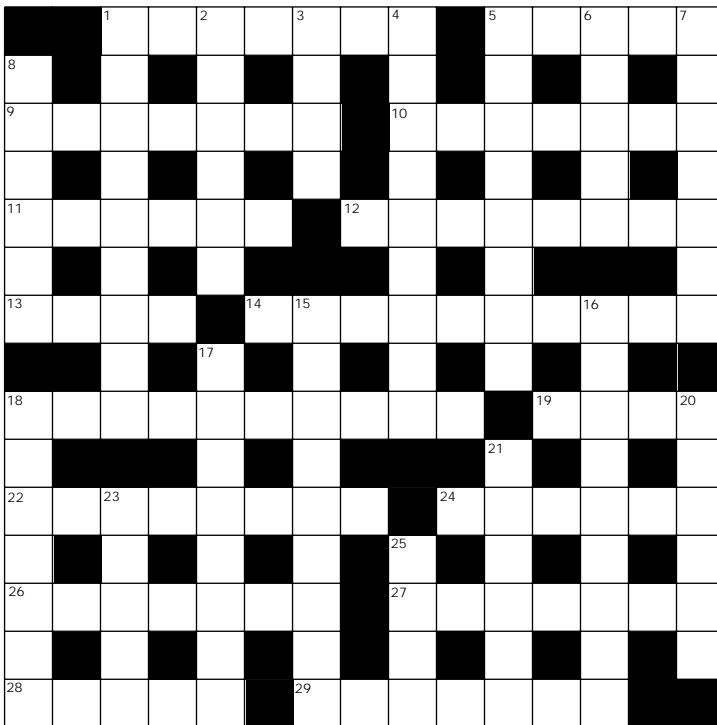


Cryptic Crossword

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Pastimes

The theme of this puzzle is ARCHAEOLOGY, so dig in—and if you need help with deciphering, visit (www.upenn.edu/gazette/puzzle/puzzle.html). Answers to last issue's puzzle appear on page 82.

ACROSS

1. Some say look intently in center of ancient structure (7)
5. Caravan's first problem: lame beast of burden (5)
9. First of operations with low grade egg turned sour and smelly (7)
10. Farming out and creating a border (7)
11. Ancient Egyptian city is the best, almost (6)
12. Find out about the quality of material (8)
13. Satchel contains evidence (4)
14. Shake out the Alp soil to find ancient stone implements (10)
18. Seal inside a crate deciphered to determine age (10)
19. Bring back record speed and put out (4)
22. Nile sage with shaky pedigree (8)
24. Thieves have staffs (6)
26. Releases bonds restricting one to dramatic principles of Aristotle (7)
27. Not knowing of peace organization before a conflict with English (7)
28. Swindle in alien land (5)
29. Duty unpleasant for family maintaining power (7)

DOWN

1. Roof collapses around press of academic (9)
2. Dug in and cheered on (6)
3. Think about cat calls in audience (4)
4. Unusual fender fit badly (9)
5. Cleverly fix clay rift (8)
6. Auditioned in most important state (5)
7. Stage of journey comes to conclusion in stories (7)
8. Pre-Islamic Egyptian has carbon eye (6)
15. In the Year of our Lord, put on clothes and talked (9)
16. Marry poet, free for the time being (9)
17. Scientist has bit of berry to stain concoction (8)
18. Treatment involves first of ultra light tissue cells (7)
20. Sampled Tehran's first mixed dates (6)
21. Trustee devours snacks (6)
23. Inquisitive about one, and vociferous (5)
25. Speak magical incantation in remains of city (4)