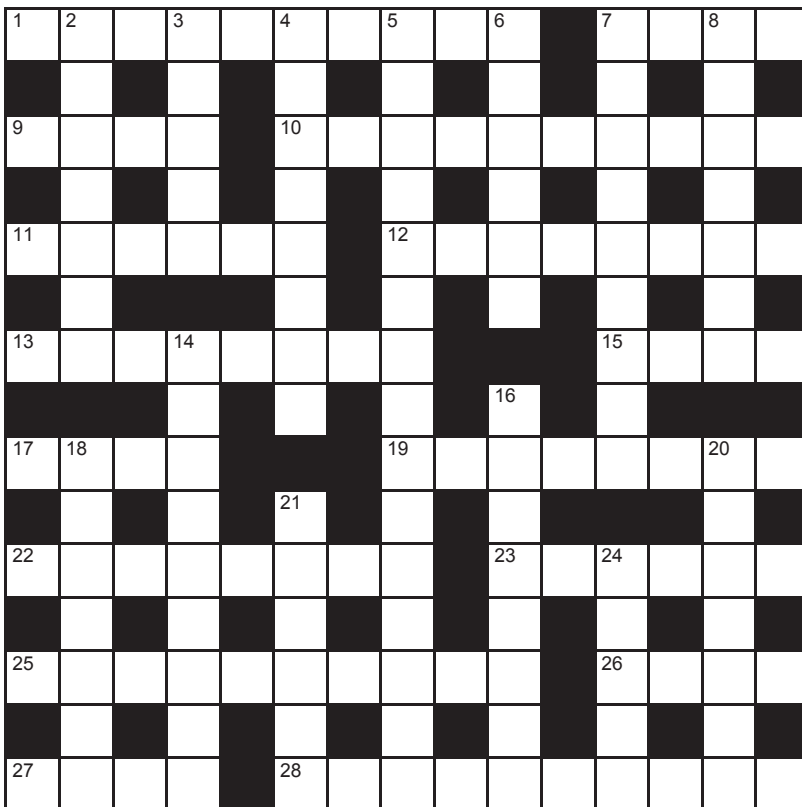


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ACROSS

- 1 Hospital modern-day treatment is safe (4,3,3)
- 7, 3 Guard with a penchant for a burger? (9)
- 9 Some obstetricians don't change (4)
- 10 Not laying eggs with six and half a dozen being the same (10)
- 11 High-flyer is to secure limo, possibly by the 2nd of August . . . (6)
- 12 . . . for his father, lauded as revolutionary (8)
- 13 Obvious insect seen inside banana (8)
- 15 Primarily ignorant, bigoted old goat (4)
- 17 It's the worst type of people that will rise to the top (4)
- 19 Beginning to enjoy morgues, possibly? (8)
- 22 Queen's problem finding room to host broadcast by Brexit chief (4,4)
- 23 No team backing for this original thinker (6)
- 25 Magic reported from this or that boat? (10)
- 26, 27 Artistic range after religious minority (8)
- 28 Phil into sex and karate, initially out to thrill (10)

DOWN

- 2 Current chief demoted: it's visual (7)
- 3 See 7 across
- 4 Elite fighter getting entangled with dentist for St Valentine's Day (4,4)
- 5 Unequal combat when six intercept father on leave in unstable Thailand (5,3,7)
- 6 We are delighted to find ground pipe you once covered (6)
- 7 Sign supporting right to board public transport as financial assistance for scholars (9)
- 8 Tune she played for rave (7)
- 14 Designer manicure on fingernail, ultimately digital? (9)
- 16 Adolescent hostelry getting renovated later (8)
- 18 To start computer, laptop and various IT equipment requires a keyboard (7)
- 20 Low and old city centres thus illuminated at night (7)
- 21 Being held captive by Nicaragua checkpoint is awkward (6)
- 24 Since discarding clothing, you are said to suffer (5)

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