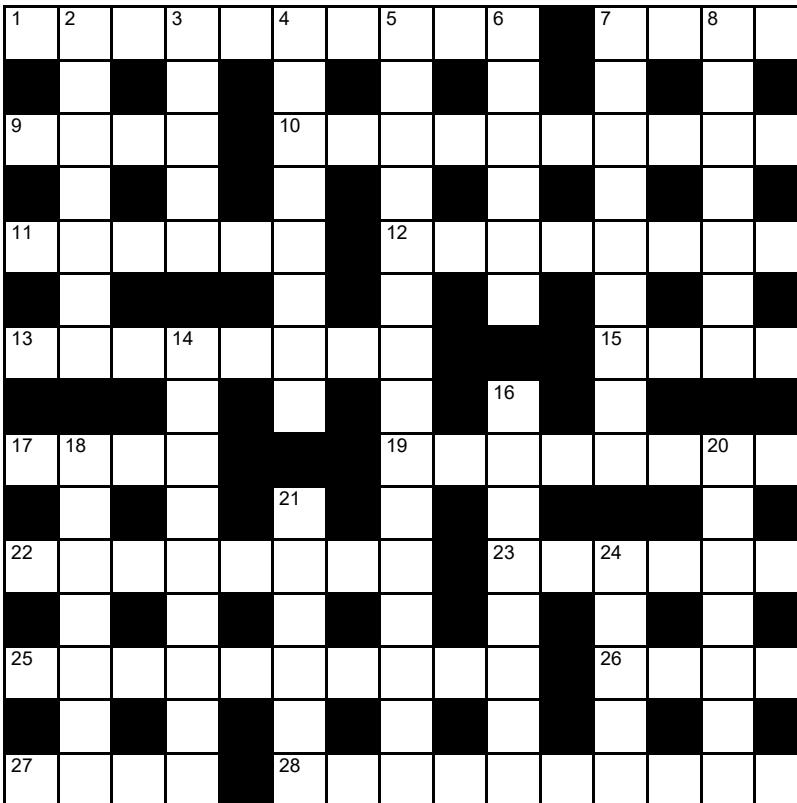
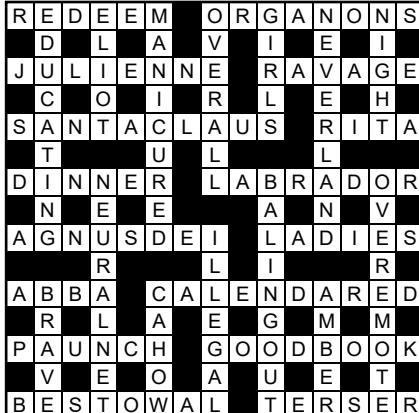


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ACROSS

- What gives the impression Susan's legs must be tanned? (10)
- Thousands besieging University College? Rubbish (4)
- Border guards exposed (4)
- Rationalise Byzantine orangeries (10)
- So little to eat? I'm astonished (6)
- Stun Asterix's sex change surgeon? (8)
- Hide spy's family (8)
- Drugstore straddling main road (4)
- Remove skins from huge old fruit (4)
- Luvvie initially choked by Canal+ award for over-indulgence (8)
- Entirely uniform container of mineral-rich soil (8)
- The ultimate in transport? It carries a stiff charge (6)
- Yankee confused Terry with ease in the past (10)
- Return morning papers to Abigail? (4)
- Joint leaders of expensive enterprise needing key backing (4)
- Director extremely wise, according to auditors, to limit striker's power base (3,7)

DOWN

- Suffer little Albert's position in goal? (7)
- Little indication genetically modified grassland is spreading (5)
- Business park cooks doling out fancy buns for evening's entertainment (5-3)
- He's going to rally desperate junkies meeting here (8,7)
- Regression of 50% of language is notable (6)
- Drink carried by two-thirds of clergymen — something short (9)
- Sack of money? That's right (7)
- Better to avoid extremes... keeping quiet when one's out of order? (9)
- What's common to Obama and Biden leaves Bush in high spirits (8)
- Boat house overwhelmed by four pints of liquid nitrogen (7)
- More unpleasant new wine about to be served up (7)
- Bound to involve 'arry's woman in rows (6)
- Allow lunatic to defer start of meaningful relations (5)

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