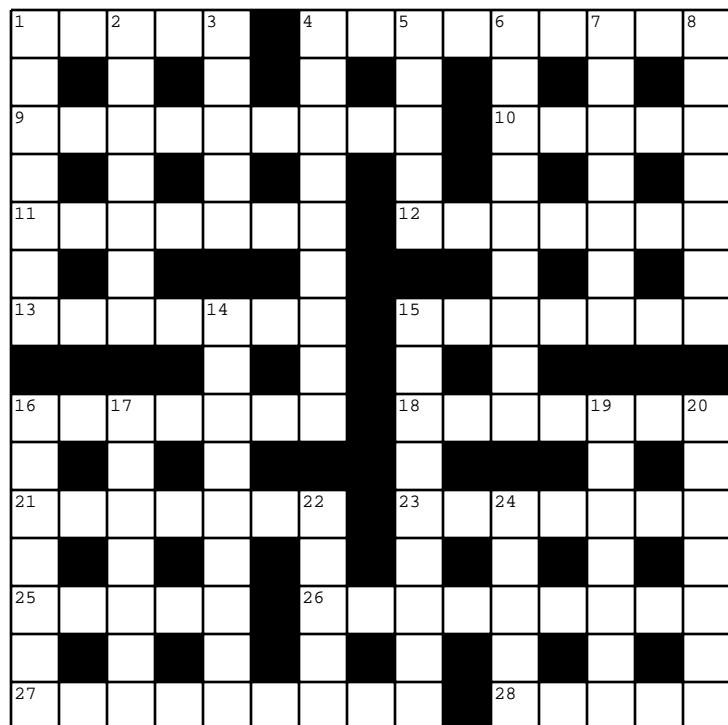
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| 4. GOSSIPING  | 2. TACKIER    |
| 9. SOCIOPATH  | 3. MAORI      |
| 10. TONAL     | 4. GUARDED    |
| 11. UNIFIED   | 5. SCHOLAR    |
| 12. LIGHTER   | 6. INTEGRATE  |
| 13. BIRTHED   | 7. IGNITED    |
| 15. RWANDAS   | 8. GALORES    |
| 16. ARSENIC   | 14. HENDERSON |
| 19. TWELFTH   | 16. APPROVE   |
| 22. PARVENU   | 17. SORRIER   |
| 23. OVERRAN   | 18. CRUMPLE   |
| 25. OMITS     | 19. TOOTING   |
| 26. PRINTOUTS | 20. FORMULA   |
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| 28. AWAIT     | 24. EXTRA     |



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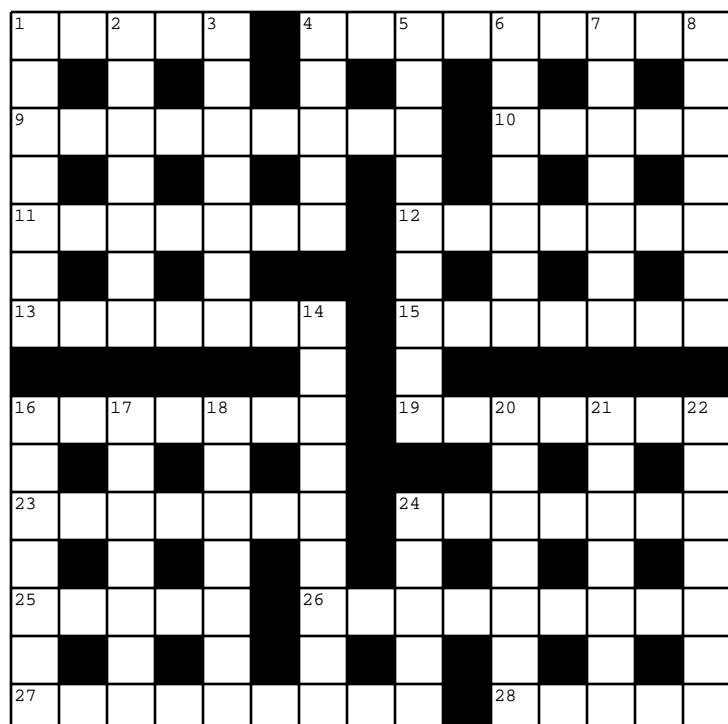
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| 4. KIDNAPING  | 2. JUJITSU    |
| 9. BOJANGLES  | 3. HONOR      |
| 10. TALON     | 4. KILLDEERS  |
| 11. TUORED    | 5. DISCS      |
| 12. SHINGLE   | 6. ATTRIBUTE  |
| 13. CRUMPLE   | 7. ILLEGAL    |
| 15. EQUALLY   | 8. GUNNERY    |
| 16. EXPIRES   | 14. PERSEVERE |
| 18. OVERLIE   | 15. EXORCIZED |
| 21. PROVERB   | 16. EXPRESS   |
| 23. COLOMBO   | 17. PROSAIC   |
| 25. ERASE     | 19. LUMBAGO   |
| 26. PIZZICATI | 20. EROTICA   |
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| 28. AROMA     | 24. LEILA     |



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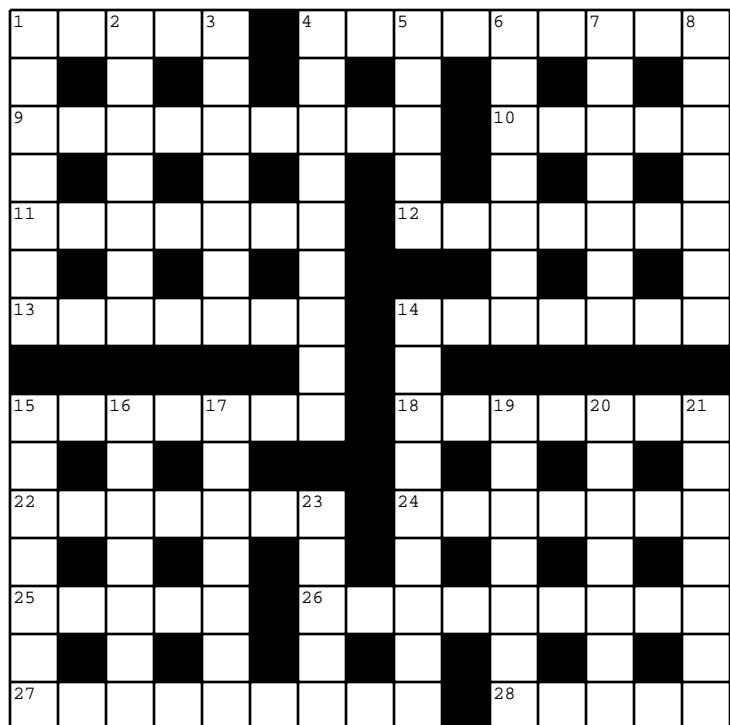
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| 4. UPSETTING  | 2. INSISTS    |
| 9. DYSPEPSIA  | 3. THEREON    |
| 10. IBSEN     | 4. UNSET      |
| 11. EASIEST   | 5. STATISTIC  |
| 12. INITIAL   | 6. TUITION    |
| 13. SUSANNE   | 7. ISSUING    |
| 15. TANAGER   | 8. GENTLER    |
| 16. UNCLASP   | 14. EMPOWERED |
| 19. CROSSES   | 16. UNSAFER   |
| 23. SOMEHOW   | 17. CAMBIUM   |
| 24. PATRIOT   | 18. ASHANTI   |
| 25. FEIGN     | 20. OUTDOOR   |
| 26. REPRODUCE | 21. STIMULI   |
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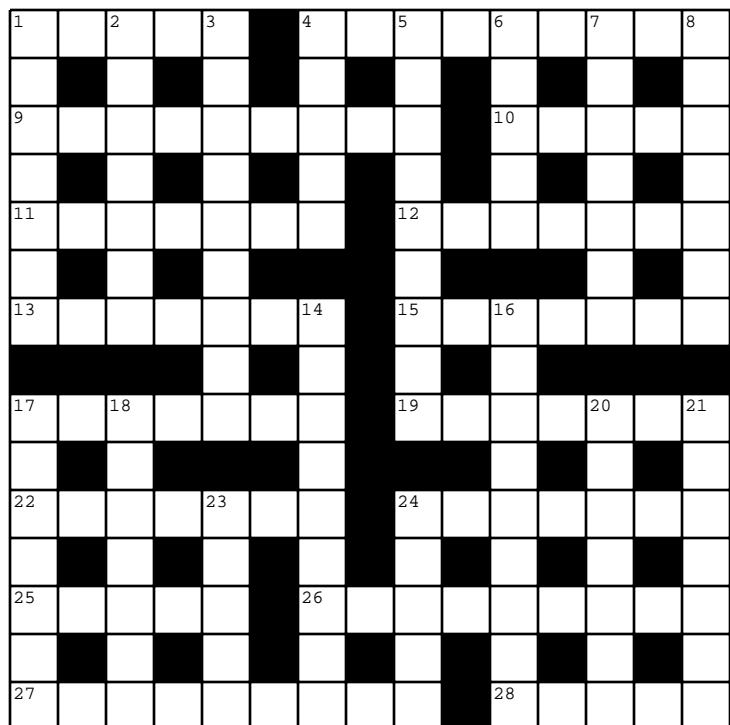
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| 4. BANKRUPTS  | 2. PATELLA    |
| 9. ESTABLISH  | 3. REBUILT    |
| 10. DIALS     | 4. BUILDINGS  |
| 11. TALLIED   | 5. NAHUM      |
| 12. MACHETE   | 6. RADICAL    |
| 13. CHASTEN   | 7. PLACEBO    |
| 14. GALLOPS   | 8. SYSTEMS    |
| 15. SCHISMS   | 14. GERIATRIC |
| 18. RESENTS   | 15. SYLLABI   |
| 22. LADONNA   | 16. HYDRANT   |
| 24. ARACELI   | 17. SONGHAI   |
| 25. ABASH     | 19. SWALLOW   |
| 26. HERALDING | 20. NEEDIER   |
| 27. INTRINSIC | 21. SHINGLE   |
| 28. WORSE     | 23. ASHES     |



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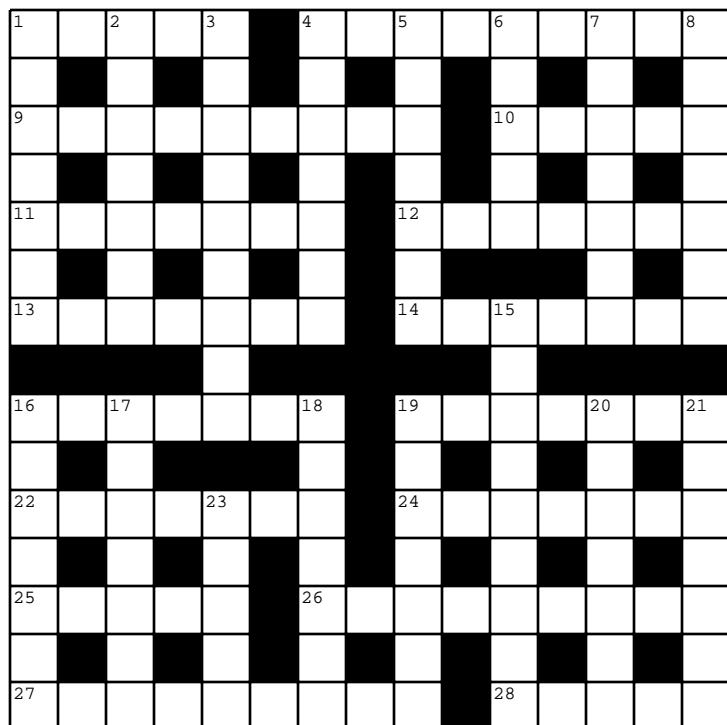
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| 9. KARAMAZOV  | 3. COMPLETED  |
| 10. ARTIE     | 4. SIZED      |
| 11. NETTLED   | 5. EAVESDROP  |
| 12. SLEIGHS   | 6. IRATE      |
| 13. DESKTOP   | 7. INTEGER    |
| 15. RUMORED   | 8. DRESSED    |
| 17. NOMADIC   | 14. PACEMAKER |
| 19. POLITIC   | 16. MILLENNIA |
| 22. BEDROOM   | 17. NABISCO   |
| 24. THEOREM   | 18. MEDIATE   |
| 25. SLANG     | 20. TORNADO   |
| 26. KIRINYAGA | 21. COMPARE   |
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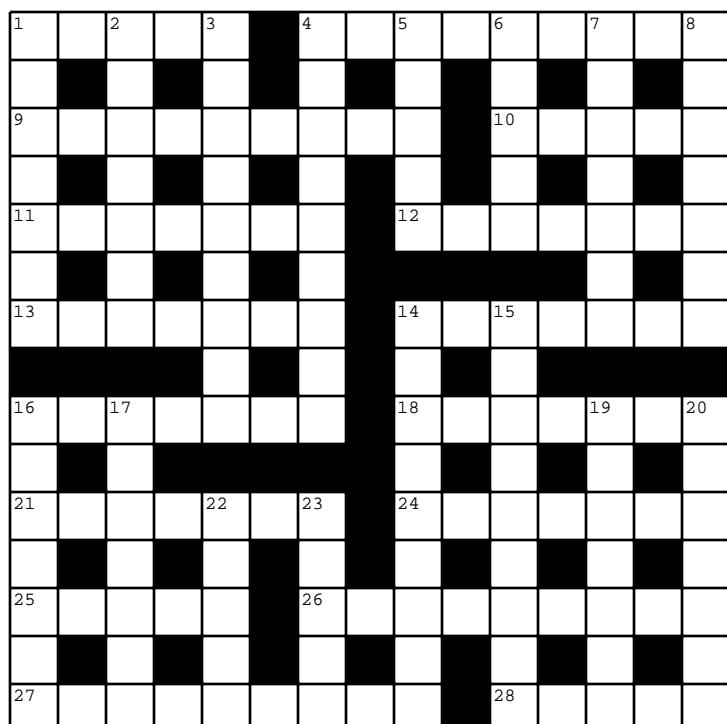
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| 4. INVISIBLE  | 2. ELDERLY    |
| 9. UNDERLAIN  | 3. PERPETUAL  |
| 10. COLIC     | 4. IDAHOAN    |
| 11. TORPEDO   | 5. VANNING    |
| 12. INSISTS   | 6. SACKS      |
| 13. RAYBURN   | 7. BELUSHI    |
| 14. GOBLINS   | 8. EXCUSES    |
| 16. PHILLIP   | 15. BOOKSHELF |
| 19. WHOEVER   | 16. PREVIEW   |
| 22. EARLIER   | 17. ISRAELI   |
| 24. ROSELLA   | 18. PERIWIG   |
| 25. ILENE     | 19. WORKING   |
| 26. WHITEWASH | 20. VOLCANO   |
| 27. WHIRLIGIG | 21. REACHED   |
| 28. FLOOD     | 23. IDEAL     |



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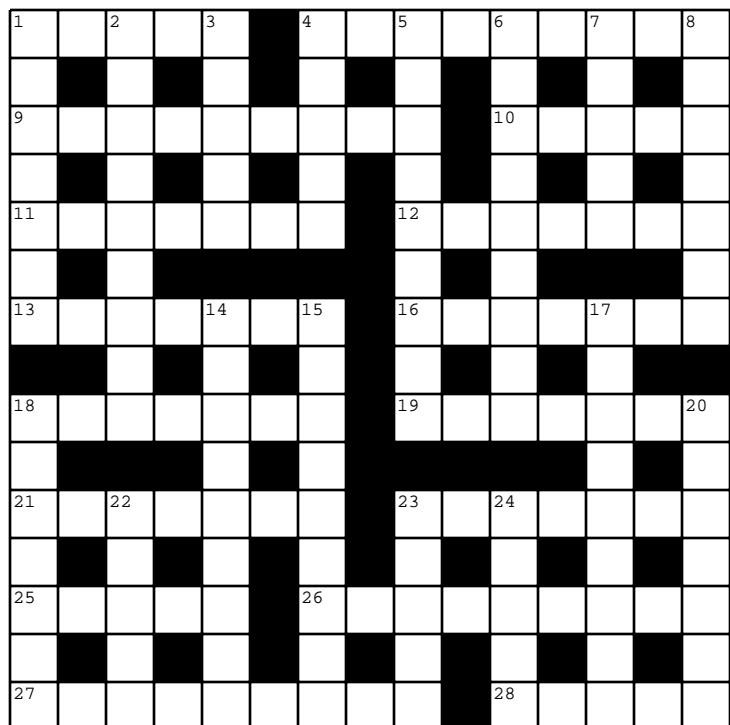
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| 4. BEDRIDDEN  | 2. RHUBARB    |
| 9. ADUMBRATE  | 3. IMBROGLIO  |
| 10. OASIS     | 4. BLACKJACK  |
| 11. PEACOCK   | 5. DREAD      |
| 12. DISTILL   | 6. IDOLS      |
| 13. RUBELLA   | 7. DISMISS    |
| 14. CROSSED   | 8. NESTLED    |
| 16. KINFOLK   | 14. CLIENTELE |
| 18. IMPASSE   | 15. OPPONENTS |
| 21. CASTOFF   | 16. KICKOFF   |
| 24. NONSTOP   | 17. NASTIER   |
| 25. OWING     | 19. SITTING   |
| 26. CLEANLIER | 20. EMPORIA   |
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| 28. SIGMA     | 23. FACTS     |



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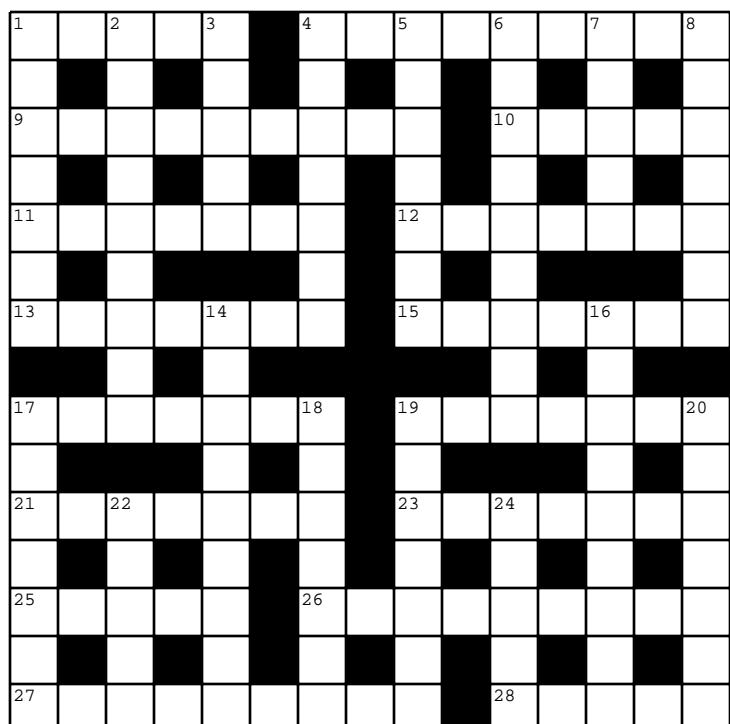
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| 4. SUBMARINE  | 2. ALGEBRAIC  |
| 9. CIGARILLO  | 3. KARAT      |
| 10. NOEMI     | 4. SALAD      |
| 11. DEBITED   | 5. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 12. SQUEEZE   | 6. ANNOUNCER  |
| 13. SWALLOW   | 7. ILENE      |
| 16. RACIEST   | 8. EMINENT    |
| 18. DECLINE   | 14. LOINCLOTH |
| 19. PERTURB   | 15. WHEREUPON |
| 21. RECYCLE   | 17. EMULATING |
| 23. GUSTAVO   | 18. DERRICK   |
| 25. IDAHO     | 20. BROUGHT   |
| 26. POISONING | 22. CHART     |
| 27. KITCHENED | 23. GRIND     |
| 28. NIGHT     | 24. SHOWN     |



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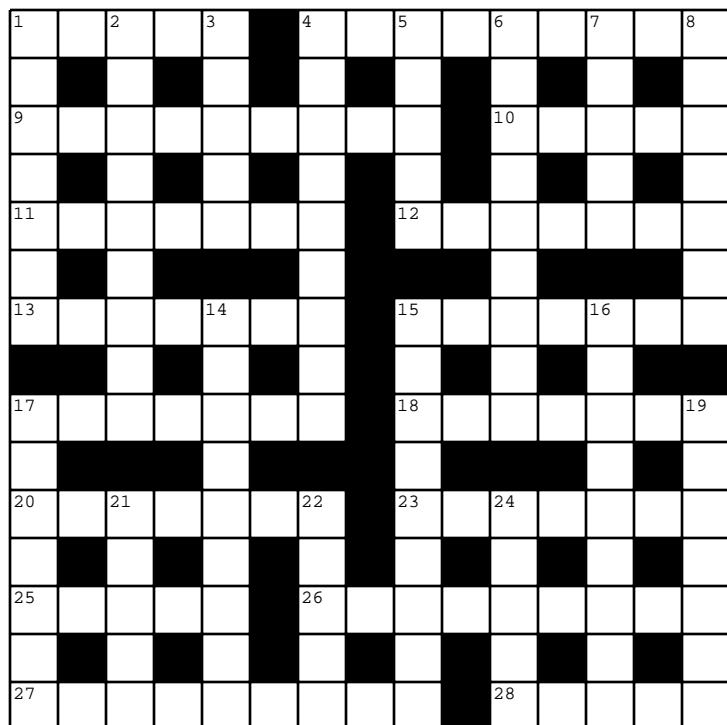
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| 9. INFLUENZA  | 3. FAULT       |
| 10. IRAQI     | 4. IONISED     |
| 11. DEBATES   | 5. PLASTIC     |
| 12. THEREON   | 6. REITERATE   |
| 13. YIELDED   | 7. ERASE       |
| 15. CLAMBER   | 8. THINNER     |
| 17. ENTOMBS   | 14. DEMAGOGIC  |
| 19. DWELLER   | 16. BALALAIIKA |
| 21. REFUGEE   | 17. EARMUFF    |
| 23. CATALOG   | 18. SHEBELI    |
| 25. USING     | 19. DECATUR    |
| 26. EXTREMIST | 20. RIGHTLY    |
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| 28. DIARY     | 24. TREAD      |



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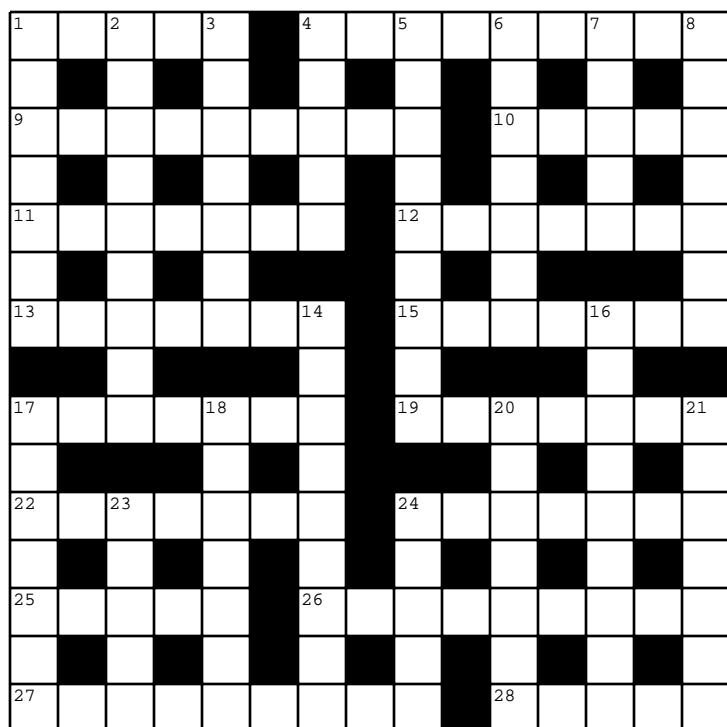
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| 4. WITHDRAWN  | 2. RETRACING  |
| 9. ANTIPASTI  | 3. INPUT      |
| 10. NOTES     | 4. WASHCLOTH  |
| 11. FRANTIC   | 5. THIEF      |
| 12. FIZZING   | 6. DONIZETTI  |
| 13. CHICAGO   | 7. ALTAI      |
| 15. SATISFY   | 8. NOSEGAY    |
| 17. ANGUISH   | 14. AGITATORS |
| 18. EDIFICE   | 15. SPEEDIEST |
| 20. CONTACT   | 16. SAINTLIER |
| 23. DEBATED   | 17. ARCHAIC   |
| 25. ACHOO     | 19. ENDURES   |
| 26. SPECIFIER | 21. NEHRU     |
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| 28. ZEROS     | 24. BLITZ     |



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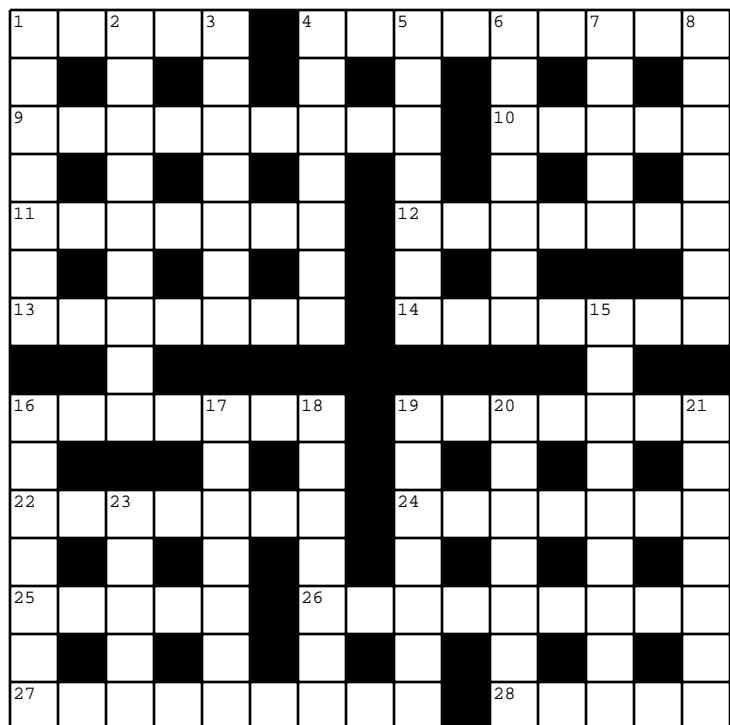
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| 4. PAMPHLETS  | 2. APPROVALS  |
| 9. SEPARATOR  | 3. PORTICO    |
| 10. RANDI     | 4. PUTTS      |
| 11. IRONIES   | 5. MARIJUANA  |
| 12. JEERING   | 6. HERSELF    |
| 13. GRANOLA   | 7. ENNUI      |
| 15. AFFABLE   | 8. SHINGLE    |
| 17. HOSANNA   | 14. ADAPTABLE |
| 19. APPLAUD   | 16. BRANCHING |
| 22. EXHIBIT   | 17. HEELING   |
| 24. FIANCEE   | 18. NEBULAE   |
| 25. IDEAL     | 20. PLATEAU   |
| 26. BACTERIAS | 21. DRESSED   |
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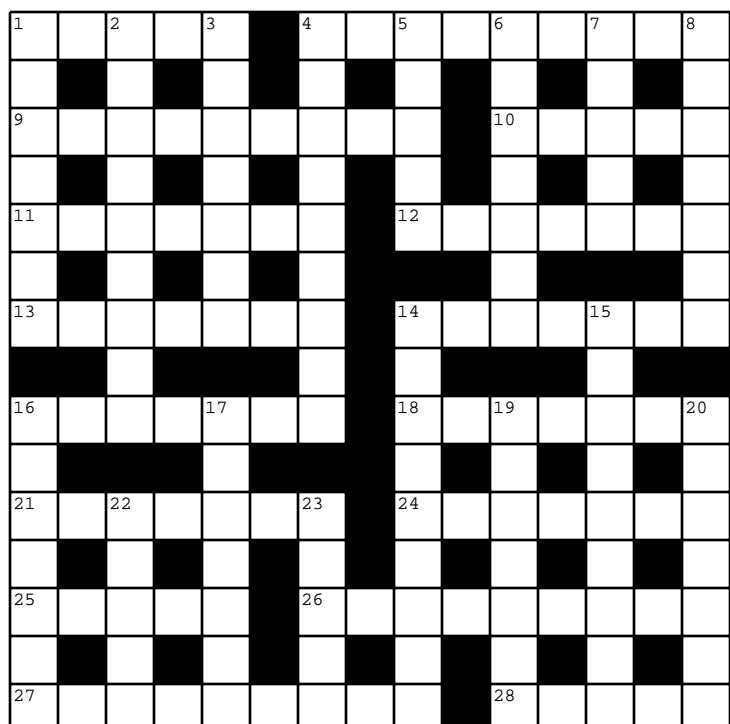
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| 4. CRUMBLING  | 2. BENCHMARK  |
| 9. CONGENIAL  | 3. CREAMED    |
| 10. WOMAN     | 4. CHIMNEY    |
| 11. INHUMAN   | 5. UNLOOSE    |
| 12. OBTUSER   | 6. BEWITCH    |
| 13. GRANDLY   | 7. IAMBS      |
| 14. ETHICAL   | 8. GENERAL    |
| 16. POKIEST   | 15. CRESCENDO |
| 19. ARACELI   | 16. PACKAGE   |
| 22. CHAOTIC   | 17. ENTITLE   |
| 24. COERCED   | 18. TICKETS   |
| 25. ASSET     | 19. ANCHORS   |
| 26. EMOTIONAL | 20. AMERICA   |
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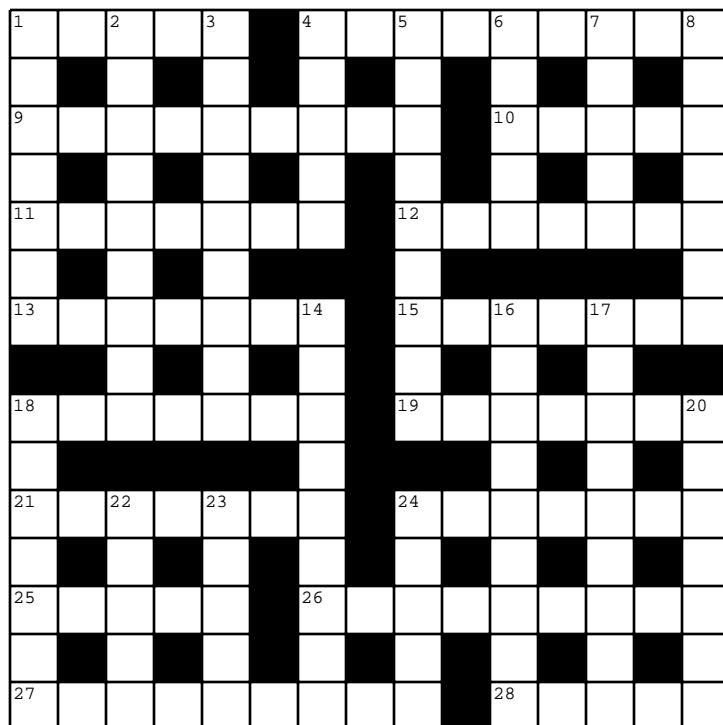
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| 4. AESTHETIC  | 2. DESPERATE  |
| 9. COSMOLOGY  | 3. SHORTEN    |
| 10. PAPER     | 4. ABOLISHED  |
| 11. MAESTRI   | 5. STYLI      |
| 12. INFECTS   | 6. HOPEFUL    |
| 13. STAUNCH   | 7. TOPIC      |
| 14. UNLOCKS   | 8. CORPSES    |
| 16. COERCED   | 14. UNIVERSAL |
| 18. INSTEAD   | 15. CRESCENDI |
| 21. UNEQUAL   | 16. CAUSTIC   |
| 24. EXPECTS   | 17. CHUCKLE   |
| 25. TRACK     | 19. SUPPERS   |
| 26. WESTERNER | 20. DISHRAG   |
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| 28. SUING     | 23. LOWER     |



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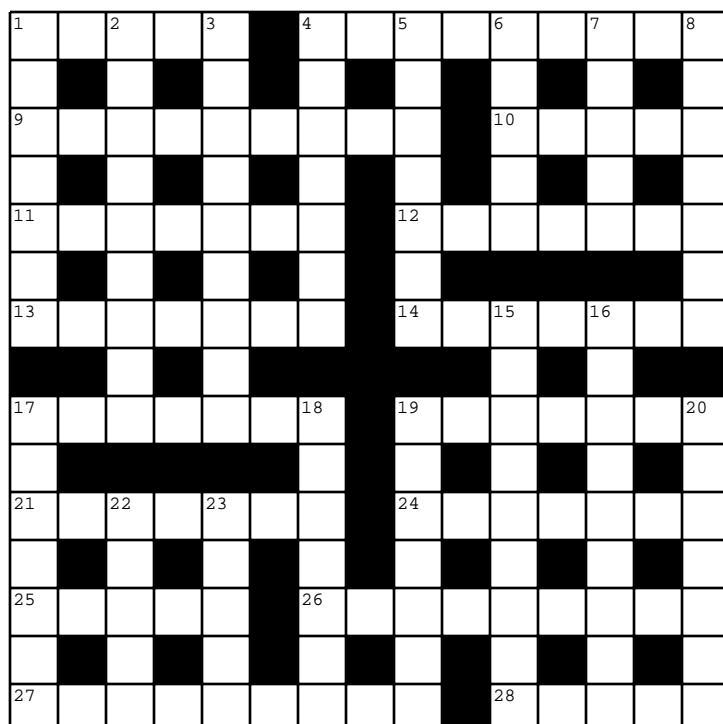
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| 4. PRAGMATIC  | 2. JOURNEYED  |
| 9. INUKTITUT  | 3. SITUATION  |
| 10. SALVO     | 4. PATCH      |
| 11. BENEATH   | 5. APTITUDES  |
| 12. TENANTS   | 6. MASON      |
| 13. WAYSIDE   | 7. TALON      |
| 15. DERIDED   | 8. CROSSED    |
| 18. ENDINGS   | 14. ELSEWHERE |
| 19. SCALARS   | 16. REALISTIC |
| 21. EYEBROW   | 17. DIARRHOEA |
| 24. WHIRRED   | 18. ELEVENS   |
| 25. ESSEN     | 20. SADDENS   |
| 26. ELECTRODE | 22. EPSOM     |
| 27. SOMEWHERE | 23. RENEW     |
| 28. CHATS     | 24. WHERE     |



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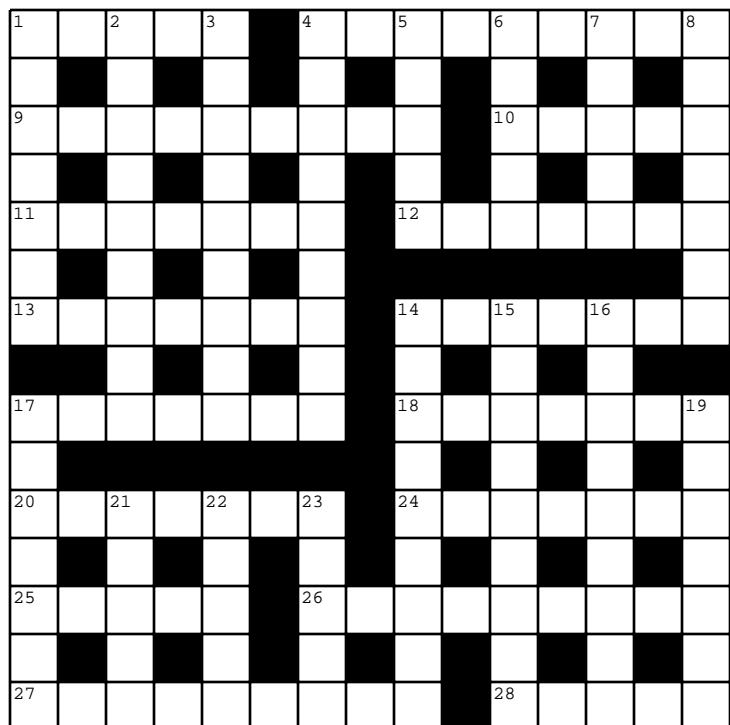
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| 4. OBJECTION  | 2. CIGARILLO  |
| 9. ERGONOMIC  | 3. DONIZETTI  |
| 10. DRIED     | 4. OSMOSIS    |
| 11. HERTZES   | 5. JACUZZI    |
| 12. ZODIACS   | 6. CODED      |
| 13. DELETES   | 7. IBIZA      |
| 14. INFORMS   | 8. NUDISTS    |
| 17. EROTICA   | 15. FINGERTIP |
| 19. MANAGES   | 16. REGISTRAR |
| 21. ATLASES   | 17. EMANATE   |
| 24. DRESSER   | 18. ASSUMED   |
| 25. ANGLE     | 19. MODERNS   |
| 26. MORATORIA | 20. SURFACE   |
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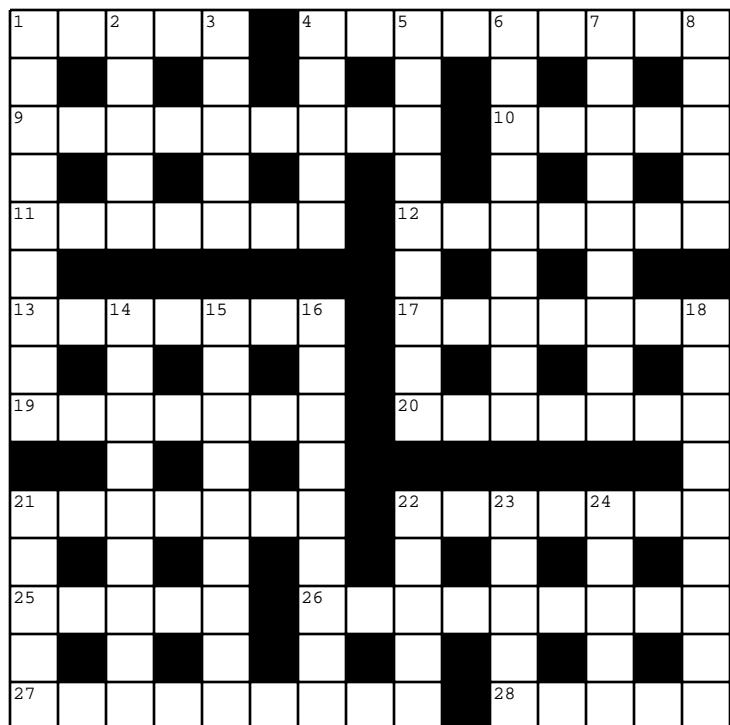
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| 1. BODED      | 1. BACKHOE    |
| 4. ANNOUNCED  | 2. DRIBBLING  |
| 9. COIFFURED  | 3. DEFECTIVE  |
| 10. INONU     | 4. ADROITEST  |
| 11. HIBACHI   | 5. NODES      |
| 12. SPECIAL   | 6. UNITE      |
| 13. EDIFICE   | 7. CROCI      |
| 14. INSIPID   | 8. DOUBLED    |
| 17. BIGGEST   | 14. INSIDIous |
| 18. SPONSOR   | 15. SNOWSUITS |
| 20. LIBERAL   | 16. PISTACHIO |
| 24. DISTAFF   | 17. BELLHOP   |
| 25. HEARD     | 19. REFUSED   |
| 26. ABOLISHES | 21. BRAVO     |
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| 28. SWORD     | 23. LOANS     |



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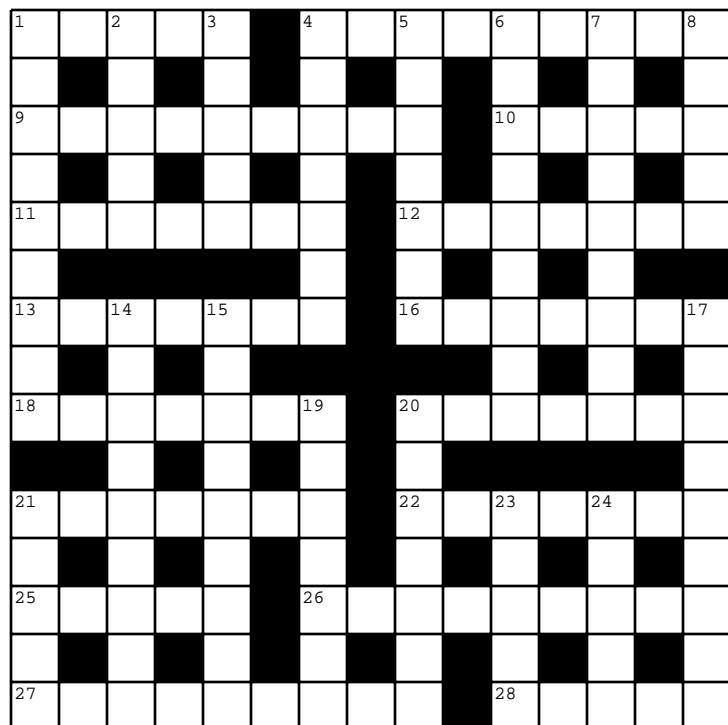
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| 9. ANONYMOUS  | 3. STYLI      |
| 10. LEPER     | 4. CLOTH      |
| 11. STYLISH   | 5. INSPECTED  |
| 12. EXCEEDS   | 6. DELICIOUS  |
| 13. ALGEBRA   | 7. OPPRESSOR  |
| 17. TROUSER   | 8. DARES      |
| 19. FORLORN   | 14. GARGANTUA |
| 20. DISHRAG   | 15. BOOMERANG |
| 21. PLATEAU   | 16. ANNOUNcer |
| 22. SNORKEL   | 18. REGULARLY |
| 25. ULTRA     | 21. PLUMB     |
| 26. CONTENDER | 22. SINGS     |
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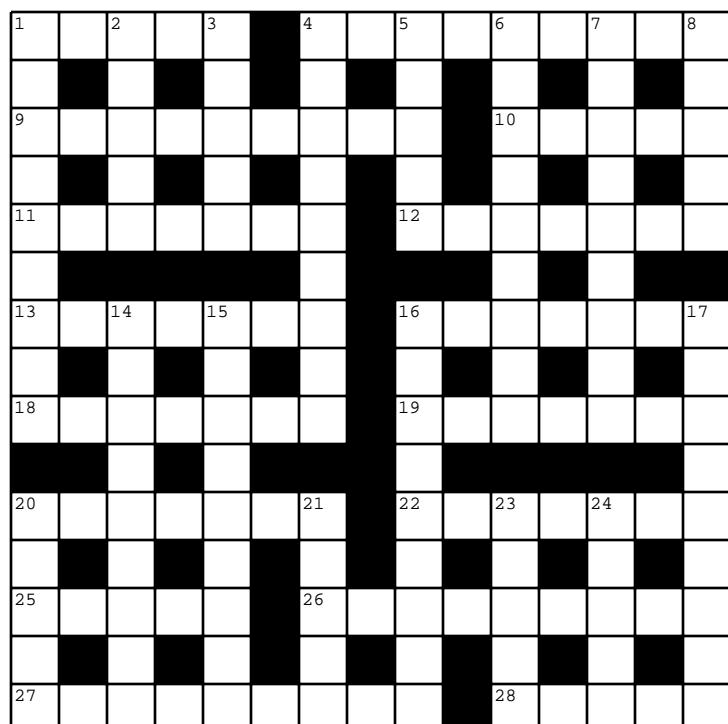
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| 4. UMBILICAL  | 2. EATER      |
| 9. INTRINSIC  | 3. SPIKE      |
| 10. NINJA     | 4. UNSAFER    |
| 11. HERSELF   | 5. BACILLI    |
| 12. LETDOWN   | 6. LENGTHIER  |
| 13. OFTENER   | 7. CONSORTIA  |
| 16. IDIOTIC   | 8. LEARN      |
| 18. SPATULA   | 14. TRADITION |
| 20. CURTAIN   | 15. NAUGHTIES |
| 21. SWISHED   | 17. CONVERGES |
| 22. ENTITLE   | 19. ANDORRA   |
| 25. HEIDI     | 20. CHEFFED   |
| 26. REFORMING | 21. SAHIB     |
| 27. BANDSTAND | 23. THROW     |
| 28. WAGES     | 24. THING     |



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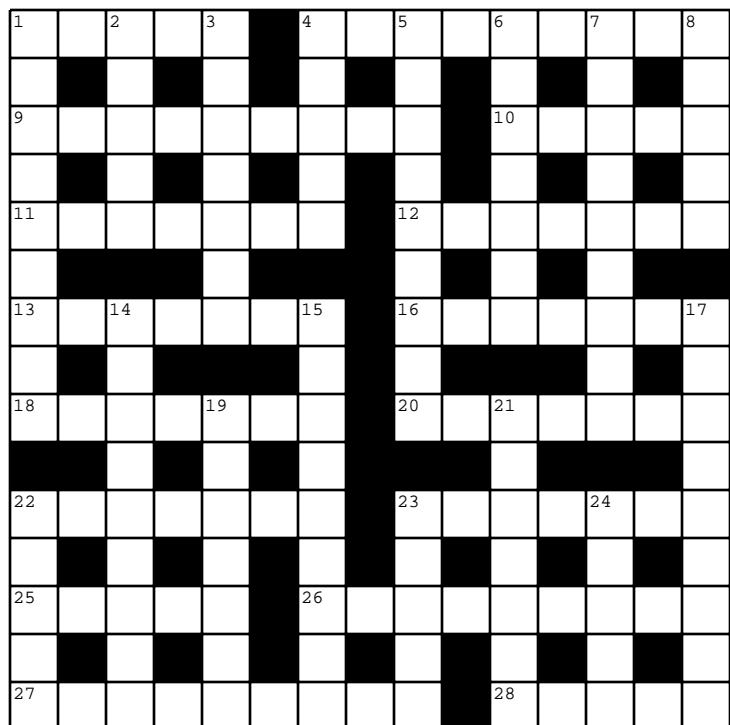
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| 9. INUKTITUT  | 3. MITZI      |
| 10. NULLS     | 4. ASTERISKS  |
| 11. NATTIER   | 5. LITRE      |
| 12. EMERALD   | 6. WONDERBRA  |
| 13. TREMORS   | 7. BELEAGUER  |
| 16. DEBAUCH   | 8. EASED      |
| 18. DEVICES   | 14. EAVESDROP |
| 19. ANAGRAM   | 15. ORCHESTRA |
| 20. EASIEST   | 16. DIAGNOSED |
| 22. NOSTRIL   | 17. HIMALAYAS |
| 25. EGRET     | 20. ENEMA     |
| 26. MISERABLY | 21. TIMED     |
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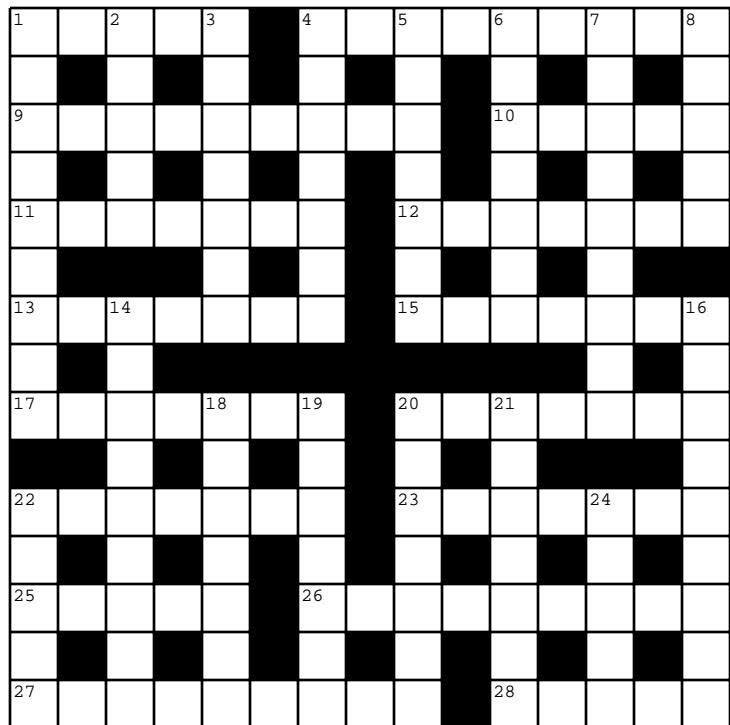
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| 4. MEDIAEVAL  | 2. ENNUI      |
| 9. DENOUNCES  | 3. SHUSHED    |
| 10. EXTRA     | 4. MUCKS      |
| 11. FLIGHTS   | 5. DESPERADO  |
| 12. ELITIST   | 6. AMENING    |
| 13. NOMADIC   | 7. VITRIOLIC  |
| 16. ANGELIC   | 8. LEAST      |
| 18. DEMURER   | 14. MAMMALIAN |
| 20. OFFICER   | 15. CARTOONED |
| 22. BRAVADO   | 17. CORKSCREW |
| 23. THRIFTS   | 19. REALIZE   |
| 25. HEIDI     | 21. FARTHER   |
| 26. NEIGHBOUR | 22. BAHAI     |
| 27. INNUENDOS | 23. TRIES     |
| 28. RENEW     | 24. FROWN     |



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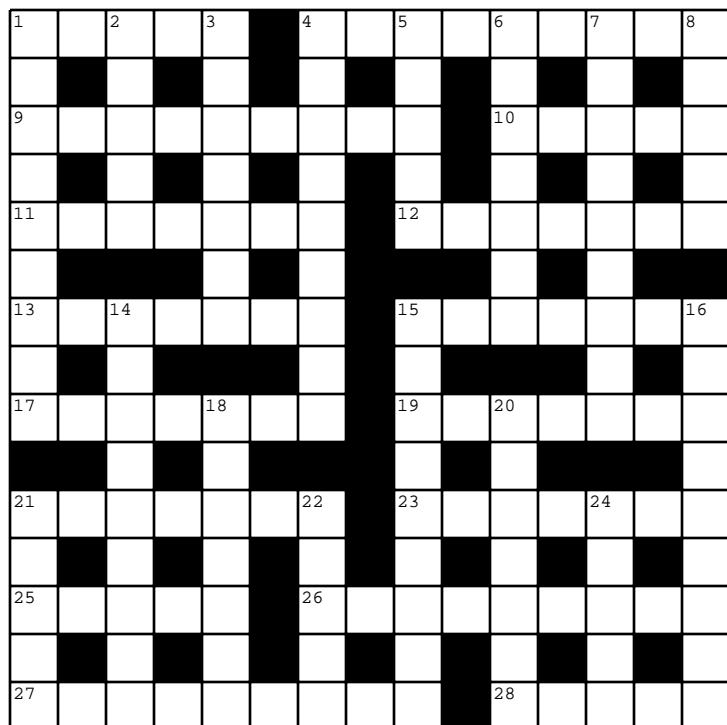
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| 9. NEWSPAPER  | 3. SOPRANO    |
| 10. LANAI     | 4. EXPANDS    |
| 11. CURTAIN   | 5. PARSNIP    |
| 12. NEEDING   | 6. RELIEVE    |
| 13. FACTORS   | 7. CONFIDANT  |
| 15. PREVAIL   | 8. LYING      |
| 17. SAUTEED   | 14. COURSHIP  |
| 20. FACETED   | 16. LEDERBERG |
| 22. HITACHI   | 18. ENCARTA   |
| 23. OPAQUER   | 19. DRIPPED   |
| 25. ETHER     | 20. FLOORED   |
| 26. PERSEVERE | 21. CHATEAU   |
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| 28. USING     | 24. UTERI     |



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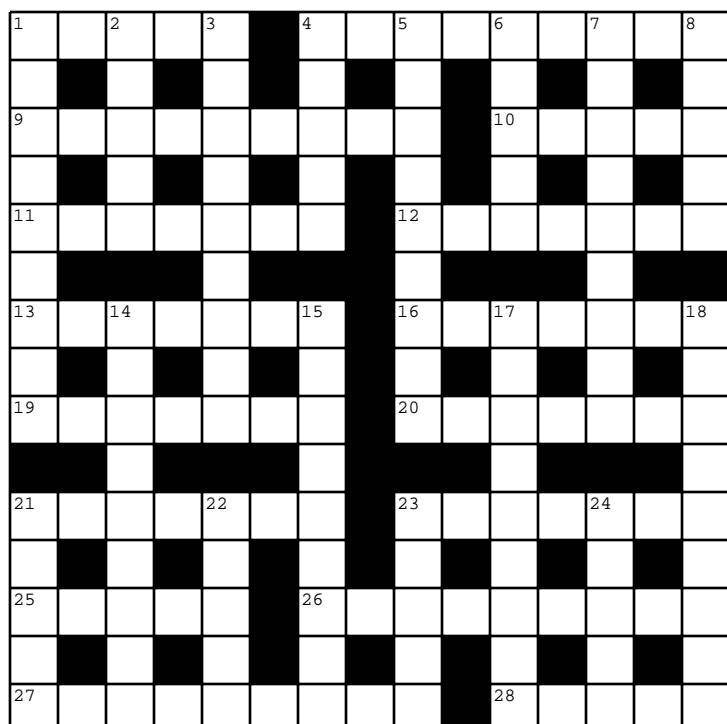
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| 4. CONSONANT  | 2. FACED      |
| 9. COCKROACH  | 3. SURVIVE    |
| 10. EMPTY     | 4. CHAUFFEUR  |
| 11. MIDRIFF   | 5. NAHUM      |
| 12. MALAISE   | 6. OVERLAP    |
| 13. NOWHERE   | 7. AMPLIFIED  |
| 15. REPLIES   | 8. THYME      |
| 17. SANDIER   | 14. WANTONING |
| 19. NAKEDER   | 15. RENUMBERS |
| 21. AROUSED   | 16. SERENADES |
| 23. MINIVAN   | 18. INSTANT   |
| 25. ALISA     | 20. KINSHIP   |
| 26. FRESHENED | 21. AVAIL     |
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| 28. PILLS     | 24. VINYL     |



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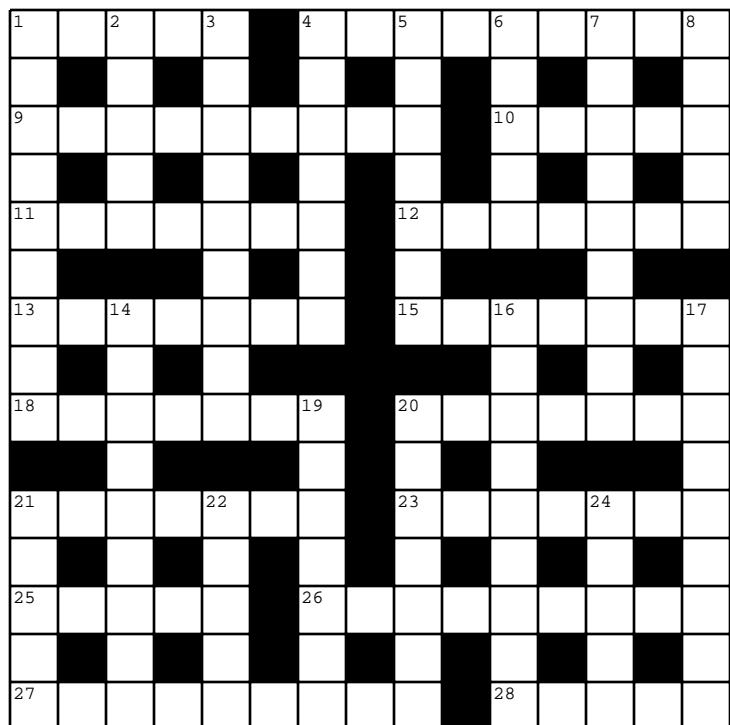
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| 4. FISHERMAN  | 2. DAZED      |
| 9. PIZZICATO  | 3. SPIRITUAL  |
| 10. VALET     | 4. FRAME      |
| 11. BEDSIDE   | 5. STOPWATCH  |
| 12. WEARIED   | 6. ELVIA      |
| 13. EXECUTE   | 7. MILLIONTH  |
| 16. TITANIC   | 8. NOTED      |
| 19. TRIPLET   | 14. EMIGRATES |
| 20. HEATHEN   | 15. ENTRANCED |
| 21. CEREBRA   | 17. TRANSACTS |
| 23. VISIBLE   | 18. CONGENIAL |
| 25. PATTY     | 21. COPED     |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 22. BAYOU     |
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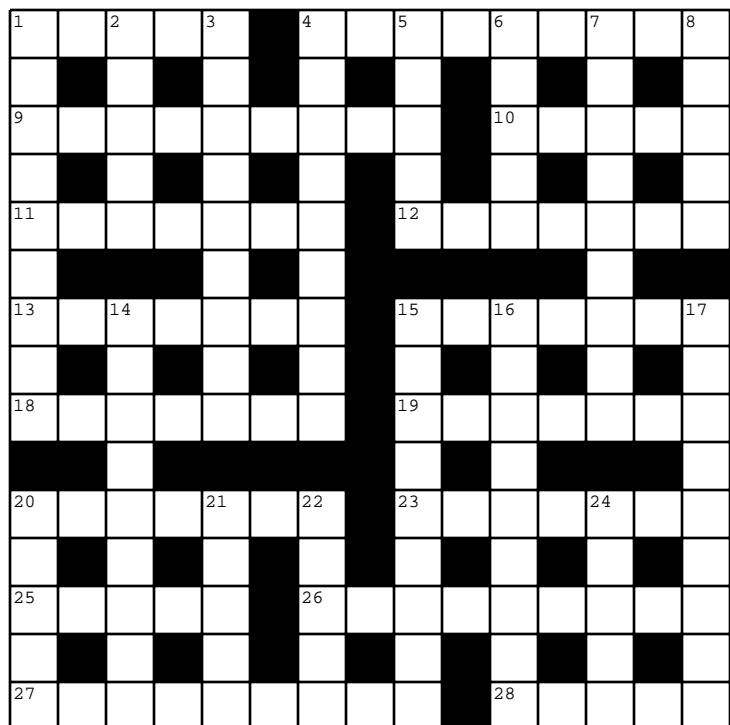
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| 4. WONDERFUL  | 2. BICEP      |
| 9. RECOLLECT  | 3. CALLOUSED  |
| 10. HEARS     | 4. WHEREAS    |
| 11. IMPROVE   | 5. NETTLES    |
| 12. LOCUSTS   | 6. ETHIC      |
| 13. OSMOSIS   | 7. FLAGSTONE  |
| 15. SHOWOFF   | 8. LISTS      |
| 18. ACRIDER   | 14. MARSUPIAL |
| 20. SHEBELI   | 16. OVERTHREW |
| 21. AQUATIC   | 17. FLIMSIEST |
| 23. NATIVES   | 19. RECOVER   |
| 25. IDIOT     | 20. SYNONYM   |
| 26. VENTRICLE | 21. AXIOM     |
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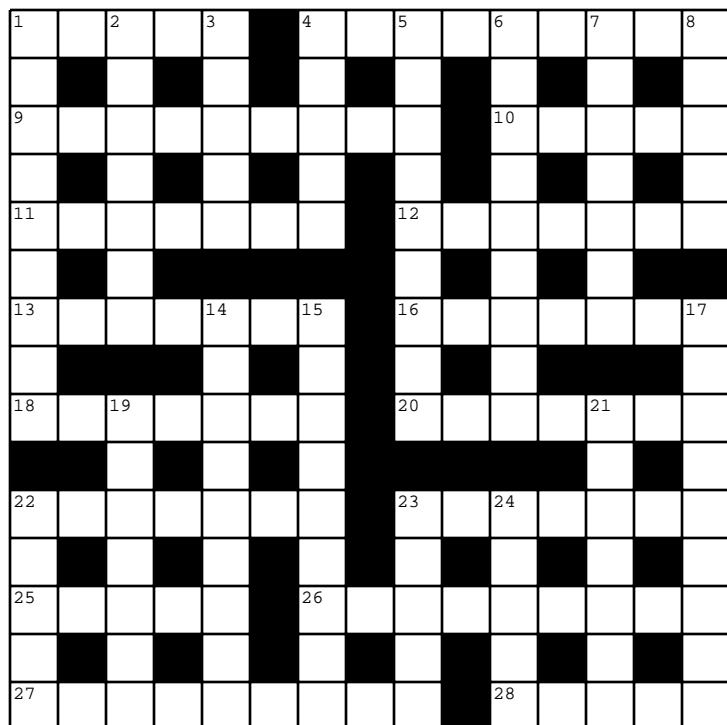
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| 4. PSEUDONYM  | 2. BOOST      |
| 9. TROUSSEAU  | 3. PASSENGER  |
| 10. INFIX     | 4. PREVENTED  |
| 11. EXTREME   | 5. EQUAL      |
| 12. LAYERED   | 6. DAILY      |
| 13. FREIGHT   | 7. NEFERTITI  |
| 15. BAILIFF   | 8. MIXED      |
| 18. TUTORED   | 14. ENTERTAIN |
| 19. FATTIER   | 15. BEFITTING |
| 20. PIRATES   | 16. INTERVIEW |
| 23. TORTOLA   | 17. FORWARDER |
| 25. USAGE     | 20. PLUMB     |
| 26. INITIATED | 21. THEME     |
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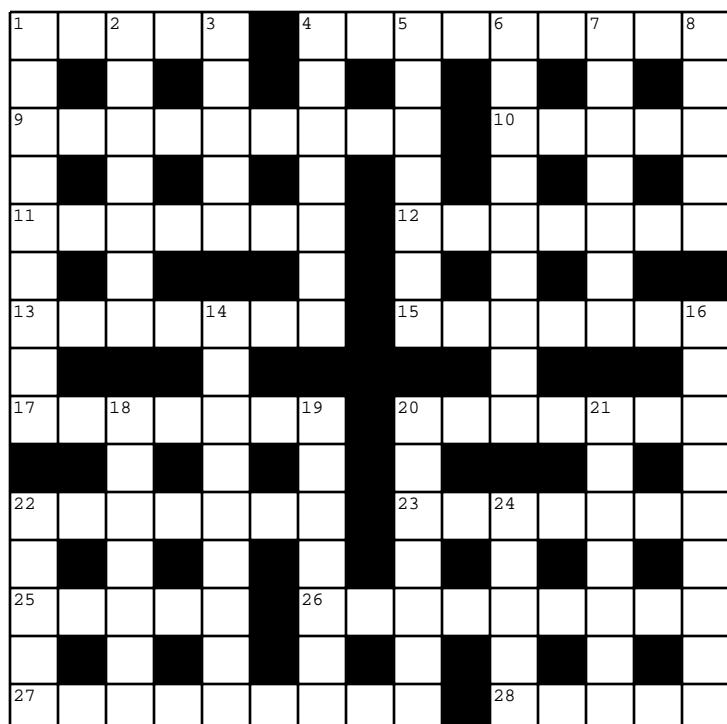
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| 1. FIFES      | 1. FORWARDED  |
| 4. BEDSPREAD  | 2. FRAPPES    |
| 9. REALISTIC  | 3. SLIER      |
| 10. NAIVE     | 4. BATON      |
| 11. ASPIRIN   | 5. DECREASED  |
| 12. EARHART   | 6. PANORAMIC  |
| 13. DISTURB   | 7. EPITAPH    |
| 16. SOMEHOW   | 8. DOEST      |
| 18. DELPHIC   | 14. UNHEALTHY |
| 20. DECIBEL   | 15. BOCCACCIO |
| 22. ESTRADA   | 17. WILLINGLY |
| 23. BACILLI   | 19. LETDOWN   |
| 25. ROOST     | 21. BULLION   |
| 26. CRUMPLING | 22. EARTH     |
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| 28. ANNOY     | 24. COPRA     |



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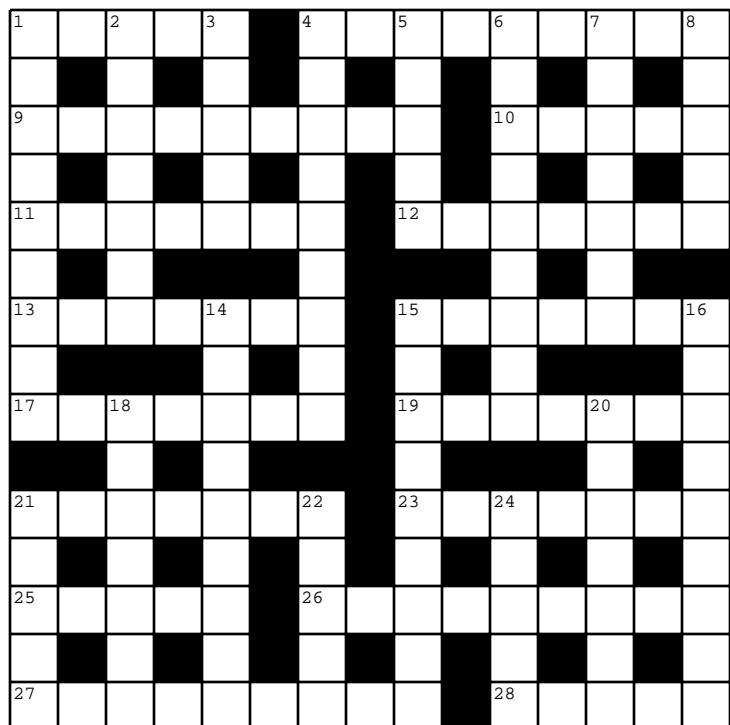
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| 4. OVERDRAFT  | 2. RAVIOLI    |
| 9. NAVIGABLE  | 3. DOGIE      |
| 10. PABST     | 4. ORBISON    |
| 11. REOPENS   | 5. EXEMPTS    |
| 12. PROGRAM   | 6. DIPLOMATA  |
| 13. HAIRPIN   | 7. ALBERIO    |
| 15. SEABORG   | 8. TOTEM      |
| 17. PROVERB   | 14. PRESCHOOL |
| 20. PLACEBO   | 16. GROGGIEST |
| 22. BRONCHI   | 18. OPOSSUM   |
| 23. SUMMING   | 19. BRIEFLY   |
| 25. LASSO     | 20. PASTORS   |
| 26. FROSTBITE | 21. ELITISM   |
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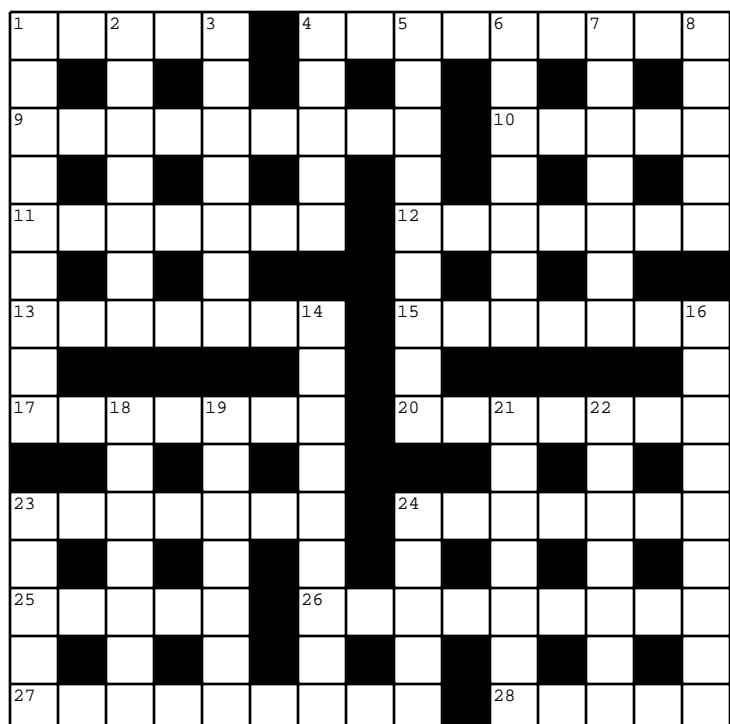
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| 9. REDRESSED  | 3. SCENE      |
| 10. NAPPY     | 4. DISHTOWEL  |
| 11. HOMIEST   | 5. SIDES      |
| 12. STEROID   | 6. INNKEEPER  |
| 13. LOCKJAW   | 7. SUPPORT    |
| 15. HEPATIC   | 8. SKYED      |
| 17. IMMORAL   | 14. JARLSBERG |
| 19. BARGAIN   | 15. HIBERNATE |
| 21. BELUSHI   | 16. CANVASSER |
| 23. RICOTTA   | 18. MELANIN   |
| 25. OUNCE     | 20. ANTENNA   |
| 26. FRAGMENTS | 21. BLOOM     |
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| 28. CHAIR     | 24. COMIC     |



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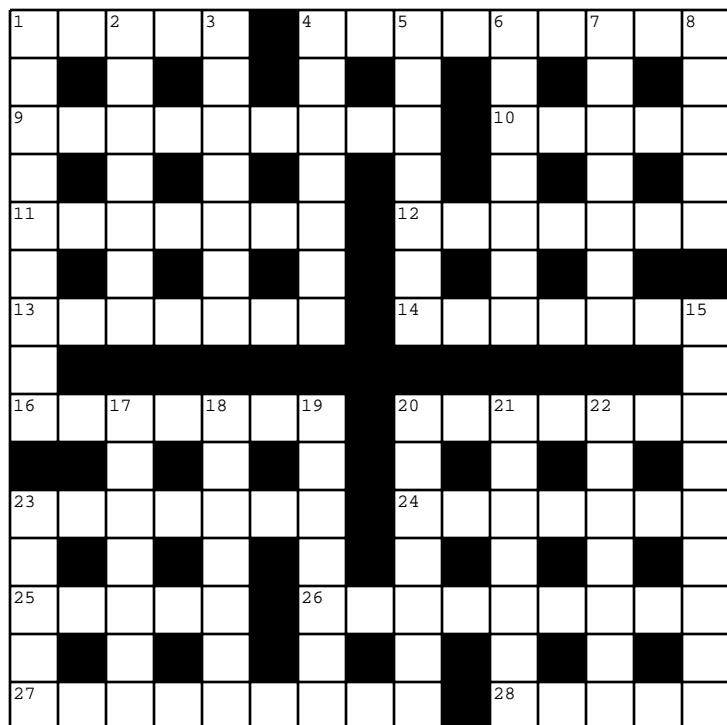
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| 9. VIOLATION  | 3. CHATEAU    |
| 10. RABBI     | 4. ACIDS      |
| 11. LOITERS   | 5. HONEYCOMB  |
| 12. YAKKING   | 6. EUREKAS    |
| 13. PERTURB   | 7. IMBUING    |
| 15. ONSAGER   | 8. SUING      |
| 17. SOMEHOW   | 14. BEWITCHED |
| 20. BODICES   | 16. RESTRAINS |
| 23. PAGEANT   | 18. MIGRANT   |
| 24. INSANER   | 19. HEADSET   |
| 25. SEALS     | 21. DISTURB   |
| 26. HAMMURABI | 22. CONTAIN   |
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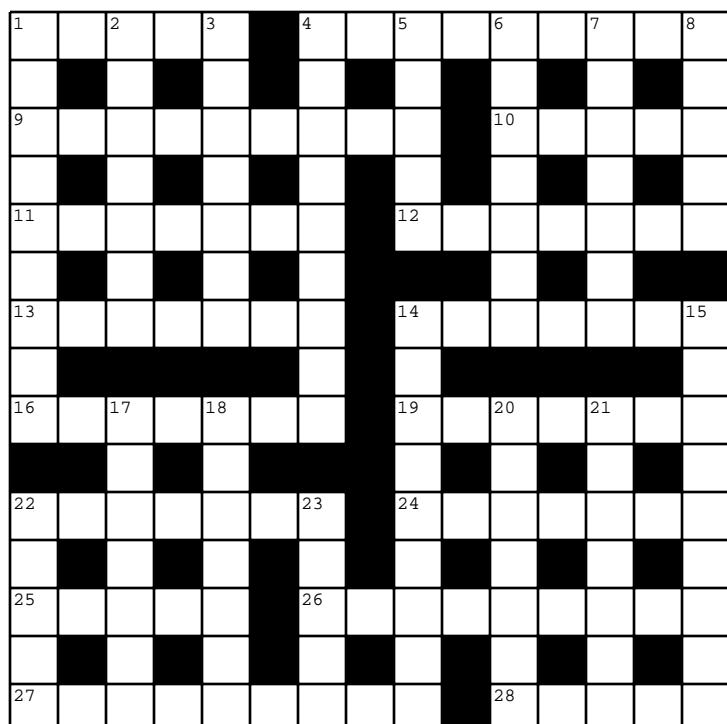
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| 4. HIERARCHY  | 2. CHARGED    |
| 9. GHASTLIER  | 3. OUTLINE    |
| 10. SASHA     | 4. HEIGHTS    |
| 11. ENGLISH   | 5. EARSHOT    |
| 12. HARPOON   | 6. ASSYRIA    |
| 13. INDEEDS   | 7. CASTOFF    |
| 14. TRAFFIC   | 8. YEARN      |
| 16. MADNESS   | 15. CIGARETTE |
| 20. MUSTANG   | 17. DICTION   |
| 23. EXCRETA   | 18. ELEGANT   |
| 24. CLAMOUR   | 19. SCARCR    |
| 25. ALISA     | 20. MACUMBA   |
| 26. COMPLIANT | 21. SHALLOW   |
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| 28. WASTE     | 23. EMACS     |



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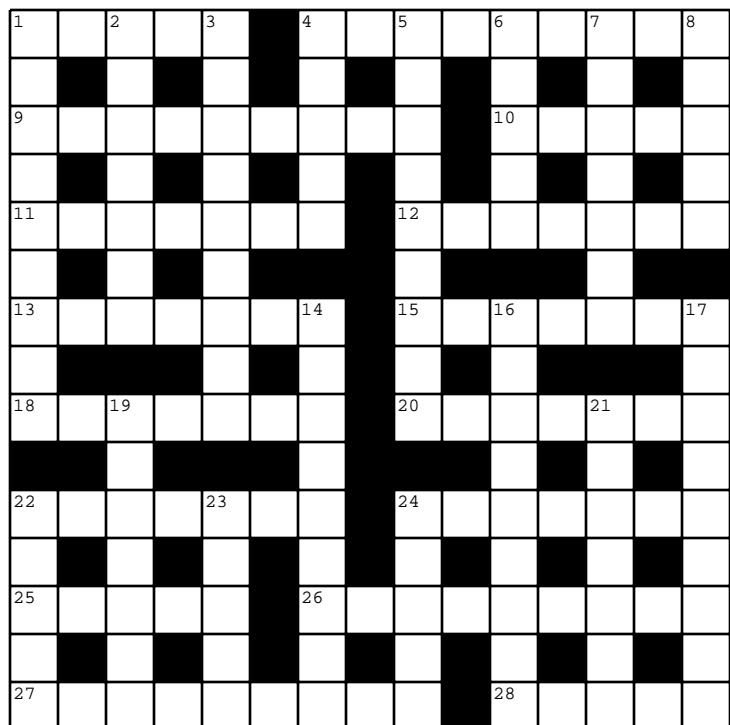
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| 4. CAPABLEST  | 2. BASHFUL    |
| 9. DESPERADO  | 3. SKETCHY    |
| 10. RISEN     | 4. CHAGRINED  |
| 11. OFFICER   | 5. PRONG      |
| 12. GATHERS   | 6. BIRETTA    |
| 13. HALCYON   | 7. EASIEST    |
| 14. FRANTIC   | 8. TANKS      |
| 16. REVISED   | 14. FARMHOUSE |
| 19. REWRITE   | 15. CLEARNESS |
| 22. DENUDED   | 17. VENDING   |
| 24. HARSHER   | 18. SADDEST   |
| 25. ZAIRE     | 20. WORSHIP   |
| 26. LAUGHABLE | 21. INHIBIT   |
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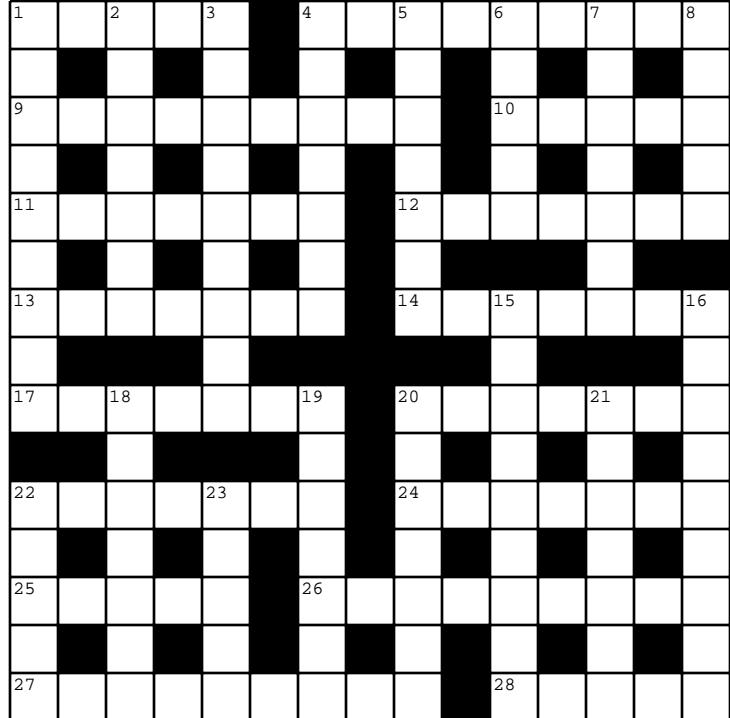
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| 9. CELESTIAL  | 3. SASKATOON  |
| 10. BAYOU     | 4. AXIOM      |
| 11. SIDEARM   | 5. MILOSEVIC  |
| 12. SERVICE   | 6. EMBER      |
| 13. IACCOCA   | 7. STYGIAN    |
| 15. VERANDA   | 8. YOURE      |
| 18. HOSANNA   | 14. AVAILABLE |
| 20. CHIMERA   | 16. RAINSTORM |
| 22. FACTUAL   | 17. APATHETIC |
| 24. HASHISH   | 19. SECRETS   |
| 25. CHERI     | 21. ELITISM   |
| 26. BIOLOGIST | 22. FACED     |
| 27. DISASTERS | 23. UNITS     |
| 28. MIMIC     | 24. HOOKS     |



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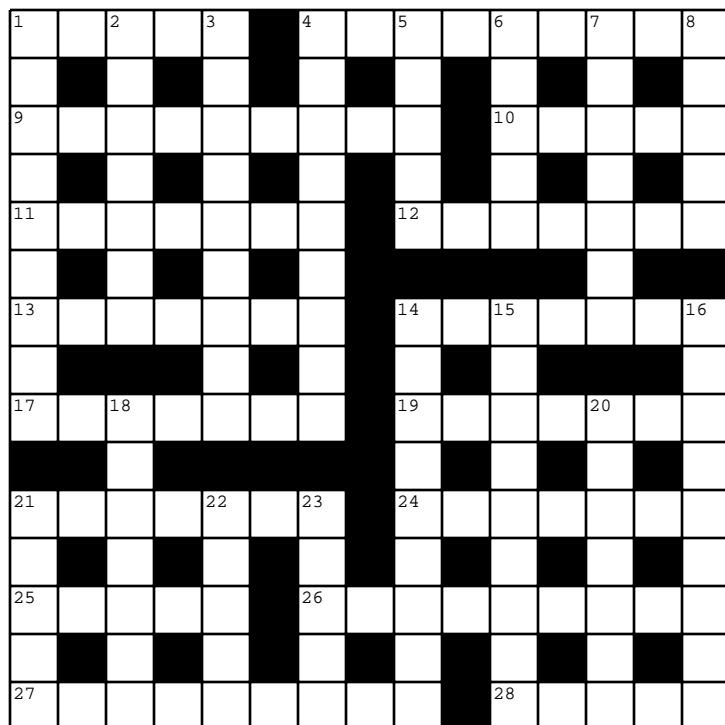
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| 4. PANMUNJOM  | 2. IMPALED    |
| 9. ALPHERATZ  | 3. BREASTING  |
| 10. DECOR     | 4. PRAYING    |
| 11. BELUSHI   | 5. NAZIISM    |
| 12. IODIZED   | 6. UNDID      |
| 13. EDDYING   | 7. JACUZZI    |
| 14. MARTINI   | 8. MERED      |
| 17. TROUGHS   | 15. ROSALINDA |
| 20. GASTRIC   | 16. INCIDENTS |
| 22. BOLSHOI   | 18. OBLIQUE   |
| 24. BELOVED   | 19. SHINGLE   |
| 25. YAQUI     | 20. GOBLETS   |
| 26. GREENHORN | 21. RAVIOLI   |
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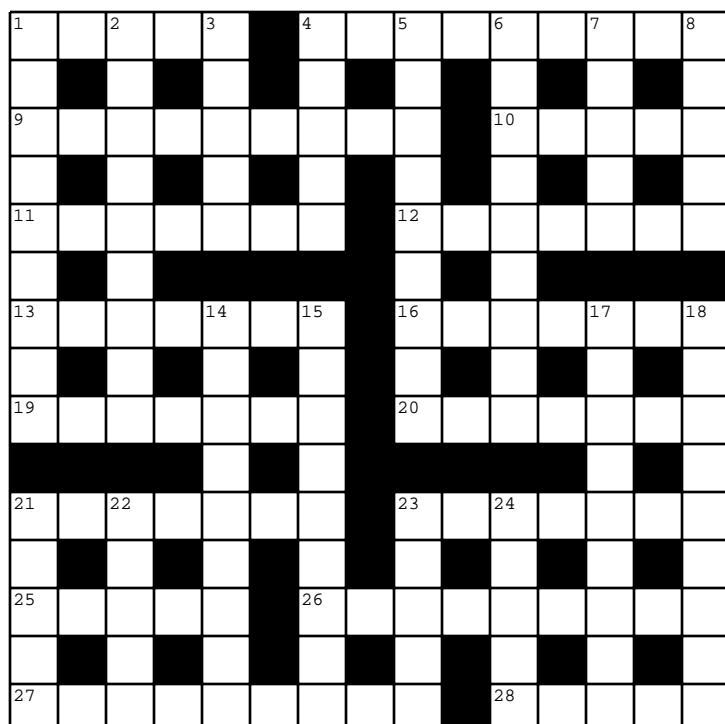
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| 4. REBELLION  | 2. COCHRAN    |
| 9. NUCLEUSES  | 3. SCEPTICAL  |
| 10. VISIT     | 4. RESEMBLES  |
| 11. ERRATUM   | 5. BASIC      |
| 12. CAREFUL   | 6. LIVER      |
| 13. CYNICAL   | 7. INSOFAR    |
| 14. FEDERAL   | 8. NATAL      |
| 17. DAWDLES   | 14. FLOWERPOT |
| 19. OUSTING   | 15. DISBELIEF |
| 21. CUBICLE   | 16. LIGATURES |
| 24. ELEMENT   | 18. WOBEGON   |
| 25. NEGRO     | 20. ITEMIZE   |
| 26. AMPLIFIER | 21. CYNIC     |
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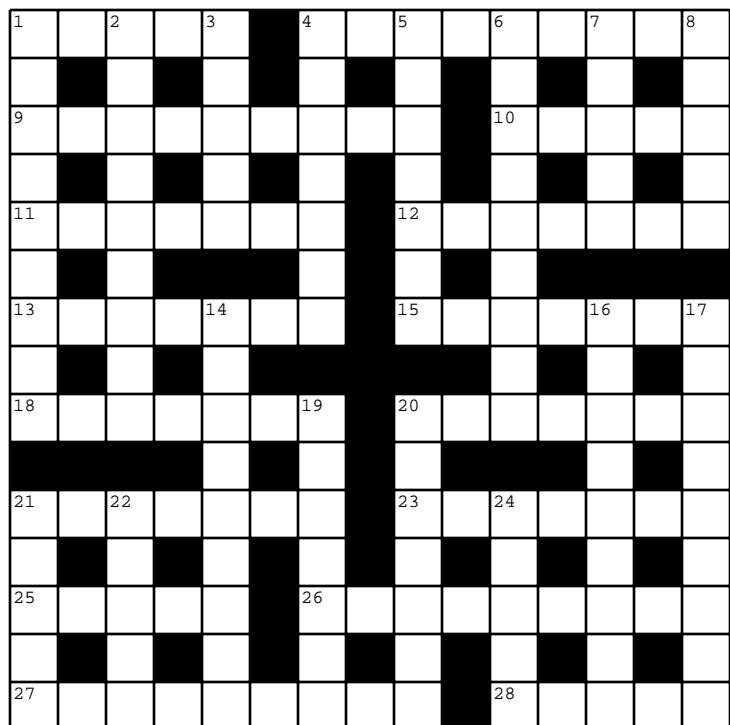
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| 9. ENDEAVOUR  | 3. ERASE      |
| 10. SUITS     | 4. ROOMS      |
| 11. AGELESS   | 5. STRATAGEM  |
| 12. TEETHED   | 6. DISREPAIR  |
| 13. DASHIKI   | 7. NEIGH      |
| 16. GRABBED   | 8. EASED      |
| 19. CARDIAC   | 14. IDIOMATIC |
| 20. MOROCCO   | 15. INCIDENCE |
| 21. BRIMMED   | 17. BACTERIUM |
| 23. BATTERY   | 18. DIONYSIAN |
| 25. UNFIT     | 21. BOUND     |
| 26. NEFERTITI | 22. INFER     |
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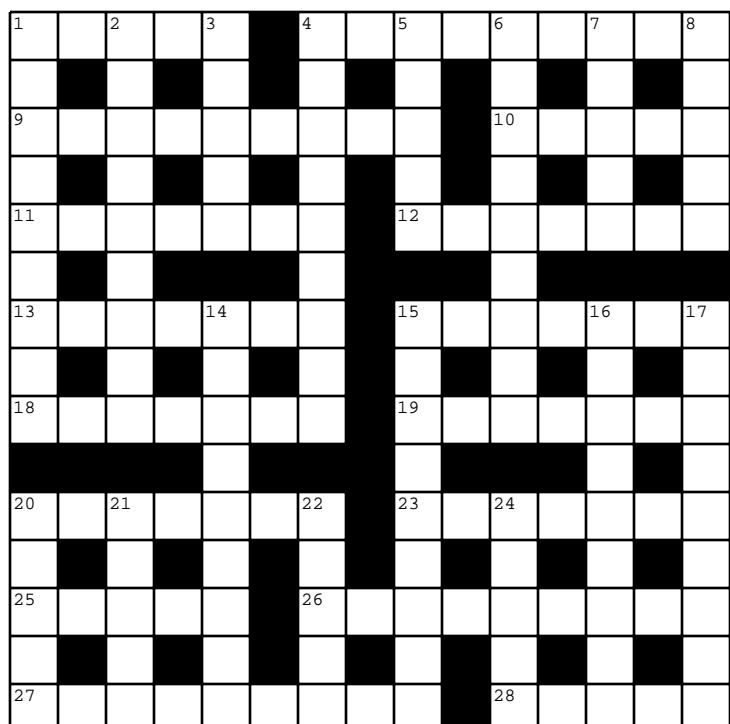
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| 4. UNPOPULAR  | 2. EXQUISITE  |
| 9. SEQUENCER  | 3. ENEMA      |
| 10. USING     | 4. UNCLEAN    |
| 11. AGITATE   | 5. PERTURB    |
| 12. UTOPIAS   | 6. PLUTOCRAT  |
| 13. HEISMAN   | 7. LUIGI      |
| 15. BORLAUG   | 8. RAGES      |
| 18. OVERTAX   | 14. METACARPI |
| 20. BATHTUB   | 16. AUTOPILOT |
| 21. TOBACCO   | 17. GIBBERISH |
| 23. CRAPPIE   | 19. XIONGNU   |
| 25. PAGER     | 20. BUCKRAM   |
| 26. GARIBALDI | 21. TOPIC     |
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| 28. MATCH     | 24. ALBUM     |



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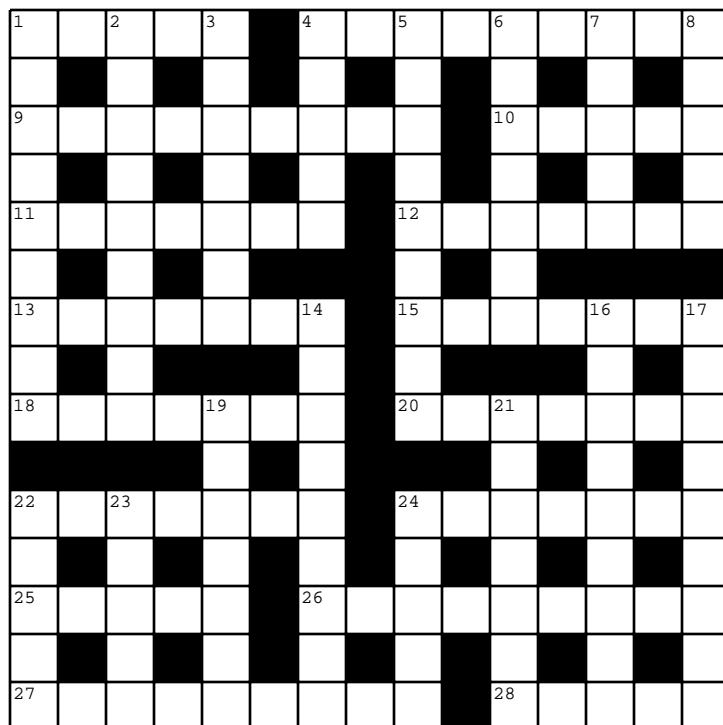
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| 4. PERVADING  | 2. HARMONICA  |
| 9. TORNADOES  | 3. IRAQI      |
| 10. PRIDE     | 4. PROCEEDED  |
| 11. EMOTIVE   | 5. RESET      |
| 12. TAINTED   | 6. APPLICANT  |
| 13. CHIRPED   | 7. IDIOT      |
| 15. GRANADA   | 8. GREED      |
| 18. PLANTED   | 14. POTPOURRI |
| 19. OPTIMAL   | 15. GEOMETRIC |
| 20. SUPPORT   | 16. ARMISTICE |
| 23. EXCUSES   | 17. ALLUSIONS |
| 25. HONOR     | 20. SCHWA     |
| 26. MARCELINO | 21. PINCH     |
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| 28. PRESS     | 24. CREEP     |



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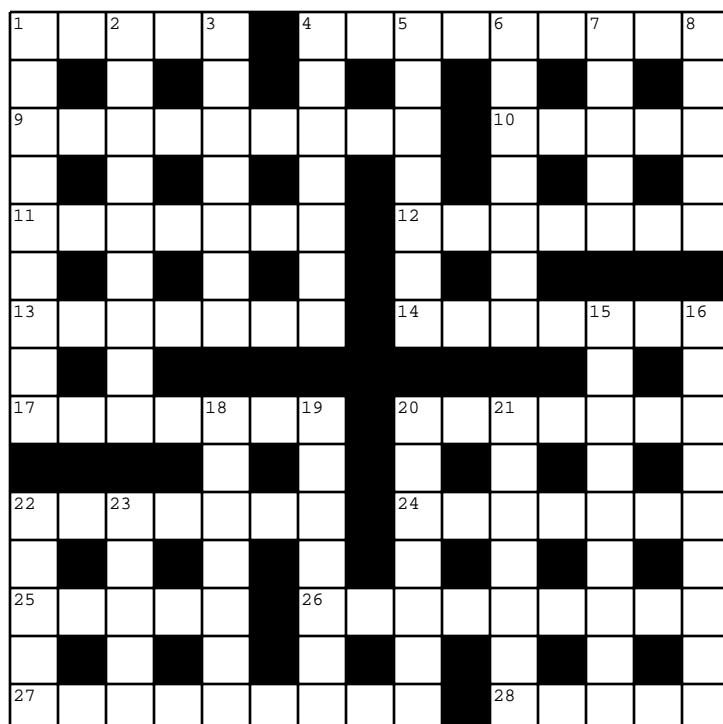
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| 4. DEPENDING  | 2. RESIDENTS  |
| 9. DISREPAIR  | 3. SEEINGS    |
| 10. CHAOS     | 4. DIALS      |
| 11. ENDINGS   | 5. PARAMECIA  |
| 12. MATTERS   | 6. NECKTIE    |
| 13. CANASTA   | 7. IMAGE      |
| 15. CHENGDU   | 8. GASES      |
| 18. SUSTAIN   | 14. ANNOTATED |
| 20. ARAMAIC   | 16. GRATITUDE |
| 22. TONIGHT   | 17. UNCERTAIN |
| 24. BUSHIER   | 19. ANGELOU   |
| 25. ROYAL     | 21. ARSENIC   |
| 26. TARANTULA | 22. THRUM     |
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| 28. CLEAN     | 24. BARKS     |



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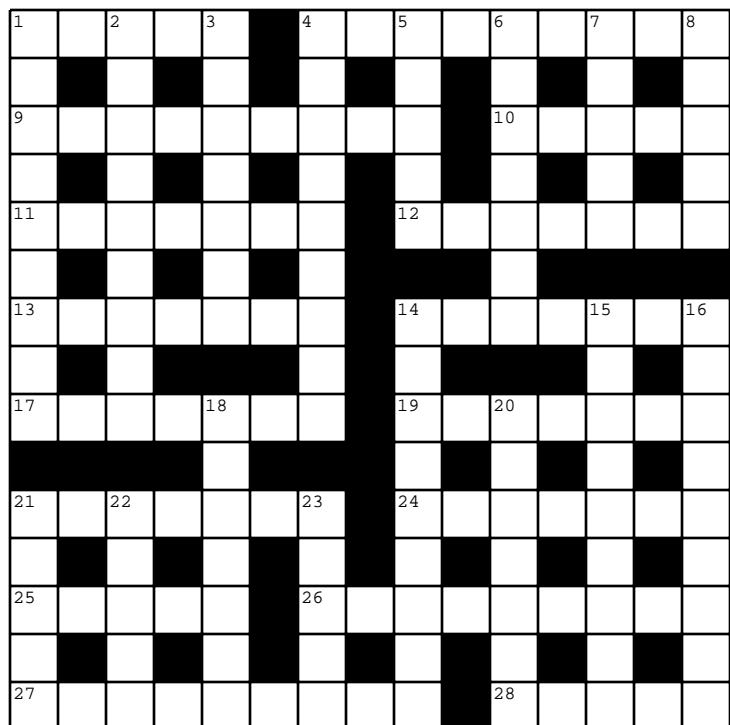
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| 9. EXCELLENT  | 3. ECLIPSE    |
| 10. CELLI     | 4. CHEESES    |
| 11. THESPIS   | 5. LETTING    |
| 12. ILLNESS   | 6. BACILLI    |
| 13. CUTLETS   | 7. ALLIE      |
| 14. GLIMMER   | 8. EVILS      |
| 17. LARAMIE   | 15. MENDELEEV |
| 20. AMMONIA   | 16. REASSURED |
| 22. CABARET   | 18. MARABOU   |
| 24. DAMSELS   | 19. ENTERED   |
| 25. THUMB     | 20. ADDICTS   |
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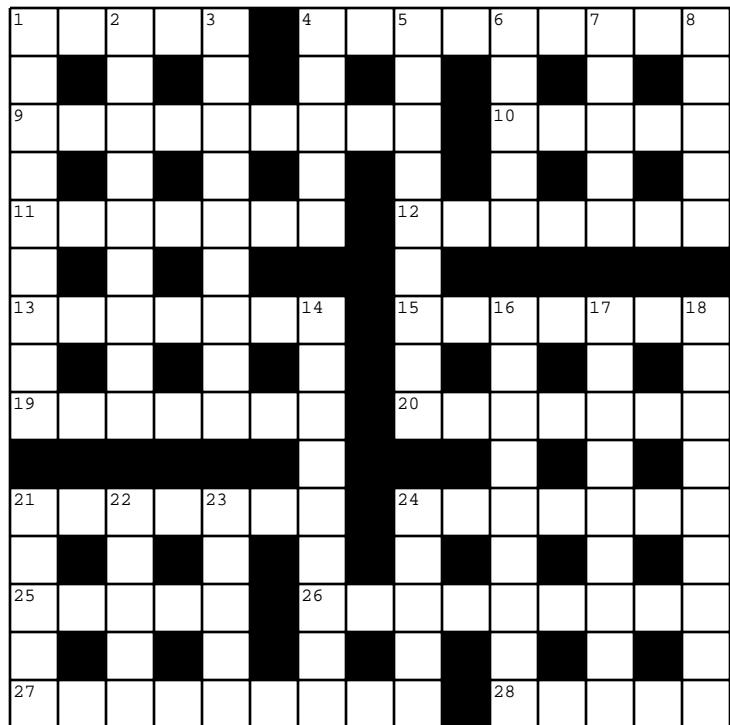
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| 4. SELECTING  | 2. TARANTULA  |
| 9. COROLLARY  | 3. RELATED    |
| 10. LEAVE     | 4. STAMPEDED  |
| 11. NONSTOP   | 5. LAYER      |
| 12. RIPPING   | 6. CALYPSO    |
| 13. ROUNDED   | 7. IRAQI      |
| 14. PROSAIC   | 8. GREGG      |
| 17. CRAMMED   | 14. POTPOURRI |
| 19. TRANSIT   | 15. AUSTRALIA |
| 21. PETUNIA   | 16. CATHEDRAL |
| 24. OBSERVE   | 18. MENTHOL   |
| 25. DEPTH     | 20. ARSENIC   |
| 26. SPRINKLER | 21. PADRE     |
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| 28. CRAWL     | 23. ALSOP     |



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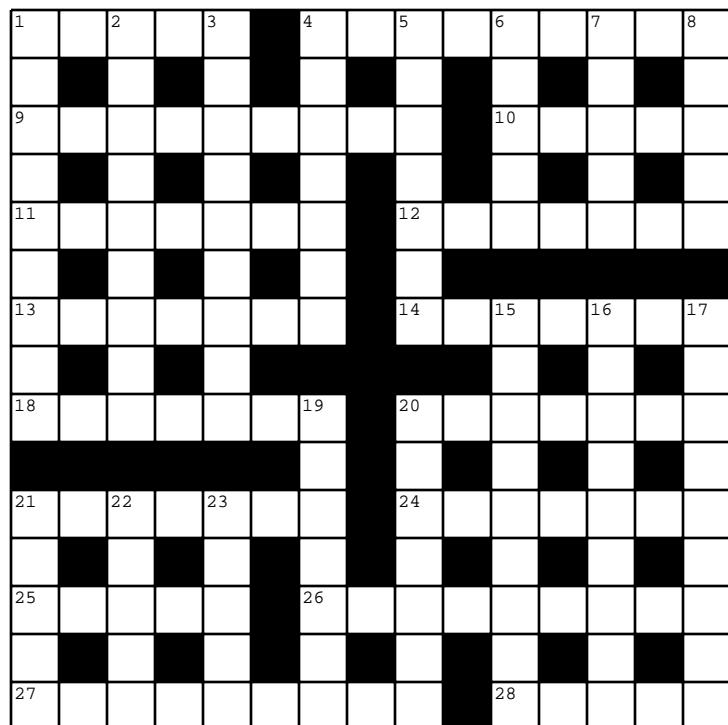
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| 9. SENSATION   | 3. AMATERASU  |
| 10. FATES      | 4. SPIKE      |
| 11. REPLETE    | 5. NONEXEMPT  |
| 12. XEROXES    | 6. INFER      |
| 13. BARBARA    | 7. LATEX      |
| 15. MALICED    | 8. RISES      |
| 19. SPATULA    | 14. AVALANCHE |
| 20. TRAFFIC    | 16. LEAPFROGS |
| 21. CAESURA    | 17. CAFETERIA |
| 24. REFUTED    | 18. DECADENCE |
| 25. NISEI      | 21. CINCH     |
| 26. CYCLOTRON  | 22. EPSOM     |
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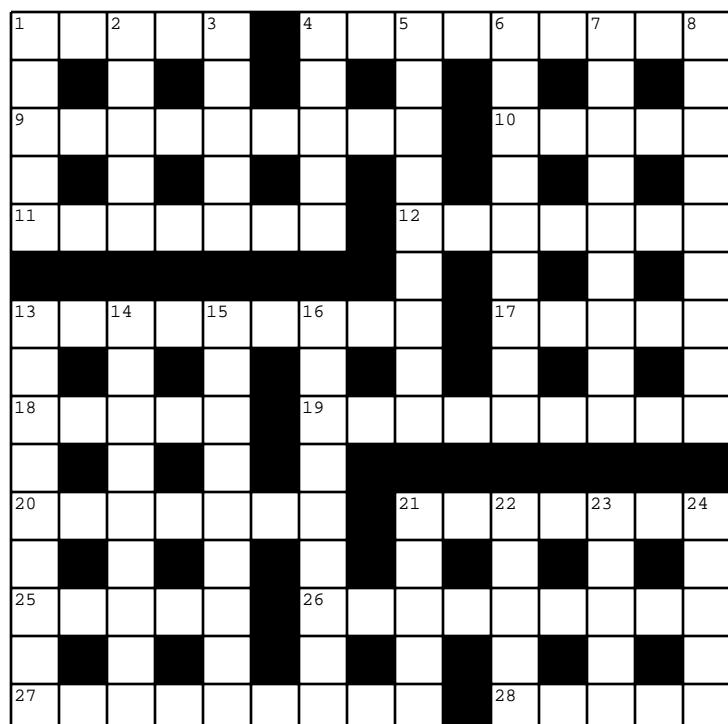
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| 4. GARNISHED  | 2. EAVESDROP  |
| 9. GIVEAWAYS  | 3. SCARLATTI  |
| 10. CANAL     | 4. GRANDMA    |
| 11. TUSSLED   | 5. RISKING    |
| 12. INROADS   | 6. INCUR      |
| 13. LORETTA   | 7. HENNA      |
| 14. GEORGIA   | 8. DILLS      |
| 18. BAPTISM   | 15. OVERTHREW |
| 20. PREDICT   | 16. GLISSANDI |
| 21. ENABLED   | 17. AFTERMATH |
| 24. OBTUSER   | 19. MADURAI   |
| 25. HERON     | 20. PROFFER   |
| 26. REFERENDA | 21. ETHIC     |
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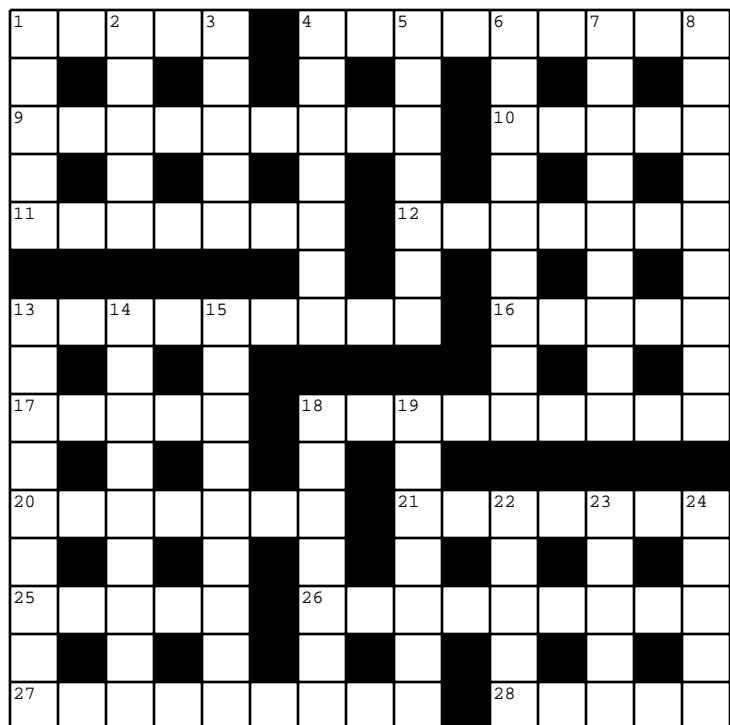
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| 9. PLASTERED  | 3. TOTES      |
| 10. ICING     | 4. MERIT      |
| 11. TRANSIT   | 5. REDEVELOP  |
| 12. VALISES   | 6. GUILLEMO   |
| 13. EMPIRICAL | 7. GLISSANDI  |
| 17. RANDI     | 8. DIGESTIVE  |
| 18. CHEFS     | 13. EUCALYPTI |
| 19. EXPLOSIVE | 14. PRESIDENT |
| 20. LACONIC   | 15. ROSENBERG |
| 21. EMANATE   | 16. CRESCENDI |
| 25. PIECE     | 21. EARLY     |
| 26. NARROWEST | 22. AMONG     |
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| 28. GOTTA     | 24. EXTRA     |



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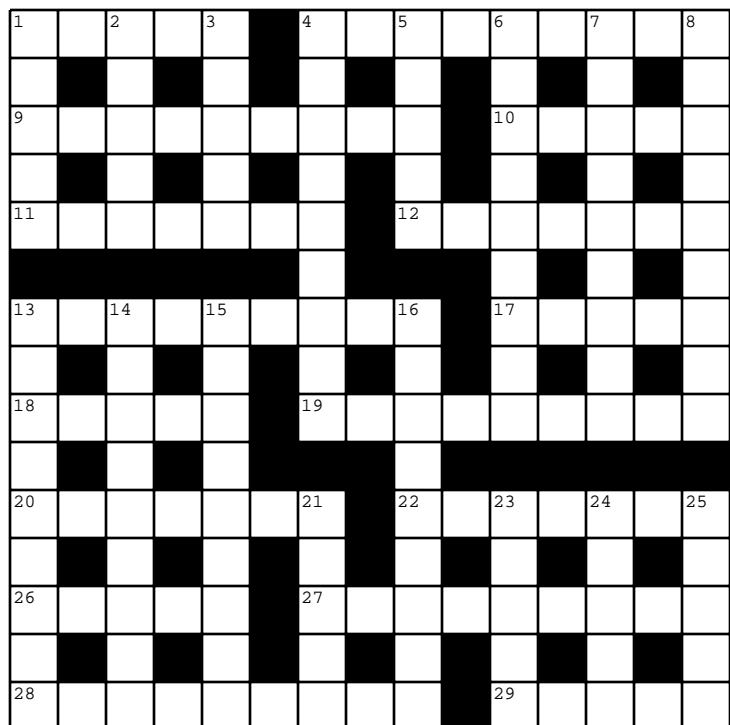
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| 9. GLISSANDO  | 3. NASAL      |
| 10. GROWN     | 4. DONATED    |
| 11. LEAFLET   | 5. ANORAKS    |
| 12. ATTESTS   | 6. EIGHTIETH  |
| 13. ALTITUDES | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 16. ENEMA     | 8. LANDSCAPE  |
| 17. HATER     | 13. ATHABASCA |
| 18. CLUBHOUSE | 14. TITILLATE |
| 20. BALANCE   | 15. TARANTULA |
| 21. DECIBEL   | 18. CHEFFED   |
| 25. SNAFU     | 19. UNDERGO   |
| 26. FIREPROOF | 22. COPED     |
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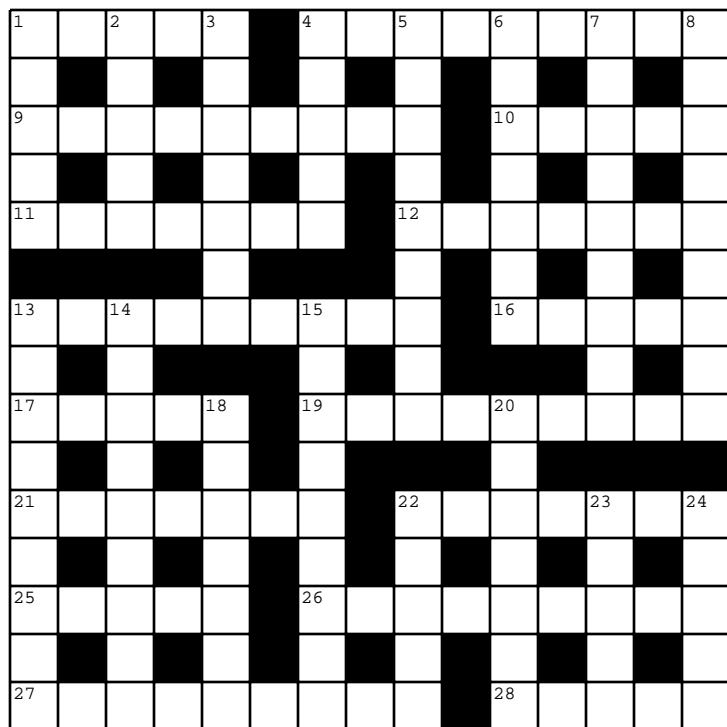
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| 10. LAPEL     | 4. DIRECTIVE  |
| 11. TRAFFIC   | 5. BASES      |
| 12. SCOURGE   | 6. GALLOPING  |
| 13. KIBITZING | 7. IMPORTANT  |
| 17. IRAQI     | 8. GALLERIED  |
| 18. COLOR     | 13. KICKSTAND |
| 19. ELONGATED | 14. BOLIVIANS |
| 20. SEVENTH   | 15. TARANTULA |
| 22. REALISM   | 16. GEOGRAPHY |
| 26. AMARU     | 21. HOPED     |
| 27. PAPERWORK | 23. ARRAY     |
| 28. DASTARDLY | 24. ICONS     |
| 29. YESES     | 25. MAKES     |



