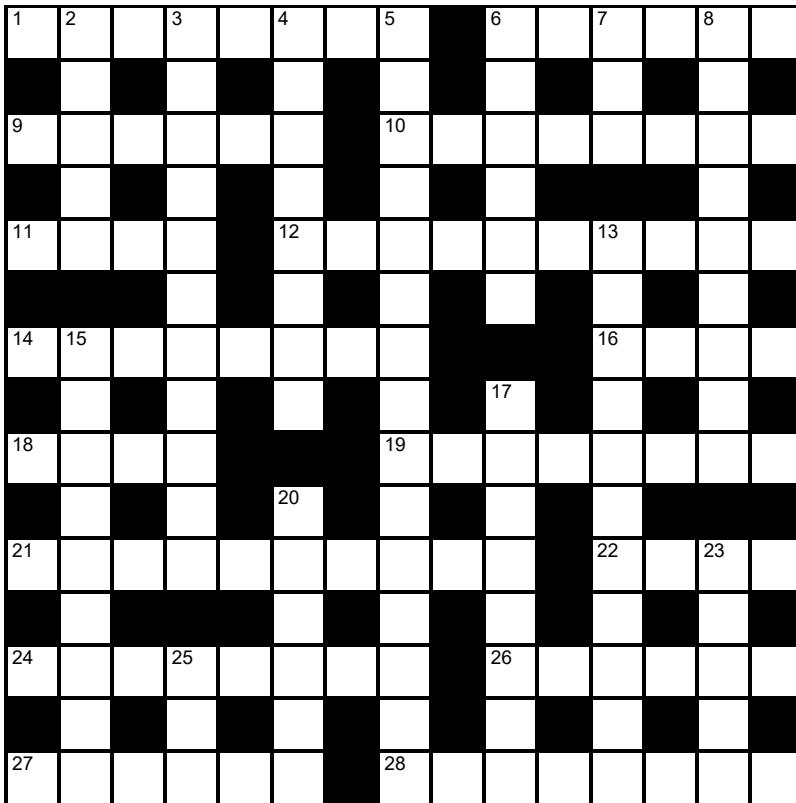


CROSSWORD

No 17,525 Set by ARTEXLEN



ACROSS

- 1 Believed hype of French rock band making comeback (8)
 6 Attendant left on ship? I'm not sure (6)
 9 Against crossing road over barrier (6)
 10 Woe of a learner driver before noon stuck in metropolis (8)
 11 Pronounced part of fork in river (4)
 12 Regularly seen three fellows party with American great (10)
 14 Liking second post with number following back (8)
 16 Cry from bird biting rook's throat (4)
 18 Alien in South Africa is Greek character (4)
 19 Fuddy-duddy not totally better, bit old, ultimately (8)
 21 Large structures of castle hard to renovate (10)
 22 Fit wires cut at both ends (4)
 24 Dance buff daughter taking over lead in dance (8)
 26 Horrible having unused wings, dodo bit lousy (6)
 27 Contacts core of group within range (6)
 28 Spooner's alcohol support for piano-maker (8)

DOWN

- 2 Capacious jumper belonging to me (5)
 3 Unexpected loss in stage of competition (6,5)
 4 Creatures that swim from island advanced on river (8)
 5 Abroad, used to eating game casserole, a French dish (7,8)
 6 Exercise class on grass lifting small ball (6)
 7 Drive down slope without parking (3)
 8 Associates in hospital ward as old as us (9)
 13 Reinvented a certain old profession (11)
 15 Once more showing a profit after deliveries (4,5)
 17 Viewing device in photos cop enlarged (8)
 20 Mythological figure's bust on dais (6)
 23 Woman last to be brought up in concerning hearing (5)
 25 Exhausted running up and down (3)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,523

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