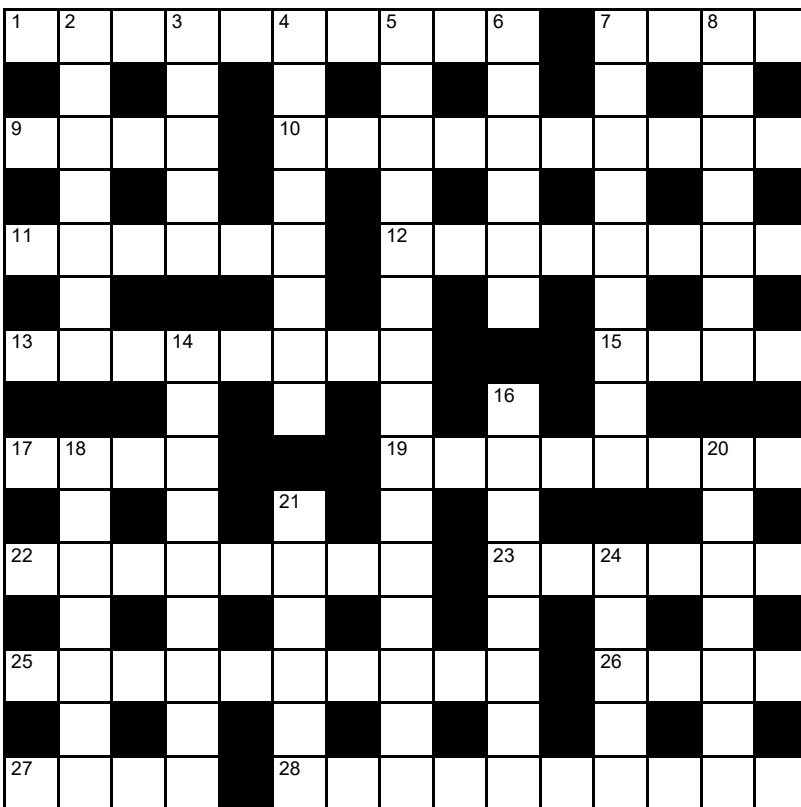
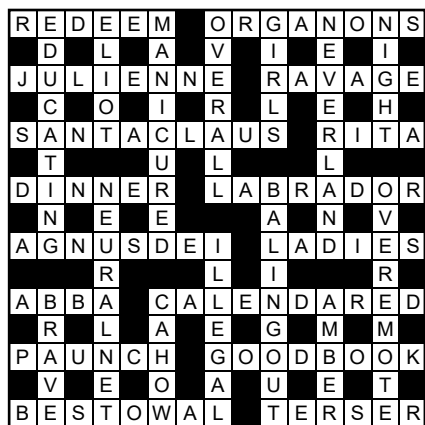


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ACROSS

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

DOWN

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