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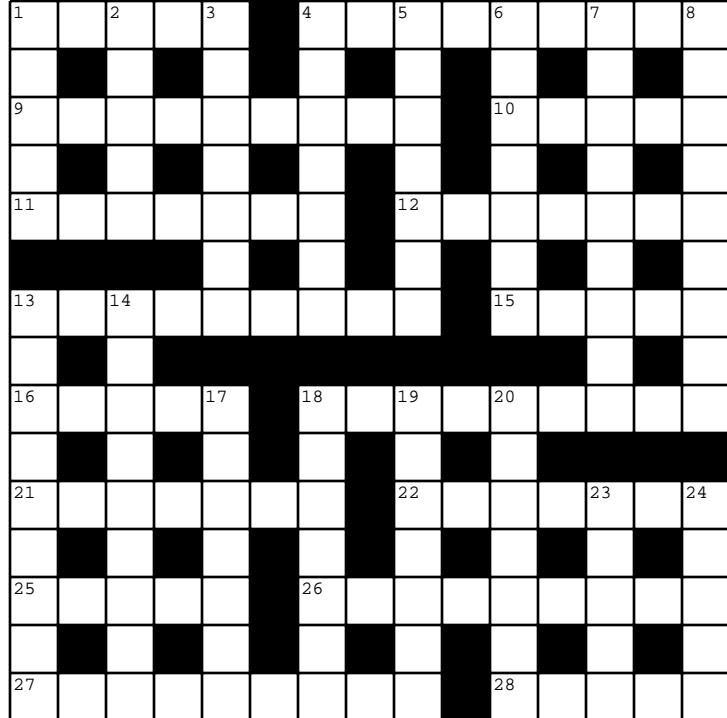
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| 4. APPLICANT  | 2. GINSU      |
| 9. OWNERSHIP  | 3. TERMINI    |
| 10. LOTTO     | 4. ASHES      |
| 11. COUSINS   | 5. PEPPERONI  |
| 12. ESCAPED   | 6. ILLICIT    |
| 13. PIZZICATO | 7. ANTIPASTO  |
| 16. TASTE     | 8. TRONDHEIM  |
| 17. TOOTH     | 13. POTPOURRI |
| 19. RAINSTORM | 14. ZOOLOGIST |
| 21. OROURKE   | 15. AGREEABLE |
| 22. HIPPIER   | 18. HARPOON   |
| 25. RHINO     | 20. SOPRANO   |
| 26. BARNACLES | 22. HARDY     |
| 27. INTENSELY | 23. IDLED     |
| 28. ODDLY     | 24. RISKY     |



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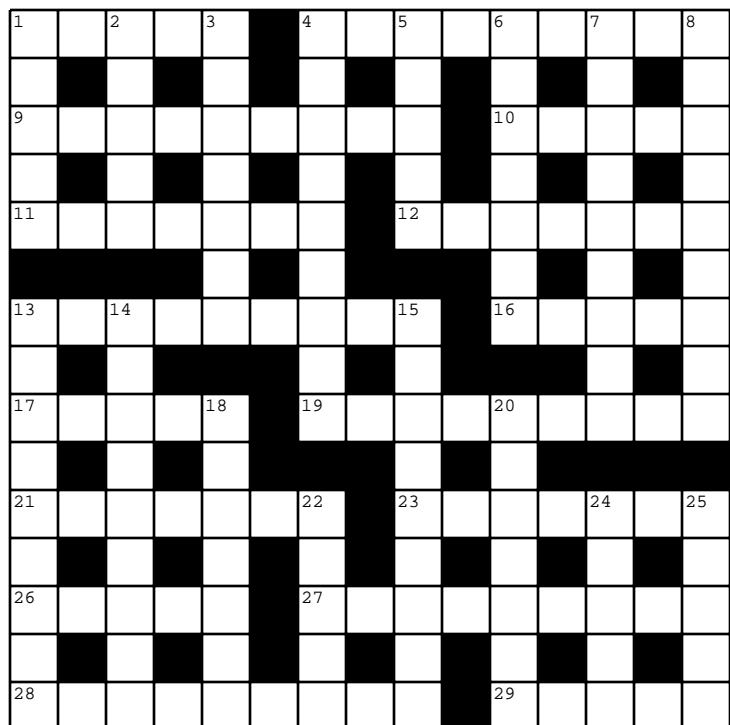
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| 4. ORCHESTRA  | 2. TERMS      |
| 9. CORREGGIO  | 3. PREVENT    |
| 10. COCOA     | 4. ORGANIC    |
| 11. DISCERN   | 5. CROSSED    |
| 12. STAUNCH   | 6. ENCHANT    |
| 13. PRACTICED | 7. TECHNICAL  |
| 15. TACIT     | 8. APATHETIC  |
| 16. SIGHT     | 13. POSITIVER |
| 18. ALCOHOLIC | 14. ALGEBRAIC |
| 21. TABLEAU   | 17. TREADLE   |
| 22. OPENING   | 18. ABUSIVE   |
| 25. VIAND     | 19. CROWBAR   |
| 26. IMBROGLIO | 20. HOEDOWN   |
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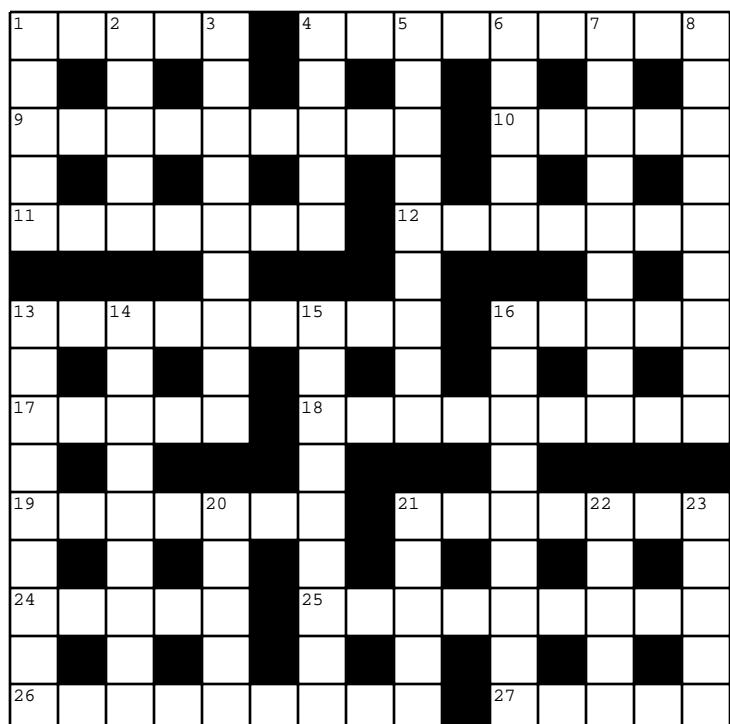
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| 4. BARRAGING  | 2. KHAKI      |
| 9. SWALLOWED  | 3. SILLIER    |
| 10. ULTRA     | 4. BEWITCHED  |
| 11. ELITIST   | 5. RADII      |
| 12. IGNORED   | 6. ALUMNUS    |
| 13. OWNERSHIP | 7. INTERVIEW  |
| 16. SCION     | 8. GLADDEDED  |
| 17. SAVER     | 13. OBSOLETED |
| 19. DISAVOWED | 14. NAVIGATES |
| 21. LEGIBLE   | 15. POSTCARDS |
| 23. CERAMIC   | 18. RUBELLA   |
| 26. TOTAL     | 20. VERBOSE   |
| 27. HARMONICA | 22. ETHIC     |
| 28. DISTANCES | 24. MAIDS     |
| 29. EASEL     | 25. CRAWL     |



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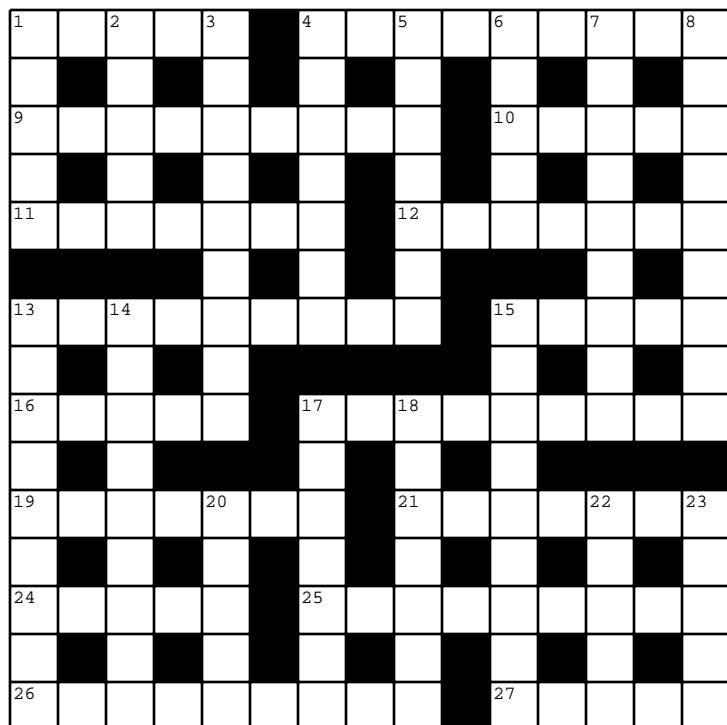
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| 1. FLESH       | 1. FRESH      |
| 4. RESORTING   | 2. EDITS      |
| 9. EPILEPTIC   | 3. HIERARCHY  |
| 10. SASHA      | 4. RATED      |
| 11. HUSBAND    | 5. SUCCESSOR  |
| 12. EARWIGS    | 6. RISER      |
| 13. MUSICIANS  | 7. INSTITUTE  |
| 16. AMUSE      | 8. GLASSIEST  |
| 17. LORRY      | 13. MILLENNIA |
| 18. ABRUPTTEST | 14. SCRIBBLED |
| 19. EMBARGO    | 15. ANALOGIES |
| 21. CORRECT    | 16. AMPERSAND |
| 24. NYLON      | 20. RANGE     |
| 25. ISOLATION  | 21. COOLS     |
| 26. ADDRESSES  | 22. ELITE     |
| 27. DEEMS      | 23. TANKS     |



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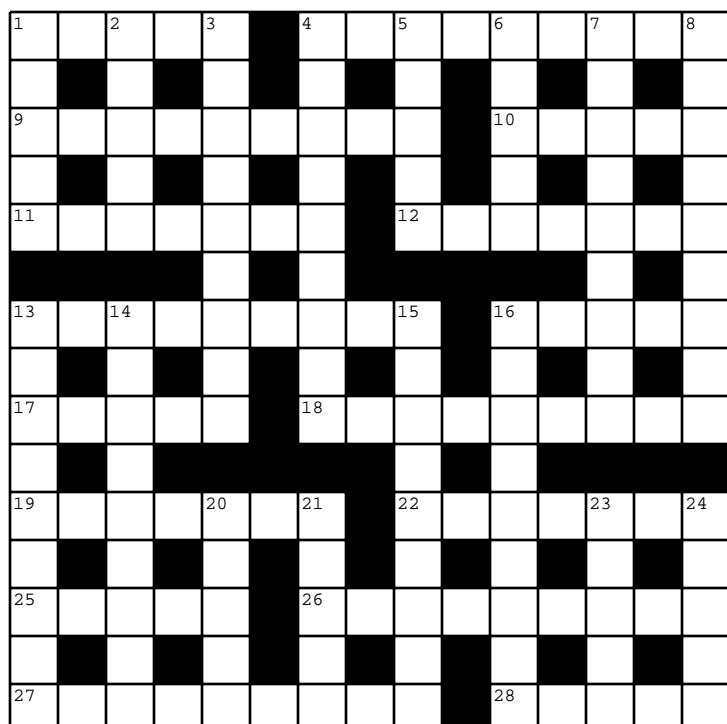
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| 4. DISAGREED  | 2. GREER      |
| 9. STEADICAM  | 3. ENDANGERS  |
| 10. CREDO     | 4. DECLARE    |
| 11. PIRANHA   | 5. SAMOSET    |
| 12. STIMULI   | 6. GUCCI      |
| 13. DAMNEDEST | 7. EXECUTORS  |
| 15. CLOCK     | 8. DOOHICKEY  |
| 16. SIDES     | 13. DISTANCED |
| 17. AIMLESSLY | 14. MEDICAIDS |
| 19. ACCLAIM   | 15. CHEVROLET |
| 21. SORGHUM   | 17. AIMLESS   |
| 24. CHILI     | 18. MUSICAL   |
| 25. EUCALYPTI | 20. ALIBI     |
| 26. DISMISSAL | 22. HOPES     |
| 27. TASTE     | 23. MAIZE     |



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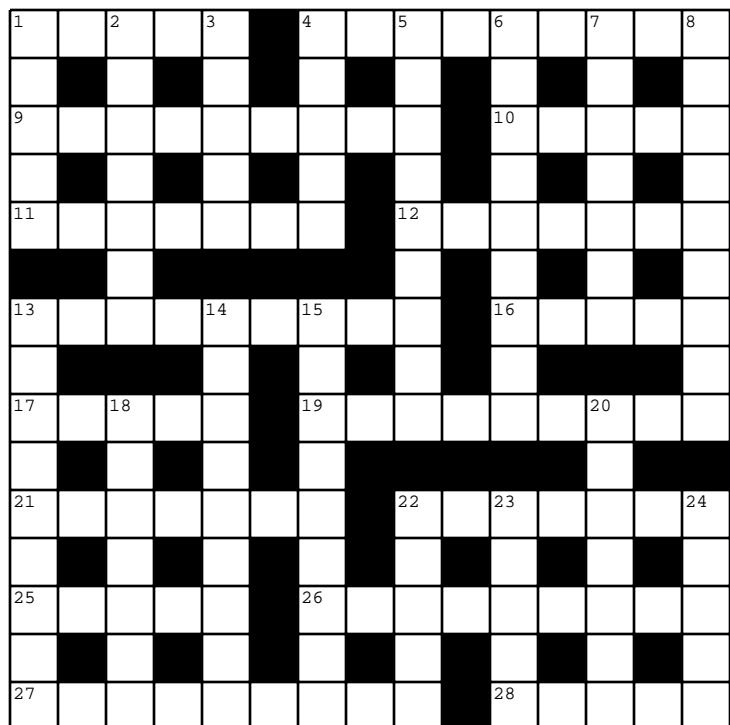
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| 4. FASHIONED  | 2. NEARS      |
| 9. FLAGSTONE  | 3. DISEMBARK  |
| 10. PAGES     | 4. FOODSTUFF  |
| 11. RESUMES   | 5. STEAL      |
| 12. LAYETTE   | 6. IMPLY      |
| 13. BELEAGUER | 7. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 16. BALSA     | 8. DESPERATE  |
| 17. STOCK     | 13. BESIEGING |
| 18. FAVORABLE | 14. LOOPHOLES |
| 19. EXHAUST   | 15. REVOLTING |
| 22. LEADERS   | 16. BARBAROUS |
| 25. INLET     | 20. ULTRA     |
| 26. RHINOCERI | 21. TORSI     |
| 27. GESTATING | 23. ENEMA     |
| 28. SCARF     | 24. SNIFF     |



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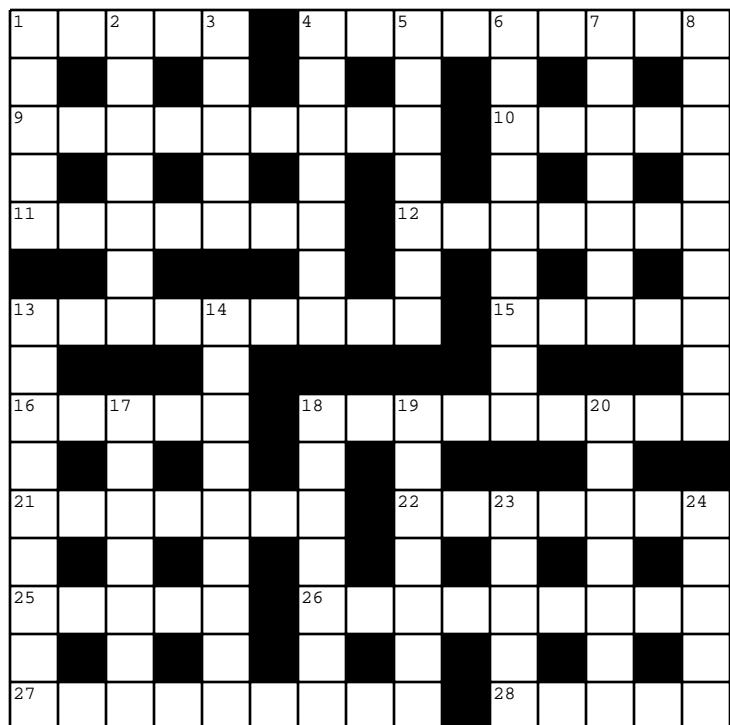
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| 4. FEMININES  | 2. INROADS    |
| 9. PERPETUAL  | 3. REEDS      |
| 10. INTER     | 4. FRUIT      |
| 11. TRANSIT   | 5. MILLENNIA  |
| 12. ETHICAL   | 6. NEIGHBOUR  |
| 13. WASHBASIN | 7. NOTICED    |
| 16. OLDIE     | 8. STROLLERS  |
| 17. THREE     | 13. WATERSHED |
| 19. SHAMROCKS | 14. BLESSEDER |
| 21. RIPOSTE   | 15. SUSPENDED |
| 22. VETERAN   | 18. REPORTS   |
| 25. HIRED     | 20. CARIBOU   |
| 26. DESCRIBED | 22. VISIT     |
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| 28. NOUNS     | 24. NODES     |



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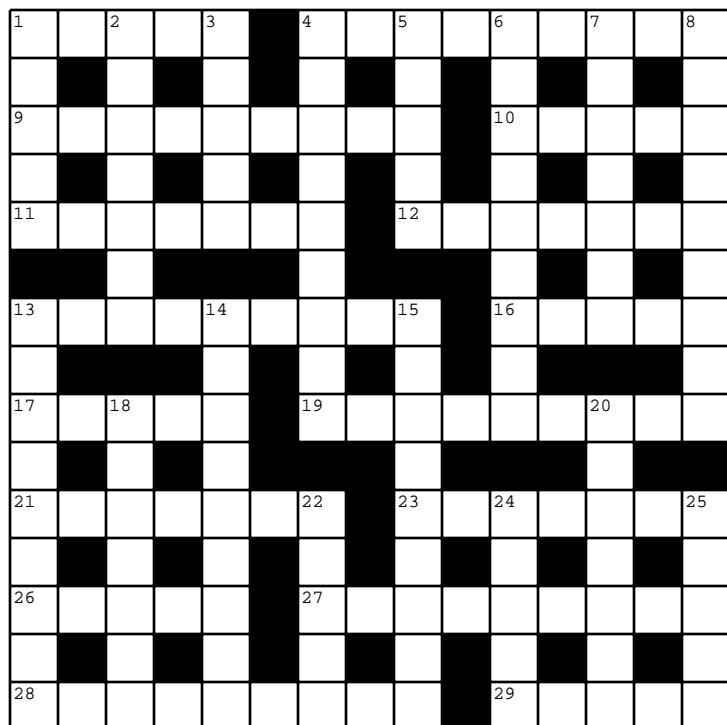
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| 9. ENAMELLED  | 3. ADELE      |
| 10. NITRE     | 4. CALCULI    |
| 11. PLATEAU   | 5. SADDENS    |
| 12. ELEGANT   | 6. INNKEEPER  |
| 13. ANOMALIES | 7. ATTRACT    |
| 15. PATIO     | 8. ELECTRONS  |
| 16. TACKS     | 13. ANTIPASTO |
| 18. REDIRECTS | 14. ABSCISSAE |
| 21. PREMIUM   | 17. CHECKUP   |
| 22. FEELERS   | 18. REMAKES   |
| 25. SIKHS     | 19. DEFILED   |
| 26. KILOHERTZ | 20. CLEARED   |
| 27. OPPRESSED | 23. ETHIC     |
| 28. CODED     | 24. SIZED     |



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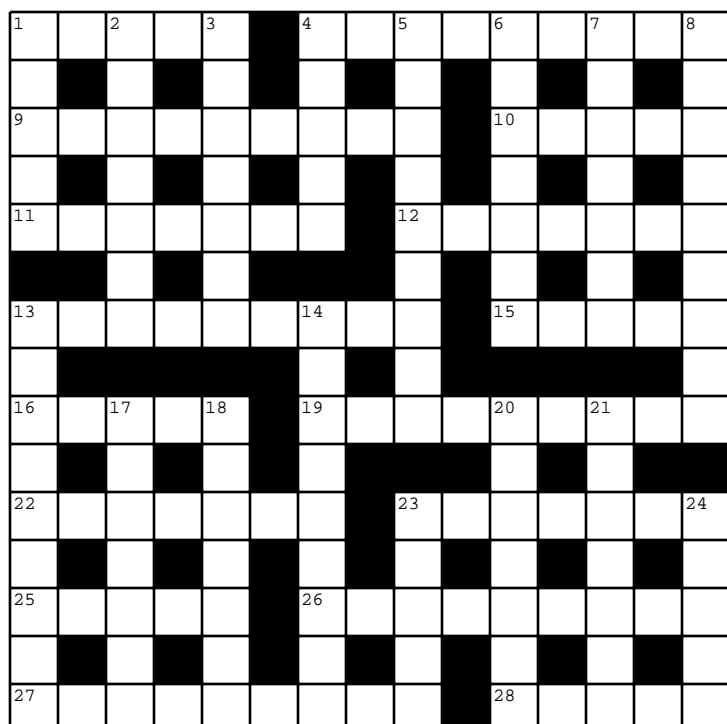
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| 1. RIGHT      | 1. REALM      |
| 4. EMBASSIES  | 2. GUMDROP    |
| 9. ALMORAVID  | 3. TORSI      |
| 10. AMBER     | 4. ENVELOPES  |
| 11. MARTIAL   | 5. BADGE      |
| 12. EXITING   | 6. STATISTIC  |
| 13. IMPROMPTU | 7. INBUILT    |
| 16. TOTAL     | 8. STRAGGLES  |
| 17. DIRAC     | 13. INDONESIA |
| 19. SUITCASES | 14. ORCHESTRA |
| 21. NEGLECT   | 15. UNINJURED |
| 23. JELLIES   | 18. REGROUP   |
| 26. SPORT     | 20. STIMULI   |
| 27. CURRICULA | 22. TACKS     |
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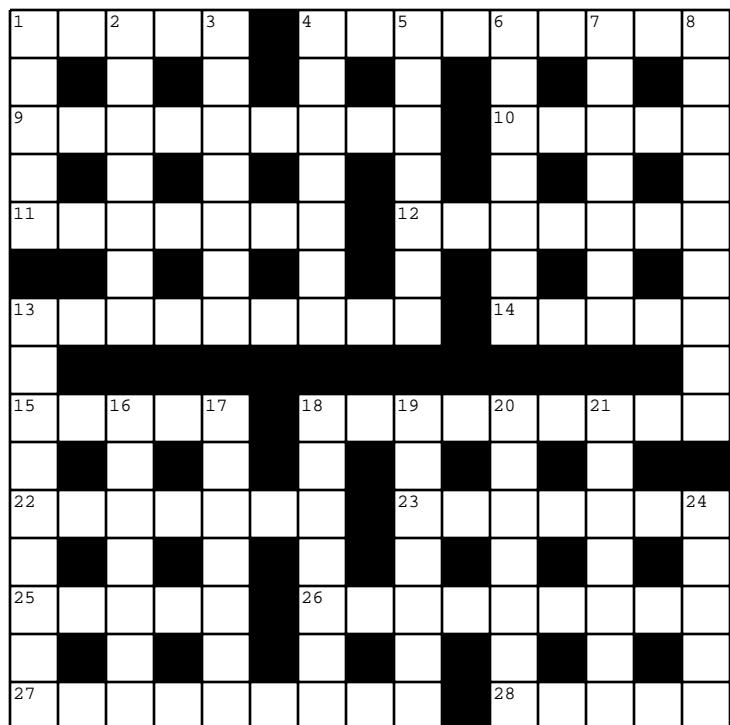
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| 9. IMBROGLIO  | 3. ISOLATE    |
| 10. ROSIE     | 4. SOLID      |
| 11. OPERAND   | 5. ABORTIONS  |
| 12. THALAMI   | 6. MARYANN    |
| 13. DESPERADO | 7. DESPAIR    |
| 15. NORTH     | 8. CHERISHES  |
| 16. AMADO     | 13. DRAUGHTED |
| 19. INSTANCES | 14. ALIGNMENT |
| 22. GLUTTON   | 17. AGUSTIN   |
| 23. HALBERD   | 18. OPTIMUM   |
| 25. TOTEM     | 20. AILMENT   |
| 26. EMINENTLY | 21. CREATES   |
| 27. DYNAMITES | 23. HAIRS     |
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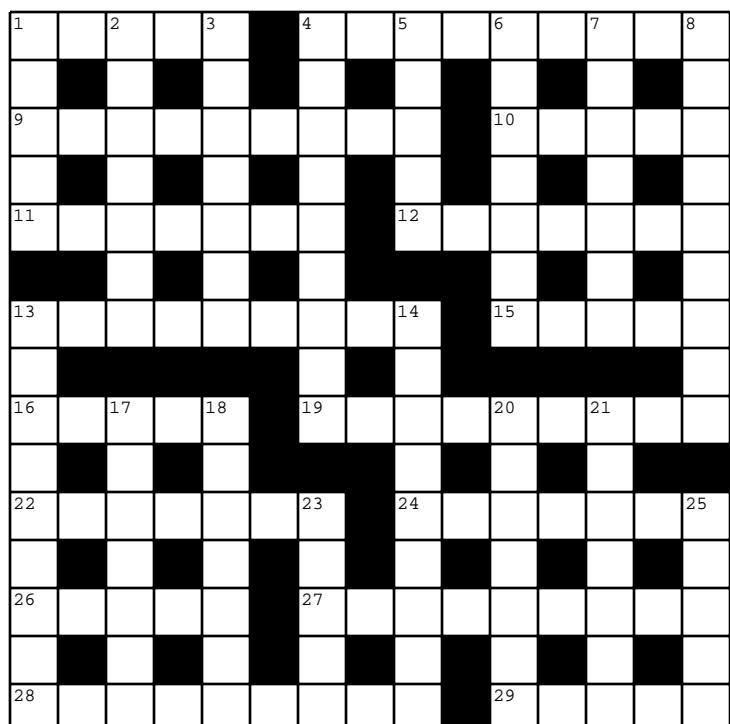
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| 4. STUMBLING  | 2. CLEAVER    |
| 9. SKEPTICAL  | 3. ANTONIO    |
| 10. PAPER     | 4. SICKENS    |
| 11. ADVANCE   | 5. UNLUCKY    |
| 12. CHICANO   | 6. BAPTISM    |
| 13. CURIOUSLY | 7. IMPLANT    |
| 14. METAL     | 8. GARGOYLES  |
| 15. NICKS     | 13. CONVICTED |
| 18. INGENIOUS | 16. COSTING   |
| 22. INSISTS   | 17. SUSPECT   |
| 23. ARMOURS   | 18. INSTALL   |
| 25. TRIBE     | 19. GRAVITY   |
| 26. ALIGNMENT | 20. NOMINAL   |
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| 28. LATIN     | 24. SATAN     |



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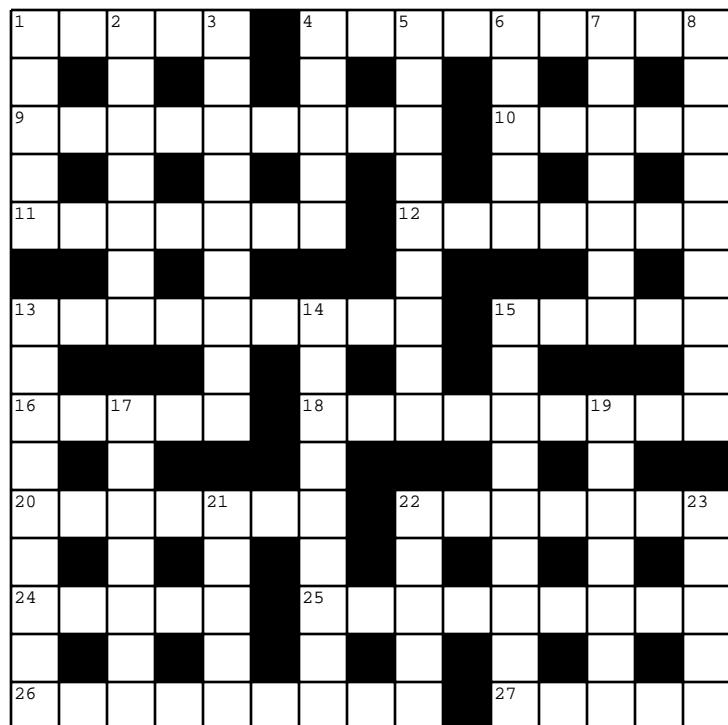
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| 9. CLASSMATE  | 3. DESPITE    |
| 10. TIMED     | 4. GUARANTEE  |
| 11. AMERICA   | 5. USERS      |
| 12. SILENCE   | 6. SETTLES    |
| 13. DISSENTER | 7. MEMENTO    |
| 15. SLOWS     | 8. REDRESSED  |
| 16. UNTIL     | 13. DRUNKARDS |
| 19. EVALUATED | 14. REARRANGE |
| 22. KHARKOV   | 17. TIANJIN   |
| 24. REPORTS   | 18. LAKISHA   |
| 26. ROJAS     | 20. UMPTEEN   |
| 27. LONGEVITY | 21. TERMINI   |
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| 29. NOISE     | 25. STYLE     |



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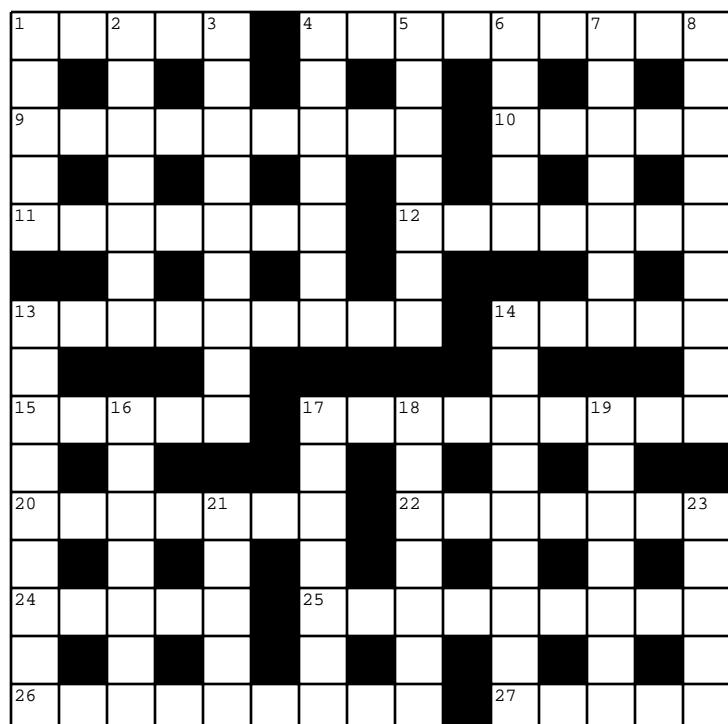
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| 4. STRATEGIC  | 2. ENSURES    |
| 9. OBSESSING  | 3. MASSACRES  |
| 10. VENOM     | 4. SHIRK      |
| 11. EARMARK   | 5. REGRESSED  |
| 12. ENTITLE   | 6. TEVET      |
| 13. DESCRIBES | 7. GENETIC    |
| 15. VOCAL     | 8. COMPELLED  |
| 16. VIEWS     | 13. DIVERSITY |
| 18. UNDERGRAD | 14. BOULDERED |
| 20. RETYPED   | 15. VERTEBRAS |
| 22. SHELVES   | 17. ENTRAPS   |
| 24. INANE     | 19. RAVIOLI   |
| 25. RESERVOIR | 21. PIECE     |
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| 27. SPIES     | 23. SORTS     |



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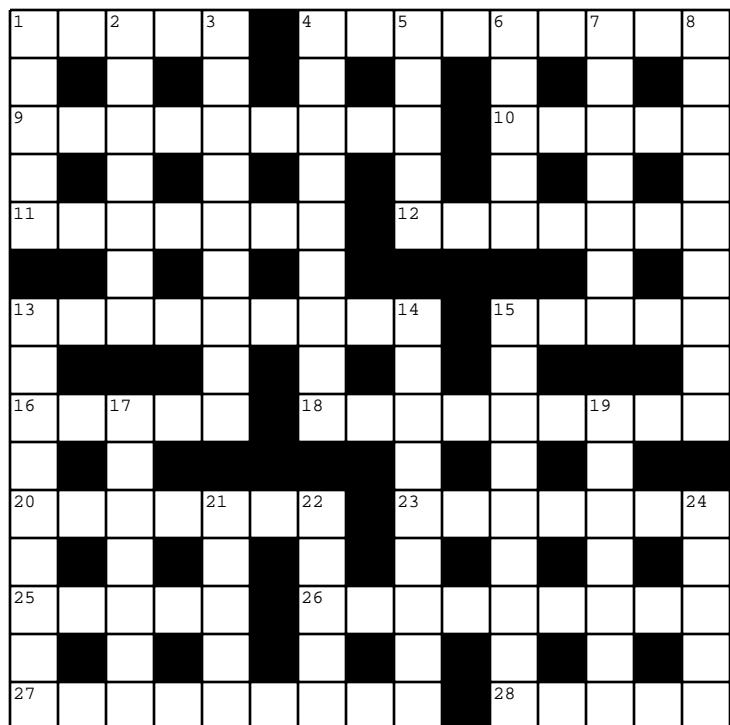
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| 4. APPLICANT  | 2. CULTURE    |
| 9. ILLEGALLY  | 3. REGISTRAR  |
| 10. WASTE     | 4. ALLUDES    |
| 11. MOUSSED   | 5. PAYOFFS    |
| 12. FONDANT   | 6. IRWIN      |
| 13. THEORISTS | 7. ABSTAIN    |
| 14. MANGE     | 8. TREATMENT  |
| 15. ORDER     | 13. TROOPSHIP |
| 17. BLOODSHOT | 14. MIDSTREAM |
| 20. PROBLEM   | 16. DUODENA   |
| 22. FATTIER   | 17. BEMUSES   |
| 24. HEELS     | 18. OFFENDS   |
| 25. SENTENCES | 19. HAIRCUT   |
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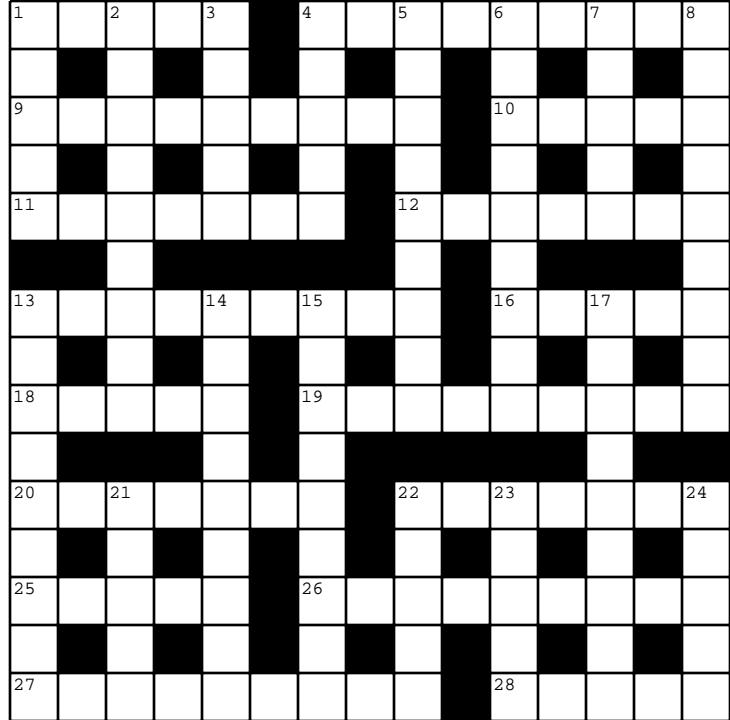
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| 4. ULTIMATED  | 2. CARACUL    |
| 9. FIRESIDES  | 3. MISGUIDED  |
| 10. GUAVA     | 4. UNDERLAIN  |
| 11. LACQUER   | 5. TASKS      |
| 12. SATCHEL   | 6. MIGHT      |
| 13. MELODRAMA | 7. TRACHEA    |
| 15. BRAIN     | 8. DEADLINED  |
| 16. MOVED     | 13. MEMORANDA |
| 18. NETWORKED | 14. ANTEATERS |
| 20. ROBOTIC   | 15. BOOTSTRAP |
| 23. ASSENTS   | 17. VIBRATO   |
| 25. NYASA     | 19. KINSHIP   |
| 26. UNEARTHED | 21. TRACI     |
| 27. ABOLISHES | 22. COUGH     |
| 28. PIPES     | 24. SIDES     |



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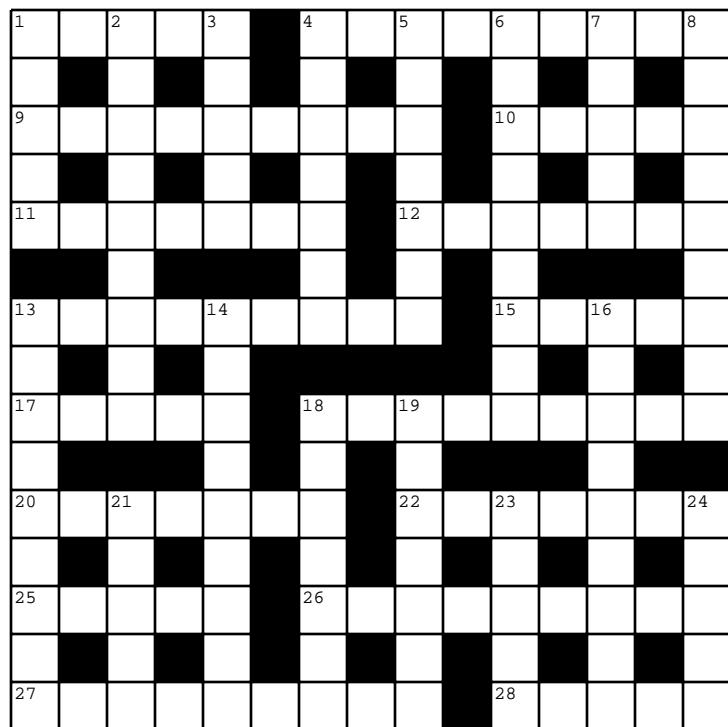
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| 9. PATIENTER  | 3. KNEES      |
| 10. SIREN     | 4. INTER      |
| 11. SCISSOR   | 5. BAROMETER  |
| 12. MBABANE   | 6. CASTANEDA  |
| 13. DISCREDIT | 7. LARVA      |
| 16. ETHER     | 8. CONFERRER  |
| 18. LOCAL     | 13. DELPHINIA |
| 19. BARGAINER | 14. RELUCTANT |
| 20. HIBACHI   | 15. DEBRIEFED |
| 22. MIKOYAN   | 17. HONEYCOMB |
| 25. NADIA     | 21. BIDET     |
| 26. FIELDWORK | 22. MEETS     |
| 27. ALTITUDES | 23. KUDZU     |
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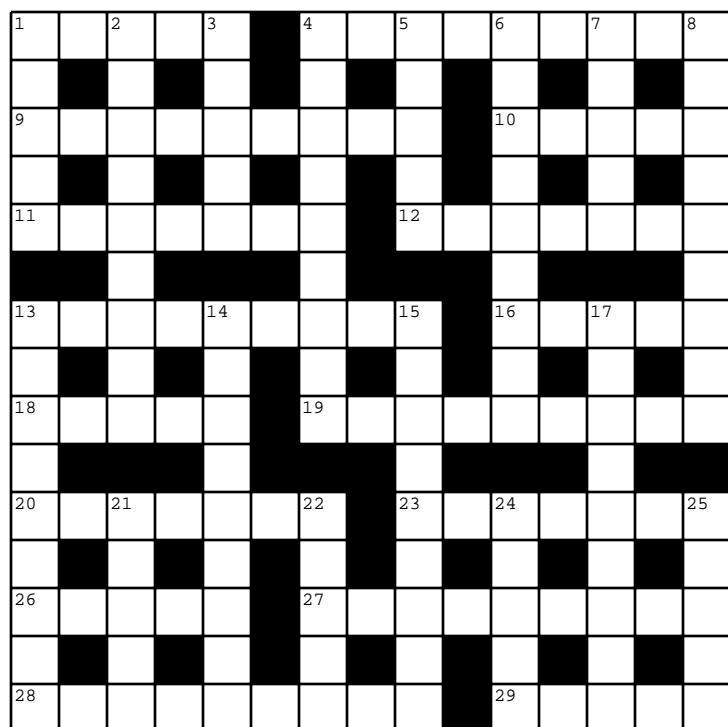
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| 4. TATTOOING  | 2. BLESSEDER  |
| 9. SPECULATE  | 3. YOURS      |
| 10. ELLEN     | 4. TRANSIT    |
| 11. DESISTS   | 5. TREASON    |
| 12. SEDATER   | 6. OVERDRAFT  |
| 13. BADMINTON | 7. INLET      |
| 15. ALDAN     | 8. GANGRENED  |
| 17. THROB     | 13. BATHSHEBA |
| 18. CHATTERED | 14. IMBROGLIO |
| 20. SPUMONI   | 16. DIRECTEST |
| 22. LOGICAL   | 18. CLIENTS   |
| 25. EXPEL     | 19. ALLERGY   |
| 26. NIRENBERG | 21. UPPED     |
| 27. ARDUOUSLY | 23. GONNA     |
| 28. AFTER     | 24. LAGER     |



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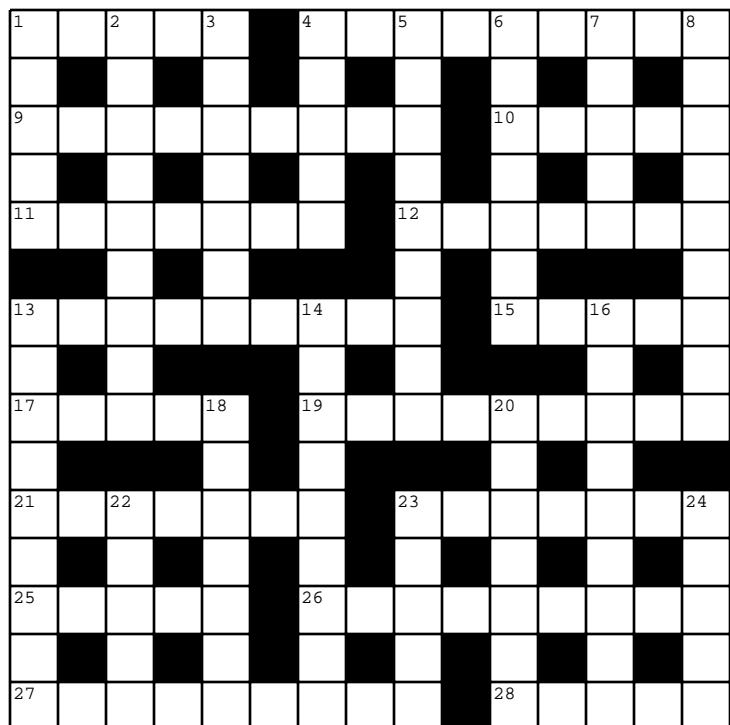
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| 4. CARCINOMA  | 2. CRESCENDI  |
| 9. SCEPTICAL  | 3. NOTED      |
| 10. PROUD     | 4. COCKSCOMB  |
| 11. DECADES   | 5. RILKE      |
| 12. EARDRUM   | 6. IMPORTANT  |
| 13. HONEYCOMB | 7. ODOUR      |
| 16. APRON     | 8. ABDOMINAL  |
| 18. DRILL     | 13. HYDRANGEA |
| 19. BOUNTIFUL | 14. YELLOWING |
| 20. APPROVE   | 15. BLUEBERRY |
| 23. BUSHELS   | 17. REFRESHES |
| 26. GENII     | 21. PANEL     |
| 27. GORBACHEV | 22. EDGED     |
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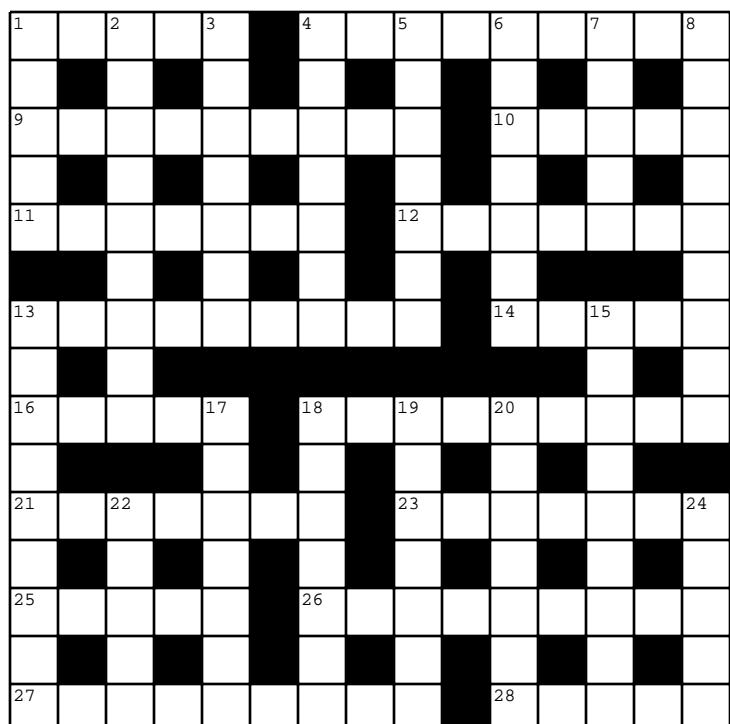
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| 4. TOLERATED  | 2. OPPONENTS  |
| 9. IMPROMPTU  | 3. XIONGNU    |
| 10. SNAFU     | 4. TAPES      |
| 11. RENEGES   | 5. LEUKAEMIA  |
| 12. ANGUISH   | 6. RESIGNS    |
| 13. PANMUNJOM | 7. TRACI      |
| 15. SCOPE     | 8. DAUGHTERS  |
| 17. TASKS     | 13. PATRIOTIC |
| 19. DRAWBACKS | 14. JUDICIARY |
| 21. IDIOTIC   | 16. ORCHESTRA |
| 23. DITHERS   | 18. SATANIC   |
| 25. TALON     | 20. BATHTUB   |
| 26. ANNOTATED | 22. INLET     |
| 27. CATAclysm | 23. DENIM     |
| 28. BRASS     | 24. SIDES     |



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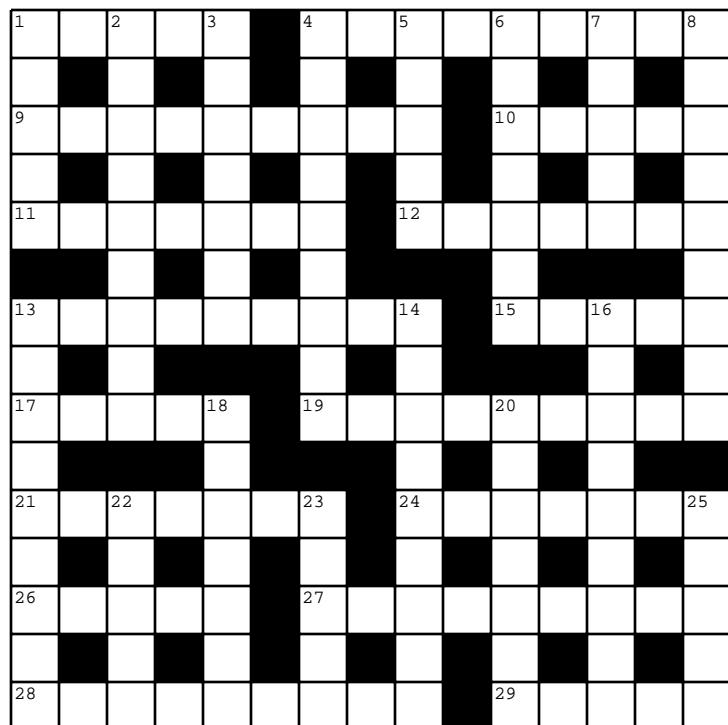
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| 9. OUTSTRIPT  | 3. NOTABLE    |
| 10. INAPT     | 4. STIMULI    |
| 11. MARABOUT  | 5. NITRATE    |
| 12. ATHEISM   | 6. ALIGHTS    |
| 13. GRAPEVINE | 7. TRACI      |
| 14. SUGAR     | 8. CATAMARAN  |
| 16. IDLES     | 13. GLISSANDO |
| 18. CREMATION | 15. GLISSANDI |
| 21. SCHEMER   | 17. SIMILAR   |
| 23. CORPSES   | 18. CAREFUL   |
| 25. NASAL     | 19. ENCORED   |
| 26. FOREIGNER | 20. ARRAIGN   |
| 27. OVERRULED | 22. HASTE     |
| 28. NAILS     | 24. SORTS     |



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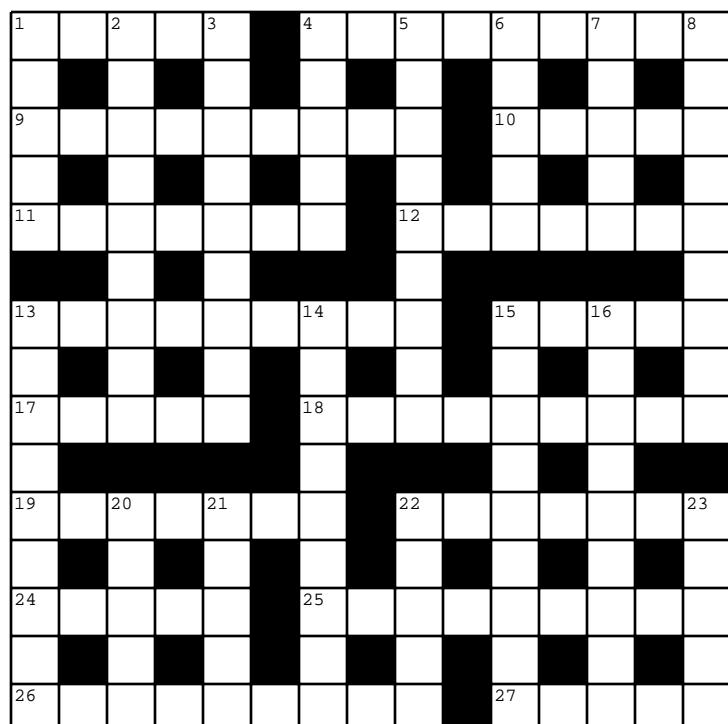
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| 4. FLASHBULB  | 2. REGROUPED  |
| 9. ARGUMENTS  | 3. NOMINAL    |
| 10. LEAST     | 4. FINGERTIP  |
| 11. FLOUNCE   | 5. ALSOP      |
| 12. PROTEIN   | 6. HOLCOMB    |
| 13. POPULATED | 7. USAGE      |
| 15. BASIC     | 8. BOTANICAL  |
| 17. BADGE     | 13. PUBLICISE |
| 19. PAROCHIAL | 14. DAREDEVIL |
| 21. INTEGER   | 16. STILLNESS |
| 24. DIALLED   | 18. EDGIEST   |
| 26. INANE     | 20. CRASSER   |
| 27. LAVISHEST | 22. TRACE     |
| 28. ELECTORAL | 23. RULER     |
| 29. RISKS     | 25. DATES     |



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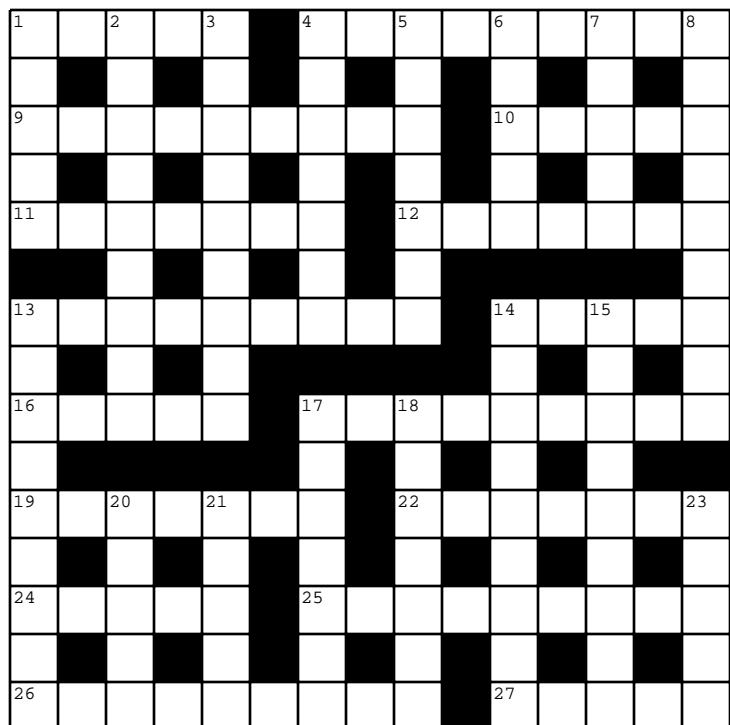
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| 4. NIGHTCLUB  | 2. COMPASSES  |
| 9. REMAINDER  | 3. STIMULATE  |
| 10. ANNOY     | 4. NODES      |
| 11. PLAGUES   | 5. GERMINATE  |
| 12. IMPURER   | 6. TRAMP      |
| 13. CASTANEDA | 7. LINER      |
| 15. TABLE     | 8. BOYFRIEND  |
| 17. PASTE     | 13. COPYRIGHT |
| 18. PREVENTED | 14. EXPOSURES |
| 19. RATINGS   | 15. TEENAGERS |
| 22. PEAFOWL   | 16. BETROTHAL |
| 24. GOING     | 20. TRIAL     |
| 25. REFRESHES | 21. NEGEV     |
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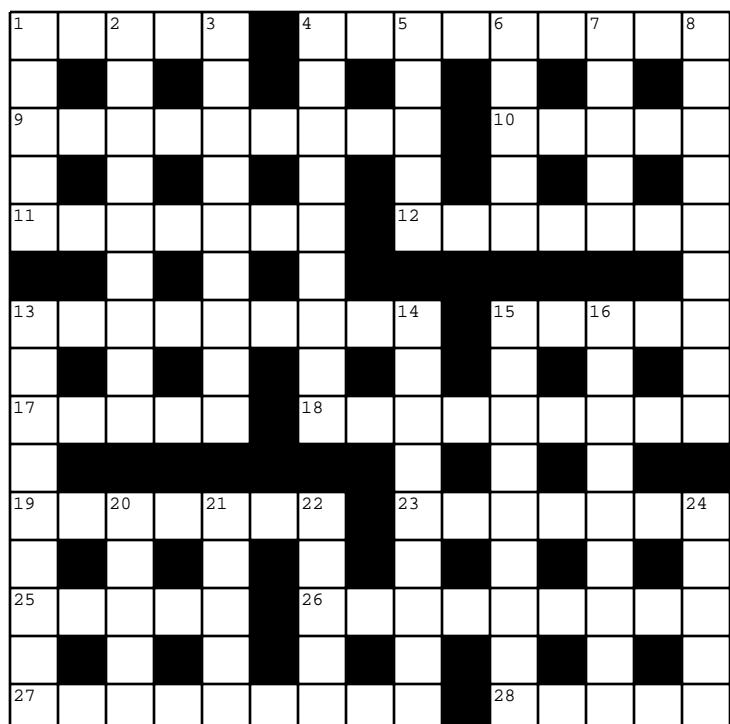
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| 4. CIVILISED  | 2. MEDIAEVAL  |
| 9. RIDICULES  | 3. EXCHEQUER  |
| 10. TIRES     | 4. CALCULI    |
| 11. CHATEAU   | 5. VESICLE    |
| 12. CARIBOU   | 6. LATER      |
| 13. FAVOURITE | 7. SCRUB      |
| 14. RACES     | 8. DISGUISES  |
| 16. ABLER     | 13. FRAGONARD |
| 17. LAUNCHERS | 14. RECTIFIES |
| 19. OREGANO   | 15. CRESCENDO |
| 22. HAIRCUT   | 17. LEOPARD   |
| 24. ACCHED    | 18. UNHAPPY   |
| 25. APPLIANCE | 20. ETHIC     |
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| 27. SLOTS     | 23. TEENS     |



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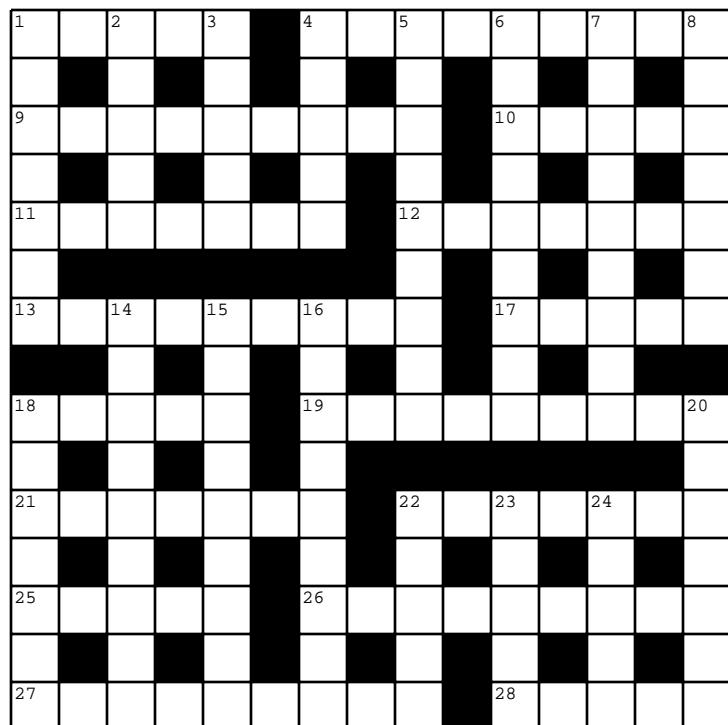
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| 9. ADVOCATED  | 3. RECRUITED  |
| 10. BAYOU     | 4. METABOLIC  |
| 11. DISTURB   | 5. HIDES      |
| 12. SUSPECT   | 6. ROBES      |
| 13. NIGHTCLUB | 7. STYLE      |
| 15. DEALT     | 8. INUKTITUT  |
| 17. POSED     | 13. NAPALMING |
| 18. CROISSANT | 14. BOOKCASES |
| 19. LIAISON   | 15. DISCOVERY |
| 23. CHOLERA   | 16. AMATERASU |
| 25. ICIER     | 20. ADIEU     |
| 26. NOSFERATU | 21. SORTA     |
| 27. GOULASHES | 22. NINTH     |
| 28. YOURE     | 24. AMUSE     |



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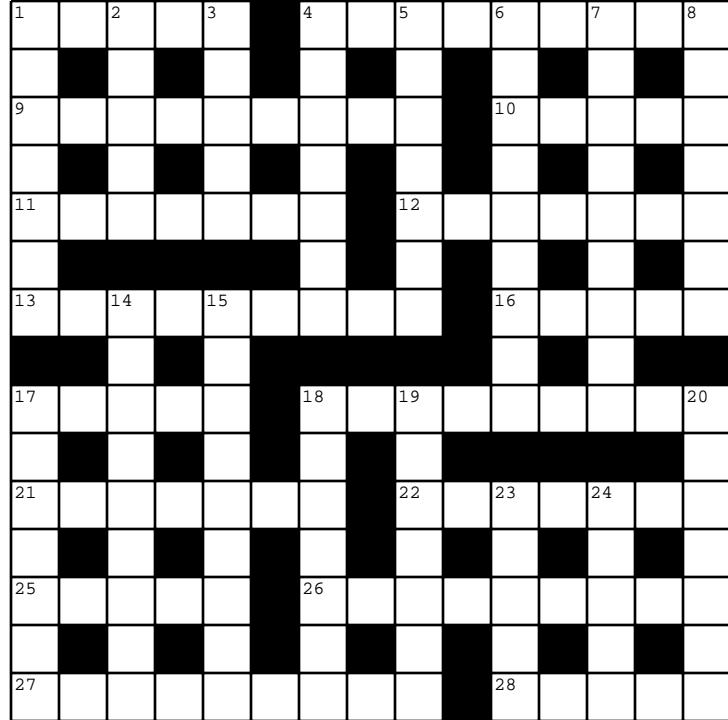
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| 4. TYPICALLY  | 2. TOTEM      |
| 9. BUTTERCUP  | 3. SKEIN      |
| 10. ERNIE     | 4. TACKS      |
| 11. LAMENTS   | 5. PEPPERONI  |
| 12. ENCASED   | 6. CRESCENDO  |
| 13. RIGOLETTO | 7. LANDSLIDE  |
| 17. NAIAD     | 8. YIELDED    |
| 18. ICAHN     | 14. GRAYBEARD |
| 19. RHINOCERI | 15. LENGTHIER |
| 21. HABITAT   | 16. TURNTABLE |
| 22. APPLIES   | 18. ISHMAEL   |
| 25. ABACI     | 20. INSIGHT   |
| 26. BLOODYING | 22. AMONG     |
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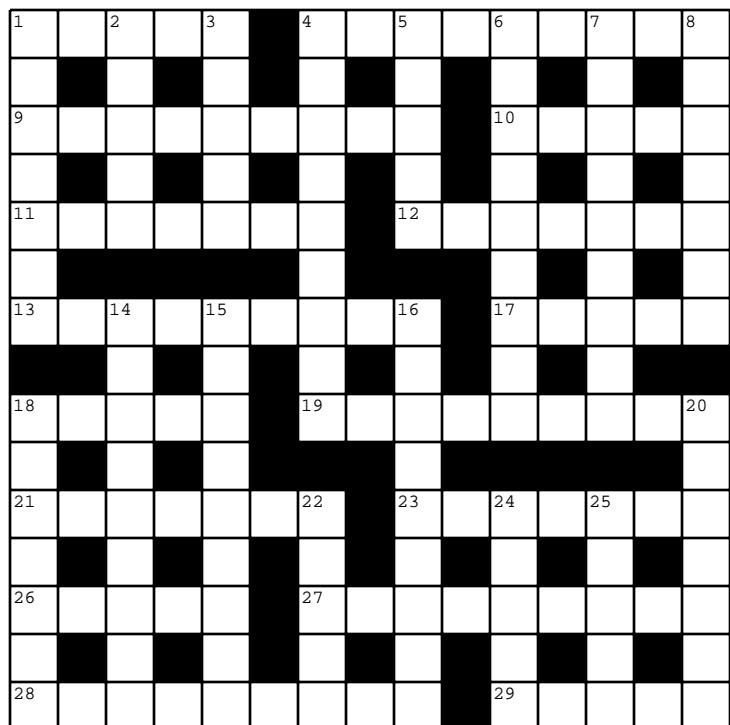
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| 9. TINDERBOX  | 3. TEETH      |
| 10. PIIING    | 4. CABARET    |
| 11. NEITHER   | 5. LEXICAL    |
| 12. COARSER   | 6. EMPHASISE  |
| 13. ACQUITTAL | 7. GLISSANDO  |
| 16. INNER     | 8. EAGERER    |
| 17. ABOVE     | 14. QUOTATION |
| 18. PEPPERONI | 15. IDEOGRAPH |
| 21. SPANGLE   | 17. ANSWERS   |
| 22. RELATED   | 18. PRESSES   |
| 25. ELISA     | 19. PERHAPS   |
| 26. STAIRWELL | 20. INDULGE   |
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| 28. CEASE     | 24. THETA     |



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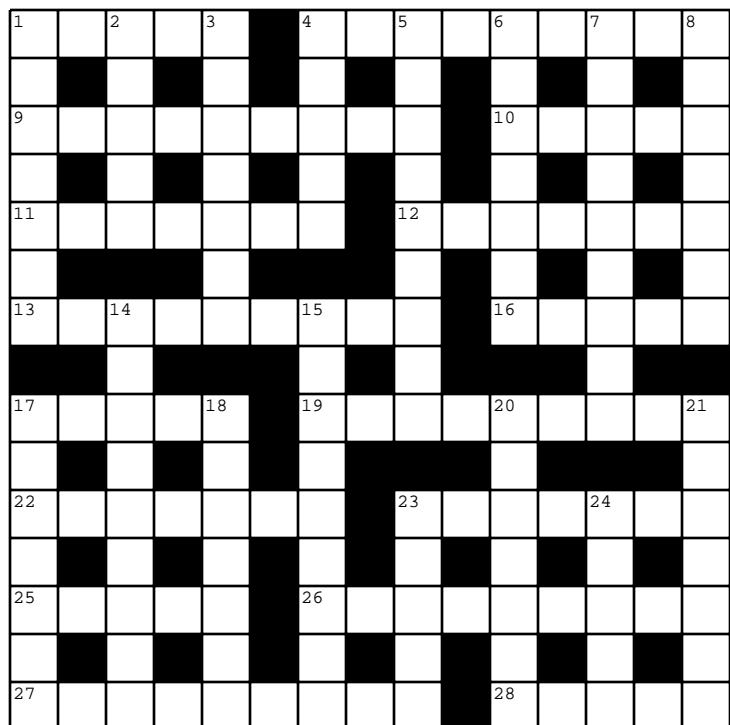
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| 4. OBSTRUCTS  | 2. FACET      |
| 9. BOCCACCIO  | 3. TRAIN      |
| 10. ICIER     | 4. ORCHESTRA  |
| 11. INTENSE   | 5. SHOPS      |
| 12. SWOLLEN   | 6. RHINOCERI  |
| 13. HENRIETTA | 7. CHILLIEST  |
| 17. ENEMY     | 8. SPRINGY    |
| 18. CACTI     | 14. NECESSARY |
| 19. APPOINTED | 15. INITIATOR |
| 21. RUSSIAN   | 16. APPRAISED |
| 23. ASCENDS   | 18. CORNCOB   |
| 26. CHART     | 20. DESTINY   |
| 27. TOSCANINI | 22. NITRE     |
| 28. BOYFRIEND | 24. CHASM     |
| 29. MESSY     | 25. NAILS     |



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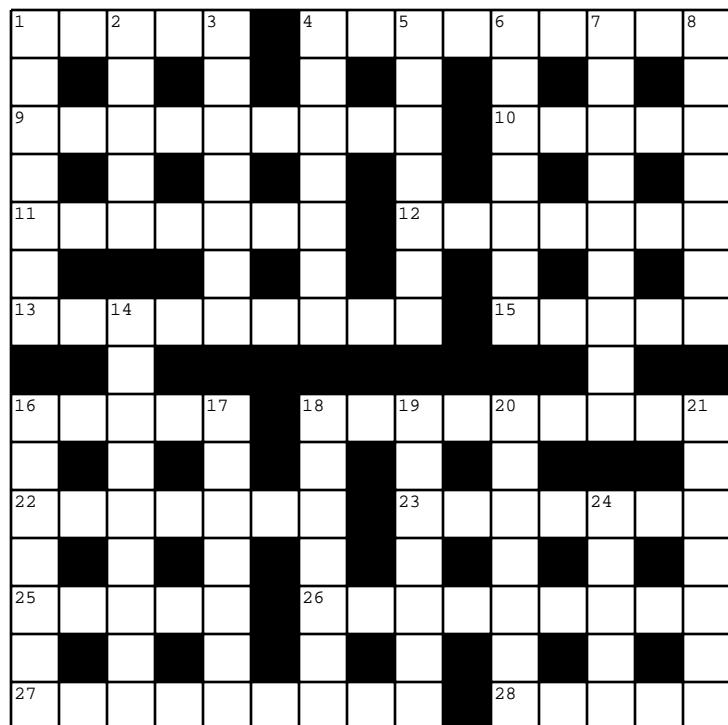
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| 4. IMPROMPTU  | 2. AROSE      |
| 9. BIOLOGIST  | 3. SHOWERS    |
| 10. ASSAY     | 4. ICING      |
| 11. ICEBERG   | 5. POTPOURRI  |
| 12. OHIOANS   | 6. OCARINA    |
| 13. GRUESOMER | 7. PISTACHIO  |
| 16. ACHES     | 8. ULYSSES    |
| 17. POKER     | 14. UNKINDEST |
| 19. NEIGHBOUR | 15. MUNICIPAL |
| 22. LUNATIC   | 17. POLITIC   |
| 23. DEBATES   | 18. RATTRAP   |
| 25. THEIR     | 20. HABITAT   |
| 26. PLASTERED | 21. RESIDED   |
| 27. CATAPULTS | 23. DRAWS     |
| 28. THIRD     | 24. TORSI     |



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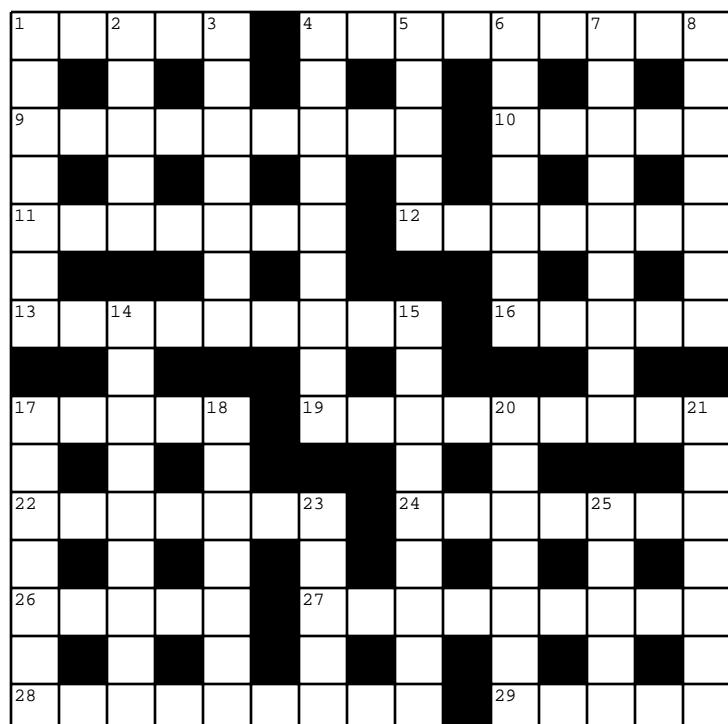
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| 4. FRANCISCA  | 2. AWAYS      |
| 9. DIAPHRAGM  | 3. WAHHABI    |
| 10. NYASA     | 4. FLATTEN    |
| 11. INSTANT   | 5. ARMSFUL    |
| 12. FLASHED   | 6. CONTAIN    |
| 13. FICTIONAL | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 15. NOTED     | 8. AWARDED    |
| 16. LANDS     | 14. CONCERNED |
| 18. ANTIQUING | 16. LASAGNA   |
| 22. SHERIFF   | 17. SUICIDE   |
| 23. BRIDALS   | 18. AFFECTS   |
| 25. GENII     | 19. TABLOID   |
| 26. CLOCKWISE | 20. QUICKEN   |
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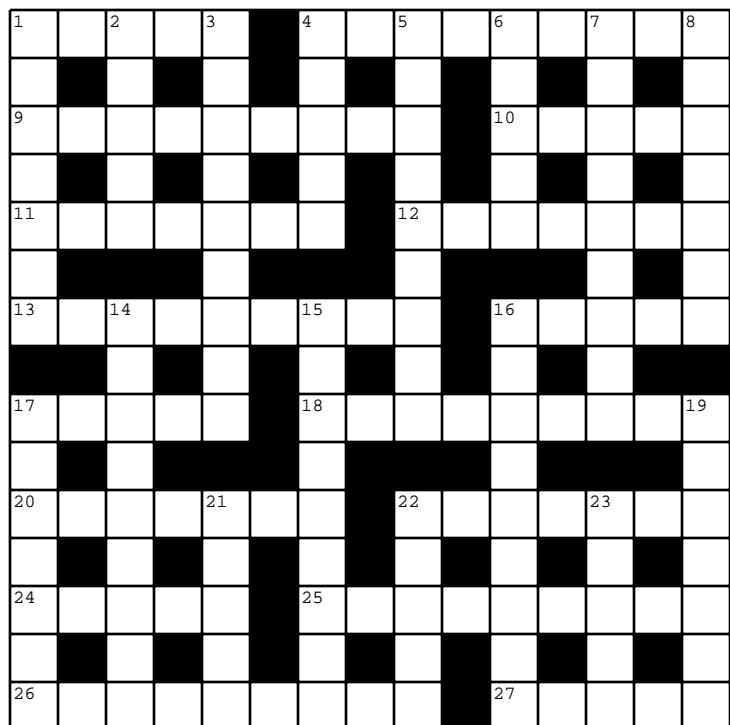
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| 9. BUNDESTAG  | 3. CHERISH    |
| 10. EARLY     | 4. CATECHISM  |
| 11. ELEGIAC   | 5. RIGHT      |
| 12. THERMAL   | 6. THEREOF    |
| 13. TOOTHPICK | 7. KARAMAZOV  |
| 16. FUZZY     | 8. ROYALLY    |
| 17. PEPSI     | 14. OPPRESSES |
| 19. MILOSEVIC | 15. KILOCYCLE |
| 22. WEEPIES   | 17. POWERED   |
| 24. CRACKED   | 18. IDIOTIC   |
| 26. RESET     | 20. SPARRER   |
| 27. UNCERTAIN | 21. CADENCE   |
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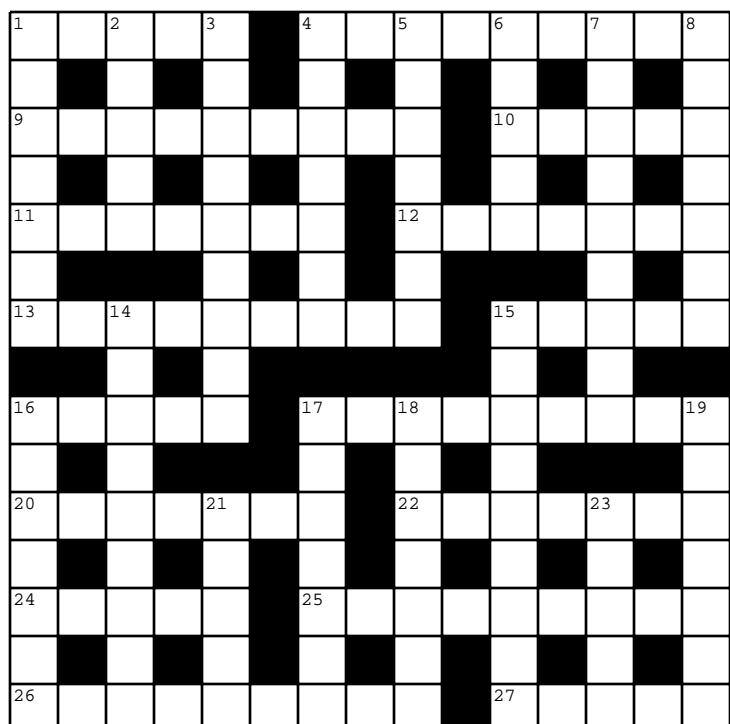
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| 4. BOOTSTRAP  | 2. ALIEN      |
| 9. SKIMPIEST  | 3. SEPARATES  |
| 10. ENDED     | 4. BEERS      |
| 11. IGNORES   | 5. OPTOMETRY  |
| 12. MOROCCO   | 6. SHEER      |
| 13. INUKTITUT | 7. REDUCTION  |
| 16. DRINK     | 8. PADDOCK    |
| 17. MODES     | 14. UNDERLAIN |
| 18. ABYSSINIA | 15. TRANSEPTS |
| 20. MARCHES   | 16. DISBELIEF |
| 22. MAESTRO   | 17. MIMETIC   |
| 24. TRACI     | 19. APOLOGY   |
| 25. PIZZICATO | 21. HAIKU     |
| 26. CONQUESTS | 22. MAZES     |
| 27. FUSSY     | 23. TEAMS     |



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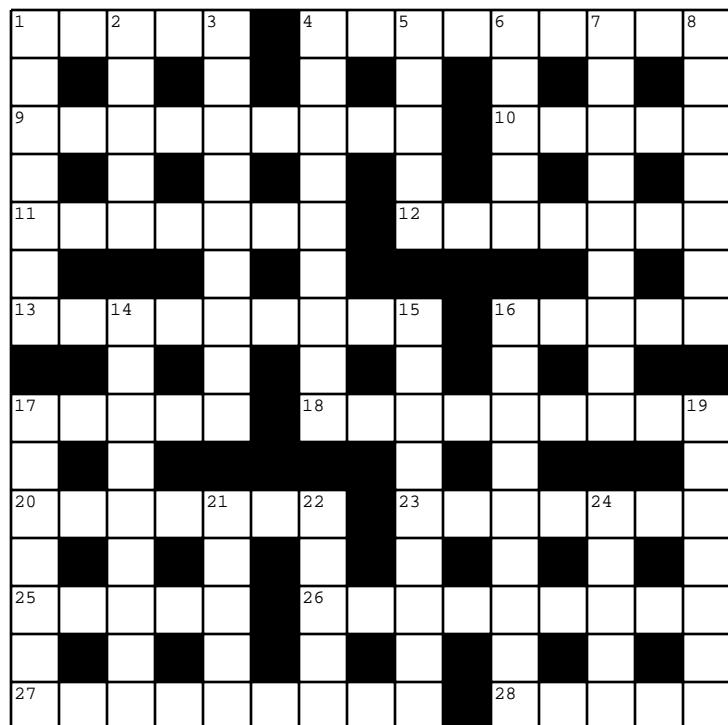
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| 4. PSEUDONYM  | 2. RULER      |
| 9. BALALAIIKA | 3. SOLDIERED  |
| 10. NAMED     | 4. PRICING    |
| 11. TERMINI   | 5. EMAILED    |
| 12. LIBERAL   | 6. DENEBO     |
| 13. LEVERAGED | 7. NUMERICAL  |
| 15. BACKS     | 8. MUDDLES    |
| 16. RIGID     | 14. VAGUENESS |
| 17. IMBROGLIO | 15. BOOKSHELF |
| 20. OVERLAP   | 16. ROOKIER   |
| 22. ASSURED   | 17. IMPASSE   |
| 24. IDEAS     | 18. BEACONS   |
| 25. SPOKESMAN | 19. OLDENED   |
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| 27. FINED     | 23. ROMAN     |



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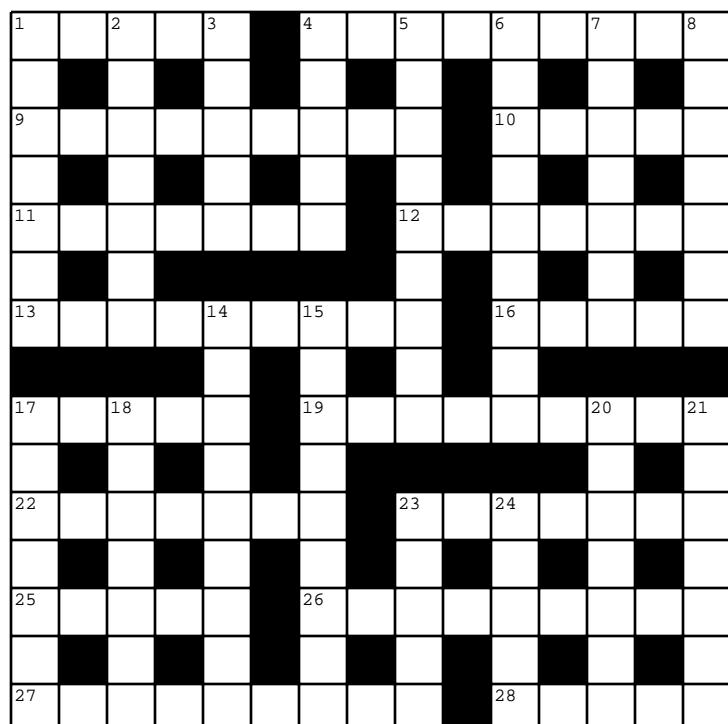
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| 9. AFFIDAVIT  | 3. INDENTING  |
| 10. ROADS     | 4. EAVESDROP  |
| 11. TAXINGS   | 5. UNTIL      |
| 12. LANTERN   | 6. EFREN      |
| 13. MATRIARCH | 7. AMATERASU  |
| 16. BLACK     | 8. EYSENCK    |
| 17. ALONG     | 14. THORNIEST |
| 18. PENINSULA | 15. HANDBOOKS |
| 20. LONGISH   | 16. BANDWIDTH |
| 23. BAWDIER   | 17. ALLEGRO   |
| 25. GRETA     | 19. ARRESTS   |
| 26. CLOUDLESS | 21. IDAHO     |
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| 28. HALLS     | 24. IDEAL     |



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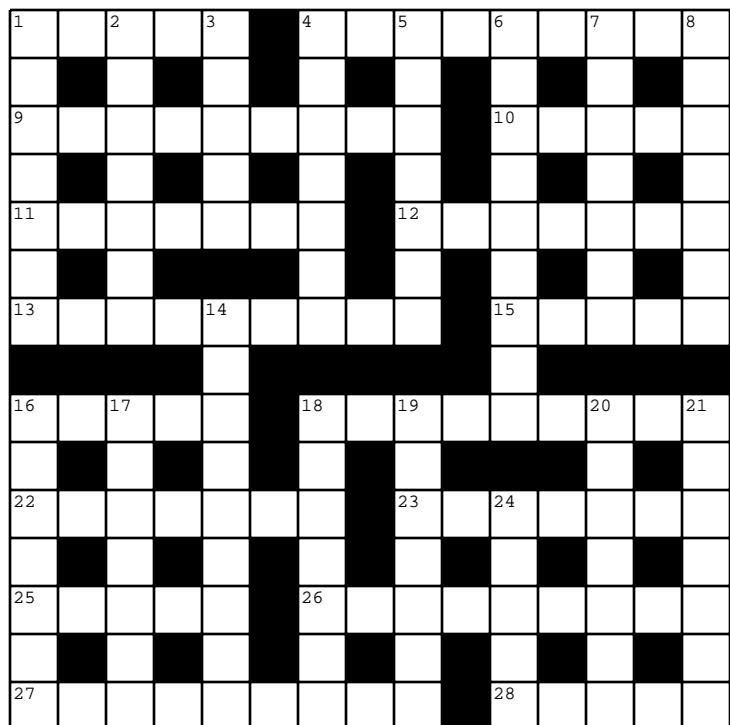
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| 10. REACH     | 4. FUNNY      |
| 11. ACIDITY   | 5. AUTOMATIC  |
| 12. MARSHES   | 6. PORTRAYED  |
| 13. SPEARMINT | 7. LEATHER    |
| 16. YARDS     | 8. SCHISMS    |
| 17. PUBIC     | 14. RECENTEST |
| 19. DOCUDRAMA | 15. INDICATOR |
| 22. ORGANIC   | 17. PROSAIC   |
| 23. MINIMAL   | 18. BEGUILLE  |
| 25. ASIDE     | 20. ADMIRER   |
| 26. TRIGGERED | 21. ALLUDES   |
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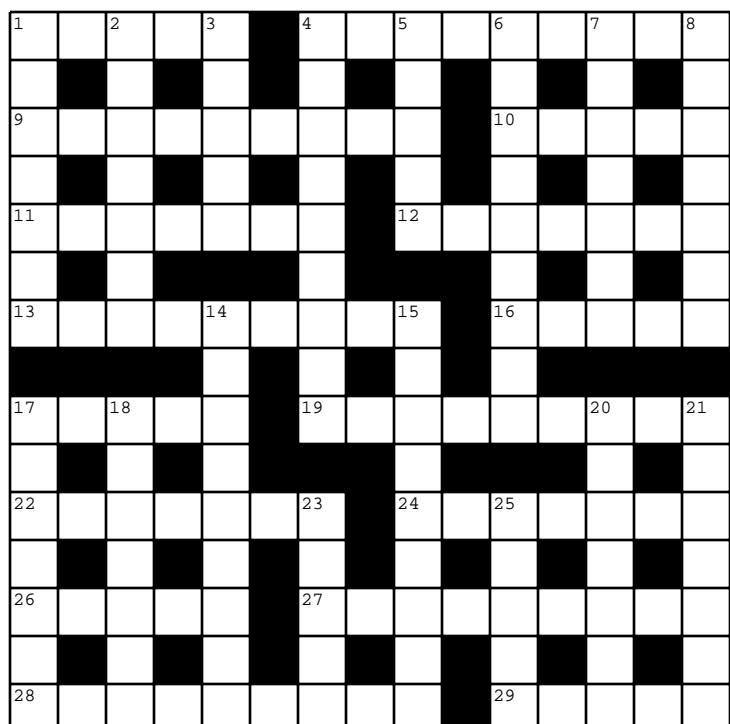
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| 4. SOMEPLACE  | 2. CAESURA    |
| 9. AMENITIES  | 3. EXITS      |
| 10. BRIEF     | 4. STIMULI    |
| 11. IGUASSU   | 5. MASSIVE    |
| 12. IDIOTIC   | 6. PUBLISHER  |
| 13. MEANWHILE | 7. AVIATOR    |
| 15. HARES     | 8. EFFECTS    |
| 16. CECIL     | 14. WILKINSON |
| 18. APOCRYPHA | 16. CHRONIC   |
| 22. ROUTING   | 17. COUNCIL   |
| 23. UPBEATS   | 18. ALGEBRA   |
| 25. NICKS     | 19. OCULARS   |
| 26. BRASSIERE | 20. PLACEBO   |
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| 28. CHOSE     | 24. BASIC     |



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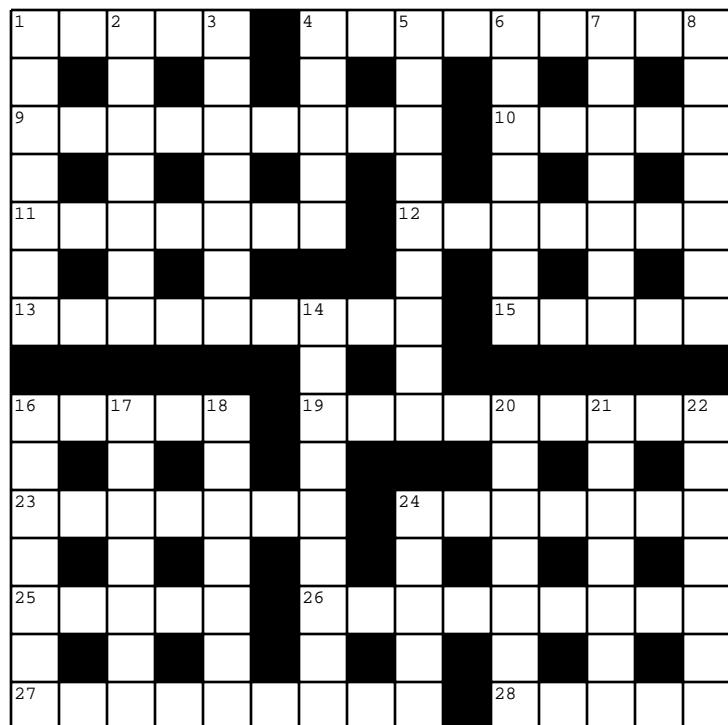
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| 9. SHREDDING  | 3. AUDIO      |
| 10. POONA     | 4. GLISSANDI  |
| 11. TEDIOUS   | 5. LOGIC      |
| 12. CHIDDEN   | 6. AMPLIFIER  |
| 13. PYROMANIA | 7. TRODDEN    |
| 16. INNED     | 8. YEARNED    |
| 17. ANTIC     | 14. MCCORMICK |
| 19. INTERVIEW | 15. AUTOPSIED |
| 22. GUMDROP   | 17. ALGENIB   |
| 24. PARVENU   | 18. TEMPERA   |
| 26. NOEMI     | 20. ITERATE   |
| 27. QUICKSAND | 21. WOULDNT   |
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| 29. SLEPT     | 25. RAKES     |



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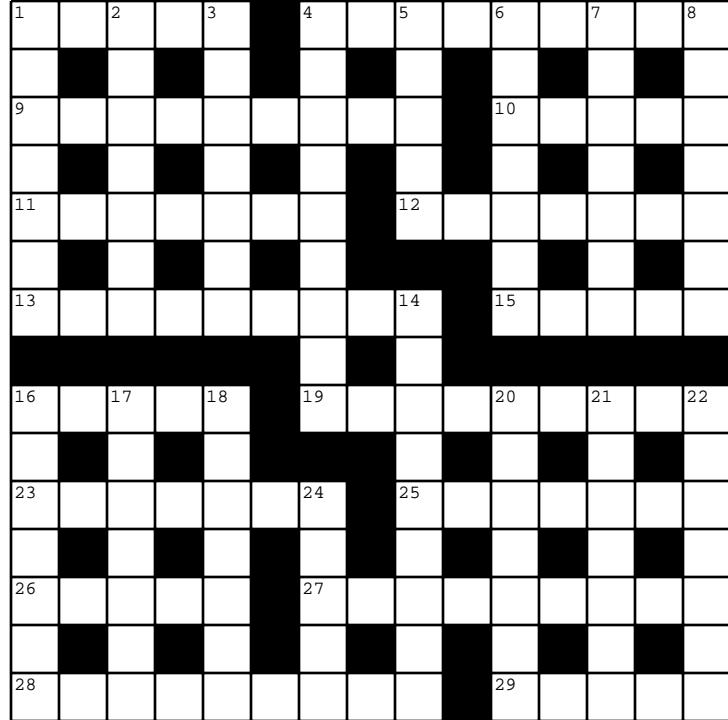
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| 9. MAHARISHI  | 3. DARLING    |
| 10. FORGO     | 4. ASSES      |
| 11. ELEGIES   | 5. TRIGGERED  |
| 12. GOIANIA   | 6. LIFTING    |
| 13. FREIGHTER | 7. PIRANHA    |
| 15. GRAPH     | 8. STOMACH    |
| 16. DIMER     | 14. TERRITORY |
| 19. REDEFINES | 16. DECIMAL   |
| 23. CADUCEI   | 17. MIDRIFF   |
| 24. PIZARRO   | 18. RACISTS   |
| 25. MAIDS     | 20. FIZZLES   |
| 26. OVERLOADS | 21. NARRATE   |
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| 28. SHEER     | 24. PIECE     |



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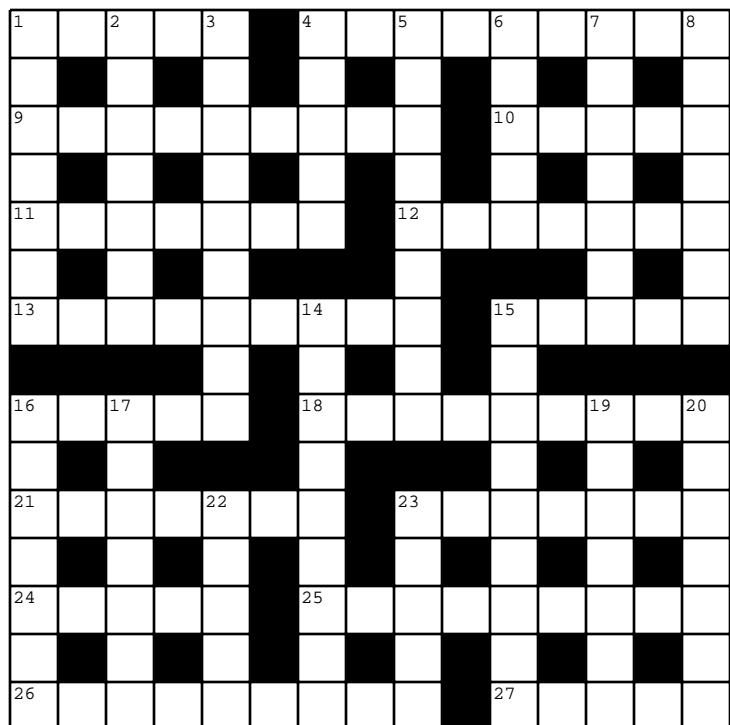
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| 9. CHAPERONE  | 3. SHEATHE    |
| 10. MOANS     | 4. PRODUCING  |
| 11. JUJITSU   | 5. AMEBA      |
| 12. ADEPTER   | 6. TEMPERS    |
| 13. WITHERING | 7. CHASTEN    |
| 15. SINGS     | 8. DESIRES    |
| 16. SAHIB     | 14. GODDESSES |
| 19. GODFATHER | 16. SUCCUMB   |
| 23. CERAMIC   | 17. HARPIST   |
| 25. EVIDENT   | 18. BUMPKIN   |
| 26. UMIAK     | 20. AZIMUTH   |
| 27. MASCULINE | 21. HEEDING   |
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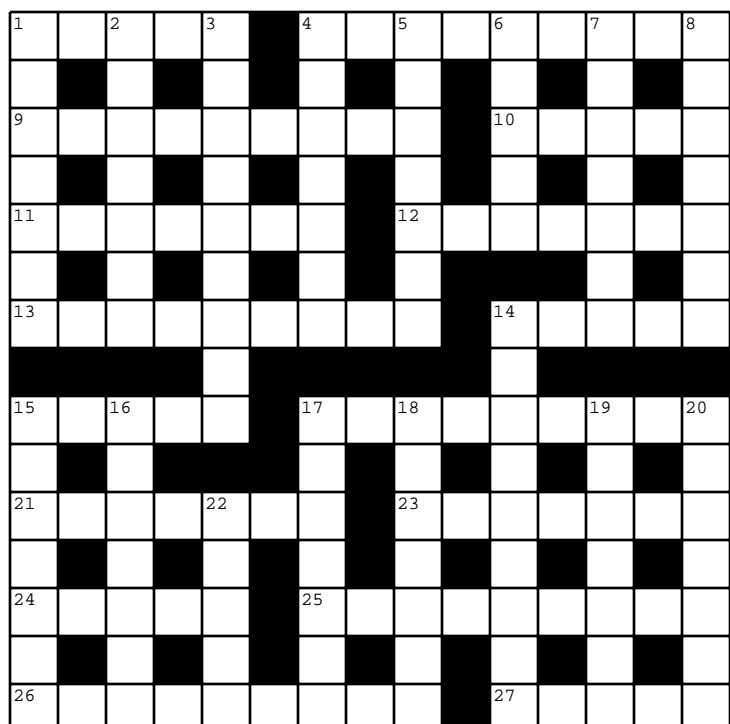
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| 1. KNOPF      | 1. KNEECAP    |
| 4. AWARENESS  | 2. OPULENT    |
| 9. EMULSIONS  | 3. FASHIONED  |
| 10. ARGON     | 4. AMONG      |
| 11. CHEWING   | 5. AUSTRALIA  |
| 12. ROTATES   | 6. EXACT      |
| 13. POTENTIAL | 7. EIGHTHS    |
| 15. ASSES     | 8. SINUSES    |
| 16. RATED     | 14. INDICATES |
| 18. DIAPHRAGM | 15. APHORISMS |
| 21. ORGANIC   | 16. ROOFTOP   |
| 23. BUREAUX   | 17. TAGALOG   |
| 24. TALKS     | 19. ARACELI   |
| 25. TROUSSEAU | 20. MIXTURE   |
| 26. PEGASUSES | 22. NESTS     |
| 27. SUITE     | 23. BOOKS     |



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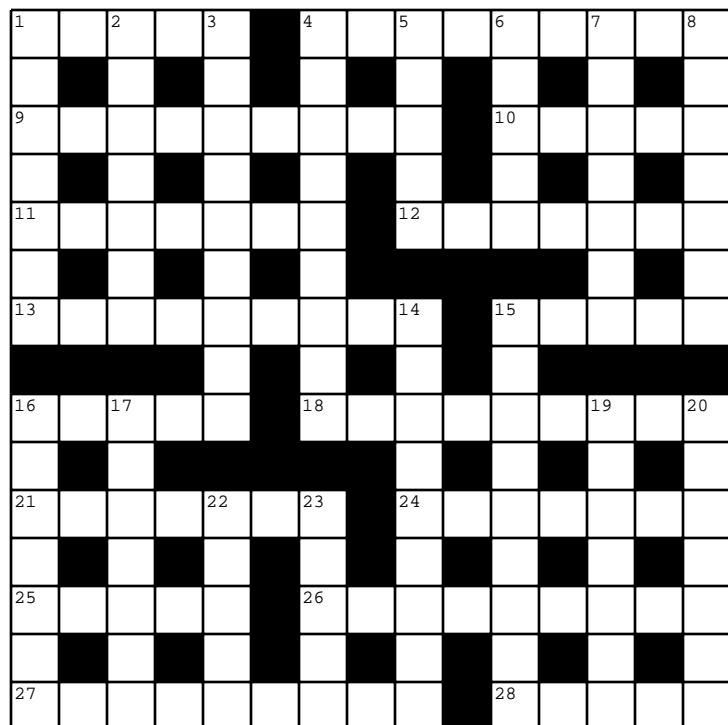
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| 4. AQUEDUCTS  | 2. COMPOST    |
| 9. GYMNASIUM  | 3. SEARCHERS  |
| 10. ENEMA     | 4. ABIDING    |
| 11. BRONCHI   | 5. UNMASKS    |
| 12. SAMURAI   | 6. DREAM      |
| 13. OUTWEIGHS | 7. CLEARED    |
| 14. PEDAL     | 8. SPATIAL    |
| 15. HEARS     | 14. PHENOMENA |
| 17. ADDRESSEE | 15. HITACHI   |
| 21. TSUNAMI   | 16. AQUATIC   |
| 23. BROILER   | 17. ALIASES   |
| 24. CATER     | 18. DUBIOUS   |
| 25. STONEWALL | 19. SYLLABI   |
| 26. INCREASES | 20. EARPLUG   |
| 27. AWING     | 22. AGREE     |



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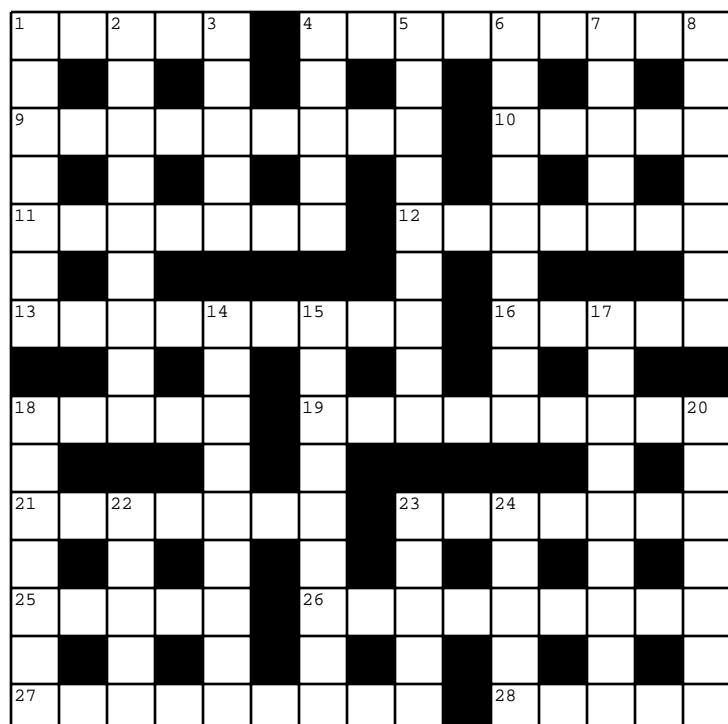
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| 4. HABITUALS  | 2. KHARKOV    |
| 9. REAFFIRMS  | 3. SOFTBALLS  |
| 10. WHOSE     | 4. HARNESSED  |
| 11. LIKABLE   | 5. BOSOM      |
| 12. MASCARA   | 6. TOWNS      |
| 13. CIVILISED | 7. AVOCADO    |
| 15. CROPS     | 8. SEESAWS    |
| 16. CUBES     | 14. DISAGREED |
| 18. DISTRACTS | 15. CORKSCREW |
| 21. RELABEL   | 16. CARDIAC   |
| 24. GUSTAVO   | 17. BALFOUR   |
| 25. IRONY     | 19. CHARLIE   |
| 26. GUERRILLA | 20. STORAGE   |
| 27. CORRUPTED | 22. BAYOU     |
| 28. WHERE     | 23. LIGHT     |



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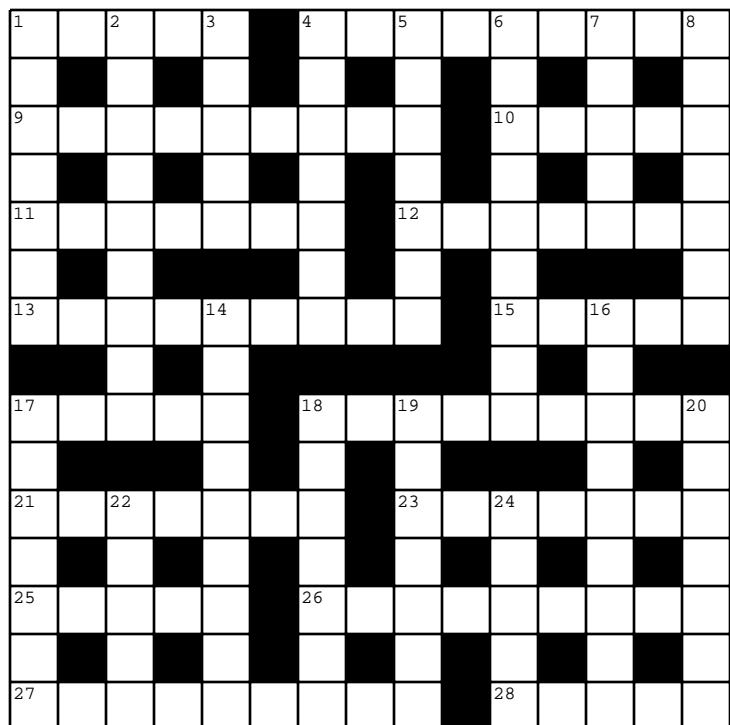
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| 4. GRADUALLY  | 2. AWESTRUCK  |
| 9. TWENTIETH  | 3. HATES      |
| 10. FRANC     | 4. GREEN      |
| 11. ARTISAN   | 5. ATHABASCA  |
| 12. BAILOUT   | 6. UNFAIREST  |
| 13. SMUGGLERS | 7. LLANO      |
| 16. EMEND     | 8. YACHTED    |
| 18. HIKER     | 14. GARIBALDI |
| 19. PRACTICED | 15. EXPOUNDED |
| 21. MARABOUT  | 17. EUCALYPTI |
| 23. NIKOLAI   | 18. HAMSTER   |
| 25. TRAIL     | 20. DWINDLE   |
| 26. DEVELOPED | 22. REALM     |
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| 28. SMILE     | 24. KILNS     |



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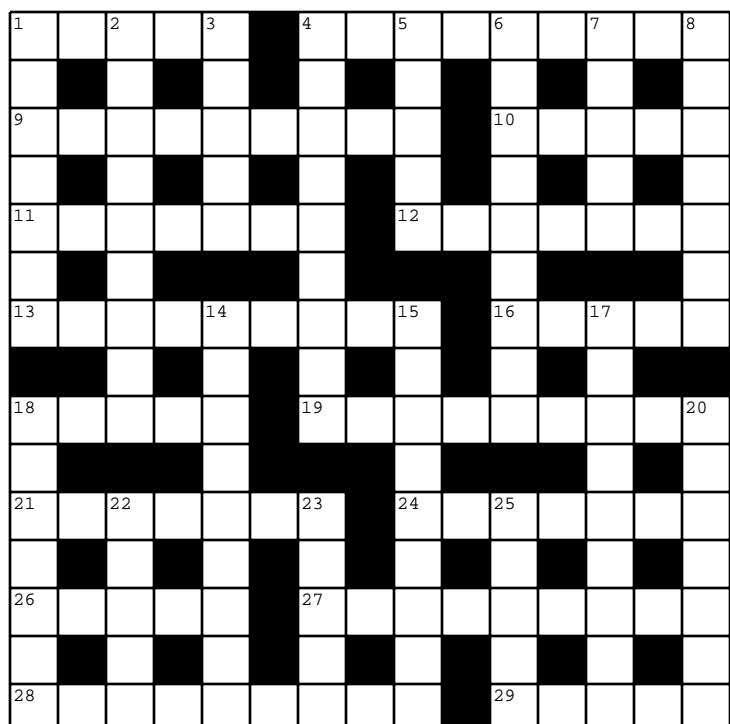
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| 4. HISTORIAN  | 2. EXECUTRIX  |
| 9. GUESSABLE  | 3. ASSET      |
| 10. EKING     | 4. HIBACHI    |
| 11. AQUATIC   | 5. SEEMING    |
| 12. IMPLANT   | 6. OVERPRICE  |
| 13. DIRECTING | 7. IBIZA      |
| 15. INANE     | 8. NIGHTIE    |
| 17. MAXIM     | 14. COMPLETER |
| 18. HORSEHAIR | 16. AMATERASU |
| 21. MEDULLA   | 17. MEMENTO   |
| 23. BABIEST   | 18. HEADING   |
| 25. NIGHT     | 19. RUBICON   |
| 26. INCESSANT | 20. ROTATES   |
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| 28. CLUES     | 24. BASIC     |



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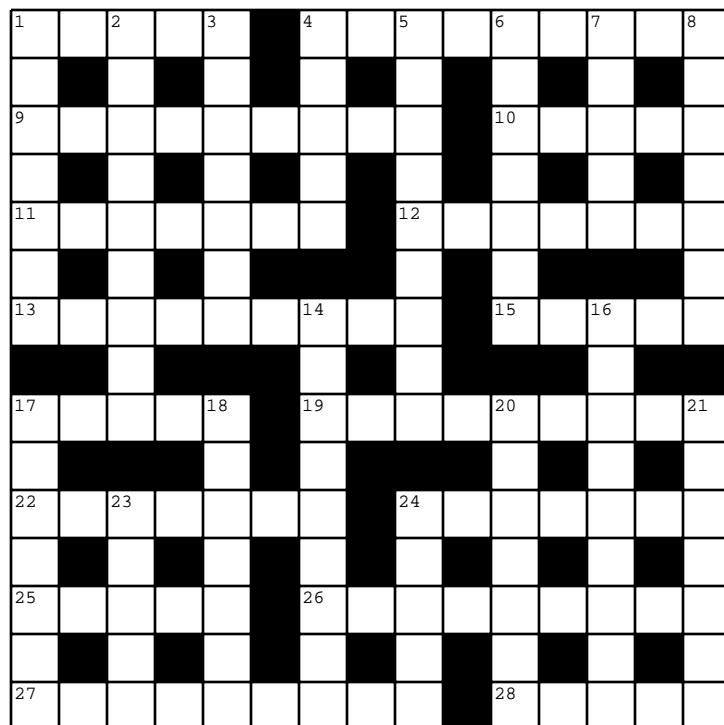
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| 4. EMBEDDING  | 2. DISCOUNTS  |
| 9. MUSSOLINI  | 3. STONE      |
| 10. SLAIN     | 4. EPILEPTIC  |
| 11. DIOCESE   | 5. BLIMP      |
| 12. PREVIEW   | 6. DISBELIEF  |
| 13. CONCRETES | 7. IRAQI      |
| 16. IRONY     | 8. GANGWAY    |
| 18. AISLE     | 14. REELECTED |
| 19. CHAFFINCH | 15. SCALLOPED |
| 21. JACKETS   | 17. OWNERSHIP |
| 24. LIBERAL   | 18. ADJUSTS   |
| 26. SMART     | 20. HOLIDAY   |
| 27. IMPEACHED | 22. CLASH     |
| 28. SCHEDULED | 23. SPILL     |
| 29. EMPTY     | 25. BLAME     |



