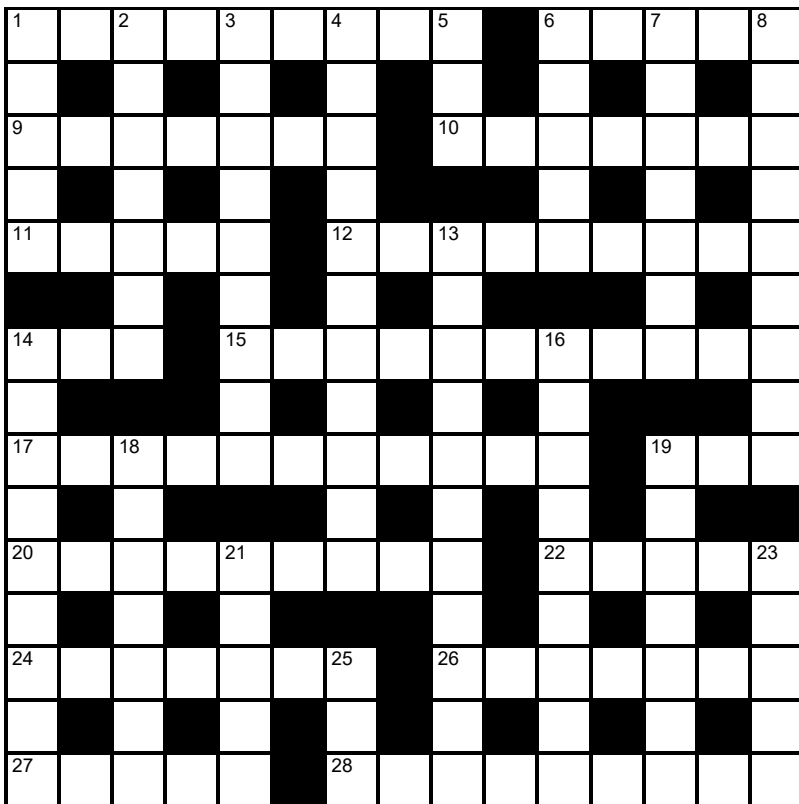


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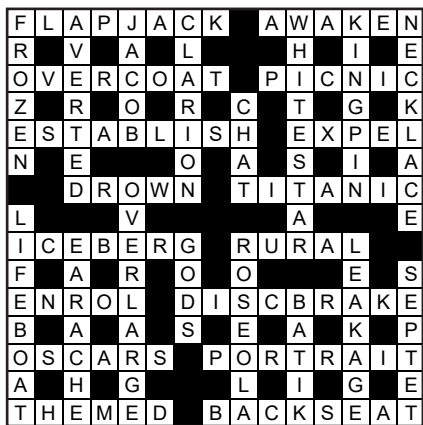
- 1 Craze about weapons, note, in country area (9)
- 6 Exclusive concession protecting firm (5)
- 9 Maybe still go down in competition (5-2)
- 10 Writing about Mediterranean's No. 1 island shows potential (7)
- 11 Paul, say, succeeded with excellent later books (5)
- 12 Adjunct program finish is ahead of time (9)
- 14 Parent, silent (3)
- 15 Unfortunate actor vainly claiming to know what happens next? (11)
- 17 Old cinema in decline? No, OK with new format (11)
- 19 Female artist on way back? Very much (3)
- 20 Mark literary character as potentially most weary (3,6)
- 22 Pressure, impulse, leading to measure to force dissidents out (5)
- 24 Brought by visitor, eg a novelty herb (7)
- 26 Bitter, furiously, about introduction of usurper's payment (7)
- 27 Embarrassing display witnessed, reportedly (5)
- 28 Soldier happy to accept Church article on return (9)

DOWN

- 1 Centre of attention for nearly all clubs, American (5)
- 2 Element that's strange about container that reaches India (7)
- 3 Place set somehow to welcome 100 for show (9)
- 4 Giving reasons English vote scheme is supported by a politician (11)
- 5 Dive in promptly at outset and swim (3)
- 6 Proved to be quiet, personal (5)
- 7 Island's old family not present, last to go (7)
- 8 Host kind of tense, I hesitate to say (9)
- 13 A favourite singer or one up to no good? (11)
- 14 Tours arranged after battle? Shocking (9)
- 16 Encouraging shout welcomes one upcoming Greek character, retsina lover? (9)
- 18 Arrive around gym time and get into contest (7)
- 19 Pattern favouring stubborn person changed in the end (7)
- 21 Swiftly take off with Bill aboard (5)
- 23 Hostile, rowdy men easily upset nurses (5)
- 25 Henry blocking award for law expert (3)

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