

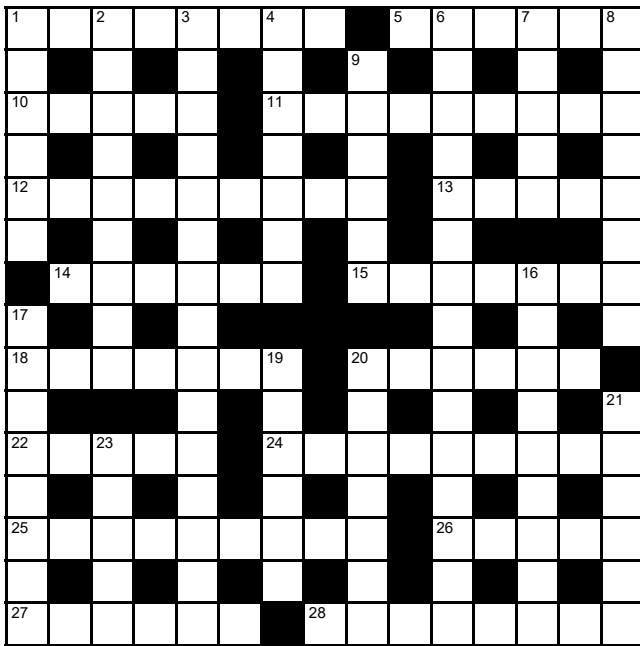
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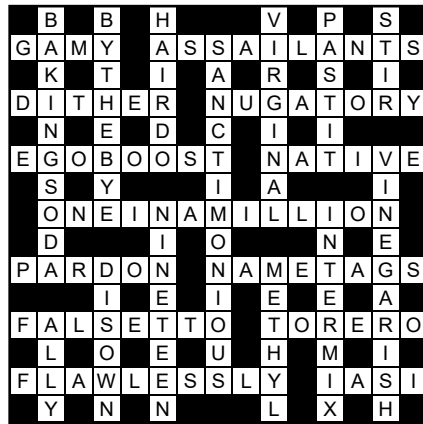
- 1** Opposed hits on the radio where there's so much heavy metal (4,4)
5 Let papa off, being in good humour (6)
10 I'm leaving daughter that is draped with gold (5)
11 Party switching leader from Republican to Democrat — such duplicity! (9)
12 A highly-trained individual, Boycott gambled after securing 50 (5,4)
13 Country to increase military spending after changing sides (5)
14 Most splendid home for top level motor racing? (6)
15 Horse-drawn vehicle delaying Charlie Bean (7)
18 Musicians — a long time dressing (7)
20 What about probing Conservative ideology? (6)
22 Played the leads in *Alien*, *Crash*, *The Exorcist* and *Dune* (5)
24 Instrument relaying positive news from Leeds maternity unit? (4,5)
25 Being self-obsessed, Russians actively embracing cold (9)
26 Bay home no longer vacant (5)
27 Husband on board shabby inflatable boat (6)
28 Think seriously about De Niro's cast (8)

DOWN

- 1** Fine meat course finally served with a brandy glaze (6)
2 Rugby country impacted by current bankruptcy (9)
3 Punch in the mouth? We click 'UK' and 'NHS' to get treatment (7,8)
4 Eccentric chaps start to tackle leftover (7)
6 Quietly feeding preening emus or exotic birds (7,8)
7 Hindu deity cherished by Rishi Valmiki (5)
8 Explosive daytime broadcast around noon (8)
9 Crush the spirit? (6)
16 Dog behaved like a dog, having end away (9)
17 Got 1D (a bit contrived, boring) (8)
19 Engineer a raise for Julius after upsetting the gaffer (6)
20 In the US, Bill's firm imports adult hot stuff (7)
21 My boss redid story using trimmed content (6)
23 Go around Italy's principal city (5)



Solution 18,093



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