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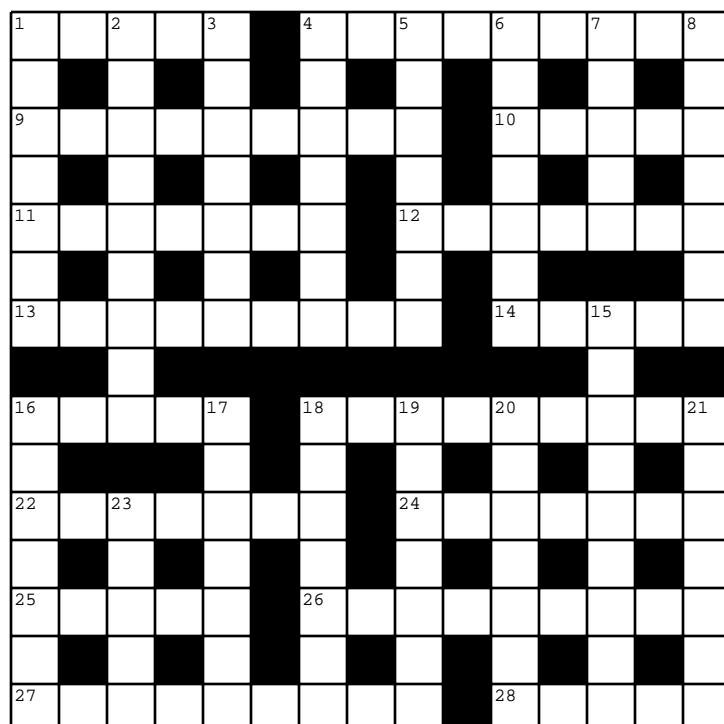
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| 4. CUDDLIEST  | 2. CIGARILLO  |
| 9. REGICIDES  | 3. SUCCUMB    |
| 10. MODEL     | 4. CADET      |
| 11. CIRCUIT   | 5. DISCUSSES  |
| 12. UTTERLY   | 6. LIMITED    |
| 13. BELABOURS | 7. ELDER      |
| 15. DISCO     | 8. TALLYHO    |
| 17. BLOOM     | 14. UNDECIDED |
| 19. DISMALEST | 16. SPECIALER |
| 22. NUMERIC   | 17. BANDIED   |
| 24. PUCCINI   | 18. MARIMBA   |
| 25. IDIOM     | 20. ASCETIC   |
| 26. DONATELLO | 21. TRILOGY   |
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| 28. CARRY     | 24. PENNY     |



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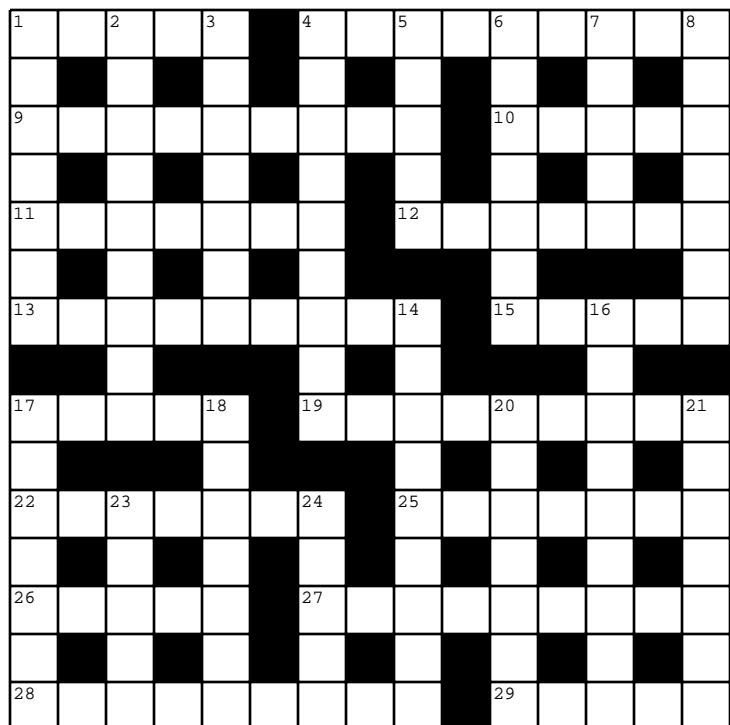
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| 9. GONORRHEA  | 3. NIRVANA    |
| 10. HOLES     | 4. UNHOOKS    |
| 11. SAGUARO   | 5. CHANCES    |
| 12. CHEKHOV   | 6. ATHLETE    |
| 13. SURPASSES | 7. GULCH      |
| 14. ELBOW     | 8. DISAVOW    |
| 16. POETS     | 15. BUTTERCUP |
| 18. TRAUMATIC | 16. PARSNIP   |
| 22. RANCOUR   | 17. SOONEST   |
| 24. TEMPERA   | 18. TARGETS   |
| 25. NONCE     | 19. ARTISTS   |
| 26. ENSCONCES | 20. MAMMOTH   |
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| 28. HOPES     | 23. NINJA     |



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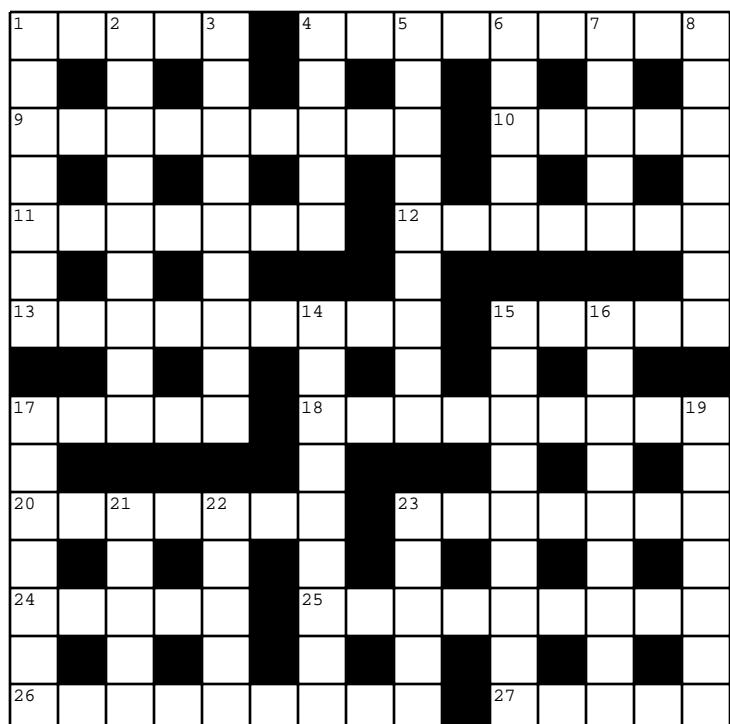
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| 4. BABUSHKAS  | 2. SCOLDINGS  |
| 9. VIOLATORS  | 3. CHATEAU    |
| 10. NIECE     | 4. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 11. UNDRESS   | 5. BESTS      |
| 12. SPARSER   | 6. SANKARA    |
| 13. CONQUEROR | 7. KNEES      |
| 15. AHEAD     | 8. STEERED    |
| 17. CASTS     | 14. REINSTATE |
| 19. PRINCIPLE | 16. EXPULSION |
| 22. SETTLED   | 17. CASTOFF   |
| 25. SHELLAC   | 18. SALIENT   |
| 26. OBESSE    | 20. CHECKER   |
| 27. BLACKBIRD | 21. ENCODES   |
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| 29. RANTS     | 24. DEBTS     |



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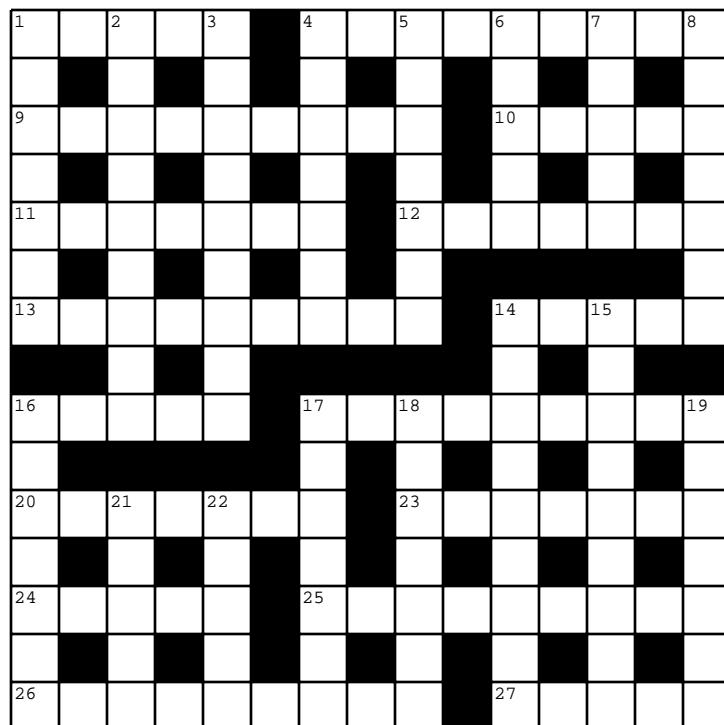
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| 4. WORKBOOKS  | 2. POTPOURRI  |
| 9. PETROLEUM  | 3. ROOKERIES  |
| 10. OFFER     | 4. WHERE      |
| 11. IMOGENE   | 5. REMINISCE  |
| 12. NIKOLAI   | 6. BLOCK      |
| 13. HORRIBLES | 7. OFFAL      |
| 15. ALGAE     | 8. SURVIVE    |
| 17. DRIPS     | 14. LIONESSES |
| 18. OVERTONES | 15. AUTOMATIC |
| 20. BECAUSE   | 16. GONORRHEA |
| 23. NUMERAL   | 17. DEBRIEF   |
| 24. IDEAS     | 19. SOLIDLY   |
| 25. SCRATCHED | 21. CLEAR     |
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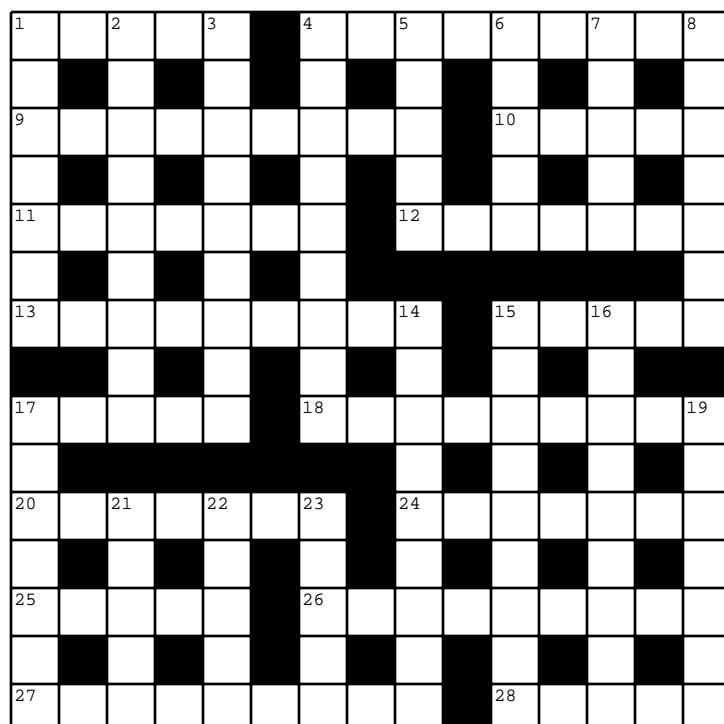
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| 4. REASSURED  | 2. INCOGNITO  |
| 9. LOCKSMITH  | 3. DISCOUNTS  |
| 10. MACAW     | 4. REISSUE    |
| 11. REGIONS   | 5. ATHEIST    |
| 12. IZANAGI   | 6. SAMBA      |
| 13. ALIGNMENT | 7. RECTA      |
| 14. ICIER     | 8. DOWDIER    |
| 16. CROPS     | 14. ISOLATION |
| 17. PERFORMED | 15. IMMIGRANT |
| 20. ISOLATE   | 16. CHIBCHA   |
| 23. SPANGLE   | 17. PIERCED   |
| 24. CABLE     | 18. RESENTS   |
| 25. CANNIBALS | 19. DRESSED   |
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| 27. NOTED     | 22. ARENT     |



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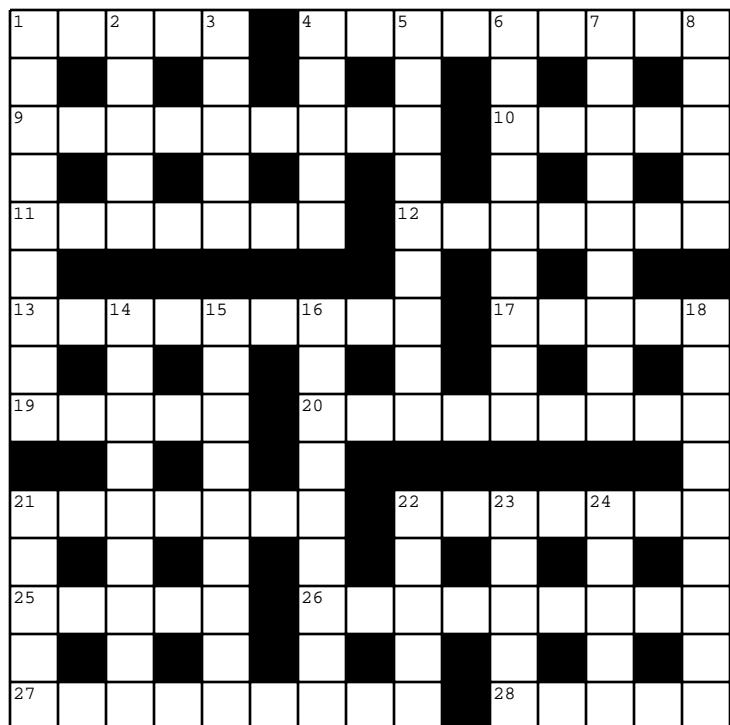
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| 4. NARROWEST  | 2. PASSBOOKS  |
| 9. OESTROGEN  | 3. SCRATCHES  |
| 10. SNAFU     | 4. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 11. HABITAT   | 5. RENEW      |
| 12. WANNEST   | 6. OLSEN      |
| 13. LOOPHOLES | 7. ERASE      |
| 15. ENDED     | 8. TRUSTED    |
| 17. DOSES     | 14. STRUCTURE |
| 18. BARRICADE | 15. ENIGMATIC |
| 20. BUCOLIC   | 16. DIARRHOEA |
| 24. CAMERAE   | 17. DEBRIEF   |
| 25. ICING     | 19. ETERNAL   |
| 26. COUNTDOWN | 21. CRIER     |
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| 28. CRAWL     | 23. COCKS     |



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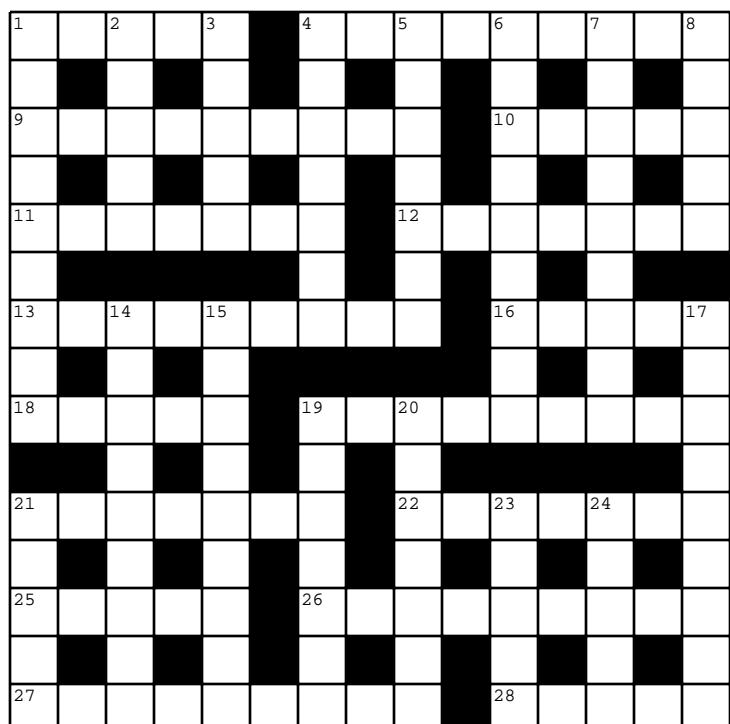
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| 4. CHRONICLE  | 2. ALISA      |
| 9. CLIMACTIC  | 3. TRAIL      |
| 10. VERSE     | 4. CATER      |
| 11. SMALLER   | 5. RECOMMEND  |
| 12. MAGNIFY   | 6. NAVIGATOR  |
| 13. OBEDIENCE | 7. CARCINOMA  |
| 17. TROUT     | 8. ENEMY      |
| 19. BICEP     | 14. EXCAVATOR |
| 20. UNDERLAIN | 15. IMPROMPTU |
| 21. RAVIOLI   | 16. NOURISHED |
| 22. BIPLANE   | 18. TINDERBOX |
| 25. CUTUP     | 21. RECAP     |
| 26. HONEYCOMB | 22. BONUS     |
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| 28. ANNEX     | 24. ACORN     |



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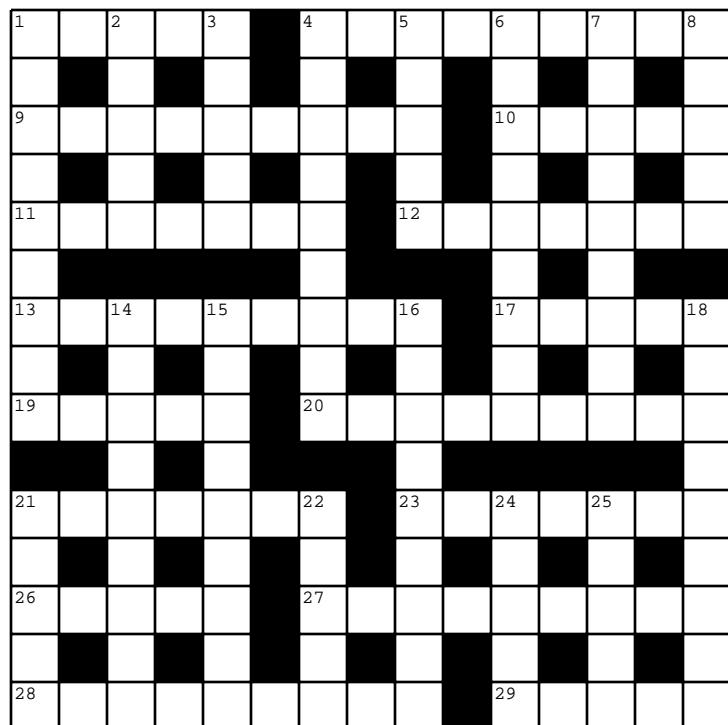
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| 9. UNSOUNDER  | 3. LAURI      |
| 10. THEIR     | 4. UNDERGO    |
| 11. DINGIER   | 5. HERSELF    |
| 12. EXPECTS   | 6. ANTIPASTI  |
| 13. RUSTPROOF | 7. TRENCHANT  |
| 16. STAFF     | 8. YARDS      |
| 18. FLOUR     | 14. SNOWDRIFT |
| 19. GLADIATOR | 15. PARACLETE |
| 21. CADUCEI   | 17. FORTHWITH |
| 22. CATARRH   | 19. GLIMMER   |
| 25. MAIZE     | 20. ALCOHOL   |
| 26. MAHARISHI | 21. COMIC     |
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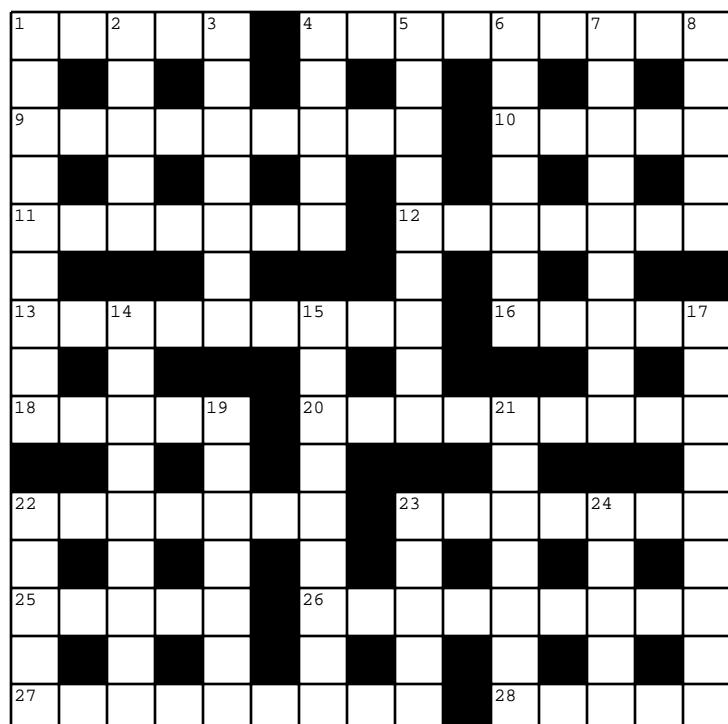
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| 4. SAFARIING  | 2. PEPSI      |
| 9. DIPLOMATA  | 3. AROMA      |
| 10. ISSUE     | 4. SPAGHETTI  |
| 11. EPITAPH   | 5. FRANC      |
| 12. CROSSED   | 6. RHINOCERI  |
| 13. CLIMACTIC | 7. INSISTENT  |
| 17. EVENS     | 8. GREED      |
| 19. SANTA     | 14. IGNITIONS |
| 20. INITIATOR | 15. ANALGESIA |
| 21. INTEGER   | 16. CRIMSONED |
| 23. SIMILAR   | 18. SURPRISES |
| 26. ATOMS     | 21. IRAQI     |
| 27. VINEYARDS | 22. RIVAL     |
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| 29. RACKS     | 25. LYRIC     |



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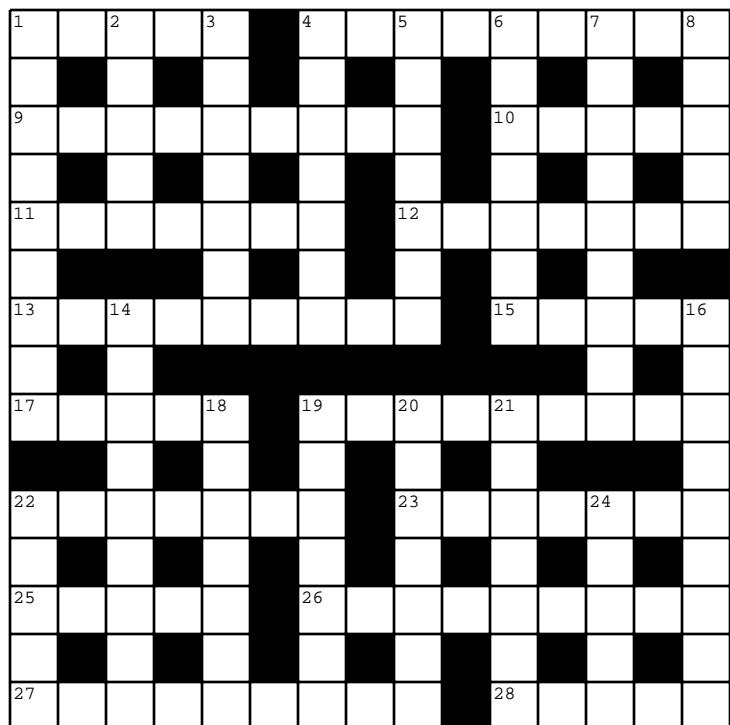
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| 9. OVERNIGHT  | 3. SUNRISE    |
| 10. ELBOW     | 4. ANGLE      |
| 11. DESPISE   | 5. BUTTERNUT  |
| 12. EMERGES   | 6. TEETERS    |
| 13. WHEREUPON | 7. AMBIGUITY  |
| 16. SPICA     | 8. YAWNS      |
| 18. SHRUG     | 14. EARTHWORM |
| 20. CATACLYSM | 15. PICNICKED |
| 22. ASHANTI   | 17. AIMLESSLY |
| 23. EARACHE   | 19. GENETIC   |
| 25. ABOUT     | 21. CARIBOU   |
| 26. KICKBACKS | 22. ABASH     |
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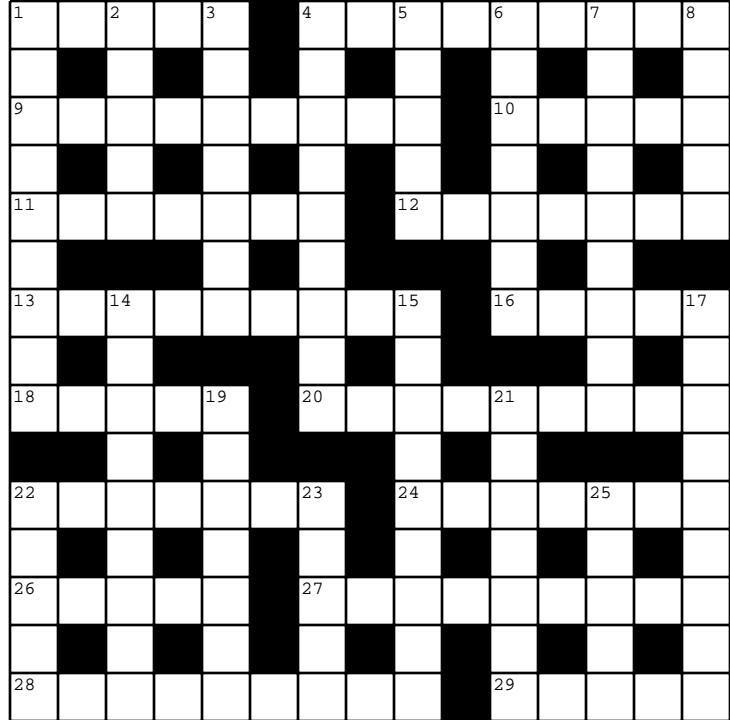
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| 4. BARRISTER  | 2. PRISM      |
| 9. GRIDLOCKS  | 3. SPLODGE    |
| 10. LLOYD     | 4. BACILLI    |
| 11. REMODEL   | 5. RISKING    |
| 12. INCISOR   | 6. ILLICIT    |
| 13. LADDERING | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 15. TAEGU     | 8. RADAR      |
| 17. OPIUM     | 14. DWINDLING |
| 19. FLASHBULB | 16. UMBRELLAS |
| 22. CADENZA   | 18. MANUMIT   |
| 23. EARACHE   | 19. FEARFUL   |
| 25. IDIOM     | 20. AVERAGE   |
| 26. FRATERNAL | 21. HERSELF   |
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| 28. FINDS     | 24. CANON     |



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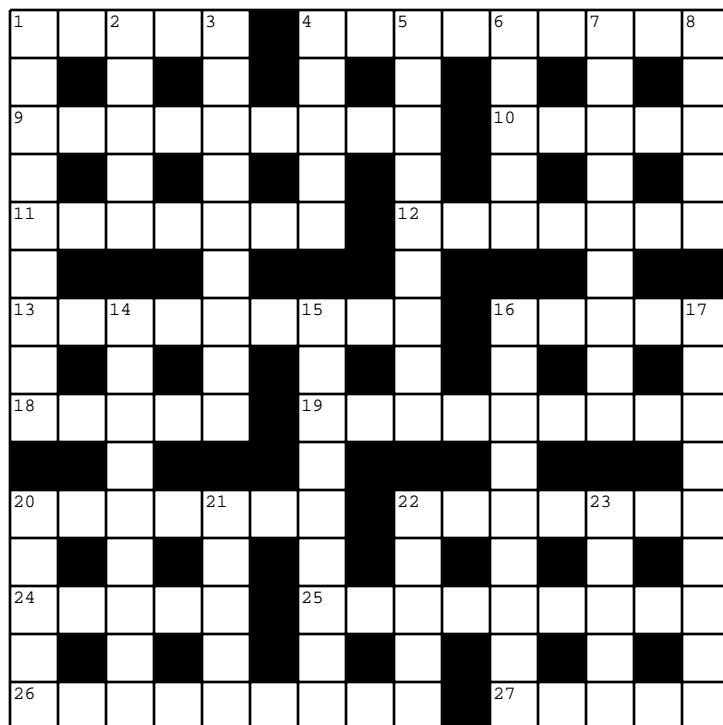
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| 9. CONTRALTO  | 3. DERANGE    |
| 10. NEARS     | 4. ALLEViate  |
| 11. USTINOV   | 5. INONU      |
| 12. UNHITCH   | 6. KINSHIP    |
| 13. PTOLEMAIC | 7. HEARTBURN  |
| 16. PLUMB     | 8. KUSCH      |
| 18. DREAD     | 14. OVERDRAFT |
| 20. ESPERANTO | 15. COPYRIGHT |
| 22. BEDSIDE   | 17. BOONDOCKS |
| 24. REFUTED   | 19. DWINDLE   |
| 26. AWARD     | 21. REFINED   |
| 27. ERGONOMIC | 22. BEACH     |
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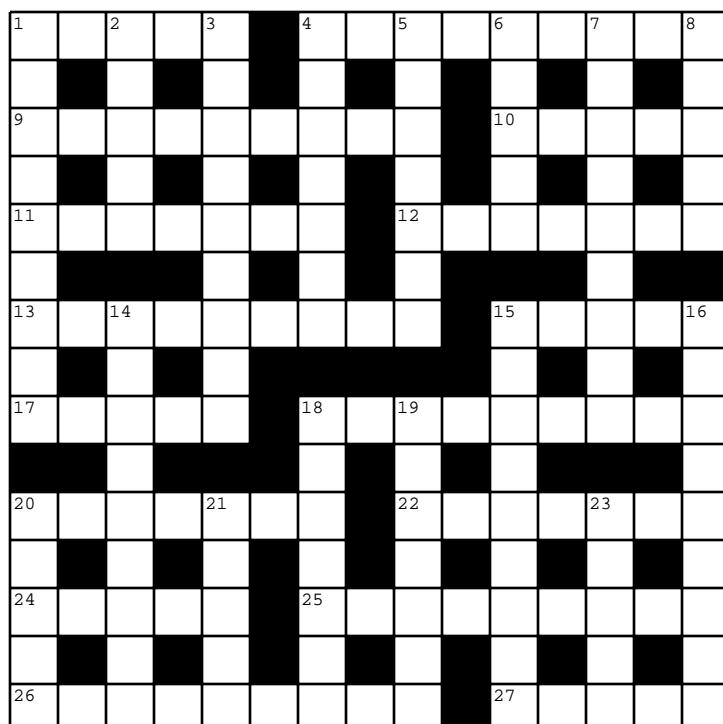
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| 4. ASCERTAIN  | 2. NEPAL      |
| 9. EMPHYSEMA  | 3. LAYPERSON  |
| 10. MEADE     | 4. ABETS      |
| 11. KILLERS   | 5. CHAUFFEUR  |
| 12. FINGERS   | 6. ROMAN      |
| 13. BACKSPACE | 7. AGAMEMNON  |
| 16. SONIC     | 8. NEEDS      |
| 18. EATEN     | 14. CYTOPLASM |
| 19. HARDLINER | 15. ASHAMEDLY |
| 20. BAPTISM   | 16. SOLDIERLY |
| 22. CLIMBER   | 17. CARTRIDGE |
| 24. TRAMP     | 20. BITCH     |
| 25. DESTROYED | 21. IMPEL     |
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| 27. YOURE     | 23. BAYOU     |



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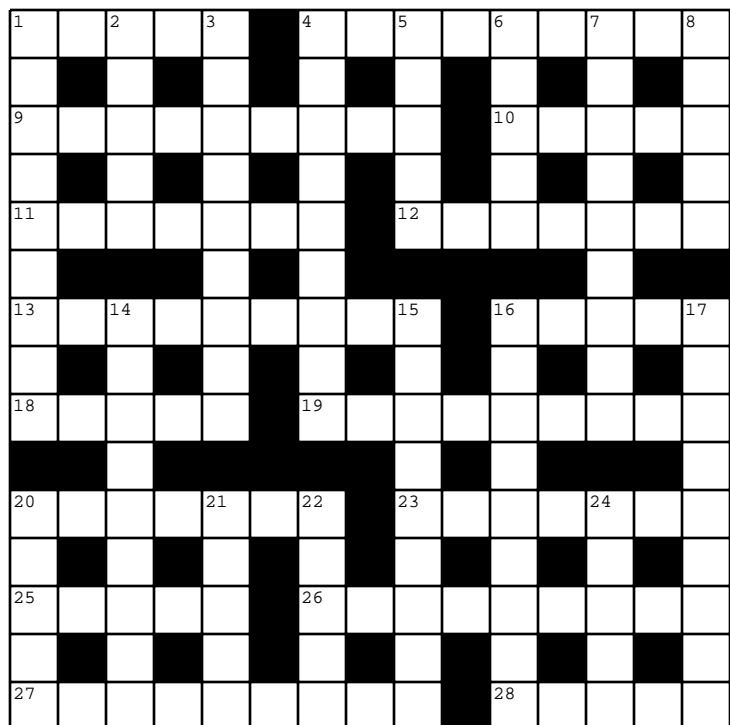
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| 9. ASTRAKHAN  | 3. PLASTERED  |
| 10. FAMED     | 4. PAHLAVI    |
| 11. GALATEA   | 5. KINGPIN    |
| 12. PARADOX   | 6. SAFER      |
| 13. RECURSION | 7. ARMADILLO  |
| 15. HALVE     | 8. INDEX      |
| 17. STAND     | 14. CRABBIEST |
| 18. COCKSCOMB | 15. HISTOGRAM |
| 20. TABLEAU   | 16. EMBROIDER |
| 22. PROVISO   | 18. COUNCIL   |
| 24. AGENT     | 19. COPINGS   |
| 25. CONTRIVED | 20. TRACE     |
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| 27. MINOR     | 23. IRVIN     |



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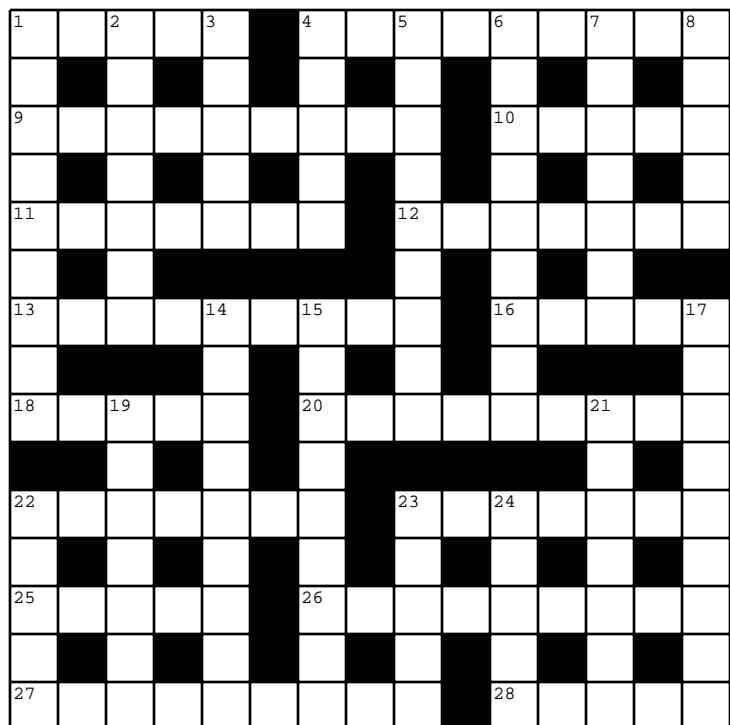
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| 4. COUNTABLE  | 2. MINED      |
| 9. MONOMANIA  | 3. COMPRISES  |
| 10. MOULD     | 4. CONCOURSE  |
| 11. UNDERGO   | 5. USAGE      |
| 12. EXAMPLE   | 6. TAMRA      |
| 13. EAVESDROP | 7. BLUEPRINT  |
| 16. EVILS     | 8. ENDUE      |
| 18. SINKS     | 14. VENERATED |
| 19. ENERGETIC | 15. PREPARING |
| 20. BIRCHED   | 16. EIGHTIETH |
| 23. ARTICLE   | 17. SUCCESSOR |
| 25. VITAL     | 20. BEVEL     |
| 26. DRIVEWAYS | 21. HALER     |
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| 28. HUMOR     | 24. CLAIM     |



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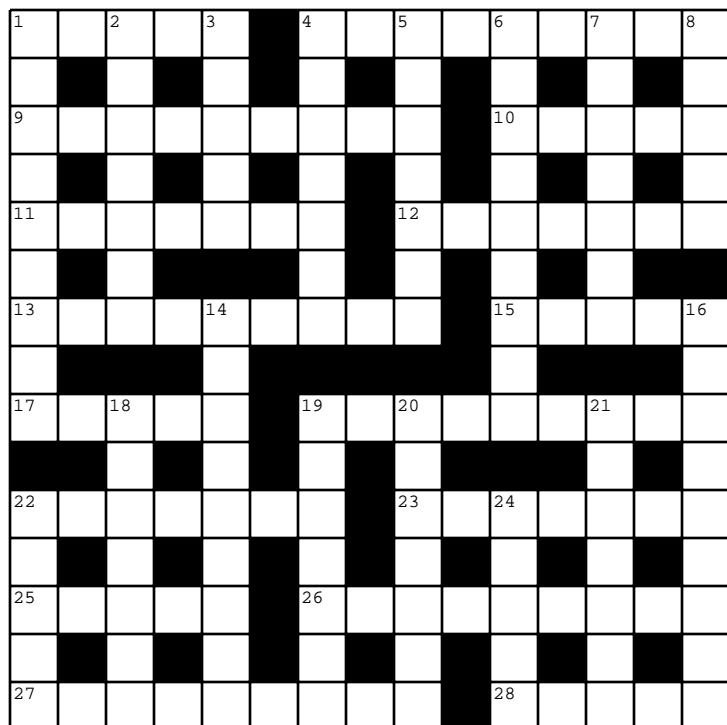
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| 9. SPAGHETTI  | 3. ABHOR      |
| 10. DATED     | 4. SITES      |
| 11. EXHORTS   | 5. CHIPEWYAN  |
| 12. ENTICED   | 6. AUDITORIA  |
| 13. AGREEABLY | 7. LETICIA    |
| 16. REALM     | 8. SIDED      |
| 18. RABBI     | 14. ETIQUETTE |
| 20. RANSACKED | 15. BARBAROUS |
| 22. SCAPULA   | 17. MODELINGS |
| 23. CONRAIL   | 19. BRAVADO   |
| 25. ENACT     | 21. KHARKOV   |
| 26. OVERTAKEN | 22. SWEEP     |
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| 28. DIVES     | 24. NOTED     |



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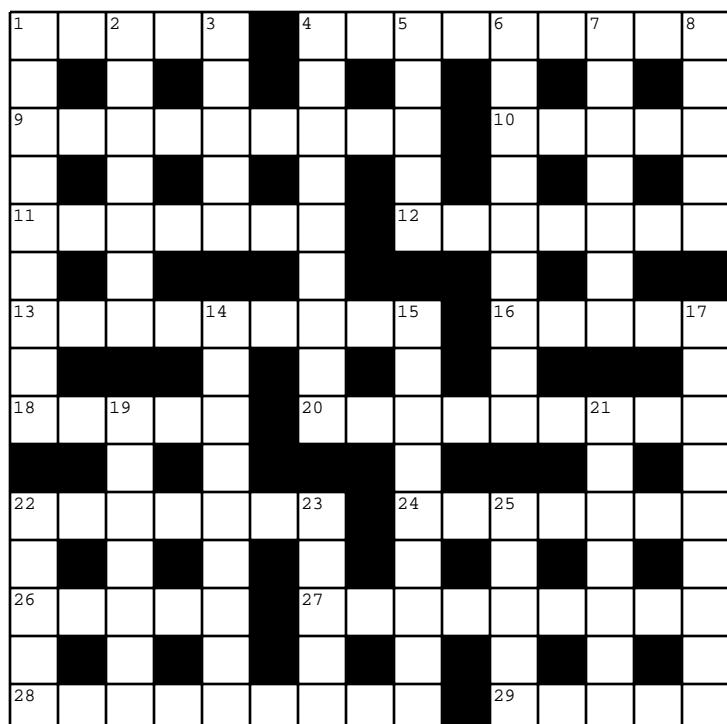
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| 9. UNALTERED  | 3. PATCH      |
| 10. ASSET     | 4. FERRARI    |
| 11. TRACHEA   | 5. RADIATE    |
| 12. ASYLUMS   | 6. BIALYSTOK  |
| 13. OVERPRICE | 7. DISTURB    |
| 15. TABOO     | 8. DATES      |
| 17. NEWER     | 14. PARENTAGE |
| 19. DRINKABLE | 16. OVERSEERS |
| 22. GODUNOV   | 18. WEDDING   |
| 23. BEDBUGS   | 19. DIVIDES   |
| 25. ALISA     | 20. IMBIBED   |
| 26. DEBATABLE | 21. BOURBON   |
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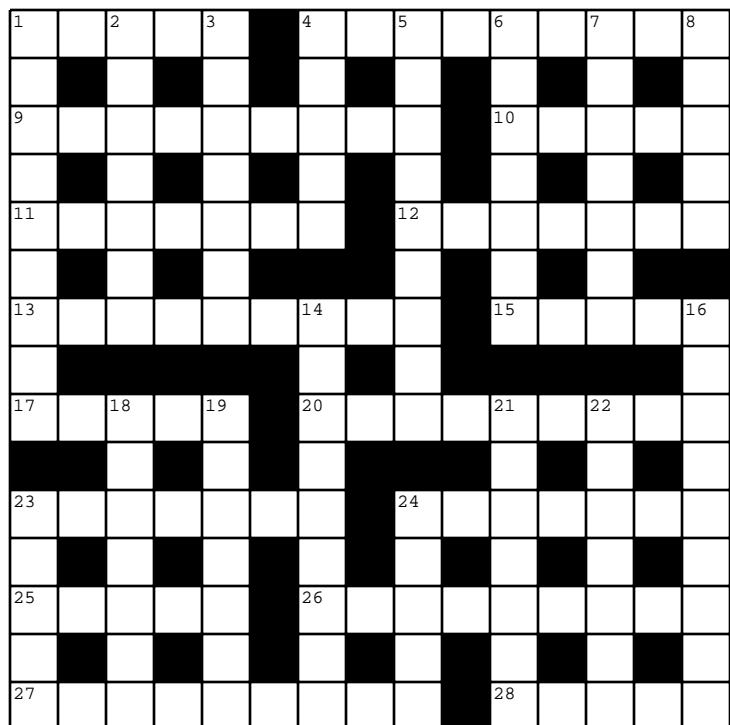
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| 9. LIGATURES  | 3. METRE      |
| 10. PINED     | 4. FORESTALL  |
| 11. TEEETERS  | 5. RISKS      |
| 12. STOICAL   | 6. IMPROMPTU  |
| 13. CYTOPLASM | 7. IGNACIO    |
| 16. PHOTO     | 8. YODEL      |
| 18. LEMMA     | 14. PLAINTIFF |
| 20. LANGUAGES | 15. MANIFESTO |
| 22. JOURNEY   | 17. OBSESSION |
| 24. FABRICS   | 19. MOURNER   |
| 26. LANAI     | 21. GUIYANG   |
| 27. KISANGANI | 22. JULEP     |
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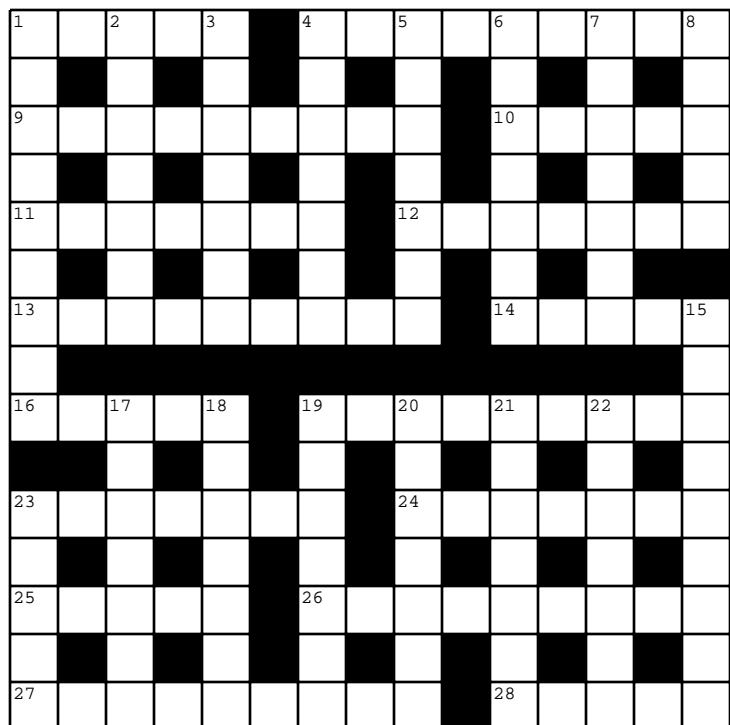
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| 4. WITNESSES  | 2. FRETFUL    |
| 9. OVERTAKEN  | 3. TITANIC    |
| 10. THREW     | 4. WAKED      |
| 11. REFINED   | 5. TENEMENTS  |
| 12. MERMAID   | 6. ENTERED    |
| 13. POLICEMAN | 7. SURNAME    |
| 15. DRESS     | 8. SEWED      |
| 17. YOURS     | 14. MARCELINO |
| 20. RESEMBLED | 16. SIDELINES |
| 23. SEEPAGE   | 18. UNEQUAL   |
| 24. FEDERAL   | 19. SMASHES   |
| 25. FLUSH     | 21. MEDICAL   |
| 26. INFECTION | 22. LORRIES   |
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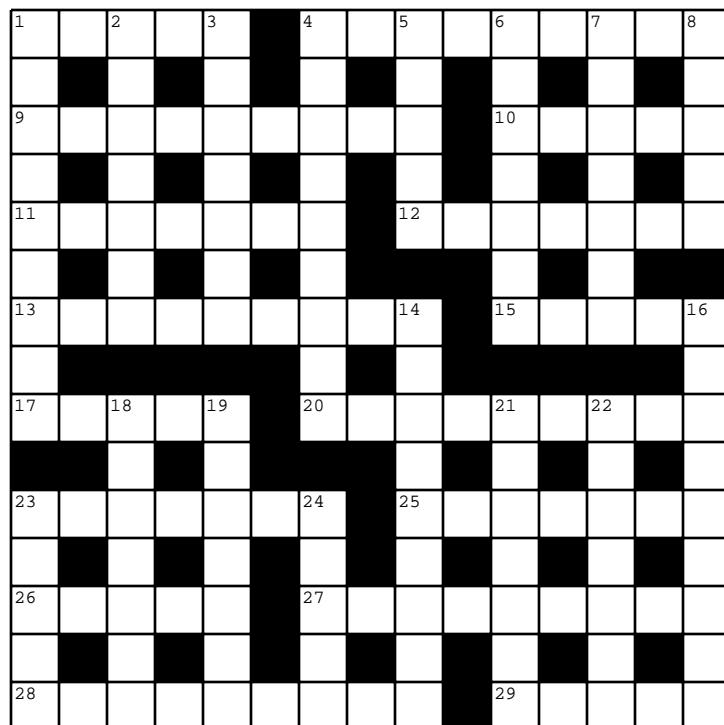
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| 4. KIDNAPPED  | 2. OROURKE    |
| 9. ECOSYSTEM  | 3. CRYPTIC    |
| 10. READY     | 4. KETTLES    |
| 11. MARITAL   | 5. DAMAGED    |
| 12. GALLEON   | 6. ACRYLIC    |
| 13. EXERCISED | 7. PLATEAU    |
| 14. CRUDE     | 8. DOYEN      |
| 16. TRACE     | 15. EXISTENCE |
| 19. DONIZETTI | 17. ANARCHY   |
| 23. TEACUPS   | 18. EDUCATE   |
| 24. WHITEST   | 19. DISMISS   |
| 25. MECCA     | 20. NEWBORN   |
| 26. ISOLATION | 21. ZHIVAGO   |
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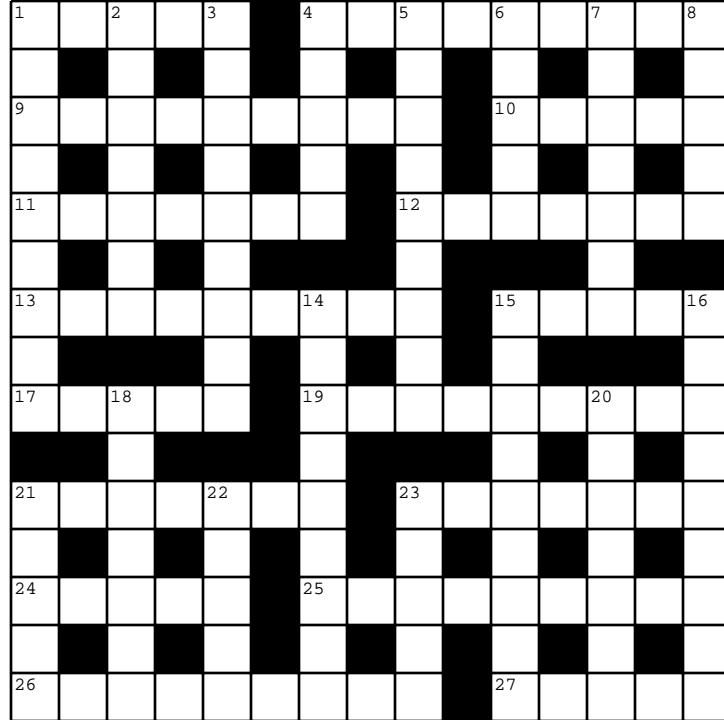
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| 4. KEEPSAKES  | 2. INHIBIT    |
| 9. MAHARISHI  | 3. DIRECTS    |
| 10. INCUR     | 4. KOSHERING  |
| 11. CUBICLE   | 5. EKING      |
| 12. GLUCOSE   | 6. STIMULI    |
| 13. ATTESTING | 7. KICKOFF    |
| 15. INFER     | 8. SPREE      |
| 17. SANTA     | 14. GALLOPING |
| 20. GOLDENEST | 16. RETAILERS |
| 23. PLASTIC   | 18. NEAREST   |
| 25. ORIGAMI   | 19. ATTRACT   |
| 26. ENEMA     | 21. ELITIST   |
| 27. CRITICIZE | 22. EXAMINE   |
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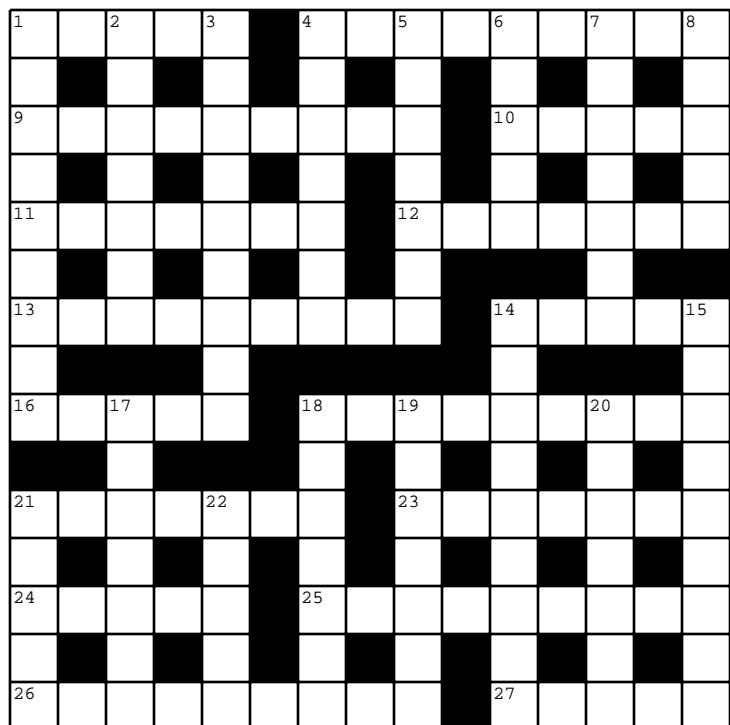
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| 9. ACCRETION  | 3. PIECemeAL  |
| 10. THESE     | 4. BLISS      |
| 11. HEIFERS   | 5. FINGERTIP  |
| 12. EARNERS   | 6. ACTOR      |
| 13. TENDEREST | 7. ONESELF    |
| 15. SAFER     | 8. DEEDS      |
| 17. CIVIL     | 14. EVIDENCED |
| 19. IMPEACHES | 15. STATISTIC |
| 21. SITUATE   | 16. RESIDENTS |
| 23. BRIMMED   | 18. VETERAN   |
| 24. RURAL     | 20. HEMLOCK   |
| 25. COUNTDOWN | 21. SCRUB     |
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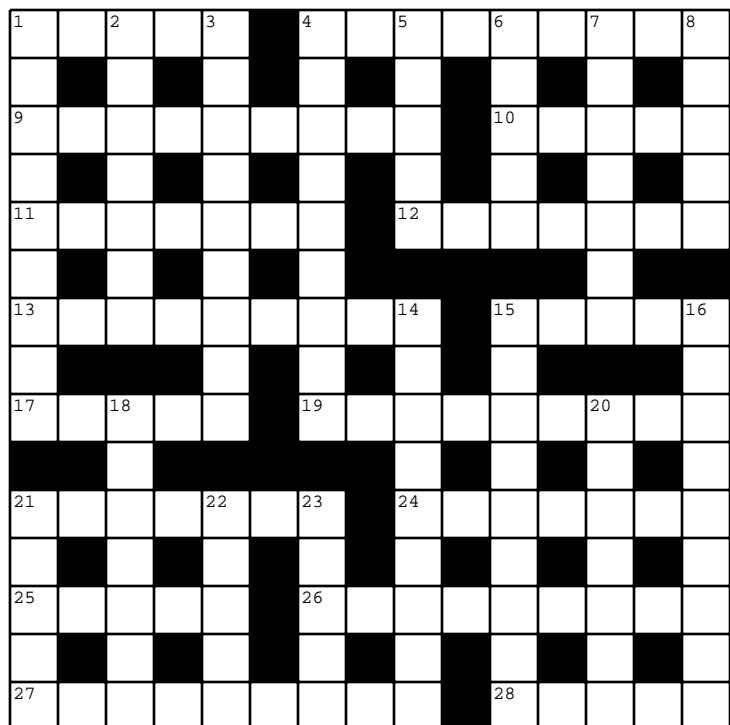
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| 4. AMBITIONS  | 2. ROBOTIC    |
| 9. LIBRARIES  | 3. STATEMENT  |
| 10. CREDO     | 4. ALIASES    |
| 11. LETTERS   | 5. BESTOWS    |
| 12. OBSCENE   | 6. TACKS      |
| 13. INCREASES | 7. OPENEST    |
| 14. EXTRA     | 8. SCOPE      |
| 16. ADMIT     | 14. ECCENTRIC |
| 18. EXPECTANT | 15. AUTOGRAPH |
| 21. TENABLE   | 17. MUNDANE   |
| 23. SANDHOG   | 18. EMERGED   |
| 24. READY     | 19. POSTERS   |
| 25. GUERRILLA | 20. APHELIA   |
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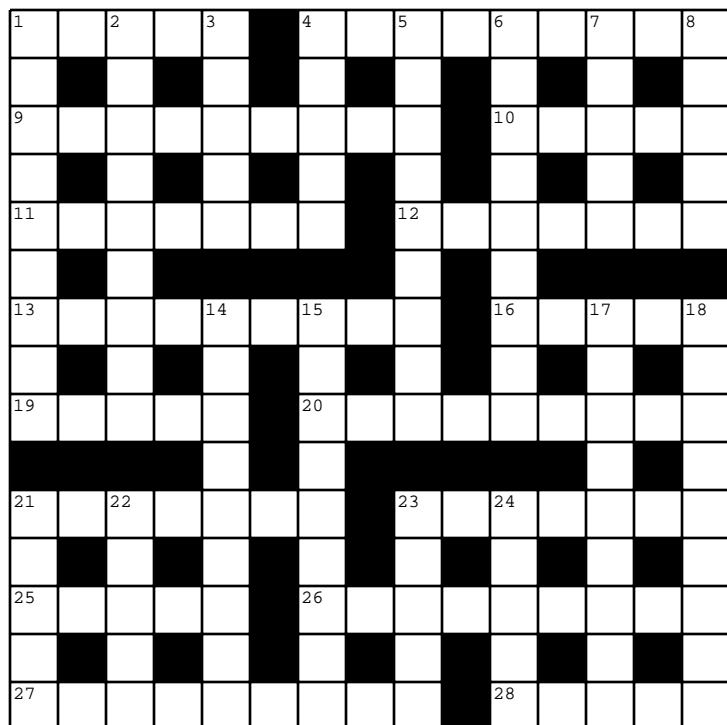
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| 9. NEFERTITI  | 3. TARDINESS  |
| 10. SATIN     | 4. IDIOMATIC  |
| 11. DUALISM   | 5. LYING      |
| 12. GROWTHS   | 6. GUSTO      |
| 13. AUTHENTIC | 7. BATHTUB    |
| 15. CUBIC     | 8. YANKS      |
| 17. STARS     | 14. CRANBERRY |
| 19. CRAFTSMAN | 15. CATECHIZE |
| 21. DIVISOR   | 16. CUNNINGLY |
| 24. BACILLI   | 18. ADVISER   |
| 25. RISER     | 20. MALAISE   |
| 26. SARDINING | 21. DIRAC     |
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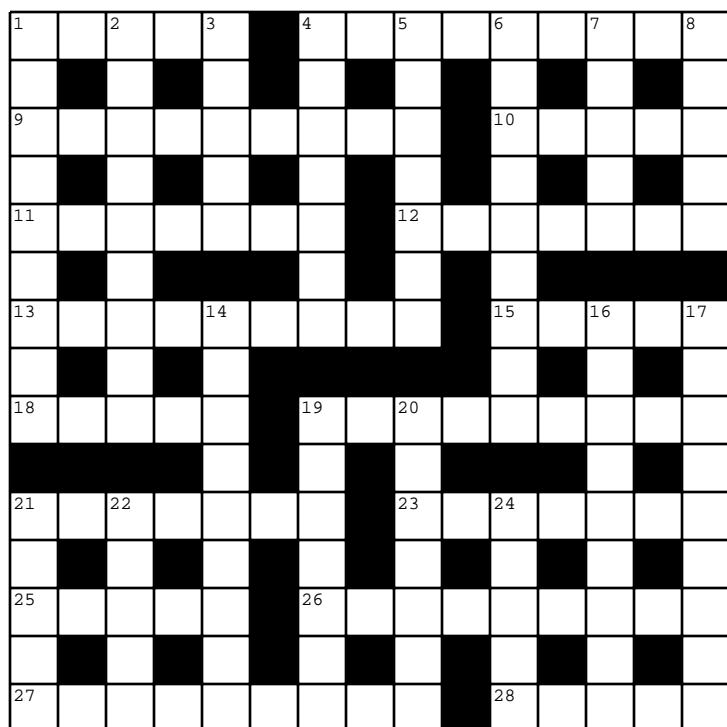
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| 4. RAGGEDEST  | 2. EUCALYPTI  |
| 9. RECRUITED  | 3. DOUBT      |
| 10. ETHIC     | 4. RATED      |
| 11. BELATED   | 5. GODDESSES  |
| 12. ELAPSES   | 6. ELEGANTLY  |
| 13. LIPSTICKS | 7. ECHOS      |
| 16. TABLE     | 8. TACKS      |
| 19. DRIPS     | 14. TESTIFIED |
| 20. MISTYPING | 15. COMMODITY |
| 21. BURRITO   | 17. BRILLIANT |
| 23. GANTLET   | 18. EIGHTEENS |
| 25. ENNUI     | 21. BEECH     |
| 26. INTERFACE | 22. RENAL     |
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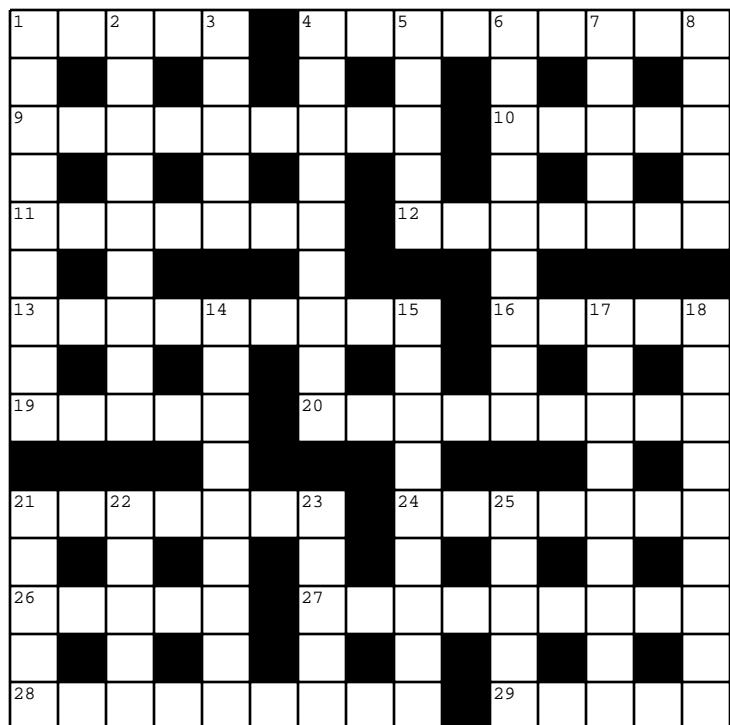
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| 9. ORGANISED  | 3. KINDS      |
| 10. CATER     | 4. ESSENCE    |
| 11. STEPSON   | 5. ELDERLY    |
| 12. REFUSES   | 6. TACTFULLY  |
| 13. EXTREMELY | 7. OATHS      |
| 15. LOBED     | 8. SIRES      |
| 18. FUDGE     | 14. ELECTRIFY |
| 19. MARTYRING | 16. BLISTERED |
| 21. SIGHTED   | 17. DOGHOUSES |
| 23. LESOTHO   | 19. MADURAI   |
| 25. NIMBI     | 20. ROLVAAG   |
| 26. REASSURES | 21. SENNA     |
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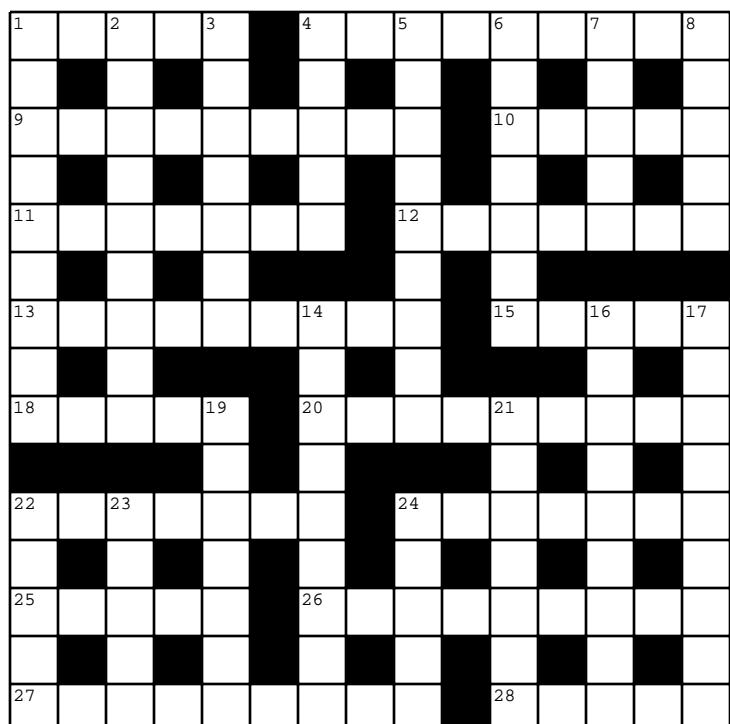
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| 4. BEGINNING  | 2. GUERRILLA  |
| 9. UNEARTHED  | 3. EARNS      |
| 10. WHALE     | 4. BEHOLDING  |
| 11. PARASOL   | 5. GODLY      |
| 12. YESSING   | 6. NEWSSTAND  |
| 13. ECLIPSING | 7. IRAQI      |
| 16. ARCED     | 8. GREGG      |
| 19. TRAPS     | 14. POSITIONS |
| 20. GRANDSONS | 15. GRATITUDE |
| 21. BRISTLE   | 17. CROCHETED |
| 24. IRISHER   | 18. DISCREDIT |
| 26. DISCO     | 21. BADGE     |
| 27. NAUSEATED | 22. ISSAC     |
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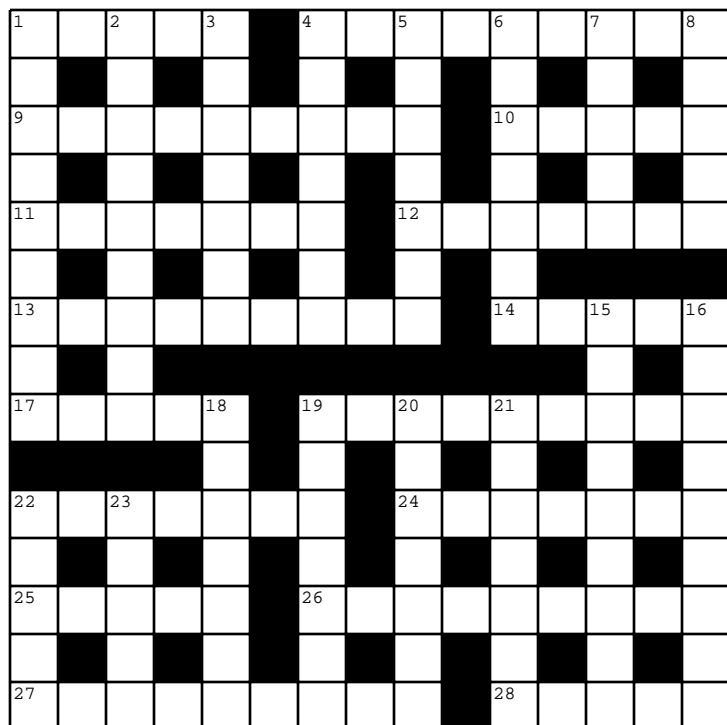
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| 9. HALTINGLY  | 3. NAIROBI    |
| 10. CHILI     | 4. ANGLE      |
| 11. IMPROVE   | 5. PSYCHOSIS  |
| 12. HEARSAY   | 6. RECLAIM    |
| 13. TROPICALS | 7. TAILS      |
| 15. MACHO     | 8. SHINY      |
| 18. CHEST     | 14. APOCRYPHA |
| 20. OBSTRUCTS | 16. CACHETING |
| 22. MANAGER   | 17. OBSOLETED |
| 24. MISDEAL   | 19. TIGHTEN   |
| 25. LIGHT     | 21. RISKIER   |
| 26. PHYSICIST | 22. MELVA     |
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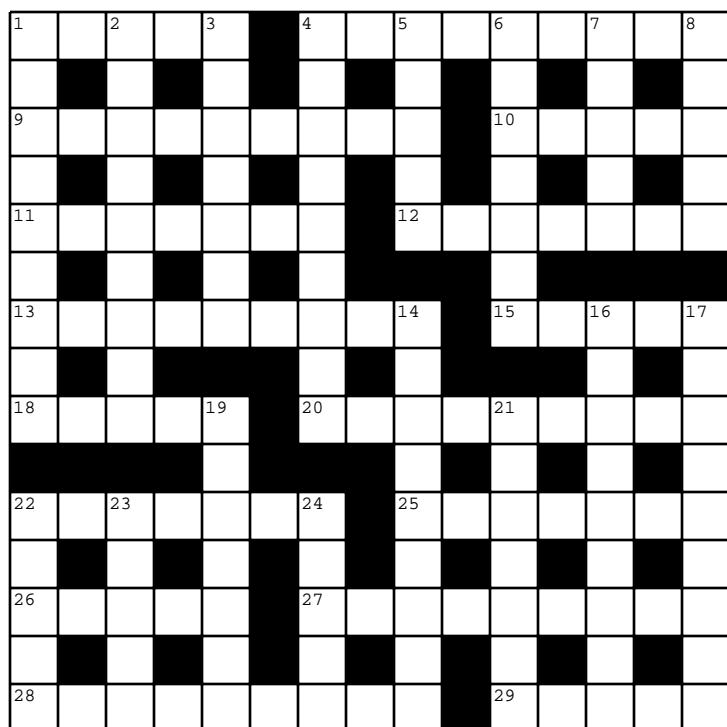
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| 9. SPACESHIP  | 3. SHERRIE    |
| 10. ALIAS     | 4. SCHERZI    |
| 11. EAGERER   | 5. LAPSING    |
| 12. INTAKES   | 6. CHAOTIC    |
| 13. SKEWERING | 7. THINK      |
| 14. COLIC     | 8. RESTS      |
| 17. RATIO     | 15. LEISURELY |
| 19. MEDALLION | 16. CONNECTED |
| 22. RAIDERS   | 18. OVERLAP   |
| 24. MEASURE   | 19. MESTIZO   |
| 25. CRUEL     | 20. DEMOTES   |
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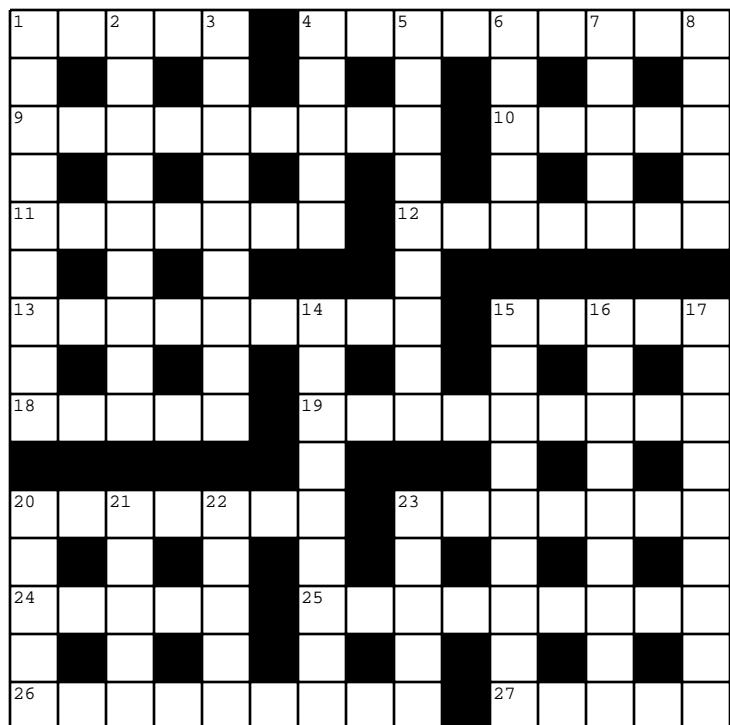
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| 9. RANCOROUS  | 3. TOOTING    |
| 10. FAIRY     | 4. GEORGIAN   |
| 11. BARBING   | 5. WASNT      |
| 12. THRUSTS   | 6. INFORMS    |
| 13. TELEGRAMS | 7. EVILS      |
| 15. SWAPS     | 8. STYES      |
| 18. CHOIR     | 14. SHABBIEST |
| 20. SEASCAPES | 16. AMPUTATES |
| 22. DEFENDS   | 17. SUSPENDED |
| 25. BREATHE   | 19. RENAMED   |
| 26. ALBUM     | 21. CREMATE   |
| 27. REENACTED | 22. DIALS     |
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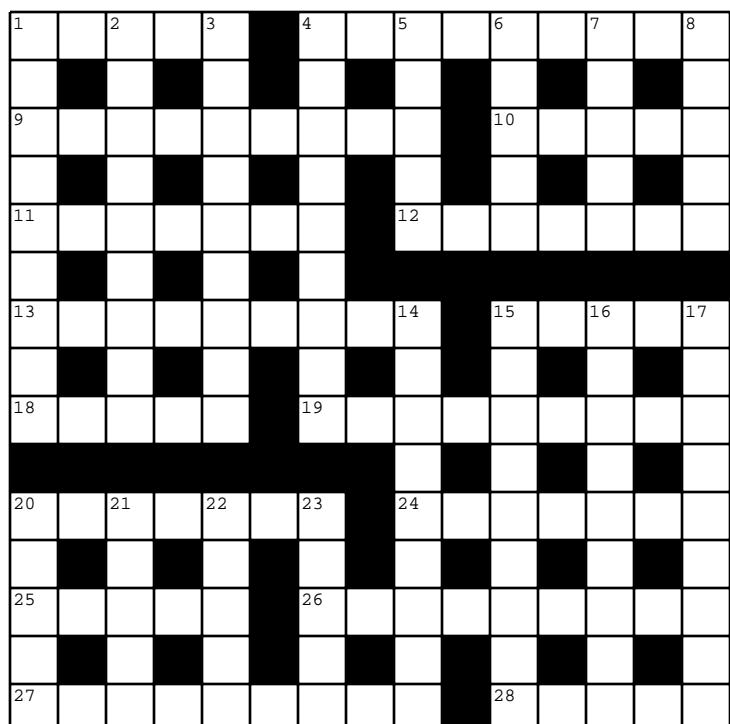
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| 9. NUMBSKULL  | 3. OBSESSION  |
| 10. RANGE     | 4. ISUZU      |
| 11. IGUASSU   | 5. HILLSIDES  |
| 12. SERIOUS   | 6. BARER      |
| 13. INITIATED | 7. TANGO      |
| 15. TEACH     | 8. DEEDS      |
| 18. GREEN     | 14. THOUSANDS |
| 19. OBSCURING | 15. TRUNCHEON |
| 20. BRIDGES   | 16. AGITATING |
| 23. RACHAEL   | 17. HIGHLIGHT |
| 24. TOKEN     | 20. BATED     |
| 25. NUMBERING | 21. INKED     |
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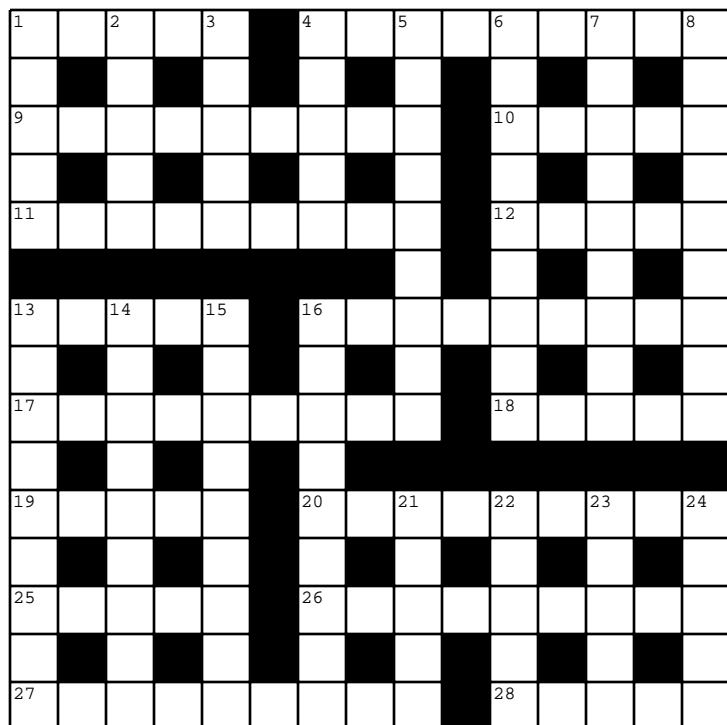
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| 9. VAINGLORY  | 3. RAGGEDEST  |
| 10. THEIR     | 4. CHORTLING  |
| 11. SUSPECT   | 5. MAYOR      |
| 12. RACISTS   | 6. ANTIC      |
| 13. RENDERING | 7. IDEAS      |
| 15. HAKKA     | 8. GARBS      |
| 18. PRINT     | 14. GENERATOR |
| 19. GANGRENED | 15. HORNPIPES |
| 20. EXCITED   | 16. KANDINSKY |
| 24. REPRINT   | 17. AUDITIONS |
| 25. NIMBI     | 20. ERNIE     |
| 26. ANTIPASTO | 21. COMIC     |
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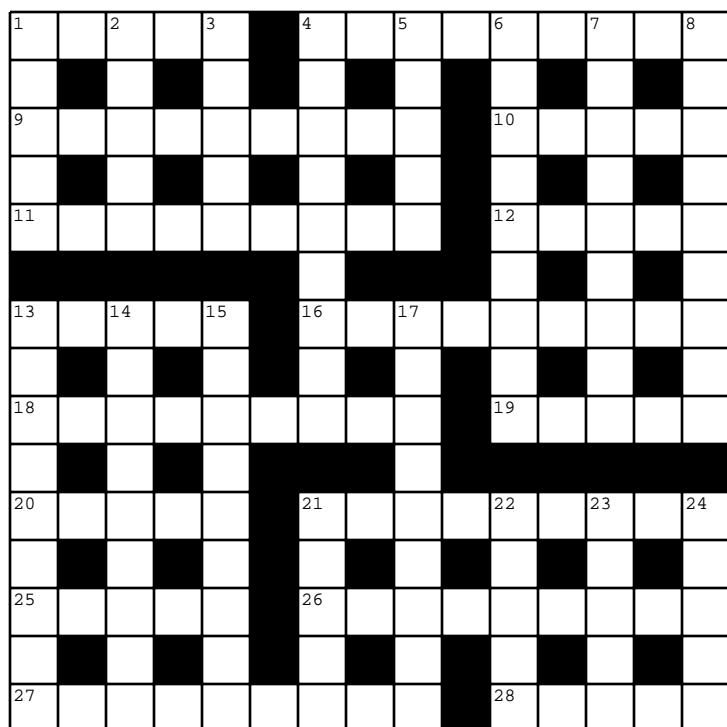
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| 9. PIZZICATO  | 3. CHINO      |
| 10. LYING     | 4. TRACK      |
| 11. SKYROCKET | 5. ABORTIONS  |
| 12. ANNUL     | 6. SALVATORE  |
| 13. ALSOP     | 7. ORIENTING  |
| 16. GEOLOGIES | 8. LEGALISED  |
| 17. COLISEUMS | 13. ALCOHOLIC |
| 18. EDGED     | 14. SPLENETIC |
| 19. HENNA     | 15. PISTACHIO |
| 20. STRATEGIC | 16. GRUESOMER |
| 25. LATCH     | 21. ROMAN     |
| 26. MEMORANDA | 22. THROB     |
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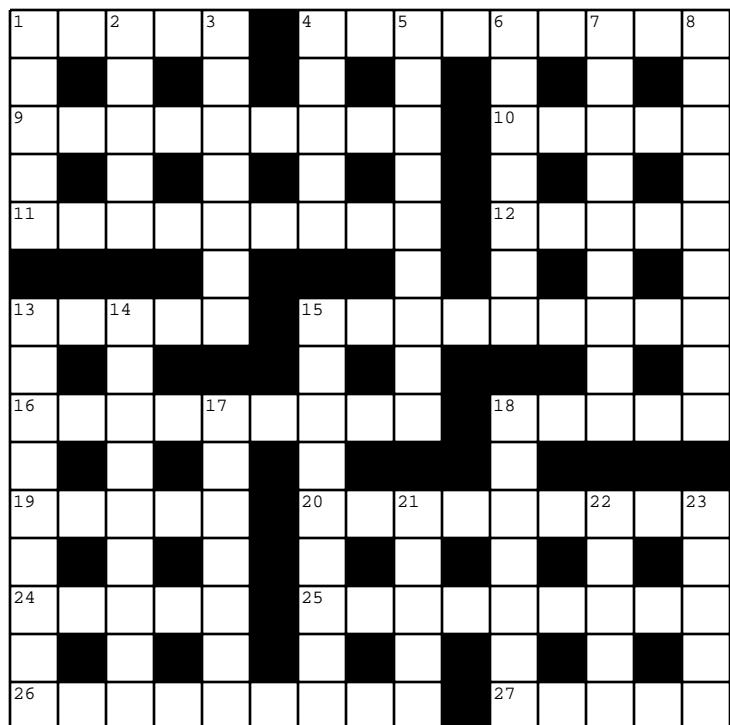
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| 1. TACES      | 1. THING      |
| 4. CUCUMBERS  | 2. COLOR      |
| 9. ILLUSIONS  | 3. SUSHI      |
| 10. SHYER     | 4. CLOCKWORK  |
| 11. GARLICKED | 5. CASED      |
| 12. RAOUL     | 6. MISTRUSTS  |
| 13. BLAME     | 7. ETYMOLOGY  |
| 16. OCCASIONS | 8. SURPLUSES  |
| 18. OUTSPOKEN | 13. BOOTSTRAP |
| 19. STYES     | 14. ANTIPASTO |
| 20. SUPER     | 15. ESPERANTO |
| 21. FOODSTUFF | 17. CONGOLESE |
| 25. RISEN     | 21. FUSSY     |
| 26. SPEARMINT | 22. SCRUB     |
| 27. PROTOTYPE | 23. UNITS     |
| 28. BUSCH     | 24. FETCH     |



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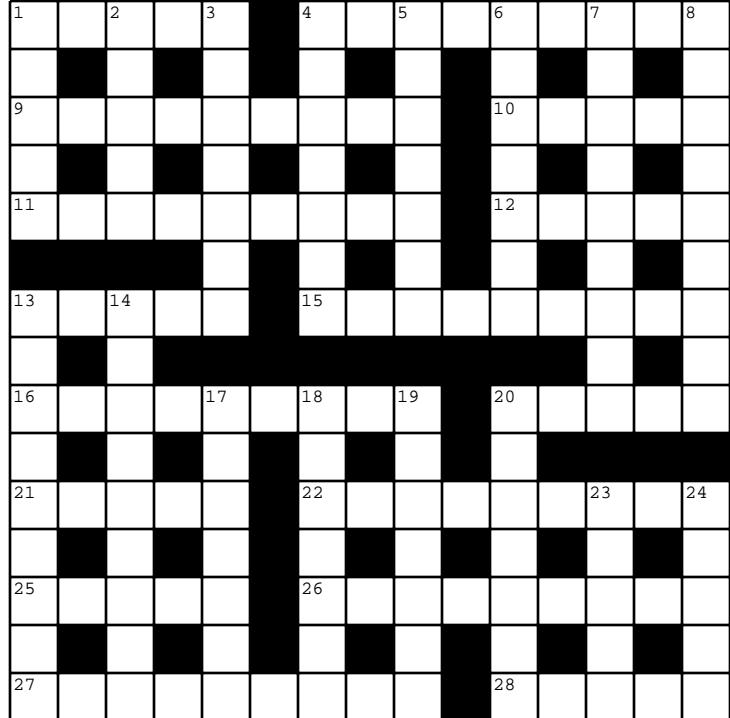
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| 1. SUGAR      | 1. SCHWA      |
| 4. NIGHTCLUB  | 2. GUAVA      |
| 9. HEARTBURN  | 3. ROTATED    |
| 10. PANDA     | 4. NOUNS      |
| 11. ANASTASIA | 5. GENDARMES  |
| 12. AISHA     | 6. TOPSAIL    |
| 13. ARCED     | 7. LANDSCAPE  |
| 15. COMPLIANT | 8. BLATANTLY  |
| 16. ANTELOPES | 13. APATHETIC |
| 18. ENEMY     | 14. CATALONIA |
| 19. HELOT     | 15. CAPABLEST |
| 20. BOOKSHELF | 17. LITERAL   |
| 24. TENOR     | 18. EYSENCK   |
| 25. EXTENSIVE | 21. OFTEN     |
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| 27. KUSCH     | 23. FLESH     |



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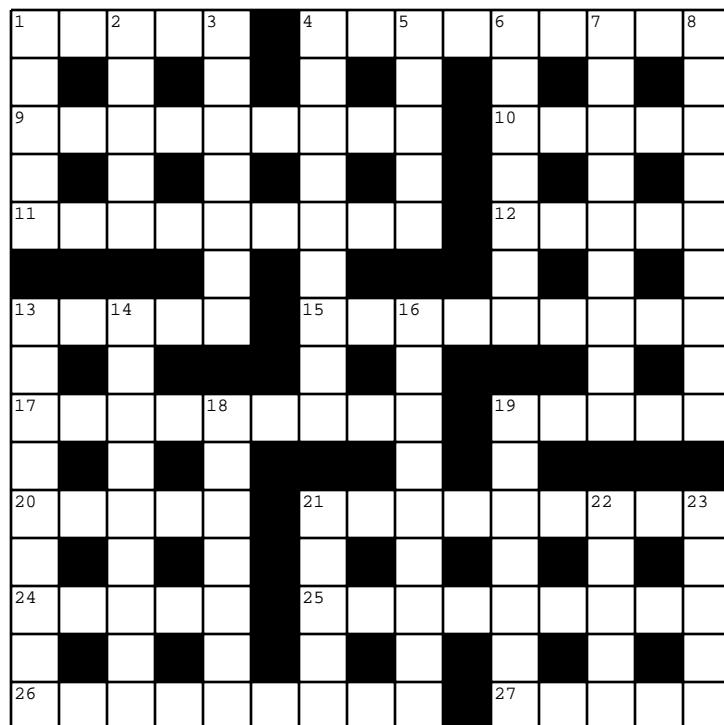
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| 1. RISEN      | 1. RAFTS      |
| 4. FIFTEENTH  | 2. STOIC      |
| 9. FOODSTUFF  | 3. NASTIER    |
| 10. ORGAN     | 4. FLUKING    |
| 11. SACRIFICE | 5. FIFTEEN    |
| 12. IOTAS     | 6. EGOTIST    |
| 13. OFFER     | 7. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 15. GENITALIA | 8. HANDSHAKE  |
| 16. FINGERTIP | 13. OFFICIALS |
| 20. CABLE     | 14. FUNGICIDE |
| 21. CLING     | 17. ENGAGED   |
| 22. BOOMERANG | 18. TOBACCO   |
| 25. AGING     | 19. PROTEST   |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 20. COERCES   |
| 27. SPEEDBOAT | 23. ANNEX     |
| 28. SEXES     | 24. GRIPS     |



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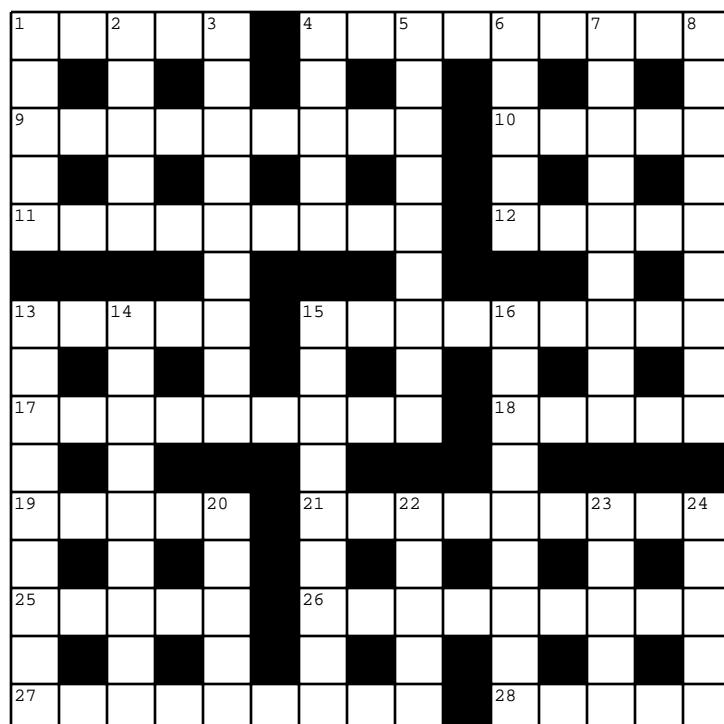
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. INPUT      | 1. IDLED      |
| 4. MAJESTIES  | 2. PAVES      |
| 9. LEVERAGED  | 3. TORNADO    |
| 10. OCTET     | 4. MIGHTIEST  |
| 11. DISMANTLE | 5. JUDGE      |
| 12. CURER     | 6. STOICAL    |
| 13. CACAO     | 7. INTERVENE  |
| 15. EXCELLENT | 8. SATURATES  |
| 17. RAINWATER | 13. CURRYCOMB |
| 19. OPENS     | 14. COINTREAU |
| 20. YATES     | 16. CIRCUITRY |
| 21. COURSHIP  | 18. WASHTUB   |
| 24. OVERT     | 19. OUTGREW   |
| 25. ENTERTAIN | 21. CLEAR     |
| 26. BLUEBERRY | 22. HEAVE     |
| 27. WHEEL     | 23. PANEL     |



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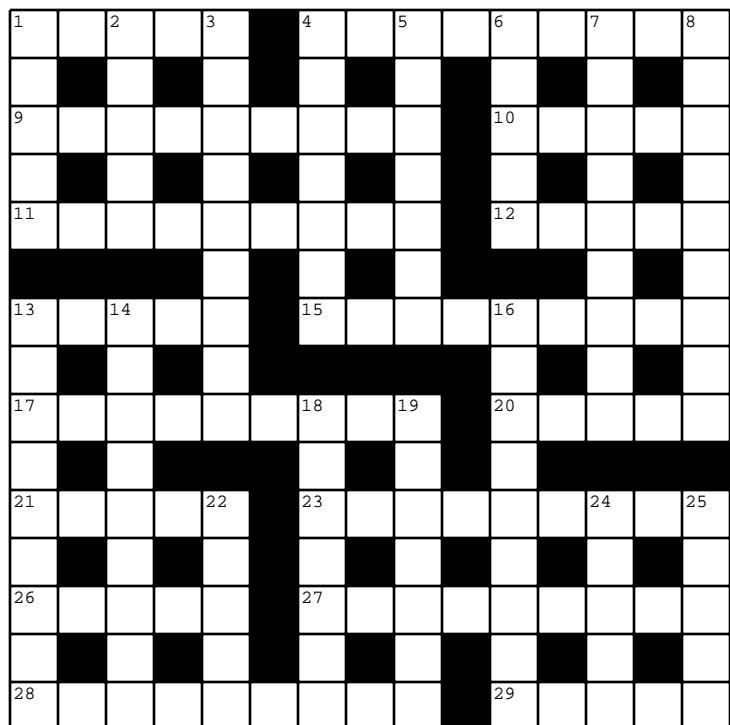
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| 4. CATATONIC  | 2. VICES      |
| 9. RECOMPILE  | 3. REMAINDER  |
| 10. BEFIT     | 4. CHILI      |
| 11. PESSIMIST | 5. TREATISES  |
| 12. RURAL     | 6. TUBER      |
| 13. BIPED     | 7. NEFERTITI  |
| 15. ASSESSING | 8. CATALOGUE  |
| 17. OBSTRUCTS | 13. BOOKSHELF |
| 18. NAIVE     | 14. PASSENGER |
| 19. SHEEN     | 15. ACCLAIMED |
| 21. AMERICANA | 16. SENTIMENT |
| 25. EAGLE     | 20. NOEMI     |
| 26. MILLENNIA | 22. ELLEN     |
| 27. FORBIDDEN | 23. ANNEX     |
| 28. TOXIN     | 24. AGAIN     |



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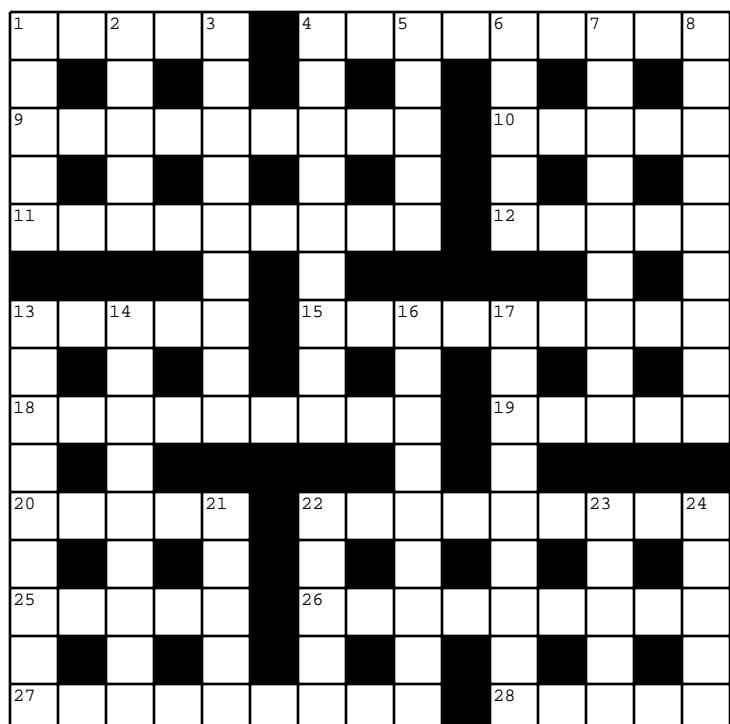
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| 1. TOTEM      | 1. TIBIA      |
| 4. CARDSHARP  | 2. THOSE      |
| 9. BOOTSTRAP  | 3. MISDIRECT  |
| 10. CHOMP     | 4. CERTAIN    |
| 11. AMERICANA | 5. REPEATS    |
| 12. OCCUR     | 6. SACCO      |
| 13. LEAVE     | 7. ACONCAGUA  |
| 15. NOSTALGIA | 8. PAPERBACK  |
| 17. NIGHTCLUB | 13. LUNCHTIME |
| 20. THANK     | 14. ALGEBRAIC |
| 21. HABIT     | 16. ASTEROIDS |
| 23. GONORRHEA | 18. LOGICAL   |
| 26. INANE     | 19. BANANAS   |
| 27. CONTINUAL | 22. THEIR     |
| 28. ENCIRCLES | 24. HOUSE     |
| 29. SHEER     | 25. ABLER     |



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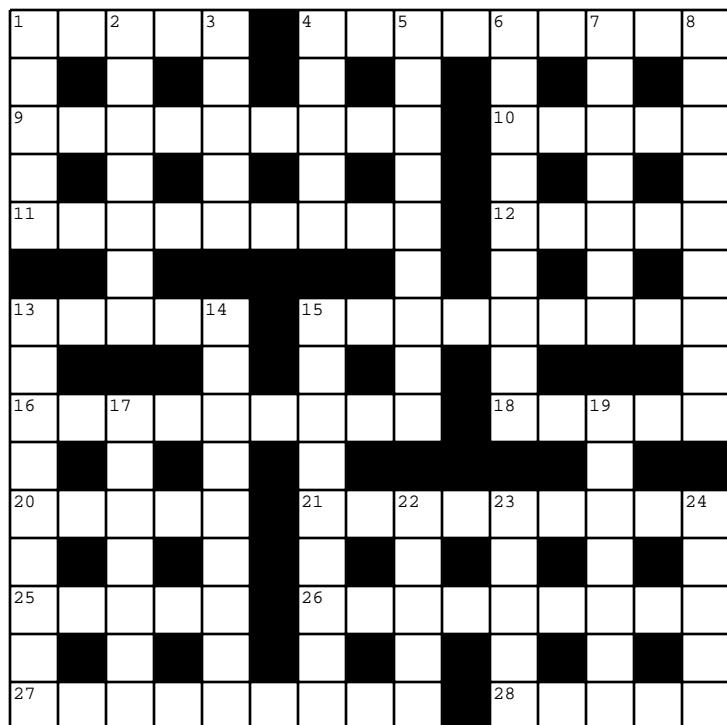
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| 4. SHORTSTOP  | 2. DIRAC      |
| 9. FIREPROOF  | 3. OPPRESSOR  |
| 10. RARER     | 4. SPOKESMEN  |
| 11. RACKETEER | 5. OFFER      |
| 12. STAIR     | 6. TYRES      |
| 13. HIDES     | 7. TARPAULIN  |
| 15. MAGICALLY | 8. PORTRAYED  |
| 18. REFERENDA | 13. HERIBERTO |
| 19. OWNED     | 14. DEFECTIVE |
| 20. BUCKS     | 16. GLAMOROUS |
| 22. FOODSTUFF | 17. CROSSWALK |
| 25. RHINO     | 21. SHORT     |
| 26. VIOLATION | 22. FEVER     |
| 27. OVERTURES | 23. UNITE     |
| 28. KNEES     | 24. FINDS     |



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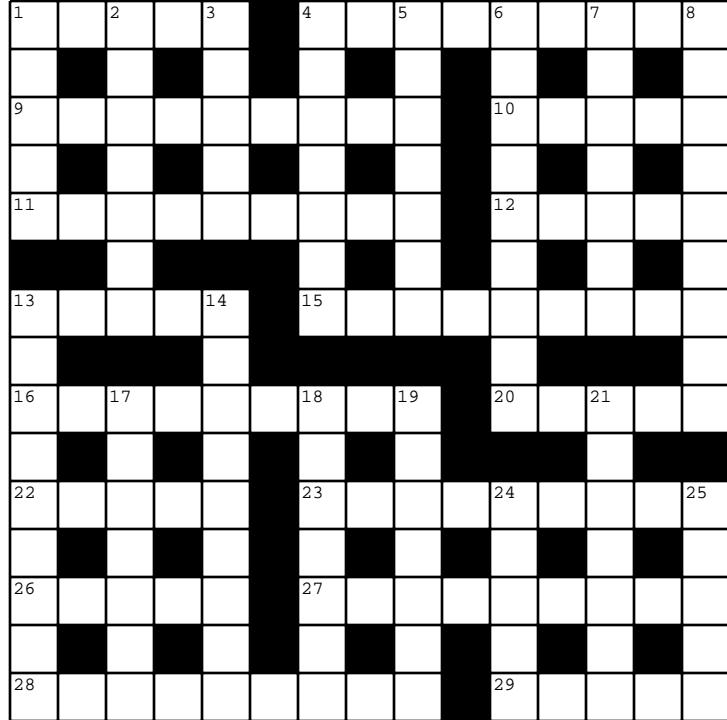
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| 1. LIBRA      | 1. LUCRE      |
| 4. SADDLEBAG  | 2. BESEECH    |
| 9. CUSTODIAL  | 3. ALONG      |
| 10. IGLOO     | 4. SHIFT      |
| 11. ENERGETIC | 5. DELICIOUS  |
| 12. CHILI     | 6. LOINCLOTH  |
| 13. ETHIC     | 7. BELLINI    |
| 15. PROVOKING | 8. GLOWINGLY  |
| 16. CREATURES | 13. ENCHILADA |
| 18. HOBBY     | 14. CATALONIA |
| 20. IDEAL     | 15. PARTNERED |
| 21. NIGHTCLUB | 17. ELEVATE   |
| 25. AGAIN     | 19. BOLOGNA   |
| 26. RECTANGLE | 22. GECKO     |
| 27. ALEJANDRO | 23. TOAST     |
| 28. THANK     | 24. BREAK     |



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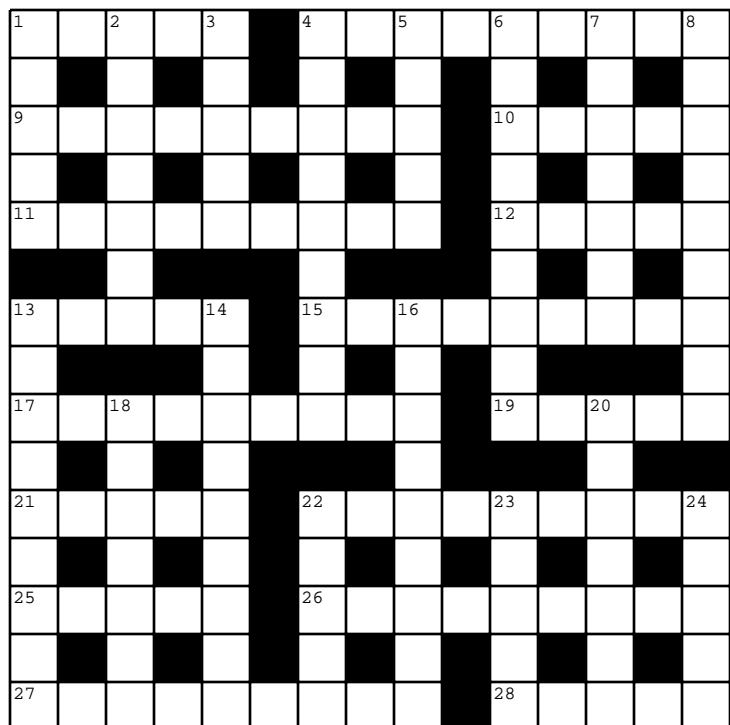
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|---------------|---------------|
| 1. DICED      | 1. DOPED      |
| 4. TROUSSEAU  | 2. CLEANSE    |
| 9. PRECEDENT  | 3. DREAM      |
| 10. ACCHED    | 4. TREETOP    |
| 11. DYNAMITES | 5. OBTUSER    |
| 12. POLAR     | 6. SCAMPERED  |
| 13. GREEK     | 7. EXHALED    |
| 15. PARTRIDGE | 8. UNDERWENT  |
| 16. BLOSSOMED | 13. GIBBERISH |
| 20. DEBIT     | 14. KISANGANI |
| 22. EVIAN     | 17. OLIVIER   |
| 23. DOMICILES | 18. MEDICAL   |
| 26. IBIZA     | 19. DEMANDS   |
| 27. CONVERGED | 21. BOLOGNA   |
| 28. HORRIBLES | 24. CLEAR     |
| 29. ROADS     | 25. SIDES     |



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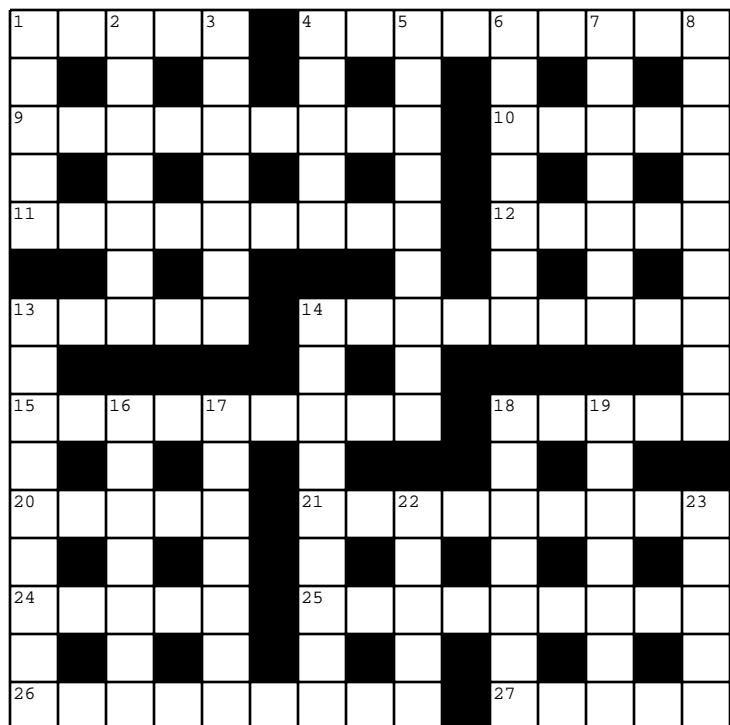
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| 1. MUFFS      | 1. MICAH      |
| 4. PORTFOLIO  | 2. FORBEAR    |
| 9. CURRICULA  | 3. SPICA      |
| 10. SPREE     | 4. PAUNCHIER  |
| 11. HIERARCHY | 5. READY      |
| 12. ORLON     | 6. FESTOONED  |
| 13. STRIP     | 7. LORELEI    |
| 15. INDENTING | 8. OVERNIGHT  |
| 17. OVERTHREW | 13. STOPWATCH |
| 19. DEBIT     | 14. PETULANCE |
| 21. WHEEL     | 16. DOWNRIGHT |
| 22. CARRIAGES | 18. ELEGANT   |
| 25. TRAIN     | 20. BUGATTI   |
| 26. RIGOLETTO | 22. CARAT     |
| 27. HOTTENTOT | 23. INLET     |
| 28. TRIAL     | 24. SPOOL     |



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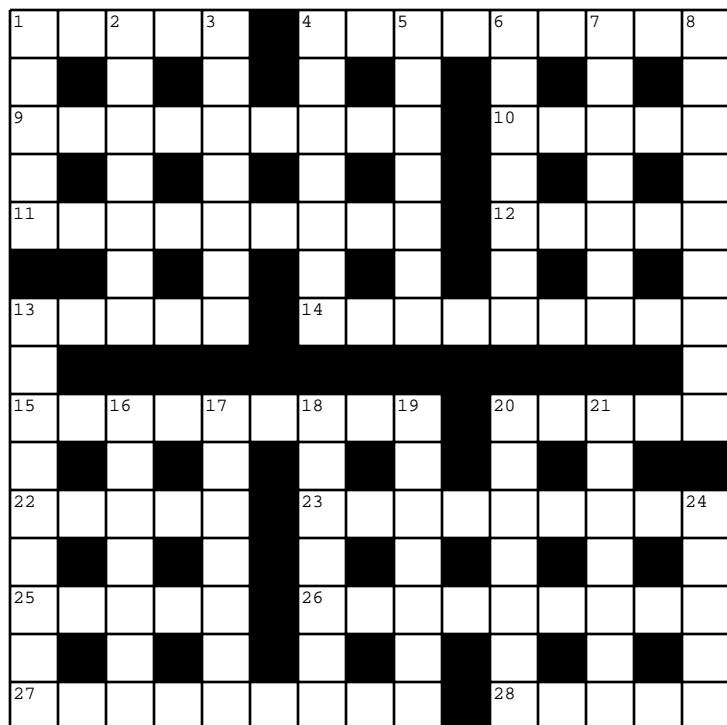
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| 4. CTESIPHON  | 2. MOROCCO    |
| 9. KARAMAZOV  | 3. TIMIDER    |
| 10. CHURN     | 4. COZEN      |
| 11. DECADENTS | 5. ENVISAGES  |
| 12. INDEX     | 6. INCLINE    |
| 13. AMOUR     | 7. HYUNDAI    |
| 14. MAGNETISM | 8. NONEXEMPT  |
| 15. POSTCARDS | 13. APPRAISED |
| 18. DEBIT     | 14. MORTGAGES |
| 20. AMARU     | 16. STATION   |
| 21. GROUPINGS | 17. COUNSEL   |
| 24. SHIPS     | 18. DEPOSIT   |
| 25. GLISSANDO | 19. BONANZA   |
| 26. DONALDSON | 22. ONION     |
| 27. THANK     | 23. SHOOK     |



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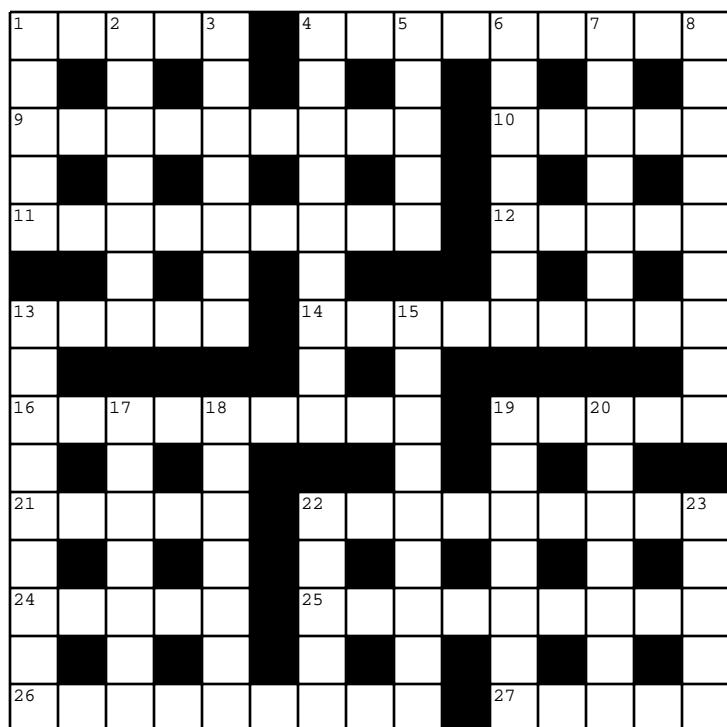
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| Across        | Down          |
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| 4. BLIGHTING  | 2. TABLEAU    |
| 9. IMBECILES  | 3. ENCLOSE    |
| 10. TRAIN     | 4. BELLIED    |
| 11. MNEMONICS | 5. INSISTS    |
| 12. CHOIR     | 6. HITACHI    |
| 13. ABUSE     | 7. IDAHOES    |
| 14. DISMISSAL | 8. GENERALLY  |
| 15. HONEYCOMB | 13. ATHABASCA |
| 20. ODDLY     | 16. NIRVANA   |
| 22. BARGE     | 17. YIELDED   |
| 23. EPIDERMIS | 18. OVERRAN   |
| 25. STAND     | 19. BRIDGED   |
| 26. REGULARLY | 20. OVERLAP   |
| 27. ABANDONED | 21. DEMURER   |
| 28. PARSE     | 24. STYLE     |



