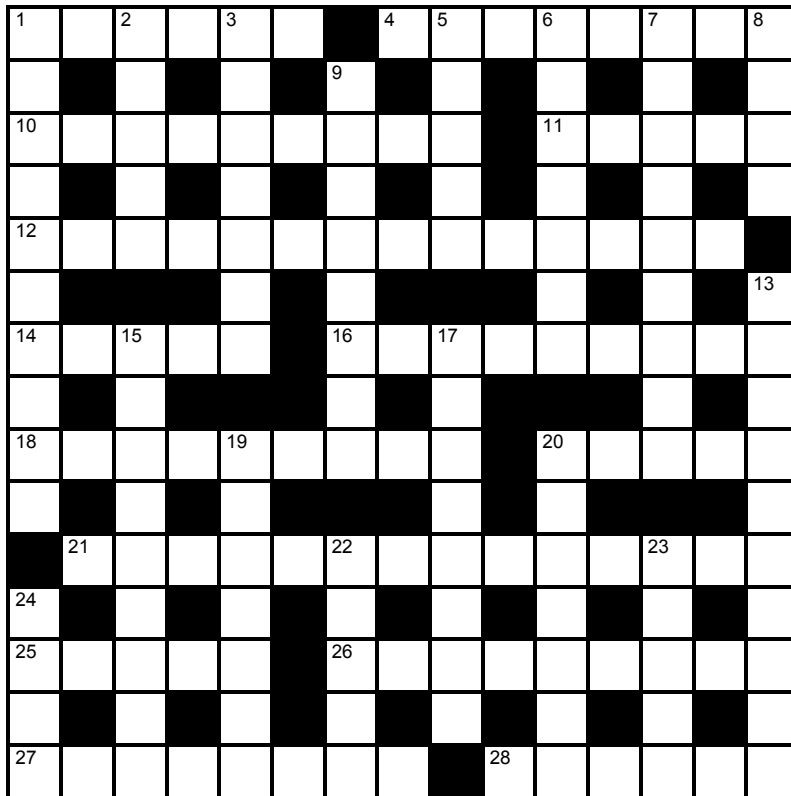


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Across

- 1 In footballers, goodness and evil (6)
- 4 Marriage is a mixture of lust and pain (8)
- 10 Belted out lyrics, rid of composed calmness (9)
- 11 Lava ultimately buries crypt (5)
- 12 Partner gaining International Match Point on complex deal with mirror bid (4-5,5)
- 14 I'm surprised, able to flip tortilla (5)
- 16 Probably no relish when initially tasting sandwiches (4,2,3)
- 18 Bind over male then stitch up for prescribed period (9)
- 20 Dog has itch on hard to reach area (5)
- 21 Unhappy state eating poorly-plucked duck? (4,2,3,5)
- 25 Continuing hush (5)

- 26 Calling to account for sailing closer to the wind (7,2)
- 27 Be responsible for boxing in small car? (8)
- 28 Manages to understand, *Times* clues finally cracked (4,2)

Down

- 1 Using natural protection, half impregnate (10)
- 2 With private support merriment mushrooms? (5)
- 3 Communist dictator's embraces provided revolutionary love for family member (7)
- 5 Beneath Friesian's back end lost milkmaid finally grasped... this? (5)
- 6 State worker's thrown up outside bar (7)
- 7 Have a ball scoffing cake in great quantity (9)

- 8 Eats bananas to overcome hunger (4)
- 9 Troubled daughter (*Lear*, middle of Act I) receives nothing (8)
- 13 Steps hard? Try a different dance (10)
- 15 Eccentric chap, Scotsman or Asian (9)
- 17 Drag around - eek! - a hull (8)
- 19 Wave bat to Barmy Army, say (3,4)
- 20 Frock length? Man, your setter's clothing length's fashionable (7)
- 22 Head-over-heels, bird mounts game Indian statesman (5)
- 23 Spurs regularly run ragged by Gunners' right winger (5)
- 24 Way back, a Russian leader (4)