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ACROSS

- **9** Teller almost managed her workspace after moving university (9)
- **10** Alfresco social event is better (5)
- **11** Deer eating from a round dish (7)
- **12** Notable author interrupts rather abruptly (7)
- **13** Runner is about to cover kilometres (3)
- **14** Charming act can't then supply entertaining staff (11)
- **17** Wife abandoning complaint is turning point (5)
- 18 Expert right to abandon career (3)
 19 Measure satisfied old queen (5)
- 21 Remorseless state that is imprisoning inept men beginning to cry uncontrollably (11)
- 23 Part of publicity campaign involving newspaper's support (3)
- **25** Collaborative action in Australia is onerous (7)
- 27 Pupil who stays at school is more fed up according to report (7)
- 28 Prisoner's detention centre (5)
 29 Lewd social attitudes initially affected
 America (9)

DOWN

- 1 Critical situation of two lives dependent on coroner's case (6)
- 2 Give rise to opportunity (8)
- **3** Peacekeepers wanting to have location broadcast is not expected (10)
- 4 Want daughter of woman born first (4)5 Can curates upset crabby individual? (10)
- 6 What is good for cultivating brains
- following sex change? (4)

 7 Superfluous ending of sentence is too
- complicated (6)

 8 This person's in favour of protecting new
- trees (8)
- 15 Spiteful character welcoming husband's willingness to talk (10)16 Pretence leads to many actors getting
- drunk in moderation (10)

 17 Sound of tune can start to mean
- something transmitted down line (8)
- 20 Cross character in play cocked up entrance (8)
- **22** Lobby controlled by sanctimonious members (6)
- **24** Prepare university dons for performance-related pressure? (6)
- **26** Wrongdoing stopped by good character (4)
- 27 This can be used to shoot wolf (4)