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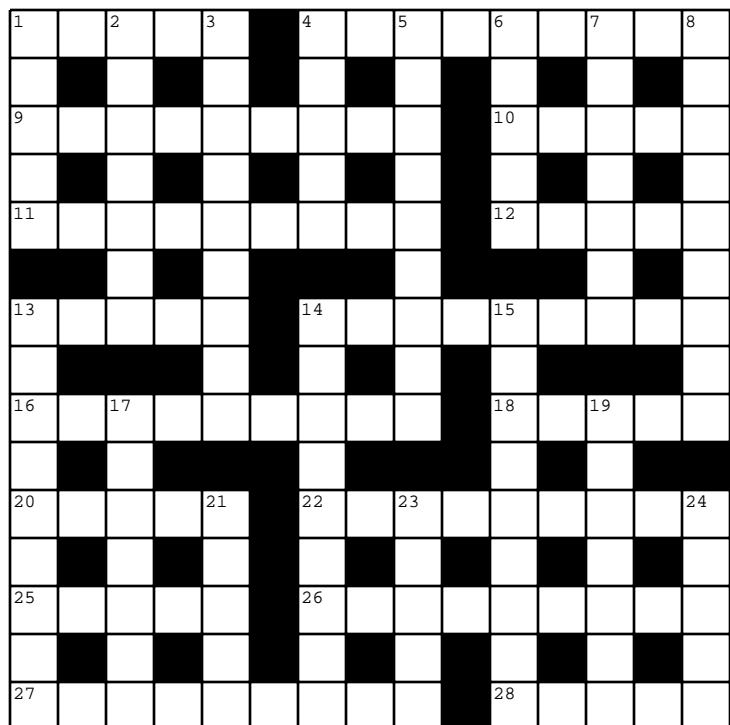
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| 4. UNTENABLE  | 2. LEAGUED    |
| 9. GRAPHICAL  | 3. CAHOKIA    |
| 10. NEGEV     | 4. UNCERTAIN  |
| 11. DRUNKARDS | 5. TELLS      |
| 12. VOTES     | 6. NUNAVUT    |
| 13. SUDRA     | 7. BUGATTI    |
| 14. ADMITTING | 8. ENVISAGED  |
| 16. BACKHANDS | 13. SUBATOMIC |
| 19. TYPED     | 15. MASSACRES |
| 21. THUMB     | 17. COULDNT   |
| 22. DIARRHOEA | 18. HIBACHI   |
| 24. MEDIC     | 19. TARIFFS   |
| 25. PURIFYING | 20. PROVISO   |
| 26. CATFISHES | 22. DEPTH     |
| 27. STONE     | 23. ANGLE     |



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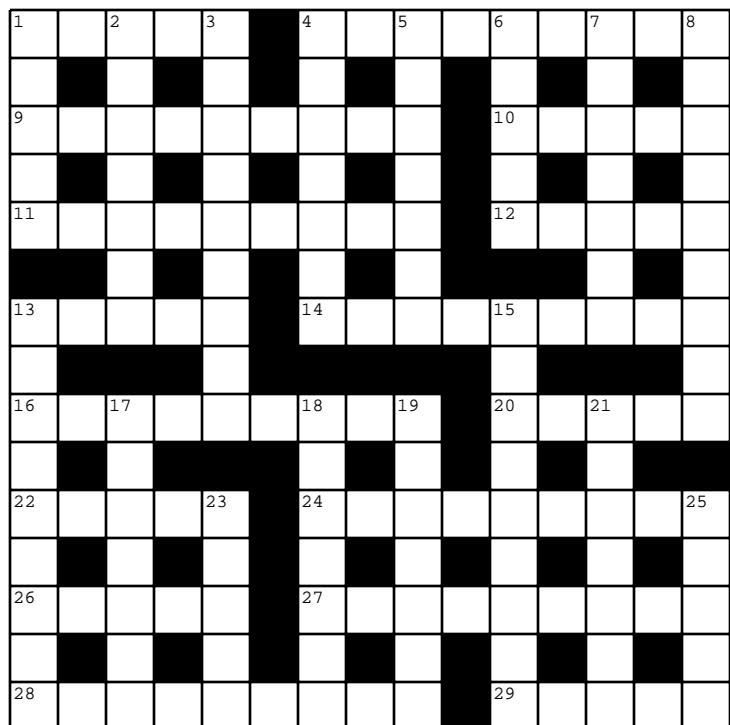
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| 4. DIMENSION  | 2. BOLSHOI    |
| 9. FILAMENTS  | 3. GYMNASIUM  |
| 10. BASIC     | 4. DINES      |
| 11. REHEARSAL | 5. MISPLACES  |
| 12. ELLIE     | 6. NOBLE      |
| 13. HEIDI     | 7. INSULIN    |
| 14. BACKHANDS | 8. NUCLEUSES  |
| 16. ASSEMBLES | 13. HEARTACHE |
| 18. PATHS     | 14. BULLFIGHT |
| 20. TANIA     | 15. HEPATITIS |
| 22. FIRSTHAND | 17. SUNLAMP   |
| 25. CLAIM     | 19. TRAVELS   |
| 26. GAUNTLETS | 21. ARMED     |
| 27. EXPEDITES | 23. ROUTS     |
| 28. SISES     | 24. DISCS     |



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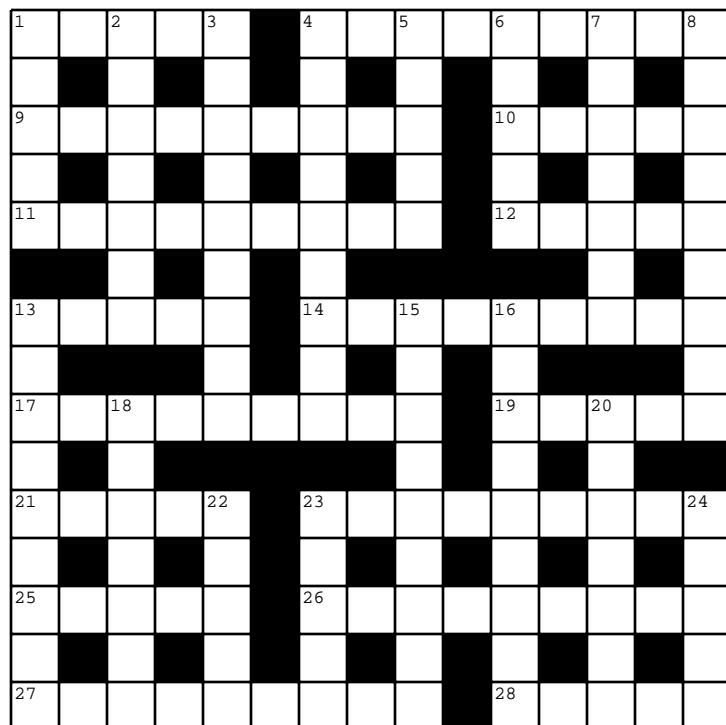
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| 4. COCKROACH  | 2. CHEDDAR    |
| 9. FREEMASON  | 3. SYMMETRIC  |
| 10. TORSI     | 4. CASTOFF    |
| 11. HEDGEHOGS | 5. CANASTA    |
| 12. DISCS     | 6. RATED      |
| 13. RARER     | 7. AEROSOL    |
| 14. FEARFULLY | 8. HAIRSTYLE  |
| 16. FORECASTS | 13. REFRESHES |
| 20. APPLE     | 15. FLATTENED |
| 22. EXTRA     | 17. RETAINS   |
| 24. SHORTHAND | 18. SUSPECT   |
| 26. HAIKU     | 19. SPOTTED   |
| 27. EXTENSION | 21. PIANIST   |
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| 29. DETER     | 25. DINER     |



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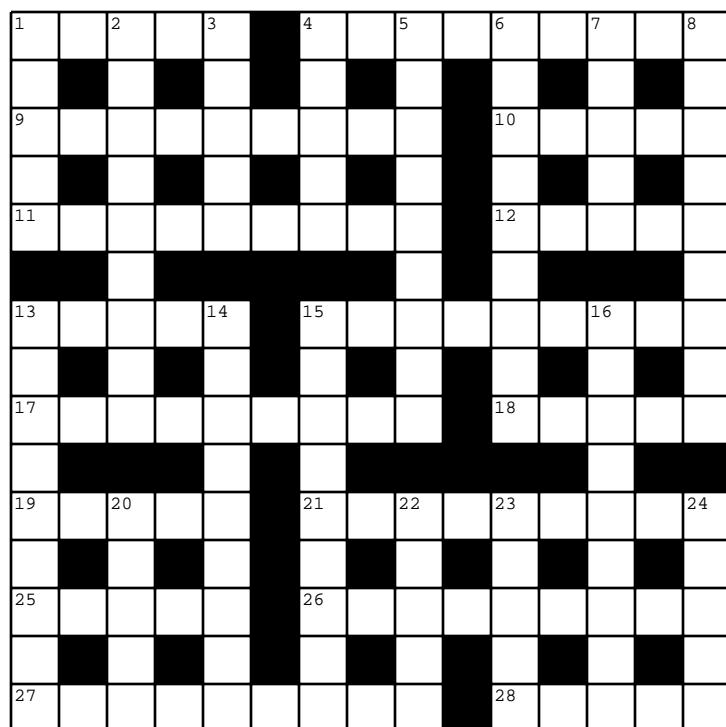
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. THIEF      | 1. TOPIC      |
| 4. CABLEGRAM  | 2. INSTALL    |
| 9. PUSHOVERS  | 3. FOODSTUFF  |
| 10. OCCUR     | 4. CRESCENDI  |
| 11. CLASSICAL | 5. BASIL      |
| 12. AXIAL     | 6. EBOLA      |
| 13. PALAU     | 7. RECEIPT    |
| 14. NOMINATES | 8. MORALISTS  |
| 17. RATIFYING | 13. PARAMEDIC |
| 19. MALLS     | 15. MIGRATING |
| 21. MEANT     | 16. NEMATODES |
| 23. CHASTISED | 18. TUAMOTU   |
| 25. DHOTI     | 20. LESSONS   |
| 26. RAINDROPS | 22. THICK     |
| 27. CHUCKLING | 23. CARPI     |
| 28. SISES     | 24. DOSES     |



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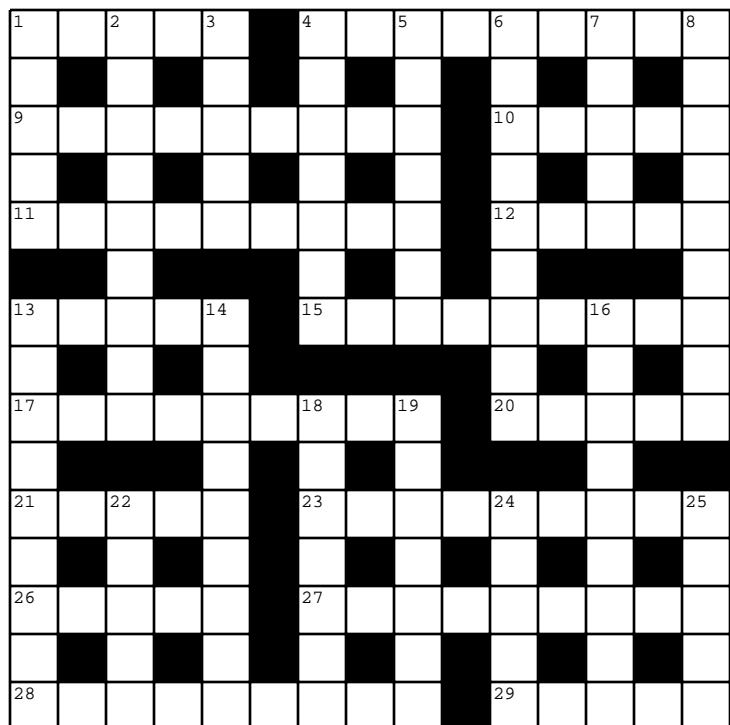
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| 4. SEQUENCES  | 2. ALEXANDRA  |
| 9. GUERRILLA  | 3. ATRIA      |
| 10. USING     | 4. SPLIT      |
| 11. CHARACTER | 5. QUADRILLE  |
| 12. TROOP     | 6. EQUATIONS  |
| 13. MADAM     | 7. CHINO      |
| 15. CALLOUSES | 8. SIGNPOSTS  |
| 17. CHALLENGE | 13. MECHANISM |
| 18. SEAMS     | 14. MELODRAMA |
| 19. AHEAD     | 15. CONVINCED |
| 21. INTERVIEW | 16. STATISTIC |
| 25. IBIZA     | 20. EVIAN     |
| 26. CASTRATED | 22. TASTE     |
| 27. MANHANDLE | 23. RARER     |
| 28. RACES     | 24. WADES     |



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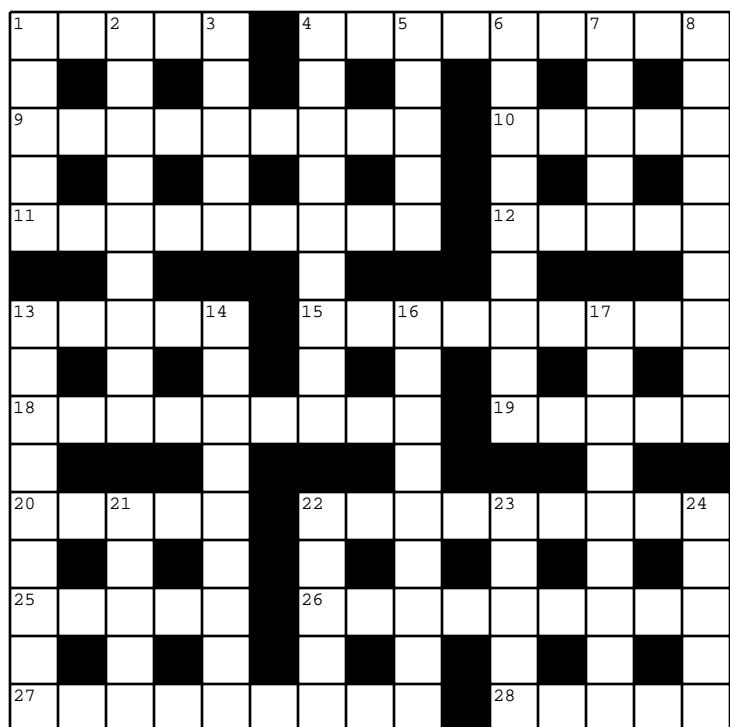
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| 1. SOBER      | 1. SIGNS      |
| 4. SWITCHING  | 2. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 9. GLOOMIEST  | 3. RUMBA      |
| 10. IBIZA     | 4. SHERIFF    |
| 11. SASHAYING | 5. INTEGER    |
| 12. KUDZU     | 6. CHICKENED  |
| 13. DARIO     | 7. ILIAD      |
| 15. FORTNIGHT | 8. GRADUATED  |
| 17. EUPHEMISM | 13. DREAMLAND |
| 20. DINED     | 14. OBEDIENCE |
| 21. MITZI     | 16. GENITALIA |
| 23. PARASITIC | 18. IMPUGNS   |
| 26. ASPEN     | 19. MARKETS   |
| 27. GUERRILLA | 22. TOPIC     |
| 28. DUCHESSES | 24. SCRUB     |
| 29. BLACK     | 25. CRACK     |



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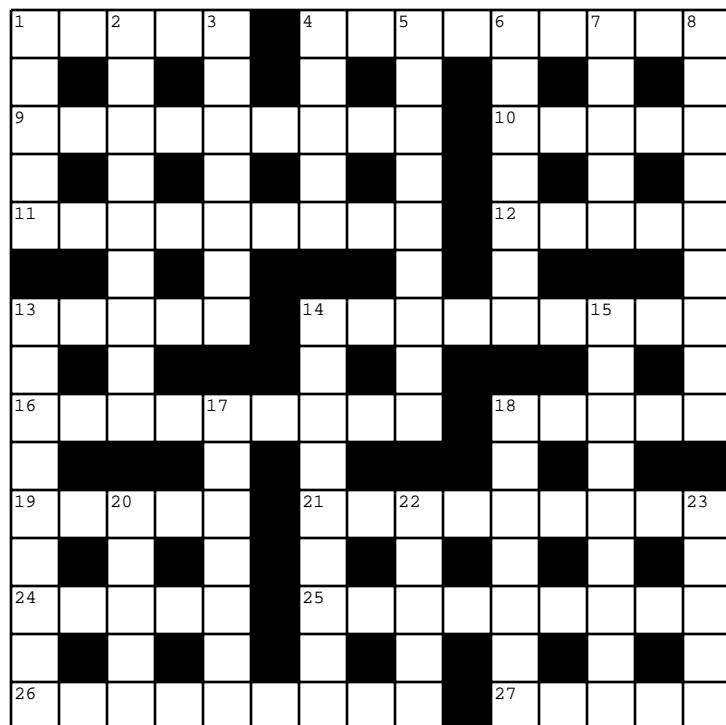
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| 1. TUNED      | 1. TRAIN      |
| 4. UNOPPOSED  | 2. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 9. ANGUISHED  | 3. DRIER      |
| 10. OHARA     | 4. UNHELPFUL  |
| 11. NATURALLY | 5. ODDLY      |
| 12. IDEAL     | 6. PROFITEER  |
| 13. GULAG     | 7. SHARE      |
| 15. FISHERMAN | 8. DEADLINED  |
| 18. EMBEZZLES | 13. GREYHOUND |
| 19. RATED     | 14. GAZETTEER |
| 20. HABIT     | 16. SUSTAINED |
| 22. DRAWBACKS | 17. METACARPI |
| 25. USAGE     | 21. BEATS     |
| 26. CONQUERED | 22. DECAY     |
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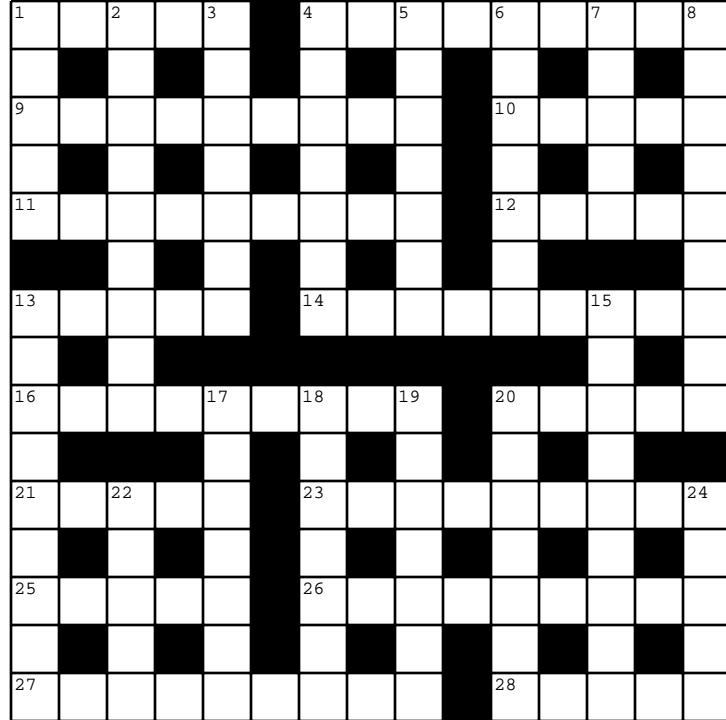
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| Across        | Down          |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. CATCH      | 1. COCOA      |
| 4. BOOTSTRAP  | 2. TREATMENT  |
| 9. CRESCENDI  | 3. HECTARE    |
| 10. OCCUR     | 4. BUNCH      |
| 11. ASTRAKHAN | 5. ORIENTING  |
| 12. PAPER     | 6. SCORPIO    |
| 13. ADELE     | 7. RECAP      |
| 14. UNIFORMLY | 8. PORTRAYED  |
| 16. LITTERBUG | 13. ALLOCATED |
| 18. BALED     | 14. UNBIASSED |
| 19. CYCLE     | 15. MULTIPLEX |
| 21. ANATOLIAN | 17. ELECTED   |
| 24. TEMPT     | 18. BROUGHT   |
| 25. STRUGGLED | 20. COMIC     |
| 26. DECIDEDLY | 22. ARRAY     |
| 27. TAXES     | 23. NODES     |



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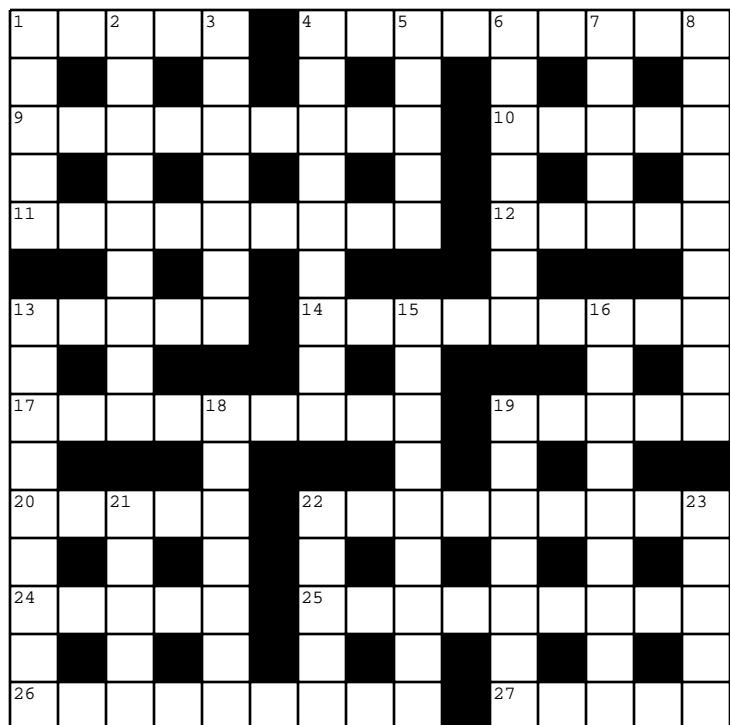
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| 1. LABOR      | 1. LUCID      |
| 4. AFFIDAVIT  | 2. BOOTSTRAP  |
| 9. CROSSWORD  | 3. RESORTS    |
| 10. SINAI     | 4. AMOEBA     |
| 11. DESIRABLE | 5. FIDGETS    |
| 12. THANK     | 6. DESKTOP    |
| 13. EARLS     | 7. VONDA      |
| 14. SISYPHEAN | 8. THICKENED  |
| 16. EMPHYSEMA | 13. EXERCISED |
| 20. HOPED     | 15. EXPENSIVE |
| 21. CUTS      | 17. YESHIVA   |
| 23. CHAGRINED | 18. ENCORED   |
| 25. SUSHI     | 19. ANARCHY   |
| 26. RICHELIEU | 20. HERSELF   |
| 27. DASTARDLY | 22. TESTS     |
| 28. FLEET     | 24. DOUBT     |



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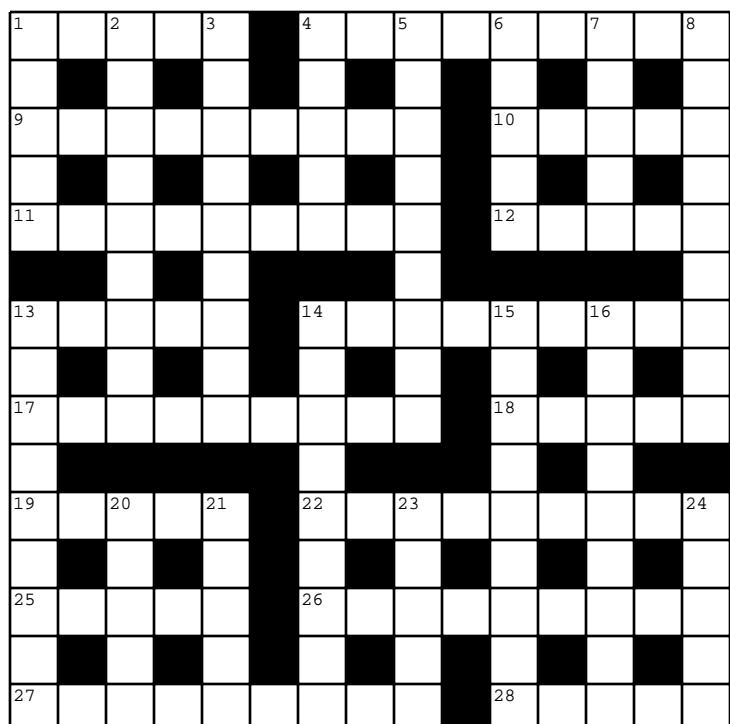
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| 1. LINEN      | 1. LIVEN      |
| 4. FASCINATE  | 2. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 9. VEGETABLE  | 3. NITWITS    |
| 10. MEANT     | 4. FIBONACCI  |
| 11. NUTRIENTS | 5. STEMS      |
| 12. NAHUM     | 6. IMMENSE    |
| 13. FOLKS     | 7. ABASH      |
| 14. COFFEEPOT | 8. ESTIMATES  |
| 17. REBELLION | 13. FORTHWITH |
| 19. DINES     | 15. FINALIZED |
| 20. HACKS     | 16. PENINSULA |
| 22. RELEVANCE | 18. LESOTHO   |
| 24. IDIOT     | 19. DEVELOP   |
| 25. HAZELNUTS | 21. CLIMB     |
| 26. HOBNOBBED | 22. REHAB     |
| 27. PLATE     | 23. ENSUE     |



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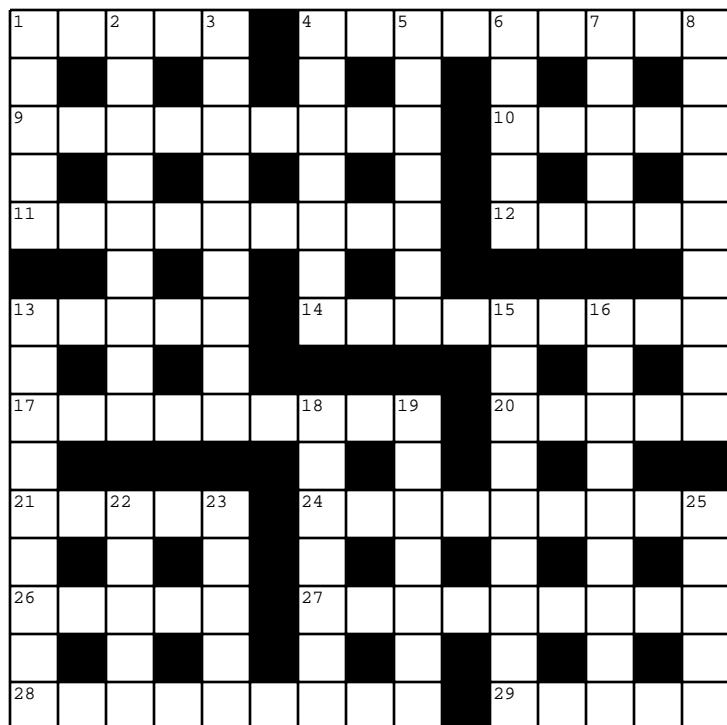
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| 1. CAPER      | 1. CREDO      |
| 4. UNSCREWED  | 2. PROFESSOR  |
| 9. EVOCATIVE  | 3. READJUSTS  |
| 10. CANES     | 4. UNITY      |
| 11. OVERJOYED | 5. STEADYING  |
| 12. ALIBI     | 6. RECTA      |
| 13. RISES     | 7. WENDI      |
| 14. SPIRITUAL | 8. DISTILLER  |
| 17. THRUSTING | 13. RUTABAGAS |
| 18. LABOR     | 14. STIMULATE |
| 19. BLURB     | 15. ILLUSIONS |
| 22. UNFASTENS | 16. UMBRELLAS |
| 25. GUANO     | 20. USAGE     |
| 26. AYATOLLAH | 21. BLOWN     |
| 27. STERNNESS | 23. FEARS     |
| 28. SASHA     | 24. SCHWA     |



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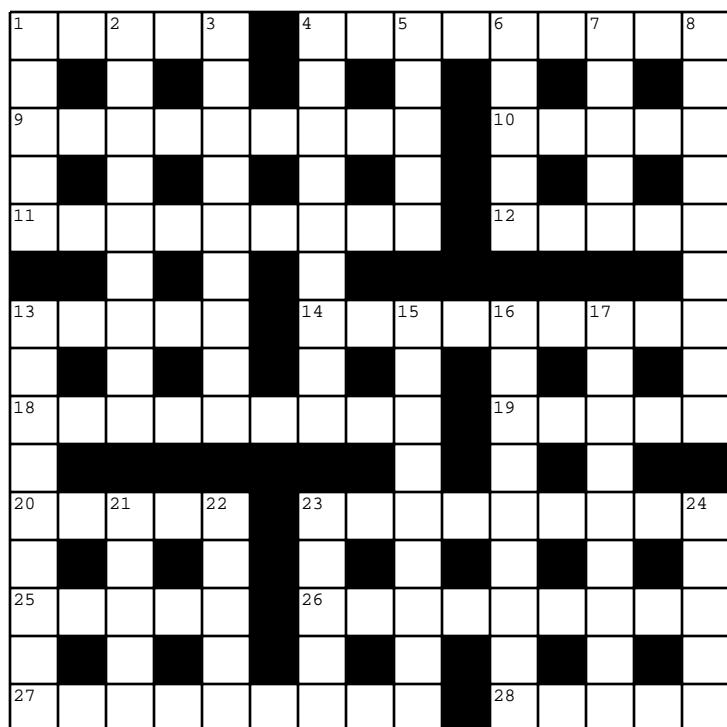
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| 1. RECAP      | 1. REVUE      |
| 4. TREASURED  | 2. CONQUEROR  |
| 9. VANISHING  | 3. PISTACHIO  |
| 10. NULLS     | 4. TBILISI    |
| 11. EDUCATING | 5. ENGAGED    |
| 12. CIDER     | 6. SONIC      |
| 13. NORTH     | 7. RULED      |
| 14. INDEMNIFY | 8. DESTROYER  |
| 17. WARMONGER | 13. NEWSSTAND |
| 20. SAFER     | 15. MASCARAED |
| 21. SNIFF     | 16. INFRINGED |
| 24. DEFEATIST | 18. GODUNOV   |
| 26. ABLER     | 19. REFUSAL   |
| 27. NOSTALGIC | 22. IDLER     |
| 28. DAREDEVIL | 23. FIRED     |
| 29. DUDES     | 25. TACES     |



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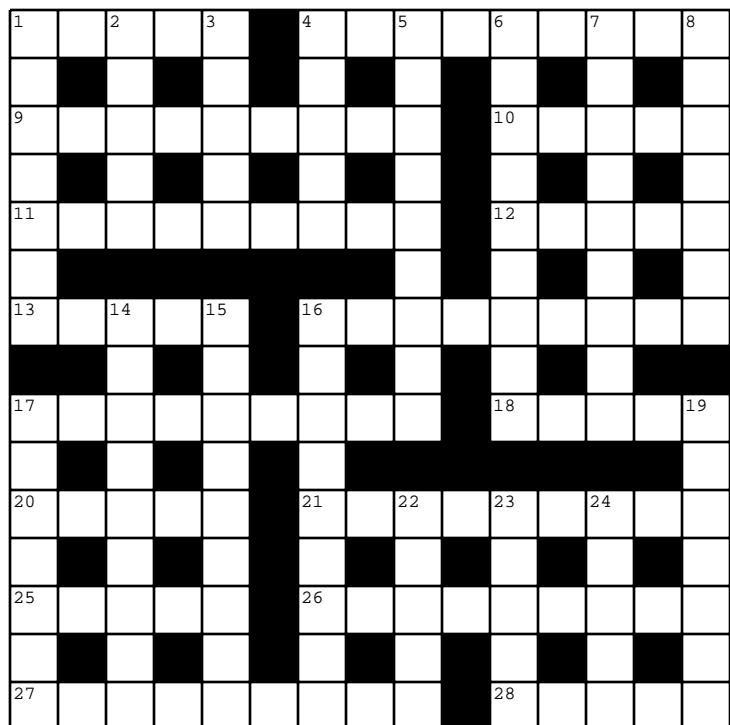
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| 4. SIGNALLED  | 2. PRINCIPAL  |
| 9. BRIMSTONE  | 3. DISREPAIR  |
| 10. ABUTS     | 4. STOLIDEST  |
| 11. EXCEEDING | 5. GREGG      |
| 12. ADIEU     | 6. ALANA      |
| 13. ALPHA     | 7. LAURI      |
| 14. EGGPLANTS | 8. DISCUSSES  |
| 18. TOLERATED | 13. ARTHRITIC |
| 19. FATES     | 15. GODPARENT |
| 20. RAPES     | 16. LEFTOVERS |
| 23. DRAGONFLY | 17. NOTIFYING |
| 25. TRACE     | 21. PIANO     |
| 26. DIETETICS | 22. SPEED     |
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| 28. SAGAS     | 24. YESES     |



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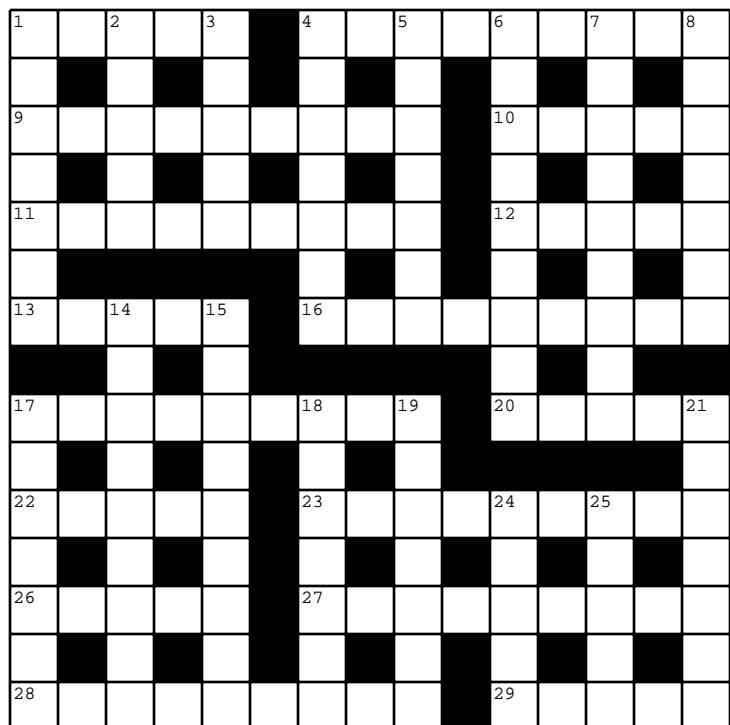
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| 4. NICKNAMES  | 2. ICONS      |
| 9. BOOTSTRAP  | 3. AISLE      |
| 10. INNER     | 4. NORMS      |
| 11. DISPENSER | 5. COPYRIGHT  |
| 12. HUFFY     | 6. NEIGHBOUR  |
| 13. SIGNS     | 7. MANIFESTO  |
| 16. ENGROSSED | 8. SPRAYED    |
| 17. FLOWERPOT | 14. GEOMETRIC |
| 18. ROOTS     | 15. SPECTACLE |
| 20. OVERT     | 16. EMPHASISE |
| 21. ADVENTURE | 17. FLOODER   |
| 25. DIRAC     | 19. SLEIGHS   |
| 26. IMPAIRING | 22. VIPER     |
| 27. RACKETEER | 23. NOISE     |
| 28. EVENS     | 24. UNITE     |



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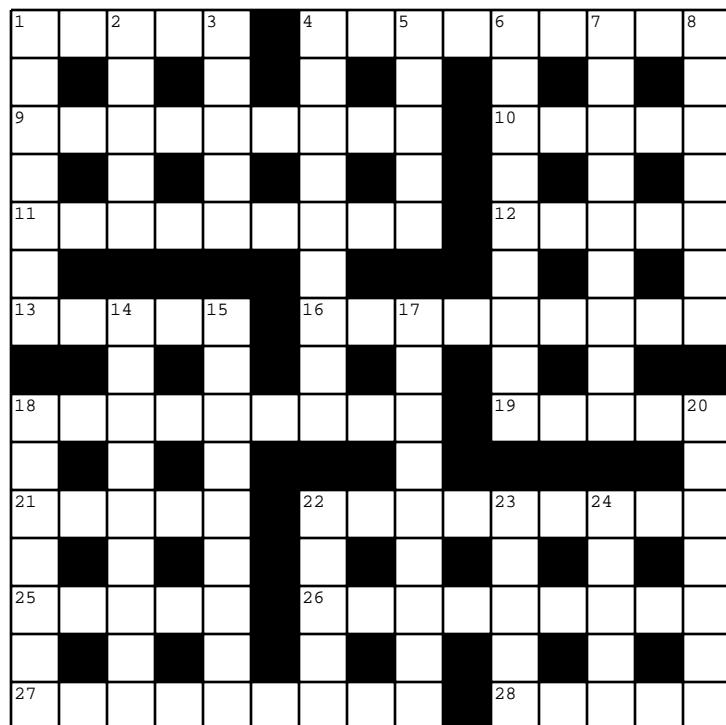
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| 4. BETRAYALS  | 2. DATUM      |
| 9. BUTTERCUP  | 3. SPEED      |
| 10. TRACE     | 4. BUCOLIC    |
| 11. ARMADILLO | 5. TAPIOCA    |
| 12. ELECT     | 6. AUTHENTIC  |
| 13. SIDES     | 7. ACADEMIES  |
| 16. COASTLINE | 8. SHEATHE    |
| 17. ALCOHOLIC | 14. DOCUMENTS |
| 20. COSTS     | 15. SCHEDULED |
| 22. AIMED     | 17. ANASAZI   |
| 23. MALIGNANT | 18. LUMBAGO   |
| 26. ANNUL     | 19. CALLERS   |
| 27. AMERICANS | 21. SATISFY   |
| 28. INSIDIOUS | 24. GUILT     |
| 29. TINNY     | 25. AGAIN     |



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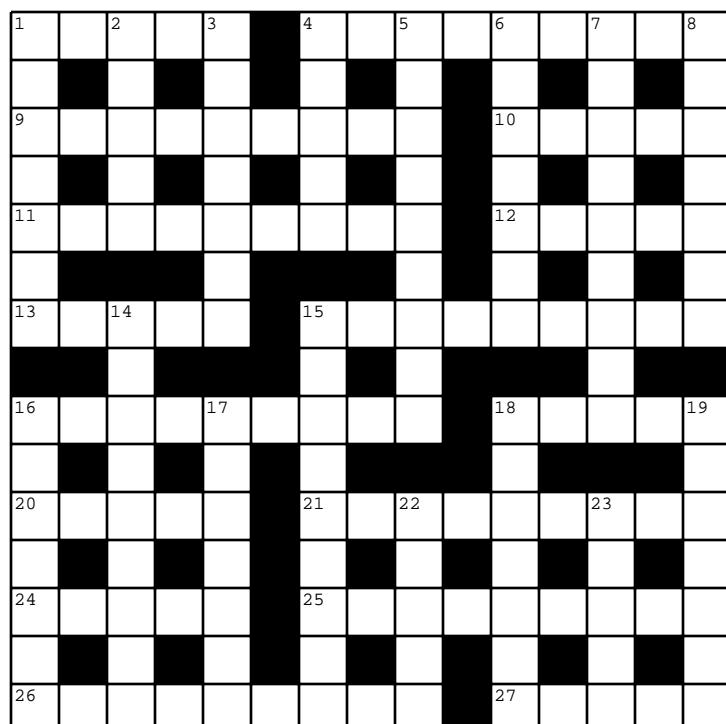
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| 1. DOWSE      | 1. DODDERS    |
| 4. BLOODSHED  | 2. WISER      |
| 9. DISREPAIR  | 3. ENEMA      |
| 10. VERBS     | 4. BLACKMAIL  |
| 11. EARMARKED | 5. OARED      |
| 12. LOOKS     | 6. DEVELOPER  |
| 13. SENNA     | 7. HARMONICA  |
| 16. AUTOPSIES | 8. DESISTS    |
| 18. BARTHOLDI | 14. NARRATORS |
| 19. ROADS     | 15. ATHLETICS |
| 21. LEAVE     | 17. THIRSTING |
| 22. SUSTAINED | 18. BULIMIA   |
| 25. MAORI     | 20. SADNESS   |
| 26. ALIENABLE | 22. SWAMI     |
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| 28. REYES     | 24. NOBLY     |



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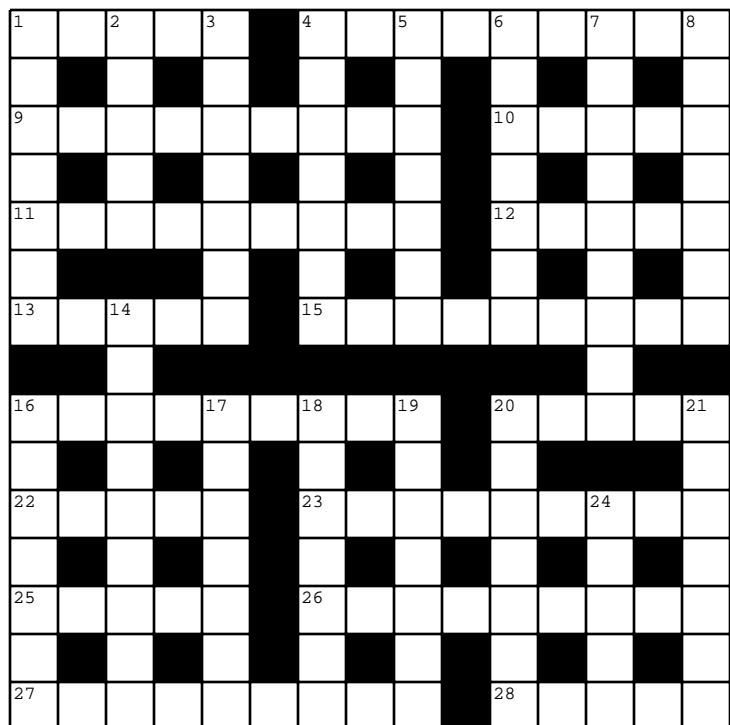
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| 1. HOSTS      | 1. HOPEFUL    |
| 4. PUBLISHED  | 2. SIZER      |
| 9. PIZZICATO  | 3. SHINTOS    |
| 10. AUNTS     | 4. PEAKS      |
| 11. FORETASTE | 5. BOOMERANG  |
| 12. IGLOO     | 6. IMAGINE    |
| 13. LOINS     | 7. HANDLEBAR  |
| 15. PEACEABLE | 8. DISPOSE    |
| 16. CHISELING | 14. IDIOMATIC |
| 18. MARCI     | 15. PRIVATEST |
| 20. LYMPH     | 16. COLLATE   |
| 21. ARMAMENTS | 17. ETHICAL   |
| 24. ANTIC     | 18. MAMMOTH   |
| 25. ENSCONCES | 19. INSISTS   |
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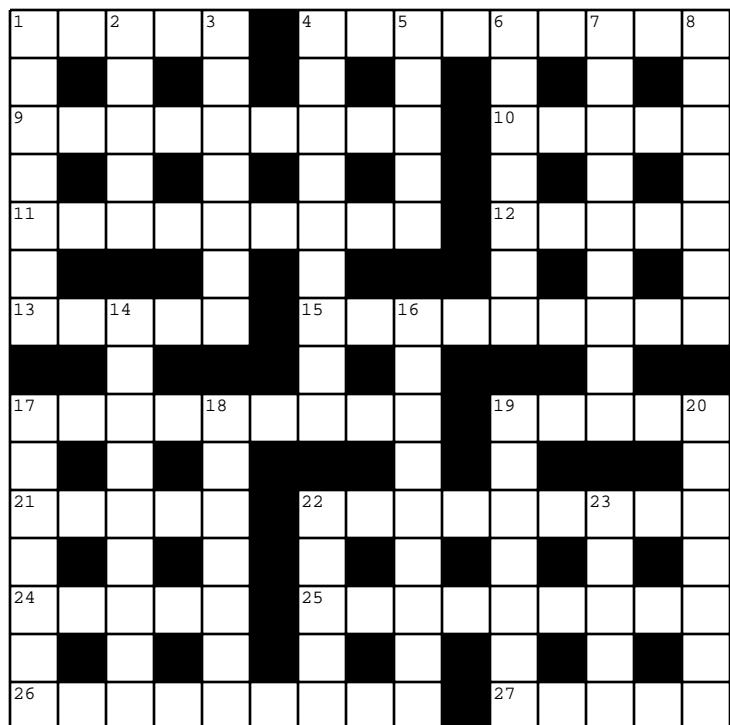
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| 1. TABLE      | 1. TRANSIT    |
| 4. MAKESHIFT  | 2. BAHAI      |
| 9. ATHABASCA  | 3. ELBOWED    |
| 10. VAPID     | 4. MISREAD    |
| 11. SHIPWRECK | 5. KHARKOV    |
| 12. RAOUL     | 6. SEVERAL    |
| 13. TIRED     | 7. IMPROMPTU  |
| 15. DEVELOPER | 8. TODDLER    |
| 16. BLASPHEME | 14. READINESS |
| 20. CRUMB     | 16. BUCKSAW   |
| 22. CHINO     | 17. PROVERB   |
| 23. CEAUSESCU | 18. ESCORTS   |
| 25. SIEGE     | 19. ELATION   |
| 26. RHINOCERI | 20. CASTOFF   |
| 27. WASHBASIN | 21. BRUTISH   |
| 28. FIFTH     | 24. SHELF     |



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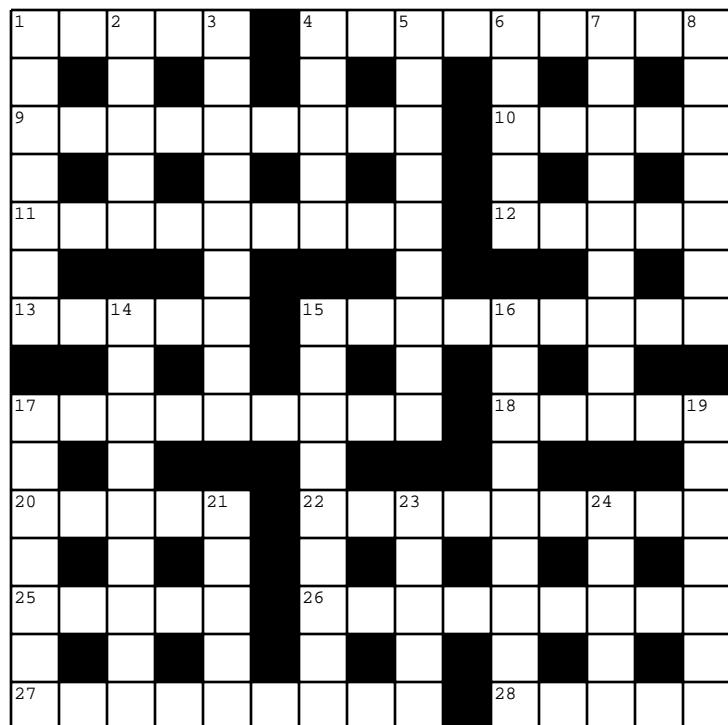
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| 9. PERPETUAL   | 3. AGENDAS    |
| 10. RESET      | 4. BOUNTIFUL  |
| 11. ANTIDOTES  | 5. TALKS      |
| 12. RUMOR      | 6. AIRDROP    |
| 13. NINES      | 7. ASSEMBLER  |
| 15. FLAGPOLES  | 8. SATIRES    |
| 17. DOWNFALLS  | 14. NEWSPAPER |
| 19. FIRED      | 16. ASSESSING |
| 21. NAPES      | 17. DONAHUE   |
| 22. ABSCESSSED | 18. FESTOON   |
| 24. HIPPO      | 19. FLESHED   |
| 25. ALIGHIERI  | 20. DADDIES   |
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| 27. DUMPS      | 23. STEAM     |



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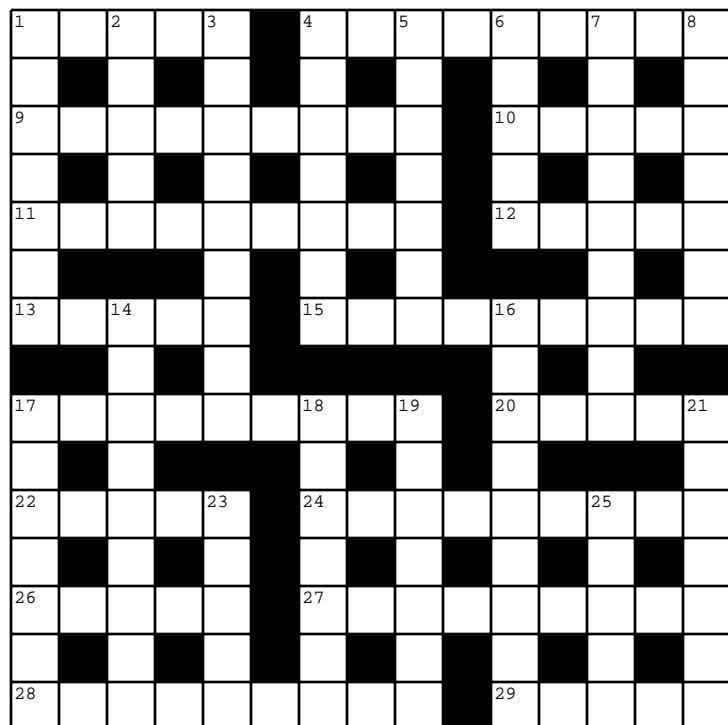
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| 4. DIARRHOEA  | 2. SORER      |
| 9. PARAGRAPH  | 3. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 10. CATCH     | 4. DEATH      |
| 11. STRETCHER | 5. ADHERENTS  |
| 12. ABACI     | 6. RECTA      |
| 13. ETHEL     | 7. OUTLAWING  |
| 15. VANDALISM | 8. ATHEISM    |
| 17. WORKBOOKS | 14. HORSEPLAY |
| 18. EAGLE     | 15. VIOLATION |
| 20. CHEEK     | 16. AMENDMENT |
| 22. ABRIDGING | 17. WICHITA   |
| 25. IGLOO     | 19. EIGHTHS   |
| 26. INCREMENT | 21. KNOWS     |
| 27. ABYSSINIA | 23. ROCHA     |
| 28. TASKS     | 24. IDEAS     |



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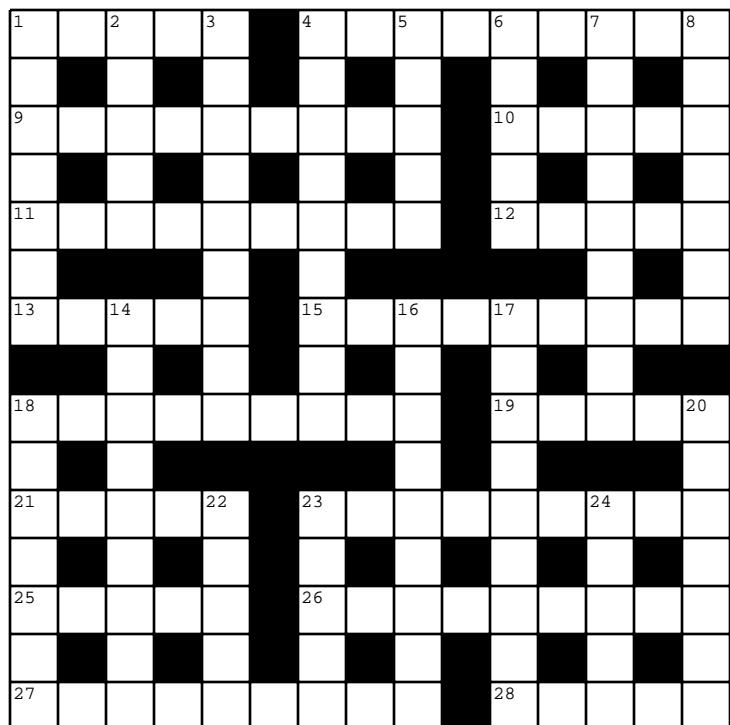
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| 4. AMUSEMENT  | 2. IDIOM      |
| 9. TAILGATED  | 3. HIGHLIGHT  |
| 10. CACHE     | 4. ANTWERP    |
| 11. TIMELIEST | 5. UPDATES    |
| 12. LEAST     | 6. EXCEL      |
| 13. BRING     | 7. EXCHANGED  |
| 15. PASSENGER | 8. THEATER    |
| 17. LIPSTICKS | 14. IMPARTIAL |
| 20. CODED     | 16. ECCENTRIC |
| 22. THREW     | 17. LITTLES   |
| 24. ERRONEOUS | 18. CHEKHOV   |
| 26. LAIRS     | 19. SPRINGS   |
| 27. HANDRAILS | 21. DESISTS   |
| 28. RELATIVES | 23. WASNT     |
| 29. CAGES     | 25. OWING     |



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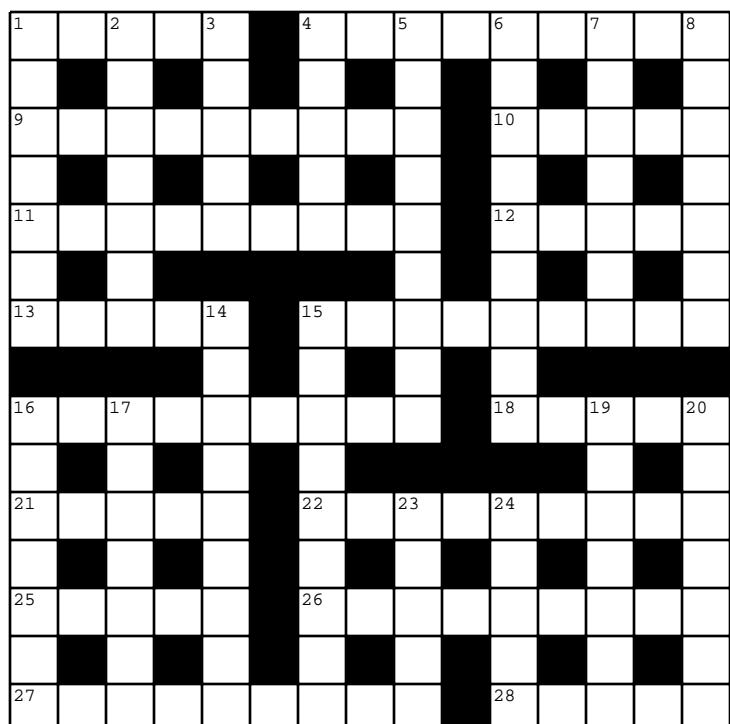
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| 1. MEANT      | 1. MACABRE    |
| 4. FAMILIARS  | 2. AISHA      |
| 9. CASHIERED  | 3. TRICKSTER  |
| 10. AMOUR     | 4. FORTUNATE  |
| 11. BLACKOUTS | 5. MODES      |
| 12. HAYED     | 6. LEACH      |
| 13. EXACT     | 7. ANONYMOUS  |
| 15. AUDACIOUS | 8. STRIDES    |
| 18. DESERTERS | 14. ABSURDEST |
| 19. WASTE     | 16. DISPARITY |
| 21. SCRUB     | 17. COWARDICE |
| 23. HEADRESTS | 18. DISABLE   |
| 25. BREAD     | 20. EPSILON   |
| 26. SPIRITUAL | 22. BADGE     |
| 27. EXTREMELY | 23. HASTE     |
| 28. ELFIN     | 24. STUFF     |



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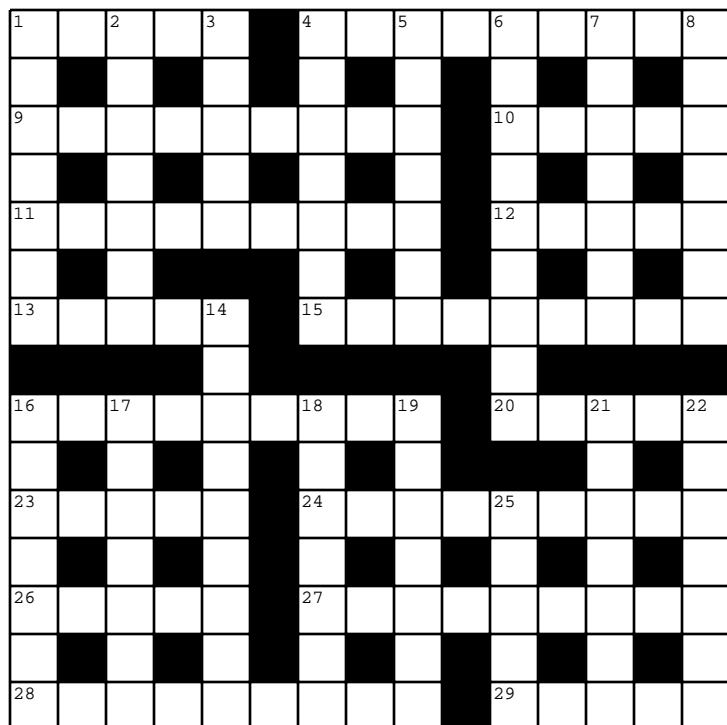
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| 1. DOGMA      | 1. DEALERS    |
| 4. GLIMMERED  | 2. GETTING    |
| 9. AFTERWARD  | 3. AGREE      |
| 10. NODES     | 4. GRANT      |
| 11. EPILEPTIC | 5. INDICATES  |
| 12. RAKES     | 6. MONARCHIC  |
| 13. SIGHT     | 7. REDSKIN    |
| 15. KITCHENED | 8. DISUSED    |
| 16. HUMORISTS | 14. THRUSTING |
| 18. CAMEL     | 15. KISANGANI |
| 21. MARKS     | 16. HIMSELF   |
| 22. NOSTALGIA | 17. MARINER   |
| 25. ENNUI     | 19. MAGPIES   |
| 26. AGITATION | 20. LEARNED   |
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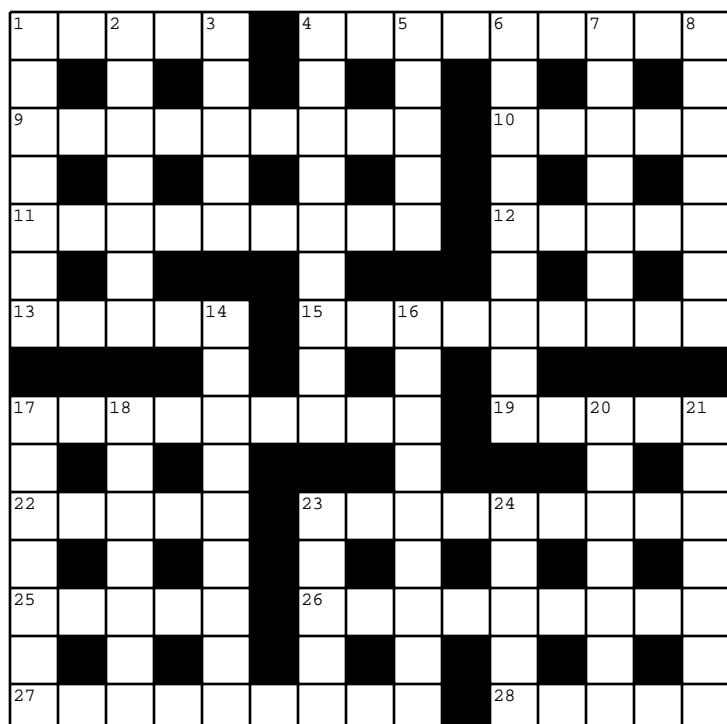
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| 1. PACKS      | 1. PERIWIG    |
| 4. TEMPORARY  | 2. CONFIRM    |
| 9. RENDITION  | 3. SWISH      |
| 10. SERRA     | 4. THIEVES    |
| 11. WHICHEVER | 5. MONARCH    |
| 12. EFREN     | 6. OBSCENEST  |
| 13. GAMES     | 7. AIRDROP    |
| 15. SCHLEPPED | 8. YEARNED    |
| 16. MIDSTREAM | 14. SITUATING |
| 20. TOAST     | 16. MATURER   |
| 23. TASHA     | 17. DUSTBIN   |
| 24. PERCEIVES | 18. EXPIRED   |
| 26. RABBI     | 19. MARGINS   |
| 27. REIMBURSE | 21. ADVERSE   |
| 28. RENEGADES | 22. TESTERS   |
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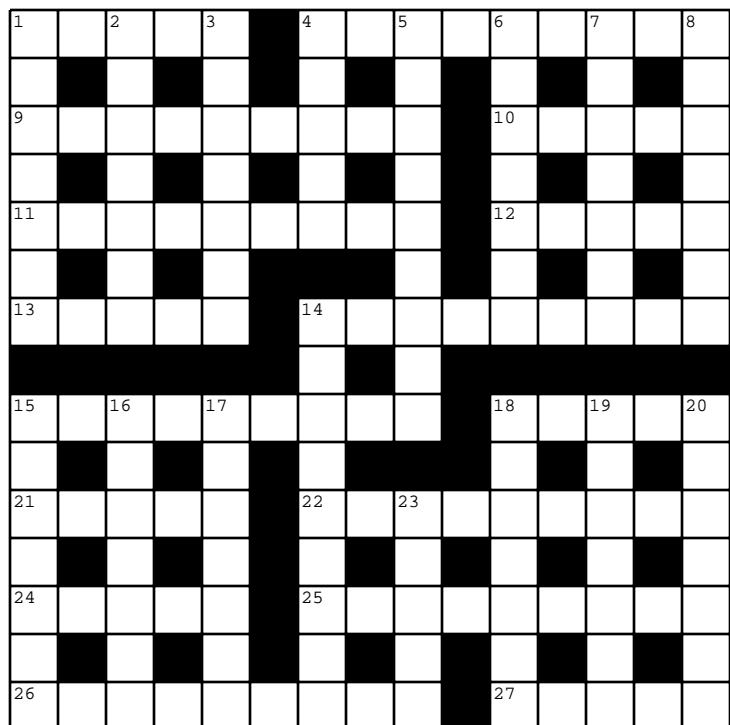
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| 9. ESSENTIAL  | 3. TONIC      |
| 10. ICAHN     | 4. ELIMINATE  |
| 11. INFECTION | 5. SALON      |
| 12. THIGH     | 6. GLITTERED  |
| 13. WORKS     | 7. IMAGINE    |
| 15. ADVERSEST | 8. GUNSHOT    |
| 17. CARIBBEAN | 14. SUBLIMING |
| 19. DUDED     | 16. VENEERING |
| 22. COCCI     | 17. CACKLED   |
| 23. KEEPSAKES | 18. RECOILS   |
| 25. LUIGI     | 20. DAKOTAN   |
| 26. ALIENATES | 21. DESISTS   |
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| 28. YANKS     | 24. SUNNY     |



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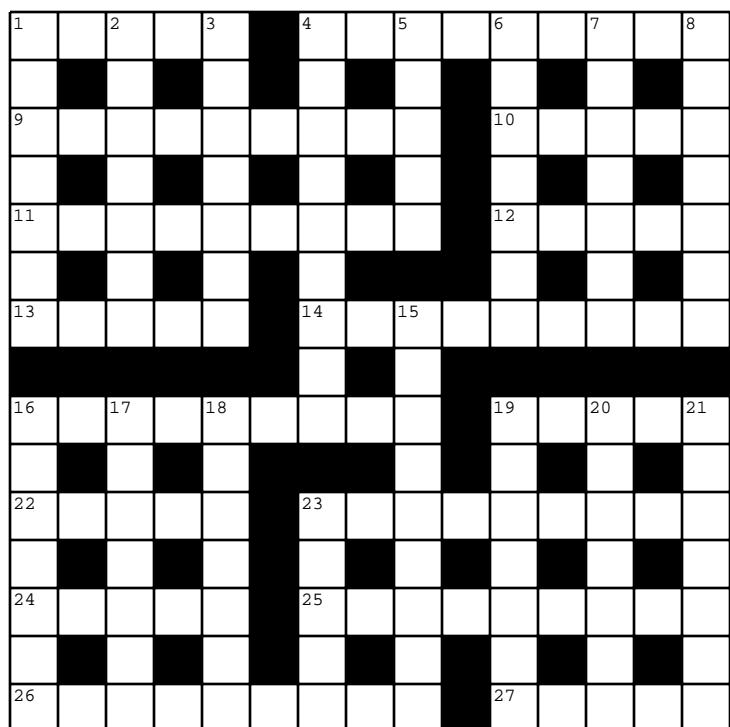
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| 1. MUFTI      | 1. MAGNETO    |
| 4. BLEMISHED  | 2. FLAGGED    |
| 9. GRAPHICAL  | 3. INHALER    |
| 10. VILER     | 4. BACON      |
| 11. EGGPLANTS | 5. ENLISTING  |
| 12. DARED     | 6. INVADED    |
| 13. ORDER     | 7. HILARIO    |
| 14. CHILDHOOD | 8. DERIDED    |
| 15. NIRENBERG | 14. CLERGYMEN |
| 18. CLIMB     | 15. NAPHTHA   |
| 21. PATTI     | 16. RETRAIN   |
| 22. GALLERIED | 17. NAIVETY   |
| 24. TRACE     | 18. CHEFFED   |
| 25. MODIFYING | 19. INITIAL   |
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| 27. DOLES     | 23. LODGE     |



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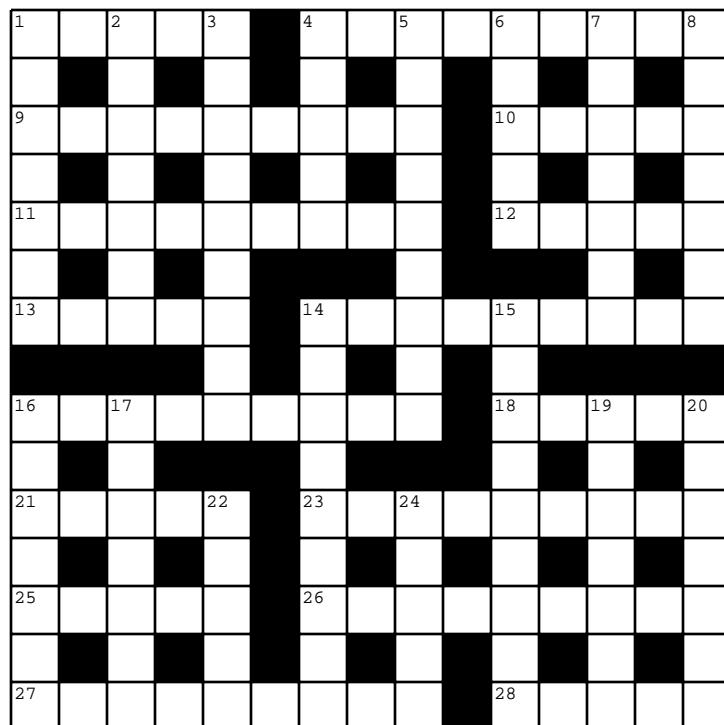
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| 1. RIDES      | 1. REDDENS    |
| 4. BASICALLY  | 2. DASHIKI    |
| 9. DISENGAGE  | 3. SUNRISE    |
| 10. MAGIC     | 4. BLATANTLY  |
| 11. ELIMINATE | 5. SCENE      |
| 12. IDIOT     | 6. CUMMING    |
| 13. SUITE     | 7. LEGGIER    |
| 14. TRIGGERED | 8. YACHTED    |
| 16. CATACLYSM | 15. IMMENSELY |
| 19. CHIMU     | 16. CISTERN   |
| 22. SCUBA     | 17. TOURISM   |
| 23. CONCEIVED | 18. CHASTEN   |
| 24. EXIST     | 19. CHEEPED   |
| 25. VIEWPOINT | 20. INVOICE   |
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| 27. DREAD     | 23. CIVIL     |



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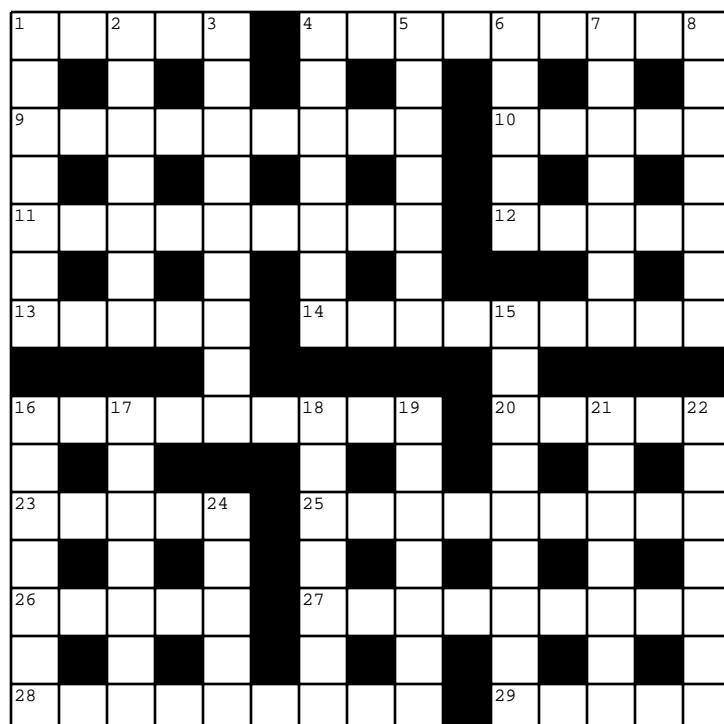
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| 1. PRIMP      | 1. PRONOUN    |
| 4. FLABBIEST  | 2. ICEBERG    |
| 9. OVERSPILL  | 3. POSITIVER  |
| 10. INCUR     | 4. FPLIER     |
| 11. OVERTHREW | 5. ALLOWABLE  |
| 12. NOEMI     | 6. BRIAN      |
| 13. NEGEV     | 7. EXCRETA    |
| 14. HIBERNATE | 8. TERMITE    |
| 16. ENDURANCE | 14. HONEYCOMB |
| 18. LETUP     | 15. RELIGIONS |
| 21. REACH     | 16. EARDRUM   |
| 23. YOUNGSTER | 17. DUALISM   |
| 25. REIGN     | 19. TITMICE   |
| 26. ORATORIES | 20. PHRASED   |
| 27. MEMORABLE | 22. HONOR     |
| 28. SPEED     | 24. USAGE     |



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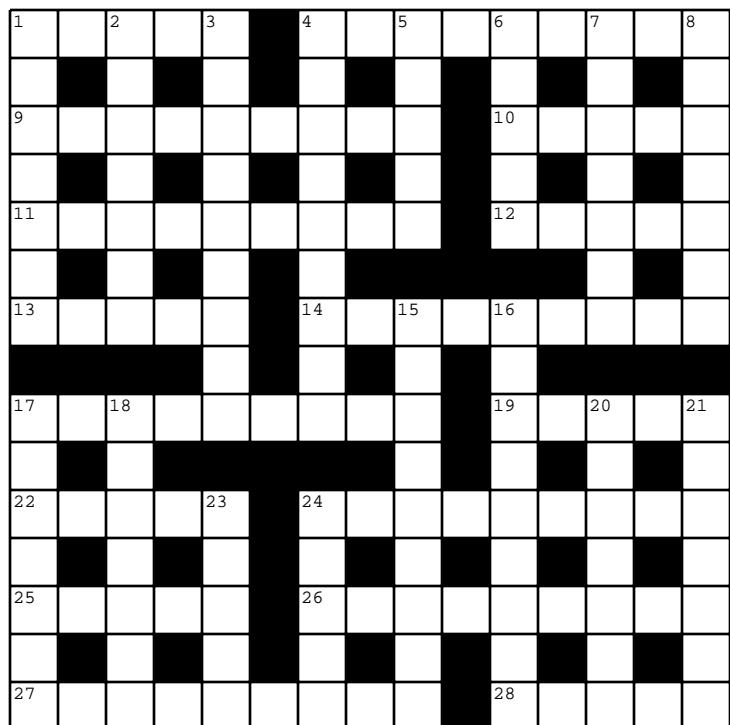
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| 9. WHEREUPON  | 3. FREQUENTS  |
| 10. LIGHT     | 4. DIPLOMA    |
| 11. GIRAUDOUX | 5. ANNEXES    |
| 12. DUNNO     | 6. RULED      |
| 13. RADON     | 7. ORGANIC    |
| 14. ABSTRACTS | 8. ACTIONS    |
| 16. BABUSHKAS | 15. REDUCTION |
| 20. DICTA     | 16. BETIDED   |
| 23. TRIAL     | 17. BRIDGED   |
| 25. RAINCOATS | 18. KARACHI   |
| 26. DOGMA     | 19. SAILING   |
| 27. CRITICISM | 21. CRANIUM   |
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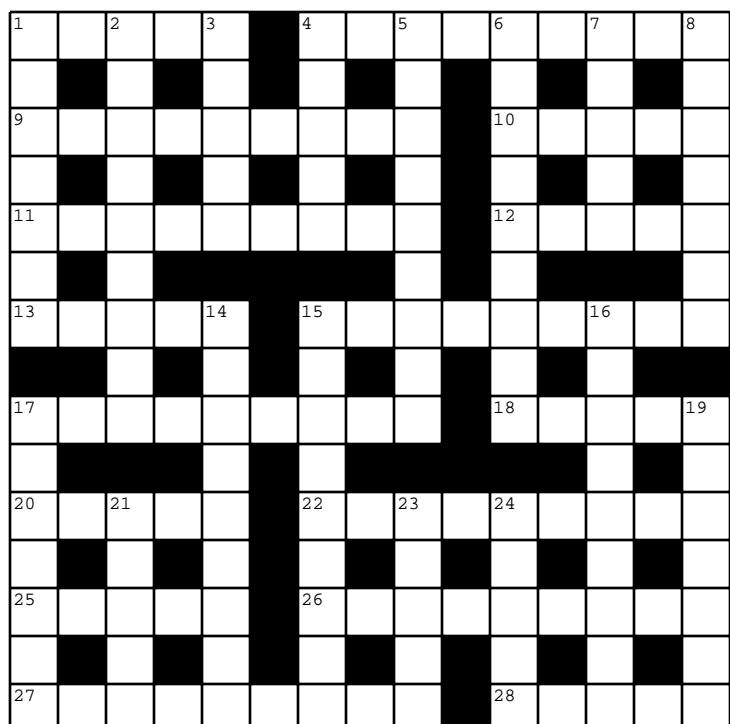
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| 4. HABITABLE  | 2. PLECTRA    |
| 9. OVERRIDES  | 3. CURRICULA  |
| 10. ALLAH     | 4. HYDRAULIC  |
| 11. INTRICACY | 5. BOSSY      |
| 12. HINDU     | 6. TEACH      |
| 13. SNAFU     | 7. BALANCE    |
| 14. LIKELIEST | 8. EXHAUST    |
| 17. HIERARCHY | 15. KEYSTONES |
| 19. FLASH     | 16. LIFESTYLE |
| 22. BASIC     | 17. HOBBIES   |
| 24. ATTESTING | 18. EPSILON   |
| 25. IDLED     | 20. ALIGNED   |
| 26. ANNOYANCE | 21. HYGIENE   |
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| 28. ENDUE     | 24. ALARM     |



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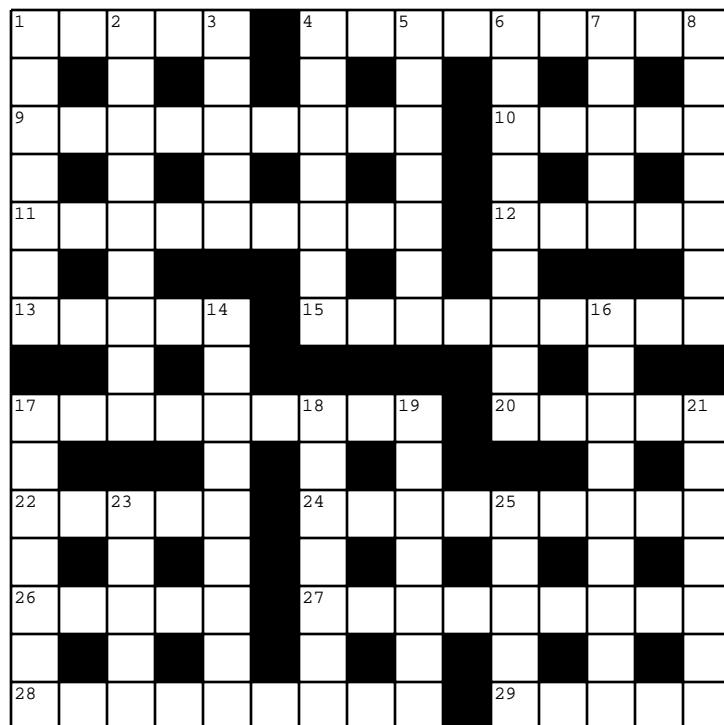
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| 9. FANTASTIC  | 3. GUANO      |
| 10. NAVAL     | 4. SITED      |
| 11. ABSCONDED | 5. INCIDENCE  |
| 12. TORSI     | 6. GENITALIA  |
| 13. SLIDE     | 7. INVAR      |
| 15. GENTLEMEN | 8. ZILLION    |
| 17. DISCOURSE | 14. ELOPEMENT |
| 18. ASHES     | 15. GARNISHED |
| 20. LAPSE     | 16. MAHARISHI |
| 22. ILLIBERAL | 17. DELIRIA   |
| 25. REVUE     | 19. SILENTS   |
| 26. HENDERSON | 21. PIVOT     |
| 27. ALTITUDES | 23. LINES     |
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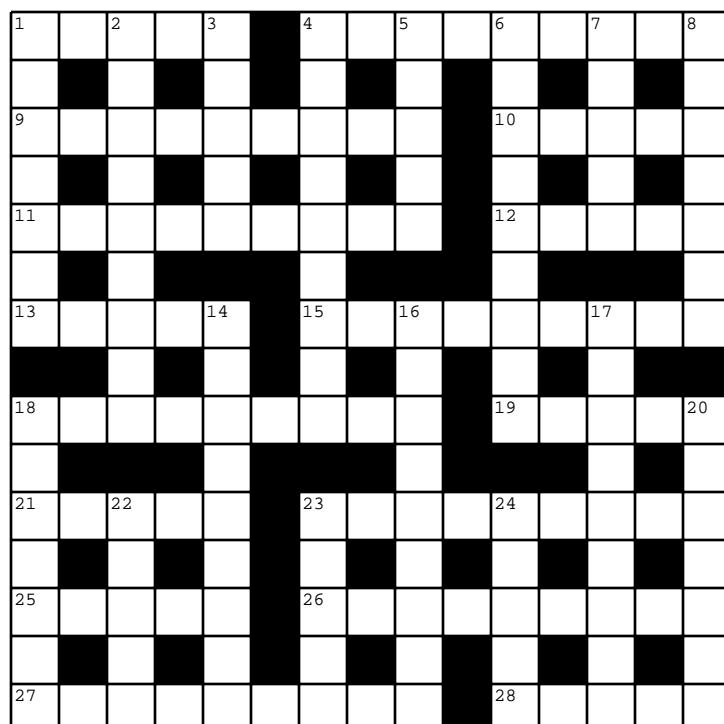
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| 4. ARMCHAIRS  | 2. PRESENTER  |
| 9. FREEWHEEL  | 3. CAWED      |
| 10. DRIVE     | 4. AVERAGE    |
| 11. OVERDRAFT | 5. MOLOTOV    |
| 12. AIMED     | 6. HYDRAULIC  |
| 13. TOTEM     | 7. IDIOM      |
| 15. ENVELOPED | 8. SPEEDED    |
| 17. PARAMEDIC | 14. MEMORABLE |
| 20. COPRA     | 16. PEPPERONI |
| 22. ROTOR     | 17. PARSNIP   |
| 24. BLOODIEST | 18. DABBING   |
| 26. NABOB     | 19. CHOPPER   |
| 27. IMPRISONS | 21. ARTISTE   |
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| 29. GUIDE     | 25. DYING     |



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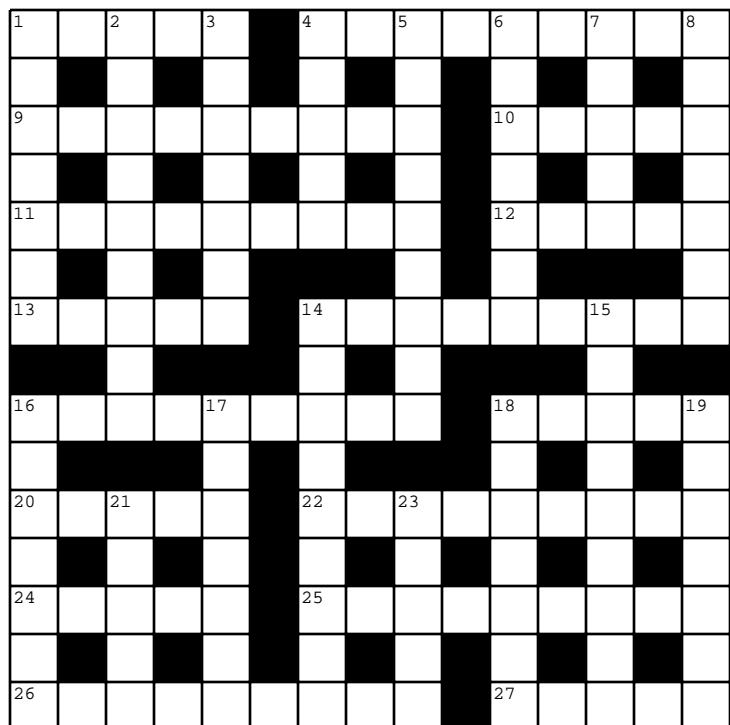
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| 4. WOMANHOOD  | 2. ADDRESSEE  |
| 9. REDEFINED  | 3. LIFTS      |
| 10. NUDE      | 4. WONDERBRA  |
| 11. UNEASIEST | 5. MIDST      |
| 12. EGYPT     | 6. NONVERBAL  |
| 13. BOSOM     | 7. ODDLY      |
| 15. BACKBONES | 8. DORITOS    |
| 18. AMERICANA | 14. MAINFRAME |
| 19. LAMER     | 16. CEAUSESCU |
| 21. THIEF     | 17. NUMERICAL |
| 23. MASSACRES | 18. ANTENNA   |
| 25. NADIA     | 20. RESIDES   |
| 26. MISPLACED | 22. INDIA     |
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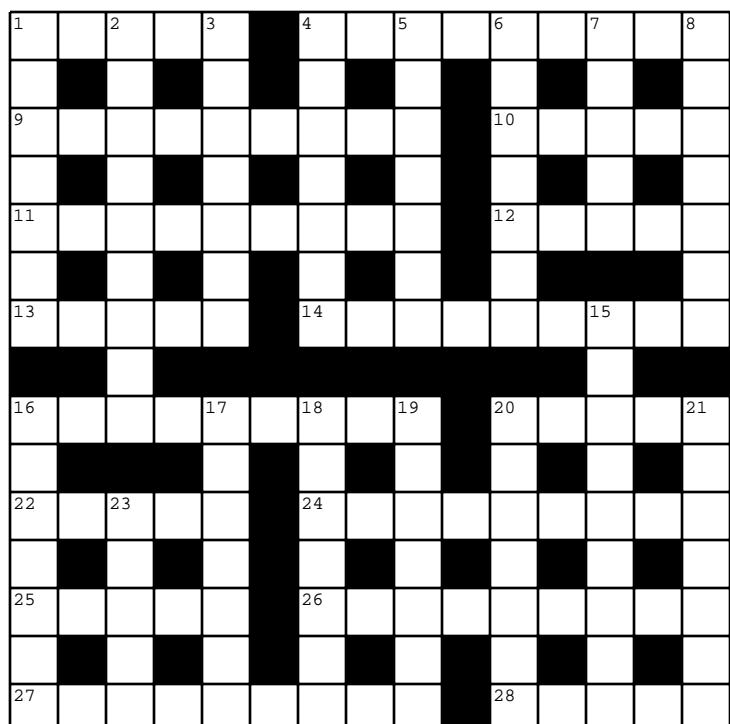
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| 4. BANISTERS  | 2. GYMNASIUM  |
| 9. SYMMETRIC  | 3. TREBLES    |
| 10. RAINS     | 4. BURNT      |
| 11. CHARLATAN | 5. NICKNAMED  |
| 12. ADELE     | 6. SERVANT    |
| 13. SKIPS     | 7. ELITE      |
| 14. SOMETIMES | 8. SYSTEMS    |
| 16. ARMATURED | 14. SCRIMSHAW |
| 18. GATES     | 15. MATRIARCH |
| 20. MOSUL     | 16. ALMANAC   |
| 22. MARGARITA | 17. TALLIED   |
| 24. NAOMI     | 18. GRANOLA   |
| 25. HISTOGRAM | 19. SHAMMED   |
| 26. COMEDOWNS | 21. STORM     |
| 27. ACCHED    | 23. RISKS     |



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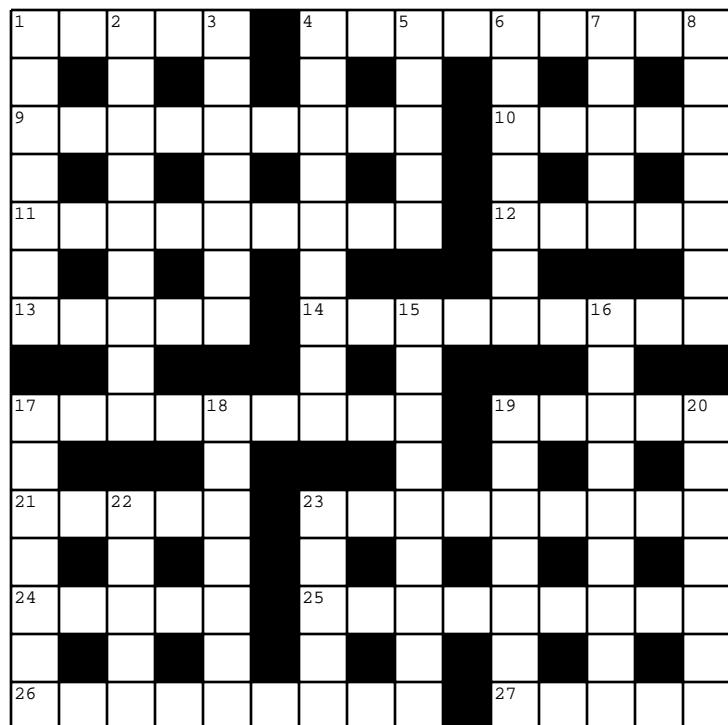
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| 4. SLIGHTING  | 2. INCOGNITO  |
| 9. EUCALYPTI  | 3. DELETED    |
| 10. REIGN     | 4. SUPREME    |
| 11. MIGHTIEST | 5. IDIOTIC    |
| 12. IRAQI     | 6. HARPIST    |
| 13. DRIED     | 7. IBIZA      |
| 14. EXCITABLE | 8. GENUINE    |
| 16. KNOWINGER | 15. BALLPOINT |
| 20. COLIC     | 16. KILLJOY   |
| 22. LAYLA     | 17. IMAGINE   |
| 24. IMPROMPTU | 18. GRIEVED   |
| 25. JERRI     | 19. RAPIDLY   |
| 26. VIDEODISC | 20. COOKOUT   |
| 27. YESTERDAY | 21. COUNCIL   |
| 28. TOTAL     | 23. YARDS     |



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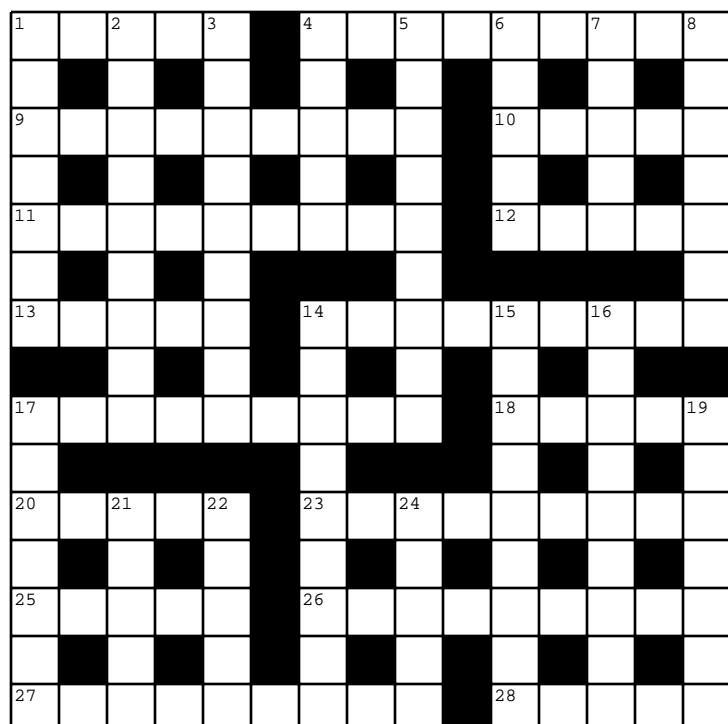
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| 4. IMMATURES  | 2. ORCHESTRA  |
| 9. DUCHESSES  | 3. AVENGES    |
| 10. RACER     | 4. INSOMNIAC  |
| 11. CLERGYMAN | 5. MASON      |
| 12. INANE     | 6. TERRIER    |
| 13. SITES     | 7. RECTA      |
| 14. INSTRUCTS | 8. SERVERS    |
| 17. HEARTACHE | 15. SCENARIOS |
| 19. CHEWS     | 16. CRESCENDI |
| 21. SOBER     | 17. HOSTAGE   |
| 23. AVALANCHE | 18. TORPEDO   |
| 24. ASIDE     | 19. CLASSIC   |
| 25. GLISSANDI | 20. SHERIFF   |
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| 27. CLIFF     | 23. ALGAE     |



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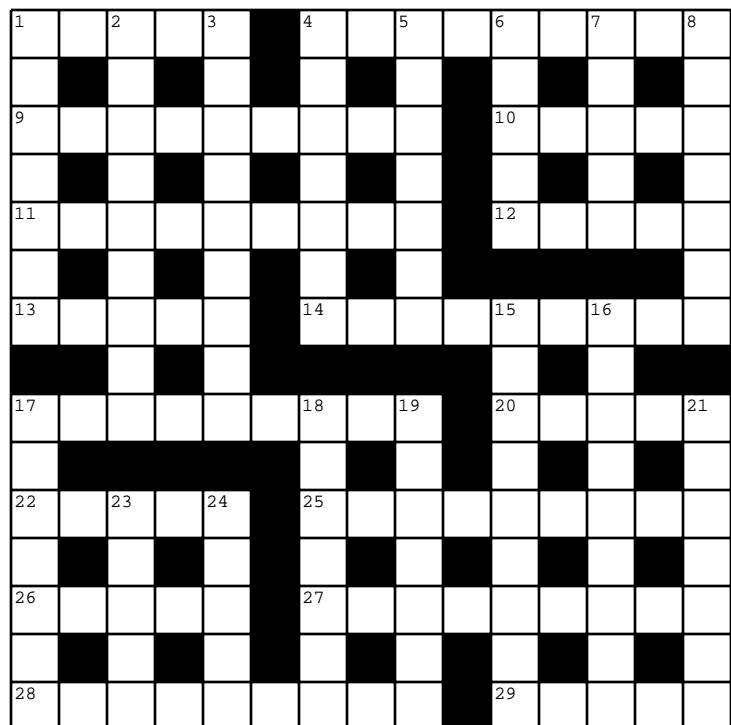
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| 9. EVOCATIVE  | 3. SPAGHETTI  |
| 10. CHARM     | 4. UNITE      |
| 11. MISCHIEFS | 5. PLEASURED  |
| 12. SUSAN     | 6. PACKS      |
| 13. DOEST     | 7. LEANS      |
| 14. CARDINALS | 8. REMINDS    |
| 17. INFRINGED | 14. CIGARILLO |
| 18. FREEER    | 15. INFRINGES |
| 20. FAITH     | 16. AMERICANS |
| 23. RECEIVING | 17. INFIELD   |
| 25. ENEMA     | 19. RIGIDLY   |
| 26. LIFEGUARD | 21. IDEAL     |
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| 28. SASSY     | 24. CUFFS     |



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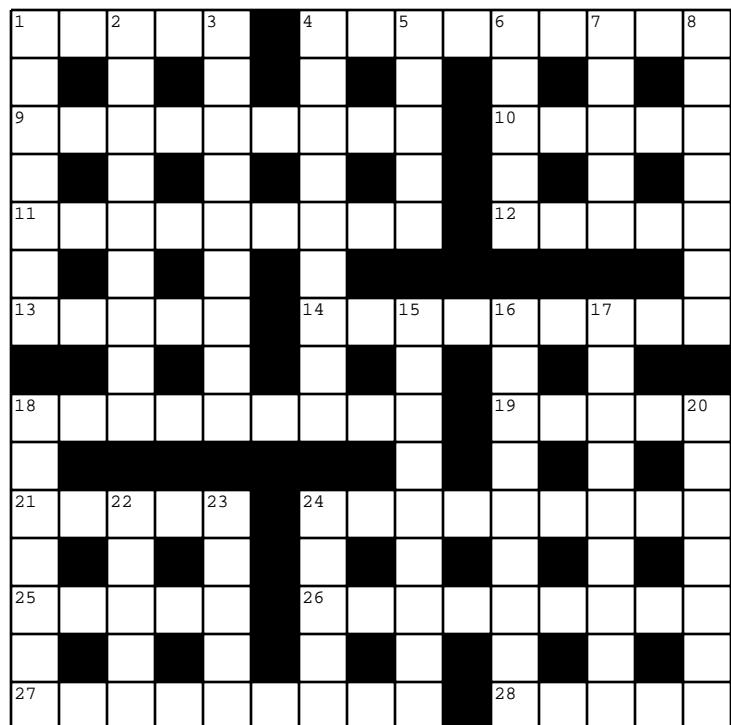
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| 4. ALARMISTS  | 2. HONEYCOMB  |
| 9. CINEMATIC  | 3. NUMERICAL  |
| 10. FORTH     | 4. ATTRACT    |
| 11. DAYDREAMS | 5. ACCUSES    |
| 12. ALBUM     | 6. MAFIA      |
| 13. STOIC     | 7. SCRUB      |
| 14. TESTIFIED | 8. SCHEMED    |
| 17. IMBALANCE | 15. IGNORAMUS |
| 20. NORAD     | 16. IRRITATED |
| 22. HAIKU     | 17. ISHMAEL   |
| 25. NEPHRITIS | 18. NONSTOP   |
| 26. AROMA     | 19. EXPENSE   |
| 27. TINSMITHS | 21. DESISTS   |
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| 29. SIDES     | 24. USAGE     |



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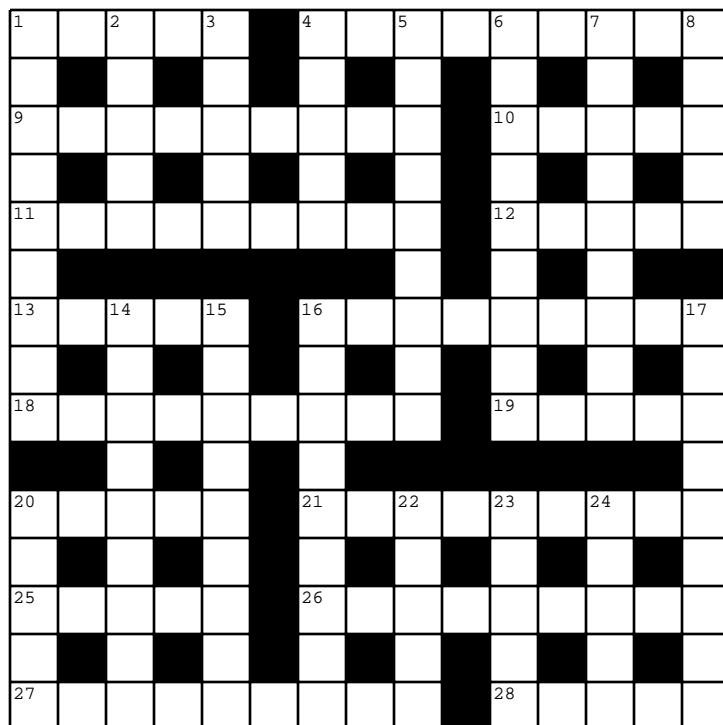
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| 9. ELEGANTLY  | 3. SPAGHETTI  |
| 10. ANKLE     | 4. INTELLECT  |
| 11. FOOTHOLDS | 5. NOYES      |
| 12. HAIKU     | 6. CRASH      |
| 13. DOEST     | 7. NIKKI      |
| 14. ELUCIDATE | 8. EXECUTE    |
| 18. GLADIATOR | 15. UNRELATED |
| 19. NOTED     | 16. IGNORANCE |
| 21. URBAN     | 17. ACTIONING |
| 24. BALLROOMS | 18. GLUMMER   |
| 25. MUFTI     | 20. DESIGNS   |
| 26. INTENDING | 22. BUFFS     |
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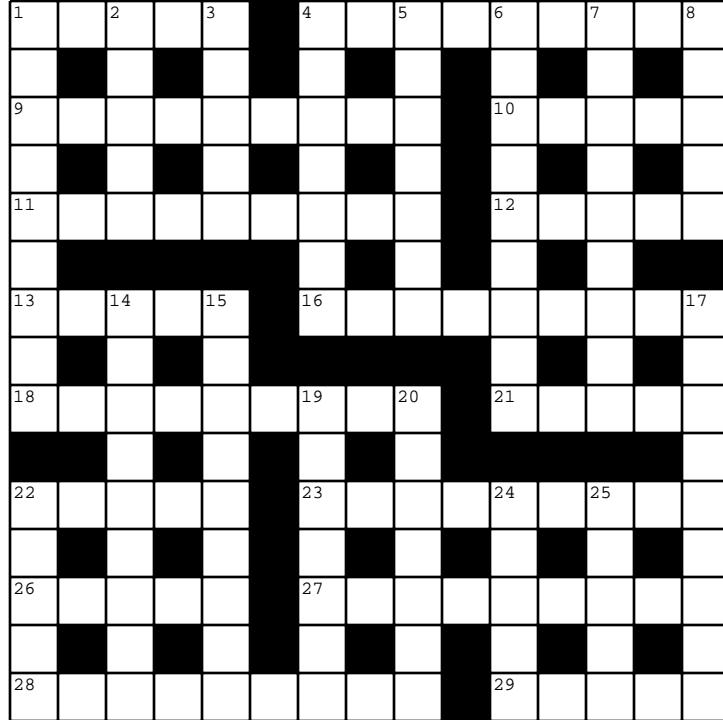
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| 9. PEPPERONI  | 3. REEVE        |
| 10. CODES     | 4. DROWN        |
| 11. PASTERNAK | 5. FLICKERED    |
| 12. GIRLS     | 6. INCOGNITO    |
| 13. LAIRS     | 7. UNDERGONE    |
| 16. DORMITORY | 8. TESTS        |
| 18. REQUESTED | 14. INQUIRIES   |
| 19. OBEYS     | 15. SPECIALIZER |
| 20. CHILI     | 16. DATABASES   |
| 21. BRIEFCASE | 17. YESTERDAY   |
| 25. TRIAL     | 20. CITED       |
| 26. SPECIFIED | 22. ITEMS       |
| 27. DISTRUSTS | 23. FLIED       |
| 28. DOGGY     | 24. ACING       |



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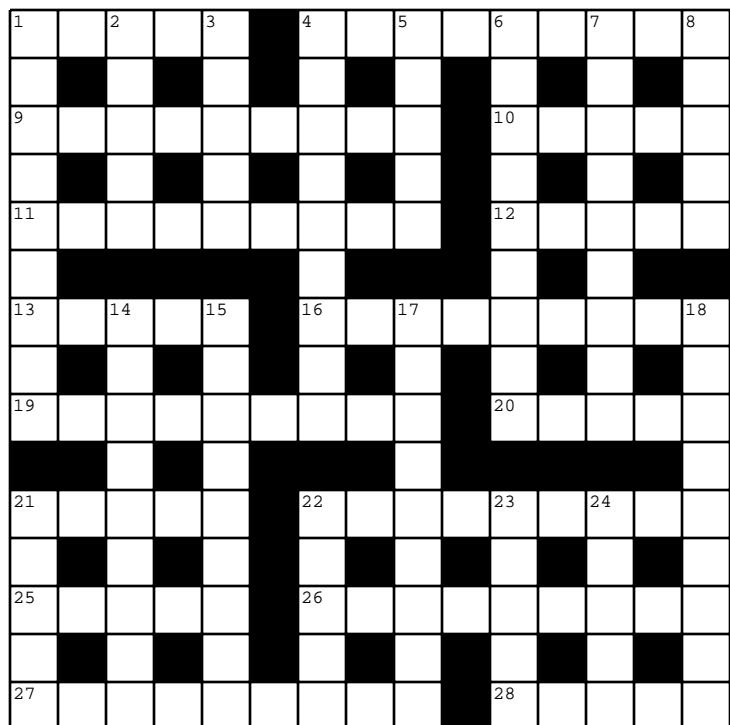
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| 4. AUTOPSIES  | 2. LARVA      |
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| 10. ALPHA     | 4. ARCHAIC    |
| 11. DIAPHRAGM | 5. THERMAL    |
| 12. NOONS     | 6. PLAINTIFF  |
| 13. NAPES     | 7. IMPROMPTU  |
| 16. CALLIOPE  | 8. SHAMS      |
| 18. SCORELESS | 14. PROPELLER |
| 21. FLUSH     | 15. SPEEDBOAT |
| 22. CREED     | 17. SCHEDULES |
| 23. BOULEVARD | 19. EMBLEMS   |
| 26. IGLOO     | 20. SQUEEZE   |
| 27. ELECTORAL | 22. CLIFF     |
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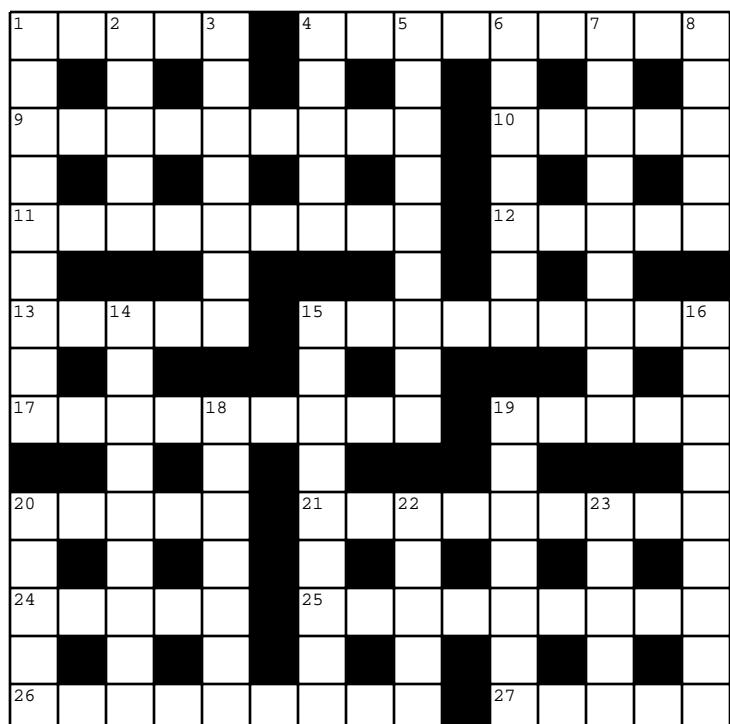
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| 4. BLACKTOPS  | 2. DENIM      |
| 9. IGNORAMUS  | 3. LYRIC      |
| 10. REEKS     | 4. BUMBLEBEE  |
| 11. SEMICOLON | 5. ARSON      |
| 12. MITY      | 6. KARAMAZOV  |
| 13. NEWED     | 7. OVERTHREW  |
| 16. BLIZZARDS | 8. SISSY      |
| 19. OVERSLEEP | 14. WHEREUPON |
| 20. VOWEL     | 15. DESPERADO |
| 21. ILENE     | 17. IMPRESSED |
| 22. CRESCENDI | 18. SOLDIERED |
| 25. ALPHA     | 21. ISAAC     |
| 26. DISSENTER | 22. CIDER     |
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| 28. PAYED     | 24. NATTY     |



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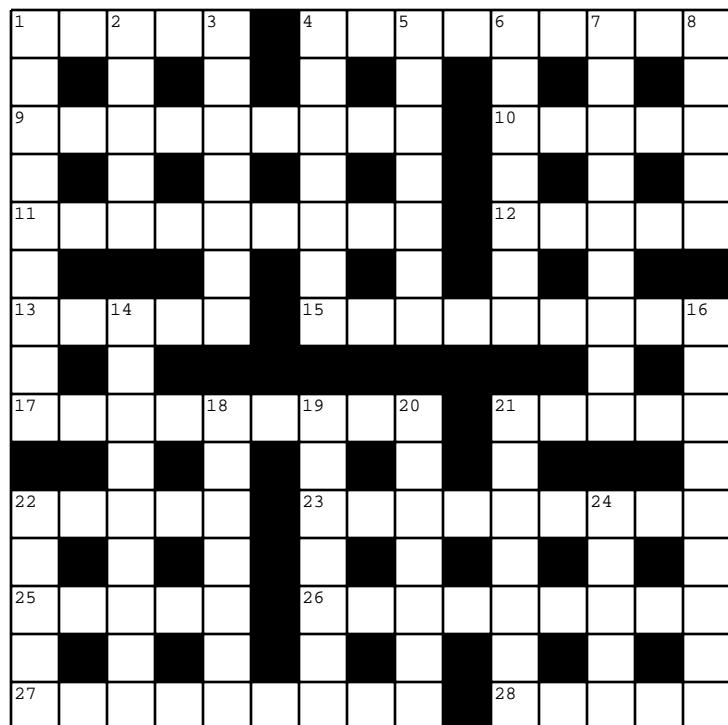
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| 9. PLASTERED  | 3. ARTICLE    |
| 10. ALONE     | 4. MARCI      |
| 11. CATECHISM | 5. SEDIMENTS  |
| 12. TURNS     | 6. ADAPTER    |
| 13. ISSUE     | 7. PROGRAMME  |
| 15. PANORAMIC | 8. DRESS      |
| 17. EMIGRANTS | 14. SNICKERED |
| 19. SHEEP     | 15. PINOCCHIO |
| 20. JOKES     | 16. CAPARISON |
| 21. CANVASSER | 18. RESPECT   |
| 24. NERVE     | 19. SHALLOW   |
| 25. HAZELNUTS | 20. JANNA     |
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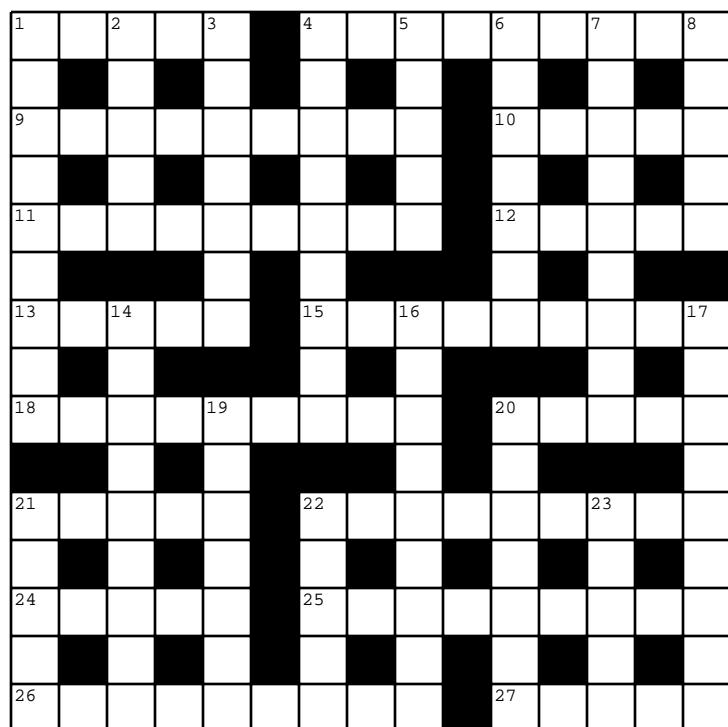
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| 4. HELIPORTS  | 2. SUSHI      |
| 9. FISHERMEN  | 3. SPECIFY    |
| 10. EAGLE     | 4. HIMSELF    |
| 11. PRIVILEGE | 5. LANTERN    |
| 12. IDLED     | 6. PREMISE    |
| 13. ITCHY     | 7. RIGOLETTO  |
| 15. FINGERTIP | 8. SPEND      |
| 17. GARRISONS | 14. CERTAINER |
| 21. PRONG     | 16. PEGASUSES |
| 22. MEADE     | 18. INERTIA   |
| 23. DISTANCES | 19. OEDIPAL   |
| 25. GENET     | 20. SUSTAIN   |
| 26. PRACTICES | 21. PLASTER   |
| 27. TARPAULIN | 22. MIGHT     |
| 28. RAILS     | 24. CACTI     |



