

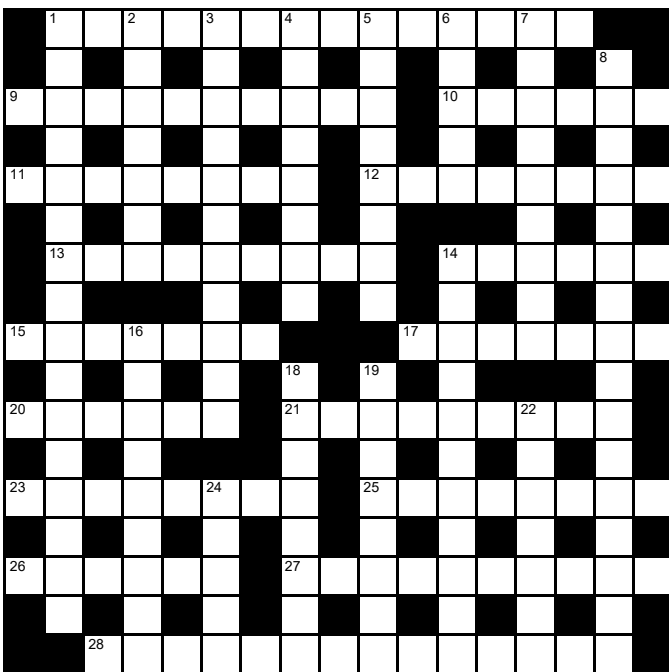
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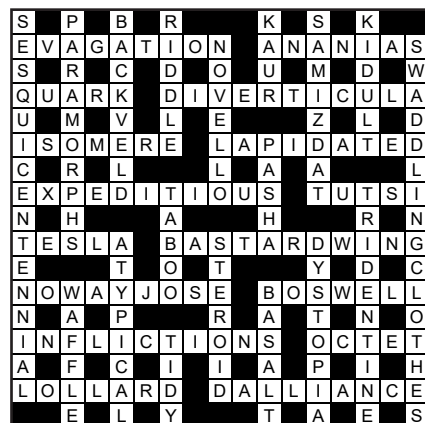
- 1** US country rock pioneers noted for their song *Cathy's Clown* (6,8)
9 A person who initiates illegal activity (10)
10 *American* ___, 1930 painting by US artist Grant Wood (6)
11 The second largest city in Cyprus (8)
12 Roman diplomat and patron of poets Virgil and Horace (8)
13 An exothermic process used in producing explosives (9)
14 Large ___ Collider, particle accelerator near Geneva (6)
15 A desirable or usable feature of a building or place (7)
17 Studio album by Pink Floyd featuring Battersea Power Station on its cover (7)
20 To squirm or make contortions of the body (6)
21 A hymn of ancient Greece sung in honour of the god of wine and fertility (9)
23 Breed of terrier that originated in a valley in the West Riding of Yorkshire (8)
25 A bluish discoloration of the skin due to poor circulation or inadequate oxygenation (8)
26 Jon ___, Cuban-born US singer noted for the song *Just Another Day* released in 1992 (6)
27 A long coiled tube that stores sperm (10)
28 Bright red polished pottery used in the Roman Empire (5,9)

DOWN

- 1** Argentinian goalkeeper, winner of Golden Glove at 2022 World Cup (8,8)
2 To transplant living tissue (7)
3 Fortification in Kent built on islands in a lake formed by the River Len (5,6)
4 Flowering shrub also called butterfly bush (8)
5 Describing prisoners in custody awaiting trial (2,6)
6 William ___, elected UK Conservative Party leader in 1997 (5)
7 ___ (*Or Anywhere*), song by The Beautiful South released in 1996 (9)
8 Italian actress whose films included *Beat the Devil* and *Solomon and Sheba* (4,12)
14 Actor who played Napoleon Solo in 2015 remake of *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* (5,6)
16 Private Catholic research university in Indiana founded in 1842 (5,4)
18 *Love in* ___, comedy play by Terence Rattigan published in 1944 (8)
19 The arrangement of aircraft traffic at busy times while waiting to land at an airport (8)
22 An archaic term for a courtesan (7)
24 Red ___, US oil well firefighter born in 1915 (5)



Solution 1,244



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