

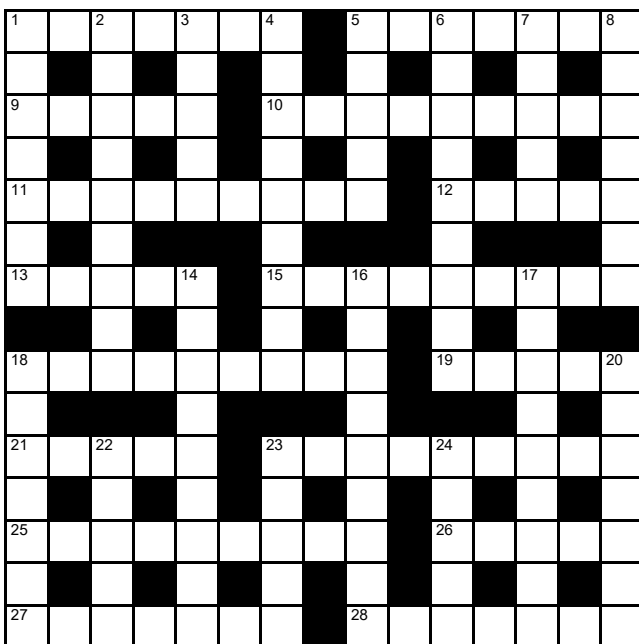
CROSSWORD 17,799 by LEONIDAS

ACROSS

- 1** Thick members of the nobility eschewing books (7)
- 5** Novel brace possibly clasping tips of each canine (7)
- 9** A lepidopterist is slowed down by this musical piece (5)
- 10** Lost Maoris in a Turkish region (4,5)
- 11** Vehicle briefly blocking street by river building? (9)
- 12** Billy perhaps on Ceefax regularly before noon (5)
- 13** Some seen at a lecture on the subject of birth (5)
- 15** Note Warren after midday swallowing a sedative (9)
- 18** Officers old man recalled by tree take flight (9)
- 19** Frame skinned mustelines (5)
- 21** Artist with famous actor mostly one dreaded? (5)
- 23** In April, PC worked for chief (9)
- 25** Adore cycling by Dutch capital stadium (9)
- 26** Dance contributes to music on Galaxy (5)
- 27** Wild grouse catching cold and plague (7)
- 28** Dry extra helpings duke's left by sides of tray (7)

DOWN

- 1** Child below vessel half-lifted meat (7)
- 2** One sitar's played for girls from Toledo? (9)
- 3** Malt dispenser? Old Bobby holds it upside down (5)
- 4** Oscar maybe tense after day in government (9)
- 5** Runner runs home after hard end to race (5)
- 6** Confuse bishop on walk around attraction in reverse (9)
- 7** Paddle made of birch broken by duck (5)
- 8** Close friend enters centre of camp to see POTUS? (7)
- 14** City scheme supported by the German native (9)
- 16** Fun fishy folk traversing Rook Island on time (9)
- 17** Delays mail borne by horses after one's bolted (9)
- 18** Gets queen into sleazy joints (7)
- 20** *Cradlesong* album Lilian buys scratched, oddly (7)
- 22** Sudden burst of small eggs rising across lake (5)
- 23** Writing tricky question with conclusion towards the top (5)
- 24** Narcissi essentially separated by pretend plants (5)



Solution 17,793

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