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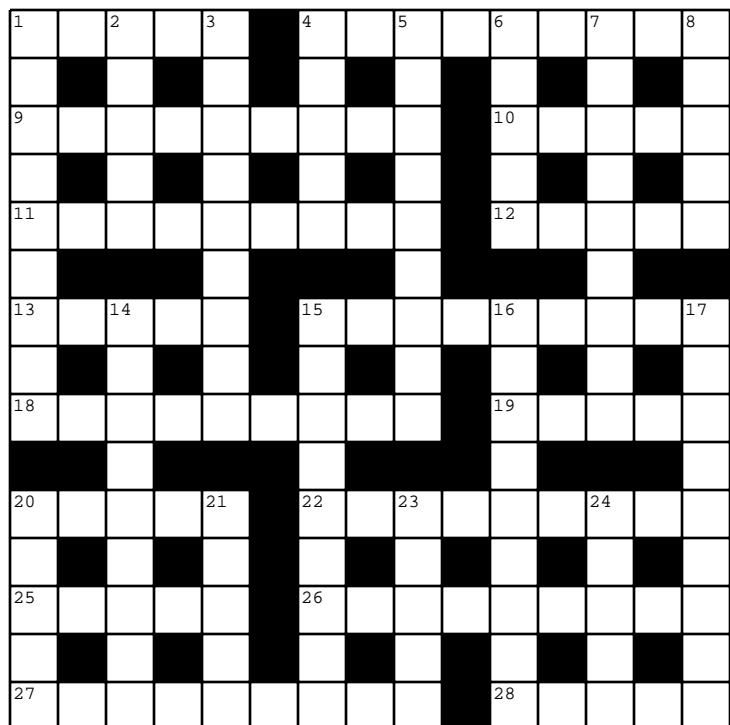
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| 9. ANALGESIA  | 3. DIGESTS    |
| 10. REEFS     | 4. MUSSOLINI  |
| 11. FLAGSTONE | 5. IMAGE      |
| 12. AVOID     | 6. FORGAVE    |
| 13. RACES     | 7. ADENOIDAL  |
| 15. INFIELDER | 8. EASED      |
| 18. SIMPATICO | 14. COMPLAINT |
| 20. BELLA     | 16. FROSTIEST |
| 21. PILES     | 17. REASSURED |
| 22. APTITUDES | 19. AUSTERE   |
| 24. UNITE     | 20. BATHTUB   |
| 25. SPECTATOR | 21. PLUMB     |
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| 27. BROAD     | 23. DITTO     |



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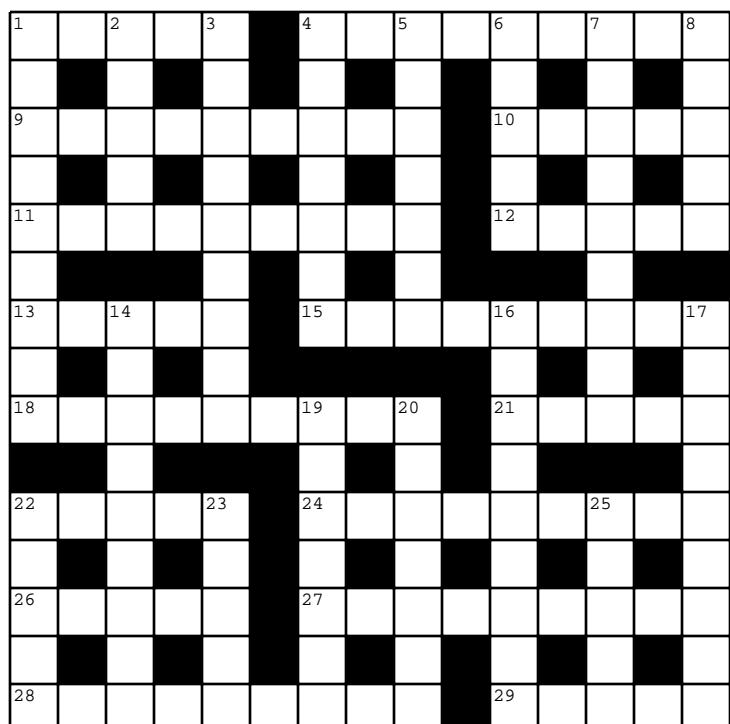
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| 4. REWARDING  | 2. TANYA      |
| 9. HANDRAILS  | 3. FORETASTE  |
| 10. UNITE     | 4. RHINO      |
| 11. REACTIONS | 5. WASHSTAND  |
| 12. HAIRY     | 6. ROUGH      |
| 13. SINKS     | 7. INITIATED  |
| 15. PLACENTAS | 8. GEEKY      |
| 18. INCREASED | 14. NOCTURNAL |
| 19. CADET     | 15. PISTACHIO |
| 20. EQUIP     | 16. ENCLOSURE |
| 22. ANALOGOUS | 17. SATISFIES |
| 25. BANAL     | 20. EMBED     |
| 26. HAMMURABI | 21. POLL      |
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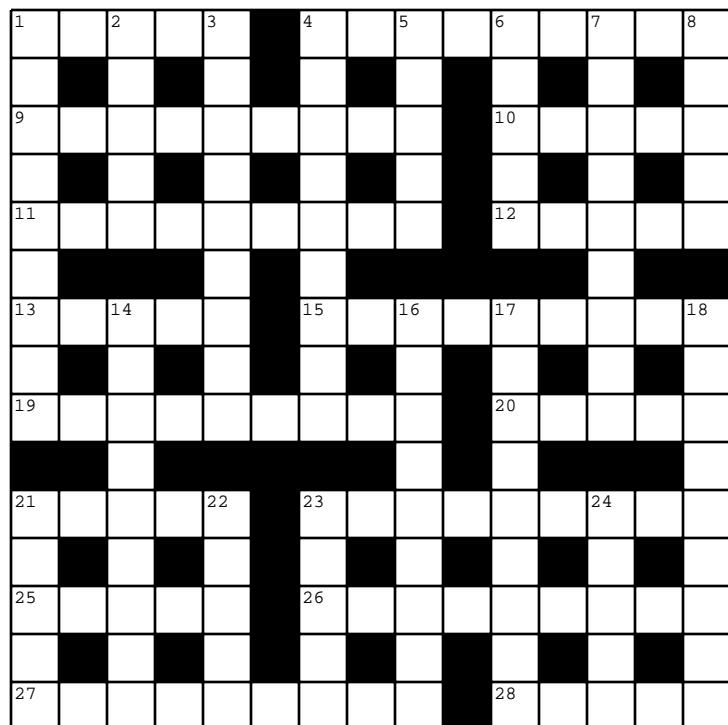
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| 9. AMENDMENT  | 3. ADDRESSEE  |
| 10. ALTAI     | 4. SHERIFF    |
| 11. LISTENING | 5. OCTAGON    |
| 12. EMMYS     | 6. FLAME      |
| 13. WIPES     | 7. AUTOMATES  |
| 15. FANTASTIC | 8. EDITS      |
| 18. REOPENING | 14. PROTOTYPE |
| 21. GUSTO     | 16. ALGEBRAIC |
| 22. PROOF     | 17. CROSSINGS |
| 24. TROMBONES | 19. INTEGER   |
| 26. BAYOU     | 20. GROSSES   |
| 27. GESTATION | 22. PUBLIC    |
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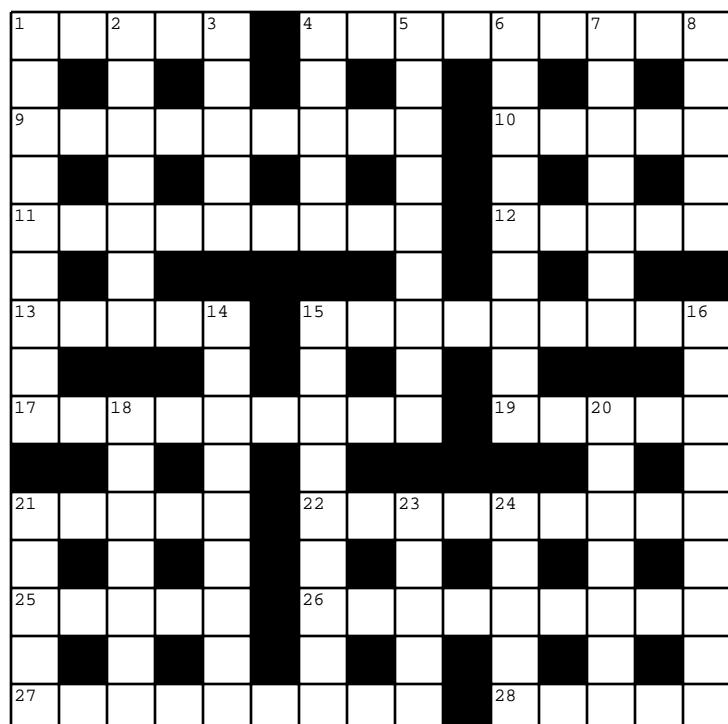
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| 1. AMBER      | 1. ANDROMEDA  |
| 4. LANDMARKS  | 2. BURST      |
| 9. DAREDEVIL  | 3. RADIOGRAM  |
| 10. UNDUE     | 4. LEVIATHAN  |
| 11. OPTIONALS | 5. NULLS      |
| 12. DEVIL     | 6. MOULD      |
| 13. ETHER     | 7. REDEVELOP  |
| 15. HYDRAULIC | 8. SHELL      |
| 19. ARMAMENTS | 14. HAMBURGER |
| 20. PEPSI     | 16. DISEMBARK |
| 21. MOUTH     | 17. ASPARAGUS |
| 23. MEMORIALS | 18. CRIMSONED |
| 25. RIGHT     | 21. MERCY     |
| 26. ORANGUTAN | 22. HATES     |
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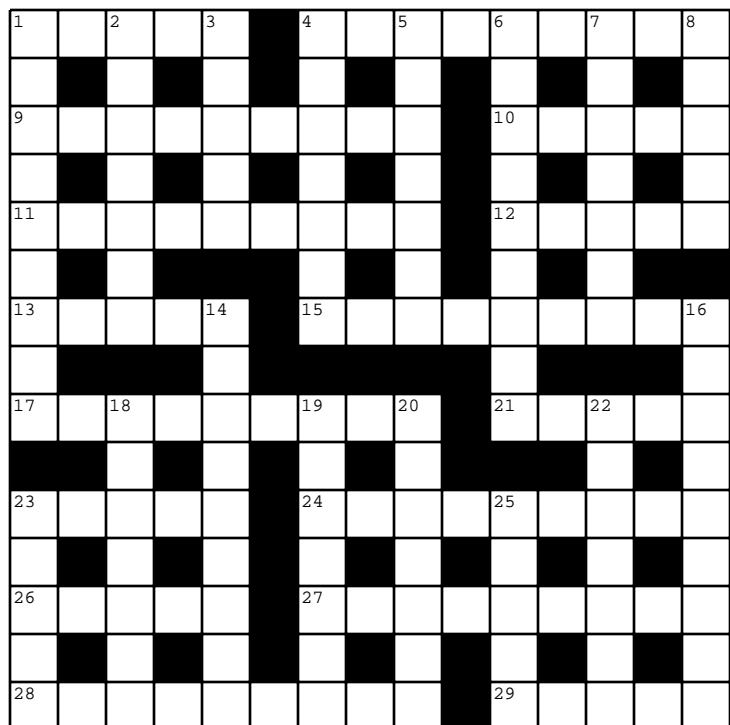
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| 9. RENDITION  | 3. AMIGO      |
| 10. REEFS     | 4. SLIDE      |
| 11. RHINOCERI | 5. CONTINUES  |
| 12. NOTES     | 6. EHRENBERG  |
| 13. YUCCA     | 7. INERTIA    |
| 15. CAUSEWAYS | 8. GASES      |
| 17. LIFETIMES | 14. AUTOMATIC |
| 19. GAMER     | 15. CAMPAIGNS |
| 21. FORUM     | 16. SERGEANTS |
| 22. ABUNDANCE | 18. FERTILE   |
| 25. BUILT     | 20. MINIMUM   |
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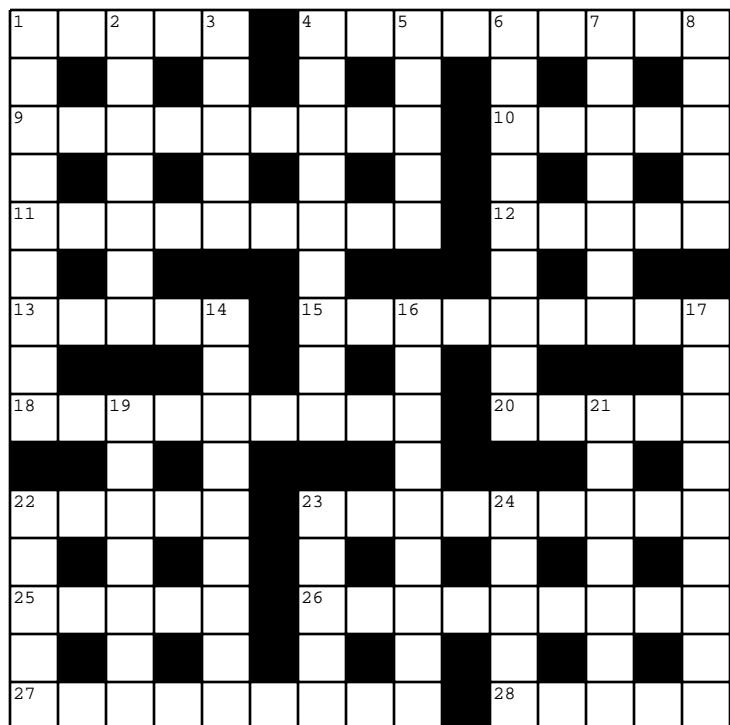
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| 4. BESTOWING  | 2. GRABBED    |
| 9. AMATERASU  | 3. CREDO      |
| 10. EASED     | 4. BRAILLE    |
| 11. IMBROGLIO | 5. SPUMONI    |
| 12. TEARY     | 6. OVERTIMES  |
| 13. INDEX     | 7. INSTANT    |
| 15. ENIGMATIC | 8. GIDDY      |
| 17. YODELLING | 14. XYLOPHONE |
| 21. STAIR     | 16. COROLLARY |
| 23. BICEP     | 18. DICTION   |
| 24. MEDIAEVAL | 19. INMATES   |
| 26. SEIKO     | 20. GODDESS   |
| 27. TREBLINKA | 22. ADVANCE   |
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| 29. ENEMY     | 25. ALLIE     |



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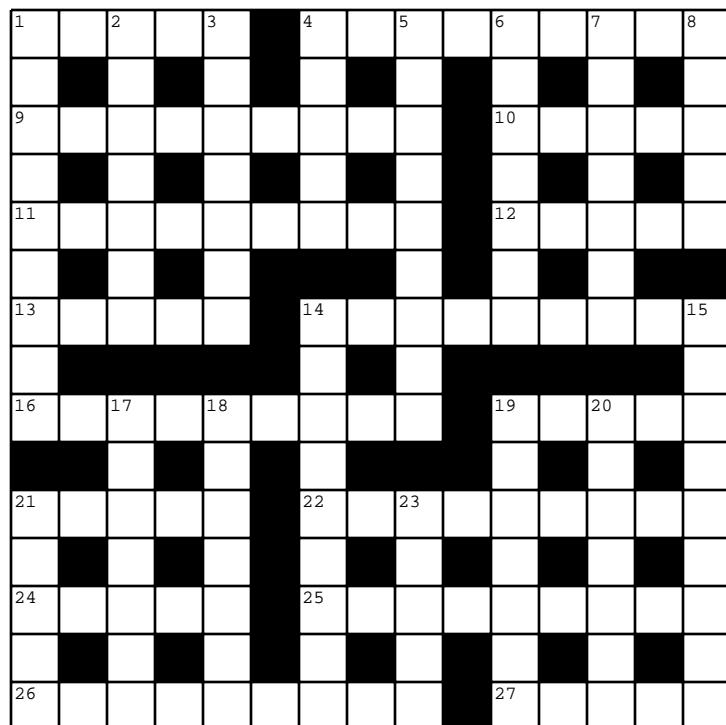
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| 9. LEVIATHAN  | 3. LEAVE      |
| 10. ELLEN     | 4. BEHAVIOUR  |
| 11. CONCEIVES | 5. TONES      |
| 12. TRIPS     | 6. OVERTHREW  |
| 13. TRAMP     | 7. HELLISH    |
| 15. OWNERSHIP | 8. LINKS      |
| 18. REGISTRAR | 14. PISTACHIO |
| 20. WISER     | 16. NERVOUSLY |
| 22. PODIA     | 17. PARTRIDGE |
| 23. CROSSOVER | 19. GODUNOV   |
| 25. TENTH     | 21. SEVERAL   |
| 26. MASSACRED | 22. PATIO     |
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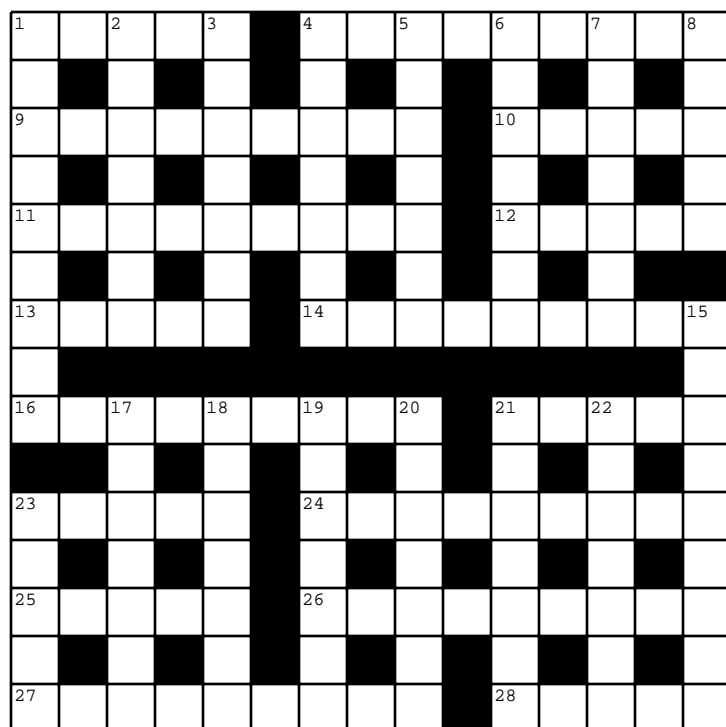
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| 9. DISREPAIR  | 3. OVERLIE    |
| 10. LOCKS     | 4. KNAPP      |
| 11. EUCALYPTI | 5. CARNIVALS  |
| 12. HOPES     | 6. BOLSHOI    |
| 13. ISSUE     | 7. COCKPIT    |
| 14. STATISTIC | 8. SISES      |
| 16. GROUPINGS | 14. SANDPAPER |
| 19. ICIER     | 15. CURIOSITY |
| 21. CHAIR     | 17. OVATION   |
| 22. POLITBURO | 18. PARVENU   |
| 24. MAIZE     | 19. INTERIM   |
| 25. PAVAROTTI | 20. IQUITOS   |
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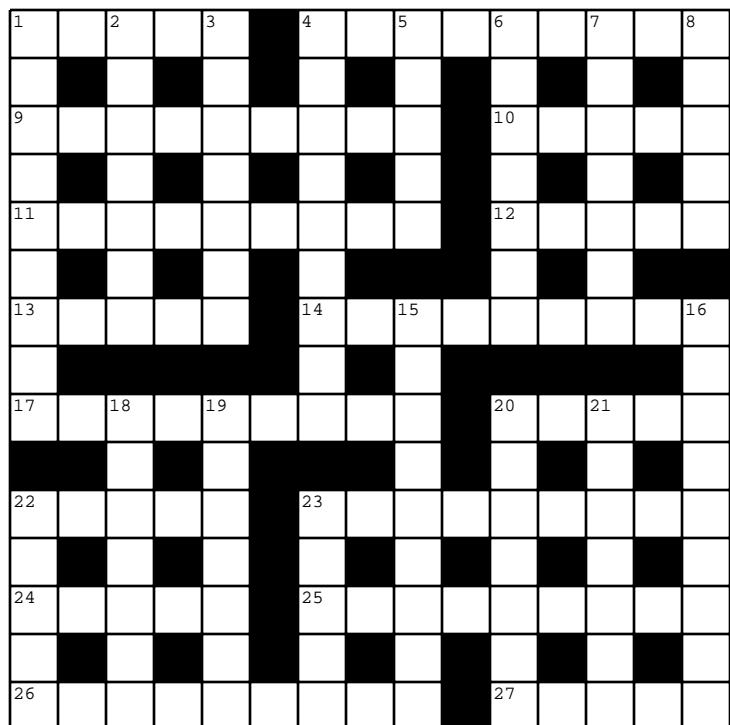
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| 9. JOCKSTRAP  | 3. DISTANT    |
| 10. JERKY     | 4. MARTINI    |
| 11. MARGARITO | 5. REPROOF    |
| 12. TACKS     | 6. JUJITSU    |
| 13. UPSET     | 7. AFRICAN    |
| 14. INFLUENZA | 8. ABYSS      |
| 16. ANAEROBIC | 15. ANTIPASTO |
| 21. BEAST     | 17. ALLEGRO   |
| 23. CALEB     | 18. ROBERTO   |
| 24. OWNERSHIP | 19. BIOLOGY   |
| 25. EAGER     | 20. CONCEDE   |
| 26. OVERTIMES | 21. BERETTA   |
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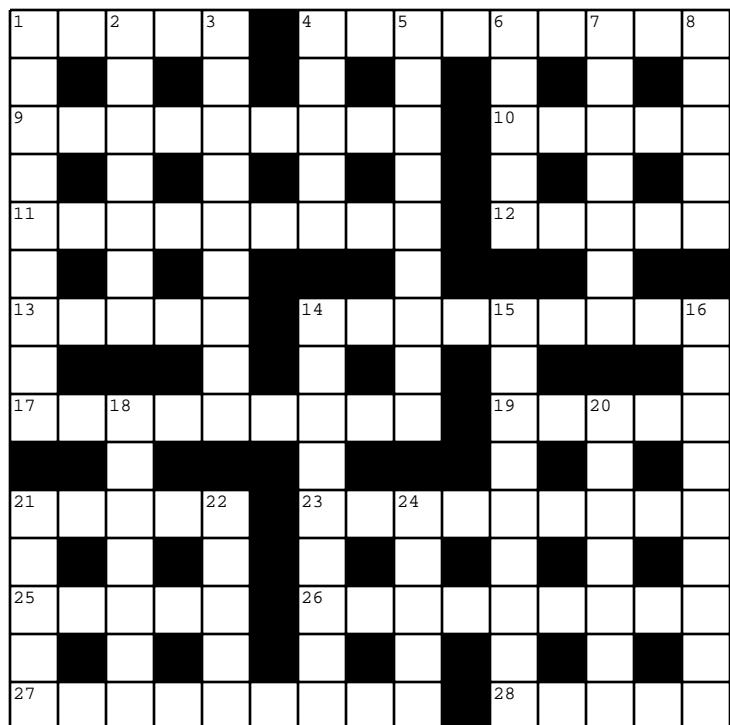
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| 4. ADVOCATED  | 2. DRUMMED    |
| 9. CRUMBLIER  | 3. DEBASED    |
| 10. NAMES     | 4. ANIAKCHAK  |
| 11. NAMESAKES | 5. VERBS      |
| 12. OKAYS     | 6. CONSOLE    |
| 13. REDID     | 7. TIMPANI    |
| 14. HINDERING | 8. DOSES      |
| 17. CARETAKER | 15. NORTHEAST |
| 20. MEJIA     | 16. GRAPHICAL |
| 22. BUGLE     | 18. REGATTA   |
| 23. MAHARAJAH | 19. THEREOF   |
| 24. TITLE     | 20. MARGINS   |
| 25. REALISTIC | 21. JUJITSU   |
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| 27. SKULL     | 23. MERER     |



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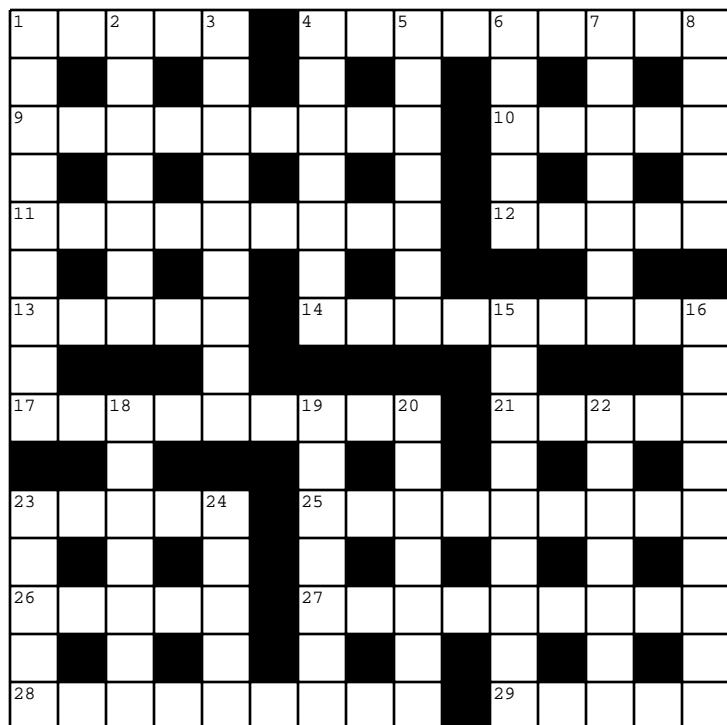
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| 9. REASONING  | 3. ECOSYSTEM  |
| 10. LOVED     | 4. CHIME      |
| 11. JELLYBEAN | 5. ERGONOMIC  |
| 12. SHOWS     | 6. TELLS      |
| 13. AGENT     | 7. RAVIOLI    |
| 14. PUMMELING | 8. SADES      |
| 17. AUTOMATIC | 14. POTPOURRI |
| 19. SHEBA     | 15. EASTERNER |
| 21. BRUSH     | 16. GLASSIEST |
| 23. OURSELVES | 18. TRUMPET   |
| 25. COPRA     | 20. ENVYING   |
| 26. RECONCILE | 21. BACKS     |
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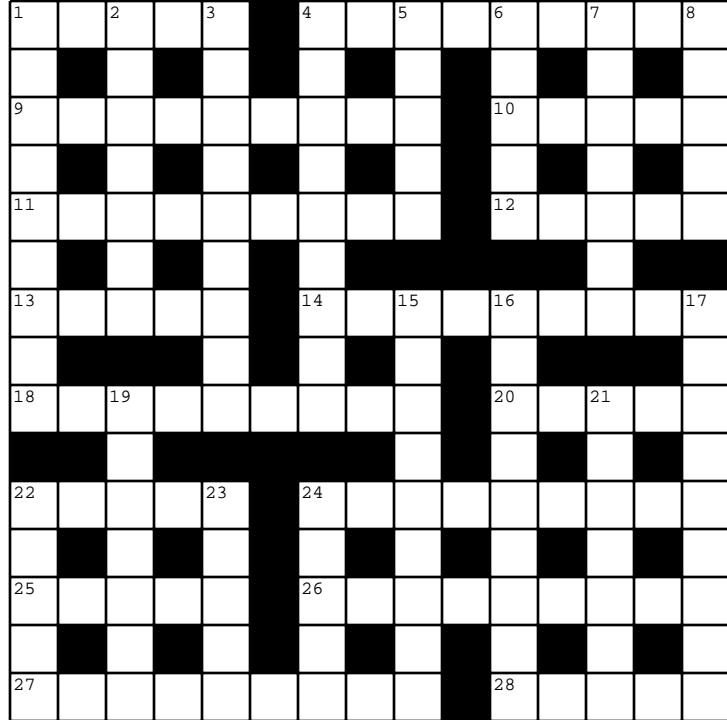
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| 4. RESOURCES  | 2. MAIGRET    |
| 9. REICHSTAG  | 3. REHEARSAL  |
| 10. ATLAS     | 4. ROTATES    |
| 11. GARGANTUA | 5. SAGUARO    |
| 12. ESSAY     | 6. USAGE      |
| 13. NOTES     | 7. COLOSSI    |
| 14. SWORDFISH | 8. SASSY      |
| 17. EUCALYPTI | 15. DISPARAGE |
| 21. SONIC     | 16. HACKNEYED |
| 23. OPERA     | 18. CLEANER   |
| 25. TANZANIAN | 19. PETUNIA   |
| 26. GENII     | 20. IGNORED   |
| 27. NORMALITY | 22. NAILING   |
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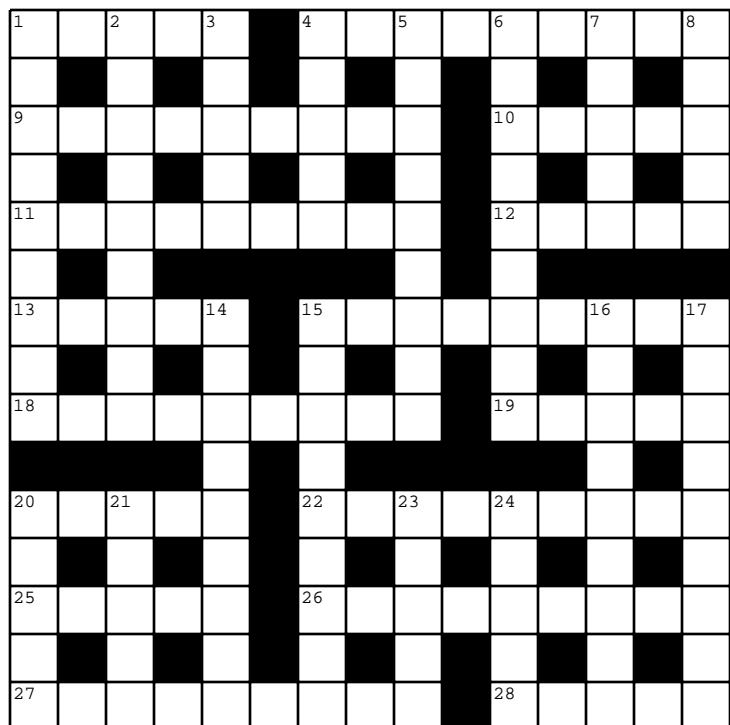
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| 9. ABSTINENT  | 3. NEIGHBOUR  |
| 10. ORGAN     | 4. CRESCENDI  |
| 11. GRAPHICAL | 5. FATAL      |
| 12. PATTY     | 6. TROOP      |
| 13. SERVO     | 7. REGATTA    |
| 14. NECESSARY | 8. ANNOY      |
| 18. ASSERTION | 15. CANONICAL |
| 20. KUDZU     | 16. SIKKIMESE |
| 22. SHEEP     | 17. YOUNGSTER |
| 24. CONFINING | 19. SHEBANG   |
| 25. STAMP     | 21. DRIVING   |
| 26. ALCHEMIST | 22. SASSY     |
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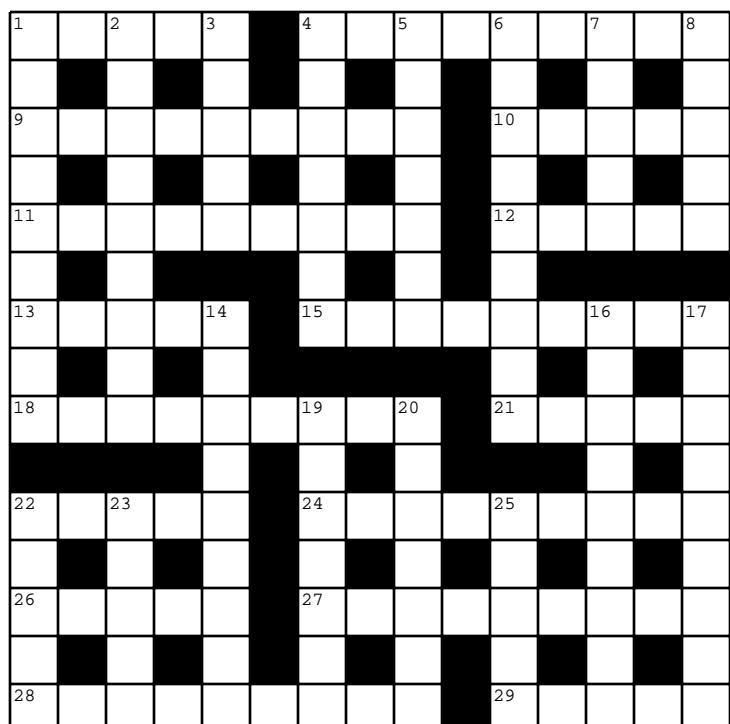
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| 4. AMAZINGLY  | 2. KNOXVILLE  |
| 9. TROUSSEAU  | 3. MUSIC      |
| 10. OPERA     | 4. AGENT      |
| 11. ADVOCATED | 5. AQUEDUCTS  |
| 12. GRAIN     | 6. INORGANIC  |
| 13. TELLS     | 7. GRETA      |
| 15. NICKNAMES | 8. YEARN      |
| 18. DIETARIES | 14. SLACKENED |
| 19. COLIC     | 15. NUISANCES |
| 20. CAPEK     | 16. MILLENNIA |
| 22. ALIGHIERI | 17. SACRIFICE |
| 25. RESIN     | 20. CURIO     |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 21. PASTE     |
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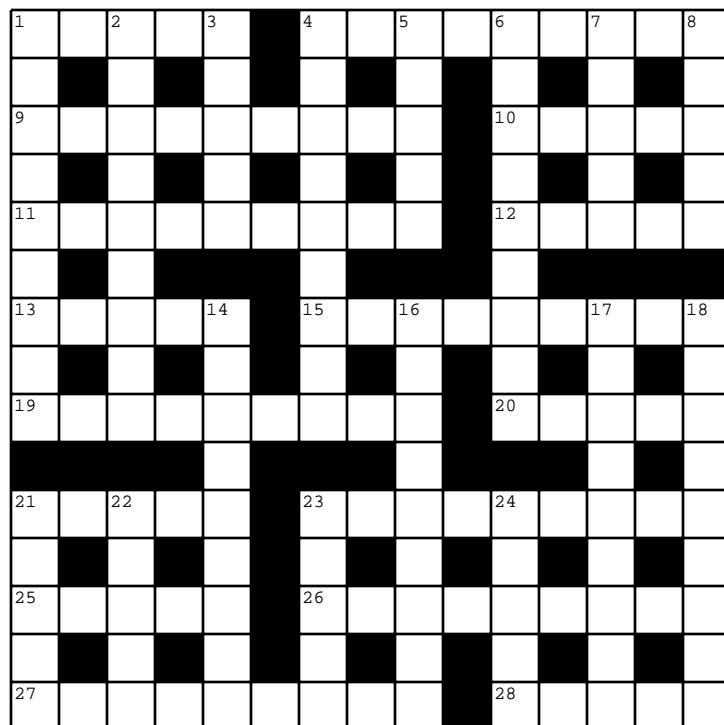
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| 9. HEADFIRST  | 3. MUFTI      |
| 10. TORSI     | 4. HERSELF    |
| 11. EUCLIDEAN | 5. PETUNIA    |
| 12. PILOT     | 6. ANTIPASTO  |
| 13. DYING     | 7. AURAL      |
| 15. FLAGSTAFF | 8. DRIFT      |
| 18. RAMANUJAN | 14. GENERATOR |
| 21. OFFER     | 16. AFFECTION |
| 22. RIPER     | 17. FIRESIDES |
| 24. KNAPSACKS | 19. JAKARTA   |
| 26. CHEST     | 20. NUANCES   |
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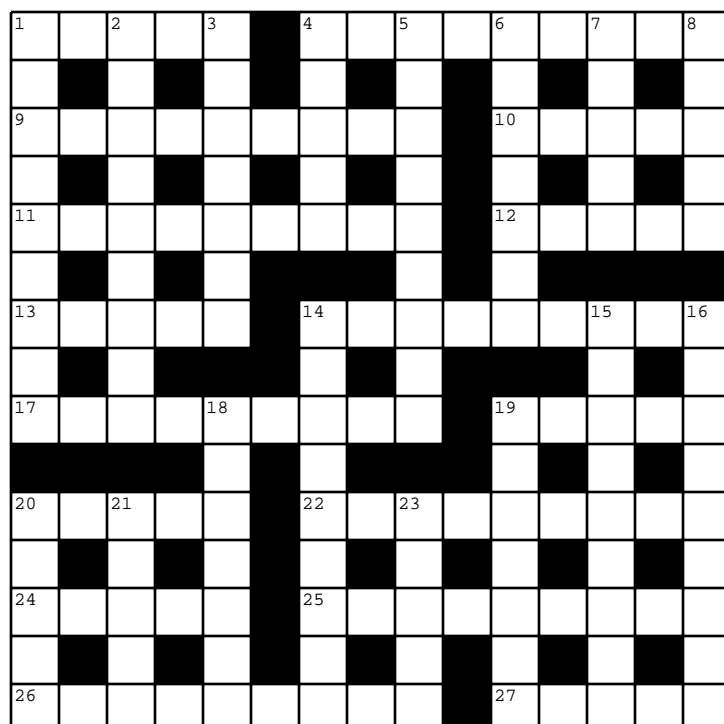
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| 9. SISYPHEAN  | 3. SUPER      |
| 10. USUAL     | 4. ANECDOTAL  |
| 11. OVERRIDES | 5. SINKS      |
| 12. OCHOA     | 6. MAUSOLEUM  |
| 13. DISCO     | 7. LAUGH      |
| 15. TRIBESMAN | 8. DELTA      |
| 19. DIAGHILEV | 14. OTHERWISE |
| 20. MEDIC     | 16. INVISIBLE |
| 21. VICAR     | 17. MIDWINTER |
| 23. ASSERTION | 18. NICKNAMES |
| 25. CHILI     | 21. VACUA     |
| 26. SUBSYSTEM | 22. CHILD     |
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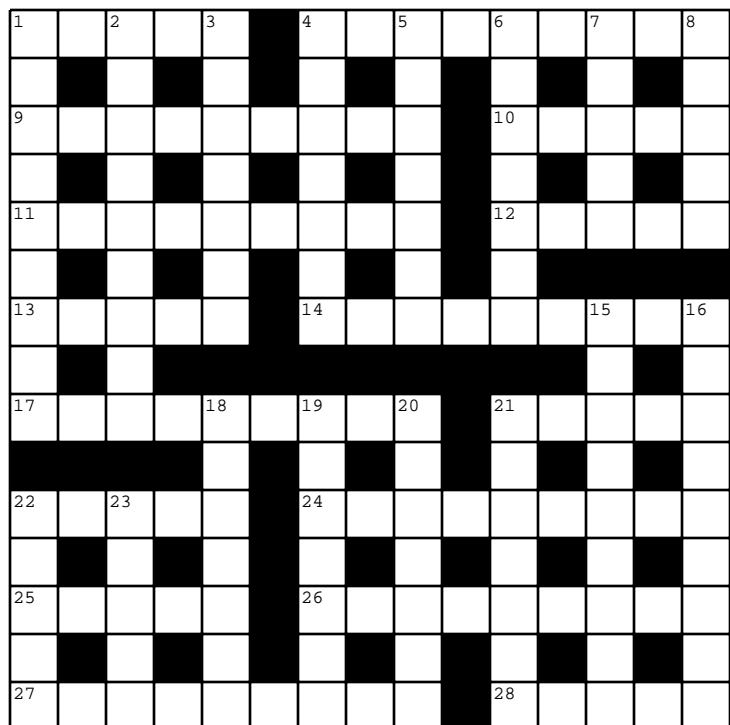
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| 9. TRAUMATIC  | 3. SEMINAR    |
| 10. ALBUM     | 4. MATES      |
| 11. ORGANISER | 5. RECURSIVE  |
| 12. HALVE     | 6. GRAPHIC    |
| 13. RISER     | 7. LIBEL      |
| 14. PRINCIPLE | 8. SOMME      |
| 17. INCIDENCE | 14. PINOCCHIO |
| 19. ASPIC     | 15. PAPERBACK |
| 20. EATON     | 16. EXCEPTION |
| 22. CHINSTRAP | 18. DYNAMIC   |
| 24. BLOOM     | 19. ASSAULT   |
| 25. HAMMURABI | 20. EMBED     |
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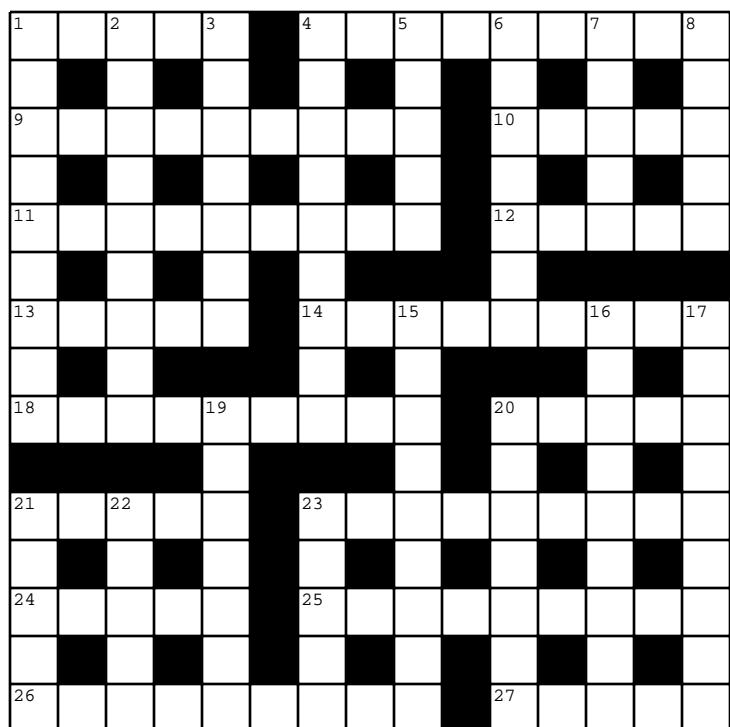
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| 4. CHORUSING  | 2. TRANSFORM  |
| 9. DEADLIEST  | 3. DOLMENS    |
| 10. IGLOO     | 4. CHEWING    |
| 11. ANSWERING | 5. OCTAGON    |
| 12. UNTIL     | 6. UNIQUER    |
| 13. LIONS     | 7. INLET      |
| 14. GONORRHEA | 8. GHOUЛ      |
| 17. COMMANDER | 15. HOUSEBOAT |
| 21. COUGH     | 16. APHORISMS |
| 22. MERER     | 18. ARRIVAL   |
| 24. SIGHTSEER | 19. DISTORT   |
| 25. NEGEV     | 20. REGRETS   |
| 26. OVERLOOKS | 21. CATALPA   |
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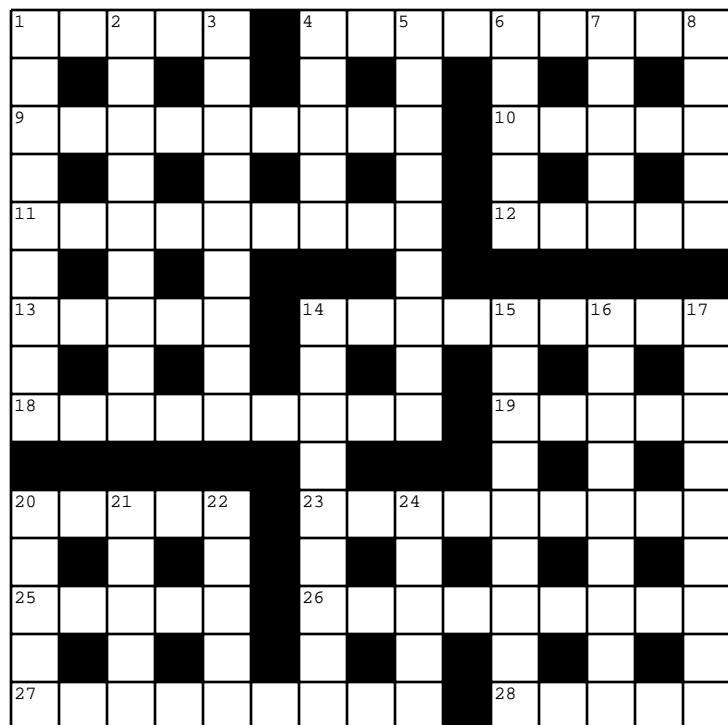
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| 9. COMMANDER  | 3. EMANATE    |
| 10. OWING     | 4. GODMOTHER  |
| 11. ENDEAVOUR | 5. BARER      |
| 12. OPTED     | 6. ECONOMY    |
| 13. INANE     | 7. IDIOT      |
| 14. HONEYCOMB | 8. GAGED      |
| 18. MAELSTROM | 15. NUMERICAL |
| 20. METAL     | 16. OBTAINING |
| 21. VITAL     | 17. BILINGUAL |
| 23. DIRECTION | 19. SYLLABI   |
| 24. LIBRA     | 20. MICHEAL   |
| 25. RICHELIEU | 21. VALID     |
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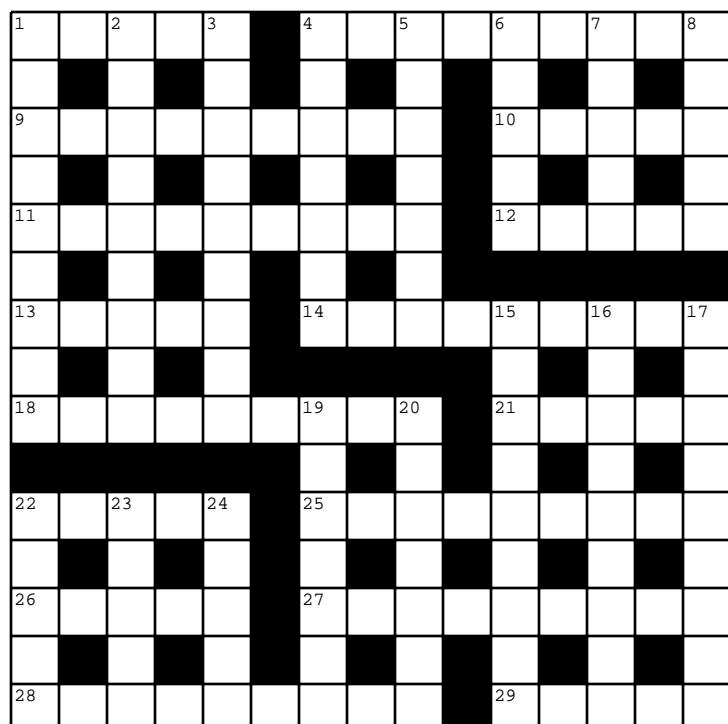
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| 9. AGRARIANS  | 3. CARTWHEEL  |
| 10. UDALL     | 4. SWAMI      |
| 11. MEANWHILE | 5. BESEECHES  |
| 12. BADLY     | 6. THUMB      |
| 13. TRIPE     | 7. GRAND      |
| 14. OTHERWISE | 8. DELAY      |
| 18. CONFLICTS | 14. ORCHESTRA |
| 19. LOGIC     | 15. RELATIVES |
| 20. AXIOM     | 16. INGRESSES |
| 23. ENACTMENT | 17. EXCITEDLY |
| 25. GENET     | 20. ALGAE     |
| 26. TELEVISED | 21. INNER     |
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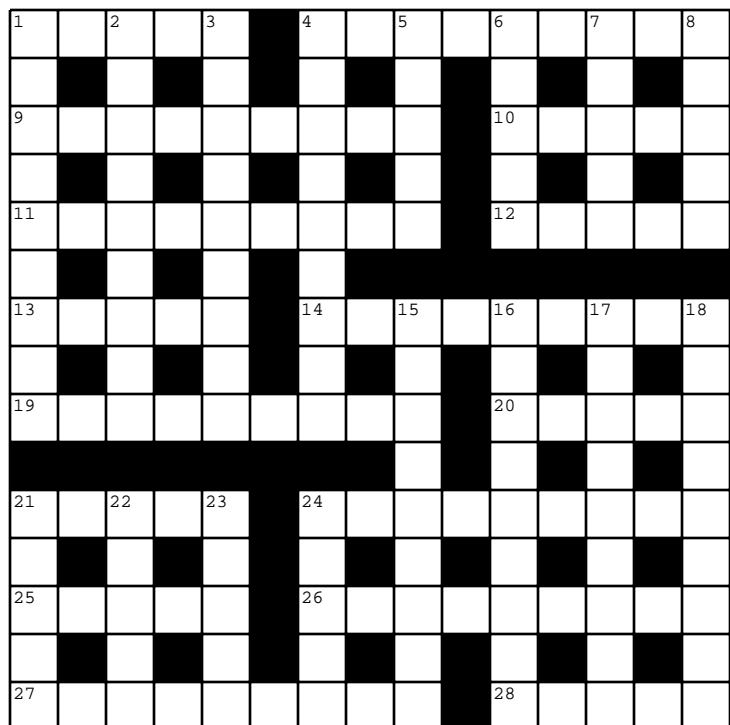
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| 9. DERRIERES  | 3. SHIFTLESS  |
| 10. RAISE     | 4. SCRIBES    |
| 11. HABITABLE | 5. VISCERA    |
| 12. EMMYS     | 6. NURSE      |
| 13. UNTIE     | 7. IDIOM      |
| 14. SPACESHIP | 8. STEMS      |
| 18. EXCUSABLE | 15. ENVISAGES |
| 21. VYING     | 16. HEINOUSLY |
| 22. WORLD     | 17. PEGASUSES |
| 25. OCCASIONS | 19. BROADEN   |
| 26. TORSI     | 20. EXCLUDE   |
| 27. DRUGGISTS | 22. WATER     |
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| 29. STYES     | 24. DRILL     |



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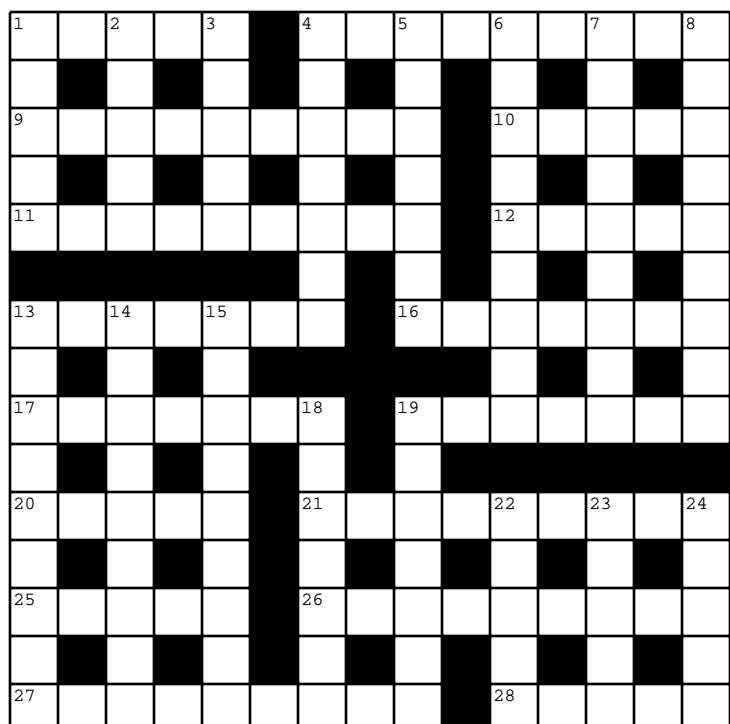
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| 9. PLAYHOUSE  | 3. INHALATOR  |
| 10. REEFS     | 4. BOUNTIFUL  |
| 11. REGULATES | 5. OBEYS      |
| 12. WHEEL     | 6. STRAW      |
| 13. BESET     | 7. OBESE      |
| 14. FRANCISCO | 8. EASEL      |
| 19. ENCIRCLES | 15. ASSAULTED |
| 20. ANGLE     | 16. CEASEFIRE |
| 21. ARMED     | 17. SIGHTREAD |
| 24. LAUREATED | 18. OVERDOSED |
| 25. AGENT     | 21. AWARE     |
| 26. RETAILERS | 22. MEETS     |
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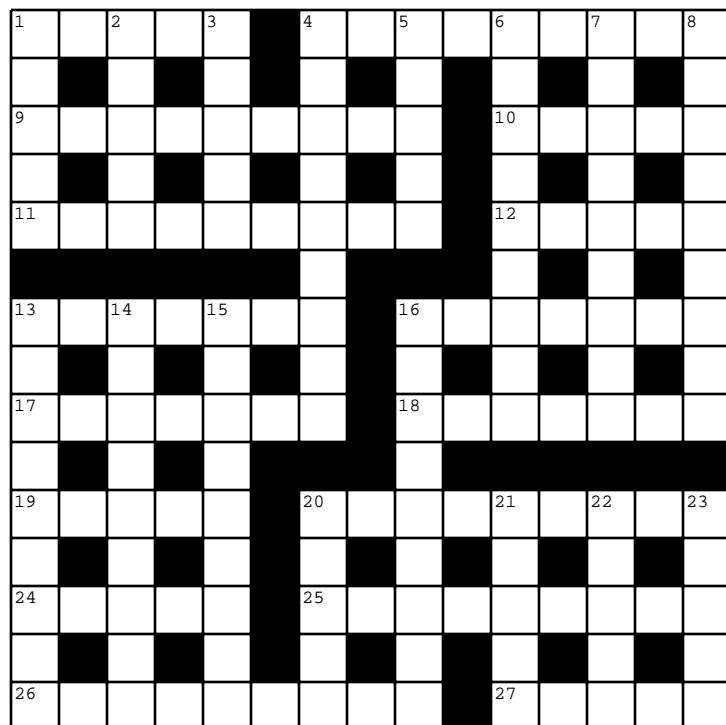
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| 10. ASHES     | 4. GALORES    |
| 11. MATRIARCH | 5. URETHRA    |
| 12. HERON     | 6. SPAGHETTI  |
| 13. BETRAYS   | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 16. ARTISTE   | 8. ROSENBERG  |
| 17. WORSHIP   | 13. BEWITCHED |
| 19. BOILING   | 14. TARANTULA |
| 20. TANGO     | 15. ASHMOLEAN |
| 21. GAMECOCKS | 18. PAGODAS   |
| 25. HOUSE     | 19. BEMUSED   |
| 26. DISLIKING | 22. CHIEF     |
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| 28. FLORA     | 24. SIGMA     |



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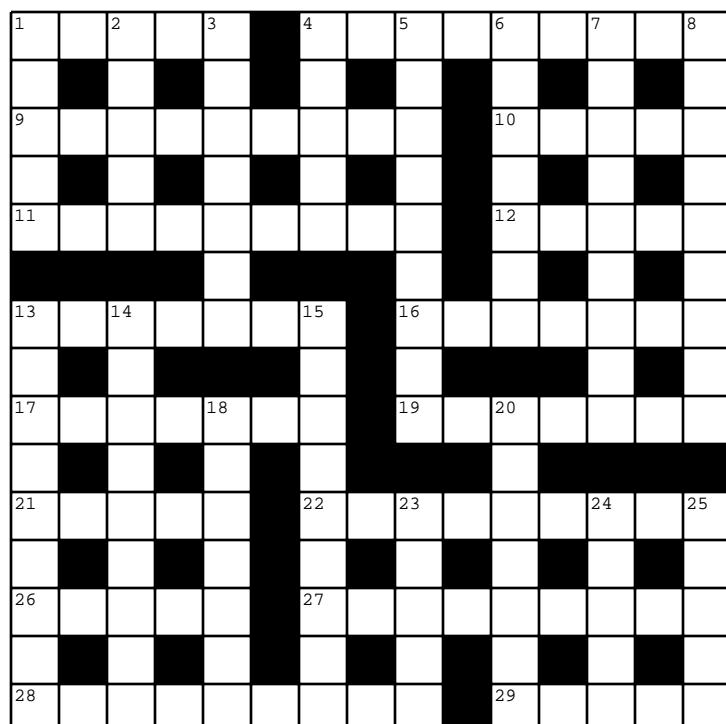
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| 9. BOTANISTS  | 3. ENNUI      |
| 10. OFTEN     | 4. DISCIPLES  |
| 11. TERRIFIES | 5. TASKS      |
| 12. KERRI     | 6. CROOKEDER  |
| 13. PARTIAL   | 7. INTERPRET  |
| 16. MADURAI   | 8. GENTILITY  |
| 17. RECIPES   | 13. PARAMECIA |
| 18. DOROTHY   | 14. RECESSION |
| 19. MISDO     | 15. IMPROMPTU |
| 20. COURTSHIP | 16. MIDSUMMER |
| 24. CRISP     | 20. CUBIC     |
| 25. BEMOANING | 21. TRAMP     |
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| 27. POSES     | 23. PAGES     |



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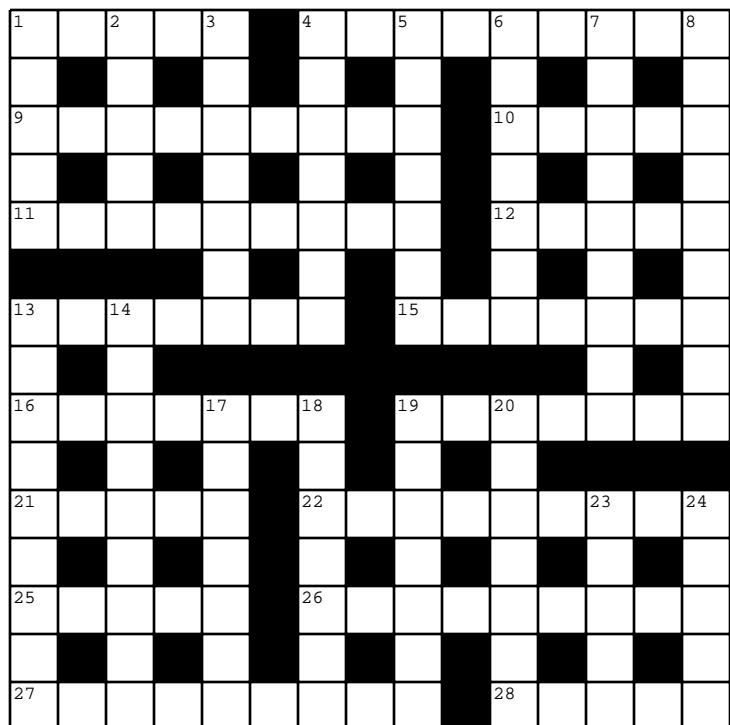
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| 9. MAINLANDS  | 3. BELUSHI    |
| 10. LIMBO     | 4. CANON      |
| 11. ABYSSINIA | 5. NOSTALGIA  |
| 12. GAUZE     | 6. ILLEGAL    |
| 13. OBELISK   | 7. COMMUNISM  |
| 16. GALLIUM   | 8. SPOKESMEN  |
| 17. FULFILL   | 13. OFFENSIVE |
| 19. ABDOMEN   | 14. ENLARGING |
| 21. NORTH     | 15. KILOCYCLE |
| 22. CLEAVAGES | 18. INHUMAN   |
| 26. IDIOM     | 20. DEVELOP   |
| 27. CHALLENGE | 23. EXAMS     |
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| 29. POINT     | 25. SWEAT     |



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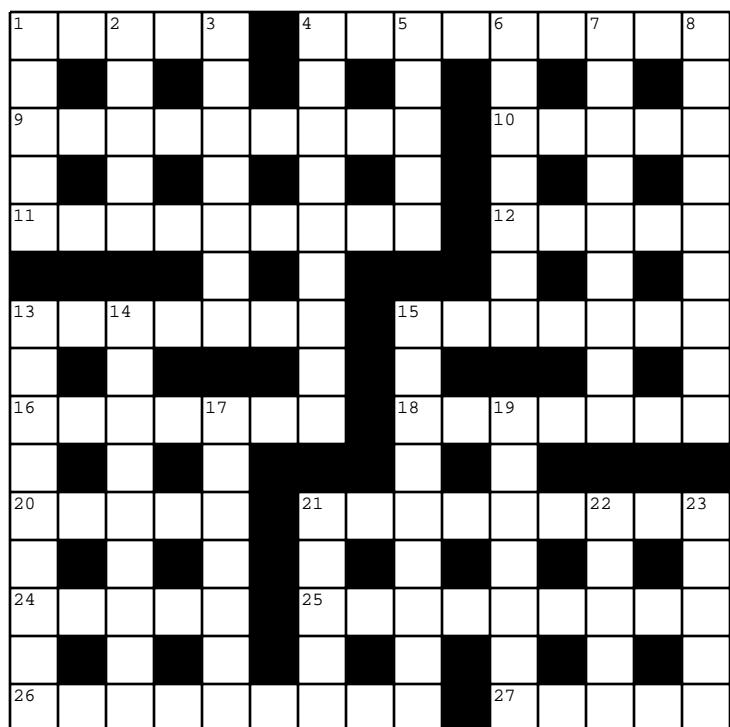
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| 9. CARCINOMA  | 3. SAILORS    |
| 10. ASPIC     | 4. PROGRAM    |
| 11. POTPOURRI | 5. IMAGING    |
| 12. TAEGU     | 6. CHASTEN    |
| 13. OPOSSUM   | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 15. GONDOLA   | 8. ENCOURAGE  |
| 16. CASUALS   | 13. ORCHESTRA |
| 19. CAPRICE   | 14. OBSOLETED |
| 21. ECLAT     | 17. ASTARTE   |
| 22. HONEYCOMB | 18. SCHISMS   |
| 25. TUTOR     | 19. CONSUME   |
| 26. STUMBLING | 20. PAYABLE   |
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| 28. EIGHT     | 24. BIGOT     |



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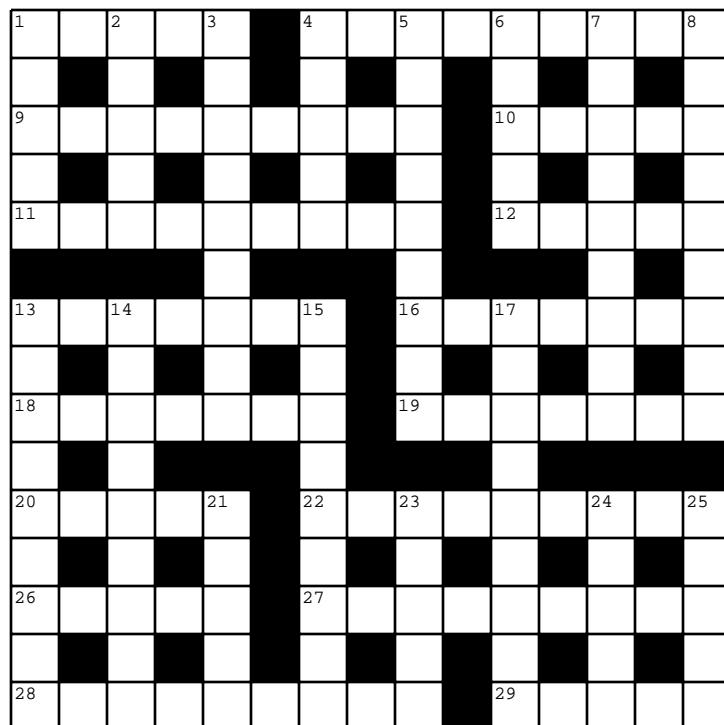
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| 9. BUTTERNUT  | 3. OREGANO    |
| 10. LUSTY     | 4. TENNESSEE  |
| 11. BALLADEER | 5. INTER      |
| 12. THOSE     | 6. MOLOTOV    |
| 13. GECKOES   | 7. HISTOGRAM  |
| 15. DIVERTS   | 8. LAYPERSON  |
| 16. OVERSEE   | 13. GEOMETRIC |
| 18. SANDMEN   | 14. CLERGYMEN |
| 20. EDGER     | 15. DISJOINTS |
| 21. GROUNDHOG | 17. SPRAYER   |
| 24. RUMMY     | 19. NONSTOP   |
| 25. SANATORIA | 21. GASES     |
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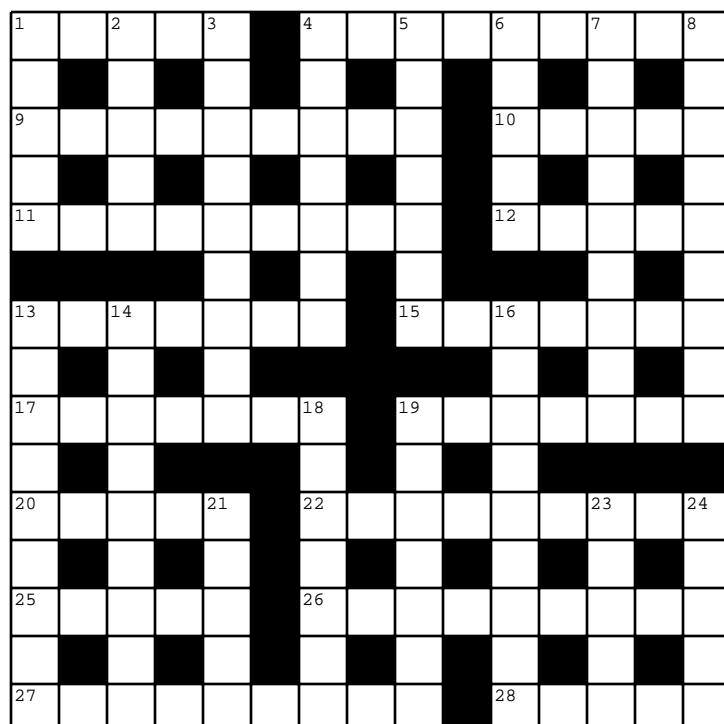
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| 9. ESTABLISH  | 3. HOBOGLIN   |
| 10. REFER     | 4. MAIZE      |
| 11. SALLOWEST | 5. UNHITCHED  |
| 12. CORFU     | 6. DIRAC      |
| 13. DEVELOP   | 7. NEFERTITI  |
| 16. HOUSING   | 8. SCROUNGES  |
| 18. MELANGE   | 13. DEMAGOGIC |
| 19. DADDIES   | 14. VELVETIER |
| 20. GREEN     | 15. PREFABBED |
| 22. ARTHRITIC | 17. UNDERWEAR |
| 26. GRIND     | 21. NUDE      |
| 27. BUTTERNUT | 23. TITLE     |
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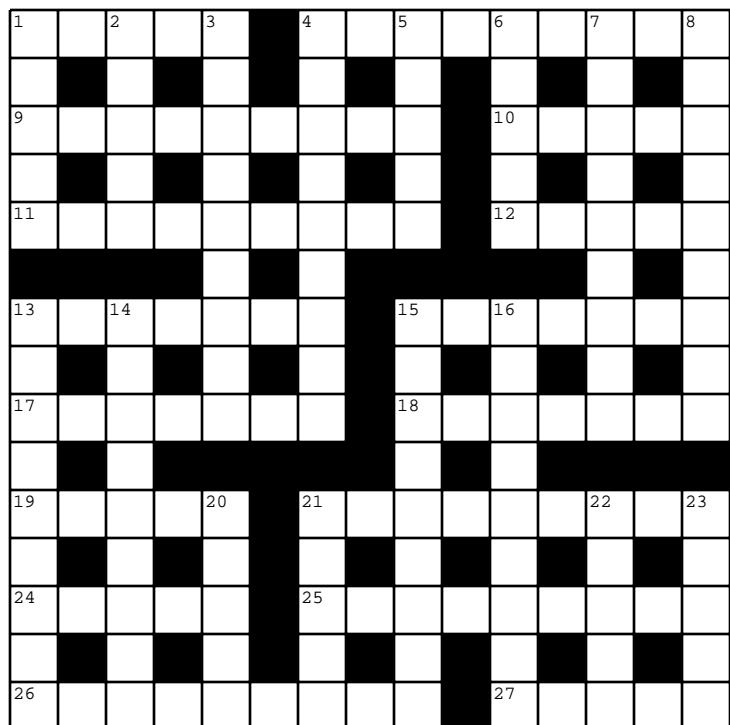
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| 9. SCRATCHES  | 3. ANTIPASTI  |
| 10. CHAIR     | 4. ATHEIST    |
| 11. OVERPRICE | 5. DISCERN    |
| 12. ETHAN     | 6. EMCEE      |
| 13. SAMOSET   | 7. SPAGHETTI  |
| 15. NECKTIE   | 8. EHRENBERG  |
| 17. MIDRIFF   | 13. SYMMETRIC |
| 19. DANCING   | 14. MIDSTREAM |
| 20. EXTRA     | 16. CANONICAL |
| 22. ERGONOMIC | 18. FLEECED   |
| 25. REEKS     | 19. DEGREES   |
| 26. CRESCENDI | 21. AISHA     |
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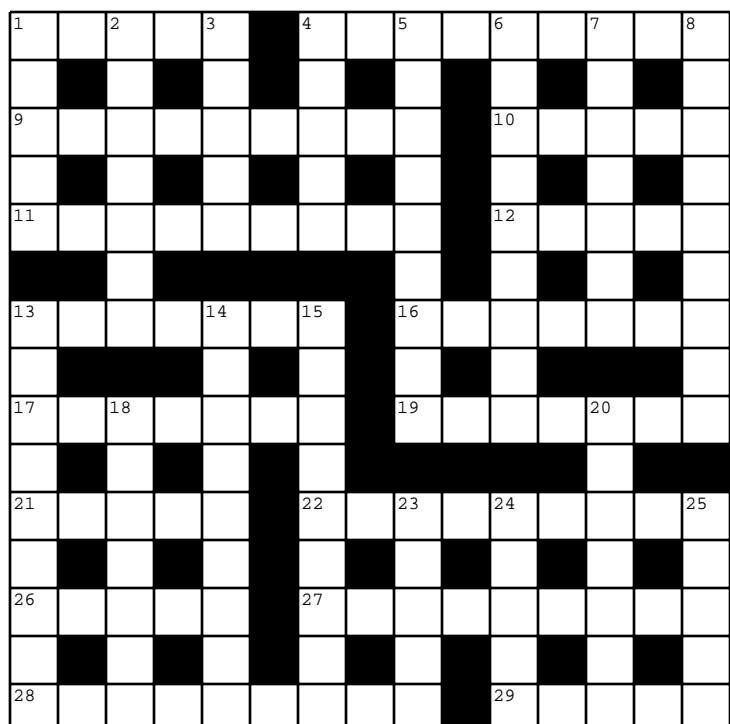
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| 9. SANDPAPER  | 3. DIPHTHONG  |
| 10. MAGIC     | 4. EXPRESSED  |
| 11. ENACTMENT | 5. CARAT      |
| 12. SUDRA     | 6. EMMYS      |
| 13. NATIONS   | 7. UNGODLIER  |
| 15. PUDDING   | 8. RECTANGLE  |
| 17. GARAGED   | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. RESERVE   | 14. TURNROUND |
| 19. TERMS     | 15. PARTNERED |
| 21. CONGENIAL | 16. DISMEMBER |
| 24. LAURA     | 20. SHARP     |
| 25. CARIBBEAN | 21. CACHE     |
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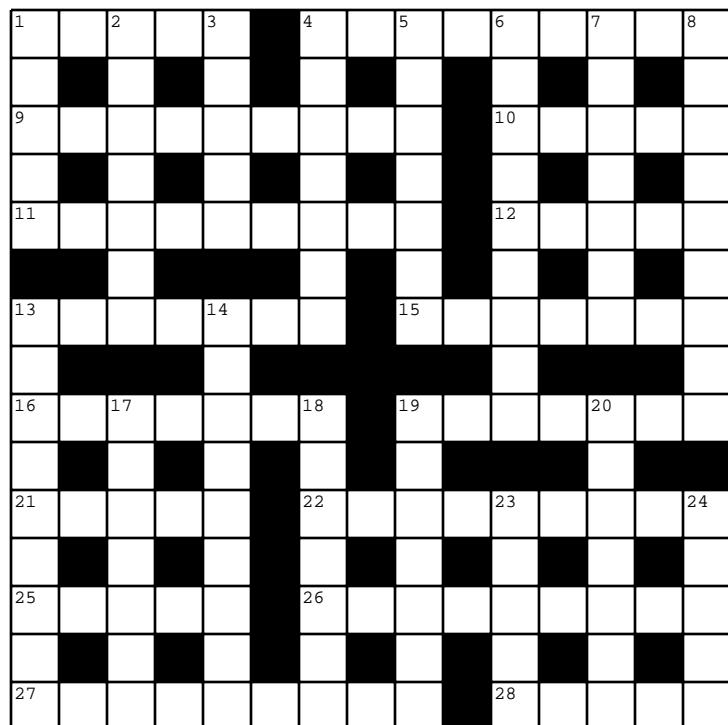
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| 9. MORATORIA  | 3. ALTER      |
| 10. ORBIT     | 4. CURSE      |
| 11. LEDERBERG | 5. ANALGESIC  |
| 12. STEER     | 6. TROUSSEAU  |
| 13. CHEETAH   | 7. NOBLEST    |
| 16. SPECTRA   | 8. AFTERWARD  |
| 17. CASCADE   | 13. COCKROACH |
| 19. CLUBBED   | 14. TOADSTOOL |
| 21. READS     | 15. HIERARCHY |
| 22. ANCESTRAL | 18. STARDOM   |
| 26. AUDIO     | 20. BIRETTA   |
| 27. CASTRATED | 23. CASES     |
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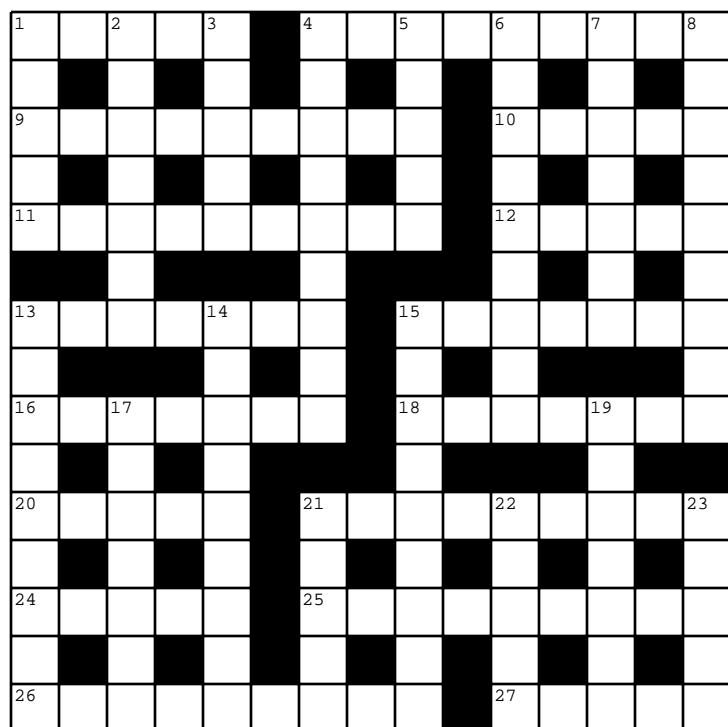
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| 4. AGRIPPINA  | 2. AROUSES    |
| 9. BOOMERANG  | 3. UTERI      |
| 10. OWNED     | 4. AMATEUR    |
| 11. MISDIRECT | 5. REGATTA    |
| 12. EERIE     | 6. PROFESSOR  |
| 13. INSOFAR   | 7. IGNORES    |
| 15. ASSISTS   | 8. ADDRESSES  |
| 16. BRENNAN   | 13. IMBECILIC |
| 19. PHRASES   | 14. FANTASTIC |
| 21. COCOA     | 17. ENCHANT   |
| 22. TROOPSHIP | 18. NOTABLY   |
| 25. LEAST     | 19. PROGRAM   |
| 26. BERNOULLI | 20. SCHOLAR   |
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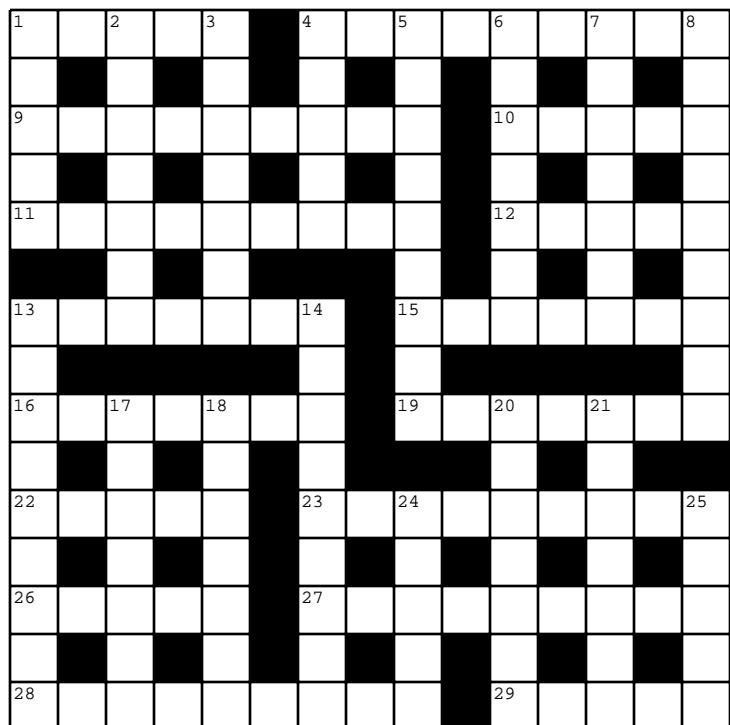
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| 4. FRACTURES  | 2. PARVENU    |
| 9. FURTHERED  | 3. ETHER      |
| 10. OLDER     | 4. FORWARDED  |
| 11. INEBRIATE | 5. ADDLE      |
| 12. STEER     | 6. TROUSSEAU  |
| 13. FOUNDED   | 7. REDDEST    |
| 15. GHETTOS   | 8. SURPRISED  |
| 16. MISUSED   | 13. FAMISHING |
| 18. LOUNGED   | 14. DISMISSAL |
| 20. STYLI     | 15. GALVESTON |
| 21. ALEJANDRA | 17. SOYBEAN   |
| 24. IDEAS     | 19. GODUNOV   |
| 25. BUTTERNUT | 21. ALBUM     |
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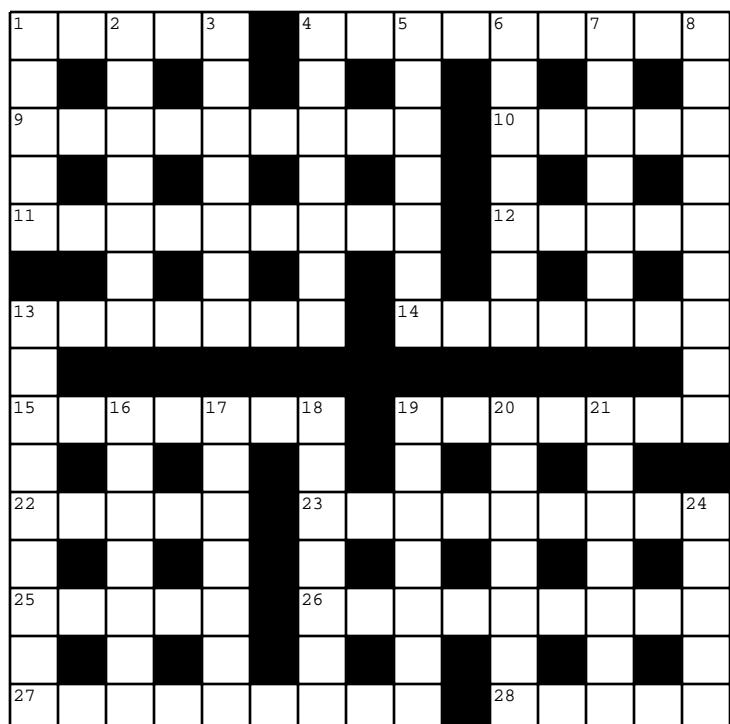
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| 9. COURTSHIP  | 3. ANTIOCH    |
| 10. IDLER     | 4. OTHER      |
| 11. DISCOURSE | 5. PEPPERONI  |
| 12. IRAQI     | 6. ELITIST    |
| 13. DELPHIC   | 7. SYLLABI    |
| 15. OUTSIDE   | 8. DIRTINESS  |
| 16. ATTEMPT   | 13. DIARRHOEA |
| 19. INMATES   | 14. CATNAPPED |
| 22. REUSE     | 17. TOURIST   |
| 23. AVOIDABLE | 18. MEEKEST   |
| 26. OLIVE     | 20. MIDRIFF   |
| 27. PROFITEER | 21. TABLEAU   |
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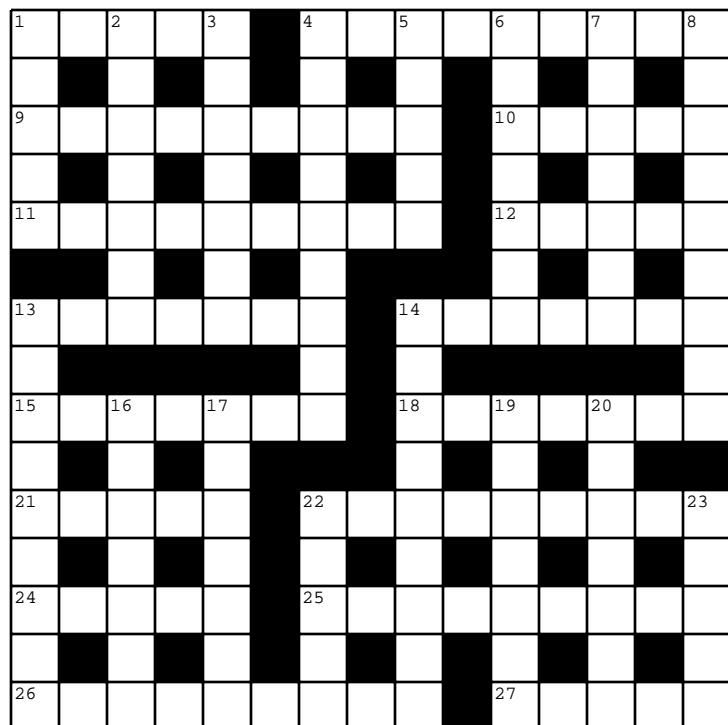
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| 9. REGRESSED  | 3. CHEKHOV    |
| 10. SHEER     | 4. DESPAIR    |
| 11. HUNCHBACK | 5. REDSKIN    |
| 12. AMARU     | 6. CASSATT    |
| 13. DELIVER   | 7. OREGANO    |
| 14. NETWORK   | 8. YARMULKES  |
| 15. SHALLOW   | 13. DISBELIEF |
| 19. SAMPLES   | 16. ABIGAIL   |
| 22. EKING     | 17. LEGROOM   |
| 23. BIGAMISTS | 18. WOBEGON   |
| 25. IDAHO     | 19. SIGNALS   |
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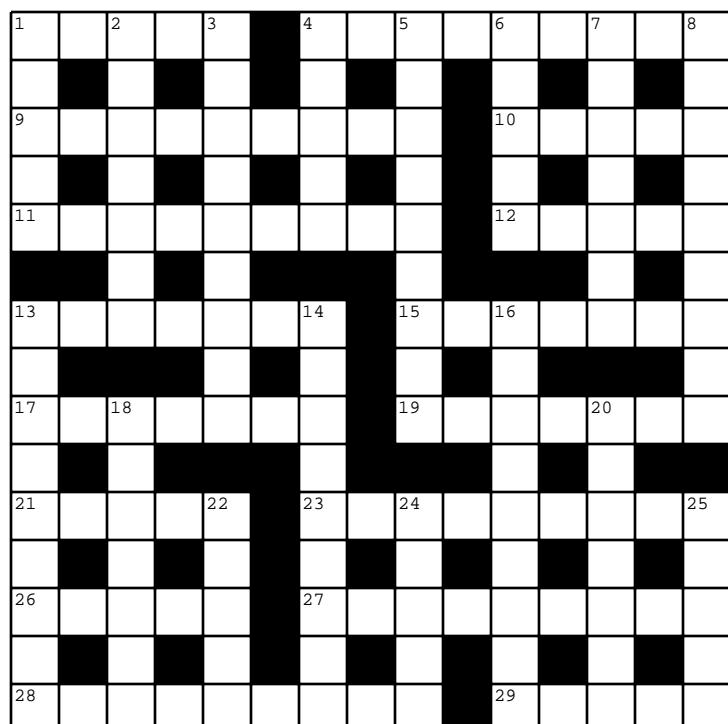
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| 4. POPULATES  | 2. KINSHIP    |
| 9. SINKHOLES  | 3. INHERIT    |
| 10. GRIMM     | 4. POLITICAL  |
| 11. INHERITED | 5. POSED      |
| 12. TULIP     | 6. LEGATEE    |
| 13. HEPATIC   | 7. TRIPLET    |
| 14. INERTIA   | 8. SOMEPLACE  |
| 15. NUMERAL   | 13. HONEYCOMB |
| 18. VIOLATE   | 14. INVOICING |
| 21. YOURS     | 16. MAUDLIN   |
| 22. BLISTERED | 17. RESIDUE   |
| 24. OILED     | 19. OSTRICH   |
| 25. ELIMINATE | 20. AIRMAIL   |
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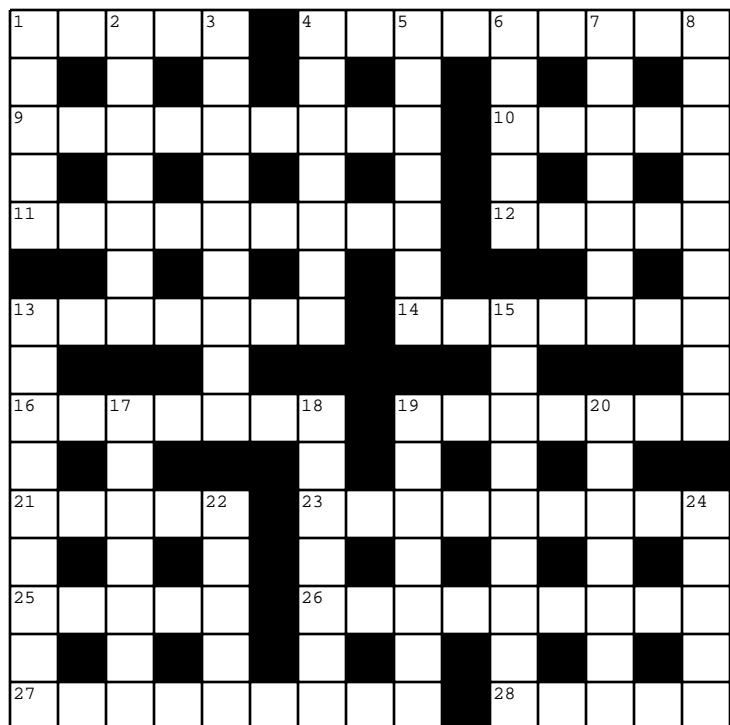
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| 9. UNCEASING  | 3. ENAMELING  |
| 10. TAPER     | 4. ONION      |
| 11. BUTTERNUT | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. OFFER     | 6. RATIO      |
| 13. MESSIAH   | 7. HOPEFUL    |
| 15. LOCALLY   | 8. PORTRAYED  |
| 17. PARAGON   | 13. MCPHERSON |
| 19. BRAISED   | 14. HANDCUFFS |
| 21. EMMYS     | 16. CHAINSAWS |
| 23. CLEANLIER | 18. ROMANOV   |
| 26. SENSE     | 20. SWINDLE   |
| 27. FORWARDER | 22. STEAL     |
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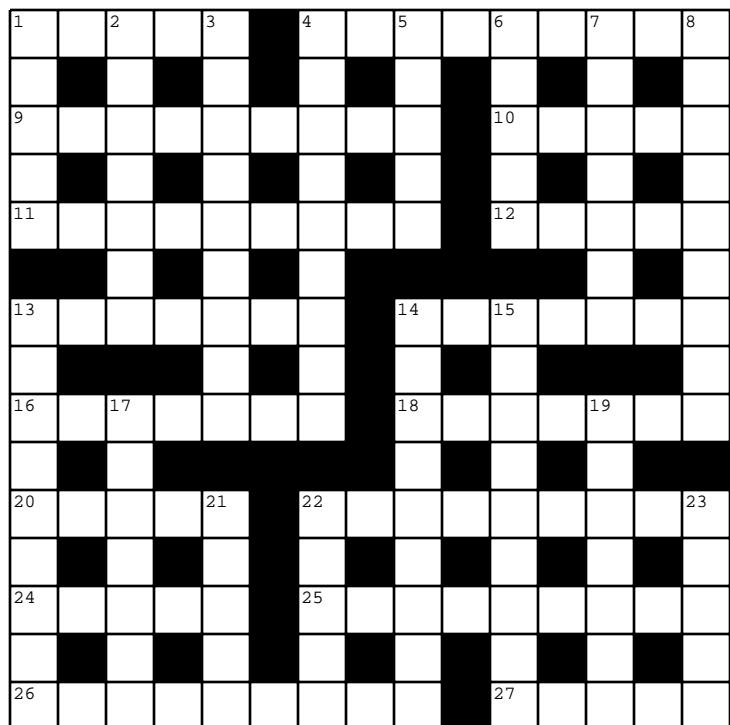
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| 11. OUTBURSTS | 5. SPLASHY    |
| 12. TITLE     | 6. ROOST      |
| 13. SCREAMS   | 7. INERTIA    |
| 14. YARDAGE   | 8. GRACELESS  |
| 16. NUMBEST   | 13. SUNSCREEN |
| 19. PRINCES   | 15. RHINOCERI |
| 21. CRAMP     | 17. MEANING   |
| 23. BISHOPRIC | 18. TOBACCO   |
| 25. ELIZA     | 19. POSTMAN   |
| 26. COMPELLED | 20. CIRCLET   |
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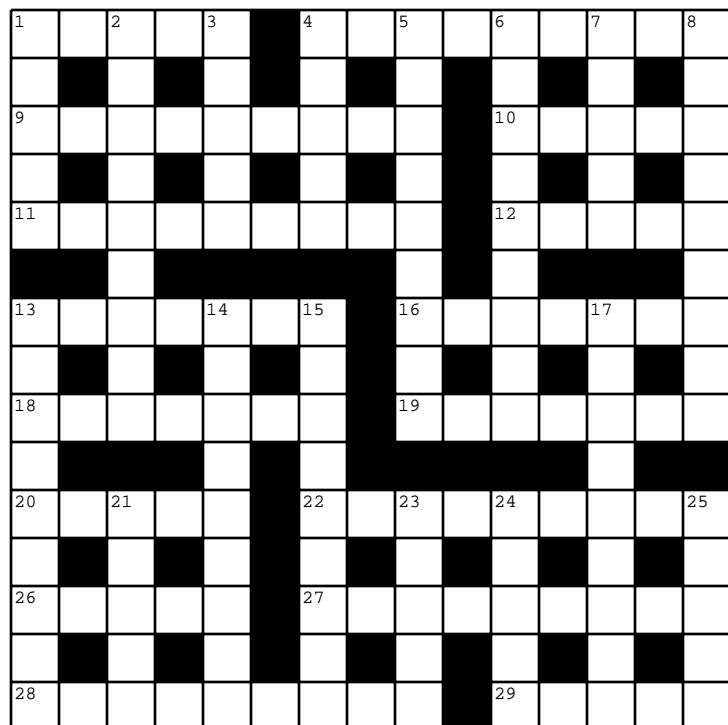
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| 10. GENRE     | 4. PROCEEDED  |
| 11. NARROWEST | 5. RESET      |
| 12. CURIO     | 6. MAGIC      |
| 13. NOTICED   | 7. CENTRES    |
| 14. GREASED   | 8. ADENOIDAL  |
| 16. GAUNTED   | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. OPTICAL   | 14. GROOVIES  |
| 20. TULSA     | 15. EXTINCTED |
| 22. ADVENTURE | 17. UGLIEST   |
| 24. LEERS     | 19. CAUSTIC   |
| 25. SPECTATOR | 21. AISLE     |
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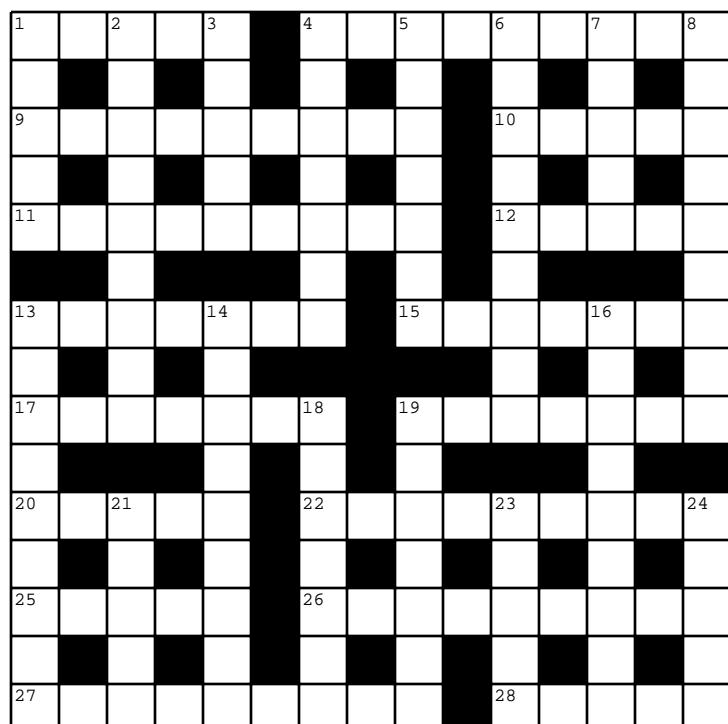
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| 9. ABERNATHY  | 3. DUNNO      |
| 10. LIEGE     | 4. ALTAI      |
| 11. HICKORIES | 5. ABYSSINIA  |
| 12. AIMED     | 6. MILWAUKEE  |
| 13. NONSTOP   | 7. STEAM      |
| 16. NAKEDER   | 8. SLENDERER  |
| 18. SUICIDE   | 13. NOSTALGIC |
| 19. ADEPTER   | 14. THIRSTIER |
| 20. ASHES     | 15. PREFERRED |
| 22. EXPLAINED | 17. DETENTION |
| 26. GENII     | 21. HONOR     |
| 27. RESTRAINS | 23. PASTE     |
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| 29. LANDS     | 25. DOSES     |



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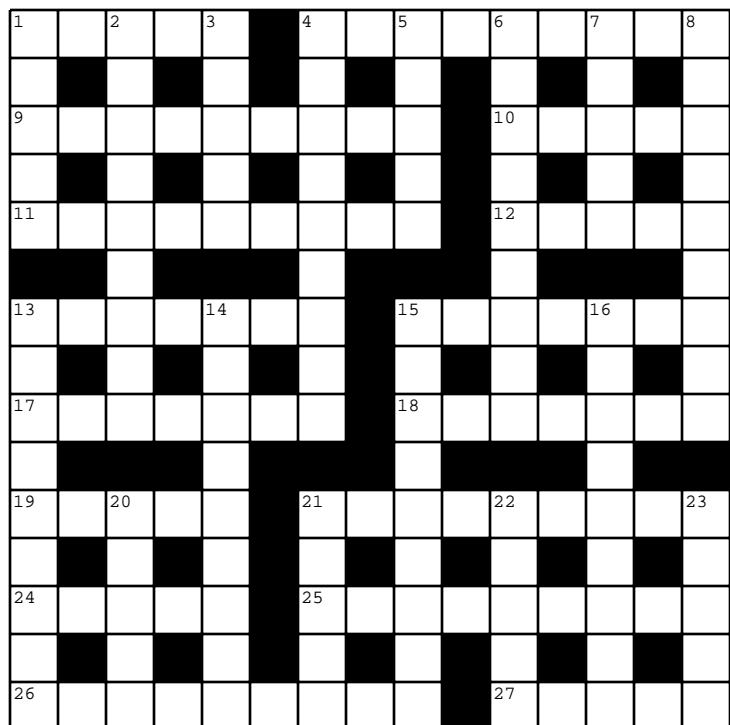
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| 9. OURSELVES  | 3. THETA      |
| 10. METRO     | 4. POVERTY    |
| 11. THESAURUS | 5. DESISTS    |
| 12. BELOW     | 6. LAMEBRAIN  |
| 13. ORDERLY   | 7. INTEL      |
| 15. SPARSER   | 8. GLOWWORMS  |
| 17. TORNADO   | 13. OUTHOUSES |
| 19. FINGERS   | 14. REARRANGE |
| 20. OCCUR     | 16. SPECIFIED |
| 22. FRIGHTING | 18. OFFHAND   |
| 25. SABIN     | 19. FRINGED   |
| 26. ARGENTINA | 21. CUBIC     |
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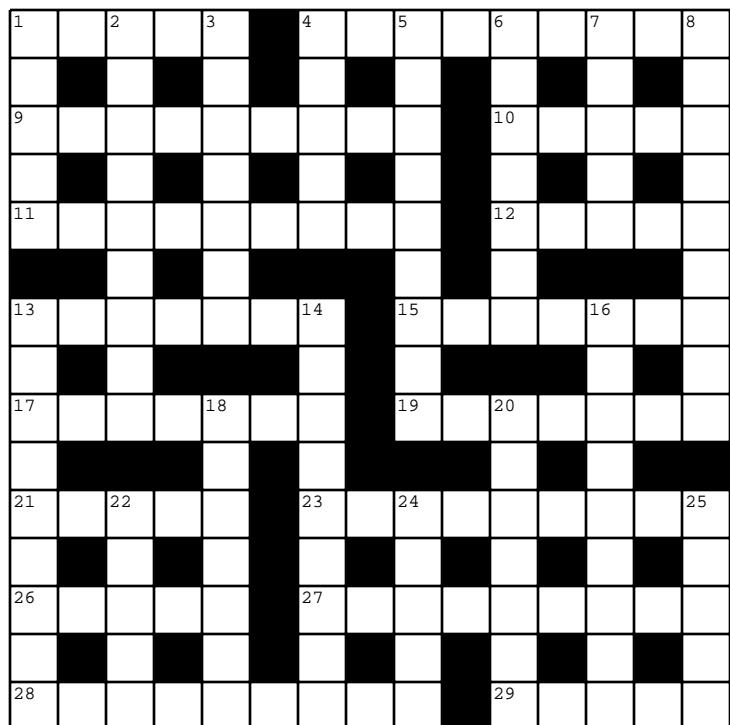
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| 9. EAVESDROP  | 3. HOSED      |
| 10. ROBOT     | 4. FORGOTTEN  |
| 11. GRANDIOSE | 5. AMPLE      |
| 12. STRUT     | 6. CARDSHARP  |
| 13. EXHIBIT   | 7. SOBER      |
| 15. UNARMED   | 8. ATTITUDES  |
| 17. CONCERN   | 13. EUCALYPTI |
| 18. EXPECTS   | 14. BLESSEDER |
| 19. LENDS     | 15. UNEARTHED |
| 21. KIRCHHOFF | 16. MICROCODE |
| 24. PACED     | 20. NICKS     |
| 25. BEHAVIOUR | 21. KABOB     |
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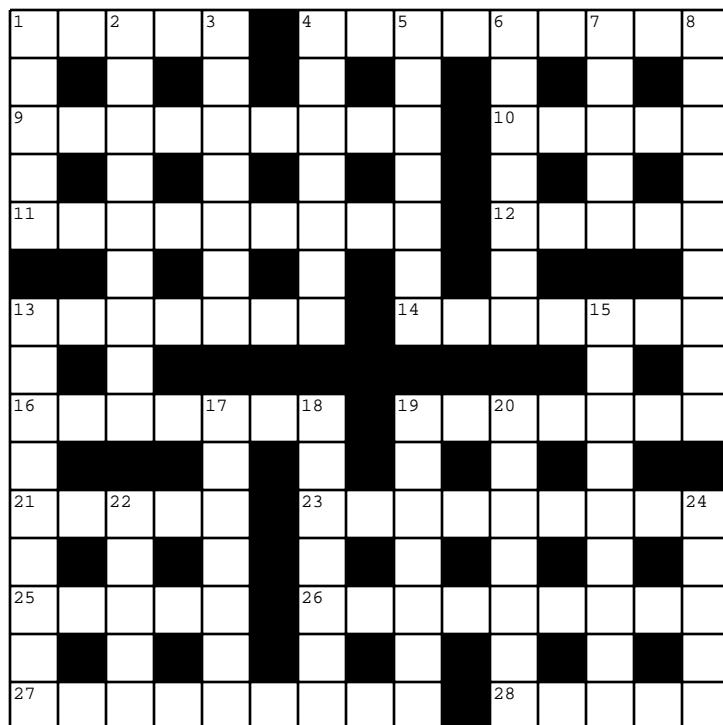
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| 4. WINDFALLS  | 2. CONTAINER  |
| 9. CANVASING  | 3. ARACELI    |
| 10. RABBI     | 4. WHILE      |
| 11. STATEMENT | 5. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 12. THROW     | 6. FIRSTLY    |
| 13. GENUINE   | 7. LABOR      |
| 15. LAYETTE   | 8. SHIPWRECK  |
| 17. APRICOT   | 13. GRADUATED |
| 19. BEDROCK   | 14. ENTRAPPED |
| 21. UPPER     | 16. TROUSSEAU |
| 23. APPRAISES | 18. CARIBOU   |
| 26. THUMB     | 20. DRASTIC   |
| 27. POLYTHENE | 22. PLUGS     |
| 28. DISSUADES | 24. PILES     |
| 29. CRUEL     | 25. SMELL     |



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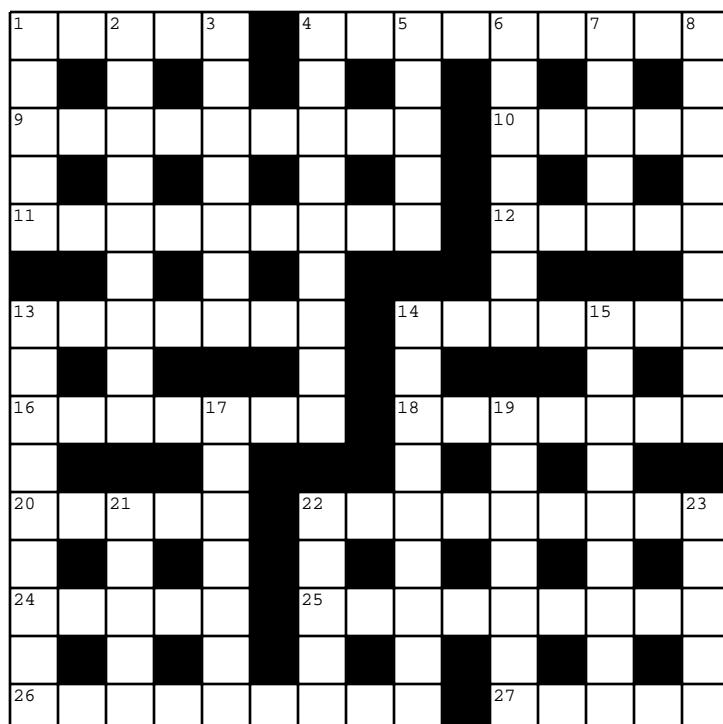
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| 4. TAILORING  | 2. IMPROMPTU  |
| 9. EXPOSURES  | 3. DASHIKI    |
| 10. GRAND     | 4. TERMING    |
| 11. PROHIBITS | 5. INSISTS    |
| 12. NAIVE     | 6. ORGANIC    |
| 13. SAPPING   | 7. IRAQI      |
| 14. SECURES   | 8. GODDESSES  |
| 16. BOUNCED   | 13. SUBSYSTEM |
| 19. EFFECTS   | 15. RECTANGLE |
| 21. YUCCA     | 17. CLASSIC   |
| 23. AGGRAVATE | 18. DWARFER   |
| 25. TUBES     | 19. ENROSS    |
| 26. FRONTAGES | 20. FRANTIC   |
| 27. MANICURES | 22. CABIN     |
| 28. CREED     | 24. EASED     |



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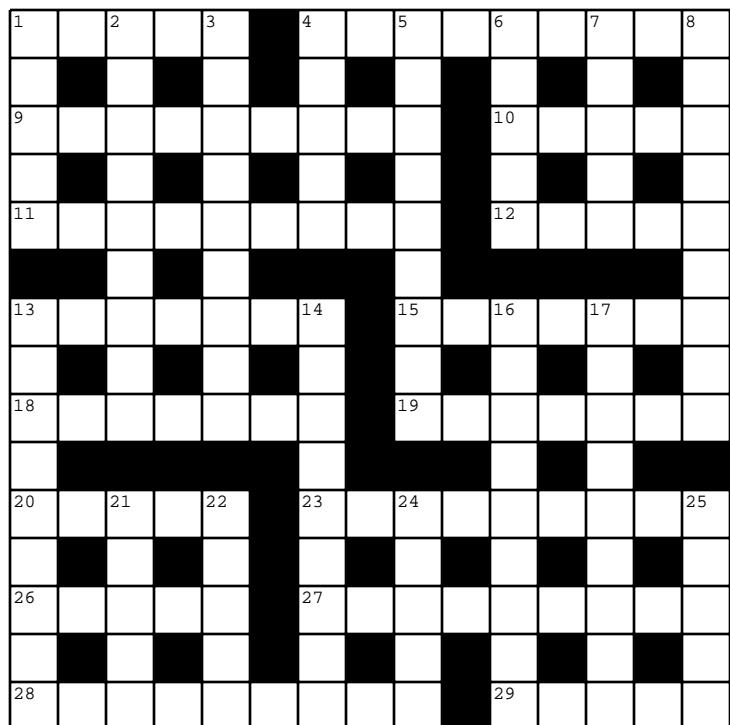
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| 9. ANALGESIC  | 3. EDGARDO    |
| 10. EDIFY     | 4. NASTINESS  |
| 11. NEFERTITI | 5. GUCCI      |
| 12. TIGER     | 6. TREETOP    |
| 13. HORMONE   | 7. LYING      |
| 14. BIPLANE   | 8. BOYFRIEND  |
| 16. RITUALS   | 13. HARMONICA |
| 18. LOCATED   | 14. BULLDOZES |
| 20. OUGHT     | 15. ATTENTIVE |
| 22. ABDOMINAL | 17. ATTEMPT   |
| 24. IDIOM     | 19. COMMAND   |
| 25. MEZZANINE | 21. GUILT     |
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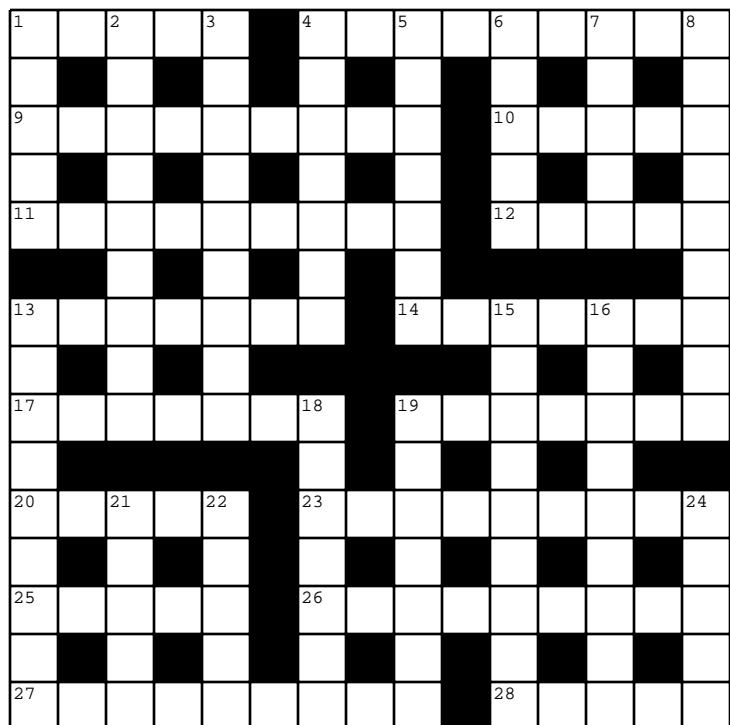
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| 4. TARNISHES  | 2. FRIGIDITY  |
| 9. GLISSANDI  | 3. ASSESSING  |
| 10. SANER     | 4. TENON      |
| 11. GLISSANDO | 5. RHINOCERI  |
| 12. ERROR     | 6. ISSUE      |
| 13. SPIRITS   | 7. HONOR      |
| 15. EXPERTS   | 8. SURPRISES  |
| 18. VOYAGER   | 13. SEVENTEEN |
| 19. IMPOSES   | 14. STRAPLESS |
| 20. NOSES     | 16. PEPPERONI |
| 23. PERPETUAL | 17. RESTUDIED |
| 26. EFREN     | 21. SCREW     |
| 27. ECOLOGIST | 22. SONIC     |
| 28. NEWSCASTS | 24. ROOMS     |
| 29. INDEX     | 25. LATEX     |



