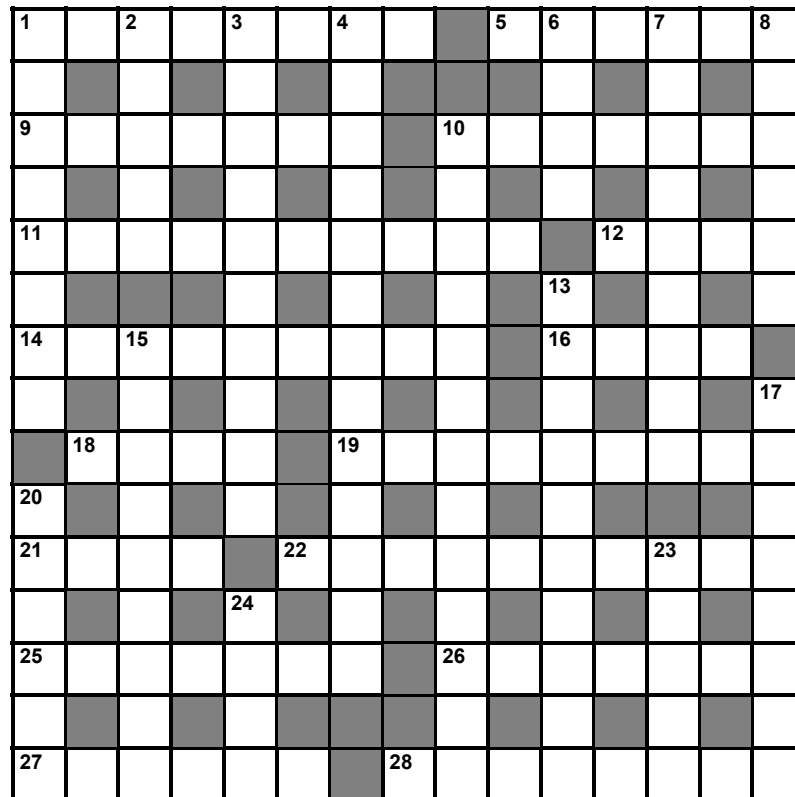


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ACROSS

- 1 Actors finally expressed sadness about part dramatically written (8)
- 5 40% of hotel put to some purpose in accommodation (6)
- 9 Resistance is futile in treatment of terminal disease (7)
- 10 Form of silver used in extravagant scandal (7)
- 11 Is compliment delivered after the end of friend's broadcast? (10)
- 12 Show up and compete with favourite not gaining entry (4)
- 14 Establishing a standard or measure primarily in local (9)
- 16 Odd number less than ten, minus one, is divisible by two (4)
- 18 Execute guards taken from Singaporean POW camp? (4)
- 19 Advantage gained ultimately by champion in preliminary race (4,5)
- 21 Kitty returned with ring (4)
- 22 Demotion, say, admitted by family member (10)
- 25 Send group a jersey (7)
- 26 Contents of Bible accepted by people who attack one's weak points? (7)
- 27 One group's leading character in cast expressed relief (6)
- 28 Overpower male going through ten doubles (8)

DOWN

- 1 Hot diamonds used in mounting (8)
- 2 User confused about introduction of local laws (5)
- 3 Organise early start for paratroopers behind mountains (10)
- 4 The best man is poorly handling large institution (13)
- 6 Stuff eaten by palomino at stud? (4)
- 7 Religious leader held in tower added to a drama (4,5)
- 8 Dig out unfinished legal document stored with draft (6)
- 10 Brewed coffee ain't hot apparently (2,3,4,2,2)
- 13 Individual supporting university as one with conviction (10)
- 15 Thought about a vocal performance carrying on (9)
- 17 Saint and sinner, taking a 50% cut, works as a locum (6,2)
- 20 Product of burning flesh mostly found on the skeleton of a male (6)
- 23 Belief of the faithful one put down (5)
- 24 This is one exclusive group lacking in IQ (4)