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Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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ACROSS

1,4-across

Butcher, resend rabbit or bird (5,9)

4 See 1-across

8 Dessert bust-up has close outcome (9,6)

10 Make a Saint drop head over tail and make angry (10) ANTAGONIZE

11 Shaking head, phone everyone (3)

13 Improves, since her trouble (8)

15 Control unlimited free pine pins (4,2) Rein in

17 Regularly sampled eleven lychees (6)

19 Disrespect and disadvantage casual worker, adding time (8)

22 Go off, heading west for rocky peak (3) TIP TOP

23 Shaming motor sport after jibe about pole (10)

26 Neill washes a cat astonishingly spotless (5,2,1,7) Rep RPA

27 One enticing Republican spouse, briefly, to flip (9)

28 Serious end of ship (5)

Down cont'd

21 Exhausts emergency workers inside - turns on pressure (4,2)

24 Hair accessories for trims (5)

DOWN

1 Short Stallone flick's music style (4) OWNER

2 Empty beer holder's more bronze (7) BROWNER

3 Even into hot spa in Queensland town (5)

4 Logical wine to consume all together (8)

5 Enticed to go back: the last will be first (4,2)

6 President of AFL team and first lady oddly late (9) a

7 Muscles: can admitted alpha do without? (7) ABSTAIN

8 Last night, elephants rampaged to the music of Holst (3,7) planets

12 I leave docket on new lace container? (10)

14 Can oldie recreate Braveheart's Scotland? (9) re

16 Mortgage holder again put on shrunken fleece backwards (8) Borrower

18 Dedicated point to include right direction (7)

20 Bloke with a hot drink heard marine mammal (7)

25 Blood vessel reportedly useless (4) not

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