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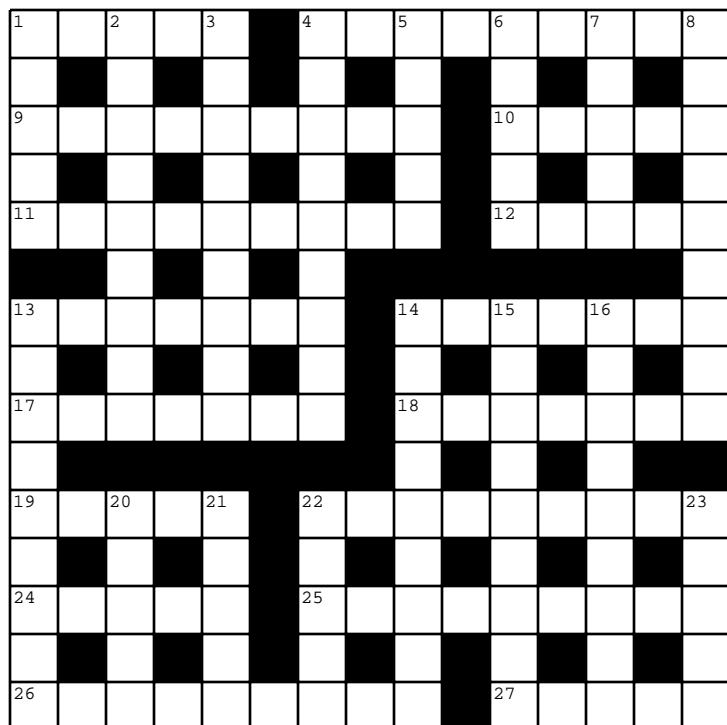
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| 4. CADDIEING  | 2. GUARDRAIL  |
| 9. TEAMMATES  | 3. COMMUNISM  |
| 10. DRIVE     | 4. CATALOG    |
| 11. REDOUBLES | 5. DISUSED    |
| 12. ADMIT     | 6. INDIA      |
| 13. READING   | 7. IDIOM      |
| 14. DECLARE   | 8. GREATNESS  |
| 17. DILEMMA   | 13. REDEFINES |
| 19. VIRUSES   | 15. CARTWHEEL |
| 20. FETCH     | 16. ASSERTION |
| 23. FOREWORDS | 18. AFFABLE   |
| 25. NEGEV     | 19. VARIETY   |
| 26. BREWERIES | 21. TIGER     |
| 27. STRANGELY | 22. HAVEN     |
| 28. LUNGS     | 24. SISES     |



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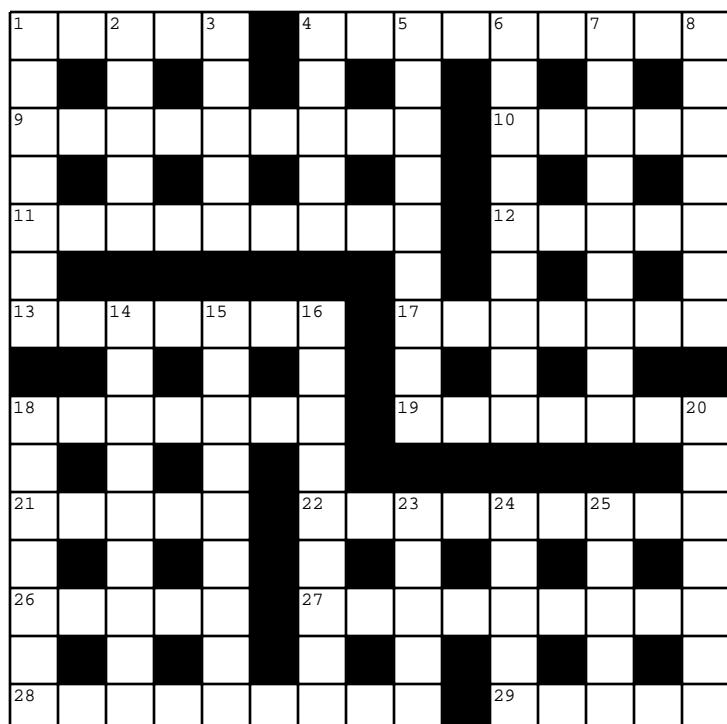
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| 4. BUTTERCUP  | 2. BURLESQUE  |
| 9. PARAMETER  | 3. LIMESTONE  |
| 10. CACAO     | 4. BETRAYALS  |
| 11. OVERSTAYS | 5. TERMS      |
| 12. LEASE     | 6. EXCEL      |
| 13. SEQUOIA   | 7. COCOA      |
| 14. SADDENS   | 8. PROCESSOR  |
| 17. AGELESS   | 13. SPACESHIP |
| 18. INSIDER   | 14. SHINBONES |
| 19. EXTRA     | 15. DESTROYER |
| 22. EMBARRASS | 16. ENDEAVOUR |
| 24. HENCE     | 20. TANIA     |
| 25. HONEYCOMB | 21. ARENT     |
| 26. PRACTICES | 22. ETHIC     |
| 27. RARER     | 23. SOBER     |



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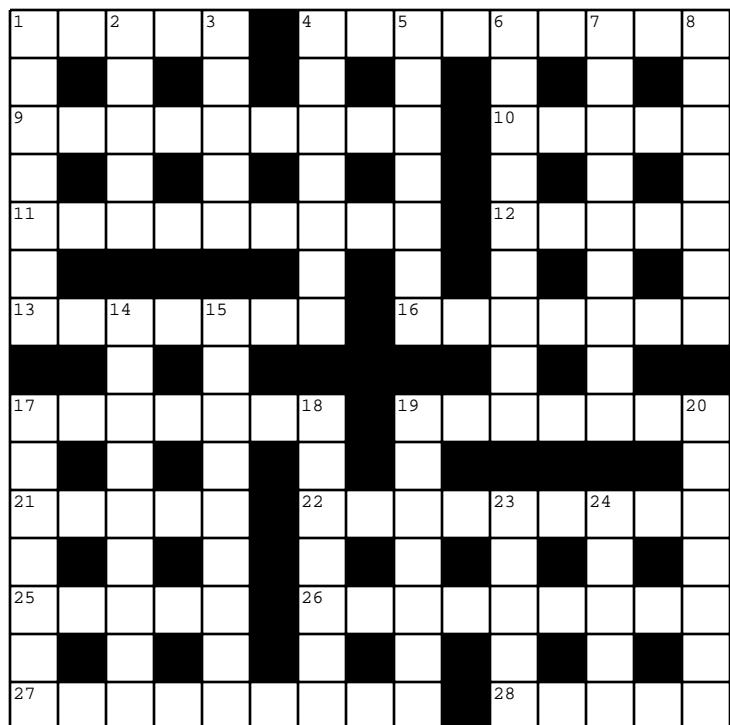
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| 4. MEASURING  | 2. BOGUS      |
| 9. ALGORITHM  | 3. LARVA      |
| 10. DETER     | 4. METAL      |
| 11. INSTALLED | 5. ARMADILLO  |
| 12. RHODA     | 6. UNDERLINE  |
| 13. HERSELF   | 7. INTRODUCE  |
| 17. LEISURE   | 8. GARBAGE    |
| 18. CHATEAU   | 14. REALIZING |
| 19. ONESELF   | 15. ENERGIZER |
| 21. ACING     | 16. FAULTIEST |
| 22. THUMBNAIL | 18. CLASSIC   |
| 26. SPITZ     | 20. FULFILL   |
| 27. EUCALYPTI | 23. UNCLE     |
| 28. CIGARETTE | 24. BELOW     |
| 29. WHEEL     | 25. APPLE     |



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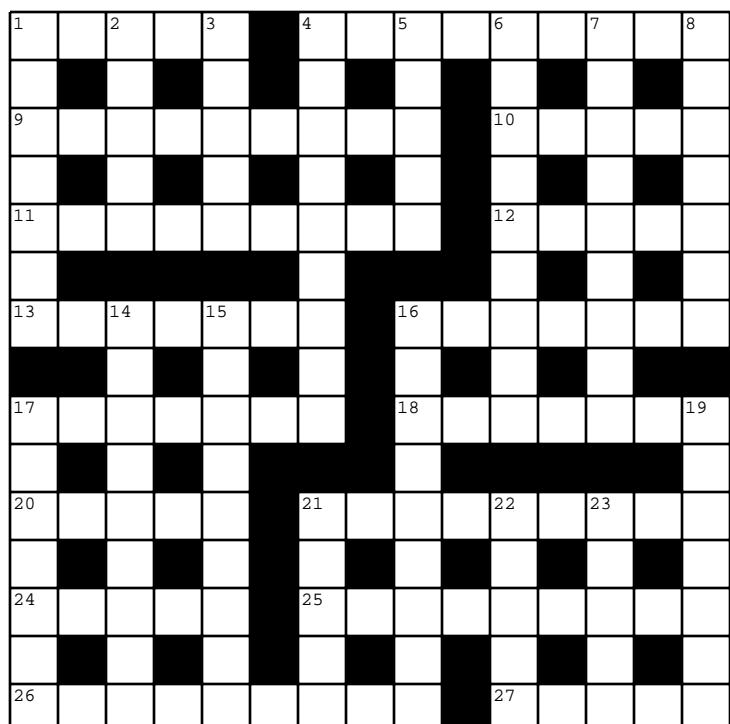
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| 4. SOMEPLACE  | 2. DEPOT      |
| 9. HAPHAZARD  | 3. ABACI      |
| 10. REACH     | 4. SPARSER    |
| 11. INTRINSIC | 5. MODICUM    |
| 12. OCEAN     | 6. PERSONNEL  |
| 13. MANLIER   | 7. AMATERASU  |
| 16. MUNDANE   | 8. ENHANCE    |
| 17. SCRUPLE   | 14. NORMALITY |
| 19. CALCULI   | 15. IMPARTIAL |
| 21. CHAIR     | 17. SECULAR   |
| 22. CATNAPPED | 18. EXCITES   |
| 25. LUIGI     | 19. CUTLETS   |
| 26. THEORETIC | 20. INDUCED   |
| 27. ROYALISTS | 23. ATRIA     |
| 28. ACCHED    | 24. PITCH     |



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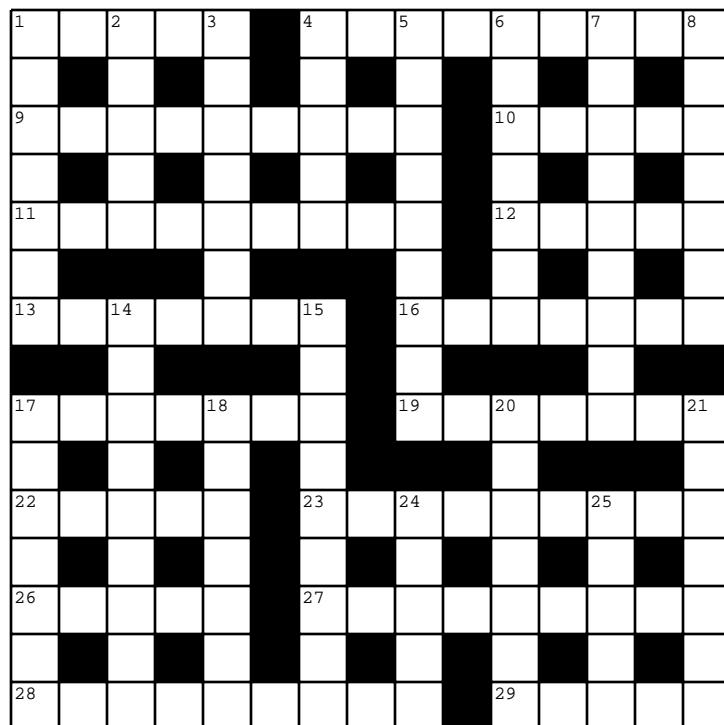
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| 4. LANDMARKS  | 2. SCRAP      |
| 9. HARDLINER  | 3. DELHI      |
| 10. NAIVE     | 4. LENGTHENS  |
| 11. APPOINTEE | 5. NURSE      |
| 12. ELOPE     | 6. MANNEQUIN  |
| 13. MACABRE   | 7. RHINOCERI  |
| 16. ABUSERS   | 8. SKEWERS    |
| 17. KENNELS   | 14. CONTRALTO |
| 18. LENTILS   | 15. BLESSEDER |
| 20. TURNS     | 16. ALLOWABLE |
| 21. NEWSCASTS | 17. KETCHUP   |
| 24. HALED     | 19. SUSPECT   |
| 25. HIBERNATE | 21. NAHUM     |
| 26. PROGRAMME | 22. CARPI     |
| 27. INPUT     | 23. STAMP     |



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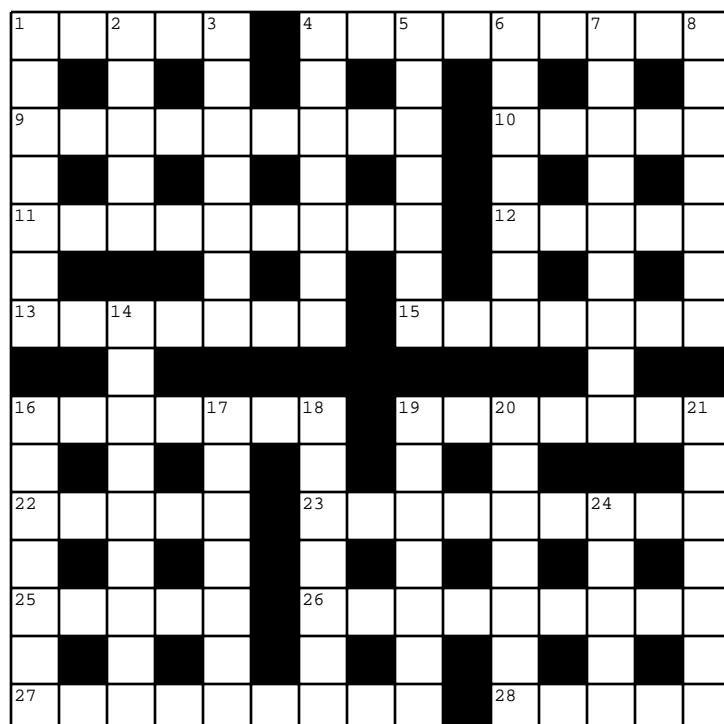
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| 4. BACKTRACK  | 2. INLET      |
| 9. SOLICITOR  | 3. FACTUAL    |
| 10. POPPY     | 4. BITES      |
| 11. OUTBURSTS | 5. CORKSCREW  |
| 12. CREDO     | 6. TYPICAL    |
| 13. FIDDLERS  | 7. APPLEJACK  |
| 16. RELEASE   | 8. KEYNOTE    |
| 17. GRANOLA   | 14. DIAPHRAGM |
| 19. WRECKED   | 15. SPASMODIC |
| 22. OCHRE     | 17. GLOSSED   |
| 23. MARIGOLDS | 18. OVERRAN   |
| 26. STAIR     | 20. EAGERER   |
| 27. DISTRACTS | 21. DISUSED   |
| 28. DOMINICAN | 24. RISEN     |
| 29. RULED     | 25. LOCAL     |



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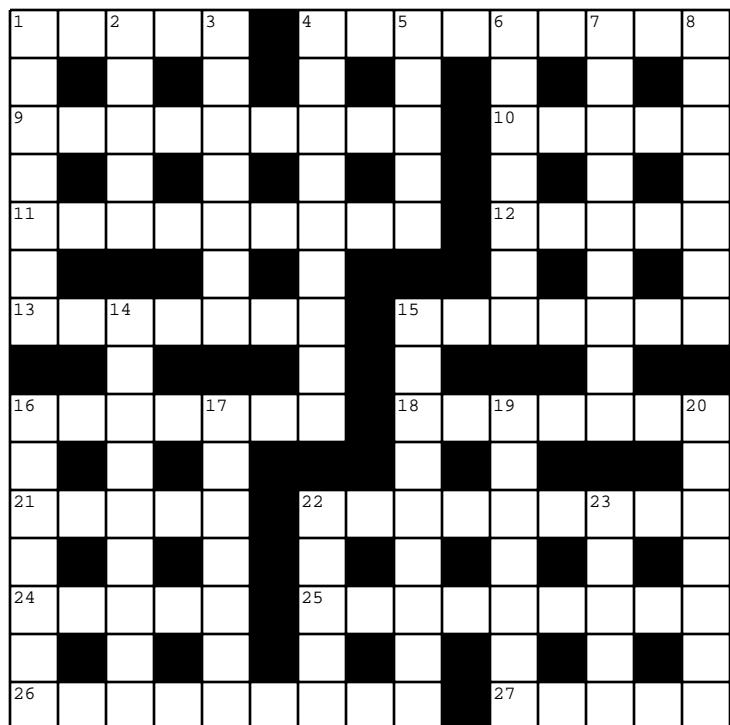
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| 4. DRIBBLERS  | 2. BANAL      |
| 9. MENDELEEV  | 3. THEREETO   |
| 10. FACTS     | 4. DEEMING    |
| 11. GALLERIED | 5. INVADES    |
| 12. ALLIE     | 6. BUFFALO    |
| 13. SEABORG   | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 15. STOPPED   | 8. SUSPEND    |
| 16. SENATES   | 14. AMNESTIES |
| 19. ATHEISM   | 16. SHERIFF   |
| 22. EPSOM     | 17. TIMPANI   |
| 23. OBSTRUCTS | 18. SHOWMEN   |
| 25. IBIZA     | 19. ASSURED   |
| 26. MARCELINO | 20. HERSELF   |
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| 28. FRANK     | 24. CHINA     |



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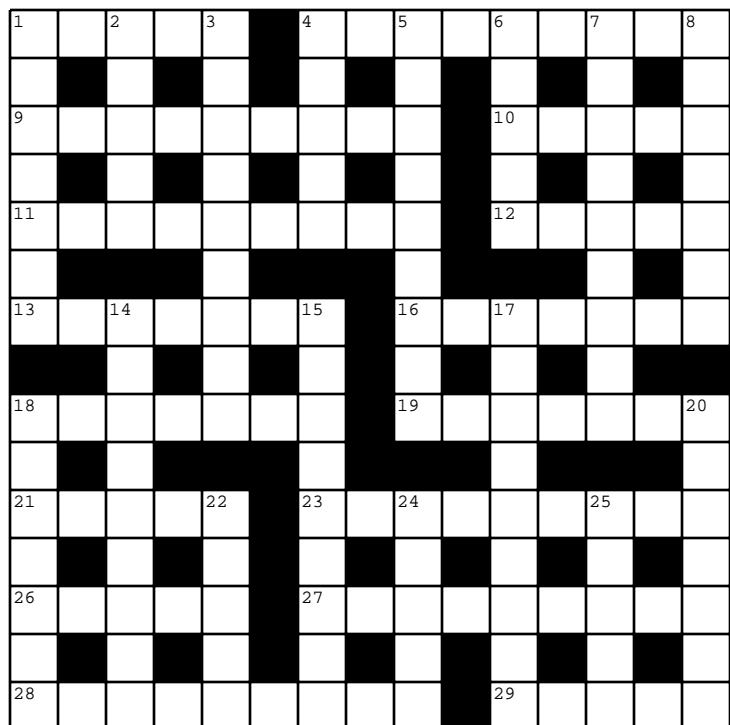
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| 4. LIFETIMES  | 2. DONUT      |
| 9. SENTENCES  | 3. DREAMER    |
| 10. RARER     | 4. LACHRYMAL  |
| 11. OUTSMARTS | 5. FASTS      |
| 12. ACTED     | 6. THREATS    |
| 13. DECORUM   | 7. MORATORIA  |
| 15. ABSORBS   | 8. STRIDES    |
| 16. CYNICAL   | 14. CONTAINER |
| 18. ACCLAIM   | 15. AVALANCHE |
| 21. SNAFU     | 16. CASTOFF   |
| 22. YEARNINGS | 17. COULDNT   |
| 24. OWNED     | 19. CENTAUR   |
| 25. RECTANGLE | 20. MISLEAD   |
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| 27. RAVED     | 23. NEGEV     |



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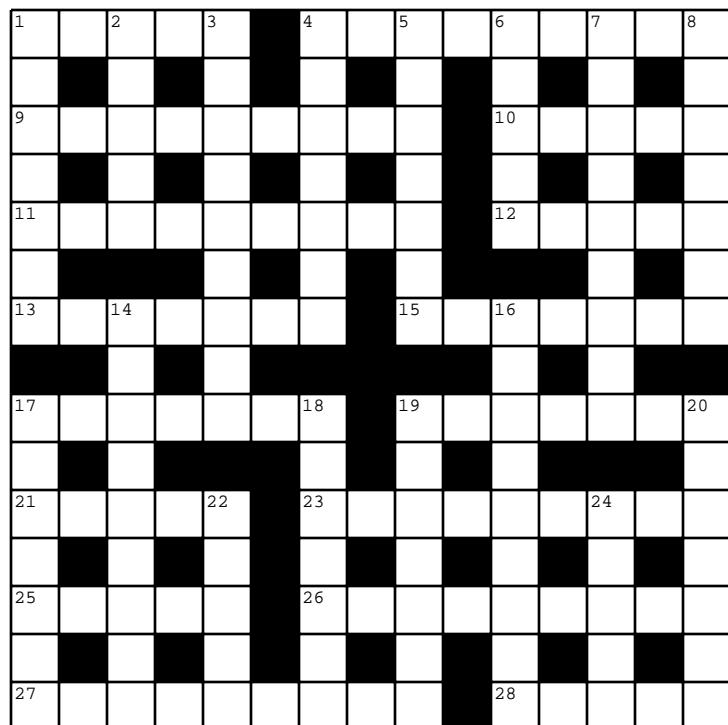
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| 4. DEFENDING  | 2. RURAL      |
| 9. CURRICULA  | 3. GLISSANDI  |
| 10. COPRA     | 4. DOURO      |
| 11. ILLUSIONS | 5. FLAGSTAFF  |
| 12. ROOTS     | 6. NICER      |
| 13. GREENER   | 7. IMPROMPTU  |
| 16. ACCEPTS   | 8. GLASSES    |
| 18. MARXIST   | 14. EHRENBERG |
| 19. FORTUNE   | 15. RUTABAGAS |
| 21. MINIM     | 17. CORKSCREW |
| 23. BLOSSOMED | 18. MEMENTO   |
| 26. NEEDS     | 20. ENDORSE   |
| 27. GENERATOR | 22. MASON     |
| 28. ORGANISER | 24. OWNER     |
| 29. WROTE     | 25. MOTTO     |



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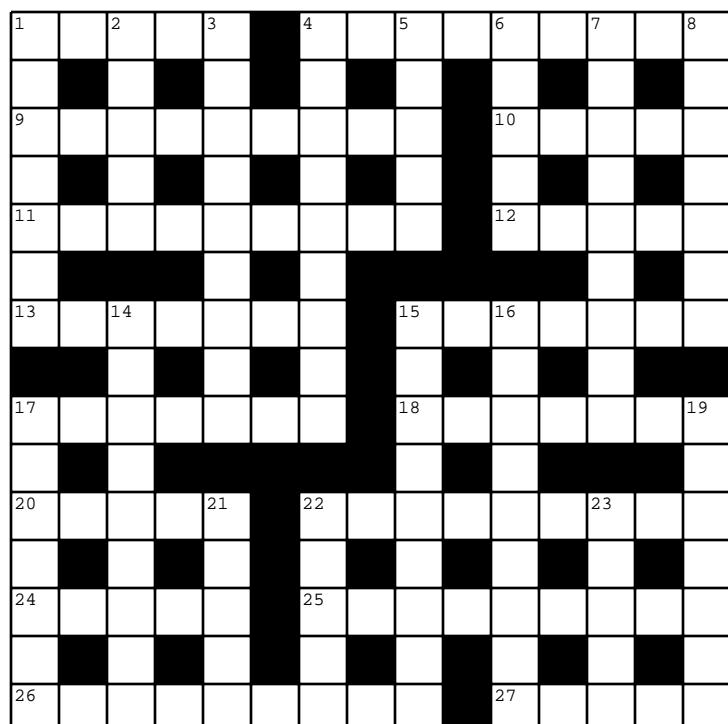
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| 4. PANORAMIC  | 2. PROMO      |
| 9. CROSSWALK  | 3. DISLIKING  |
| 10. ASHED     | 4. PLANNED    |
| 11. EMOTIONAL | 5. NIKOLAI    |
| 12. TORSI     | 6. REACT      |
| 13. SAVVIED   | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 15. INSISTS   | 8. CADDIES    |
| 17. RENEGES   | 14. VENGEANCE |
| 19. CAPPING   | 16. SEPARATOR |
| 21. FREER     | 17. REFUGIO   |
| 23. EMPIRICAL | 18. SPEEDED   |
| 25. GANGS     | 19. COPINGS   |
| 26. DONATELLO | 20. GALLows   |
| 27. OVERRIDES | 22. RISER     |
| 28. RESTS     | 24. CALMS     |



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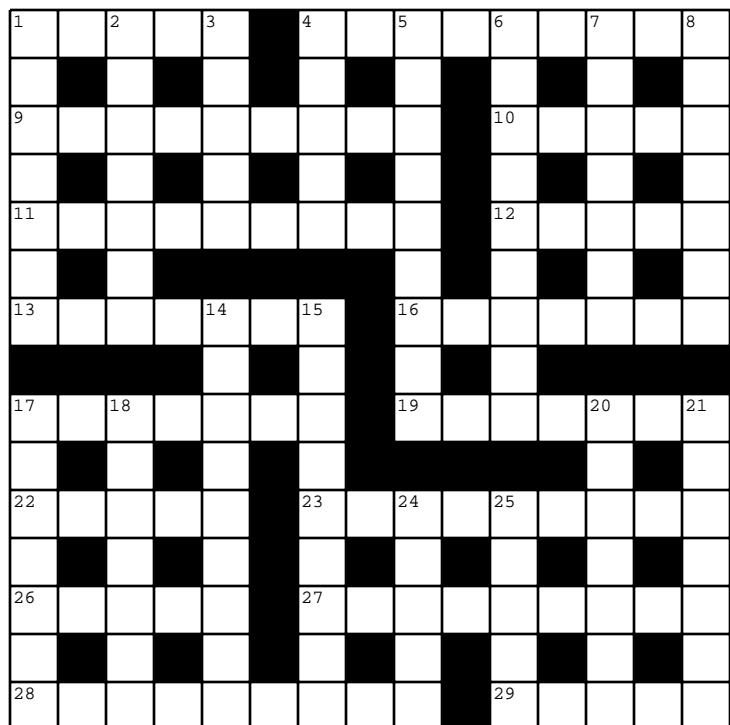
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| 4. STEADICAM  | 2. TENOR      |
| 9. SANITARIA  | 3. CATCHIEST  |
| 10. ORGAN     | 4. SURPRISED  |
| 11. SURCHARGE | 5. ERASE      |
| 12. PARSI     | 6. DROOP      |
| 13. SMOKERS   | 7. CIGARILLO  |
| 15. CANDLED   | 8. MANKIND    |
| 17. ELECTED   | 14. OVERBLOWN |
| 18. REGROUP   | 15. CARAPACES |
| 20. RUBIK     | 16. NIGHTCLUB |
| 22. IMPETUSES | 17. EARDRUM   |
| 24. RHODA     | 19. PESETAS   |
| 25. EXCELLENT | 21. KHAKI     |
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| 27. BATHS     | 23. SPENT     |



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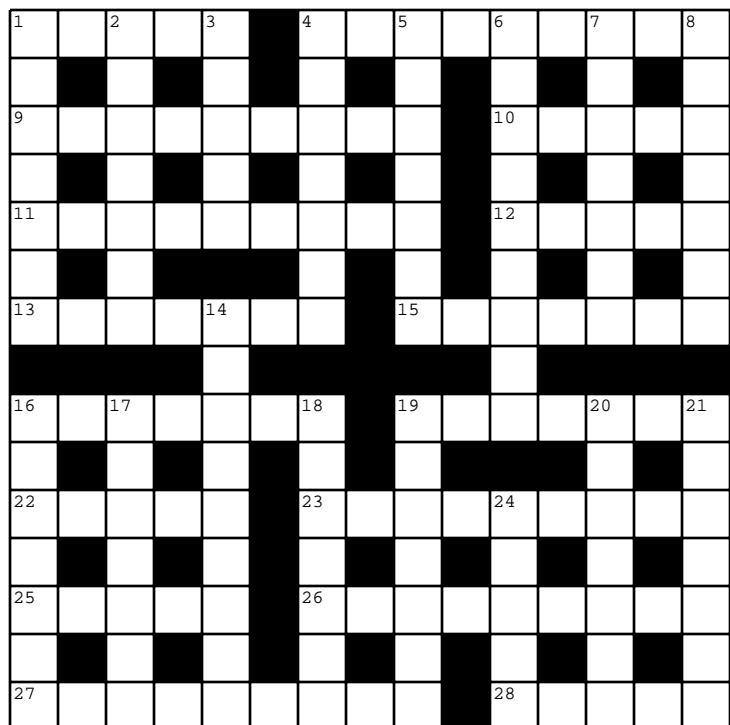
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| 4. OVERBLOWN  | 2. THALAMI    |
| 9. NEARLIEST  | 3. DELHI      |
| 10. TWEAK     | 4. OPERA      |
| 11. INANIMATE | 5. ENTREATED  |
| 12. EMEND     | 6. BUTTERCUP  |
| 13. HAIRCUT   | 7. OPENEST    |
| 16. TACITLY   | 8. NAKEDLY    |
| 17. VALENTI   | 14. CONTRALTO |
| 19. DEPOSIT   | 15. TRIUMPHED |
| 22. SANER     | 17. VISITOR   |
| 23. MARGARITA | 18. LENGTHS   |
| 26. TOTAL     | 20. STIMULI   |
| 27. HAZELNUTS | 21. TRANSIT   |
| 28. RESPONDED | 24. RAZED     |
| 29. WRIST     | 25. ALLOW     |



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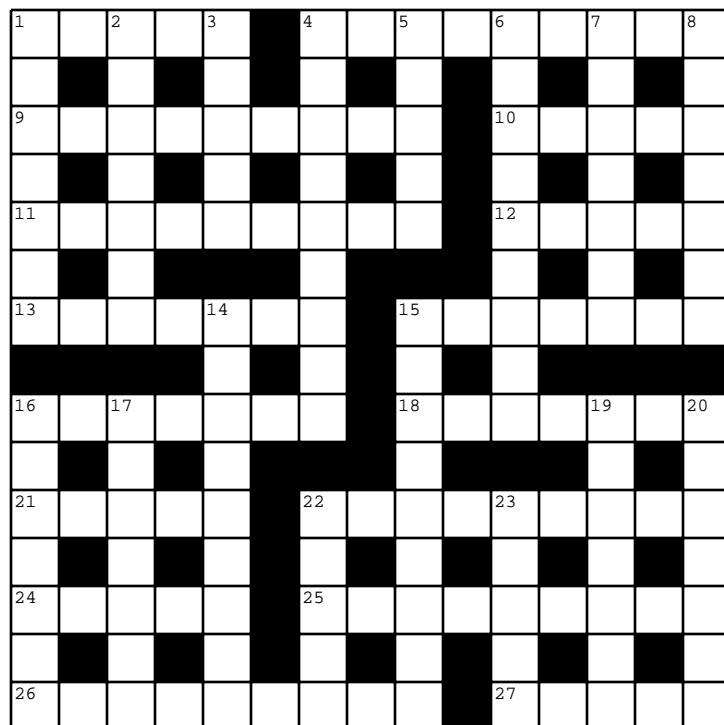
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| 4. COMEDIANS  | 2. BESEECH    |
| 9. ESSENTIAL  | 3. CYNIC      |
| 10. CROWN     | 4. CLIENTS    |
| 11. CRESCENDI | 5. MALLING    |
| 12. DRESS     | 6. DOCUDRAMA  |
| 13. SCHEMES   | 7. APOGEES    |
| 15. GLASSES   | 8. SINUSES    |
| 16. HAIRCUT   | 14. MACHINIST |
| 19. GRABBED   | 16. HOSANNA   |
| 22. SUSHI     | 17. INSPECT   |
| 23. ANNOUNCES | 18. TRAPPED   |
| 25. NOEMI     | 19. GENESIS   |
| 26. POSSIBLER | 20. BACILLI   |
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| 28. LYING     | 24. URIEL     |



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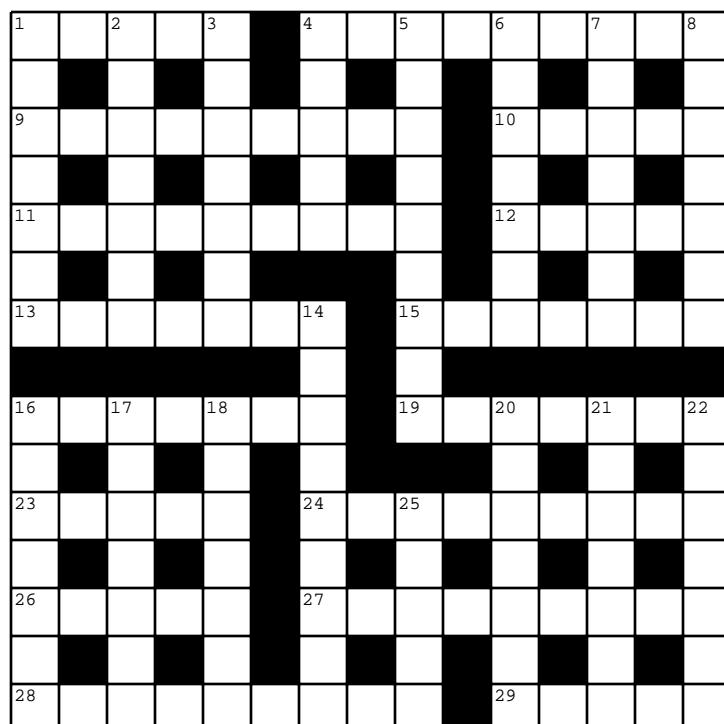
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| 4. COURTYARD  | 2. SCEPTIC     |
| 9. CRESCENDI  | 3. INCUR       |
| 10. OZONE     | 4. CONTINENT   |
| 11. UPTURNING | 5. USING       |
| 12. SCARE     | 6. TROUSSEAU   |
| 13. BICYCLE   | 7. ANORAKS     |
| 15. PLEASES   | 8. DIESELS     |
| 16. RESTART   | 14. CEAUSESCU  |
| 18. RHUBARB   | 15. PERHAPSSES |
| 21. CARDS     | 16. RECLAIM    |
| 22. HEADFIRST | 17. SURPLUS    |
| 24. ATLAS     | 19. ACREAGE    |
| 25. DISREGARD | 20. BETIDES    |
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| 27. DEEDS     | 23. FREED      |



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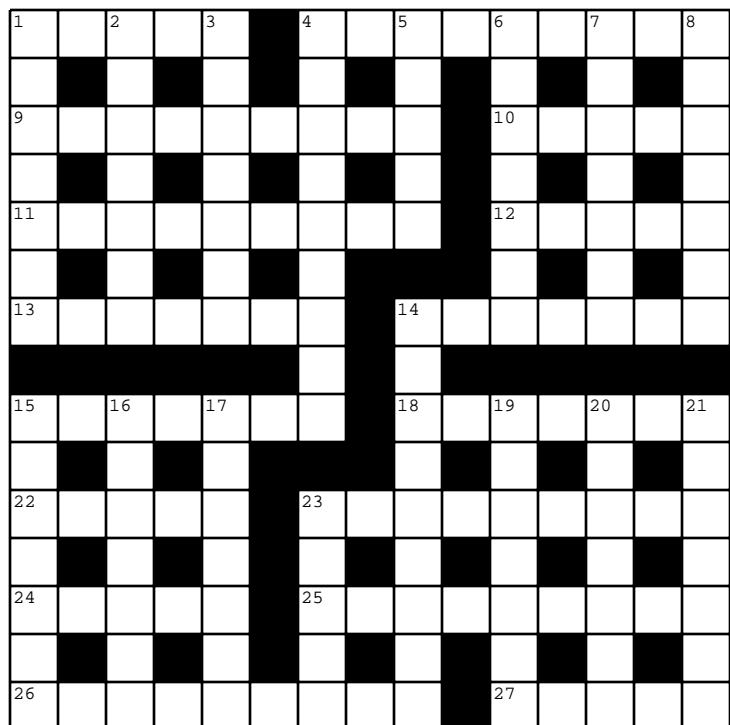
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| 4. ACCEPTING  | 2. CARBINE    |
| 9. NARRATORS  | 3. SPATIAL    |
| 10. OLSEN     | 4. AROMA      |
| 11. ELIMINATE | 5. CASSEROLE  |
| 12. EAGLE     | 6. PROVERB    |
| 13. OVERLAP   | 7. INSIGHT    |
| 15. ORBITAL   | 8. GENTEEL    |
| 16. CHASTEN   | 14. PANORAMAS |
| 19. EXCEPTS   | 16. CRYPTIC   |
| 23. YARNS     | 17. ARRAIGN   |
| 24. REPROGRAM | 18. TESTATE   |
| 26. TRINA     | 20. CLOSETS   |
| 27. MANNEQUIN | 21. PERTURB   |
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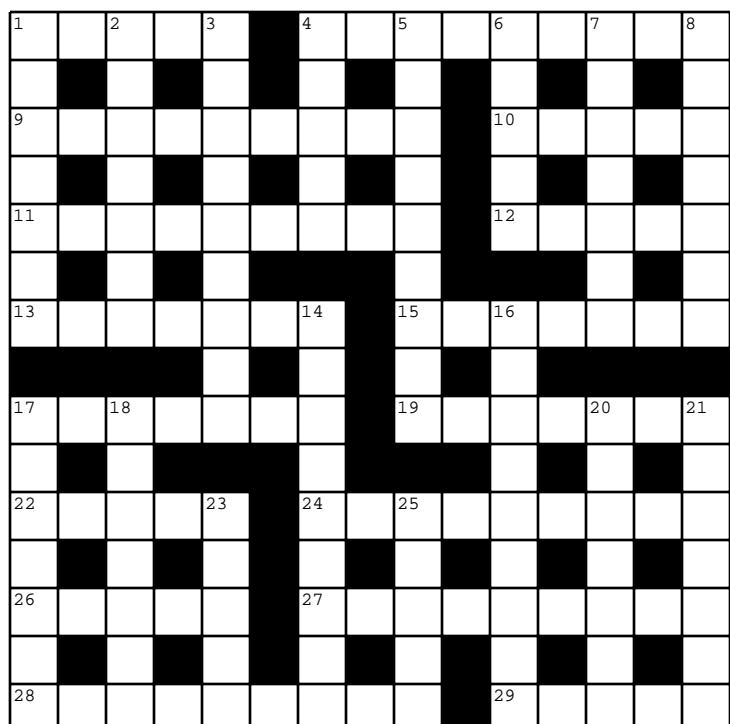
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| 4. JAYWALKED  | 2. DONNELL    |
| 9. ANNOUNCER  | 3. TRUISMS    |
| 10. NEARS     | 4. JACKKNIFE  |
| 11. KEEPSAKES | 5. YARNS      |
| 12. LIKES     | 6. ALNILAM    |
| 13. PULASKI   | 7. KHARKOV    |
| 14. REMOVES   | 8. DESISTS    |
| 15. RISIBLE   | 14. REFRAINED |
| 18. FACIALS   | 15. ROBOTIC   |
| 22. BASIC     | 16. SESSION   |
| 23. COALESCED | 17. BACILLI   |
| 24. TRILL     | 19. CREATOR   |
| 25. ANNOTATES | 20. ASCETIC   |
| 26. CONFIRMED | 21. SADISTS   |
| 27. ROCKS     | 23. CHARM     |



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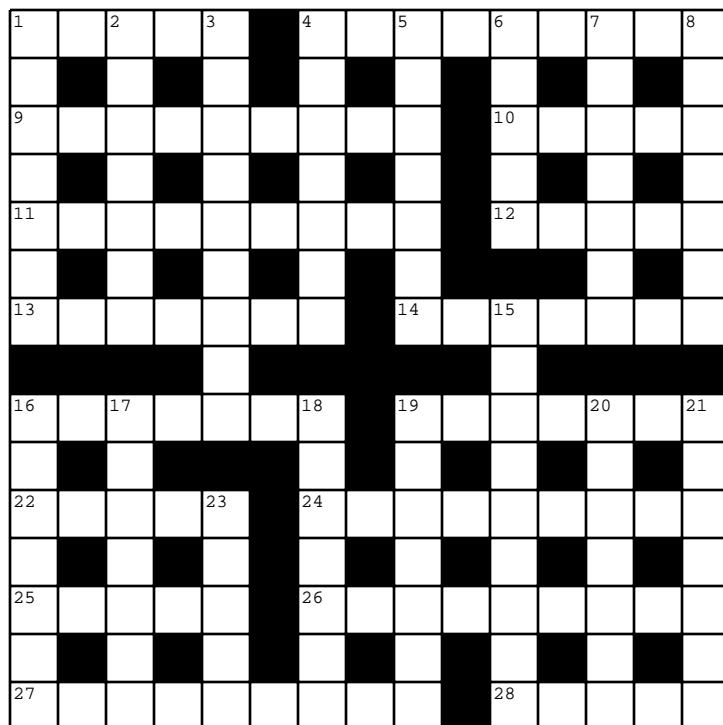
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| 9. DATELINED  | 3. MILLIONTH  |
| 10. RADON     | 4. GENII      |
| 11. NONLIVING | 5. INDIGENCE  |
| 12. TACIT     | 6. TAROT      |
| 13. VERANDA   | 7. RADICAL    |
| 15. NOODLES   | 8. DENOTES    |
| 17. WORSHIP   | 14. ASPIRANTS |
| 19. ESCAPED   | 16. ORCHESTRA |
| 22. CABIN     | 17. WICHITA   |
| 24. RACKETEER | 18. REBUILT   |
| 26. ICING     | 20. PREVAIL   |
| 27. NIGHTMARE | 21. DARKENS   |
| 28. ACTIVISTS | 23. NEGEV     |
| 29. ABLES     | 25. CAGES     |



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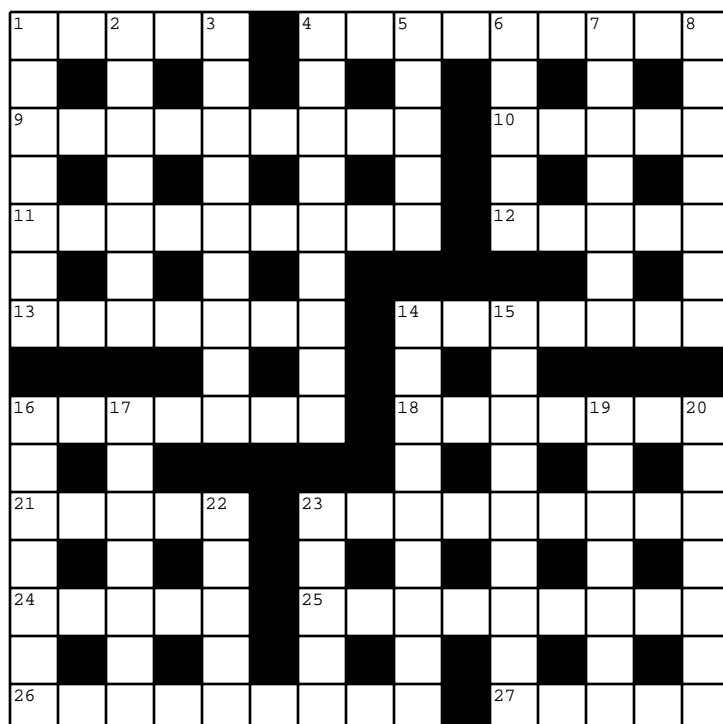
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| 4. PADLOCKED  | 2. BOTTLES    |
| 9. ANTIPASTO  | 3. APPALLING  |
| 10. RHYME     | 4. PUSHING    |
| 11. BALALAIKA | 5. DIORAMA    |
| 12. DROVE     | 6. OARED      |
| 13. RUSHING   | 7. KEYHOLE    |
| 14. ARCHERS   | 8. DEEPENS    |
| 16. STOPGAP   | 15. CLAVICLES |
| 19. ANAEMIA   | 16. SPECIAL   |
| 22. EVENT     | 17. ONESELF   |
| 24. STATISTIC | 18. PASSKEY   |
| 25. IDEAL     | 19. ABALONE   |
| 26. KNOWLEDGE | 20. MATADOR   |
| 27. LIFESTYLE | 21. ARCHERY   |
| 28. SORRY     | 23. TALKS     |



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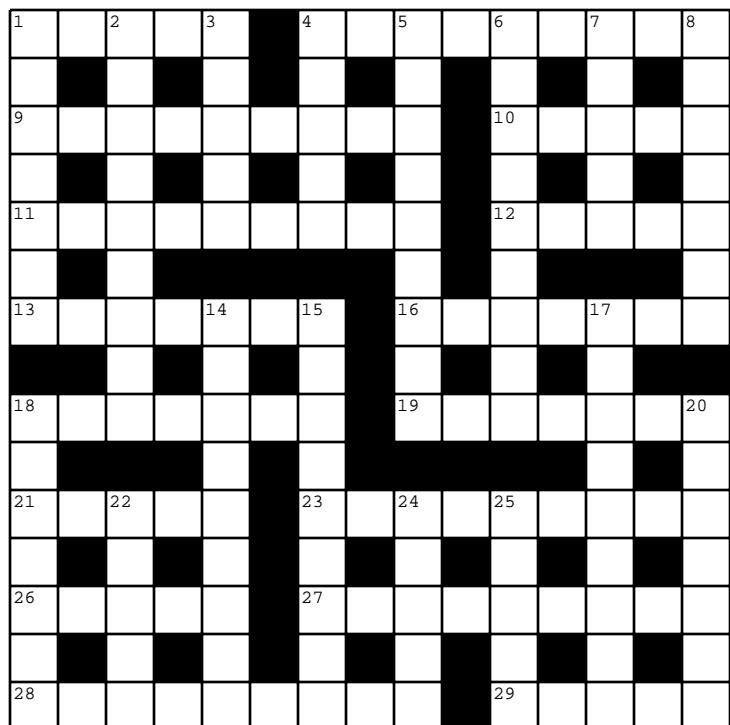
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| 4. ANNOUNCES  | 2. PETUNIA    |
| 9. ENTANGLES  | 3. CENTRALER  |
| 10. DRANO     | 4. ALLOCATED  |
| 11. CONTRACTS | 5. NESTS      |
| 12. DATED     | 6. UNDID      |
| 13. EPAULET   | 7. CHAOTIC    |
| 14. SILICON   | 8. SHODDEN    |
| 16. HOVERED   | 14. SPHERICAL |
| 18. HANDBAG   | 15. LUNCHTIME |
| 21. REHAB     | 16. HERSELF   |
| 23. MARIHUANA | 17. VEHICLE   |
| 24. EXCEL     | 19. BRACKET   |
| 25. PICNICKED | 20. GRANDER   |
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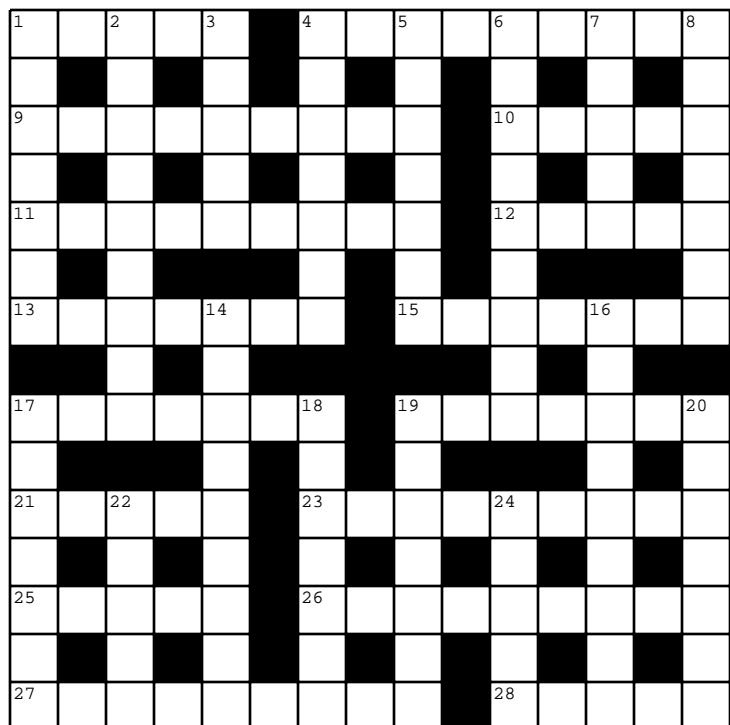
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| 4. MEDIATORS  | 2. MENDELEEV  |
| 9. TENEMENTS  | 3. SOMME      |
| 10. COBRA     | 4. MANGO      |
| 11. THEREFORE | 5. DYSPEPSIA  |
| 12. RATIO     | 6. ACCORDING  |
| 13. BLEMISH   | 7. ORBIT      |
| 16. SLIDING   | 8. SEABORG    |
| 18. ALVAREZ   | 14. IRRUPTION |
| 19. ALGEBRA   | 15. HAZELNUTS |
| 21. ALSOP     | 17. IMBROGLIO |
| 23. LOATHSOME | 18. ADAPTER   |
| 26. TORSI     | 20. AGENDAS   |
| 27. UNRAVELED | 22. SCRAM     |
| 28. REMINISCE | 24. AGREE     |
| 29. CROPS     | 25. HAVOC     |



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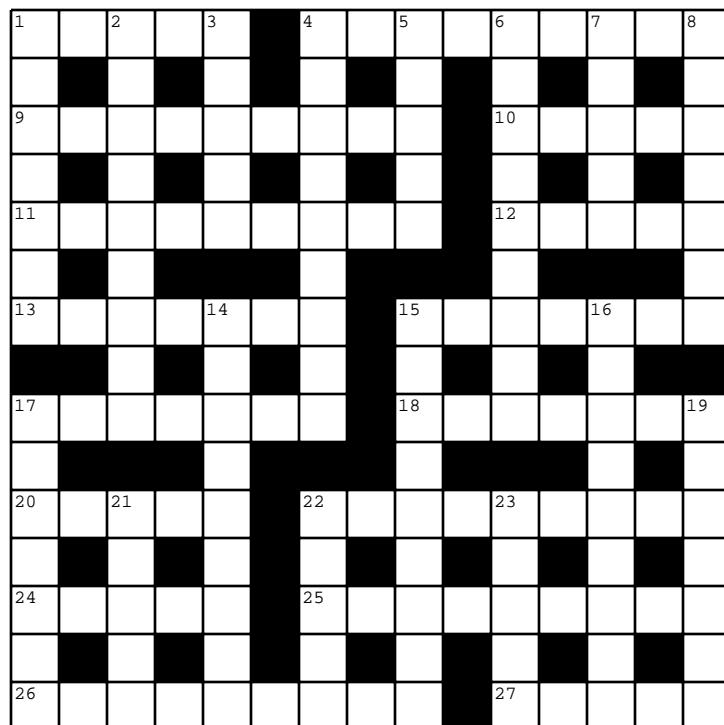
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| 9. IRRITABLY  | 3. SITES      |
| 10. MAORI     | 4. LIBERAL    |
| 11. MAELSTROM | 5. ABYSMAL    |
| 12. UNION     | 6. HAMBURGER  |
| 13. SCALPEL   | 7. NAOMI      |
| 15. LEGIBLE   | 8. SCIENCE    |
| 17. ASKANCE   | 14. PENETRATE |
| 19. PARSNIP   | 16. BUNDESTAG |
| 21. OUGHT     | 17. AVOCADO   |
| 23. PRIVILEGE | 18. EXPLODE   |
| 25. ALCOA     | 19. PRICES    |
| 26. ORCHESTRA | 20. PREVAIL   |
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| 28. LEGAL     | 24. IDEAL     |



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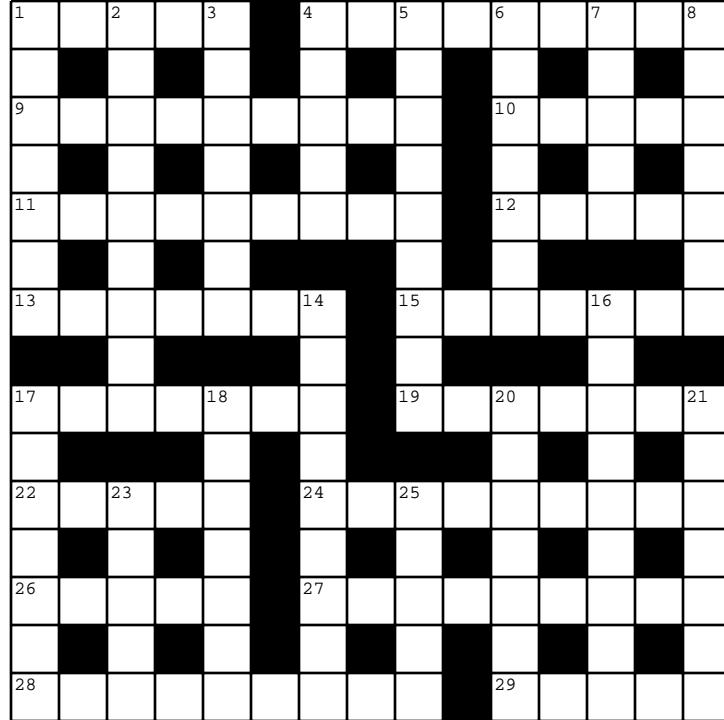
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| 4. UNUKALHAI  | 2. TWIDDLING  |
| 9. GLISSANDI  | 3. KASAI      |
| 10. SAVES     | 4. UNNATURAL  |
| 11. BADMINTON | 5. UNION      |
| 12. HINTS     | 6. AESTHETIC  |
| 13. OLIVIER   | 7. HAVEN      |
| 15. PATTIES   | 8. INSISTS    |
| 17. LOGICAL   | 14. INCUBATOR |
| 18. RECYCLE   | 15. PERIMETER |
| 20. BLURB     | 16. INCOGNITO |
| 22. DEMAGOGUE | 17. LOBBIED   |
| 24. INEPT     | 19. ELEVENS   |
| 25. INTENSIVE | 21. USERS     |
| 26. DESTROYER | 22. DAILY     |
| 27. ICONS     | 23. GENII     |



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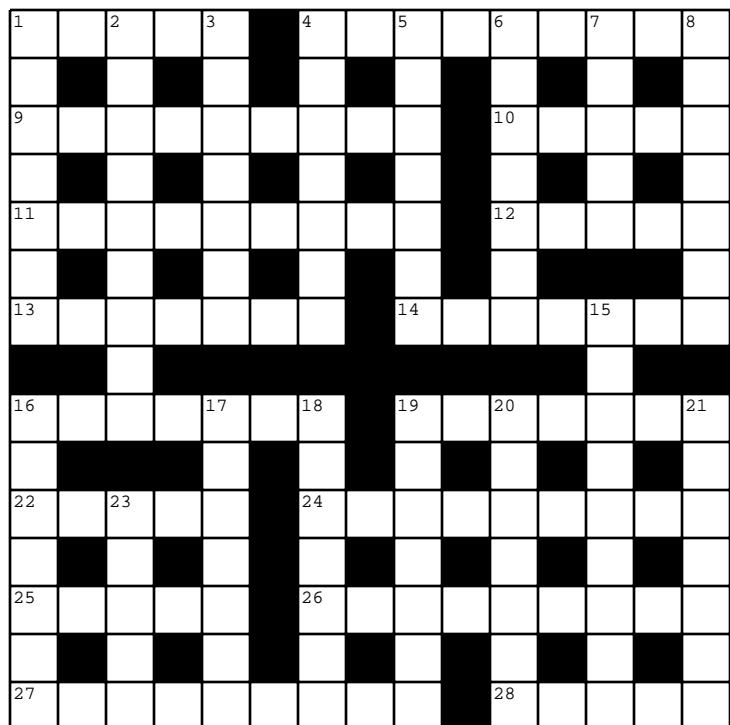
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| 4. ALGORITHM  | 2. MAGNESIUM  |
| 9. AGGRAVATE  | 3. ARACELI    |
| 10. BARON     | 4. ALARM      |
| 11. LIEBERMAN | 5. GREENLAND  |
| 12. IDIOM     | 6. RUBBISH    |
| 13. WAITING   | 7. TORSI      |
| 15. ATHEISM   | 8. MINIMUM    |
| 17. SYMPTOM   | 14. GAMECOCKS |
| 19. DEPOSIT   | 16. INSULTING |
| 22. TABOO     | 17. SATANIC   |
| 24. CONTRALTO | 18. TROUSER   |
| 26. NOSES     | 20. PERTURB   |
| 27. CAROUSING | 21. THOUGHT   |
| 28. COMPRISES | 23. BOSOM     |
| 29. BIGOT     | 25. NORMS     |



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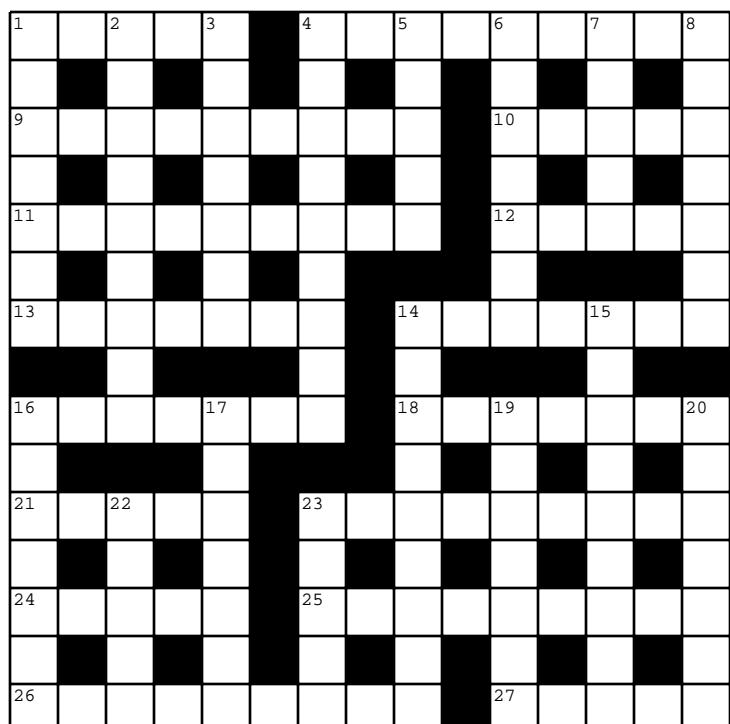
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| 4. ARMADILLO  | 2. FEUDALISM  |
| 9. RAUNCHIER  | 3. SECTION    |
| 10. SCUFF     | 4. ALIBIED    |
| 11. LIABILITY | 5. MARTYRS    |
| 12. USAGE     | 6. DISTURB    |
| 13. DEIGNED   | 7. LAURA      |
| 14. SUBSIST   | 8. OFFBEAT    |
| 16. HIMSELF   | 15. IDENTICAL |
| 19. MASSEUR   | 16. HEPATIC   |
| 22. PRONG     | 17. EAGERER   |
| 24. AUTOMATED | 18. FLAGGED   |
| 25. TUTOR     | 19. METHANE   |
| 26. GRAPHICAL | 20. SOMEHOW   |
| 27. CARTRIDGE | 21. RIDDLES   |
| 28. WALLS     | 23. OUTER     |



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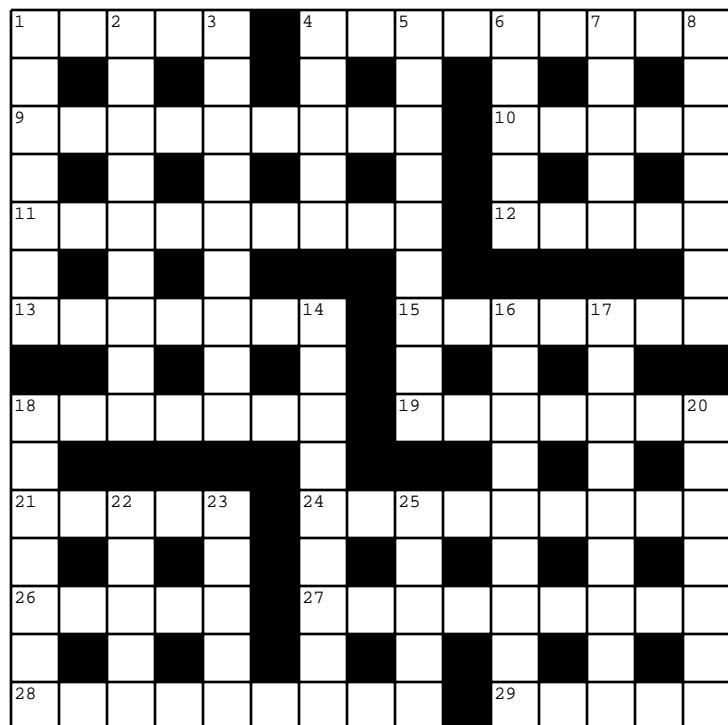
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| 4. SUBSIDIZE  | 2. QUADRILLE  |
| 9. ADAPTABLE  | 3. ESTELLA    |
| 10. PINTS     | 4. SUBSCRIBE  |
| 11. SURPLICES | 5. BLESS      |
| 12. SORER     | 6. IMPOSED    |
| 13. SYLLABI   | 7. INNER      |
| 14. FIDDLERS  | 8. ENSURES    |
| 16. THEATRE   | 14. FOREIGNER |
| 18. ROBOTIC   | 15. LOTTERIES |
| 21. AMPLE     | 16. TRAFFIC   |
| 23. COINTREAU | 17. THEREOF   |
| 24. FALSE     | 19. BATHTUB   |
| 25. CONSTRICT | 20. CAUSTIC   |
| 26. CHAUFFEUR | 22. POLKA     |
| 27. BASIC     | 23. CACHE     |



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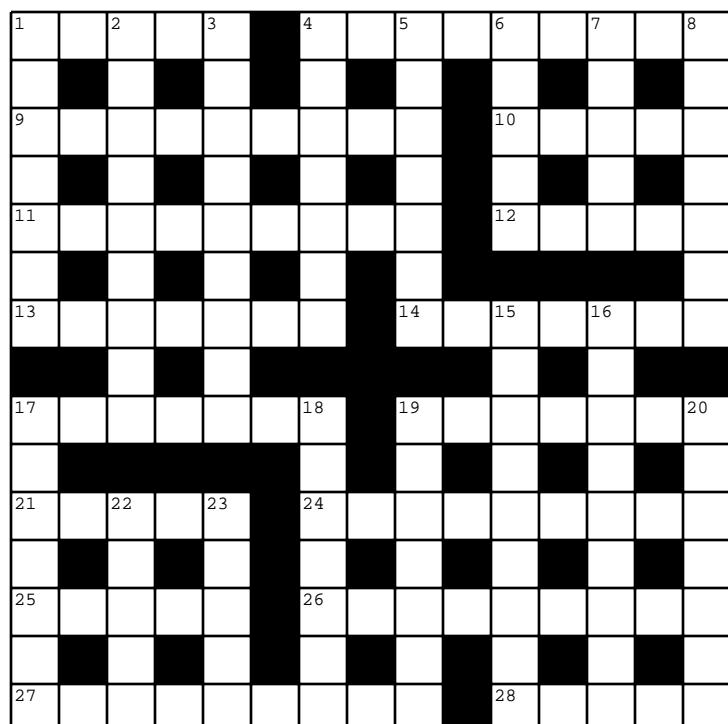
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| 4. MEANWHILE  | 2. HYDRANGEA  |
| 9. AUDITORIA  | 3. ATTRIBUTE  |
| 10. ICONS     | 4. MERIT      |
| 11. GLADIATOR | 5. ANAEROBIC  |
| 12. LAYER     | 6. WHIRL      |
| 13. SIGMUND   | 7. IRONY      |
| 15. BECKONS   | 8. ENSURES    |
| 18. BEAVERS   | 14. DISTANCES |
| 19. CONCEDE   | 16. CONSTRUCT |
| 21. LOCKS     | 17. OVERTHREW |
| 24. AMPUTATED | 18. BELCHES   |
| 26. HINDU     | 20. ENDURES   |
| 27. CONQUEROR | 22. CANON     |
| 28. SYNTHESIS | 23. SOUTH     |
| 29. TOWNS     | 25. PANTS     |



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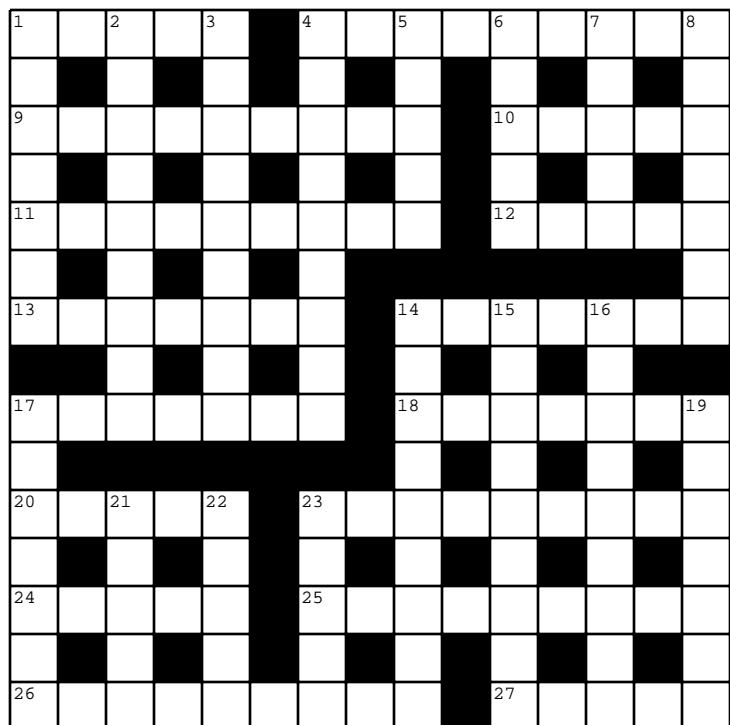
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| 4. FEDERATED  | 2. DISPOSING  |
| 9. DISAGREES  | 3. DIGESTION  |
| 10. BELOW     | 4. FEELERS    |
| 11. TROUSSEAU | 5. DISTURB    |
| 12. SUSHI     | 6. ROBES      |
| 13. DAIRIES   | 7. TALKS      |
| 14. BLANDER   | 8. DOWNIER    |
| 17. ORGANIC   | 15. AESTHETIC |
| 19. INSISTS   | 16. DYSPEPSIA |
| 21. FETCH     | 17. OFFICER   |
| 24. BEACHHEAD | 18. CUBICLE   |
| 25. CAMEL     | 19. IZANAGI   |
| 26. CHASTISES | 20. SADISTS   |
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| 28. CHATS     | 23. HELLO     |



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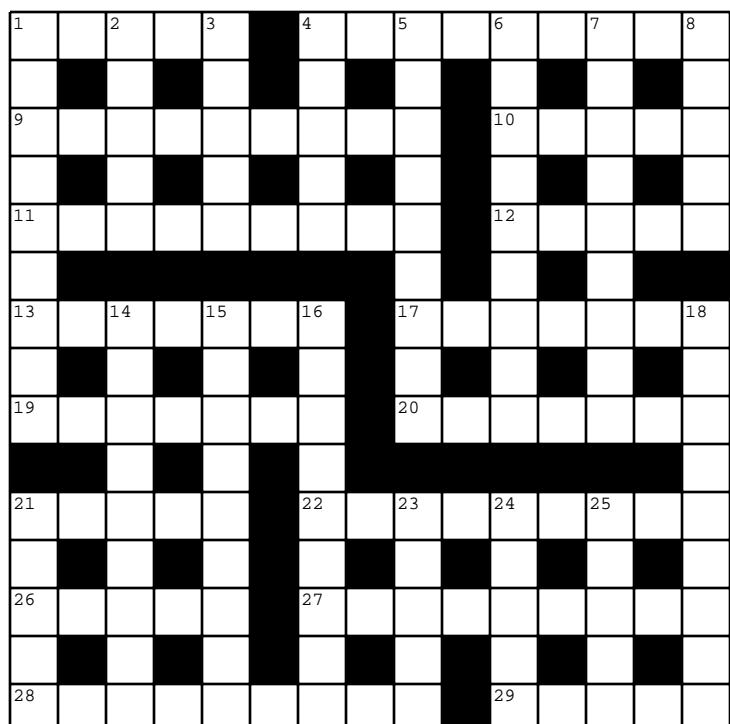
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| 4. ENCHILADA  | 2. BROWBEATS  |
| 9. APOCYPHHA  | 3. LARCENIES  |
| 10. SWEEP     | 4. EMPTINESS  |
| 11. GIBBERISH | 5. CLASH      |
| 12. TUTOR     | 6. INSET      |
| 13. REALIZE   | 7. AGENT      |
| 14. CARAMEL   | 8. APPAREL    |
| 17. INSISTS   | 14. CIRRHOSIS |
| 18. ROSANNA   | 15. ROSALINDA |
| 20. SAHIB     | 16. MANIFESTO |
| 23. UNHELPFUL | 17. INSULTS   |
| 24. LEILA     | 19. ATLASES   |
| 25. ARSONISTS | 21. HAIKU     |
| 26. SMUGGLERS | 22. BRAGG     |
| 27. AHOYS     | 23. USAGE     |



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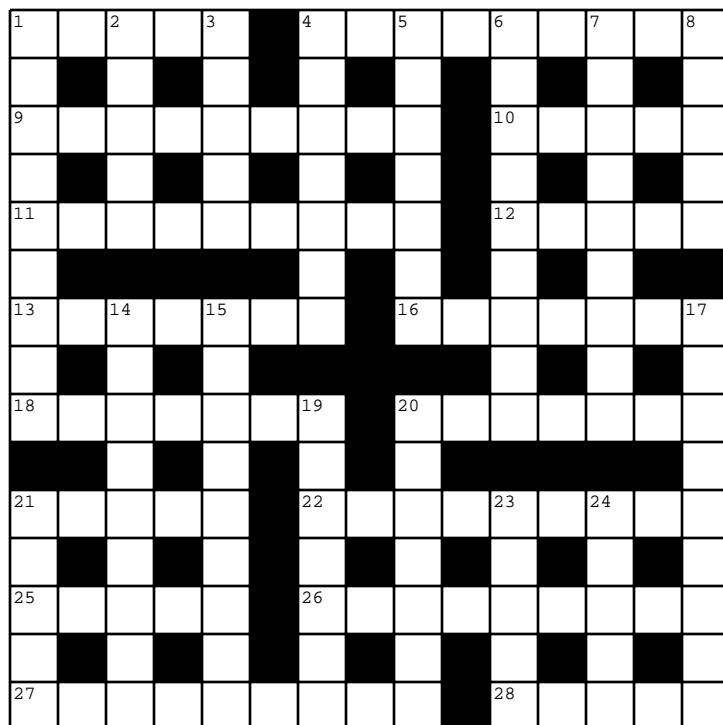
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| 4. AFFRONTED  | 2. CABIN      |
| 9. VIBRATION  | 3. TRACI      |
| 10. THONG     | 4. ADIEU      |
| 11. LONGITUDE | 5. FINGERTIP  |
| 12. UPSET     | 6. OUTNUMBER  |
| 13. PERSONA   | 7. TROUSSEAU  |
| 17. TABLEAU   | 8. DIGIT      |
| 19. STIPEND   | 14. RHINOCERI |
| 20. PERTURB   | 15. OVERTHREW |
| 21. SHOUT     | 16. ADDRESSEE |
| 22. ELSEWHERE | 18. UMBRELLAS |
| 26. THEIR     | 21. SITES     |
| 27. SCOUNDREL | 23. STOCK     |
| 28. SHIPWRECK | 24. WANNA     |
| 29. ABYSS     | 25. EARLY     |



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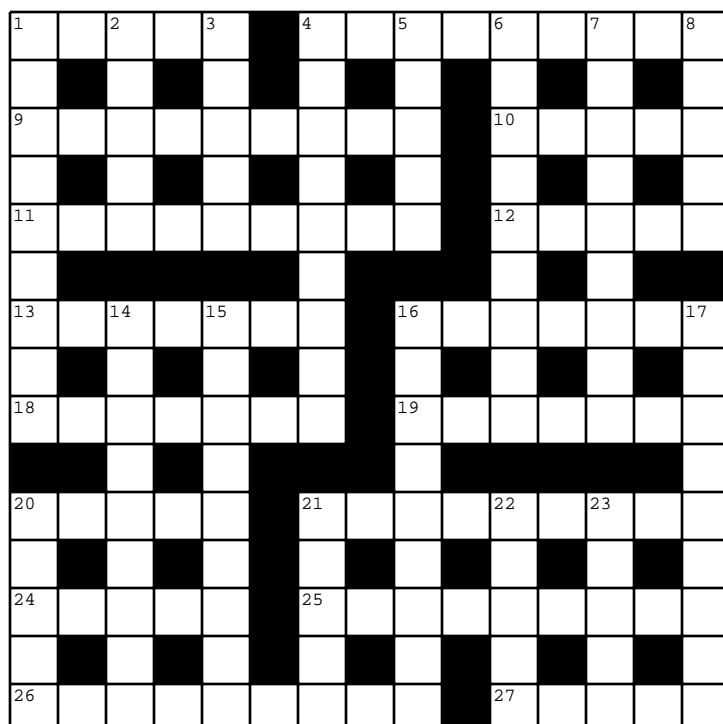
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| 4. ENSCONCES  | 2. NAILS      |
| 9. REIMBURSE  | 3. CUBIC      |
| 10. ELECT     | 4. EARLIER    |
| 11. MASOCHIST | 5. SPECTRA    |
| 12. TACES     | 6. OVERTIMES  |
| 13. CAMPHOR   | 7. CRESCENDI  |
| 16. ALMANAC   | 8. SITES      |
| 18. AMNESIA   | 14. MENDELEEV |
| 20. SESSION   | 15. HISTOGRAM |
| 21. DIEGO     | 17. CONSPIRED |
| 22. TRANSSHIP | 19. ARTISAN   |
| 25. THEIR     | 20. SCALARS   |
| 26. SHAPELIER | 21. DATUM     |
| 27. MOVEMENTS | 23. SHELF     |
| 28. FOUND     | 24. HAIKU     |



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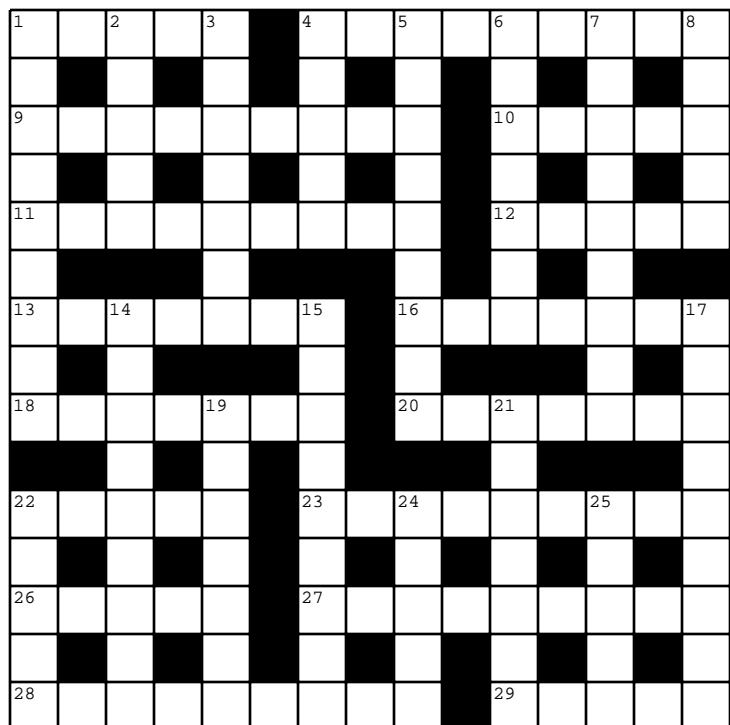
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| 9. POTPOURRI  | 3. AROMA      |
| 10. TACES     | 4. ABRUPTEST  |
| 11. PINEAPPLE | 5. ALIKE      |
| 12. MAGIC     | 6. CATAMARAN  |
| 13. LEISURE   | 7. INCOGNITO  |
| 16. PORTICO   | 8. MUSIC      |
| 18. REVISIT   | 14. INVENTION |
| 19. RUNDOWN   | 15. UNSHEATHE |
| 20. TENSE     | 16. PARASITES |
| 21. DISSENTER | 17. OWNERSHIP |
| 24. POINT     | 20. TOPIC     |
| 25. AFTERMATH | 21. DIALS     |
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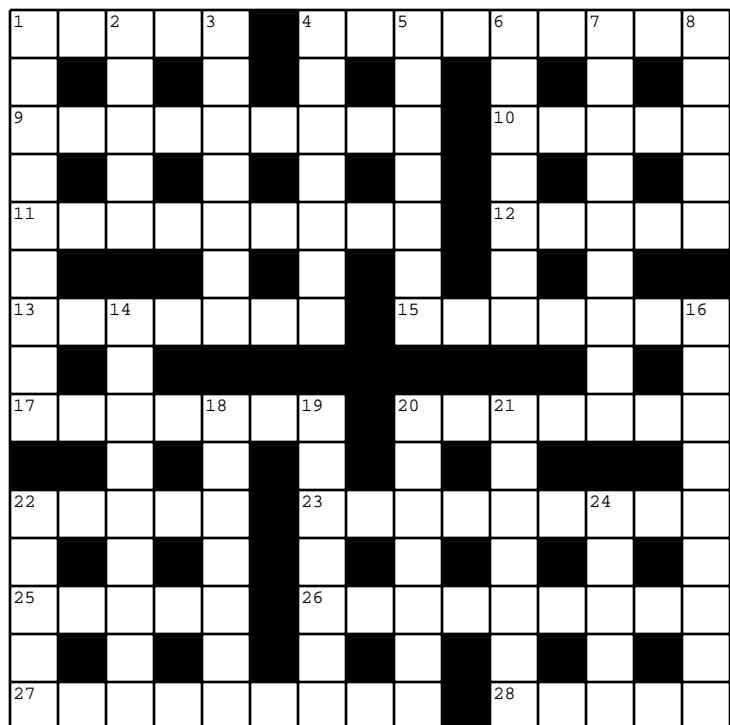
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| 4. KEEPSAKES  | 2. MAGIC      |
| 9. SIGNATURE  | 3. REALIST    |
| 10. OGRES     | 4. KAUAI      |
| 11. INCLINING | 5. ENERGETIC  |
| 12. MONEY     | 6. SHOWMAN    |
| 13. LUNATIC   | 7. KIRINYAGA  |
| 16. TANKARD   | 8. SASSY      |
| 18. SCALARS   | 14. NEARLIEST |
| 20. COLLARS   | 15. CASTAWAYS |
| 22. COLIC     | 17. DESCENDED |
| 23. ALLOWABLE | 19. ACCLAIM   |
| 26. ENEMA     | 21. LEWDEST   |
| 27. AFORESAID | 22. CREDO     |
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| 29. TREND     | 25. BLAME     |



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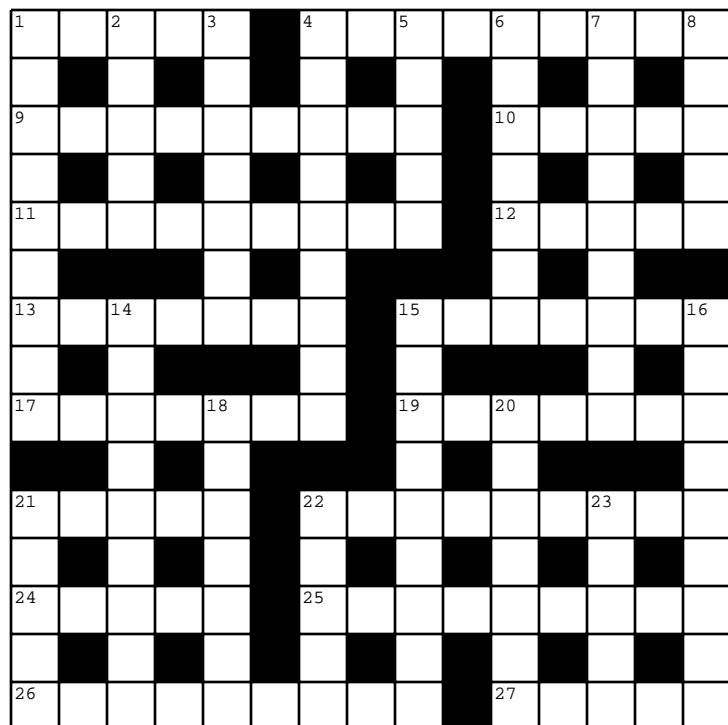
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| 9. COLONNADE  | 3. MENOTTI    |
| 10. ASHED     | 4. LEANING    |
| 11. LENGTHIER | 5. THEOREM    |
| 12. NERVE     | 6. CHANNEL    |
| 13. DAMNING   | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 15. MILKSOP   | 8. RIDGE      |
| 17. DENOTES   | 14. MINEFIELD |
| 20. COCKIER   | 16. PARTRIDGE |
| 22. MAFIA     | 18. TRANSIT   |
| 23. HANDLEBAR | 19. SCEDAR    |
| 25. GUESS     | 20. CANASTA   |
| 26. DESTROYED | 21. CALORIC   |
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| 28. CAUSE     | 24. BAYOU     |



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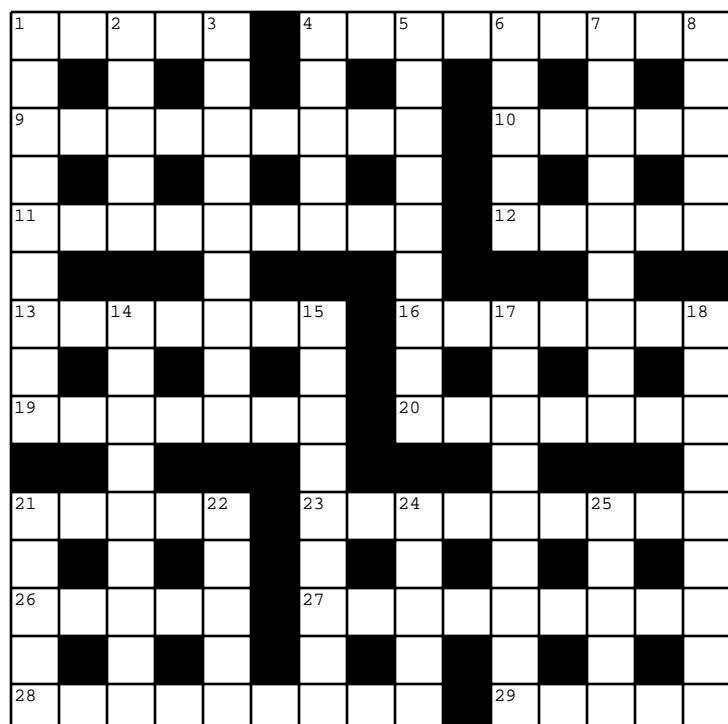
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| 4. ENVELOPED  | 2. GENII      |
| 9. CANONICAL  | 3. SUNRISE    |
| 10. CELLI     | 4. EXCEEDING  |
| 11. PRIVILEGE | 5. VALUE      |
| 12. EATEN     | 6. LICHENS    |
| 13. ISRAELI   | 7. POLITBURO  |
| 15. DISTURB   | 8. DEIGN      |
| 17. NAILING   | 14. RAINCOATS |
| 19. IACCOCA   | 15. DAIQUIRIS |
| 21. DECAF     | 16. BRAINWASH |
| 22. HAUPTMANN | 18. INFERO    |
| 24. CHAIR     | 20. CATCALL   |
| 25. MARGARITA | 21. DICED     |
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| 27. LAUGH     | 23. ADIEU     |



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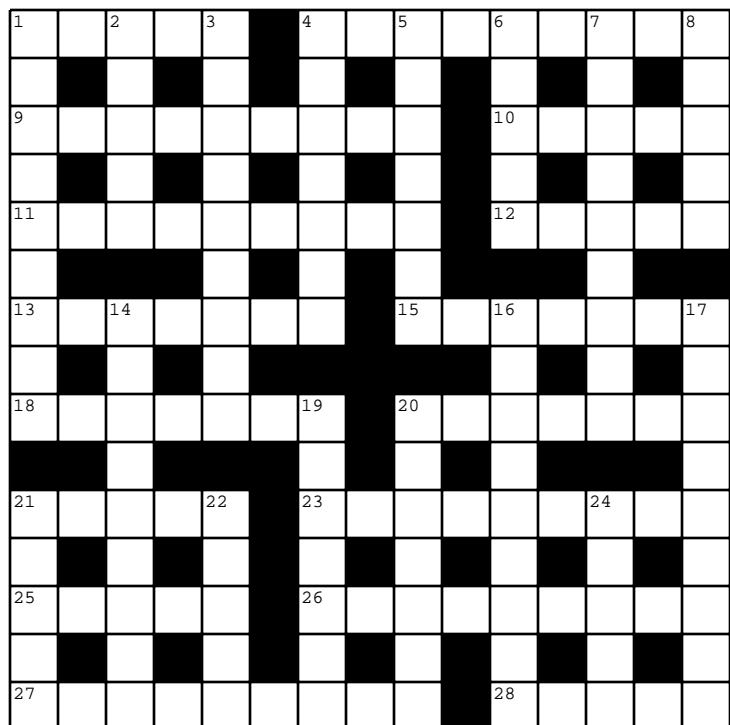
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| 9. FRIZZIEST  | 3. PIZZICATI  |
| 10. SPLIT     | 4. CREEL      |
| 11. CONDILLAC | 5. AUTOCRATS  |
| 12. SHINY     | 6. TASKS      |
| 13. THALAMI   | 7. MILLIGRAM  |
| 16. AFFIRMS   | 8. NATTY      |
| 19. SPATIAL   | 14. AMARANTHS |
| 20. SHOWMAN   | 15. ILLOGICAL |
| 21. SCARF     | 17. FOODSTUFF |
| 23. GLISSANDI | 18. SENTIENCE |
| 26. EATEN     | 21. SHEEP     |
| 27. CUCHULAIN | 22. FUNGI     |
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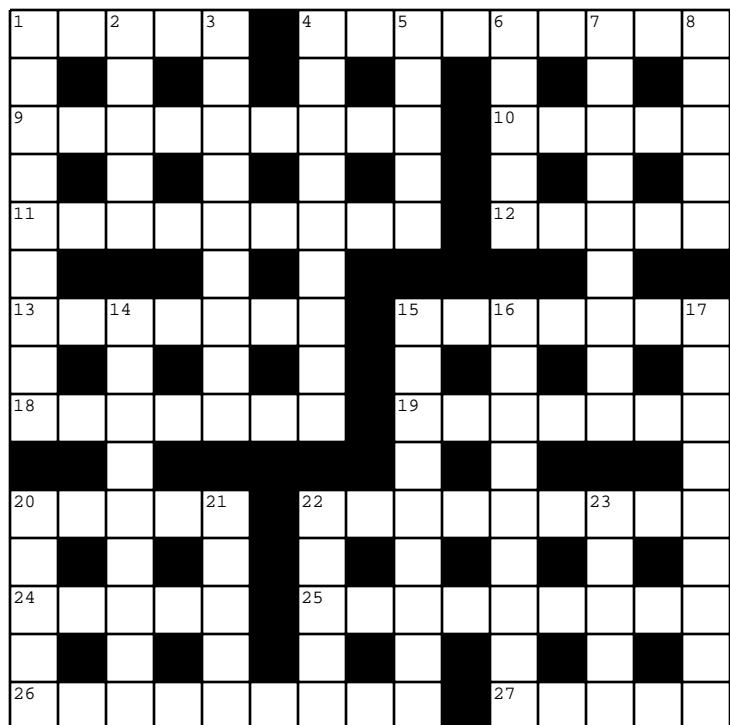
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| 4. EXCITABLE  | 2. GUSTO      |
| 9. TESTIMONY  | 3. EDITORIAL  |
| 10. USAGE     | 4. EGOTIST    |
| 11. ECOLOGIST | 5. CRYPTIC    |
| 12. PAGES     | 6. THUMP      |
| 13. CYPRIOT   | 7. BRAGGARTS  |
| 15. COWERED   | 8. EXECS      |
| 18. PATELLA   | 14. POTPOURRI |
| 20. BLISSES   | 16. WHIRLIGIG |
| 21. AMOUR     | 17. DISMOUNTS |
| 23. RIGOLETTO | 19. APRICOT   |
| 25. AIRED     | 20. BUGGERS   |
| 26. CLERGymEN | 21. ABACI     |
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| 28. GOODS     | 24. TEMPO     |



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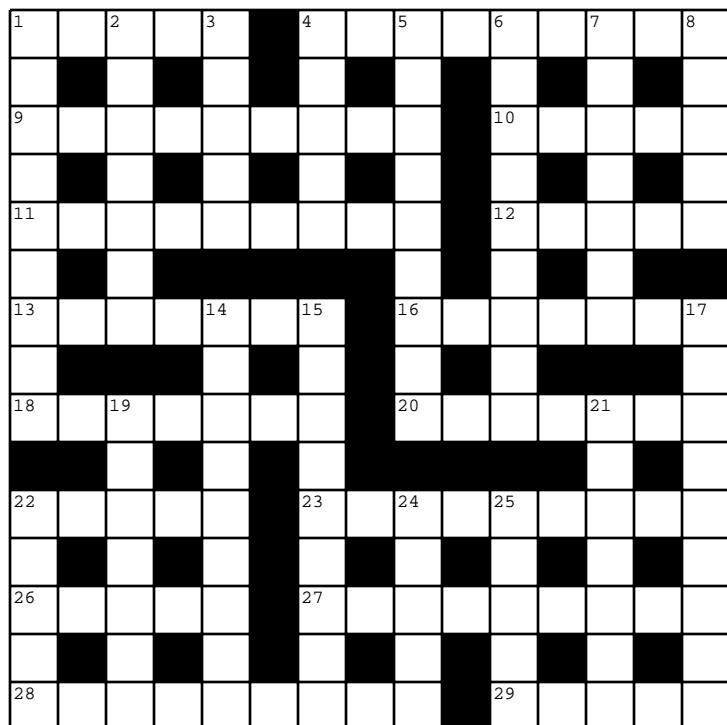
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| 9. GABRIELLE  | 3. ELISABETH  |
| 10. OBOES     | 4. BILLBOARD  |
| 11. CONFABBED | 5. AHEAD      |
| 12. PASTE     | 6. TROOP      |
| 13. DUODENA   | 7. FOOTSTOOL  |
| 15. REPROOF   | 8. LISLE      |
| 18. SYNCED    | 14. OWNERSHIP |
| 19. GALILEO   | 15. REGROUPED |
| 20. DIRAC     | 16. PALEOZOIC |
| 22. PROBOSCIS | 17. FOODSTUFF |
| 24. ETHIC     | 20. DEENA     |
| 25. IMPROMPTU | 21. CACHE     |
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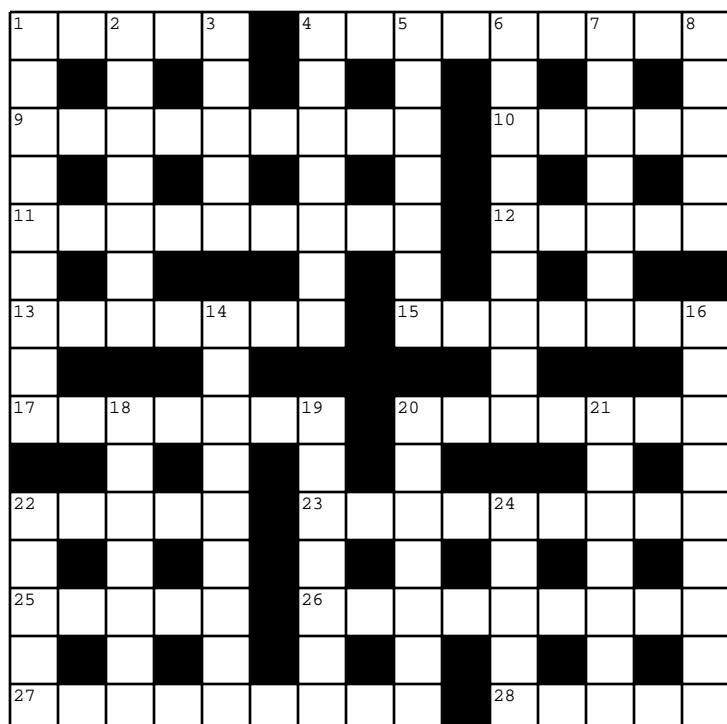
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| 4. ACCEPTING  | 2. KHARKOV    |
| 9. PLACATION  | 3. DRAWL      |
| 10. SAHIB     | 4. ALIVE      |
| 11. LIKELIEST | 5. CONSTRUED  |
| 12. AMBLE     | 6. PISTACHIO  |
| 13. INVADES   | 7. INHABIT    |
| 16. UNHITCH   | 8. GABLE      |
| 18. EARDRUM   | 14. DAREDEVIL |
| 20. DOORMAN   | 15. SIMILARLY |
| 22. CASED     | 17. HONEYMOON |
| 23. LOGICALLY | 19. RESIGNS   |
| 26. NEGEV     | 21. MULATTO   |
| 27. RIGOLETTO | 22. CANED     |
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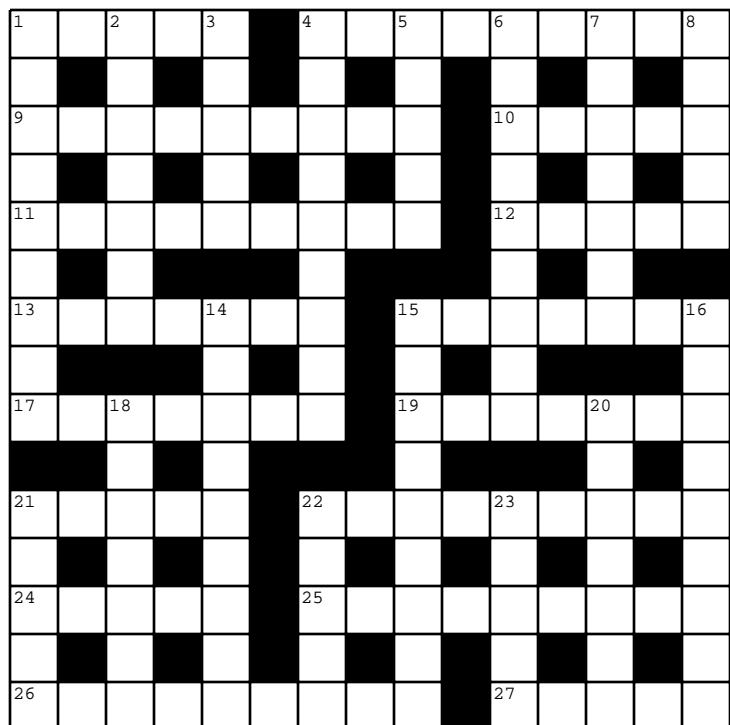
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| 9. GRADATION  | 3. SLANG      |
| 10. RULED     | 4. ALIASED    |
| 11. ENERGISER | 5. TANTRUM    |
| 12. INUIT     | 6. FORBIDDEN  |
| 13. IMPEDED   | 7. CALCULI    |
| 15. MIDRIFF   | 8. SADAT      |
| 17. MESTIZO   | 14. DAINTIEST |
| 20. MANCINI   | 16. FRILLIEST |
| 22. QUEST     | 18. SEEMING   |
| 23. FORGETFUL | 19. OFFICER   |
| 25. ALIVE     | 20. MARINAS   |
| 26. CONCOURSE | 21. INFERNAL  |
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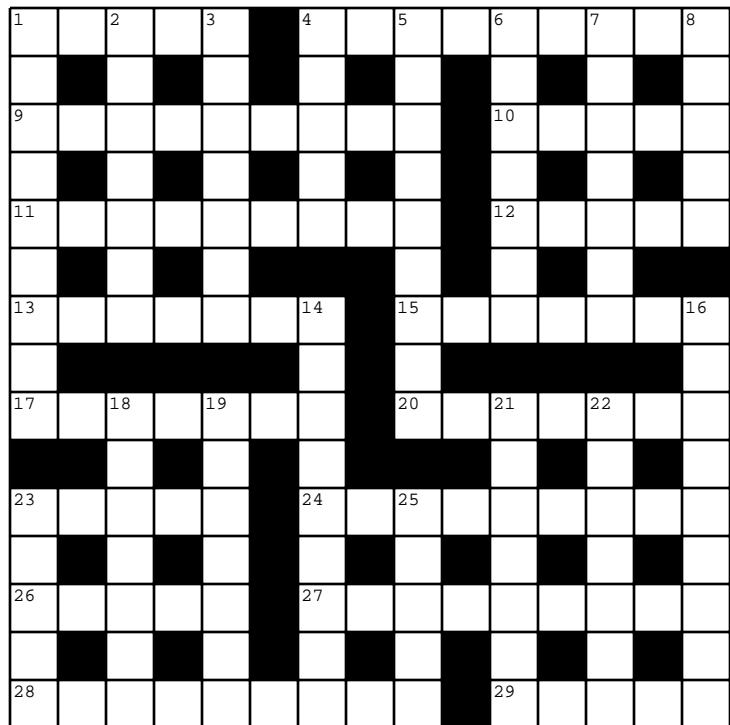
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| 4. INEFFABLY  | 2. OBTUSER    |
| 9. RETRIEVAL  | 3. FRIAR      |
| 10. ONION     | 4. INVENTION  |
| 11. INSURANCE | 5. ELLIE      |
| 12. EASES     | 6. FLOWERPOT  |
| 13. TERMINI   | 7. BLISSES    |
| 15. OPPOSES   | 8. YANKS      |
| 17. DAKOTAN   | 14. INTRINSIC |
| 19. TITANIC   | 15. OUTGROWTH |
| 21. FUNGI     | 16. SUCCESSOR |
| 22. AGREEABLE | 18. KINSHIP   |
| 24. ECHOS     | 20. NEBULAE   |
| 25. DOWNHILLS | 21. FRESH     |
| 26. HOPSCOTCH | 22. AUDIT     |
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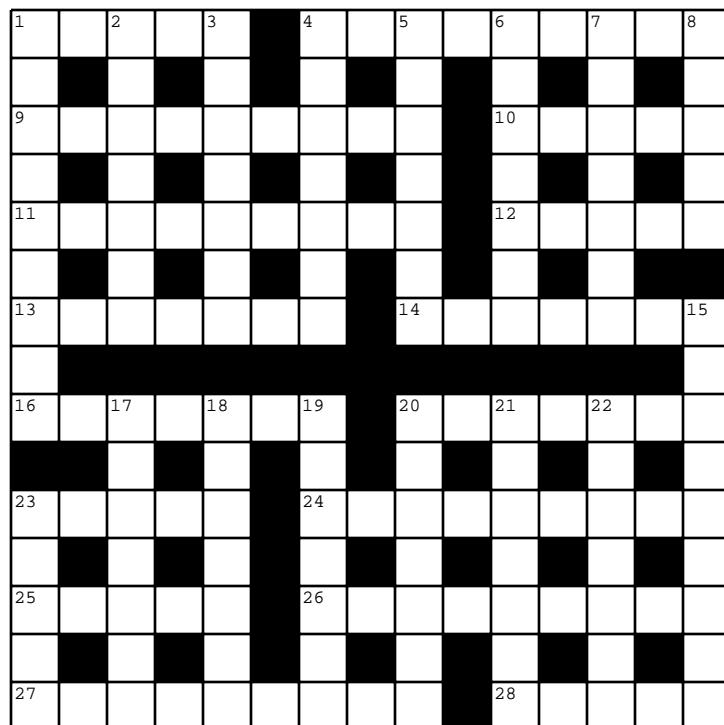
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| 4. TIMESCALE  | 2. ROWBOAT    |
| 9. UNWRITTEN  | 3. SCISSOR    |
| 10. RACKS     | 4. TITLE      |
| 11. BOOKSHELF | 5. MANIFESTO  |
| 12. IDEAS     | 6. SERVICE    |
| 13. ALTERED   | 7. ANCIENT    |
| 15. SKEPTIC   | 8. EASES      |
| 17. LAKISHA   | 14. DEADLOCKS |
| 20. OEDIPAL   | 16. COLLAPSED |
| 23. CLARA     | 18. KHARKOV   |
| 24. LOUISIANA | 19. SCANDAL   |
| 26. BIKE      | 21. DISTURB   |
| 27. CONSUMERS | 22. PLATEAU   |
| 28. CIVILISED | 23. CUBIC     |
| 29. BOUND     | 25. URNED     |



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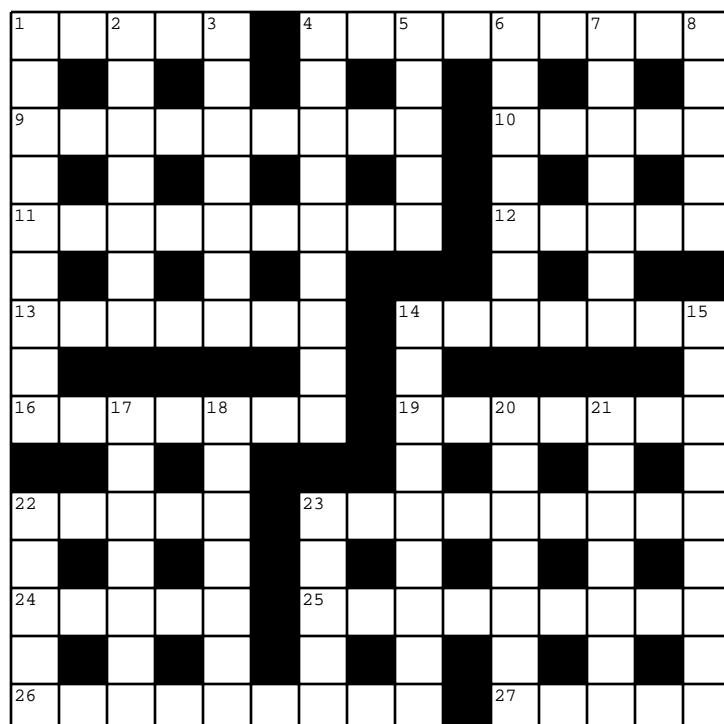
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| 4. ABANDONED  | 2. INSECTS    |
| 9. ECSTASIES  | 3. THALAMI    |
| 10. LIKED     | 4. ABILITY    |
| 11. MECHANICS | 5. ASSISTS    |
| 12. MELEE     | 6. DILEMMA    |
| 13. NASTILY   | 7. NIKOLAI    |
| 14. STAMINA   | 8. DODGE      |
| 16. ARTICLE   | 15. AWFULLEST |
| 20. SHERIFF   | 17. THEREON   |
| 23. OPENS     | 18. CASTOFF   |
| 24. EMPIRICAL | 19. EMERGES   |
| 25. CREDO     | 20. SOPRANO   |
| 26. GRATITUDE | 21. EARRING   |
| 27. MANIFESTO | 22. INCLUDE   |
| 28. GUEST     | 23. OCCAM     |



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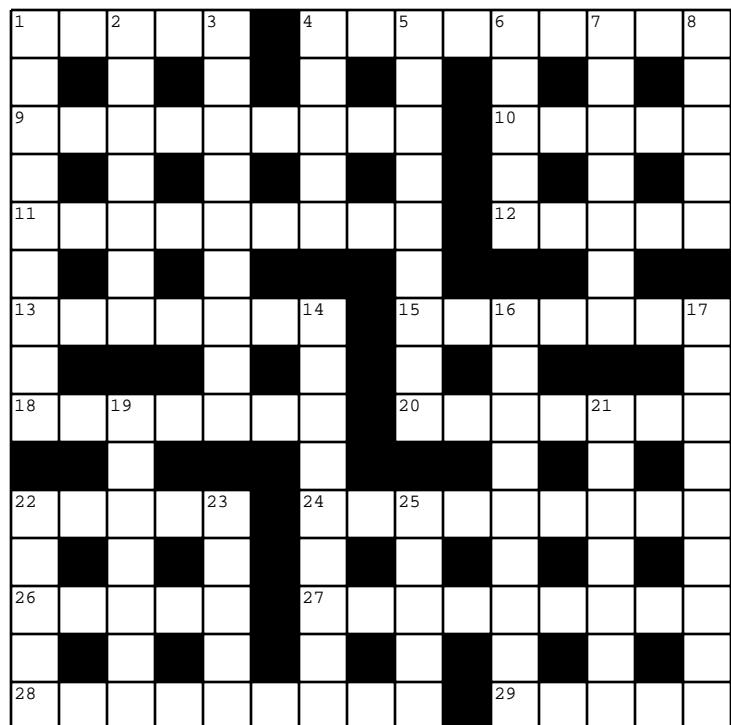
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| 4. CLASSICAL  | 2. RACHAEL    |
| 9. NECKLINES  | 3. MULCHES    |
| 10. NOONS     | 4. CENTURIES  |
| 11. ROADHOUSE | 5. AISLE      |
| 12. NAPPY     | 6. SYNONYM    |
| 13. COLOSSI   | 7. CHOPPER    |
| 14. ADMIRAL   | 8. LUSTY      |
| 16. SUFFERS   | 14. ADVERSARY |
| 19. VACANCY   | 15. LOYALISTS |
| 22. SCRUB     | 17. FURTHER   |
| 23. PERPETUAL | 18. EMBARGO   |
| 24. ABHOR     | 20. CHEETAH   |
| 25. FRACTURES | 21. NEUTRON   |
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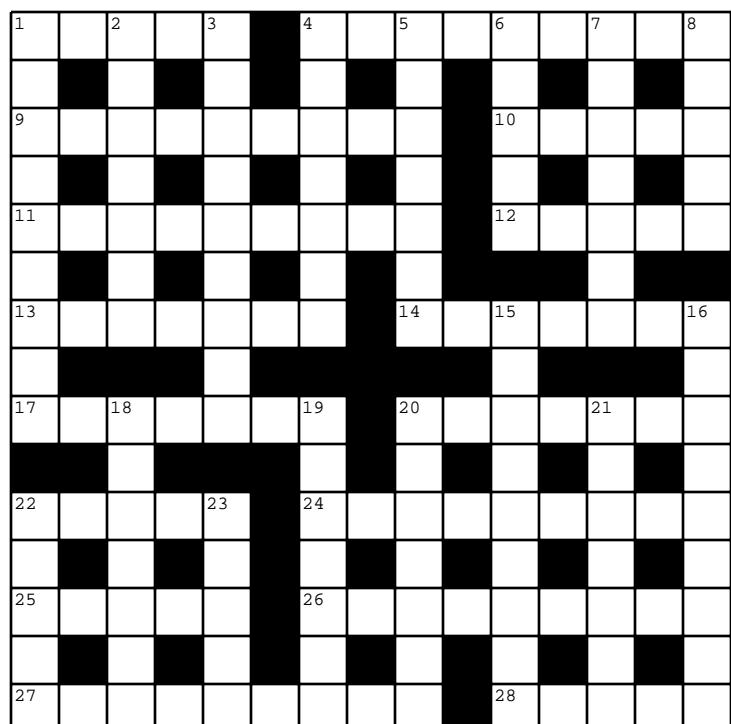
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| 4. KEEPSAKES  | 2. EPOCHAL    |
| 9. APOSTOLIC  | 3. POTPOURRI  |
| 10. NOONS     | 4. KELLI      |
| 11. ETHIOPIAN | 5. ECCENTRIC  |
| 12. CAKES     | 6. SONIC      |
| 13. SOLARIA   | 7. KNOCKER    |
| 15. ROSTRUM   | 8. SISES      |
| 18. DASHIKI   | 14. ALIGHTING |
| 20. CERAMIC   | 16. STRATAGEM |
| 22. CROCI     | 17. MACINTOSH |
| 24. HEARTBURN | 19. SHORTEN   |
| 26. BITES     | 21. MOUSIER   |
| 27. INCOGNITO | 22. CUBIC     |
| 28. CONVERGED | 23. ISSUE     |
| 29. MARCH     | 25. ARCED     |



