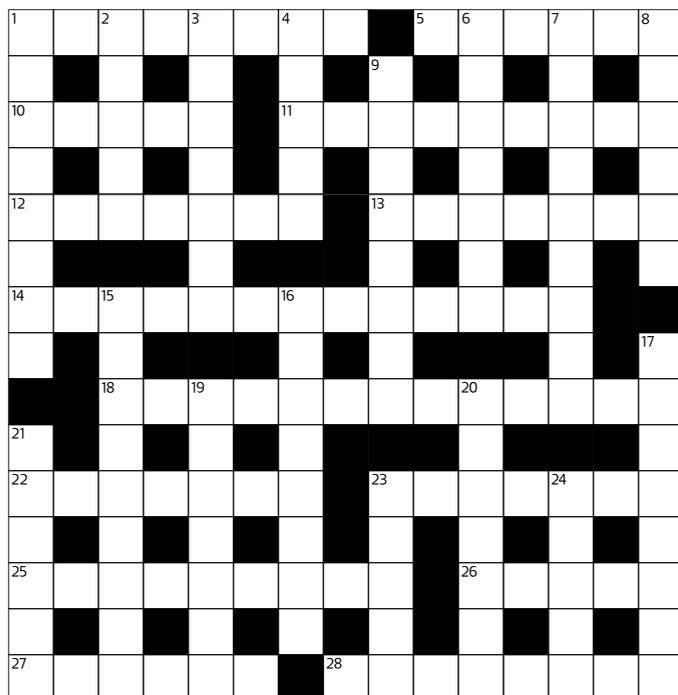


Puzzle No. 3250

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ACROSS

- 1 and 28** Taking priority can be a way to do things in woods, behind a conifer-covered area (5,3,8)
- 5** Head of Republic and leader of Congress bombed areas (6)
- 10** Composer's snarl (5)
- 11 and 25** Totally overheard: conversation concerning smoked fish and mineral (4,5,3,6)
- 12** Vehicles! (7)
- 13** Rackets incorporating pig rejects (7)
- 14** Levities gone bad, beginning with tube (10,3)
- 18** To form pairs outside, take in some herb or condiment (6,7)
- 22** Gull-like bird swallowed by marine mammal, without start and without end (7)
- 23** Treacherous deceit leading to a drink (4,3)
- 25** See 11
- 26** Can giraffe's sides touch? (5)

27 Gone crazy about male chromosomes, a requisite for human life (6)

28 See 1

DOWN

- 1** Cry "Fie!" to unnatural savagery (8)
- 2** Engineer loses face in Ohio or Missouri (5)
- 3** City promoted the sixth manservant (3,4)
- 4** Many longshoremen hiding material for stockings (5)
- 6** Idiot omitting "Losses" from lists of sports statistics (7)
- 7** Bit of fabric enveloping first-rate timepiece (9)
- 8** Jaunty, like a croupier's tool? (6)
- 9** Some music I'd invested in: hogwash (4,4)
- 15** Treat lady badly, like some saints? (6-3)
- 16** Colonists dispersed 20s (8)
- 17** Like some heirs—bringing up father and mother, perhaps (8)
- 19** Require a bromantic tête-à-tête? (7)
- 20** Support newsletter (7)
- 21** Leo covers a piece in a smooth musical style (6)
- 23** Lurking in Leipzig, looting a house—that's cold (5)
- 24** Dance beat with energy (5)

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