ACROSS

- **1** Our nice client's unsettled by judge's admonition (7,2,5)
- **9** Burglar Bill's holding back, a sign of autumn (5)
- 10 Founder spilling air into it (9)
- 11 US city stylish in years gone by (7)
- **12** Have they escaped from awful regimes? (7)
- 13 Prince upturned a container (4)
- **14** Mostly popular officer (2,7)
- **18** Brand of car that becomes a tech lover (9)
- **20** For starters had undercooked fish fillet, resulting in fit of pique (4)
- 22 Don't vote with a black mark (7)
- **25** Not to be seen, though just arrived? (7)
- 26 Fellow leaves carnival to rock cat, for example (9)
- **27** For starters, orchestra's conductor teaches eight this musical piece (5)
- 28 Tangled netting likened to sharp implement (8,6)

DOWN

- 1 Join leader in league during season (6)
- 2 A bit cruel, converting to oil (9)
- **3** Falls back on another occasion with artist (7)
- 4 Magazine column tailored, I suspect (9)
- **5** Being innocent, I entered into part of church (5)
- 6 Personal view round wing (7)
- **7** Something turning backwards and forwards? (5)
- **8** With anger, see type of tyre not soft (7)
- 15 Printer finishes printing green but breaks down (9)
- 16 Pondered about what the mirror did (9)
- 17 Etch from the beginning? (7)

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- **19** One with a pragmatic attitude is alert to change (7)
- **20** Why is it that we mooch around? (3,4)
- 21 Put golf peg beside piece of furniture (6)
- 23 Poles admitting anger or alarm (5)
- 24 Girl I moan about (5)