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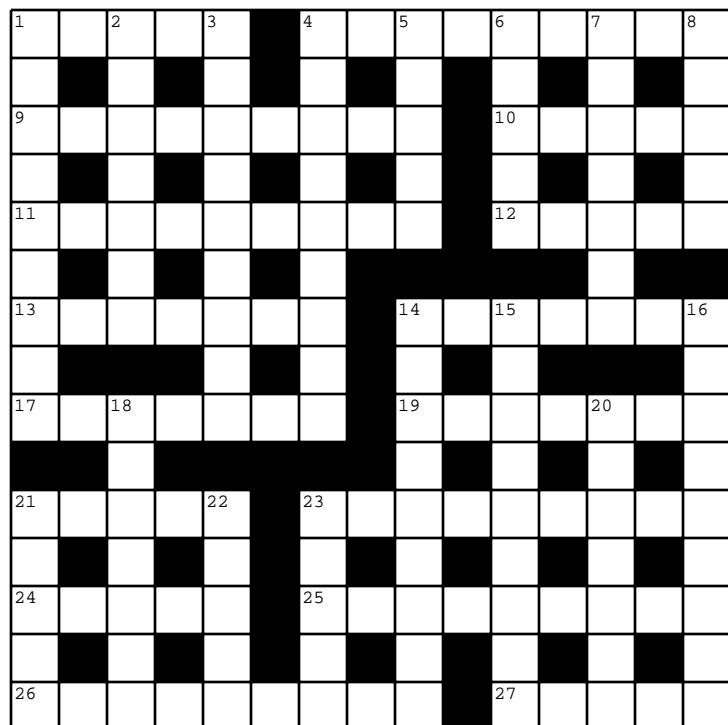
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| 9. BACKPEDAL  | 3. IMPROMPTU  |
| 10. FAZES     | 4. BADNESS    |
| 11. ANDROMEDA | 5. VOLCANO    |
| 12. TOTAL     | 6. REFIT      |
| 13. SCRAPES   | 7. GAZETTE    |
| 14. ONESELF   | 8. SISAL      |
| 17. DISTURB   | 15. EMIGRANTS |
| 20. CHIDDEN   | 16. FINGERTIP |
| 22. MORAN     | 18. SARATOV   |
| 24. INTERPOSE | 19. BLISSES   |
| 25. SITES     | 20. CATERED   |
| 26. STRONGEST | 21. DUODENA   |
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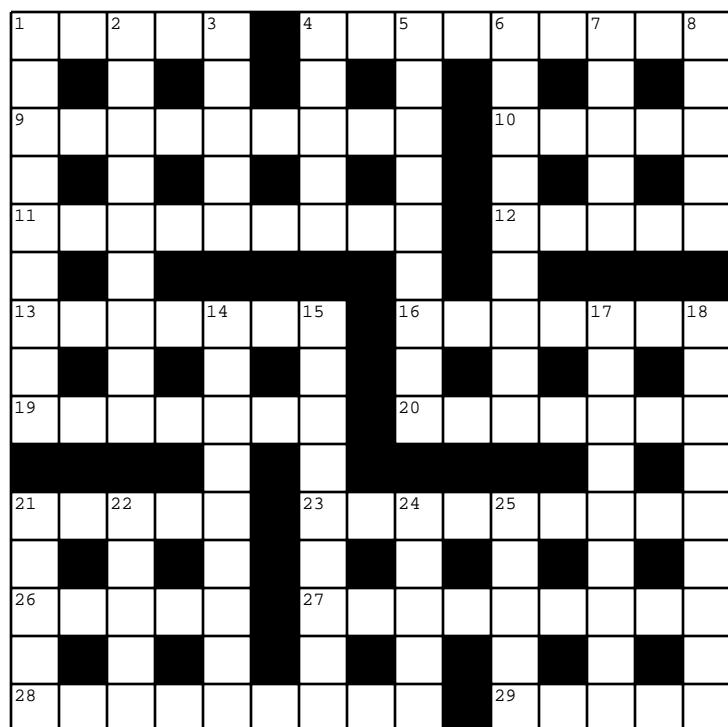
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| 4. QUASIMODO  | 2. ACEVEDO    |
| 9. CLEANSERS  | 3. INNKEEPER  |
| 10. ARENT     | 4. QUESTIONS  |
| 11. ELEVENTHS | 5. ASSES      |
| 12. ISAAC     | 6. IRAQI      |
| 13. SCORPIO   | 7. OREGANO    |
| 14. PECHORA   | 8. OPTIC      |
| 17. REMARKS   | 14. PEKINESES |
| 19. KINGDOM   | 15. CONGENIAL |
| 21. CALEB     | 16. AIMLESSLY |
| 23. TENNESSEE | 18. MULATTO   |
| 24. INTEL     | 20. DISTURB   |
| 25. MESSIEURS | 21. CLIMB     |
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| 27. LOBBY     | 23. TAMER     |



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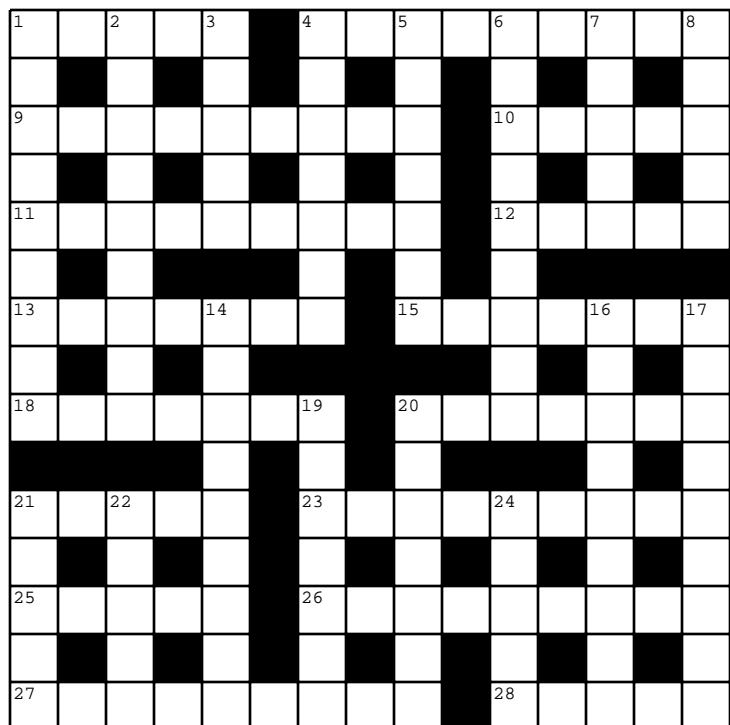
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| 4. PRINCIPAL  | 2. DYNAMITES  |
| 9. MANIFESTO  | 3. MUFTI      |
| 10. TIGER     | 4. POSED      |
| 11. REMAINDER | 5. ISOTROPIC  |
| 12. MENUS     | 6. CATAMARAN  |
| 13. NATALIA   | 7. PAGAN      |
| 16. PARSNIP   | 8. LORDS      |
| 19. ARSENAL   | 14. LANDLORDS |
| 20. CONSUME   | 15. ALLEViate |
| 21. BABEL     | 17. NOURISHED |
| 23. VANDALISM | 18. PNEUMONIA |
| 26. LOSER     | 21. BELCH     |
| 27. ASTRAKHAN | 22. BOSOM     |
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| 29. MEDIA     | 25. ALARM     |



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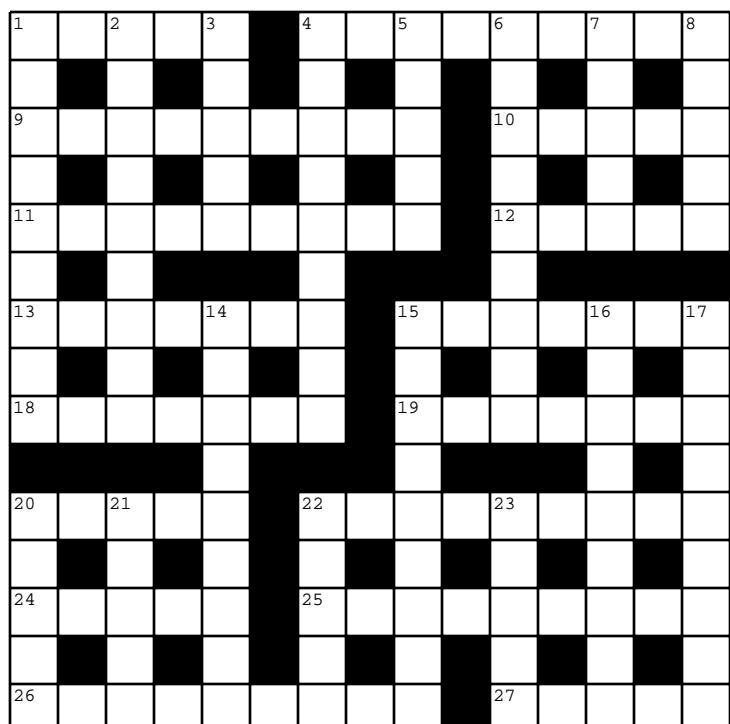
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| 9. UNALTERED  | 3. EXTRA      |
| 10. TAPES     | 4. FERVOUR    |
| 11. ENDEAVOUR | 5. ANDORRA    |
| 12. BASES     | 6. ESTABLISH  |
| 13. OFFICER   | 7. NAPES      |
| 15. ARIDEST   | 8. LASTS      |
| 18. DASHIKI   | 14. CHINSTRAP |
| 20. ATHLETE   | 16. EVERGREEN |
| 21. CAMPS     | 17. TREATISES |
| 23. FORTNIGHT | 19. INFIDEL   |
| 25. INFER     | 20. ARRESTS   |
| 26. DESIGNERS | 21. CLIFF     |
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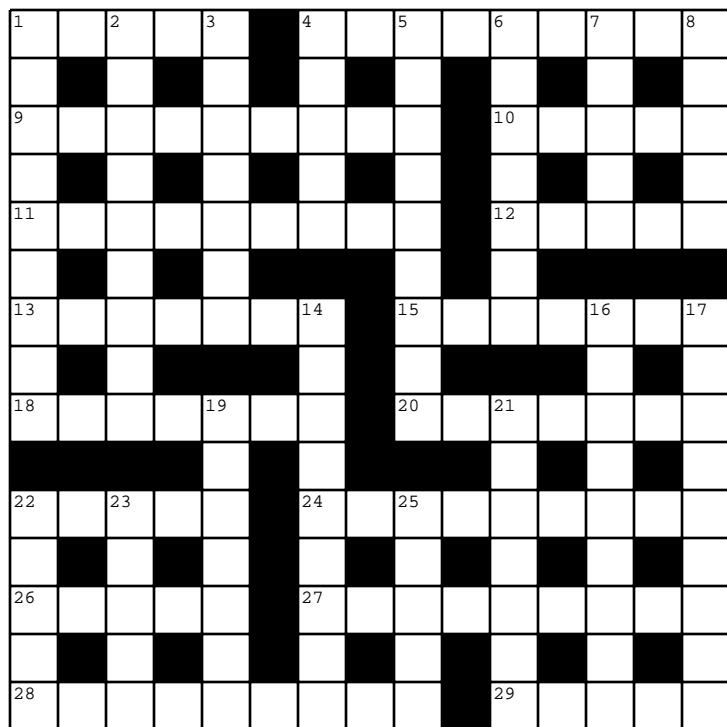
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| 9. POTPOURRI   | 3. ABOUT      |
| 10. BRIER      | 4. FORTUNATE  |
| 11. HAMSTRUNG  | 5. USING      |
| 12. NATTY      | 6. FIBONACCI  |
| 13. ROTUNDA    | 7. EXIST      |
| 15. RACHAEL    | 8. TARRY      |
| 18. SISTINE    | 14. NEIGHBOUR |
| 19. SHINDIG    | 15. RESIDENCE |
| 20. LEACH      | 16. AUDITORIA |
| 22. INDICATOR  | 17. LOGARITHM |
| 24. MANGO      | 20. LIMIT     |
| 25. WINDBURNNT | 21. ANNUL     |
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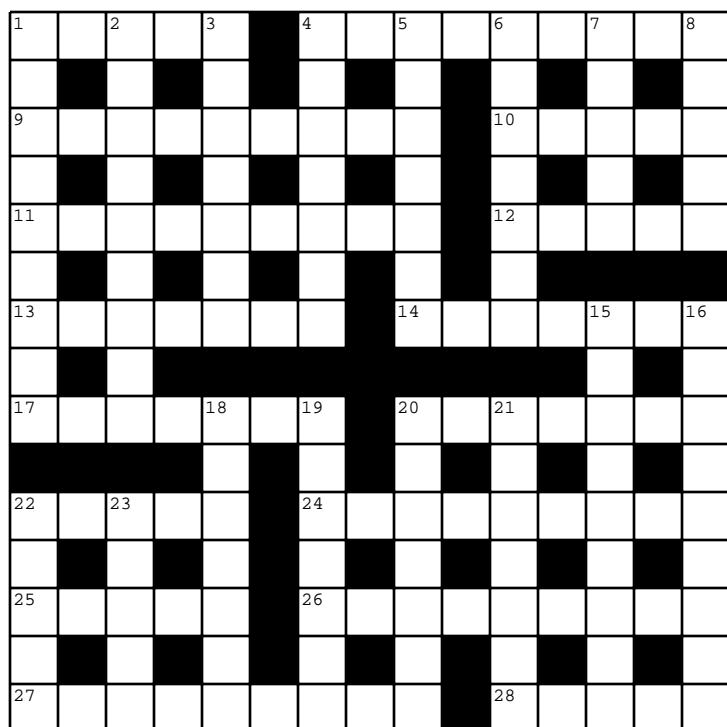
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| 9. NOTEBOOKS  | 3. TABLEAU    |
| 10. GRIMM     | 4. CROCI      |
| 11. EXPLETIVE | 5. PASSENGER  |
| 12. ARROW     | 6. INGRAIN    |
| 13. DISTURB   | 7. ICIER      |
| 15. GENERIC   | 8. GAMOW      |
| 18. STIMULI   | 14. BRIGHTEST |
| 20. RODRIGO   | 16. RHINOCERI |
| 22. CAPEK     | 17. CROSSWALK |
| 24. HEIRLOOMS | 19. UNKNOWN   |
| 26. PIANO     | 21. DELAYED   |
| 27. EMPHYSEMA | 22. COPRA     |
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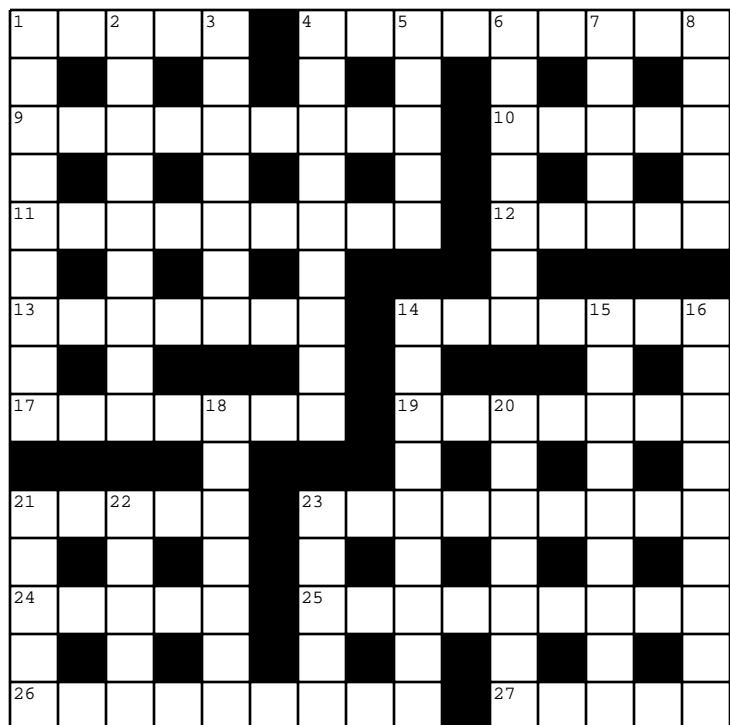
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| 10. HENCE     | 4. PROBLEM    |
| 11. AUSTRALIA | 5. BUFFALO    |
| 12. BUSES     | 6. INHIBIT    |
| 13. OPOSSUM   | 7. HINTS      |
| 14. OUTGROW   | 8. SEEKS      |
| 17. DEMESNE   | 15. RHINOCERI |
| 20. CYCLIST   | 16. WITNESSED |
| 22. NEGEV     | 18. SEVERAL   |
| 24. HOROSCOPE | 19. ENHANCE   |
| 25. DINER     | 20. CARAWAY   |
| 26. NEWCOMERS | 21. CASTOFF   |
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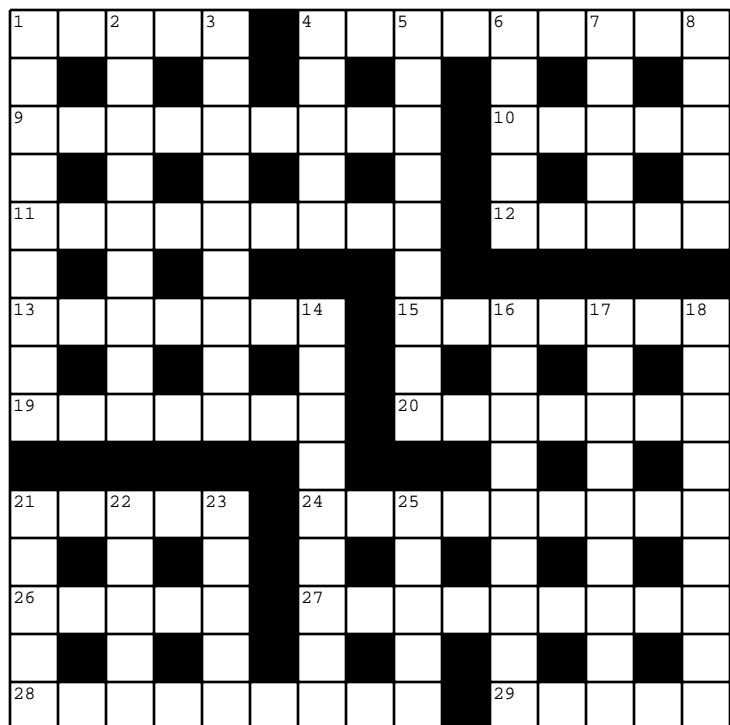
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| 9. TECHNICAL  | 3. LYNETTE    |
| 10. TURIN     | 4. SUCCESSOR  |
| 11. ALLOTMENT | 5. PILOT      |
| 12. NAMED     | 6. OFTENER    |
| 13. GOPHERS   | 7. THRUM      |
| 14. AGRIPPA   | 8. DINED      |
| 17. CLIMBER   | 14. AMPLITUDE |
| 19. PLEASED   | 15. PISTACHIO |
| 21. BYTES     | 16. ADDRESSEE |
| 23. REITERATE | 18. BESTIAL   |
| 24. ENNUI     | 20. ENEMATA   |
| 25. GOULASHES | 21. BREAK     |
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| 27. ADOBE     | 23. RIGID     |



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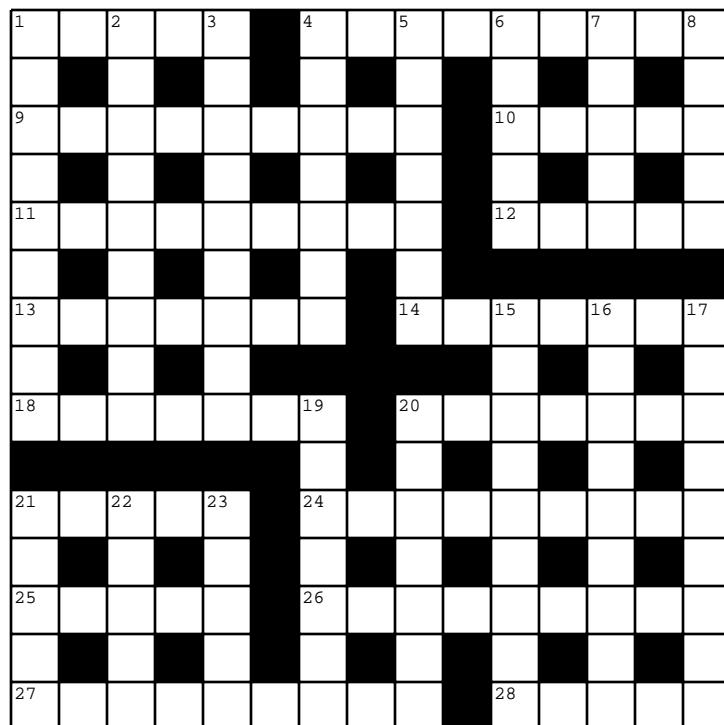
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| 9. BUNDESTAG  | 3. PREMYSLID  |
| 10. IDEAS     | 4. RATIO      |
| 11. HONEYCOMB | 5. ALGEBRAIC  |
| 12. DEEDS     | 6. TRIED      |
| 13. TACKLES   | 7. OBESE      |
| 15. ACCUSED   | 8. SISES      |
| 19. SOLIDER   | 14. STRIPPING |
| 20. CERAMIC   | 16. CORRECTER |
| 21. TOOLS     | 17. SYMMETRIC |
| 24. PERSEVERE | 18. DECREASES |
| 26. BARGE     | 21. TABOO     |
| 27. IMMATURES | 22. OGRES     |
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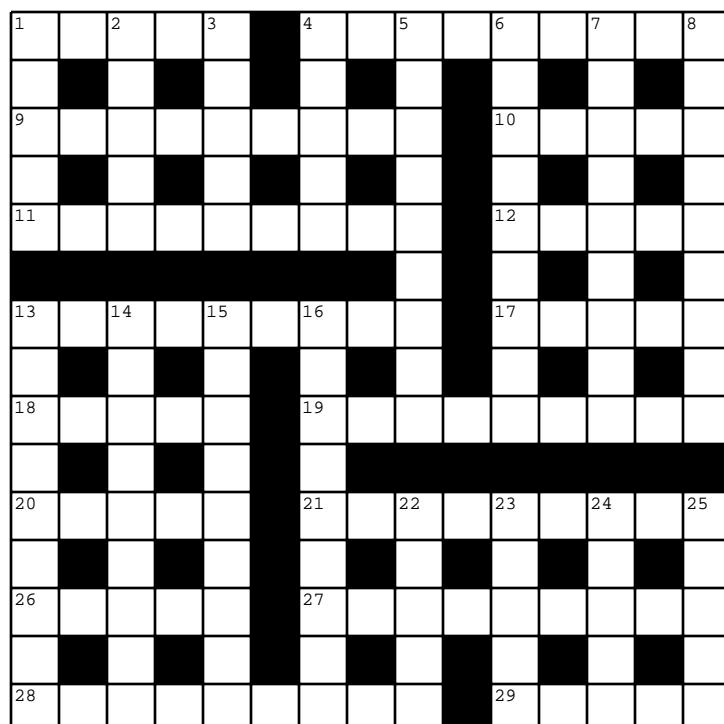
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| 4. IMMEDIATE  | 2. APARTMENT  |
| 9. CHAGRINED  | 3. HARMONICA  |
| 10. ABLER     | 4. IGNORES    |
| 11. POTPOURRI | 5. MIDRIFT    |
| 12. NESTS     | 6. DRAIN      |
| 13. EYELIDS   | 7. ATLAS      |
| 14. FELECIA   | 8. EARNS      |
| 18. SITUATE   | 15. LANKINESS |
| 20. VANUATU   | 16. COAGULATE |
| 21. SIGMA     | 17. AQUEDUCTS |
| 24. CONTINUED | 19. ESCAPED   |
| 25. LAIRS     | 20. VENDORS   |
| 26. PTOLEMAIC | 21. SALSA     |
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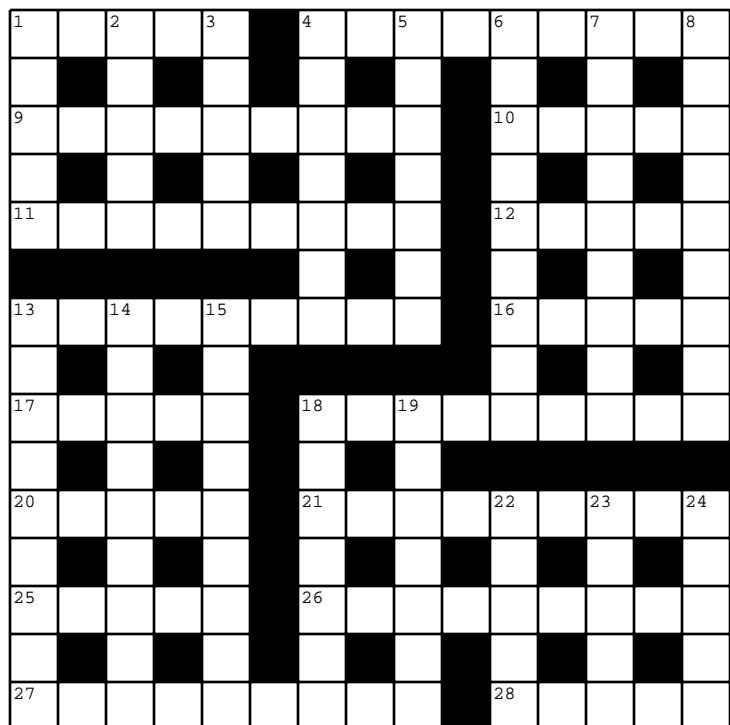
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| 10. FALSE     | 4. BERET      |
| 11. ORCHESTRA | 5. APPRAISAL  |
| 12. TIGHT     | 6. CAFETERIA  |
| 13. SAILBOATS | 7. ILLOGICAL  |
| 17. ROCHE     | 8. GREATNESS  |
| 18. OCTET     | 13. STOPPABLE |
| 19. VALUABLES | 14. INTRINSIC |
| 20. PRIME     | 15. BUTTERCUP |
| 21. CELEBRATE | 16. ADVOCATED |
| 26. BASIC     | 22. LOOKS     |
| 27. TROUSSEAU | 23. BOSOM     |
| 28. ESCAPADES | 24. AHEAD     |
| 29. MODEL     | 25. EQUAL     |



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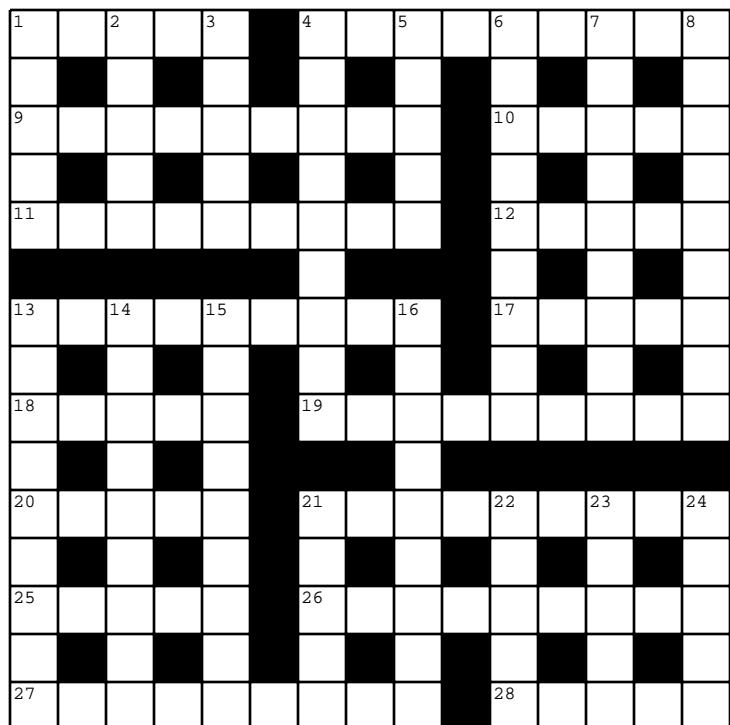
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| 4. UNDAMAGED  | 2. AWARD      |
| 9. FRACTURES  | 3. EXTRA      |
| 10. SKIMP     | 4. UPRIGHT    |
| 11. HYDRANGEA | 5. DISDAIN    |
| 12. ASSET     | 6. MISHANDLE  |
| 13. ORANGUTAN | 7. GLISSANDI  |
| 16. DUNNO     | 8. DIPHTHONG  |
| 17. NIMBI     | 13. OWNERSHIP |
| 18. LESSENING | 14. ARMADILLO |
| 20. RIDES     | 15. GLISSANDO |
| 21. CONDORCET | 18. LUCKILY   |
| 25. HALON     | 19. SYNAPSE   |
| 26. IMPROMPTU | 22. OBOES     |
| 27. PROTOTYPE | 23. COPRA     |
| 28. STARK     | 24. TRUCK     |



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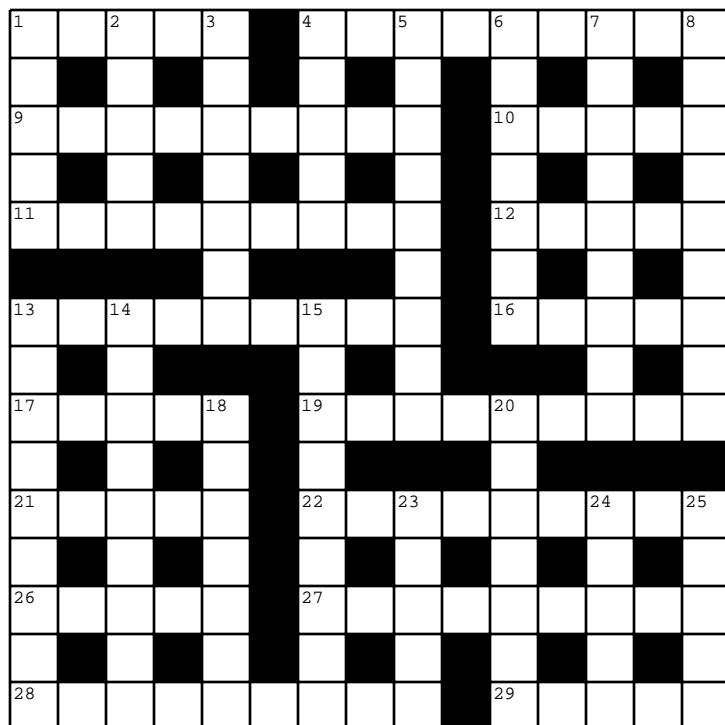
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| 9. EXHAUSTED  | 3. SCUBA      |
| 10. PREEN     | 4. AUTOMATIC  |
| 11. EXCLAIMED | 5. CODED      |
| 12. EDGES     | 6. PEPPERONI  |
| 13. ENIGMATIC | 7. IDEOGRAPH  |
| 17. ORATE     | 8. GANGSTERS  |
| 18. COVER     | 13. ENCHILADA |
| 19. CHERISHES | 14. INVISIBLE |
| 20. INSET     | 15. MORATORIA |
| 21. RECURRENT | 16. CRESCENDO |
| 25. AMBER     | 21. RIGID     |
| 26. GENITALIA | 22. RETCH     |
| 27. ALEJANDRO | 23. ECLAT     |
| 28. HOTEL     | 24. TRAIL     |



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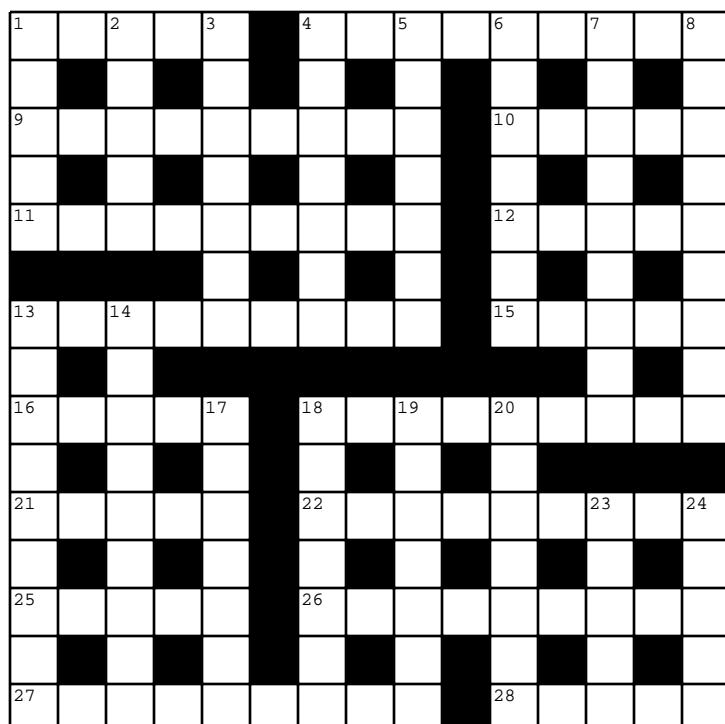
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| 4. NOMINALLY  | 2. OWNER      |
| 9. BANDWIDTH  | 3. NEWBORN    |
| 10. BLUER     | 4. NODES      |
| 11. CURIOUSER | 5. MAHARISHI  |
| 12. EMACS     | 6. NOBLEST    |
| 13. NICKNAMES | 7. LEUKAEMIA  |
| 16. TEMPI     | 8. YORKSHIRE  |
| 17. OPERA     | 13. NEODYMIUM |
| 19. SHIPSHAPE | 14. CREMATION |
| 21. YEARS     | 15. MASSACRED |
| 22. ANTELOPES | 18. ASSYRIA   |
| 26. ICIER     | 20. SELLING   |
| 27. RETAINING | 23. TITLE     |
| 28. MANHANDLE | 24. PRIME     |
| 29. GREAT     | 25. SIGHT     |



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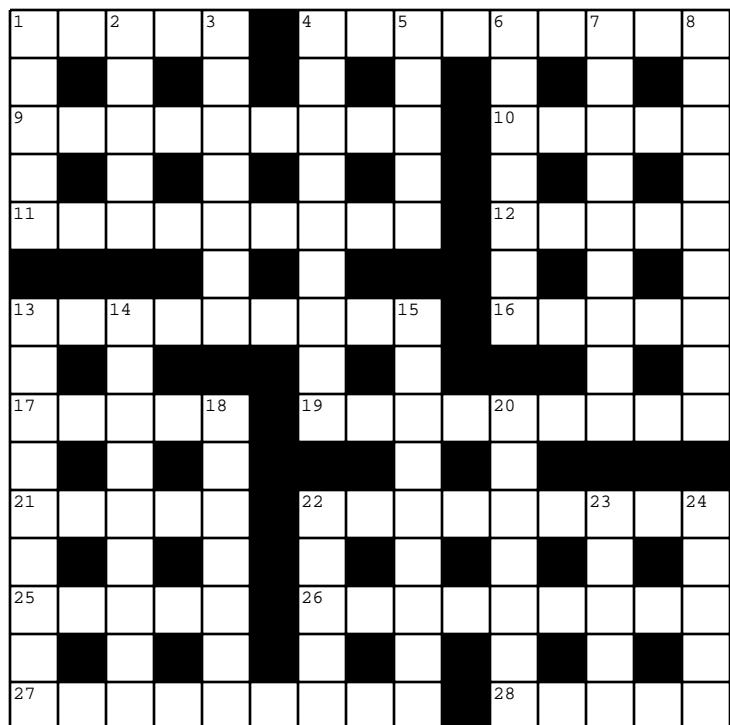
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| 9. FOREFRONT  | 3. DEFYING    |
| 10. ARENT     | 4. EROTICA    |
| 11. ABORIGINE | 5. EXTREME    |
| 12. CHARM     | 6. TRANCES    |
| 13. DENIGRATE | 7. OPERATORS  |
| 15. SHORT     | 8. ESTIMATES  |
| 16. CRUMB     | 13. DOCUDRAMA |
| 18. PARADISES | 14. NEUROTICS |
| 21. DROOP     | 17. BAPTISM   |
| 22. INVISIBLE | 18. PAINFUL   |
| 25. ALIBI     | 19. REVEALS   |
| 26. FEATURING | 20. DISTURB   |
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| 28. BADGE     | 24. EAGLE     |



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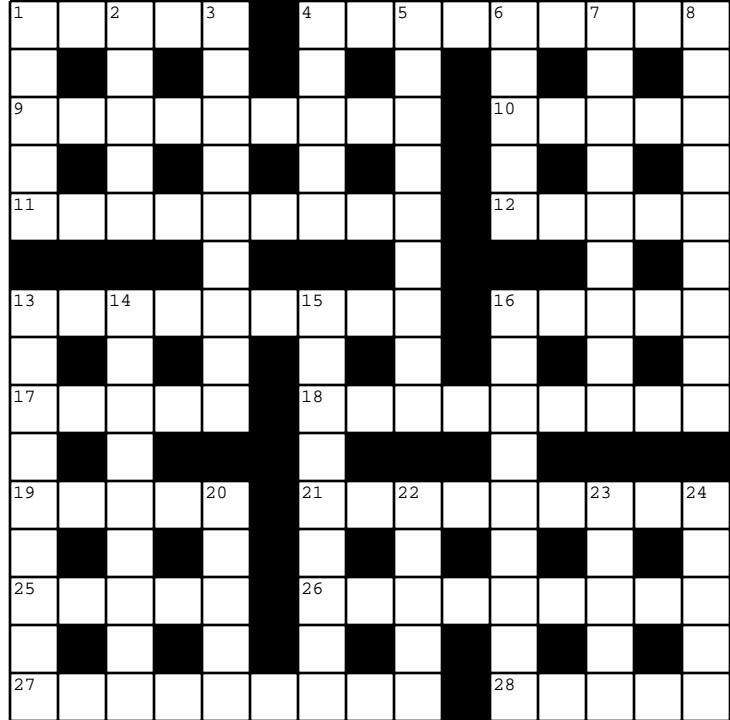
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| 4. GEOGRAPHY  | 2. COMIC      |
| 9. COMMONEST  | 3. OCONNOR    |
| 10. TOPIC     | 4. GUERRILLA  |
| 11. ECCENTRIC | 5. OPTIC      |
| 12. OVERT     | 6. RATIONS    |
| 13. CIGARILLO | 7. PEPPERONI  |
| 16. STORM     | 8. YACHTSMAN  |
| 17. SENNA     | 13. CASTANEDA |
| 19. AGITATION | 14. GENERATED |
| 21. AORTA     | 15. ORIENTATE |
| 22. HONEYCOMB | 18. ANALYZE   |
| 25. ENTRY     | 20. ABYSSES   |
| 26. CEAUSESCU | 22. HACKS     |
| 27. ADDRESSEE | 23. OASES     |
| 28. SISES     | 24. BAUDS     |



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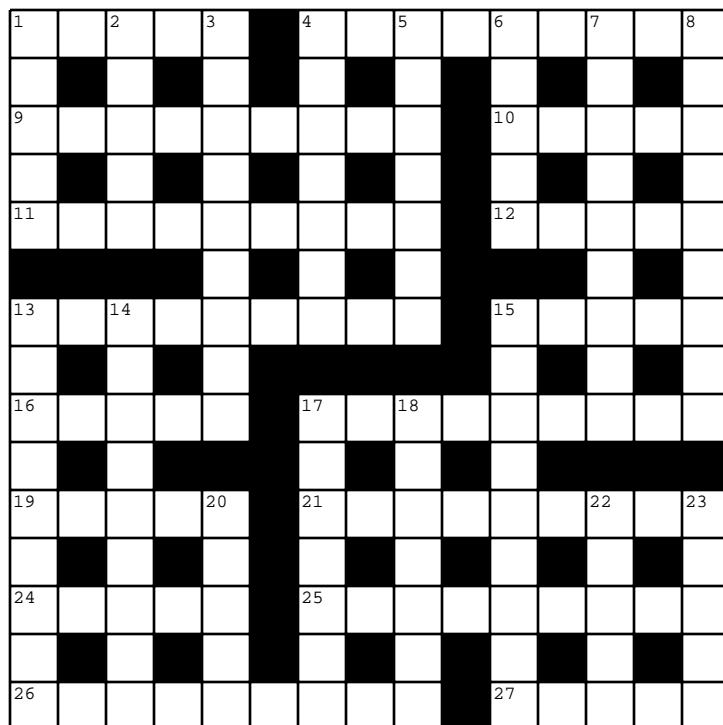
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| 9. CONSPIRES  | 3. DIPHTHONG  |
| 10. OGRES     | 4. KIROV      |
| 11. POSITIVER | 5. DESTROYER  |
| 12. GREGG     | 6. ALONG      |
| 13. NERVOUSLY | 7. PERPETUAL  |
| 16. CAUSE     | 8. DISAGREED  |
| 17. GOING     | 13. NIGHTCLUB |
| 18. AIRMAILED | 14. REIMPOSED |
| 19. TOPIC     | 15. STAMPEDED |
| 21. PRAGMATIC | 16. CLAMMIEST |
| 25. LASER     | 20. CARPI     |
| 26. DESPERADO | 22. ARSON     |
| 27. BEDRIDDEN | 23. TEARS     |
| 28. TASKS     | 24. CHOPS     |



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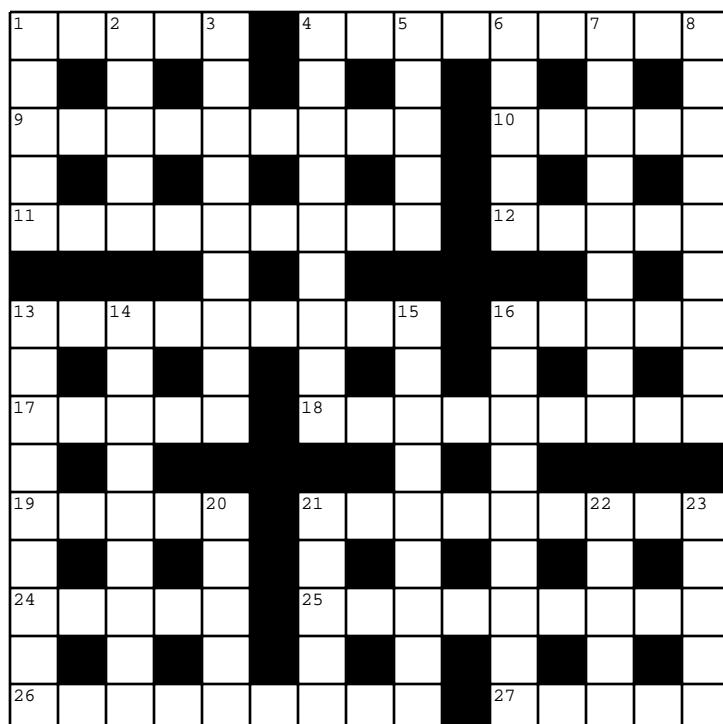
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| 4. GRUESOMER  | 2. EDICT      |
| 9. RHINOCERI  | 3. SHOWPIECE  |
| 10. BAHAI     | 4. GUESSES    |
| 11. ANTIPASTI | 5. UNIFIED    |
| 12. NORTH     | 6. SABIN      |
| 13. ADDRESSED | 7. MAHARISHI  |
| 15. HASNT     | 8. REICHSTAG  |
| 16. HENCE     | 13. ATHEISTIC |
| 17. FLOUNCING | 14. DANDELION |
| 19. ITEMS     | 15. HONEYMOON |
| 21. ECOSYSTEM | 17. FIERCER   |
| 24. THING     | 18. OCONNOR   |
| 25. CONSONANT | 20. SEGUE     |
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| 27. NASAL     | 23. METAL     |



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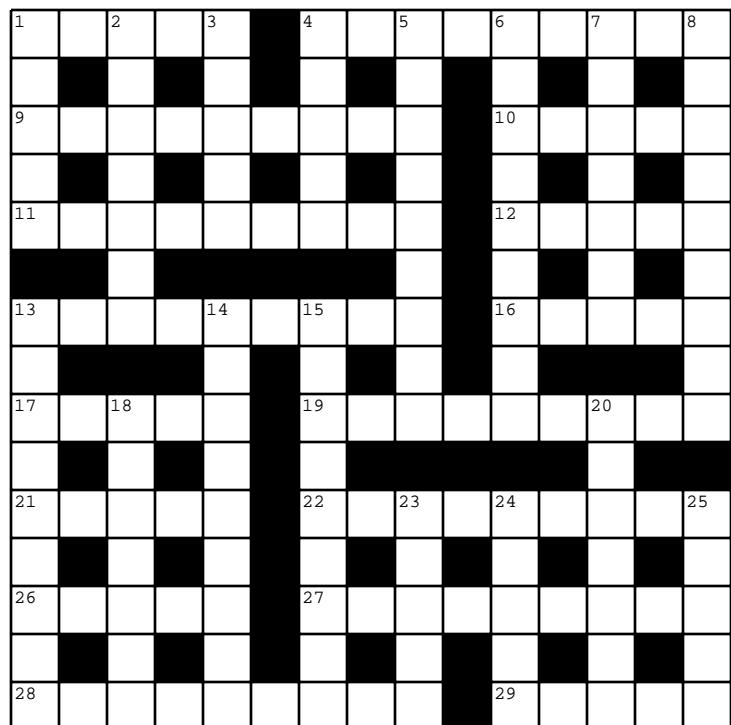
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| 4. REFORMERS  | 2. OCTET      |
| 9. LETHARGIC  | 3. STAUNCHER  |
| 10. VACUA     | 4. RIGOLETTO  |
| 11. ENTANGLED | 5. FACED      |
| 12. RULED     | 6. RIVER      |
| 13. SPAGHETTI | 7. EUCALYPTI  |
| 16. PAPER     | 8. STANDARDS  |
| 17. ABLER     | 13. STATISTIC |
| 18. ORDERLIES | 14. ALLIGATOR |
| 19. INGOT     | 15. INDECENCY |
| 21. BACKSLASH | 16. PARASITES |
| 24. TITLE     | 20. THETA     |
| 25. GENITALIA | 21. BEGAN     |
| 26. CERTAINLY | 22. AILED     |
| 27. SIDES     | 23. HEARS     |



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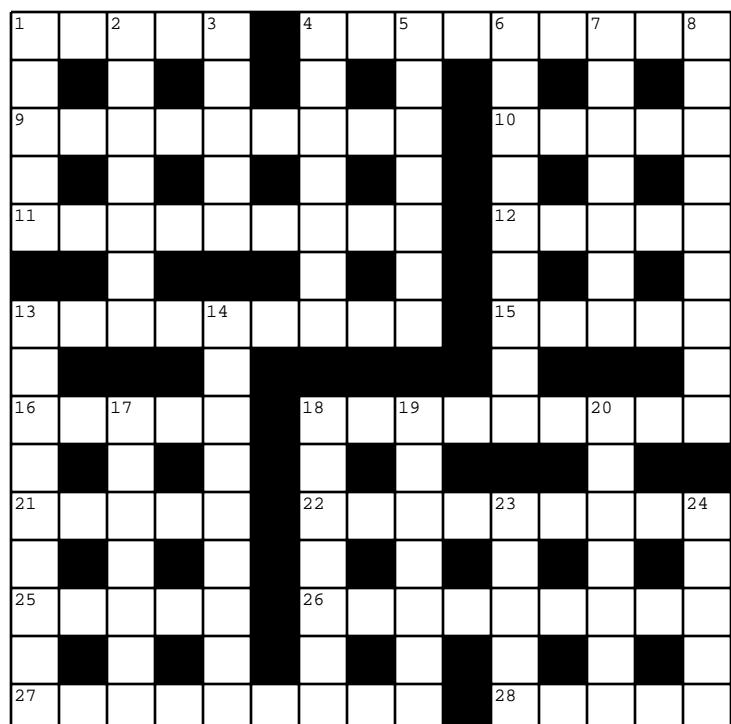
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| 4. UNDAUNTED  | 2. LINKAGE    |
| 9. SYNTACTIC  | 3. SHAMS      |
| 10. TIGER     | 4. ULTRA      |
| 11. CLASSMATE | 5. DICKERSON  |
| 12. RULED     | 6. UTTERANCE  |
| 13. ELEPHANTS | 7. TAGALOG    |
| 16. NEGEV     | 8. DAREDEVIL  |
| 17. GLEAN     | 13. ERGONOMIC |
| 19. WONDERFUL | 14. HANDSOMER |
| 21. NICKS     | 15. NEWSSTAND |
| 22. SANATORIA | 18. ENCODER   |
| 26. MADAM     | 20. FURTIVE   |
| 27. AGRIPPINA | 23. NURSE     |
| 28. CARTRIDGE | 24. TOPIC     |
| 29. CHEAT     | 25. AWAIT     |



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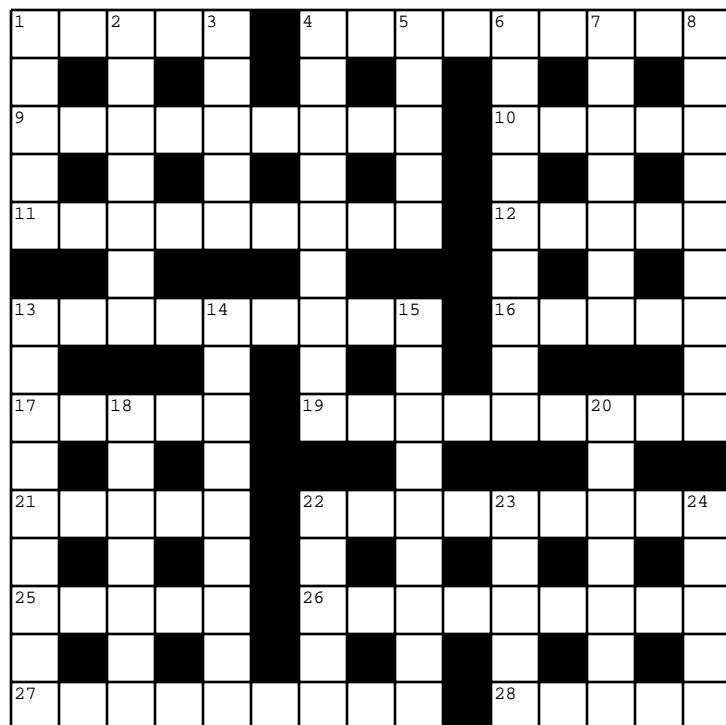
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| 4. AFFABLEST  | 2. FURLONG    |
| 9. HARDLINER  | 3. RELIC      |
| 10. OPENS     | 4. AMNESIA    |
| 11. BOOKCASES | 5. FORESEE    |
| 12. ORATE     | 6. BIOLOGIST  |
| 13. AGGRAVATE | 7. ENEMATA    |
| 15. IRATE     | 8. TASTELESS  |
| 16. MERIT     | 13. ARMADILLO |
| 18. HALFTIMES | 14. ASTRAKHAN |
| 21. DELTA     | 17. ROLVAAG   |
| 22. NIGHTCLUB | 18. HANDFUL   |
| 25. LEACH     | 19. LEGIBLE   |
| 26. FIBONACCI | 20. MALACHI   |
| 27. ORGANELLE | 23. TANIA     |
| 28. APING     | 24. BRING     |



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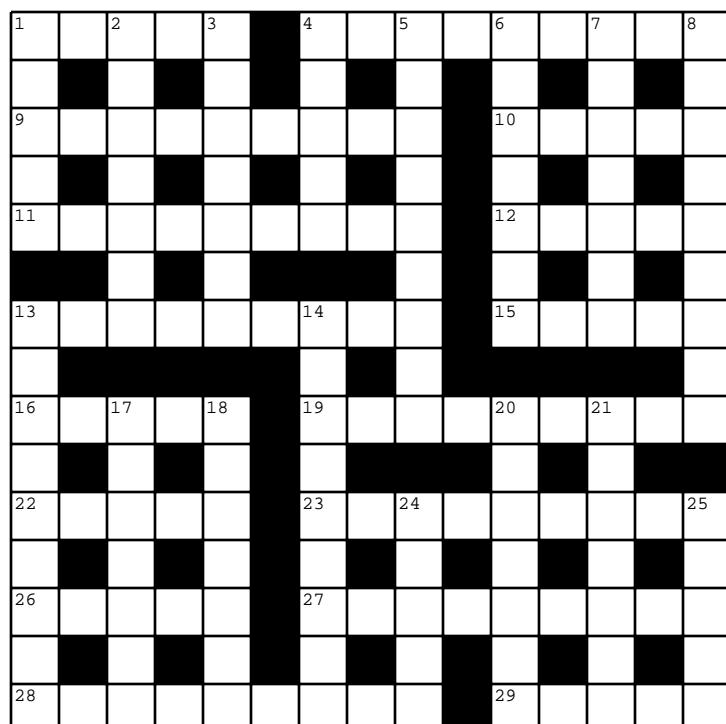
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| 4. TRAMPLING  | 2. DELIMIT    |
| 9. TELEPHOTO  | 3. RIPEN      |
| 10. ESSEN     | 4. TROUSSEAU  |
| 11. REMINISCE | 5. AROSE      |
| 12. MEIER     | 6. PNEUMONIA  |
| 13. INTERFERE | 7. ISSUING    |
| 16. NIGHT     | 8. GENERATED  |
| 17. THIEF     | 13. INTRINSIC |
| 19. UNBIASSED | 14. REFERENDA |
| 21. INTER     | 15. EMBROIDER |
| 22. GROTESQUE | 18. INTERIM   |
| 25. SIREN     | 20. SEQUOIA   |
| 26. ENDEAVOUR | 22. GREED     |
| 27. COMMANDER | 23. EXAMS     |
| 28. SPARE     | 24. EERIE     |



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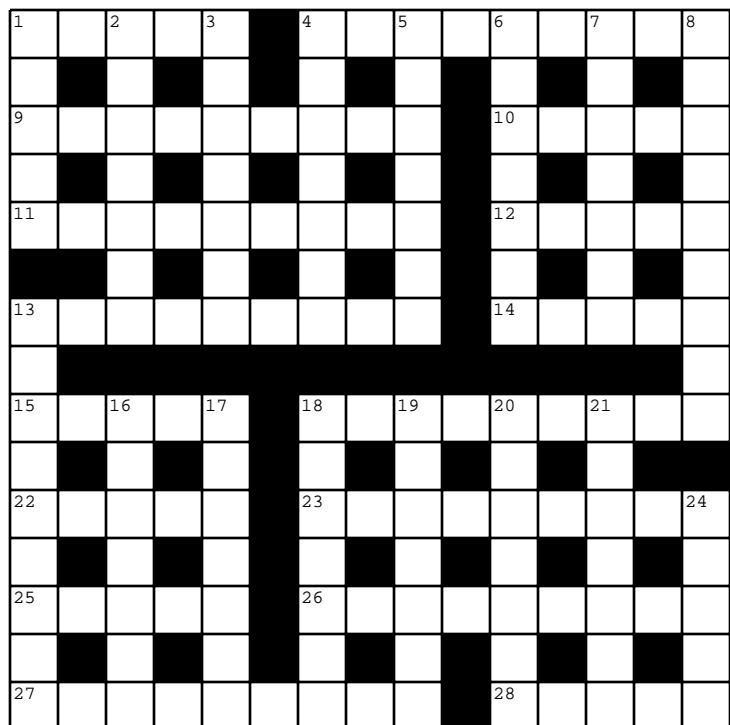
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| 4. LOINCLOTH  | 2. IGNEOUS    |
| 9. HANDSOMER  | 3. MUSICAL    |
| 10. COYER     | 4. LUMPS      |
| 11. SHOWCASED | 5. IRRADIATE  |
| 12. PHONE     | 6. COCKPIT    |
| 13. ROSALINDA | 7. OXYMORA    |
| 15. TRASH     | 8. HORSESHOE  |
| 16. JESTS     | 13. REJOINDER |
| 19. PREJUDICE | 14. NAPALMING |
| 22. INTER     | 17. SATANIC   |
| 23. LAMPPOSTS | 18. SARCOMA   |
| 26. DUNNO     | 20. UMPTEEN   |
| 27. IMPIETIES | 21. ISSUING   |
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| 29. NIGEL     | 25. SISAL     |



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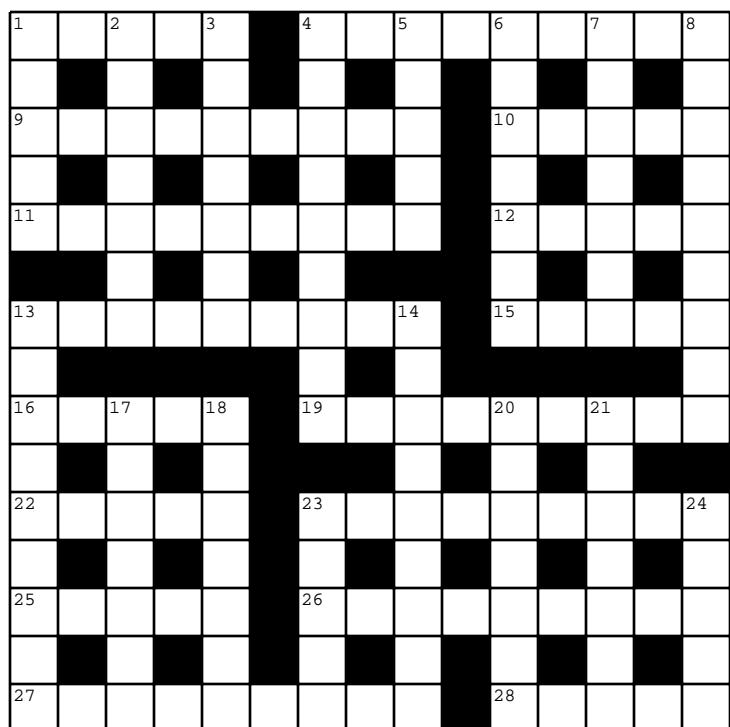
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| 4. STUBBORNS  | 2. ENCARTA    |
| 9. FICTIONAL  | 3. BAILIFF    |
| 10. ANGLE     | 4. SENATOR    |
| 11. SERVIETTE | 5. UGLIEST    |
| 12. BALED     | 6. BEANBAG    |
| 13. HEADFIRST | 7. REGALIA    |
| 14. GIANT     | 8. SPEEDSTER  |
| 15. ALOUD     | 13. HEARTENED |
| 18. DISMEMBER | 16. ONWARDS   |
| 22. TOWNS     | 17. DESCENT   |
| 23. STABILITY | 18. DISAVOW   |
| 25. NURSE     | 19. SCANDAL   |
| 26. VIDEOTAPE | 20. EDITORS   |
| 27. DISHTOWEL | 21. BRIGADE   |
| 28. SPEED     | 24. YIELD     |



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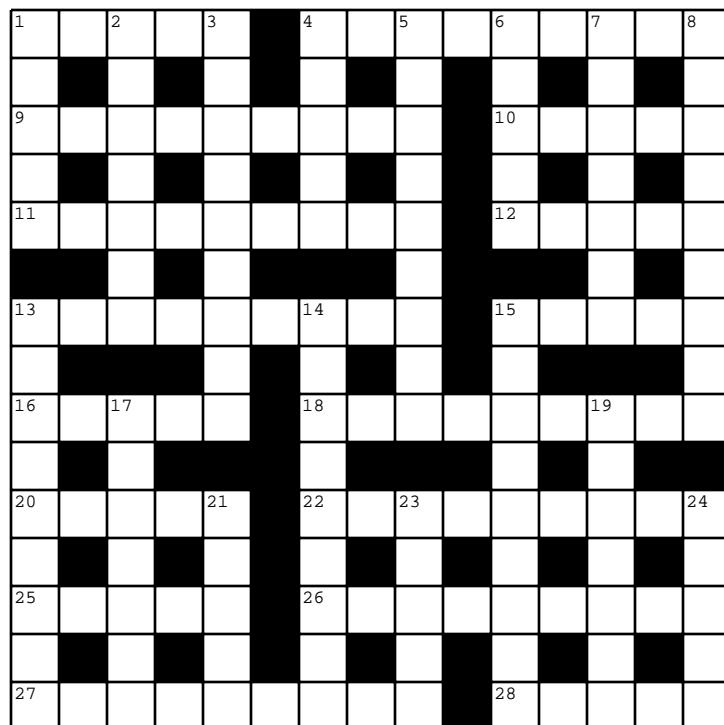
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| 9. SANATORIA  | 3. OTTERED    |
| 10. ERATO     | 4. PERCEIVED  |
| 11. INTERFERE | 5. IRATE      |
| 12. NIECE     | 6. CLEANUP    |
| 13. NOSEDIVED | 7. PLATEAU    |
| 15. POURS     | 8. LIONESSES  |
| 16. RIOTS     | 13. NARRATORS |
| 19. DAUGHTERS | 14. DRUGSTORE |
| 22. ANTIC     | 17. OCTAGON   |
| 23. DISEMBARK | 18. SECONDS   |
| 25. ORGAN     | 20. HUMANER   |
| 26. THORNIEST | 21. ENAMELS   |
| 27. SANDSTONE | 23. DITTO     |
| 28. RISES     | 24. KITES     |



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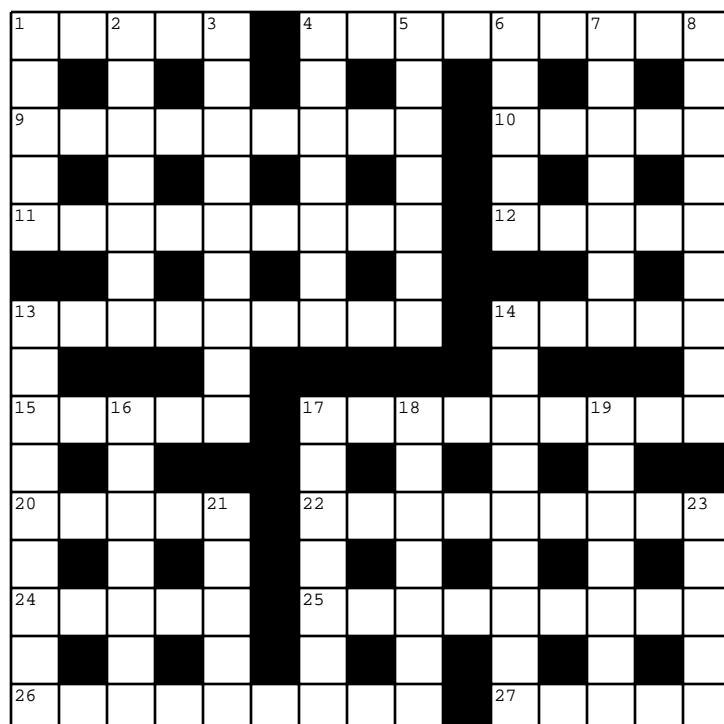
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| 4. ELUCIDATE  | 2. SYLLABI    |
| 9. ENLIVENED  | 3. OBVIOUSLY  |
| 10. DROOP     | 4. ENNUI      |
| 11. SHADOWIER | 5. UNDERWENT  |
| 12. XENON     | 6. INDEX      |
| 13. SHIPSHAPE | 7. AMOUNTS    |
| 15. SUSHI     | 8. EXPANSION  |
| 16. ENTRY     | 13. SKEPTICAL |
| 18. BATTALION | 14. ARBITRARY |
| 20. THROW     | 15. SCARECROW |
| 22. TEMPERING | 17. TURNOFF   |
| 25. CROON     | 19. INITIAL   |
| 26. AFTERLIFE | 21. WINGS     |
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| 28. WYLIE     | 24. GEESE     |



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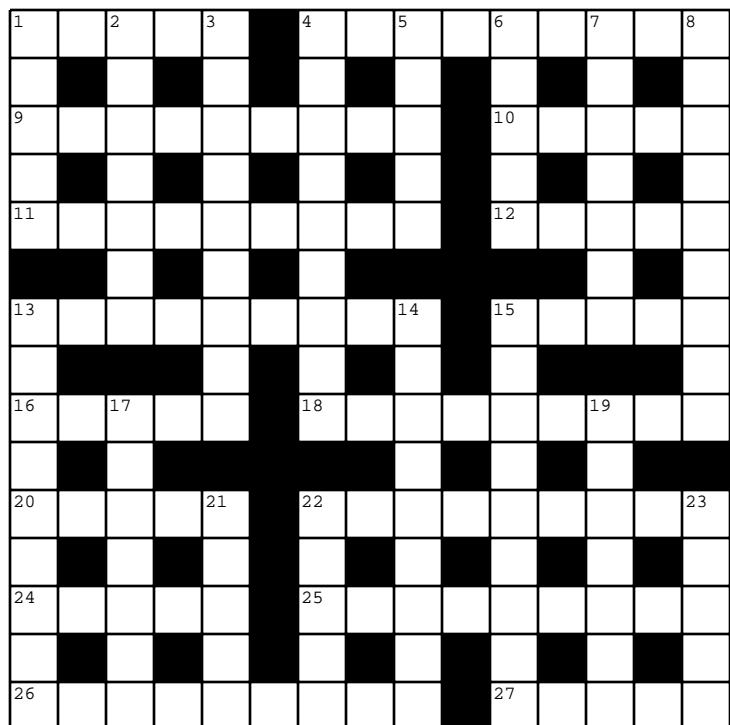
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| 9. BEGINNING  | 3. GENITALIA  |
| 10. KUDZU     | 4. SUICIDE    |
| 11. SWARTHIER | 5. DOGTROT    |
| 12. DOING     | 6. NUKED      |
| 13. KINDLIEST | 7. ADDLING    |
| 14. EIGHT     | 8. YOUNGSTER  |
| 15. COMMA     | 13. KICKBACKS |
| 17. DISAPPEAR | 14. EXPANSION |
| 20. BASIC     | 16. MUSICAL   |
| 22. STERNNESS | 17. DASHIKI   |
| 24. COCOA     | 18. SHEBANG   |
| 25. INABILITY | 19. EVENING   |
| 26. SALARYING | 21. CHAIR     |
| 27. NIGER     | 23. SHYER     |



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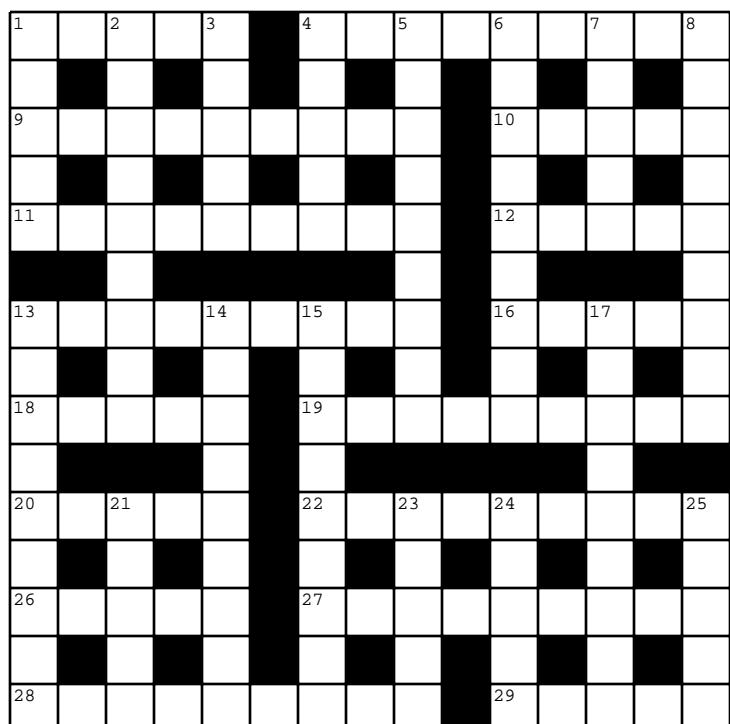
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| 4. CONVINCED  | 2. CRUISES    |
| 9. STUTTGART  | 3. ASTRONAUT  |
| 10. POLYP     | 4. CHATTERED  |
| 11. DISTORTED | 5. NOTED      |
| 12. TASTE     | 6. INPUT      |
| 13. MASSACRED | 7. COLOSSI    |
| 15. QUILTS    | 8. DEPRESSED  |
| 16. REMIT     | 13. MARIJUANA |
| 18. DISCARDED | 14. DISAGREED |
| 20. JADES     | 15. QUARTERLY |
| 22. FUGITIVES | 17. MADEIRA   |
| 24. ADIEU     | 19. DIVIDED   |
| 25. OVERRIDES | 21. SOUND     |
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| 27. YODEL     | 23. SISAL     |



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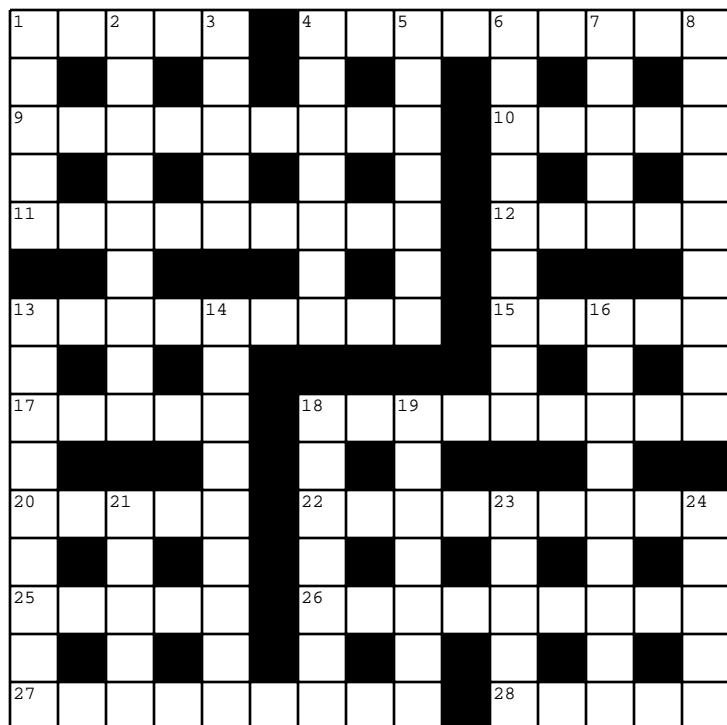
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| 9. PARTITION  | 3. MAIZE      |
| 10. NOOSE     | 4. HAILS      |
| 11. TENNESSEE | 5. TINDERBOX  |
| 12. YOURE     | 6. HONEYCOMB  |
| 13. BEELZEBUB | 7. INONU      |
| 16. ORBIT     | 8. ELEVENTHS  |
| 18. LOGIC     | 13. BALLISTIC |
| 19. TEXTBOOKS | 14. ZUCCHINIS |
| 20. IRISH     | 15. BETROTHAL |
| 22. OCTOPUSES | 17. BOOKSHELF |
| 26. TALON     | 21. ISLAM     |
| 27. HALLOWEEN | 23. TILES     |
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| 29. FIFTY     | 25. SUNNY     |



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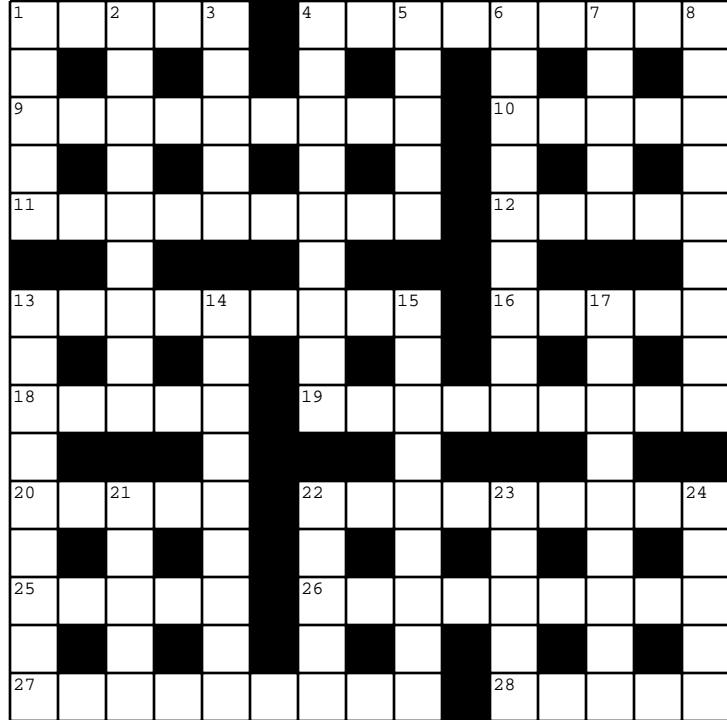
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| 1. BENCH      | 1. BASRA      |
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| 9. SANATORIA  | 3. HOTEL      |
| 10. SABIN     | 4. SURFACE    |
| 11. AUXILIARY | 5. ANALYST    |
| 12. GROUP     | 6. INSIGNIAS  |
| 13. COMMONEST | 7. TABOO      |
| 15. INFER     | 8. CONSPIRES  |
| 17. NOTES     | 13. CONTRALTO |
| 18. ASSESSORS | 14. OESTROGEN |
| 20. RADAR     | 16. FROSTBITE |
| 22. CONSORTIA | 18. ALCOHOL   |
| 25. LYING     | 19. SYNAPSE   |
| 26. HYPNOTISM | 21. DOING     |
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| 28. SWEPT     | 24. ADMIT     |



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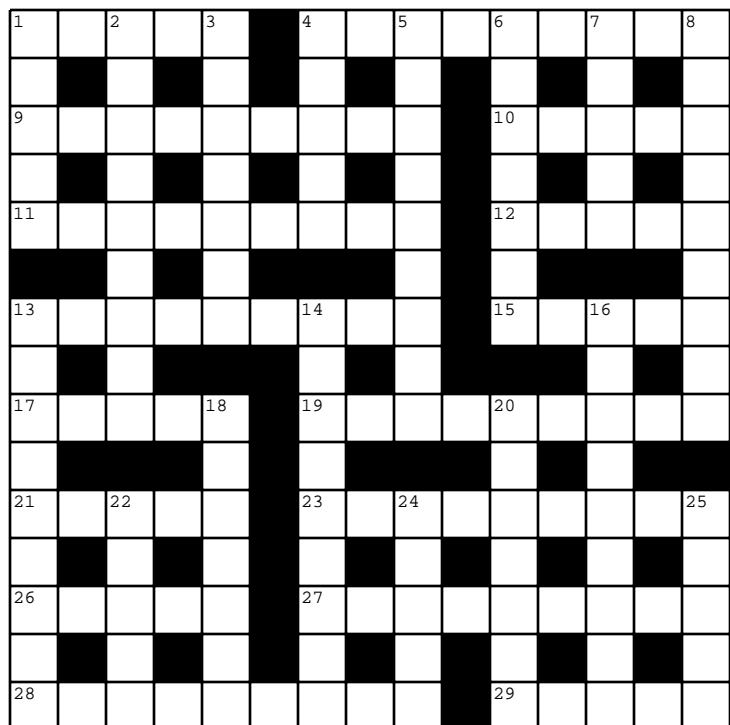
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| 10. CAUSE     | 4. OWNERSHIP  |
| 11. PRESSURES | 5. RIDES      |
| 12. NAHUM     | 6. ECCENTRIC  |
| 13. FORSYTHIA | 7. VOUCH      |
| 16. RHINO     | 8. STEAMROLL  |
| 18. NICER     | 13. FINALISED |
| 19. PRINCIPAL | 14. YARDSTICK |
| 20. LOBES     | 15. ALIENATES |
| 22. CONESTOGA | 17. IMPROMPTU |
| 25. STYLI     | 21. BAYOU     |
| 26. ENTRAPPED | 22. CHEER     |
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| 28. PLUGS     | 24. AIDES     |



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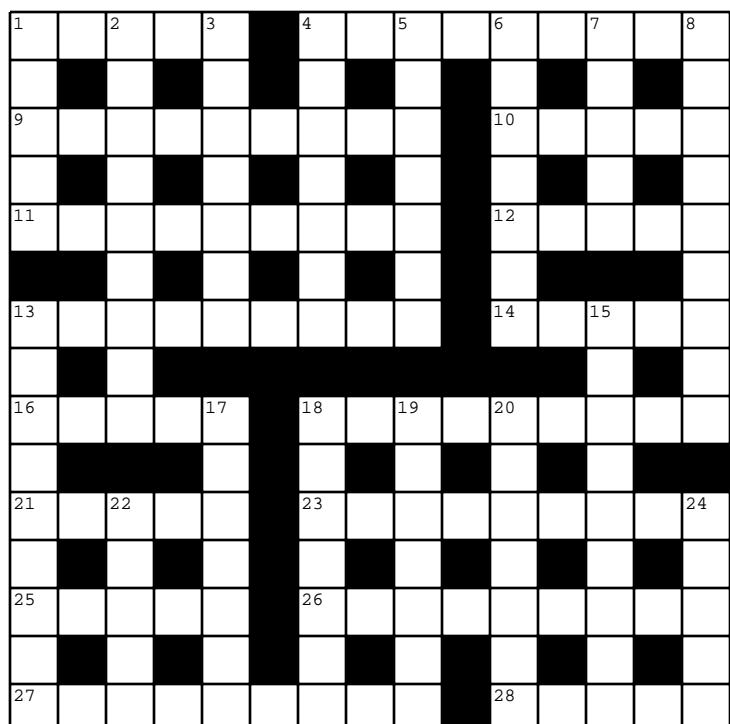
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| 9. SYMMETRIC  | 3. OREGANO    |
| 10. SUPER     | 4. PERON      |
| 11. CERTAINER | 5. RECURSIVE  |
| 12. OTHER     | 6. MISTOOK    |
| 13. POTPOURRI | 7. DEPTH      |
| 15. KICKS     | 8. SURPRISES  |
| 17. ARROW     | 13. PLAINTIFF |
| 19. CHEAPNESS | 14. RECIPIENT |
| 21. NAIVE     | 16. CRESCENDI |
| 23. PROSPECTS | 18. WHEREIN   |
| 26. IMAGE     | 20. PAPRIKA   |
| 27. EMOTIONAL | 22. IDAHO     |
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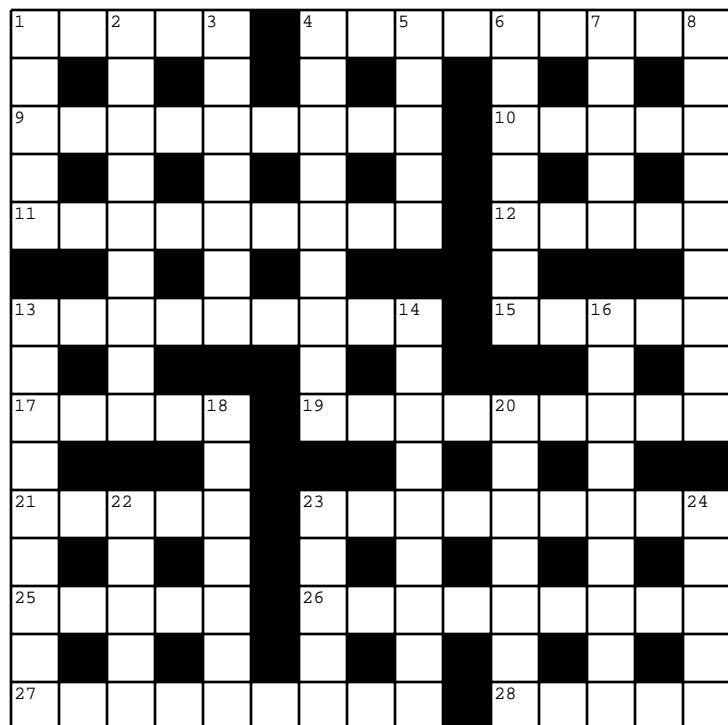
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| 10. UTERI     | 4. INERTIA    |
| 11. ETIQUETTE | 5. DENSELY    |
| 12. CRUMB     | 6. COUNCIL    |
| 13. SANCTUARY | 7. TAEGU      |
| 14. LABOR     | 8. REIMBURSE  |
| 16. NAHUM     | 13. SYNTACTIC |
| 18. EXCESSIVE | 15. BLIGHTING |
| 21. ARCED     | 17. MEDULLA   |
| 23. STEAMSHIP | 18. EPSILON   |
| 25. TRAIL     | 19. CLEANED   |
| 26. LUNCHTIME | 20. SOMEHOW   |
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| 28. WAGES     | 24. PRESS     |



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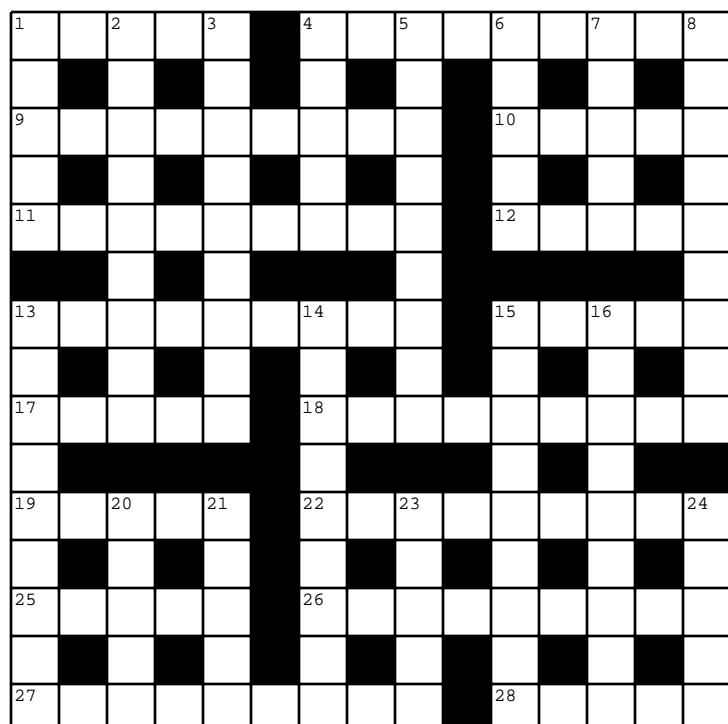
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| 9. DESPAIRED  | 3. CHASTEN    |
| 10. LYRIC     | 4. PERFORMED  |
| 11. REACTIONS | 5. AIDES      |
| 12. DROOP     | 6. ALLUDES    |
| 13. ERGONOMIC | 7. DARIO      |
| 15. SUSHI     | 8. DECEPTIVE  |
| 17. BEARD     | 13. EMBRYONIC |
| 19. DENIGRATE | 14. CONSENTED |
| 21. YESES     | 16. SPAGHETTI |
| 23. CHERISHED | 18. DISTURB   |
| 25. NAURU     | 20. GOIANIA   |
| 26. DETONATED | 22. SCUBA     |
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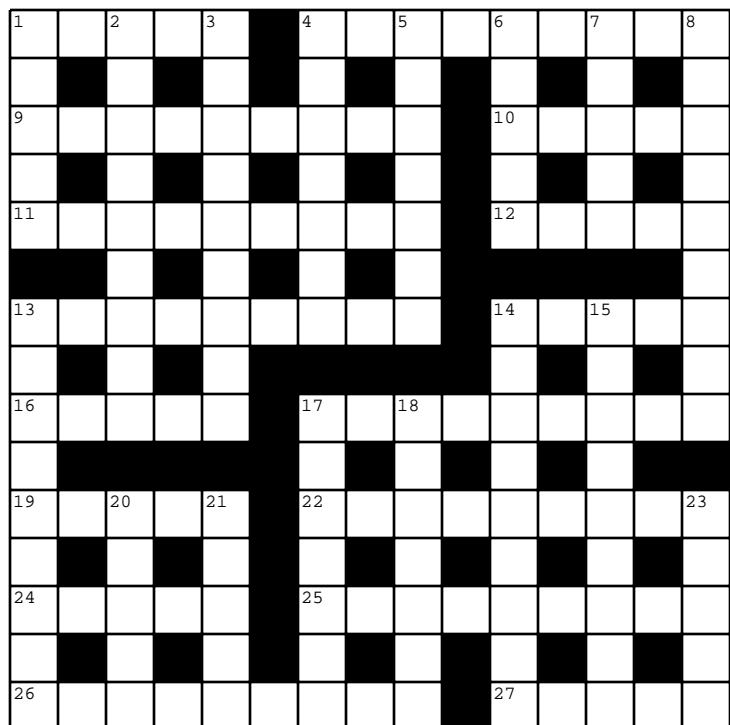
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| 9. MNEMONICS  | 3. BOOMERANG  |
| 10. BOARD     | 4. GUILT      |
| 11. ORCHESTRA | 5. DASTARDLY  |
| 12. SASHA     | 6. ABBES      |
| 13. CONTAINED | 7. HEARS      |
| 15. RATIO     | 8. RADIATORS  |
| 17. ICING     | 13. COINCIDED |
| 18. ROYALTIES | 14. NARRATION |
| 19. CLAIM     | 15. RELATIONS |
| 22. APPETISER | 16. THIRSTIER |
| 25. DOUBT     | 20. ABUSE     |
| 26. IMPROVISE | 21. METAL     |
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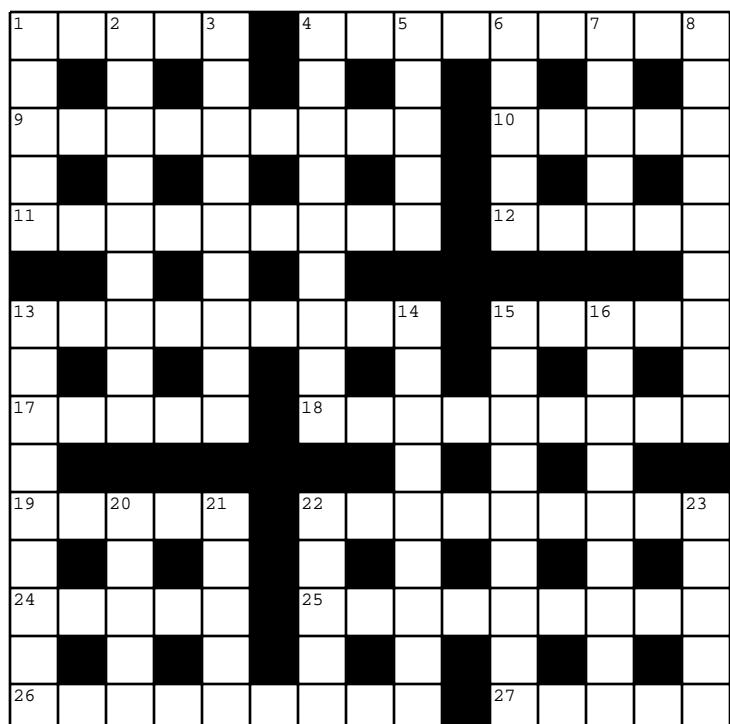
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| 9. ATTEMPTED  | 3. COMPLETES  |
| 10. PIANO     | 4. PATRIOT    |
| 11. SUPPLYING | 5. BODEGAS    |
| 12. TASTY     | 6. INPUT      |
| 13. HESITATES | 7. HEARS      |
| 14. QUASI     | 8. DIONYSIAN  |
| 16. RAIDS     | 13. HARDCOVER |
| 17. BARBARIAN | 14. QUADRATIC |
| 19. CRAMP     | 15. AGITATION |
| 22. CATERWAUL | 17. BACKBIT   |
| 24. VIOLA     | 18. RETREAD   |
| 25. BREATHING | 20. ABOVE     |
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| 27. CYNIC     | 23. LOGIC     |



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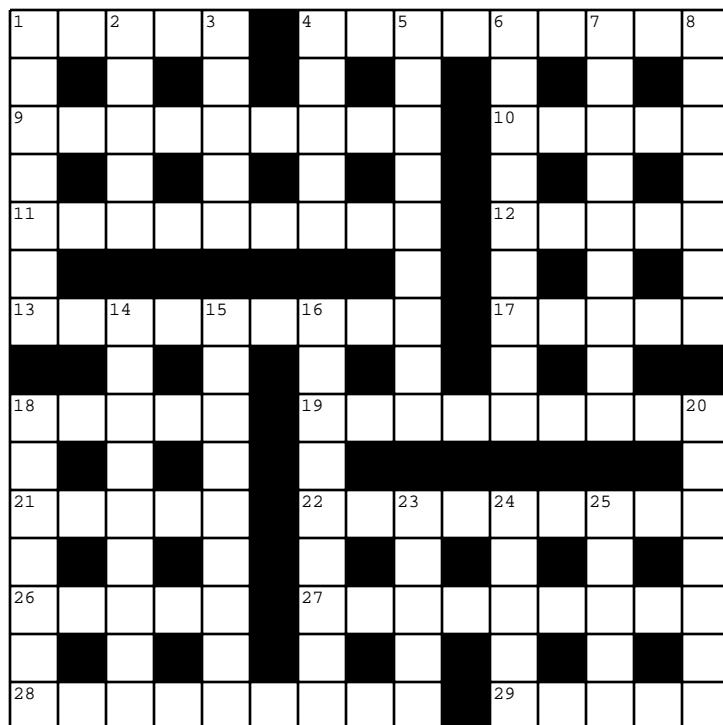
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| 10. COMMA     | 4. NOMINATED  |
| 11. DROWNINGS | 5. GASES      |
| 12. SHOOK     | 6. TACKS      |
| 13. GRADUATED | 7. LIMBO      |
| 15. CLONE     | 8. BLACKHEAD  |
| 17. OPERA     | 13. GROTESQUE |
| 18. DETRACTED | 14. DETECTING |
| 19. EARTH     | 15. CHANGCHUN |
| 22. RECOGNIZE | 16. OUTLINING |
| 24. QUASI     | 20. REARM     |
| 25. BLIGHTING | 21. HAIRS     |
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| 27. NIGHT     | 23. EIGHT     |



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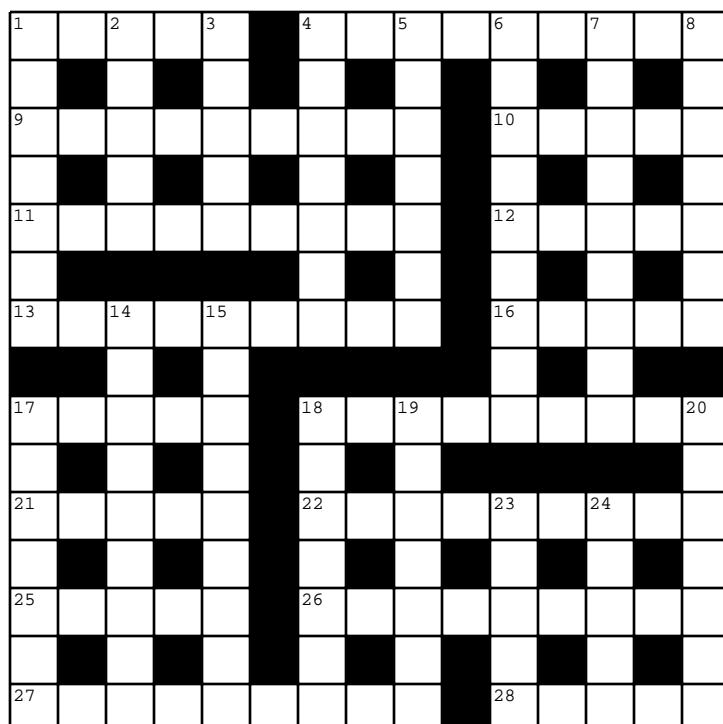
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| 9. NOSTALGIC  | 3. SHAKA      |
| 10. ICONS     | 4. CAGES      |
| 11. REHEARSAL | 5. EUCALYPTI  |
| 12. SISAL     | 6. GLISSANDO  |
| 13. COURTSHIP | 7. MOONSCAPE  |
| 17. NEARS     | 8. NESTLES    |
| 18. CREPE     | 14. UNEASIEST |
| 19. RHINOCERI | 15. THEORETIC |
| 21. LASER     | 16. HERIBERTO |
| 22. BLUEBELLS | 18. CELESTA   |
| 26. SPELT     | 20. INSANER   |
| 27. RECURSION | 23. UNCLE     |
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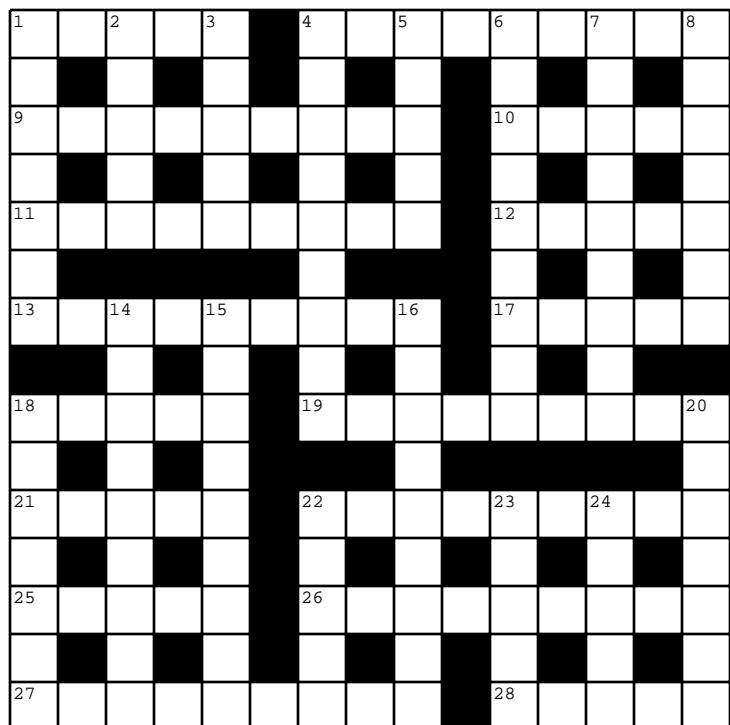
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| 10. OWNED     | 4. STIMULI    |
| 11. HAMSTRUNG | 5. ANTIGEN    |
| 12. EXTRA     | 6. PROSECUTE  |
| 13. DETECTION | 7. NINETIETH  |
| 16. USERS     | 8. RADIALS    |
| 17. ADIEU     | 14. TAILLIGHT |
| 18. HORSEWHIP | 15. COURTROOM |
| 21. ALLOT     | 17. ANAEMIA   |
| 22. INNKEEPER | 18. HAIRCUT   |
| 25. MAGOO     | 19. RENAMED   |
| 26. COMPRISES | 20. PHRASES   |
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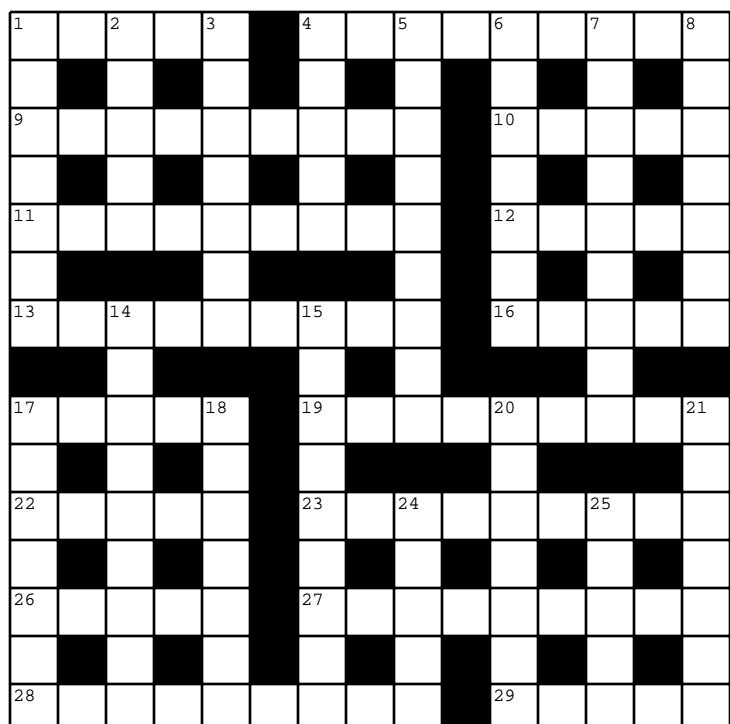
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| 9. HONEYCOMB  | 3. LAYLA      |
| 10. ETHIC     | 4. BOOKSHELF  |
| 11. COLLAPSED | 5. EMBED      |
| 12. SAVED     | 6. KEEPSAKES  |
| 13. EIGHTIETH | 7. BEHAVIOUR  |
| 17. KNOBS     | 8. ENCODES    |
| 18. CAMEL     | 14. GYMNASIUM |
| 19. FILMSTRIP | 15. TELEGRAPH |
| 21. SLANG     | 16. HILLSIDES |
| 22. ASSEMBLES | 18. COSIEST   |
| 25. ELISA     | 20. PESETAS   |
| 26. REDUNDANT | 22. ARROW     |
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| 28. DRAGS     | 24. LLAMA     |



