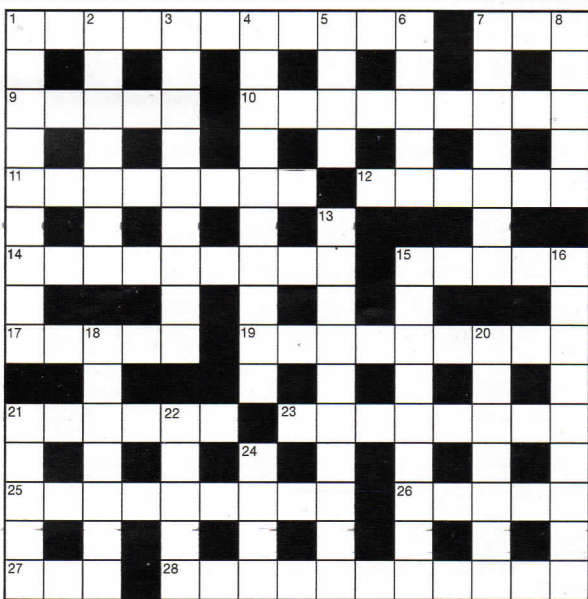


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ACROSS

- 1 The US President 2009-2017 (6,5)
- 7 (and 10 across and 13 down and 21 down) The play for which 18 down is best known (3,7,2,3,7,5)
- 9 Church official or leader (5)
- 10 See 7 across
- 11 Type of paint (8)
- 12 Mogul (6)
- 14 Male head of a family (9)
- 15 Symbol of authority (5)
- 17 Rearrange, alter (5)
- 19 Unwanted (9)
- 21 Sushi condiment (6)
- 23 Hopeful, would-be (8)
- 25 The sort of energy that wind,

- water and sunlight provide us with (9)
- 26 Prickle, spike (5)
- 27 A deer, a female deer (3)
- 28 Surgical removal of the spleen (11)

DOWN

- 1 Apiarist (9)
- 2 Temporary defence work built inside a fortification as a last defensive position (7)
- 3 Stroking affectionately (9)
- 4 18 down's plays provoked a lot of this (10)
- 5 Galway Bay's ___ Islands, where 18 down lived for a while (4)
- 6 Dublin theatre of which 18 down was

- a co-founder (5)
- 7 Gland that secretes hormones which control metabolism and body growth (7)
- 8 Small, delicate and charming (5)
- 13 See 7 across
- 15 If you go this you suddenly

- become very angry (9)
- 16 Crisis (9)
- 18 Irish playwright (1871-1909) (1,1,5)
- 20 River to the Atlantic (7)
- 21 See 7 across
- 22 Game played on lawns (5)
- 24 Cain's brother and victim (4)

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