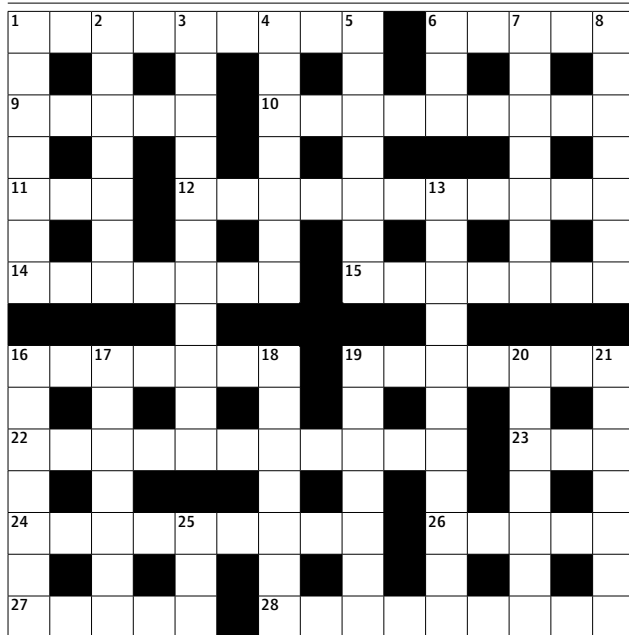


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Across

- 1 Wants political biopic shown in bar, Oscar contender (5,4)
- 6 Part of the house acclaimed old movie star (5)
- 9 Director and actor taking part in challenge (5)
- 10 Common sense about where Bing and Bob went in 1947 in Hitchcock classic (9)
- 11 Allowed line introducing Spielberg hit (3)
- 12 Absorbing story blends peril with disruption (11)
- 14 Comic strips used without copyright for film texts (7)
- 15 Far from average former great actor holding leading part in movie (7)
- 16 Location of many catches, where "Jaws" was partly filmed (3,4)
- 19 Joined in editing page included in cut (7)
- 22 Not a winner this time around? Perhaps on a different occasion (7,4)
- 23 McGraw in boxing movie (3)
- 24 Partial angle about odd dream for superhero (6-3)
- 26 Movie star large in reputation (5)
- 27 It was instrumental in making movie that got Holly Hunter an Oscar (5)
- 28 Lacking true grit, even retreating across river? Not so (9)

Down

- 1 Musicians who also made films, unusually able set (7)
- 2 In hall, starting like team of Oscar presenters (3-4)

- 3 Filmed historic event in Washington (1963) or London (1939) (5,6)
- 4 Debra and others, players on the fringes (7)
- 5,18 She's crazy a lot in name part (7,7)
- 6 Fish in area covered by maker of 3 down (3)
- 7 Movie agent that's hugging large comic strip heroine (7)
- 8 Unfinished Elm Street production in British studio location (7)
- 13 Crenelation reconstructed for historical epic (11)
- 16 Use part in unconventional way – it's what many an Oscar winner does (5,2)
- 17 Arousing films, for example, using Beethoven's music, including his fourth (7)
- 18 See 5
- 19 More austere in ultimate part, Mirren's 2006 role (7)
- 20 C for Chaplin, say (7)
- 21 Directors in vehicles, several holding Oscar, finally (7)
- 25 Feeling of self-importance obvious in "The Godfather" (3)

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