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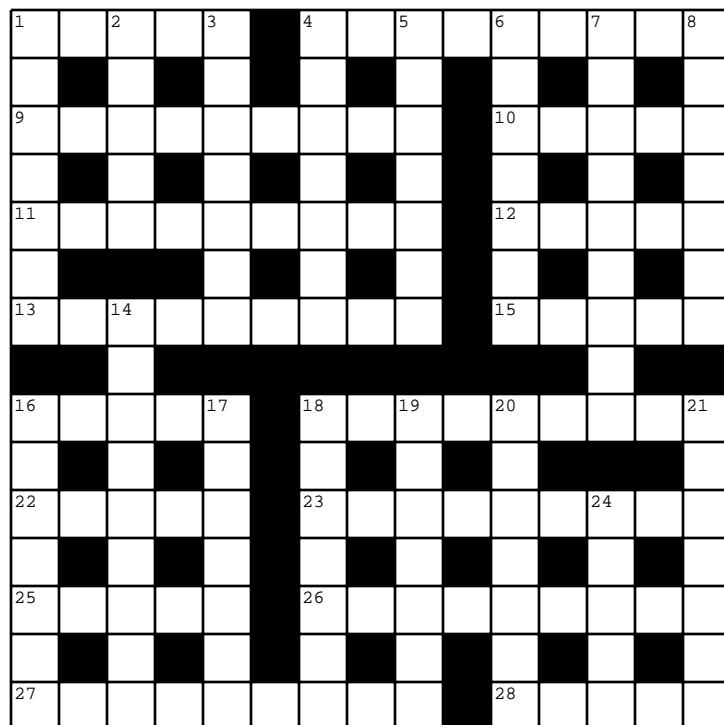
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| 9. MAHARISHI  | 3. SPRUCER    |
| 10. INCUR     | 4. MASON      |
| 11. CRESCENDO | 5. RHINOCERI  |
| 12. DRAKE     | 6. HAIRDOS    |
| 13. SUPERSEDE | 7. LACTATION  |
| 16. SHIFT     | 8. DARKEST    |
| 17. OPRAH     | 14. PIROUETTE |
| 19. CHICKENED | 15. EUCLYPTI  |
| 22. PLUMB     | 17. ORPHANS   |
| 23. LIONESSES | 18. HIBACHI   |
| 26. ANTIC     | 20. KNEECAP   |
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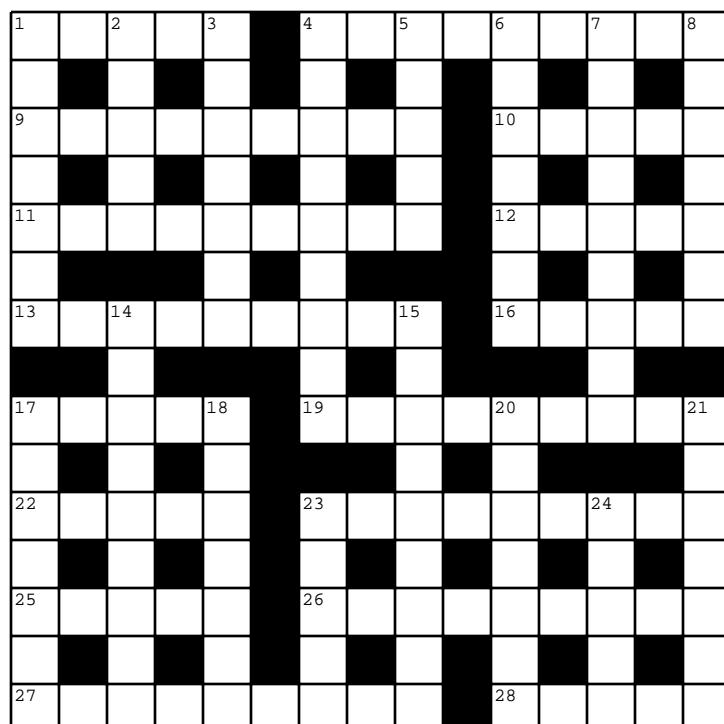
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| 10. MITZI     | 4. GUESSER    |
| 11. LYRICISTS | 5. SATISFY    |
| 12. EERIE     | 6. AIMLESS    |
| 13. REGULARLY | 7. INTERVENE  |
| 15. SEEDY     | 8. NAIVELY    |
| 16. PHOTO     | 14. GEOMETRIC |
| 18. CHALKIEST | 16. PLACEBO   |
| 22. ADELE     | 17. OVERSEE   |
| 23. CHURCHMAN | 18. COCKPIT   |
| 25. EARNS     | 19. AQUARIA   |
| 26. PERSONNEL | 20. KICKOFF   |
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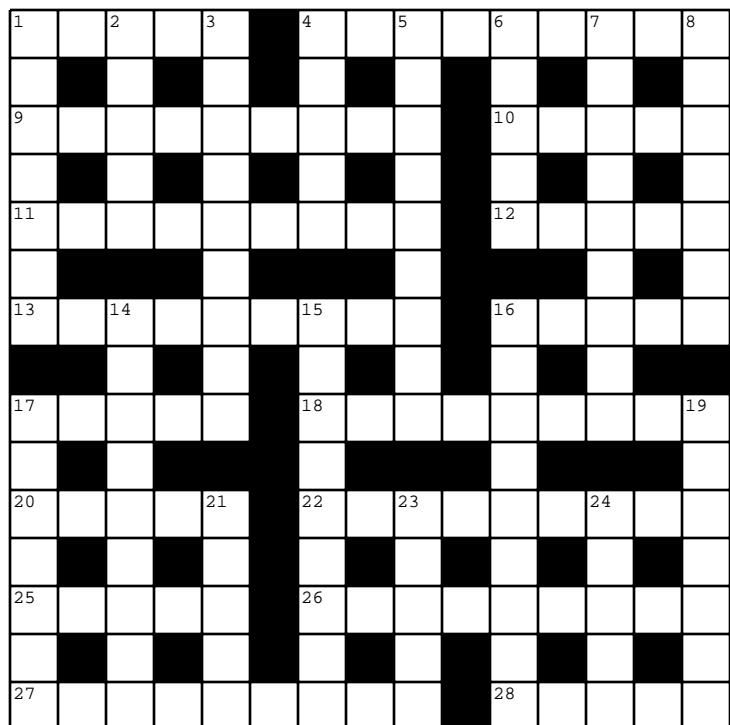
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| 10. JUANA     | 4. ECOSYSTEM  |
| 11. CATACLYSM | 5. BOSOM      |
| 12. CHECK     | 6. REJECTS    |
| 13. ATHEISTIC | 7. AMATERASU  |
| 16. STAND     | 8. SLACKED    |
| 17. MANGO     | 14. HANDBOOKS |
| 19. MULTITUDE | 15. CALLOUSED |
| 22. RABID     | 17. MERITED   |
| 23. PROSPECTS | 18. ORDINAL   |
| 25. THORN     | 20. IMPEACH   |
| 26. DISPARATE | 21. EASTERN   |
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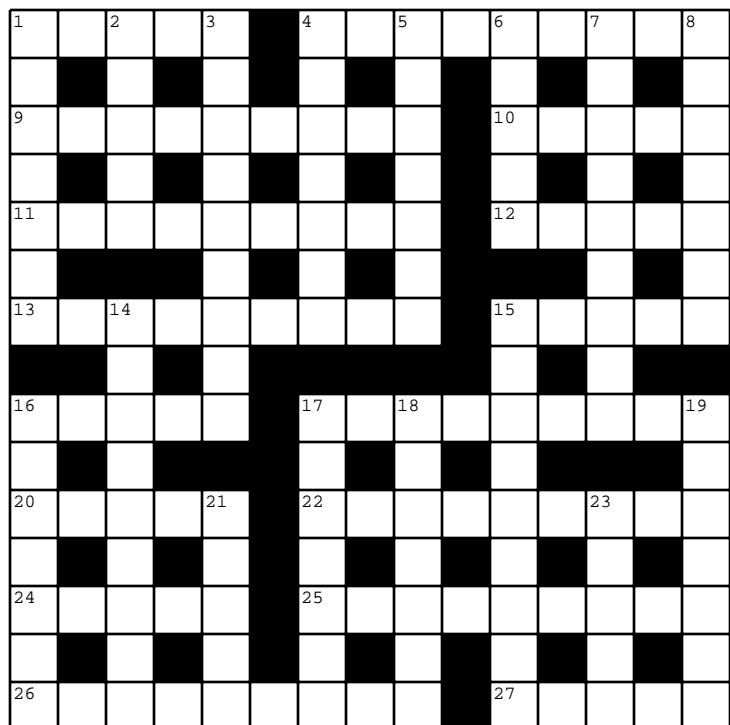
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| 9. BRANDYING  | 3. BEDSPREAD  |
| 10. VIRUS     | 4. PRIER      |
| 11. INEXPERTS | 5. PEGASUSES  |
| 12. ROADS     | 6. LIVER      |
| 13. HEDGEHOGS | 7. TARPAULIN  |
| 16. FOLDS     | 8. DESISTS    |
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| 18. SUSTAINED | 15. OBSESSION |
| 20. VIOLA     | 16. FEATHERED |
| 22. SLITHERED | 17. BAVARIA   |
| 25. REALM     | 19. DODDERS   |
| 26. IGNORANCE | 21. AIMED     |
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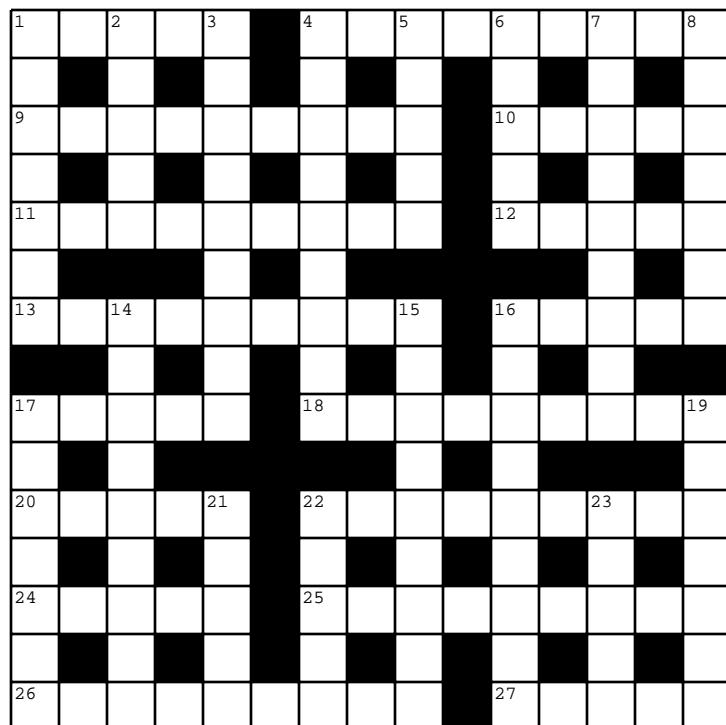
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| 9. CORDONING  | 3. PROGRAMED  |
| 10. BARER     | 4. MOISTEN    |
| 11. INHERITED | 5. PAGODAS    |
| 12. DELTA     | 6. EBBED      |
| 13. ARGUMENTS | 7. SHRILLEST  |
| 15. SCENE     | 8. NARRATE    |
| 16. AIRED     | 14. GARIBALDI |
| 17. ENCRYPTED | 15. SKYDIVERS |
| 20. ROBOT     | 16. ARRIVED   |
| 22. PENNILESS | 17. EXPLODE   |
| 24. VILLA     | 18. CONCEPT   |
| 25. OMELETTES | 19. DESISTS   |
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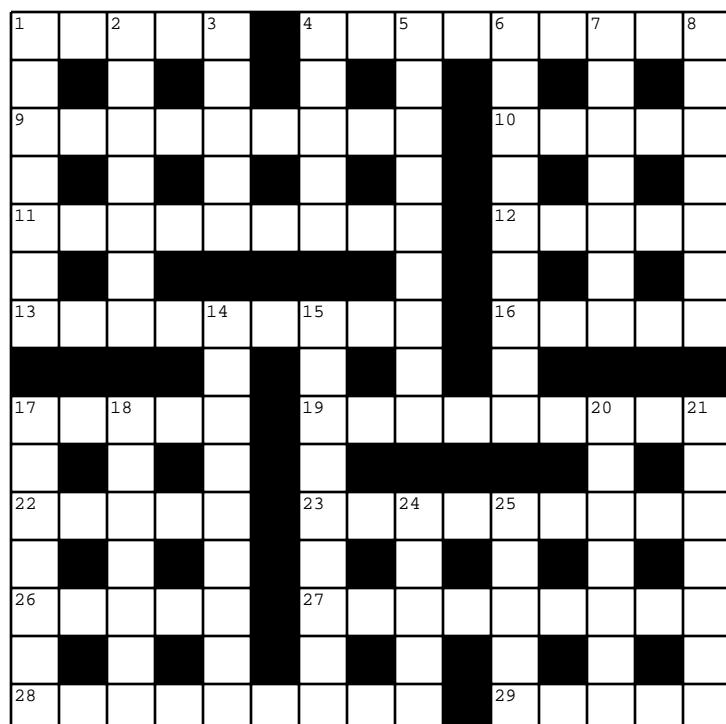
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| 9. BANKRUPTS  | 3. VIRTUALLY  |
| 10. ISSAC     | 4. HEPTAGONS  |
| 11. SPECULATE | 5. ISSUE      |
| 12. POSED     | 6. SKIMP      |
| 13. OVERLOOKS | 7. OBSESSIVE  |
| 16. RUINS     | 8. ENCODES    |
| 17. DECAY     | 14. ECCENTRIC |
| 18. SHIFTLESS | 15. SHIPMENTS |
| 20. VINYL     | 16. RETRIEVED |
| 22. COMMITTEE | 17. DEVOTED   |
| 24. TORSO     | 19. SPEEDED   |
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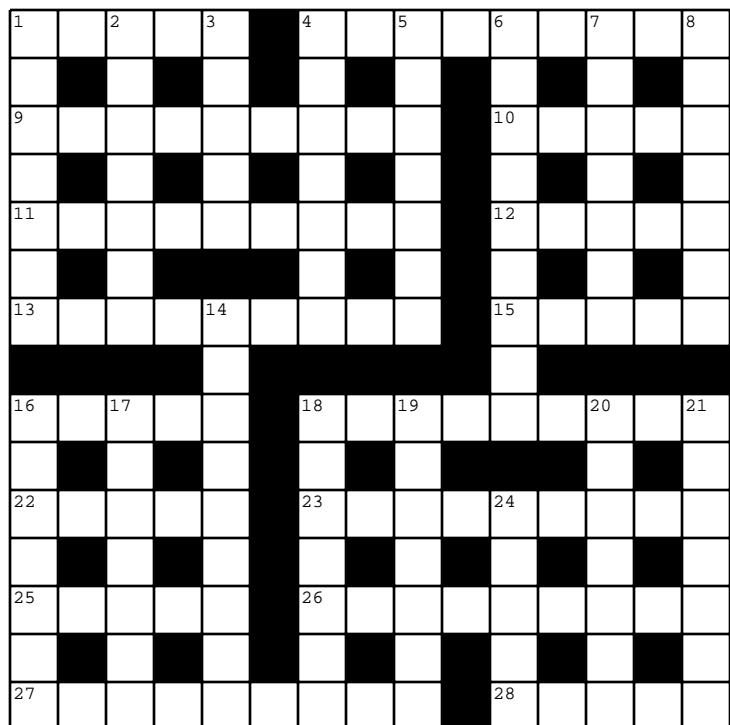
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| 11. SLENDERER | 5. INTERCEDE  |
| 12. NOOSE     | 6. DOMINGUEZ  |
| 13. COUNTABLE | 7. OXYMORA    |
| 16. USAGE     | 8. DARLENE    |
| 17. CURIO     | 14. TROUSSEAU |
| 19. NIETZSCHE | 15. BENEFITED |
| 22. UNITS     | 17. CRUISED   |
| 23. FILTHIEST | 18. RAIDERS   |
| 26. SIEGE     | 20. COEVALS   |
| 27. TERMINATE | 21. ENTREAT   |
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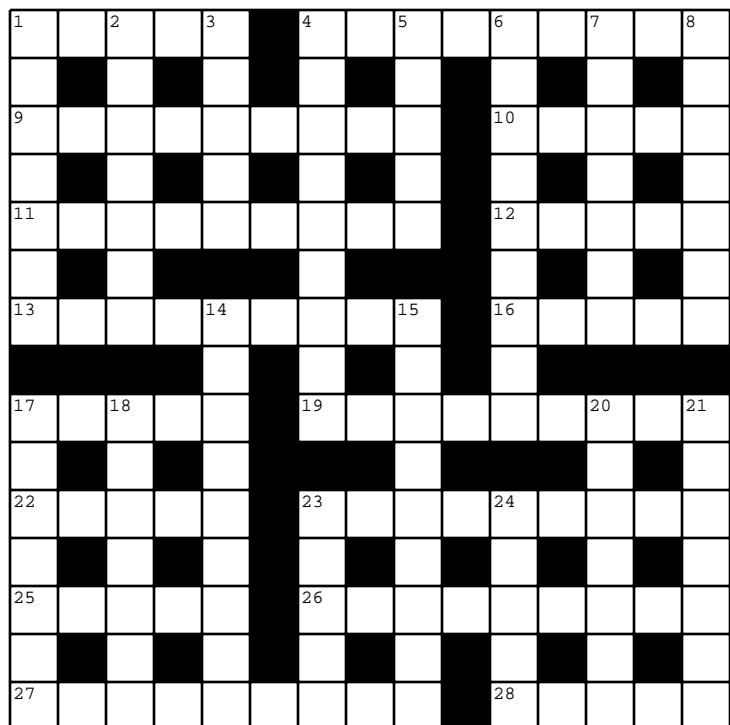
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| 9. REJECTION  | 3. RACKS      |
| 10. TAHOE     | 4. EDIFICE    |
| 11. INTESTINE | 5. CONNECT    |
| 12. OSMAN     | 6. PATRONISE  |
| 13. GRUBBIEST | 7. INHUMAN    |
| 15. INNER     | 8. GREENER    |
| 16. GECKO     | 14. BROADCAST |
| 18. PERCEIVED | 16. GRANDPA   |
| 22. ARMED     | 17. COMPACT   |
| 23. ANNOYANCE | 18. PRANCED   |
| 25. DRAMA     | 19. RENTALS   |
| 26. CHASUBLES | 20. VANILLA   |
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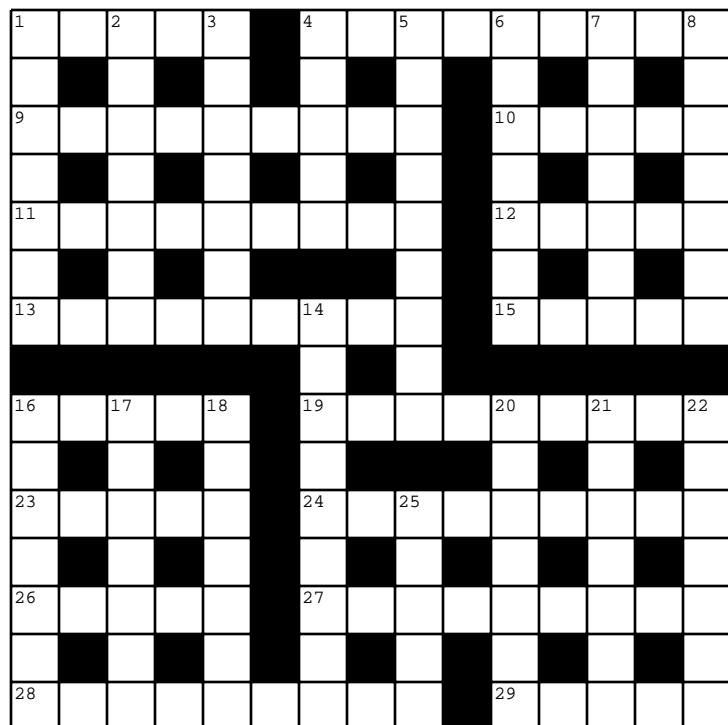
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| 9. UNCERTAIN  | 3. TIRES      |
| 10. SATIN     | 4. FRANCISCA  |
| 11. CLASSICAL | 5. ANNUL      |
| 12. NACHO     | 6. MISINFORM  |
| 13. DYSPEPSIA | 7. NOTICED    |
| 16. ODDLY     | 8. SENSORY    |
| 17. TOPIC     | 14. EUCALYPTI |
| 19. AXIOMATIC | 15. AGITATION |
| 22. ENROL     | 17. THEREOF   |
| 23. PLAUSIBLE | 18. PURSUER   |
| 25. EQUIP     | 20. TABLEAU   |
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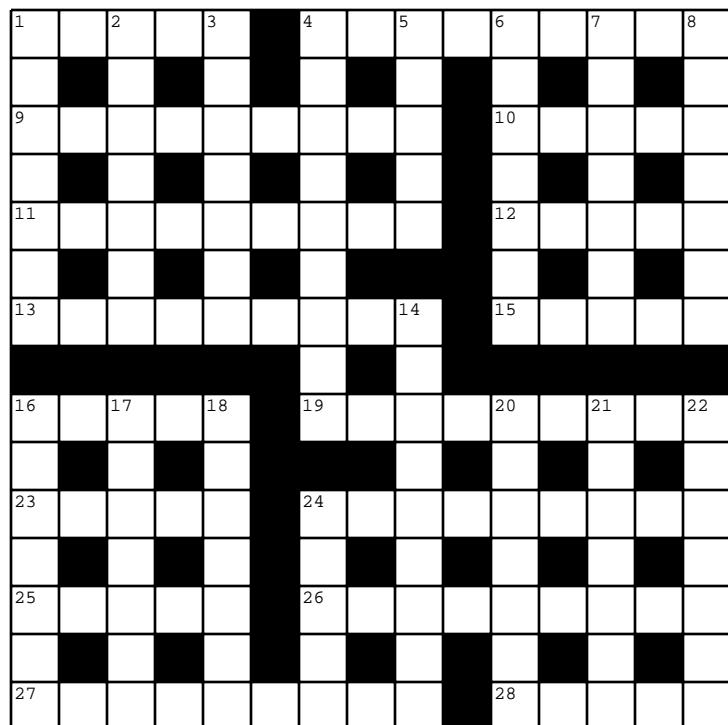
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| 10. EAGLE     | 4. MAINS      |
| 11. DICKINSON | 5. LEGENDARY  |
| 12. EARLS     | 6. ONESELF    |
| 13. HYPERBOLA | 7. ALGERIA    |
| 15. FLAME     | 8. OVERSEE    |
| 16. SIKHS     | 14. OBJECTIVE |
| 19. JAYWALKED | 16. SPECTRA   |
| 23. ERASE     | 17. KHARKOV   |
| 24. CLEARANCE | 18. STERNER   |
| 26. TOKEN     | 20. AGROUND   |
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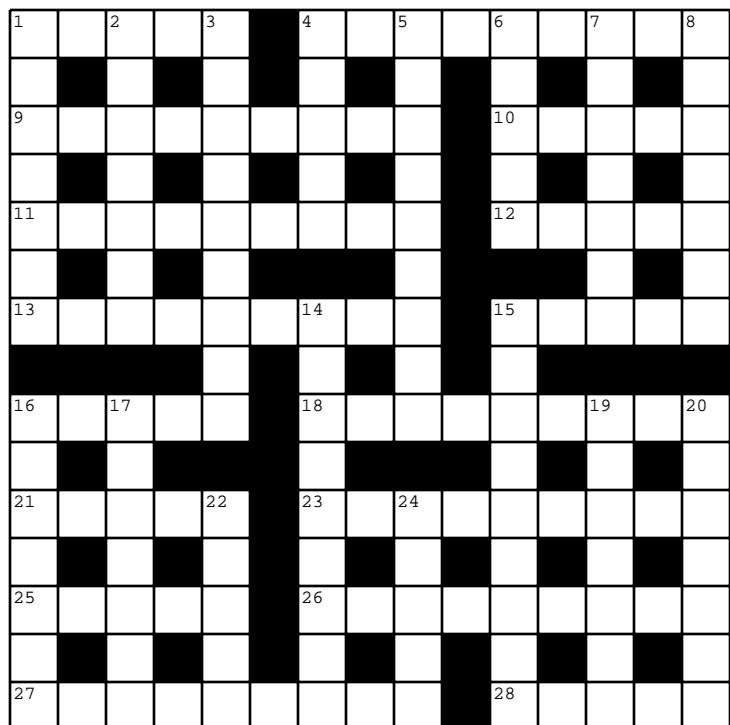
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| 1. MUSIC      | 1. MACUMBA    |
| 4. ADVISABLE  | 2. STAUNCH    |
| 9. CHARTERED  | 3. CUTOFFS    |
| 10. BUBER     | 4. ABRASIVES  |
| 11. MANIFESTO | 5. VIDEO      |
| 12. UTERI     | 6. SUBDUED    |
| 13. ADHESIVES | 7. BABIEST    |
| 15. DETER     | 8. EARLIER    |
| 16. TYCHO     | 14. SMOOTHEST |
| 19. SHORTLIST | 16. TSUNAMI   |
| 23. USAGE     | 17. CHATEAU   |
| 24. INTERESTS | 18. OPENEST   |
| 25. ADELE     | 20. TURMOIL   |
| 26. PHENOMENA | 21. INSTEAD   |
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| 28. LODGE     | 24. INPUT     |



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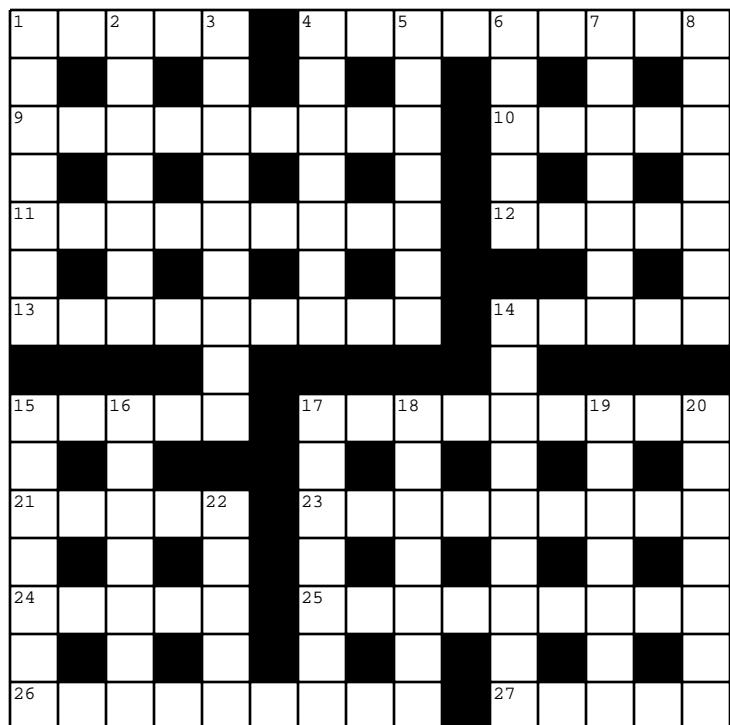
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| 4. AMENDMENT  | 2. UNCLEAN    |
| 9. RECURSIVE  | 3. BARBECUES  |
| 10. TALON     | 4. ALIBI      |
| 11. TEETERING | 5. ENERGISES  |
| 12. SHRUG     | 6. DATES      |
| 13. ANNOUNCES | 7. ENLARGE    |
| 15. CHEAT     | 8. TONIGHT    |
| 16. LACKS     | 14. CARTRIDGE |
| 18. ROSENBERG | 15. CONTACTED |
| 21. CHARM     | 16. LOCKJAW   |
| 23. REENACTED | 17. CZARINA   |
| 25. JOINT     | 19. ENTROPY   |
| 26. DRIFTWOOD | 20. GADSDEN   |
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| 28. DOYEN     | 24. EXIST     |



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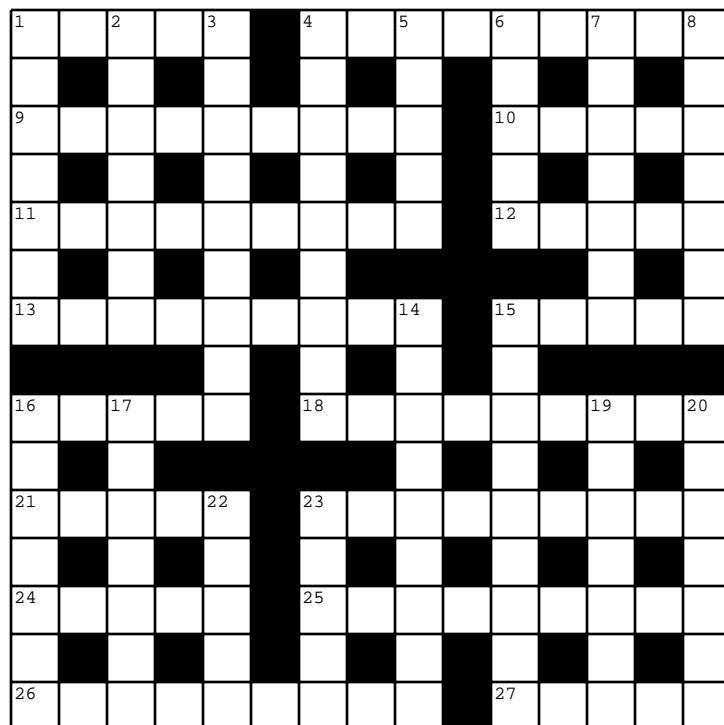
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| 1. ACUFF      | 1. AUDIBLE    |
| 4. SPASMODIC  | 2. UCAYALI    |
| 9. DIARRHOEA  | 3. FORMATTED  |
| 10. DOGMA     | 4. SHORTEN    |
| 11. BLATANTLY | 5. ANALYSE    |
| 12. ALTAI     | 6. MEDIA      |
| 13. EXISTENCE | 7. DIGITAL    |
| 14. VALVE     | 8. CYANIDE    |
| 15. ARCED     | 14. VICARAGES |
| 17. SEBACEOUS | 15. ACRONYM   |
| 21. RAIDS     | 16. CHIDDEN   |
| 23. ABHORRENT | 17. SCANDAL   |
| 24. NADIA     | 18. BEHOLDS   |
| 25. DELEGATES | 19. OVERTLY   |
| 26. MANIFOLDS | 20. SATISFY   |
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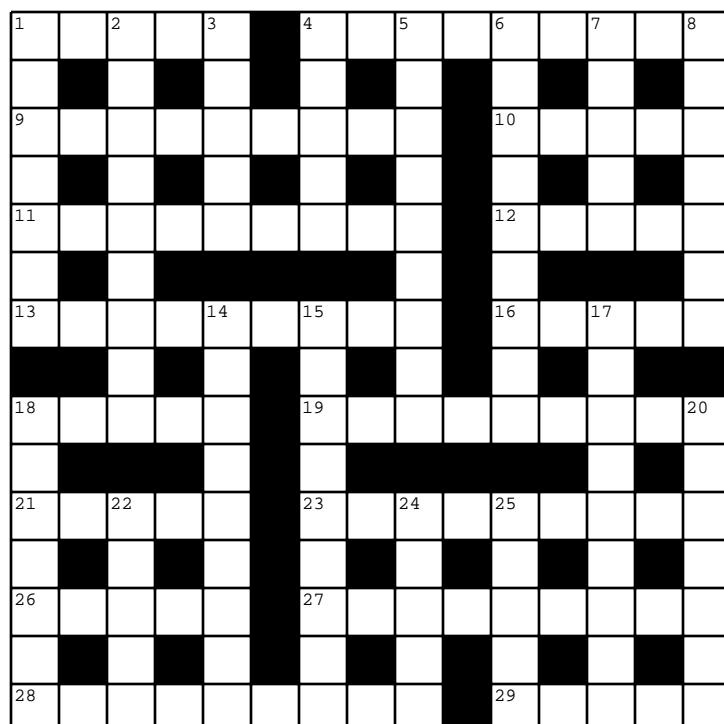
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| 1. THUMB      | 1. TAPROOM    |
| 4. BUBBLIEST  | 2. UNIFIED    |
| 9. PHIALLING  | 3. BILINGUAL  |
| 10. BARER     | 4. BLINKERED  |
| 11. ONIONSKIN | 5. BEGIN      |
| 12. LADED     | 6. LABEL      |
| 13. MUDGUARDS | 7. EARLDOM    |
| 15. SAMES     | 8. TIRADES    |
| 16. AWFUL     | 14. SAXOPHONE |
| 18. DEXTEROUS | 15. SHELLFISH |
| 21. IDYLL     | 16. ALIGNED   |
| 23. APPALLING | 17. FEYNMAN   |
| 24. NIMBI     | 19. ORIGINS   |
| 25. ABORIGINE | 20. SUGGEST   |
| 26. DENIGRATE | 22. LYING     |
| 27. HASNT     | 23. ASAMA     |



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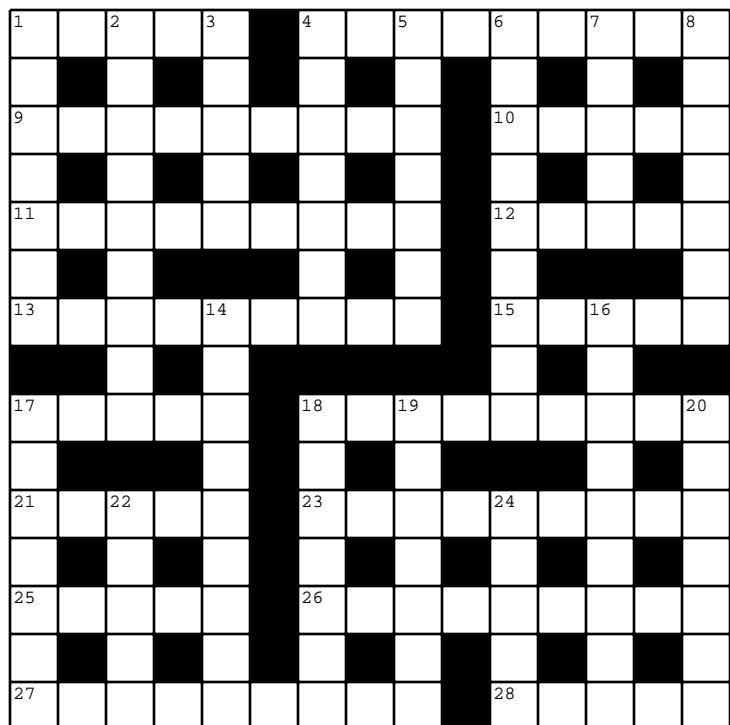
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| 1. DRAWL      | 1. DEFLATE    |
| 4. COMEBACKS  | 2. AVALANCHE  |
| 9. FRACTURES  | 3. LITRE      |
| 10. MEDIA     | 4. CIRCA      |
| 11. AMATERASU | 5. MISGUIDES  |
| 12. SERVO     | 6. BOMBSHELL  |
| 13. EXCLAIMED | 7. CEDAR      |
| 16. ENJOY     | 8. SHADOWY    |
| 18. SLEEP     | 14. APPRAISAL |
| 19. DISPLAYED | 15. MIDDLEMAN |
| 21. MOMMA     | 17. JAYWALKER |
| 23. LANDSCAPE | 18. SIMPLED   |
| 26. LACES     | 20. DRESSES   |
| 27. MANDRAKES | 22. MECCA     |
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| 29. PARKS     | 25. SCRAP     |



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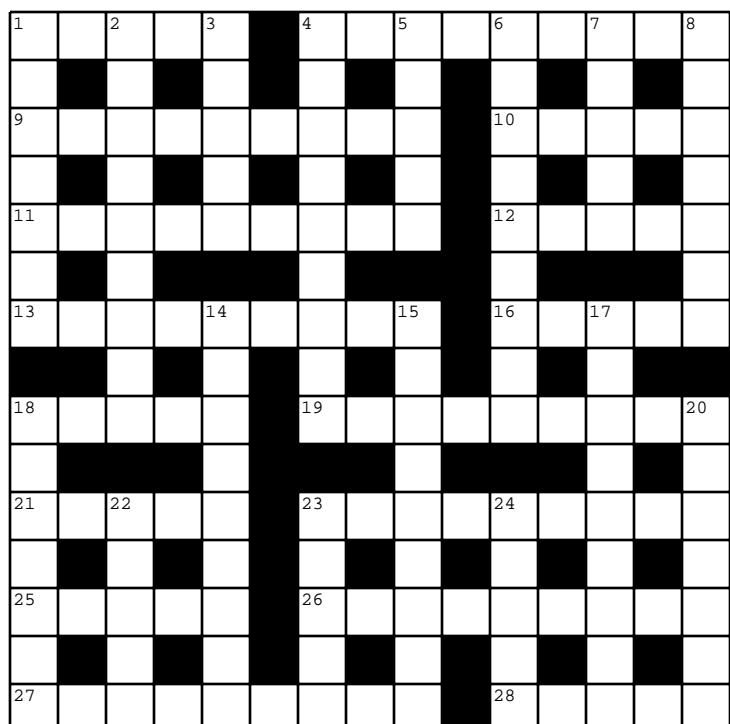
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| 4. FOREBODES  | 2. CRESCENDI  |
| 9. UNEASIEST  | 3. ARSON      |
| 10. ANTIC     | 4. FLEECES    |
| 11. TECHNICAL | 5. RATTLED    |
| 12. NERVE     | 6. BRAINIEST  |
| 13. CANVASSED | 7. DETER      |
| 15. EMBED     | 8. SUCCEED    |
| 17. DRIFT     | 14. ANTIPASTI |
| 18. MIDSTREAM | 16. BREAKDOWN |
| 21. SLEEP     | 17. DESIRED   |
| 23. KEEPSAKES | 18. MIKHAIL   |
| 25. REEDS     | 19. DAEMONS   |
| 26. ANOMALOUS | 20. MISUSES   |
| 27. DISCIPLES | 22. EVENS     |
| 28. FUNDS     | 24. SCARF     |



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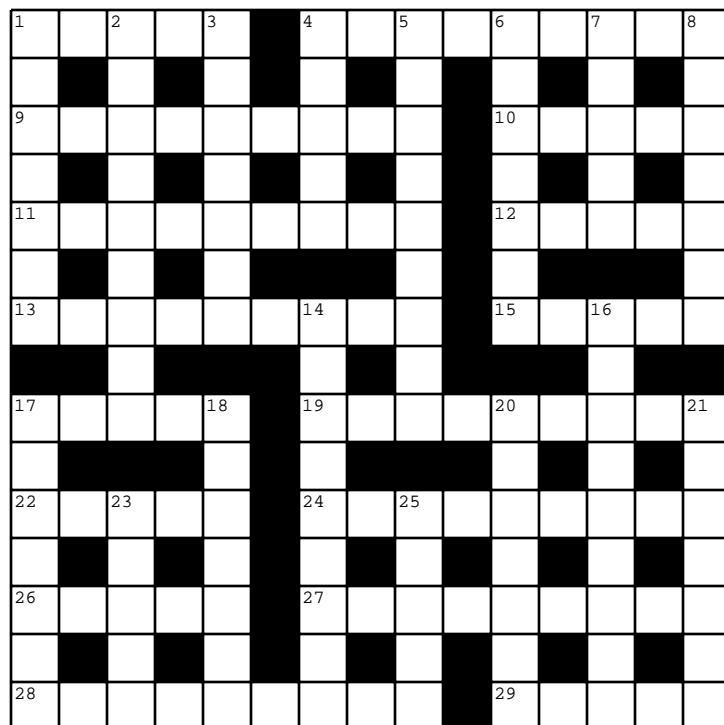
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| 1. RADII      | 1. READIES    |
| 4. FATIGUING  | 2. DIPHTHONG  |
| 9. APPLIANCE  | 3. ICIER      |
| 10. MASON     | 4. FINGERTIP  |
| 11. INTERFERE | 5. THEME      |
| 12. ALTAI     | 6. GYMNASIUM  |
| 13. STOPWATCH | 7. INSET      |
| 16. IMBUE     | 8. GENUINE    |
| 18. BEGUN     | 14. WONDERING |
| 19. PARAMEDIC | 15. HARDCOVER |
| 21. NICHE     | 17. BADMINTON |
| 23. ASCENSION | 18. BENGALI   |
| 25. ABACI     | 20. CONTROL   |
| 26. NAVIGATOR | 22. CHAIR     |
| 27. IRREGULAR | 23. ANNUL     |
| 28. VINYL     | 24. NEGEV     |



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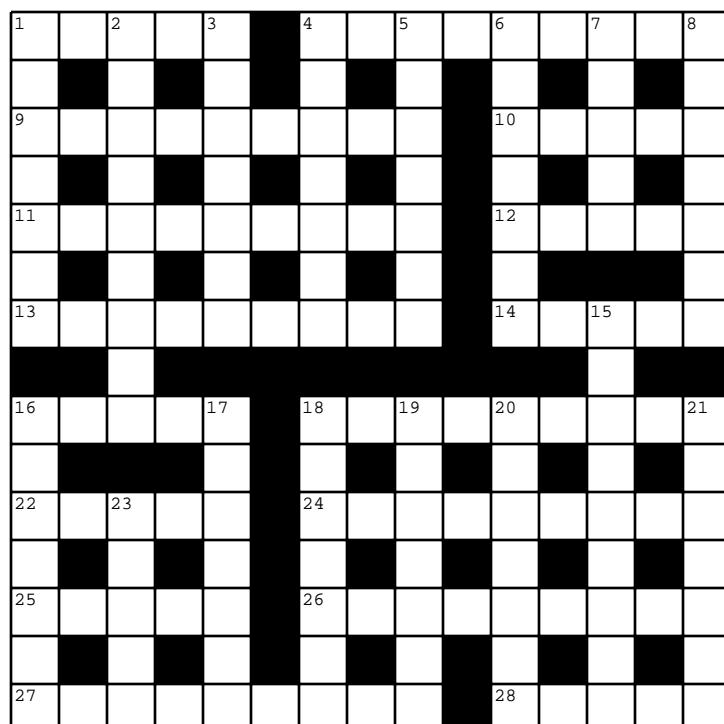
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| <u>Across</u>  | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. BAHIA       | 1. BREADTH    |
| 4. UNCERTAIN   | 2. HILLSIDES  |
| 9. ENLIGHTEN   | 3. ALGIEBA    |
| 10. UTERI      | 4. ULTRA      |
| 11. DESPERADO  | 5. CONDORCET  |
| 12. ABASH      | 6. RHUBARB    |
| 13. HYDRAULIC  | 7. ARENA      |
| 15. BREAD      | 8. NEIGHED    |
| 17. POSED      | 14. LUBRICANT |
| 19. BUTTERCUP  | 16. ENCHILADA |
| 22. TIFFS      | 17. PETUNIA   |
| 24. INTEGRITY  | 18. DESKTOP   |
| 26. NIGHT      | 20. EAGERER   |
| 27. AFTERMATH  | 21. PSYCHES   |
| 28. ANTI PATHY | 23. FIGHT     |
| 29. ROADS      | 25. TATTY     |



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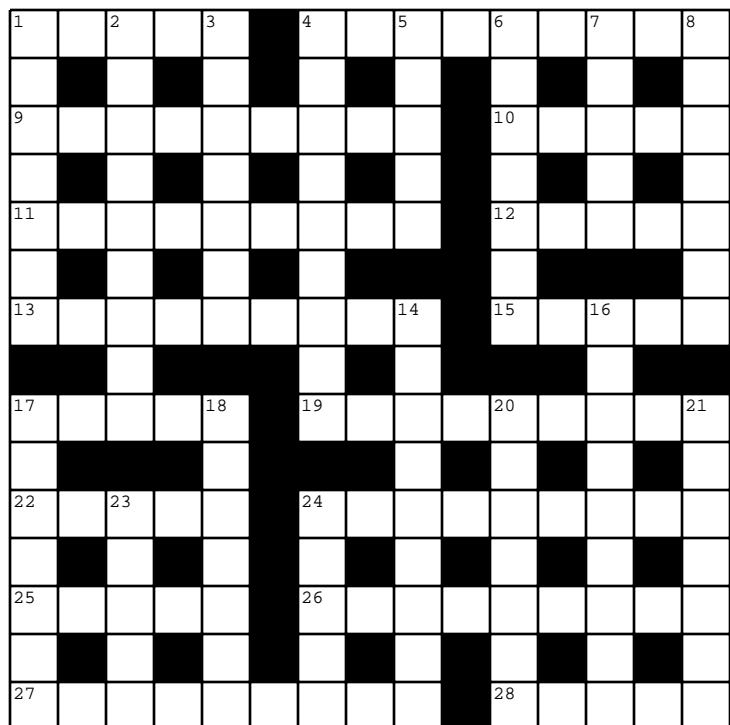
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| 1. SMART      | 1. SOUPCON    |
| 4. INSTRUCTS  | 2. ADHERENCE  |
| 9. UNHELPFUL  | 3. TYLENOL    |
| 10. THIEU     | 4. INFECTS    |
| 11. CHRONICLE | 5. SILKENS    |
| 12. NAIVE     | 6. ROTUNDA    |
| 13. NONPLUSES | 7. CHILI      |
| 14. APPLE     | 8. SQUEEZE    |
| 16. THETA     | 15. PORTFOLIO |
| 18. DESPAIRED | 16. TRAFFIC   |
| 22. ACORN     | 17. AMNESIA   |
| 24. BEAUTIFUL | 18. DEBARKS   |
| 25. FATES     | 19. SPARSER   |
| 26. RESEMBLED | 20. ATTEMPT   |
| 27. CANVASSER | 21. DELUDES   |
| 28. THOUS     | 23. OFTEN     |



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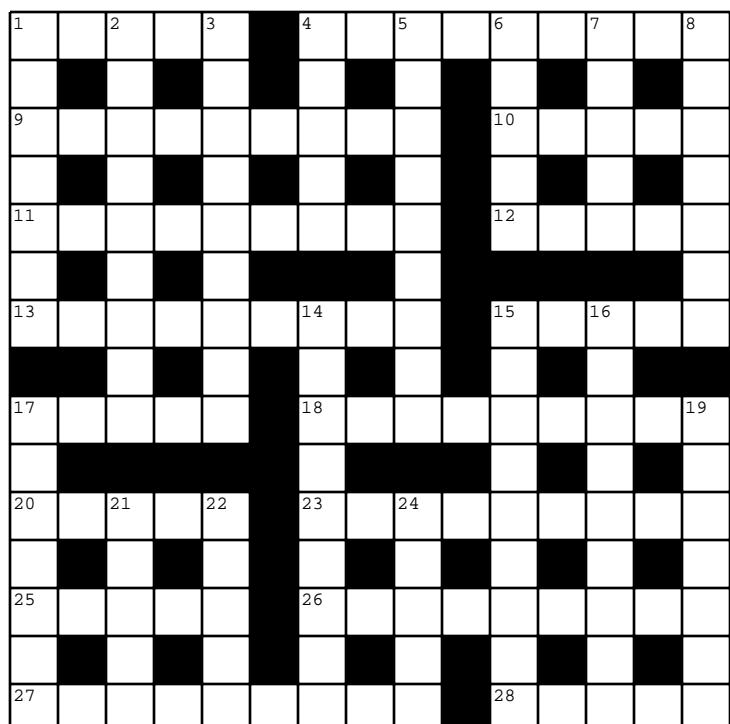
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| 1. STORM      | 1. STOMACH    |
| 4. NOSEDIVED  | 2. OVERRIDES  |
| 9. OVERNIGHT  | 3. MANAGUA    |
| 10. SOLES     | 4. NIGHTCLUB  |
| 11. ABROGATES | 5. SITES      |
| 12. UTERI     | 6. DISTURB    |
| 13. HYDRAULIC | 7. VALVE      |
| 15. BOWEL     | 8. DISTILL    |
| 17. CASTS     | 14. CLEARANCE |
| 19. BEEFARONI | 16. WHOLESOME |
| 22. ANTIC     | 17. CHARGED   |
| 24. MARRAKESH | 18. SECURER   |
| 25. GAMER     | 20. ANALYZE   |
| 26. HONEYCOMB | 21. INHIBIT   |
| 27. DETERMINE | 23. TEMPT     |
| 28. ELECT     | 24. MAHDI     |



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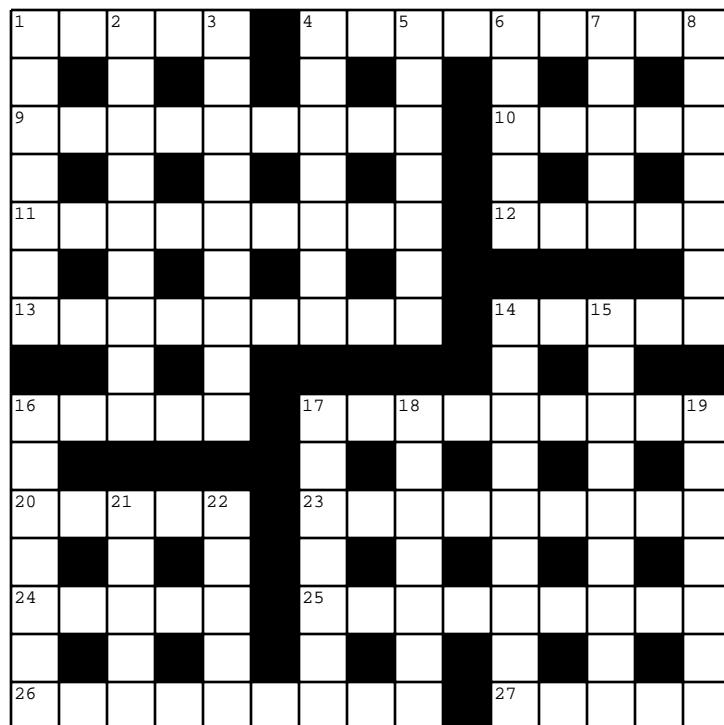
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| 1. TASKS      | 1. TWELFTH    |
| 4. GODDESSES  | 2. STANCHEST  |
| 9. EXAMINERS  | 3. SCIMITARS  |
| 10. GNARL     | 4. GREEN      |
| 11. FICTIONAL | 5. DISPLAYED  |
| 12. RARER     | 6. EAGER      |
| 13. HIERARCHY | 7. STAIR      |
| 15. ALPHA     | 8. SOLARIA    |
| 17. SITES     | 14. CARCINOMA |
| 18. REDEFINES | 15. AFFORDING |
| 20. VODKA     | 16. PENETRATE |
| 23. INHERITED | 17. SEVERAL   |
| 25. RESET     | 19. SADISTS   |
| 26. ORIGINALS | 21. DOSED     |
| 27. LODESTARS | 22. AUTOS     |
| 28. GUESS     | 24. HAIRS     |



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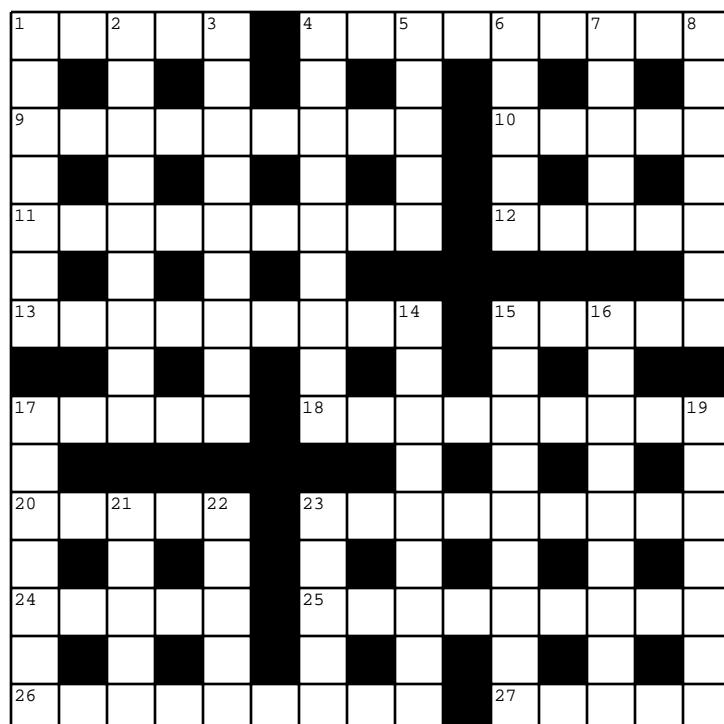
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. GIFTS      | 1. GALLIUM    |
| 4. STRIKEOUT  | 2. FORBIDDEN  |
| 9. LARCENIES  | 3. SPECIALER  |
| 10. DHOTI     | 4. SMITTEN    |
| 11. INITIATED | 5. RESIDES    |
| 12. UTERI     | 6. KUDZU      |
| 13. MODELINGS | 7. OZONE      |
| 14. PUPIL     | 8. TRIVIAL    |
| 16. DINER     | 14. PRONOUNCE |
| 17. KOWTOWING | 15. PRIVILEGE |
| 20. FATAL     | 16. DEFINES   |
| 23. CUSTODIAN | 17. KICKOFF   |
| 24. NEGEV     | 18. WISTFUL   |
| 25. OFFENDERS | 19. GENESIS   |
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| 27. EVENS     | 22. LOVES     |



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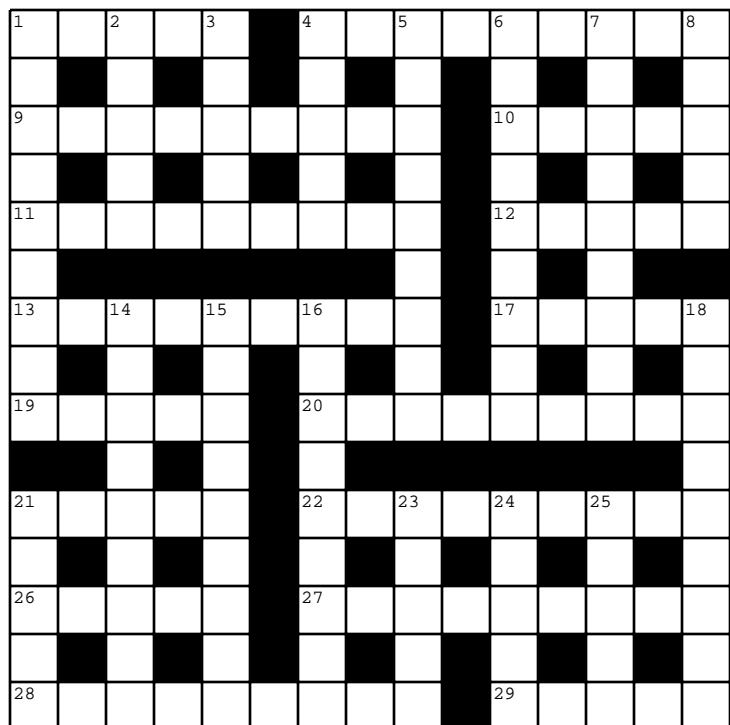
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| 4. SCRAWNIER  | 2. PERSONNEL  |
| 9. ETRUSCANS  | 3. DISOBeyed  |
| 10. AWFUL     | 4. STALLIONS  |
| 11. FOOTBALLS | 5. RISES      |
| 12. KERRI     | 6. WHACK      |
| 13. HONEYCOMB | 7. INFER      |
| 15. FICES     | 8. RALLIES    |
| 17. RULED     | 14. BEAUTIFUL |
| 18. STAIRCASE | 15. FORGETFUL |
| 20. SCREW     | 16. CHARTERED |
| 23. AUTHENTIC | 17. ROSEBUD   |
| 24. BLUER     | 19. ENCASED   |
| 25. LIFEFORMS | 21. ROUTS     |
| 26. DISHTOWEL | 22. WORST     |
| 27. LADED     | 23. ALLOW     |



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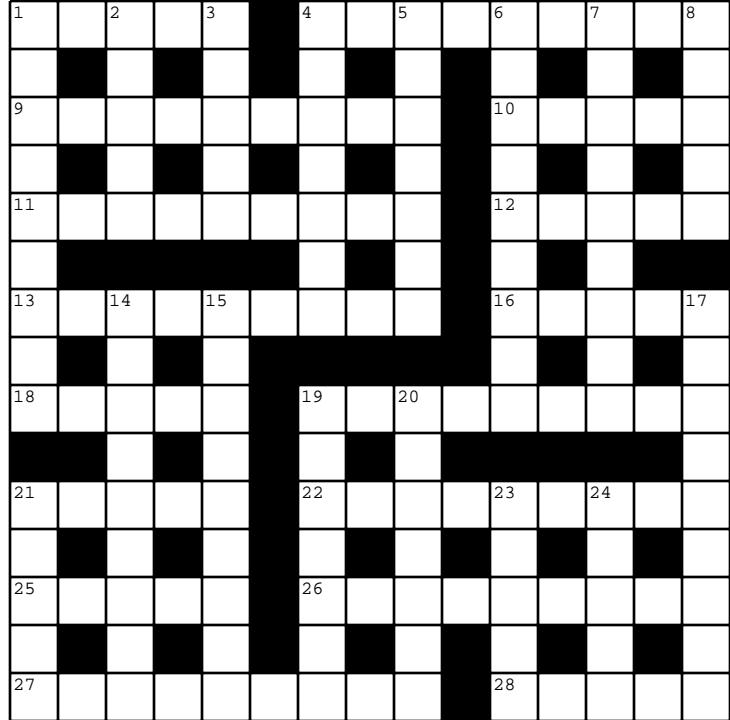
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| 4. ECOSYSTEM  | 2. GUESS      |
| 9. OVERPRICE  | 3. LAPSE      |
| 10. RENEW     | 4. EXITS      |
| 11. DISPENSER | 5. OVERRIDES  |
| 12. SCALD     | 6. YORKSHIRE  |
| 13. HOBNOBBED | 7. TENTATIVE  |
| 17. IBIZA     | 8. MEWED      |
| 19. TITLE     | 14. BATTALION |
| 20. OBSCENEST | 15. OVERTHROW |
| 21. KMAR      | 16. BOOMERANG |
| 22. EFFICIENT | 18. ALTITUDES |
| 26. BRIER     | 21. KABOB     |
| 27. ABOLISHED | 23. FLOWN     |
| 28. BANDWAGON | 24. CLIMB     |
| 29. BUCKS     | 25. ETHIC     |



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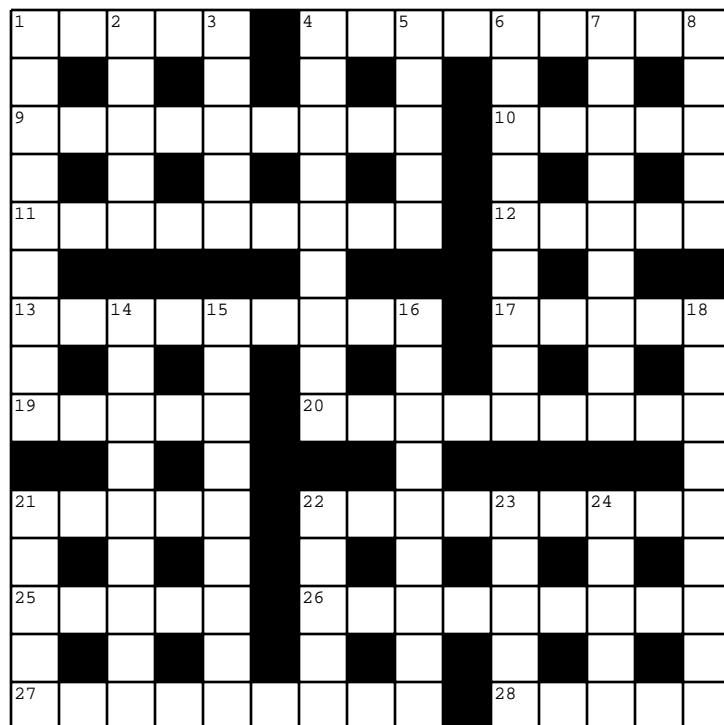
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| 1. SAMBA      | 1. SAGEBRUSH  |
| 4. PROSPECTS  | 2. MAURO      |
| 9. GOULASHES  | 3. AMAZE      |
| 10. TANKS     | 4. PAHLAVI    |
| 11. BOOMERANG | 5. ONSAGER    |
| 12. OZONE     | 6. POTPOURRI  |
| 13. UNHAPPIER | 7. CONDORCET  |
| 16. RACED     | 8. SUSIE      |
| 18. HERTZ     | 14. HORRIFIED |
| 19. BALLISTIC | 15. PIZZICATI |
| 21. CHILI     | 17. DECEITFUL |
| 22. ANTIPASTI | 19. BLABBED   |
| 25. IBIZA     | 20. LETDOWN   |
| 26. BOOKSHELF | 21. CLIMB     |
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| 28. ANNUL     | 24. SKEIN     |



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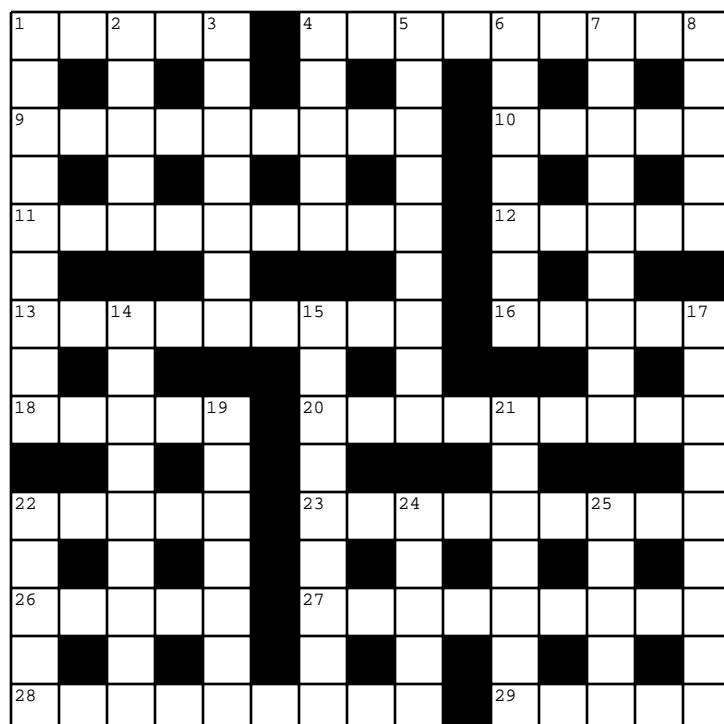
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| Across        | Down          |
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| 1. SPASM      | 1. SIMPATICO  |
| 4. DEDICATES  | 2. ANTIC      |
| 9. MOTORISTS  | 3. MERGE      |
| 10. ENEMA     | 4. DISBELIEF  |
| 11. ARCHENEMY | 5. DUSTY      |
| 12. CATCH     | 6. CRESCENDI  |
| 13. INSOMNIAC | 7. TWENTIETH  |
| 17. NEEDS     | 8. SMASH      |
| 19. OPTIC     | 14. SATISFIED |
| 20. FOOLISHER | 15. MICROCHIP |
| 21. CASIO     | 16. CHOWDERED |
| 22. BEDRIDDEN | 18. SERENADES |
| 25. URIAH     | 21. CRUMB     |
| 26. TURMOILED | 22. BATHE     |
| 27. BEDSPREAD | 23. IDOLS     |
| 28. STAYS     | 24. DELTA     |



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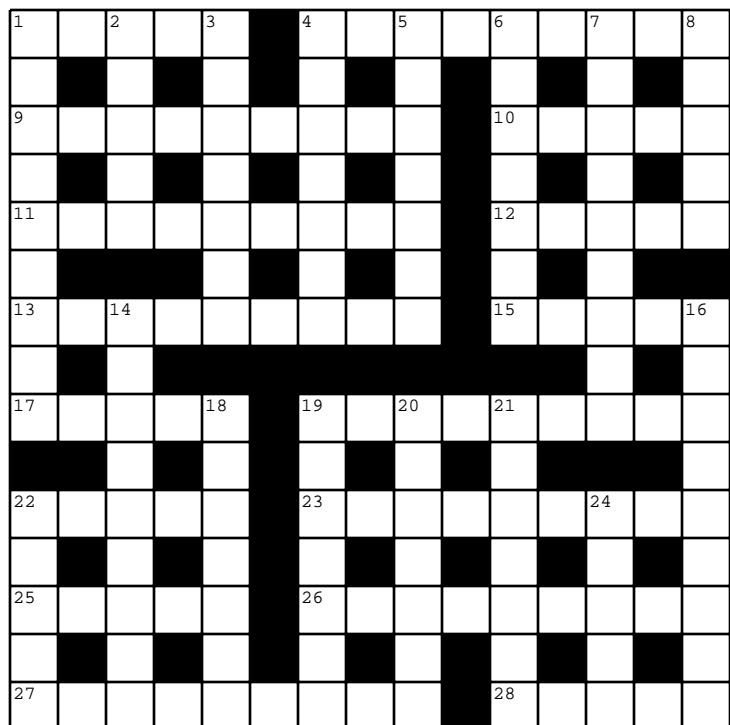
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| 4. FIFTEENTH  | 2. AISHA      |
| 9. ASSEMBLER  | 3. TEMPERA    |
| 10. RURAL     | 4. FILCH      |
| 11. SPACESHIP | 5. FIREPROOF  |
| 12. USAGE     | 6. EARMUFF    |
| 13. BOCCACCIO | 7. NARRATIVE  |
| 16. FLIED     | 8. HALVE      |
| 18. EMBED     | 14. CABLECAST |
| 20. UNFASTENS | 15. CHUBBIEST |
| 22. REEDS     | 17. DISCREDIT |
| 23. BARTENDER | 19. DISDAIN   |
| 26. GUAVA     | 21. SHEBANG   |
| 27. EXCHANGED | 22. RIGID     |
| 28. DETONATED | 24. RACED     |
| 29. GIANT     | 25. DOGMA     |



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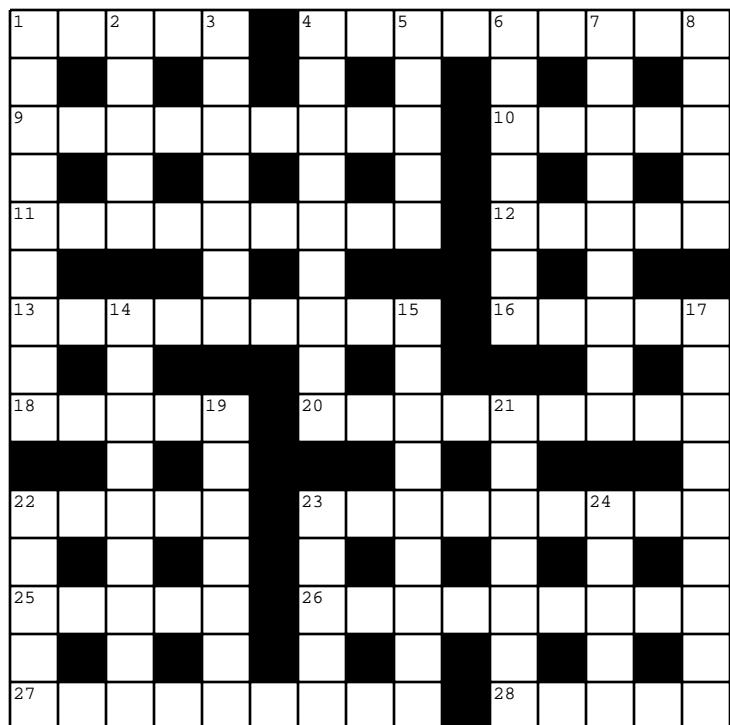
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| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
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| 1. ATTIC      | 1. AUTOMATIC  |
| 4. WALLPAPER  | 2. TEENS      |
| 9. TREVELYAN  | 3. CHEROOT    |
| 10. AREAS     | 4. WAYSIDE    |
| 11. MUSSOLINI | 5. LONGISH    |
| 12. EBONY     | 6. PLATEAU    |
| 13. TWENTIETH | 7. PHENOMENA  |
| 15. UTERI     | 8. RUSTY      |
| 17. CYCLE     | 14. EUCALYPTI |
| 19. AUTOCRATS | 16. INSTALLED |
| 22. COLIC     | 18. EXCLAIM   |
| 23. ABYSSINIA | 19. ADAMANT   |
| 25. ALPHA     | 20. THYSELF   |
| 26. ADENOIDAL | 21. CASTOFF   |
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| 28. FREED     | 24. NUDGE     |



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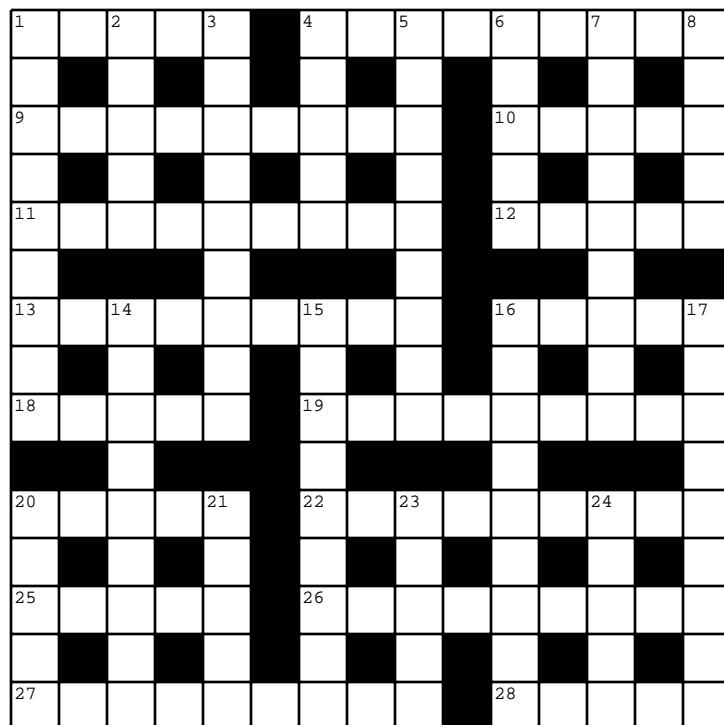
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| 4. TRANSLATE  | 2. PILAF      |
| 9. UNLOCKING  | 3. EXCERPT    |
| 10. RULER     | 4. TRIANGLES  |
| 11. INFERENCE | 5. ALGAE      |
| 12. FEWER     | 6. SCRUFFS    |
| 13. NIGHTCLUB | 7. ALLOWANCE  |
| 16. SINCE     | 8. ERROR      |
| 18. DIMES     | 14. GYMNASIUM |
| 20. STANCHEST | 15. BRAGGARTS |
| 22. BLAST     | 17. EXTREMELY |
| 23. SIGNATURE | 19. SATCHEL   |
| 25. SWISH     | 21. CHATEAU   |
| 26. PERSEVERE | 22. BUSCH     |
| 27. HIMALAYAS | 23. SAPPY     |
| 28. UNITY     | 24. UTERI     |



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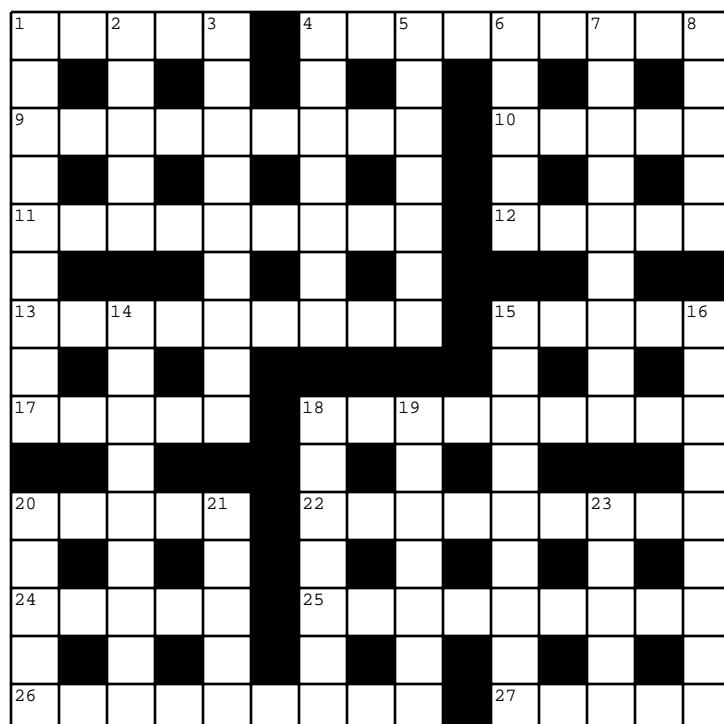
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| 1. COMIC      | 1. CATECHISM  |
| 4. BAPTISMAL  | 2. MOTIF      |
| 9. TETHERING  | 3. CREATURES  |
| 10. OWNED     | 4. BRIER      |
| 11. CAFETERIA | 5. PAGEANTRY  |
| 12. SPEND     | 6. ICONS      |
| 13. INCORRECT | 7. MENDELEEV  |
| 16. EVERY     | 8. LADED      |
| 18. MINUS     | 14. CONVERGED |
| 19. FLYLEAVES | 15. ENFORCING |
| 20. STEEP     | 16. EVERGREEN |
| 22. RECOGNIZE | 17. YESTERDAY |
| 25. FIGHT     | 20. SAFER     |
| 26. IMPRESSED | 21. PATHS     |
| 27. REDESIGNS | 23. COPES     |
| 28. NEEDY     | 24. ISSUE     |



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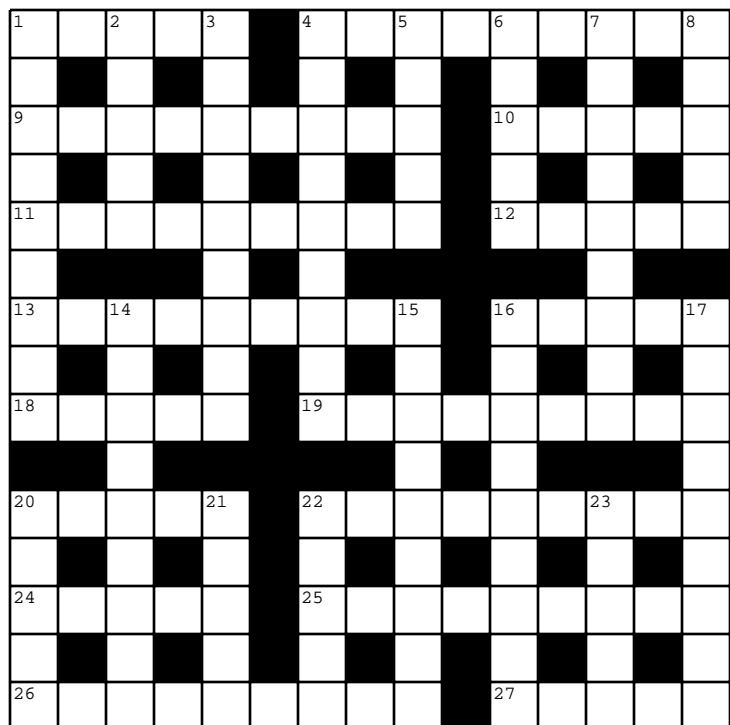
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| 1. FACED      | 1. FINGERTIP  |
| 4. NEIGHBORS  | 2. COVET      |
| 9. NOVOCAINE  | 3. DECOMPOSE  |
| 10. LASER     | 4. NAIROBI    |
| 11. EXTEMPORE | 5. ICEBERG    |
| 12. OUTER     | 6. HELLO      |
| 13. TIPTOEING | 7. ONSETTING  |
| 15. RAIDS     | 8. SORER      |
| 17. PASTE     | 14. PESSIMIST |
| 18. CUNNINGER | 15. RHINOCERI |
| 20. IDIOM     | 16. STRADDLED |
| 22. LAMPOONED | 18. COLLECT   |
| 24. EXIST     | 19. NUMBERS   |
| 25. ELEMENTAL | 20. ITEMS     |
| 26. SATURATES | 21. METER     |
| 27. IDLED     | 23. NATAL     |



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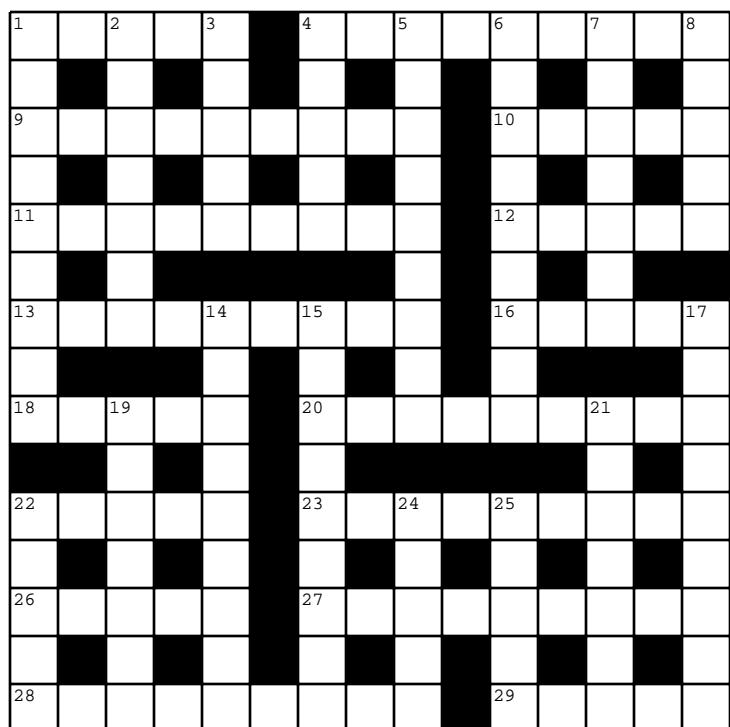
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| 4. AMBIGUOUS  | 2. ACRID      |
| 9. OURSELVES  | 3. OVERLOADS  |
| 10. FACES     | 4. ADVANCING  |
| 11. SIDELINED | 5. BUSED      |
| 12. EVERY     | 6. GAFFE      |
| 13. REREADING | 7. ORCHESTRA  |
| 16. INTER     | 8. SASSY      |
| 18. PICKS     | 14. RECTANGLE |
| 19. GALLIVANT | 15. GALLERIED |
| 20. REALM     | 16. INITIALLY |
| 22. STERILIZE | 17. RETREATED |
| 24. TIGHT     | 20. RATES     |
| 25. CHILLIEST | 21. MOTOR     |
| 26. SPEARHEAD | 22. SUCRE     |
| 27. YIELD     | 23. ILENE     |



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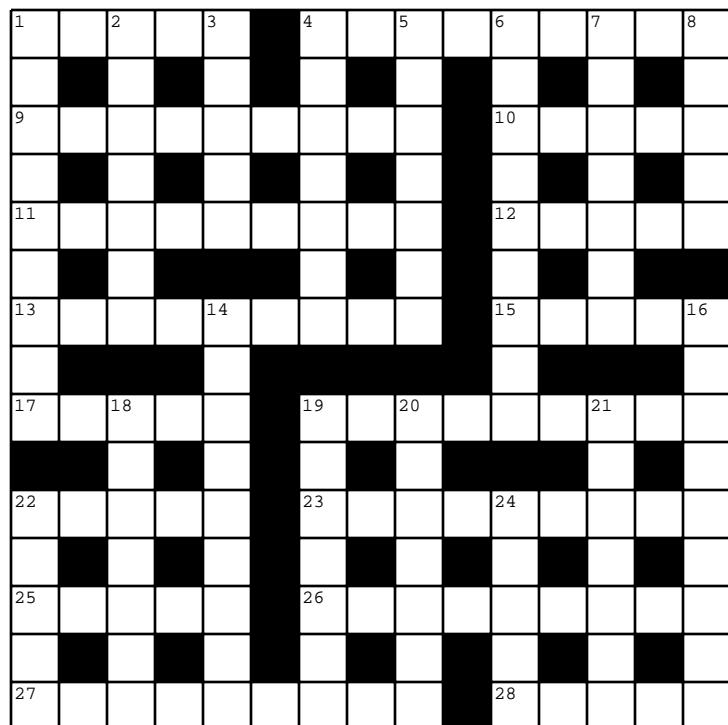
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| 4. TROBRIAND  | 2. NUCLEIC    |
| 9. RECTANGLE  | 3. HEART      |
| 10. CAGES     | 4. TIGER      |
| 11. OVERTHREW | 5. OVERWHELM  |
| 12. EXITS     | 6. RACKETEER  |
| 13. INCENTIVE | 7. ANGUISH    |
| 16. ETHIC     | 8. DISCS      |
| 18. MAGOG     | 14. NIGHTCLUB |
| 20. ADMIRABLE | 15. IRASCIBLE |
| 22. TROUT     | 17. CLEARNESS |
| 23. CRUMBLIER | 19. GROUPER   |
| 26. PAPAL     | 21. BLISTER   |
| 27. BRIQUETTE | 22. TOPIC     |
| 28. CARIBBEAN | 24. UNION     |
| 29. BURNS     | 25. BLURB     |



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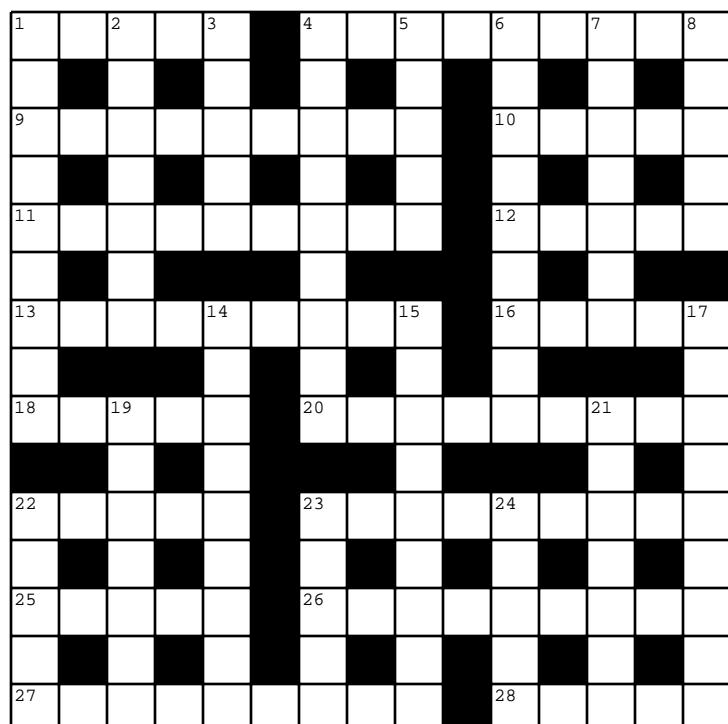
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| 1. KAFKA      | 1. KNOCKOUTS  |
| 4. OPPOSITES  | 2. FORAYED    |
| 9. OURSELVES  | 3. AGENT      |
| 10. EARLY     | 4. OBVIOUS    |
| 11. KEYSTROKE | 5. POSTERS    |
| 12. USAGE     | 6. SPECULATE  |
| 13. UNDRESSES | 7. TORNADO    |
| 15. ALONG     | 8. STYLE      |
| 17. SHRUB     | 14. EMBROIDER |
| 19. WHEREUPON | 16. GANGSTERS |
| 22. DAVAO     | 18. RAVIOLI   |
| 23. LIFEBOATS | 19. WALKMAN   |
| 25. LLOYD     | 20. ENFOLDS   |
| 26. MILLIPEDE | 21. PLACEBO   |
| 27. EMIGRANTS | 22. DELVE     |
| 28. GROSS     | 24. BEING     |



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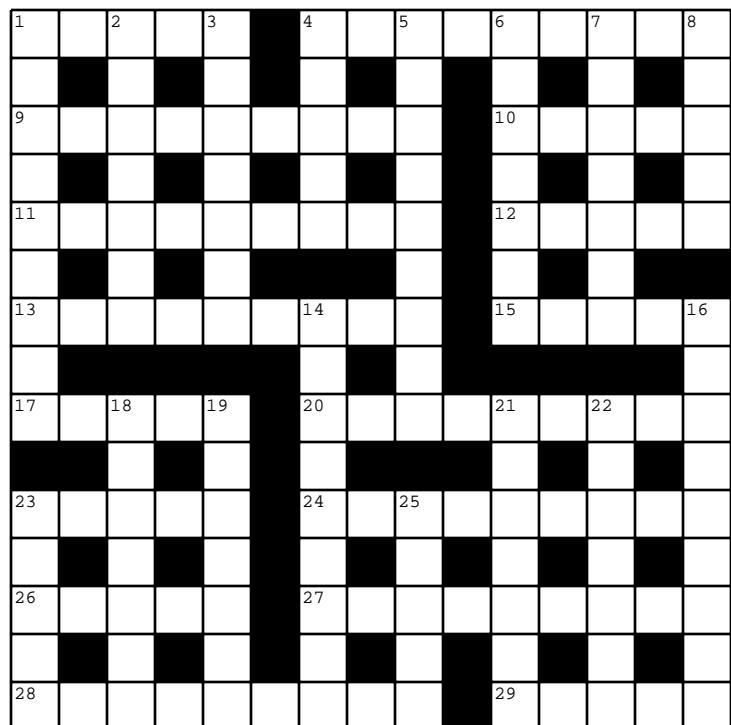
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| 1. NOTED      | 1. NIRENBERG  |
| 4. AMBIGUOUS  | 2. TRIUMPH    |
| 9. REINDEERS  | 3. DIDNT      |
| 10. IDLER     | 4. ANECDOTAL  |
| 11. NEMATODES | 5. BASIS      |
| 12. SUGAR     | 6. GLISSANDI  |
| 13. EXHIBITOR | 7. OBLIGES    |
| 16. NESTS     | 8. SORER      |
| 18. GAMMA     | 14. BRASSIERE |
| 20. LAGNIAPPE | 15. REGULARLY |
| 22. SEXES     | 17. SLENDERER |
| 23. DELEGATED | 19. MAXIMUM   |
| 25. GIMME     | 21. PATRIOT   |
| 26. SPRINGIER | 22. SIGMA     |
| 27. AIMLESSLY | 23. DOSES     |
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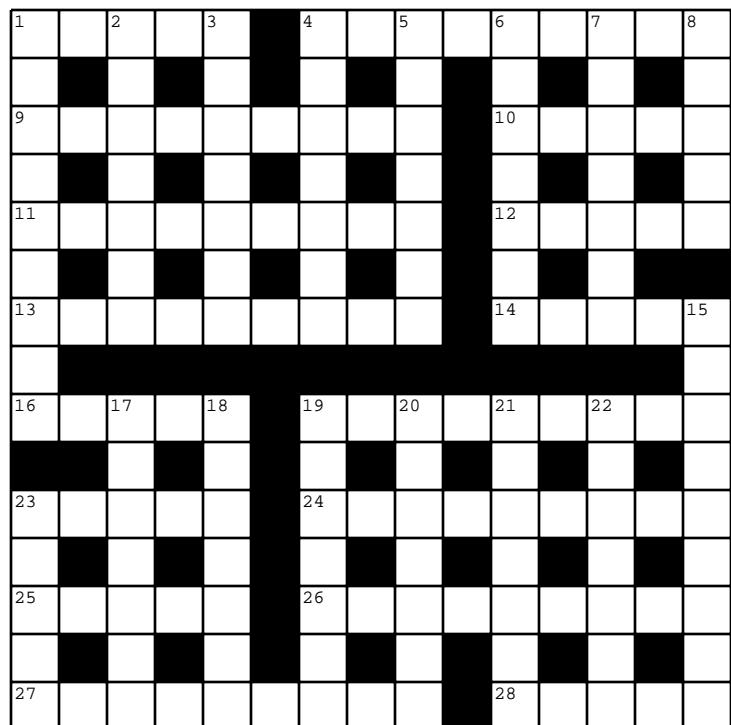
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| 4. ELECTIVES    | 2. EXPLOIT    |
| 9. IMPOLITIC    | 3. MILKSOP    |
| 10. CATCH       | 4. EATER      |
| 11. BOOTSTRAP   | 5. EXCEPTION  |
| 12. LARVA       | 6. TACKLES    |
| 13. ANTIPASTI   | 7. VETERAN    |
| 15. SINCE       | 8. SCHWA      |
| 17. SANTA       | 14. SYNTHESIS |
| 20. NONVERBAL   | 16. ENLARGING |
| 23. TYCHO       | 18. NUCLEAR   |
| 24. HARBINGER   | 19. APOSTLE   |
| 26. ALERT       | 21. EPITHET   |
| 27. SPAGHETTI   | 22. BUGATTI   |
| 28. HARNESESSES | 23. TEACH     |
| 29. THING       | 25. READS     |



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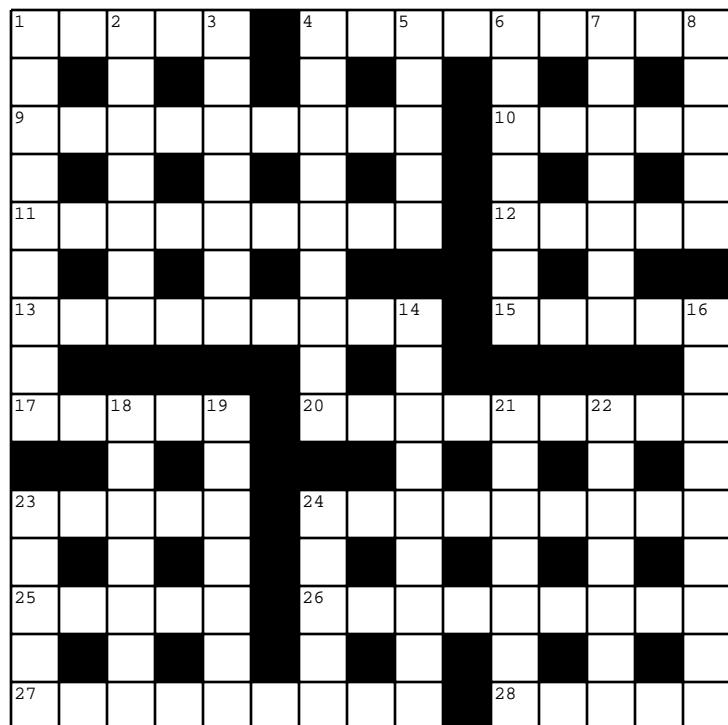
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| 4. AWARENESS  | 2. POPULAR    |
| 9. REPAYMENT  | 3. LAYERED    |
| 10. PUPIL     | 4. AWESOME    |
| 11. BALLROOMS | 5. ATTESTS    |
| 12. RARER     | 6. EMPEROR    |
| 13. TIREDNESS | 7. EXPIRED    |
| 14. RADIO     | 8. SOLAR      |
| 16. CUBIC     | 15. OMISSIONS |
| 19. CRESCENDI | 17. BOBBINS   |
| 23. LABEL     | 18. CALYPSO   |
| 24. FUZZINESS | 19. CAFTANS   |
| 25. BLIMP     | 20. ENZYMES   |
| 26. ARMADILLO | 21. CHILDED   |
| 27. RESPONSES | 22. NEEDLES   |
| 28. DISCS     | 23. LABOR     |



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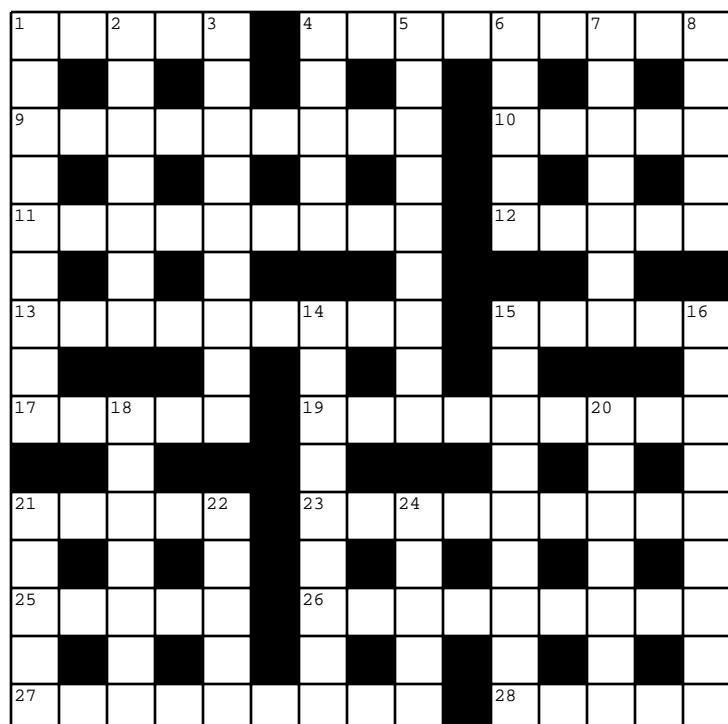
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| Across        | Down          |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. BAHAI      | 1. BECOMINGS  |
| 4. OVERTAKES  | 2. HANDLES    |
| 9. CUNNINGER  | 3. INITIAL    |
| 10. SMALL     | 4. ORGANIZED  |
| 11. MILLIONTH | 5. EARTH      |
| 12. INKED     | 6. TASTIER    |
| 13. NASALIZED | 7. KHARKOV    |
| 15. RIVER     | 8. SOLID      |
| 17. SITED     | 14. DIAGNOSES |
| 20. DIACRITIC | 16. RECTANGLE |
| 23. SAUNA     | 18. TSUNAMI   |
| 24. SANITARIA | 19. DEAREST   |
| 25. ERASE     | 21. ROTUNDA   |
| 26. ABSENTING | 22. TERMING   |
| 27. POINTLESS | 23. SLEEP     |
| 28. ANGLE     | 24. STARE     |



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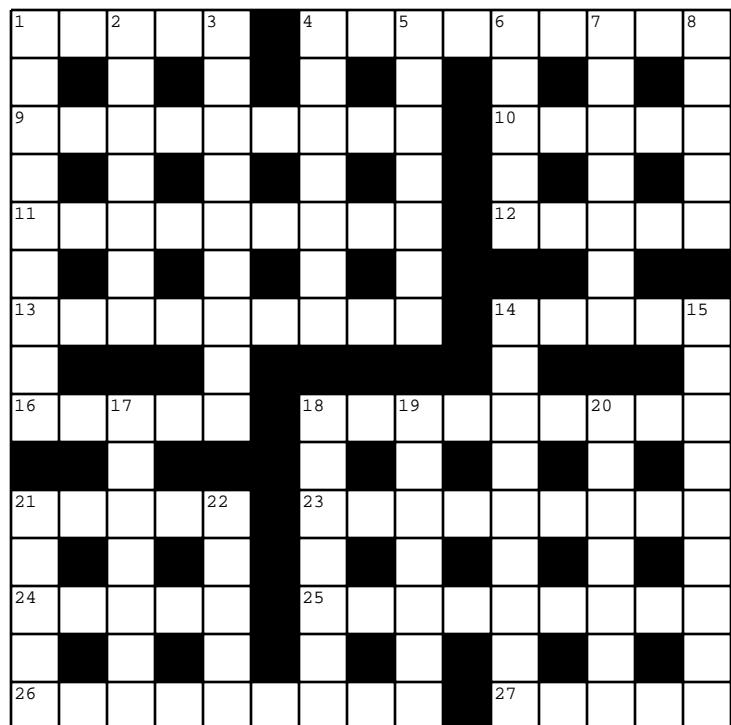
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| 1. HIDES      | 1. HONEYCOMB  |
| 4. AMBITIONS  | 2. DOGTROT    |
| 9. NEGOTIATE  | 3. SATISFIES  |
| 10. KNIFE     | 4. ABACI      |
| 11. YARDSTICK | 5. BREAKAGES  |
| 12. NEARS     | 6. TOKEN      |
| 13. OUTLINING | 7. ORIGAMI    |
| 15. BLIMP     | 8. SEEKS      |
| 17. BARNS     | 14. INJUSTICE |
| 19. JUSTIFIED | 15. BRISTLIER |
| 21. HAVOC     | 16. PEDERASTS |
| 23. SAINTLIER | 18. REVERSE   |
| 25. BARER     | 20. IDIOTIC   |
| 26. INITIATES | 21. HABIT     |
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| 28. RACES     | 24. IDIOT     |



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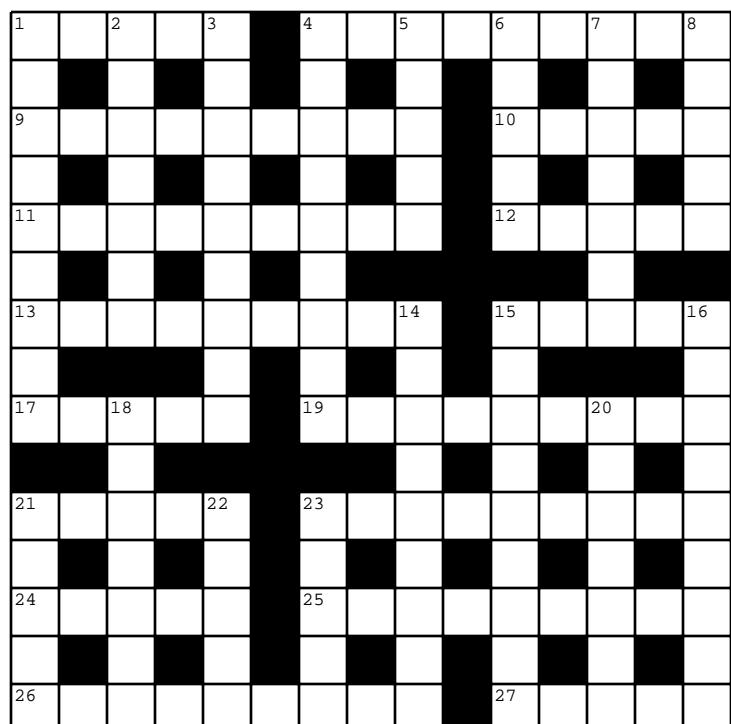
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| 1. AVOID      | 1. ANALGESIA  |
| 4. REDEFINES  | 2. ORDINAL    |
| 9. ABDOMINAL  | 3. DAMNATION  |
| 10. CANNY     | 4. RANCOUR    |
| 11. GENEALOGY | 5. DELAYED    |
| 12. SHEER     | 6. FICES      |
| 13. SOLDIERED | 7. NONZERO    |
| 14. DROOP     | 8. SHYER      |
| 16. ASPEN     | 14. DIAPHRAGM |
| 18. BOCCACCIO | 15. PROSELYTE |
| 21. BANAL     | 17. PONTIAC   |
| 23. LUNCHTIME | 18. BOLSHOI   |
| 24. RHINO     | 19. CONDEMN   |
| 25. HIERARCHY | 20. CHIBCHA   |
| 26. SECESSION | 21. BARBS     |
| 27. MEADE     | 22. LOOKS     |



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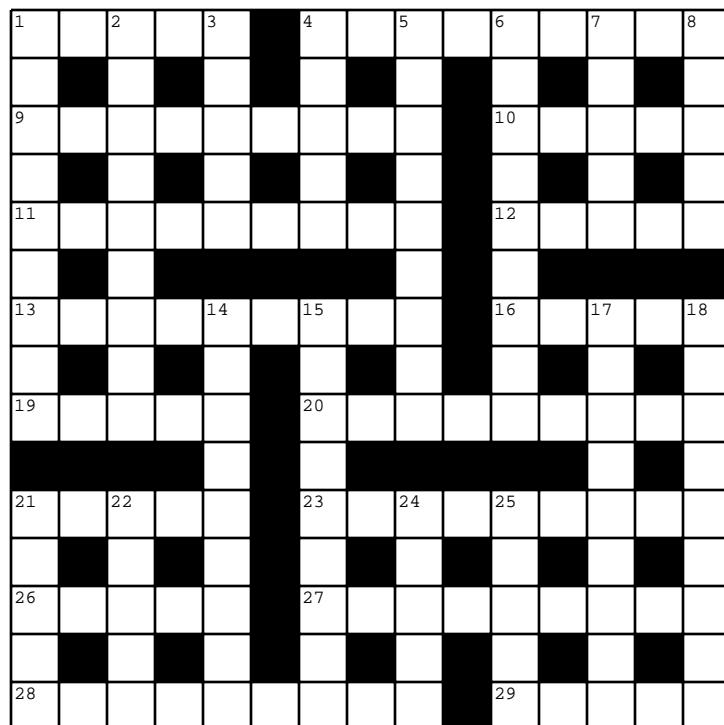
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| 1. NABOB      | 1. NIGHTFALL  |
| 4. CONCURRED  | 2. BULIMIA    |
| 9. GALATIANS  | 3. BETROTHAL  |
| 10. ALTAR     | 4. CHARACTER  |
| 11. TEMPORARY | 5. NASTY      |
| 12. EVILS     | 6. USAGE      |
| 13. APATHETIC | 7. RETHINK    |
| 15. ASKED     | 8. DERES      |
| 17. LABEL     | 14. COURTROOM |
| 19. RAUCOUSLY | 15. ABOUNDING |
| 21. THROW     | 16. DAYDREAMS |
| 23. DETONATOR | 18. BARGAIN   |
| 24. STAIR     | 20. SITUATE   |
| 25. TROPICANA | 21. TASKS     |
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| 27. GUESS     | 23. DITTO     |



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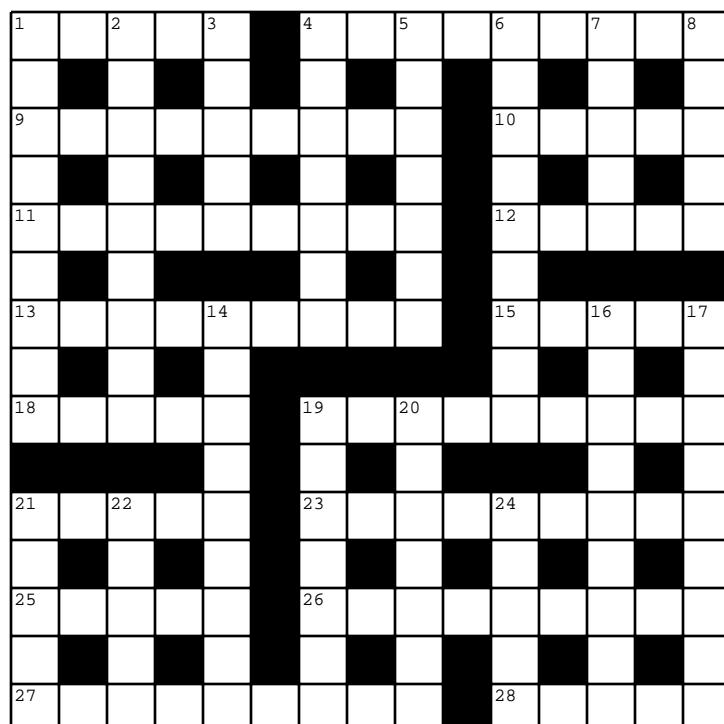
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| 4. NAPALMING  | 2. PATCHWORK  |
| 9. CATALOGUE  | 3. YELLS      |
| 10. FINAL     | 4. NEGEV      |
| 11. ADHESIVES | 5. PRESSURES  |
| 12. HIRES     | 6. LUFTHANSA  |
| 13. GHOSTLIER | 7. INNER      |
| 16. NAVAL     | 8. GALAS      |
| 19. LIKED     | 14. TEDIOUSLY |
| 20. TESTAMENT | 15. INTERACTS |
| 21. MACRO     | 17. VIENTIANE |
| 23. RAINWATER | 18. LITERATES |
| 26. DRUGS     | 21. MODEL     |
| 27. COMPLIANT | 22. CRUMB     |
| 28. LOBBYISTS | 24. IAMBS     |
| 29. SEEKS     | 25. WILLS     |



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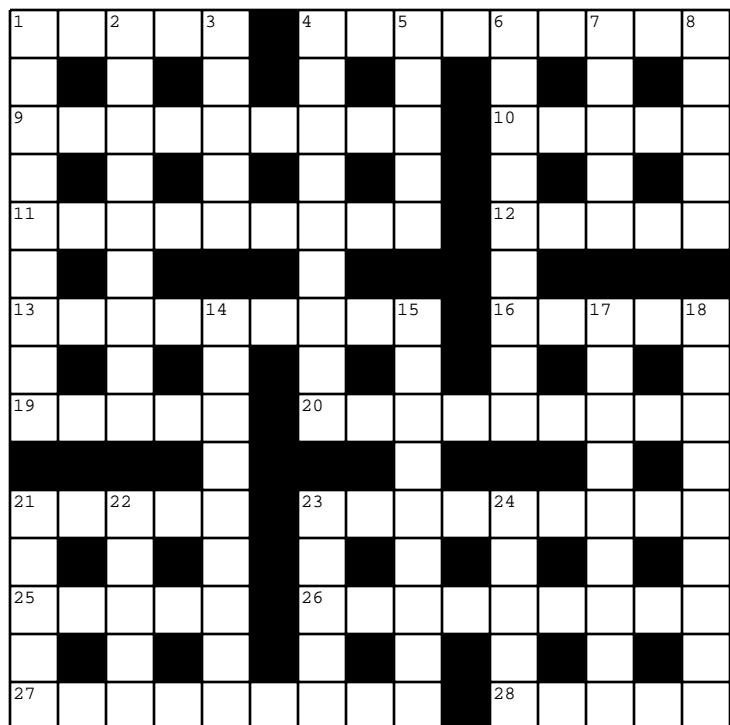
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| 4. AFFIDAVIT  | 2. PLUTOCRAT  |
| 9. GRUBBIEST  | 3. NOBLE      |
| 10. DOWRY     | 4. AMERICA    |
| 11. REOPENING | 5. FATIGUE    |
| 12. CALVE     | 6. DEDICATES  |
| 13. TERMINATE | 7. VOWEL      |
| 15. TOTEM     | 8. THYME      |
| 18. MATCH     | 14. INHIBITED |
| 19. CROSSWORD | 16. TROUNCING |
| 21. SCRUB     | 17. MODESTEST |
| 23. LIFELINES | 19. COLONEL   |
| 25. GRANT     | 20. OFFERED   |
| 26. NORMALIZE | 21. SIGNS     |
| 27. SCHEDULED | 22. REACH     |
| 28. NIGHT     | 24. LEARN     |



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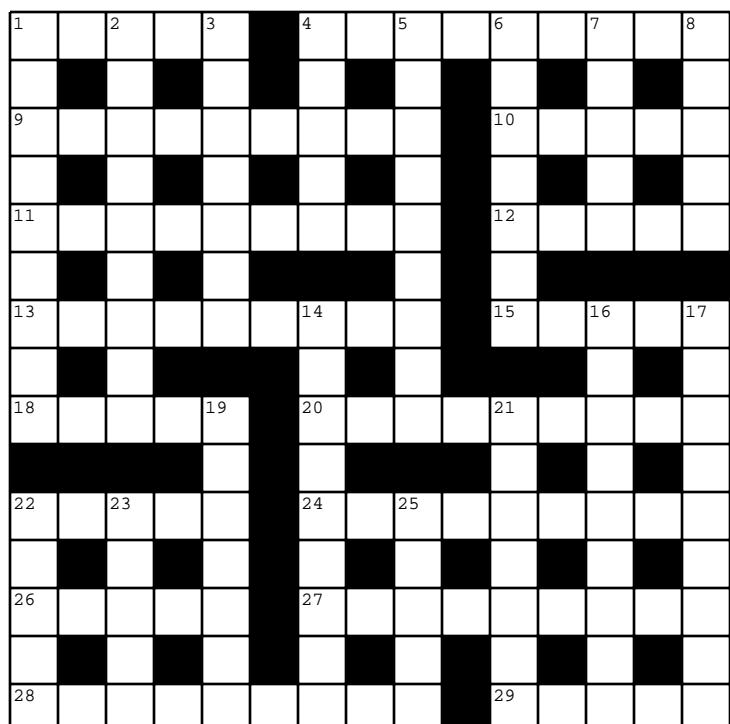
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| 4. OURSELVES  | 2. GOLDENEST  |
| 9. OBLIGATED  | 3. NEGRO      |
| 10. IRATE     | 4. OUTWITTED  |
| 11. SUETONIUS | 5. RIDES      |
| 12. TASTE     | 6. EXISTENCE  |
| 13. REELECTED | 7. VEALS      |
| 16. NADIA     | 8. SIEGE      |
| 19. PATHS     | 14. EASYGOING |
| 20. DESPERADO | 15. DISCHARGE |
| 21. SLANG     | 17. DIASTOLIC |
| 23. UNHEALTHY | 18. ANONYMITY |
| 25. ABACI     | 21. SHAME     |
| 26. BARTHOLDI | 22. AWARE     |
| 27. EMERGENCE | 23. URBAN     |
| 28. ROCKY     | 24. ABHOR     |



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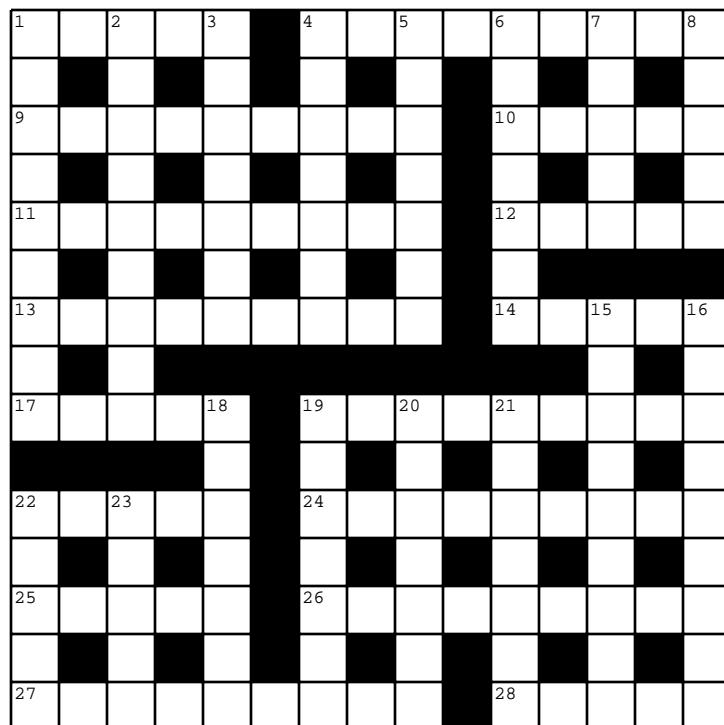
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| 1. ABHOR      | 1. ACADEMIES  |
| 4. LUDICROUS  | 2. HARMONICA  |
| 9. ABRASIVES  | 3. ROSSINI    |
| 10. RAISE     | 4. LIVEN      |
| 11. EMOTIONAL | 5. DISPLAYED  |
| 12. MESSY     | 6. CHROMED    |
| 13. INITIALLY | 7. OMITS      |
| 15. DREAD     | 8. SEEDY      |
| 18. SCANS     | 14. LAUNDRIES |
| 20. UNDERLIES | 16. ELIMINATE |
| 22. HINDU     | 17. DISPENSER |
| 24. DETECTIVE | 19. SQUEEZE   |
| 26. LEMME     | 21. RECORDS   |
| 27. INTERNALS | 22. HELGA     |
| 28. ADDRESSEE | 23. NAMED     |
| 29. STEER     | 25. TITLE     |



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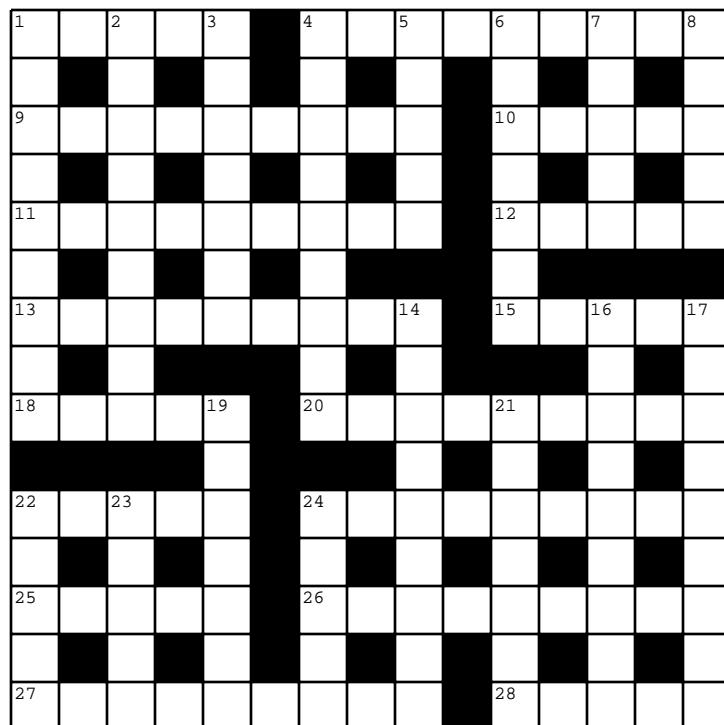
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| 1. SICES      | 1. SCAFFOLDS  |
| 4. SUCCEEDED  | 2. CRESCENDI  |
| 9. AMERICANA  | 3. SKILLET    |
| 10. COUNT     | 4. SWAHILI    |
| 11. FACULTIES | 5. COARSER    |
| 12. ENTER     | 6. EXCEEDS    |
| 13. LENGTHIER | 7. DOUBT      |
| 14. SEWER     | 8. DETER      |
| 17. SLICE     | 15. WRANGLING |
| 19. HABITUALS | 16. RESIDENTS |
| 22. CIDER     | 18. EARNERS   |
| 24. BEGRUDGED | 19. HIBACHI   |
| 25. LEMME     | 20. BAGGING   |
| 26. CRITERION | 21. TAUTEST   |
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| 28. TOGAS     | 23. DAMNS     |



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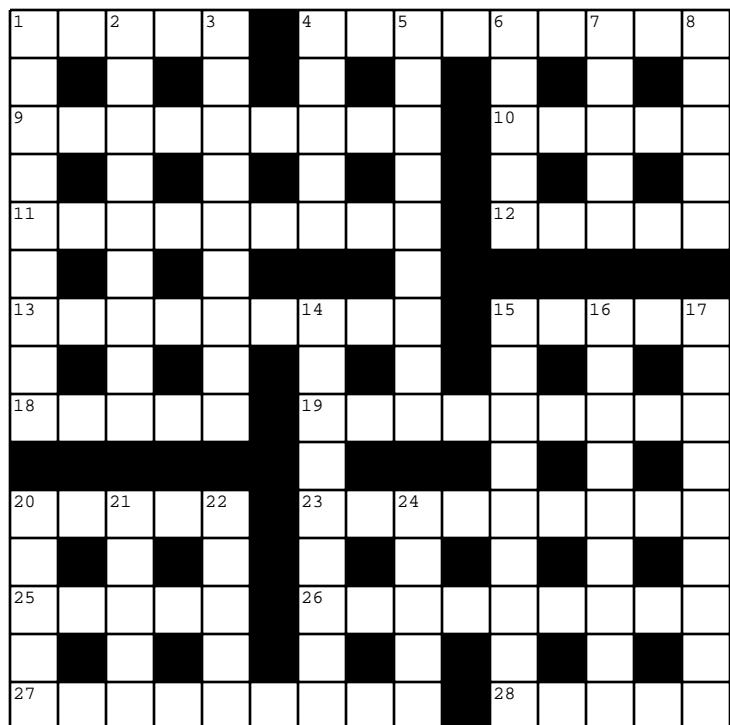
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| 1. APPLY      | 1. AMENDMENT  |
| 4. POWDERING  | 2. PEPPERONI  |
| 9. EMPOWERED  | 3. YAWNING    |
| 10. TUDOR     | 4. PERMITTED  |
| 11. DIETITIAN | 5. WIDEN      |
| 12. BOXED     | 6. EATABLE    |
| 13. ELONGATED | 7. INDEX      |
| 15. EDGES     | 8. GORED      |
| 18. THIEF     | 14. DEPUTISED |
| 20. DEPRESSES | 16. GESTATION |
| 22. MASTS     | 17. SUSPENDED |
| 24. MOTORCADE | 19. FASCISM   |
| 25. CHILI     | 21. EARMUFF   |
| 26. RESTUDIED | 22. MACRO     |
| 27. OPTIMISED | 23. SHIFT     |
| 28. FINED     | 24. MARTS     |



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Grid #2063: 5-9-9-9-9-9-9-5

| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. CADRE      | 1. CAPABLEST  |
| 4. UNMANNING  | 2. DIAPHRAGM  |
| 9. PRATCHETT  | 3. ESCALATOR  |
| 10. URNED     | 4. UTERI      |
| 11. BEHOLDING | 5. MITIGATES  |
| 12. SPRAY     | 6. NOUNS      |
| 13. ENACTMENT | 7. INNER      |
| 15. RESET     | 8. GIDDY      |
| 18. TIMER     | 14. ELEVATING |
| 19. ELSEWHERE | 15. REWRITING |
| 20. MEETS     | 16. SPECULATE |
| 23. ATTRIBUTE | 17. TREVELYAN |
| 25. SQUAB     | 20. MUSIC     |
| 26. IMAGINARY | 21. EQUIP     |
| 27. COPYRIGHT | 22. SOBER     |
| 28. GREEN     | 24. TOAST     |



Grid #2064: 5-9-9-9-9-9-9-9

| <u>Across</u> | <u>Down</u>   |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. SASHA      | 1. SEPARATOR  |
| 4. JAUNDICED  | 2. STAMMERER  |
| 9. PLAUSIBLE  | 3. ASSEMBLER  |
| 10. TORSO     | 4. JABBERERS  |
| 11. REMEMBERS | 5. USERS      |
| 12. SHOON     | 6. DATES      |
| 13. THRILLERS | 7. CARGO      |
| 15. ANNAM     | 8. DROWN      |
| 18. RARER     | 14. SARDINING |
| 19. SPREADING | 15. APATHETIC |
| 20. CALEB     | 16. NOISELESS |
| 23. ALIGHIERI | 17. MAGNITUDE |
| 24. UNDID     | 20. CRUMB     |
| 25. COINTREAU | 21. LADEN     |
| 26. BUNDESTAG | 22. BADGE     |
| 27. CASTE     | 23. ASCOT     |

