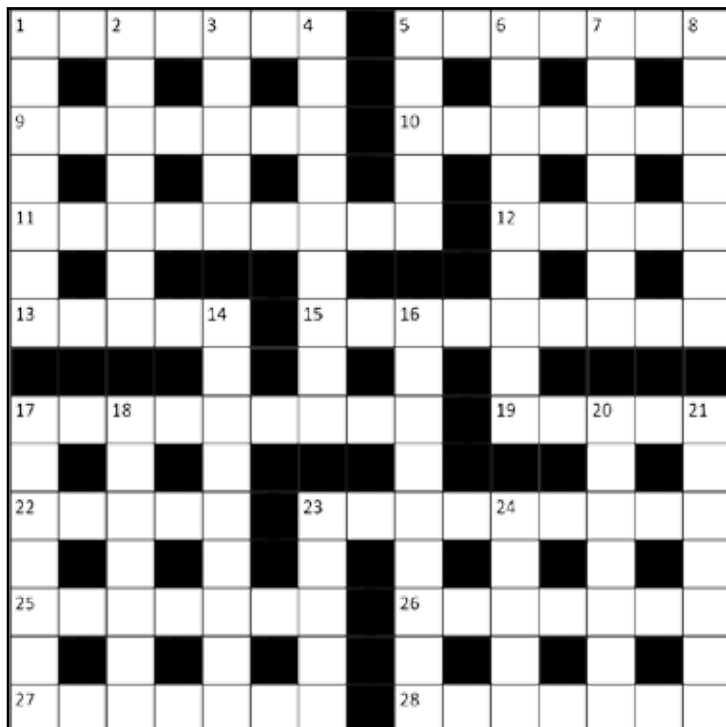


Competition Crossword



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Eight solutions, only partially clued, share a capital network.

Across

1. Audible court case changes sides improving wounds' state (7)
5. A hat to be envied by Greggs' staff? (4,3)
9. NCO at gallery prepares baby food (7)
10. Wild western outpost James Stewart left in 1955 (7)
11. Debone ice flows for good conduct (9)
12. Dance – and maybe earn a bust? (5)
13. Loud sounding (but ambivalent) poet (5)
15. Ranch even Tonto wins oddly (5,4)
17. Pillager (other ranks care!) (9)
19. Reflect and expose antique fabulist (5)
22. R and R in Le Havre? Not with HR's say so! (5)
23. Love of a party to divvy up supplies (9)
25. Fabled away act he regularly enacted (7)
26. She'll be a genuine new cast member (7)
27. Granny, anxious to be in the buff! (7)
28. 160,934 cm (approximately) (4,3)

Down

1. Landless Dutch gin with a birth-right? (7)
2. Old warfare or old radio soap studies (7)
3. Arabian old insurgents on TV quiz (5)
4. Cut energy mix on quiet old vessel (5,4)
5. Rhythmical bean? (5)
6. In fantasyland Tia Maria runs free but ma's out (9)
7. Imp (tail first) twisted coil around (7)
8. The blues now but green in a long time (7)
14. Flab to keep one on the road? (5,4)
16. Set mirror for IS philosophy (9)
17. About fifty are paid to relive school (7)
18. Eased out yet gripped by numbers (7)
20. See C-in-C build an evidence-based world view (7)
21. 24's dance arena in many medieval debates? (7)
23. During Xmas hens are mighty pale! (5)
24. Finally, cava can sandbag one well! (5)