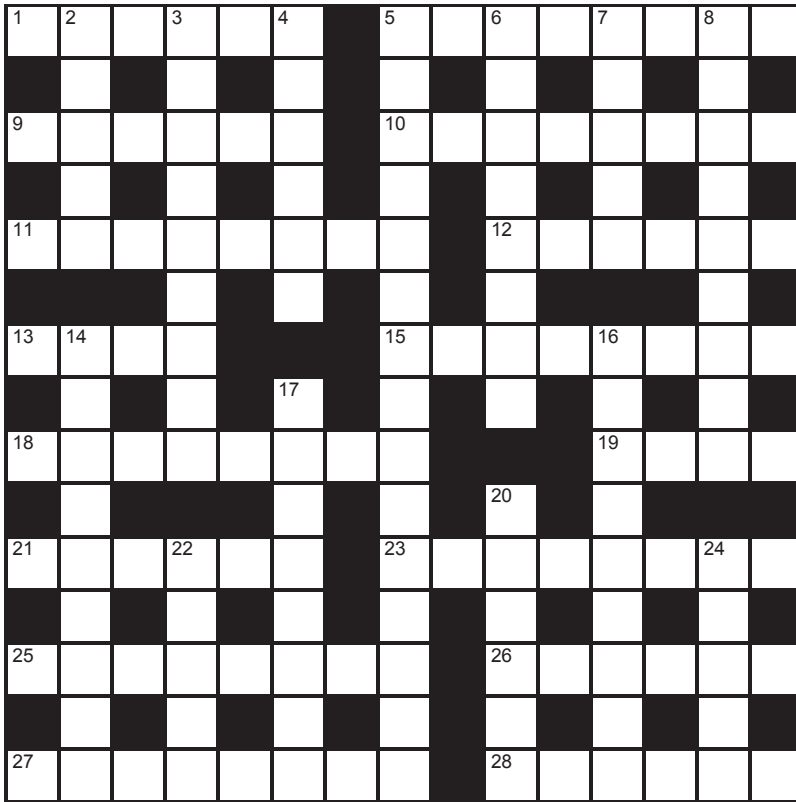


# CROSSWORD

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## ACROSS

- 1 Former student taken aback by announcement of Scandinavian scientist (6)
- 5 Flipping bad smell? Fish stew's contents out of date (8)
- 9 Muck football team about (6)
- 10 Dove father caught with one hand (8)
- 11 Hairs found on rug and bedding (8)
- 12 A city street is all the same (6)
- 13 Time to wake up (4)
- 15 Bad vibes holding English boy back in colonies (8)
- 18 Festival of dunces dancing around a pole (8)
- 19 Some advice about bread (4)
- 21 Helicopter's acceleration rate maintains height (6)
- 23 He strips off for fashionistas (8)
- 25 Present study by retired doctor about universal supplement (8)
- 26 Harem guard from Europe roughly abducted by retreating barbarian (6)
- 27 Records broken by international poetry events (8)
- 28 Pass by protective gear in port (6)

## DOWN

- 2 City boss unveiled a mounted assault weapon (5)
- 3 Confused FBI agent accepts erroneous result (9)
- 4 Manipulated reports as required (6)
- 5 Plump babe shoots drunk in gripping adaptation (9,6)
- 6 Famous Greek cardinal makes speech about head of church (8)
- 7 Haughty socialist embraces love having dropped ecstasy (5)
- 8 Witness part-time soldiers fording river (9)
- 14 False note undermines top political party (7-2)
- 16 Setter's politically correct about Eton-schooled earl's inadequacy (9)
- 17 Home provided care for fiancée (8)
- 20 Initially propounded concerns in depressing newspaper article (6)
- 22 Soprano's overwhelmed by revolutionary musical (5)
- 24 Run over military police officer's missing daughter (5)

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