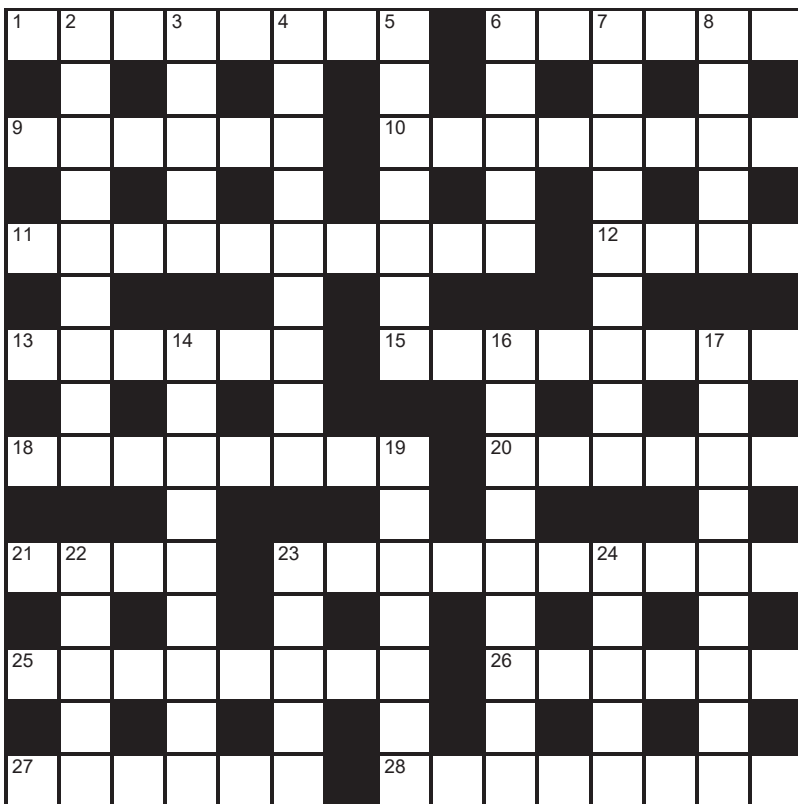


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A musical anniversary tribute

ACROSS

- 1 Small piece of a nation's at sea (8)
- 6 Twist case of eager artist (6)
- 9 Brief manipulation of report on sparkling ring (6)
- 10 See 23 Down
- 11 Edit generic DNA of relative (10)
- 12 See 23 Down
- 13 Just mean to follow spiritual leader (6)
- 15 Very close to being the most drunk (8)
- 18 Controversially, extreme divers free to remove trunks (8)
- 20 Cargo delay involves uproar (6)
- 21 See 23 Down
- 23 Slightly altered self-image is what politician desires (10)
- 25 Utter stench with sign of spirit (3,2,3)
- 26 Half-term in Euston station (6)
- 27 Harden attitude (6)
- 28 Drawn very well without first-rate pattern makers (3-5)

DOWN

- 2 Could be significant being educated differently (9)
- 3 Tip-off of priest's crime (5)
- 4 Money changes with size of protein producing same reaction (9)
- 5 Elbow supporter with ultimate venom during detention (7)
- 6 Peace force in the borders (5)
- 7 Stepped up and betrayed grasping revolutionary (9)
- 8 Scanning electronically, your items never get opened (5)
- 14 Appeared to retain right to be supported (7,2)
- 16 Listen to score and refuse to spy theme (9)
- 17 Lose self-wonderfulness, wrecked by drink (9)
- 19 Last report on old city of gold (3,4)
- 22 Cancel Caesarean section in retirement (5)
- 23/21/10/12 Hide in pure earth-moving smash hit (5,4,8,4)
- 24 Soldier's musical gun (5)