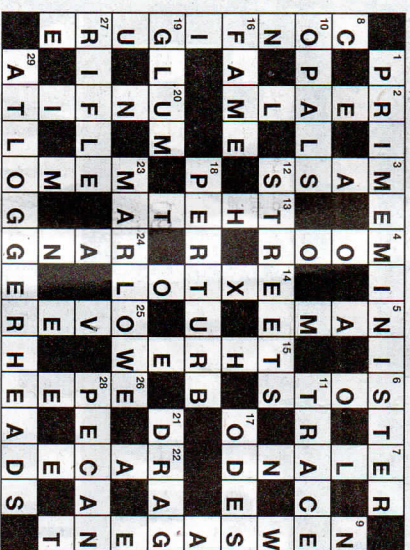


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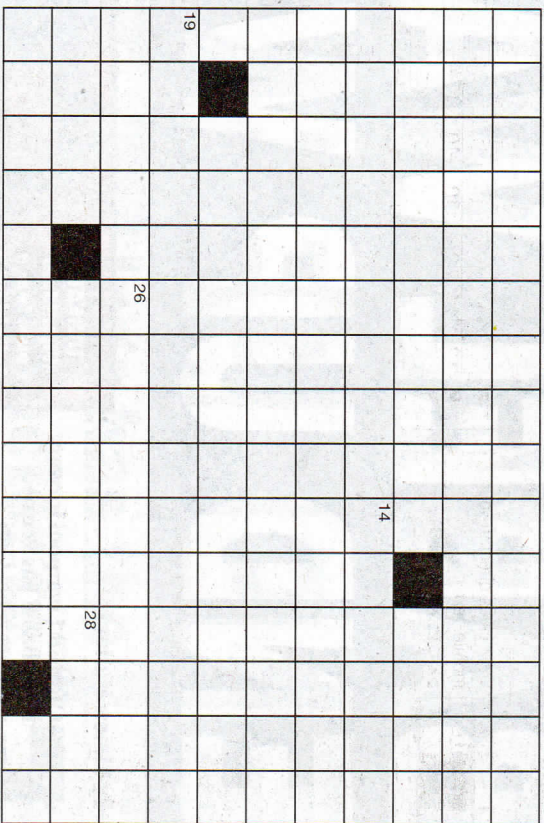


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### ACROSS

- 2 Opposite number spoke...
- 8 ...about Alabama material
- 9 Creep out of bed genuflects
- 10 Country now close, we hear
- 11 Card near a missed composer
- 14 Very bad cast inside houses
- 18 In a word, inaccuracy (2 words)
- 19 Detective losing face during hard day flipped!
- 23 Nevada city with no notoriety
- 26 Best man here finally admits to losing the ring
- 27 Good for Rene, getting another round bonus!
- 28 Make a point about re-electing nefarious leaders
- 29 Deer stunned by actor bounced back

### DOWN

- 1 A star above 'gauche' part
- 2 Incan Inca's original tribe
- 3 Some critic's upset by a negative sort of film
- 4 Threatening bug, in conclusion
- 5 Student brought in to rescue short foreigner
- 6 Timber defaced after lamination starts
- 7 City road taken by a commanding Turk
- 11 "Buzzers used to be quiet" said helplessly
- 12 Birds perhaps holding witness up
- 13 Spun yarn with Lycra core in style
- 15 Paper kind leader wanted to publish
- 16 Plain lines not the entirety of a note
- 17 12 hide without effort, initially
- 20 Something stolen from a bathroom put back
- 21 Sailors aboard American vessels
- 22 A goddess who edgcs away on time
- 23 Bishop holding a title
- 24 deacon back
- 24 Essential oils from Leo Enid's blended
- 25 Information about bank closer to bend

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