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Last week's solution

1 B	■	2 D	I	3 M	E	4 N	S	5 I	O	6 N	■	7 S
8 A	L	S	O	■	I	■	O	■	N	■	9 O	P	E	N
R	■	10 R	U	M	I	N	A	T	E	D	■	■	U
11 B	12 A	B	Y	■	I	■	D	■	R	■	13 S	L	14 O	B
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17 S	O	L	V	E	■	■	S	■	■	18 A	I	R	E	D
■	M	■	■	19 L	20 A	R	C	E	21 N	Y	■	■	R	■
22 M	A	Y	23 O	■	S	■	R	■	A	■	24 C	U	T	25 E
A	■	■	26 D	I	S	M	I	S	S	A	L	■	■	V
27 L	U	K	E	■	E	■	P	■	A	■	28 A	I	D	E
E	■	■	29 R	E	S	E	T	T	L	E	D	■	■	N

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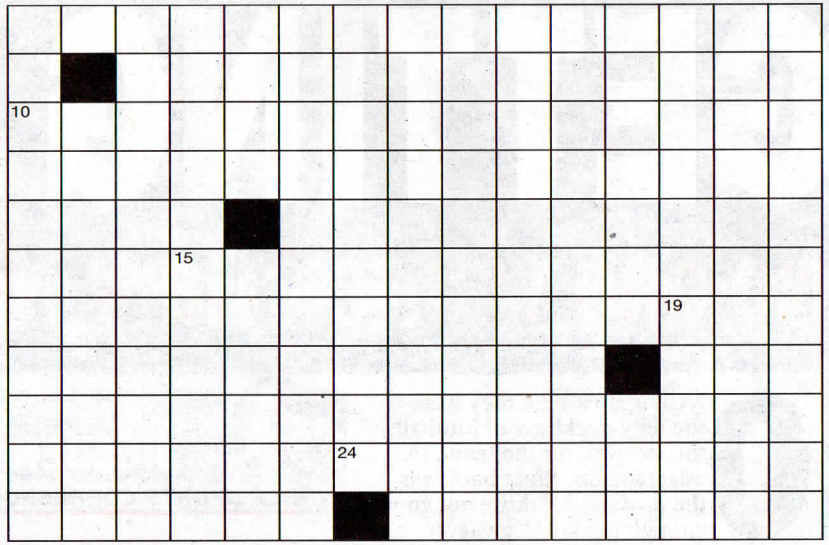

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ACROSS

1 A lettuce plant to pamper
4 Jokes about holding things
8 Either way, this is rubbish
10 Material (cloth over a mineral)
11 Country with some major ravines?
12 Belief in abridged and detailed article
14 More earth for circular lake
15 Wearing only diamonds is wrong!
16 Fourth key on odd instrument
18 Jazzman coming back for filling food
22 Scoundrel afflicted to no avail?
23 Permission to turn up (Hyphenated)
24 Blast, a force was deprived of its leader!
25 Sharp response about a cut cake
26 Communist scold's backward look

DOWN

1 Kept woman by a town (2 words)
2 Shoddy stuff in quarters, say
3 English rivals head to head, then
5 Travelled writer's last poem
6 Concern about 5 getting cut
7 Investor vampires should fear?
8 Acquisition for preservation
9 Drag stuff down with closer art
13 Direct answer about motorway
14 Satisfied male hasn't the heart to ring off
17 Dark corner besieged by troops
19 Twelve in the afternoon? That's correct
20 Loud tune only moderately good
21 It's hot grub, by the sound of it

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