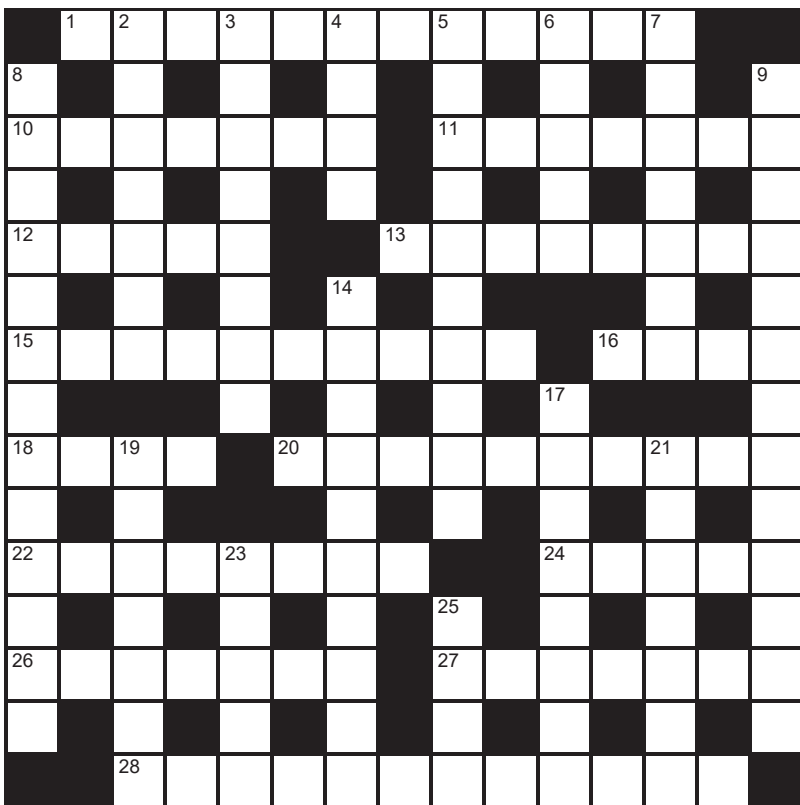


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A 50th anniversary puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Mix wads of lard with a large dish of fruit and nut (7,5)
- 10 Directions about mid-year contest for prospect of holiday, maybe (3,4)
- 11 Leaderless chaos and trouble for plant (7)
- 12 Pay attention to faulty area? (5)
- 13 Heated issue about European border (8)
- 15 Bill members since sport changed (10)
- 16 Involved in last year's infection (4)
- 18 Skirt bishop's two French addresses (4)
- 20 Antelope furious with visitor collecting insects (10)
- 22 How banks may be covered for sudden arrivals (8)
- 24 Nose may be black or white (5)
- 26 Duty to answer company flier (7)
- 27 In central Nairobi, biblical characters are going back to folding sheets (7)
- 28 Get rid of cunning change after unknown solver opened hostilities (3,7,2)

DOWN

- 2 Old warnings unfortunately smother spirit (7)
- 3 Uprising likely to be about split in fishing gear (5,3)
- 4 Scraps right of way system in capitals (4)
- 5 Roll away from traveller's load upset in terrible traffic (5,5)
- 6 Free cans at finishing line (5)
- 7 Local speech is part of media lecture (7)
- 8 Shrinks T-shirts with a spicy mixture (13)
- 9 You're welcome to tinned duck cooked with mint (4,7,2)
- 14 Removes firm admitting Keir's mistake (7,3)
- 17 Failed by over-eating protein regularly (8)
- 19 Resort starts to take open returns to dock (7)
- 21 Irregular air-time for Arab (7)
- 23 Upper class supporters turn up by mistake (5)
- 25 No love for smell that's severe (4)

Solution 18,164

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