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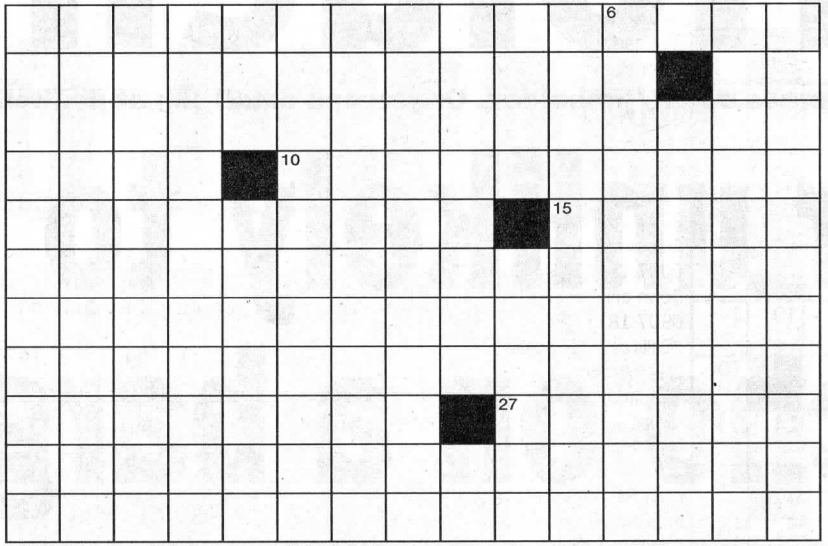
Send your completed crossword to the address shown in the box below left. In the skeleton crossword, the black squares and clue numbers have to be filled in as well as the words. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start. The black squares form a symmetrical pattern; the top half matches the bottom, and the two sides correspond. You can fill in 12 more squares at once to correspond with those given.



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ACROSS

1 Characters such as I... (2 words)
8 ...still cast it randomly
9 American about to count with certainty
10 Villain reversing a vehicle in front of kids, note
13 Softback book (non-fiction)
15 In short, understanding model
16 Story about a listener run before
17 Request a group of countries initiated
20 The final stage may end a lament
23 Update: a Frenchman put on weight
26 Lawyer concluding love letter
27 Move one makes in a London district
28 'Food broke tooth' headline (Hyphenated)

DOWN

1 One goes round, down and up
2 Music a little bit tame initially
3 Pleasant tail removed with grand cut
4 Bone not broken by Latin American
5 Different golfer, same conclusion
6 Relief besieging soldiers expressed
7 Sauce, when doubled up, fed fifty
11 Harbour overrun by ships exposing prows
12 Orator heading in failing to speak
14 A layer of mesh behind some linen?
15 Anger about post Italian's opening
18 Faithful feller turned around to face...
19 ...brother standing in Thurman's shadow
21 A game lady with a German name
22 I may have a hand in taking back sugar
23 Leading lady not quite in shot previously
24 An amphibian from water ensnared
25 Weak enhancements lead to decline

£50 Mystery Word Bonus

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