



**Across**

- 1 City in western Germany near the Dutch and Belgian borders; formerly it was Charlemagne's northern capital (6)
- 4 Capital and largest city of Queensland state (8)
- 9 Shingle beach in southern England (6)
- 10 French general and statesman who became very popular during World War II as the leader of the Free French forces in exile (1890-1970) (2,6)
- 12 Native of an African state bordering the Red Sea (8)
- 13 A republic in western Europe; the largest country wholly in Europe (6)
- 15 Discouraging through fear (12)
- 18 When it is as far forward as back (7,5)
- 21 Volcanic island (part of Campania) in the Tyrrhenian Sea at the north end of the Bay of Naples (6)
- 22 Strong black coffee brewed by forcing hot water under pressure through finely ground coffee beans (8)

**Down**

- 1 Related to or concerned with a forerunner of chemistry (8)
- 2 What followed alchemists (8)
- 3 Expressing by precise witty or pointed sayings (15)
- 5 Tall woody perennial grass with a hollow slender stem especially of the genera Arundo and Phragmites (4)
- 6 Boxer who fights with another boxer who is training for an important fight (8,7)
- 7 At an oblique angle (6)
- 8 City in southwest England (6)
- 11 Libyan leader who seized power in a military coup d'état in 1969; deposed the Libyan monarchy and imposed socialism and Islamic orthodoxy on the country (born in 1942) (7)
- 14 Austrian composer of waltzes (1804-1849) (7)
- 16 United States poet of the beat generation (1926-1997) (8)

- 24** Very sad; especially involving grief, death or destruction (8)
- 25** Advanced student or graduate in medicine gaining supervised practical experience (6)
- 26** Any of various tropical American plants of the genus *Tagetes* widely cultivated for their showy yellow or orange flowers (8)
- 27** Having hills and mountainous terrain (6)
- 17** (law) A professional person authorized to practice law, conduct lawsuits or give legal advice (8)
- 19** An authoritative declaration (6)
- 20** Oblong cream puff (6)
- 23** Move downward and lower, but not necessarily all the way (4)