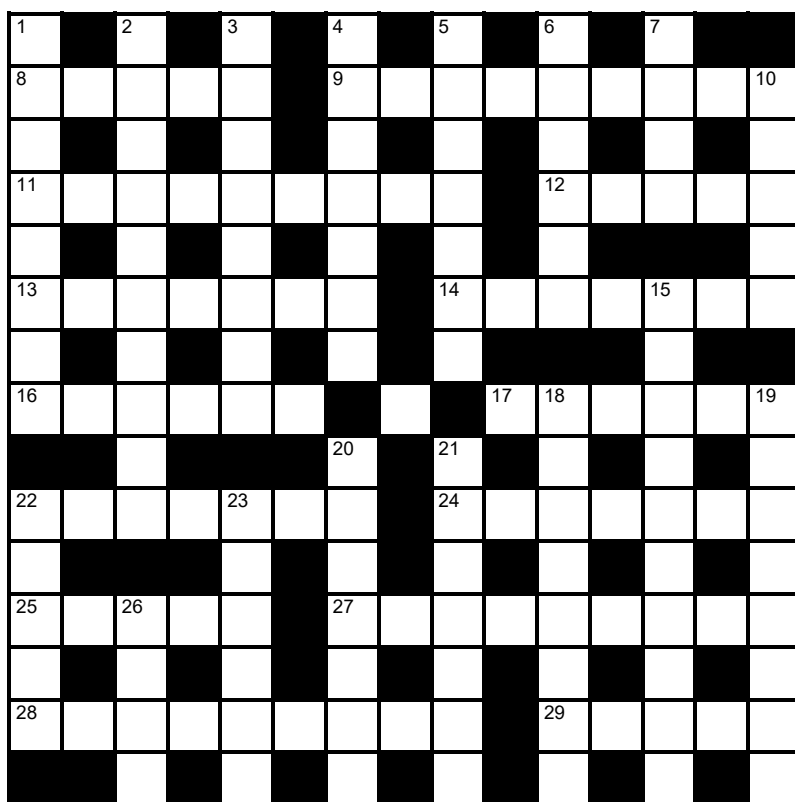


Special instructions: Fill in the centre square to complete 10's request to 28.



Across

- 8 Charge imposed by "listening bank" (5)
- 9 Boasting lecturer fondling American's Australian wife - as a rule, it's physical (6,3)
- 11 Blasted by missile, one's captured (9)
- 12 Retired doctor presses Italian for more drug (5)
- 13 Catch too many of public sheltering, essentially lonely (7)
- 14 Nice Keith making reappearance after I'd gone ... (7)
- 16 ... to be successful Grandma, Keith has bits removed (4,2)
- 17/19 Stiff one? Two nurses on something risqué (6,8)

- 22 American star in jazz? ... (7)
- 24 ... player in jazz clubs for one outfit (7)
- 25 Football team, right-half sent off field (5)
- 27 Moving into ghetto originally in former capital, he rose to fame (9)
- 28 Offer succeeds, saving local worker (9)
- 29 Turkey stuffed with trouble, is one worth 17 (5)

Down

- 1 Cast able to move: film pros directed (8)
- 2 Incompetent crook: never rate too highly (10)

- 3 He and neighbour at table, eating down in city (8)
- 4 My people say it's so sad (7)
- 5 Wrap around legs disguised noises from stomach (7)
- 6 Head of Admiralty to stay away from sea (6)
- 7 Marshy land: alternately (or alternatively) vile and evil (4)
- 10 Finished first stocking middle of Xmas Eve? (5)
- 15 Process involving plates, sandwich and pipe I lit (10)
- 18 Phrase repeated in bars: "Nothing drunk in toast" (8)
- 19 See 17 Across

- 20 Proposed plumbing charge for WC? (7)
- 21 Beg to get school with no reading and writing perhaps (7)
- 22 Polish boat going under, half of crew aboard (5)
- 23 Anger lessened given hot soya meal (6)
- 26 Some ground Arabica coffee refreshes early starters (4)