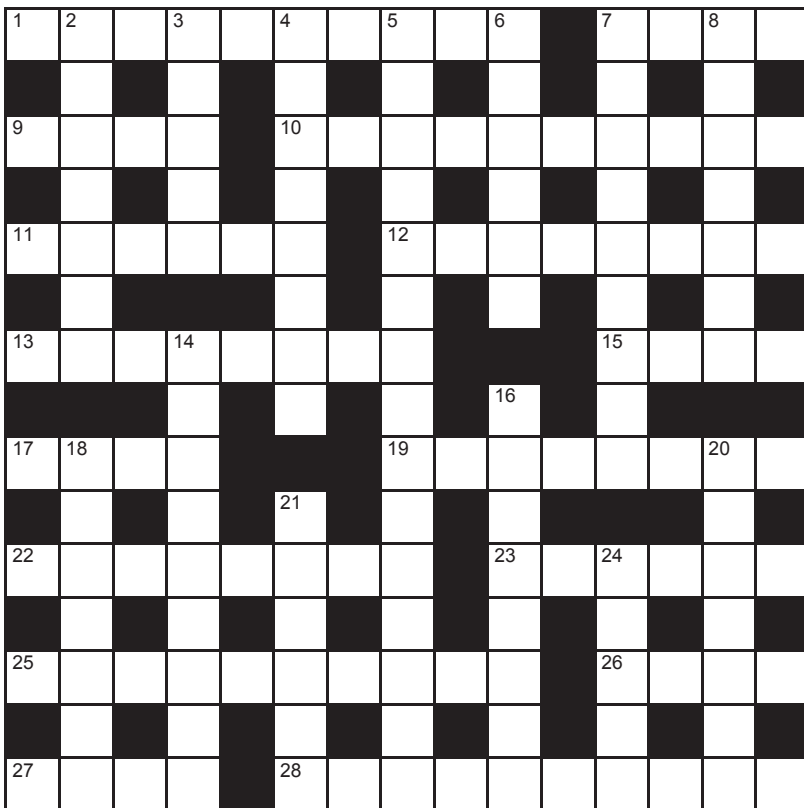


CROSSWORD

No 16,772 Set by JULIUS



ACROSS

- 1 Charlie, using ganja with Rick, holding up a vehicle (10)
- 7 Put the mockers on journalist's debut in *Times* (4)
- 9 Question 1: what's the capital of 28? That sort of thing? (4)
- 10 Harry Styles track endlessly played on this? (7,3)
- 11 Thirdly, puppy goes walkies regularly so look smart! (4,2)
- 12 On which I wheel away to my lectures? (8)
- 13 Livingstone, for one, to speak loudly about East African statesman (8)
- 15 Catalan architect getting rid of German car (4)
- 17 Zulu king holding account in Sydney worth 5cents (4)
- 19 Atwitter, I yak incessantly about Japanese food (8)
- 22 Others smoke in rehab (4-4)
- 23 Place kiss on Ms Hird's chest (6)
- 25 One employed in advertising firm making wry tripe? (10)
- 26 Gassy lawman sounding sore (4)
- 27 In Monte Carlo, I join Royal couple in tug (4)
- 28 Southern African citizen who may have a hugely inflated opinion of his worth (10)

DOWN

- 2 Gaza jury cites completely exposed compound (7)
- 3 Gaudy bird snatching forty winks? (5)
- 4 Caught Spock violently grabbing it in battlegrounds (8)
- 5 Statement of resignation broadcast by Uta on FaceTime (2,3,4,4,2)
- 6 Old time greeting in good Conservative style from way back (6)
- 7 Sweet, wobbly little 'un? (5,4)
- 8 Like a Christmas tree cross (7)
- 14 A pair of Tibetan cattle eating English Tewkesbury peeled rhubarb (6-3)
- 16 Airport constructed outside European capital (8)
- 18 Shocking! American females (nameless) swallowing ecstasy tablets (7)
- 20 Arab ruler last seen in Thirsk (Yorkshire town) having X-ray taken (7)
- 21 It's Rocky, ordering at least four pints (6)
- 24 Type of lake beast going over front of ship (5)

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