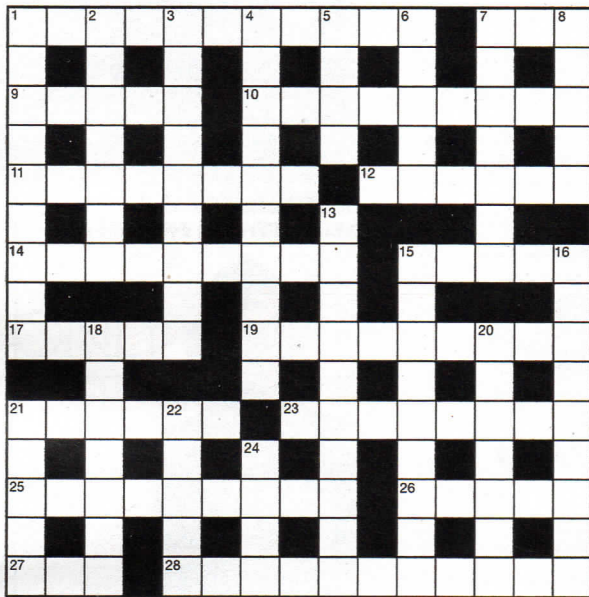


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ACROSS

- 1** Soup made from fowl boiled with leeks (4-1-6)
- 7** (and **11 across**, **19 across**) 1973 masterpiece by **10 across** (3,4,4,2,3,4)
- 9** Single by **10 across** taken from **7,11,19 across** (5)
- 10** English rock band formed in the 1960s (4,5)
- 11** See **7 across**
- 12** Soldier who fires from a concealed place (6)
- 14** US military cemetery (9)
- 15** Compact disc used as a read-only optical disk (2-3)
- 17** Milan's opera house (5)

- 19** See **7 across**
- 21** Underwear for barristers? (6)
- 23** Thinks (8)
- 25** Playwright (9)
- 26** Temporary cessation of fighting (5)
- 27** English progressive rock band formed in 1968 (3)
- 28** **10 across** bass player who wrote all the lyrics for **7,11,19 across** (5,6)

DOWN

- 1** Entertainers who make people laugh (9)
- 2** Manage (7)
- 3** The former name of Ethiopia (9)
- 4** Trek, quest (10)
- 5** Giving (4)
- 6** Small, delicate and charming (5)

- 7** Soldier in a cavalry regiment (7)
- 8** Kind of down (5)
- 13** Teacher (10)
- 15** Ancient Egyptian queen (9)
- 16** Politicians in charge of government departments (9)
- 18** 1977 album by

- 10 across** (7)
- 20** Not clear (7)
- 21** Singer (first name) who had a posthumous number one with 'It Doesn't Matter Anymore' (5)
- 22** Panache (5)
- 24** Nickname of singer Harry Crosby (4)

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