

ACROSS

- 1 Draws out (9)
- 8 The Three Wise Men (4)
- 9 Most lovely (9)
- 10 State to the north of Arizona (4)
- 13 Female spouses (5)
- 16 Spicy fragrance (5)
- 17 Blacksmith's block (5)
- 18 Slender shoots (5)
- 19 Acute apprehension (5)
- 20 Badgers' lairs (5)
- 21 Unsavoury (5)
- 24 Virtuous, beneficial (4)
- 27 Snack-bar (9)
- 28 Thin flexible sword (4)
- 29 Air current in the upper atmosphere (3,6)

DOWN

- 2 Barely cooked (4)
- 3 Ballet dancer's short stiff skirt (4)
- 4 Claim of being elsewhere at the time of a crime (5)
- 5 Liking (5)
- 6 Incarceration (9)
- 7 Superior (4-5)
- 11 Made an aggressive speech (9)
- 12 Small animals of the civet family (9)
- 13 Units of power (5)
- 14 Thin, semi-transparent fabric (5)
- 15 Lively, bold (5)
- 22 Rub out, delete (5)
- 23 Fights between two (5)
- 25 Dam (4)
- 26 Beatles' meter maid (4)

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