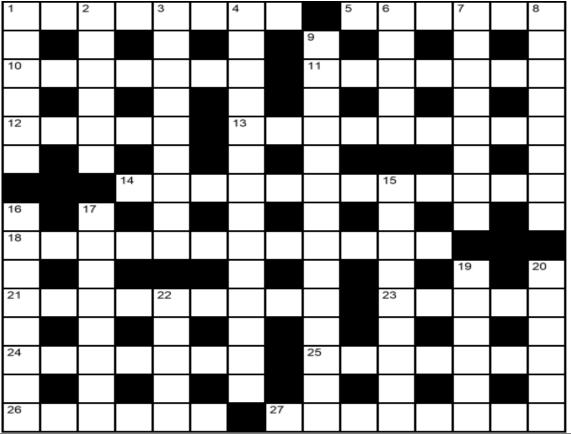


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ONLINE 1



ACROSS

- 1 Unwind with a little Scotch and dope (4,4)
- 5 Bumpkin captivated by extremely curvaceous young women (6)
- 10 Endlessly fearful about container for percussion instruments (7)
- 11 Turn to introduce English queen to Monaco's foremost painter (7)
- 12 Refuse suit after checking length with husband (5)
- 13 Resolutely advanced to surround hideout (9)
- 14 What players in tug-of-war team must do to cooperate (4,8)
- 18 European, extremely old, enters to relax from time to time (5,2,5)
- 21 Audacious judge, expert in evil (9)
- 23 Need to get hold of new antifungal primarily for lichen (5)
- 24 American in a motel ordered breakfast dish (7)
- 25 Immaturity of European consumed by foolish vanity (7)
- 26 Manoeuvring, say, to conceal a misdeed (6)
- 27 Stopped inside bookstore in Edinburgh (6,2)

DOWN

- 1 Leave rivals upset, captivating ultimately hot female (3,3)
- 2 Gold-coloured alloy in muddy moor close to agricultural university (6)
- 3 Baron rebuffed buddy at the complex for late payment? (5,4)
- 4 Fine after consuming hot, boiled starter of consomm perhaps, it fights infection (5,5,4)
- 6 Gang beginning to dance in topless beach (5)
- 7 Wild animals chase the bucks (8)
- 8 Sons receiving request for atomisers (8)
- 9 Criminal tampered with evidence for cases showing arrogance (4-10)
- 15 Implementation of death penalty (9)
- 16 Member ruined after beginning to peddle ecstasy in Welsh town (8)
- 17 Analysis of urine it's for medical problem (8)
- 19 Propose in cabin tenderly (6)
- 20 Caught soon around end of play in gully (6)
- 22 Arrange for extremely nice brand of refrigerant (5)



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ONLINE 2

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ACROSS

- 1 Can toppers work with base, out-of-depth nerds? (7)
- 5 They may provide instructions about adding ground spice (7)
- 9 Resolve to never enter sister's studio, for starters, after tight hug (9)
- 10 Stray bullet oddly dislodged piece of furniture (5)
- 11 Wake father crashed over rug (9)
- 12 Young woman works on reducing two sizes (4)
- 14 Acting essentially totally on heartless ambition (5)
- 16 "Stretch allowance beyond day," you said (8)
- 18 Just beat famous river, going towards east English Channel (8)
- 19 Chose dictionary incorporating page on tense (5)
- 22 Characters four steps behind pier's tip? (4)
- 23 Millions devastated as fine ton snubbed for declaration (9)
- 26 "Press me to get assistance brought over" (5)
- 27 Made smaller pool unit, extremely sustainable during winter (9)
- 28 Somewhat sporadically rebellious (7)
- 29 Set out anger as unproductive (7)

DOWN

- 1 Lacking restraint, mouth "charge!" in public (7)
- 2 See red fruit puree bottles on the counter (5)
- 3 Get topless... now mate delicately (10)
- 4 Spots wife under a plaything (6)
- 5 Heavily active period? Ouch, hurts really badly? Vigorously yell, act out! (4,4)
- 6 Name of town shortened near plaque's edge (4)
- 7 Advertiser using local roster that includes half of city (9)
- 8 Dogs possibly upset with very new family member (7)
- 13 Arrived holding mainly our banner in front (10)
- 15 Cheered tech company controlling gold, diamonds, and a bit of data (9)
- 17 Short skirt goes up; I abruptly shout, "That's harmful!" (8)
- 18 Employ dashing groundskeeper at last in compound (7)
- 20 Desperate princess chasing exit with European (2,2,3)
- 21 Fresh clues implicating Newton, Sam, Tom, perhaps (6)
- 24 Bar food is yummy, ostensibly—the dipsomaniac's taking seconds (5)
- 25 Powder the anal sac regularly (4)