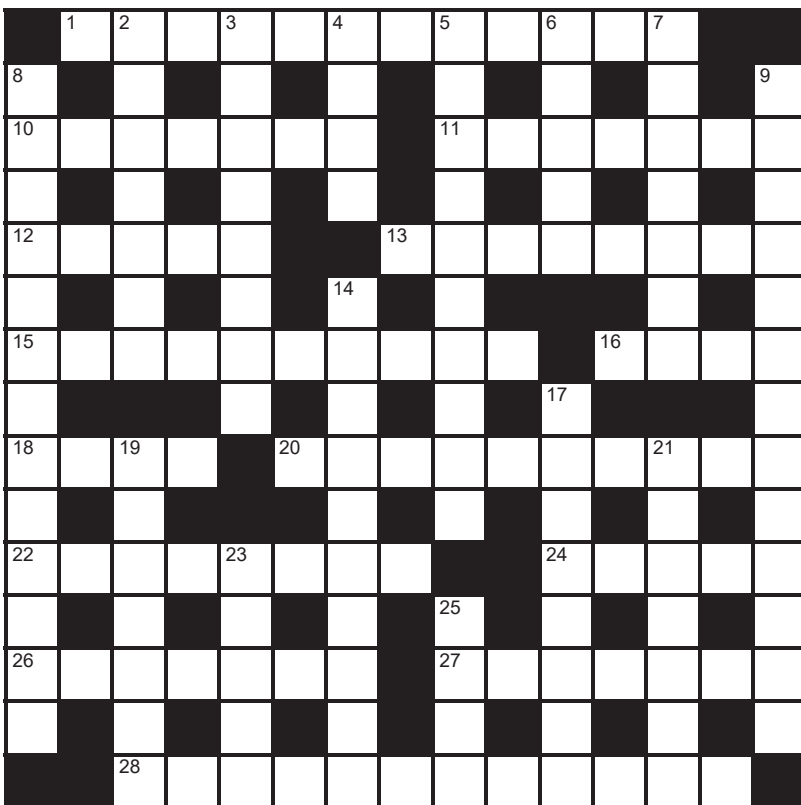


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ACROSS

- 1 Trend-chasing youths, good sorts, taking MDMA by north-eastern counter (5-7)
- 10 Former state's EU broadcast about accepting Turkey (7)
- 11 Lecher swallows bad Provençal sauce (7)
- 12 At intervals, spotlit international conductor (5)
- 13 Tiny hole cut in pink material (8)
- 15 Des, I regret, unfortunately recorded (10)
- 16 Office correspondence (4)
- 18 Snubbed powerful argument (4)
- 20 Tory statesman's outpouring not withdrawn (10)
- 22 Guide beginning in temple charges very many rupees (8)
- 24 Contribution from president getting home first (5)
- 26 Setter's opening held back following end of heat wave (7)
- 27 Elite graduate smashed oral examination without having prepared material (7)
- 28 One paid to stick to the lines on A4? (6-6)

DOWN

- 2 Intermittently repair power loop in receiver block? (7)
- 3 Plants specialist agent on island, Stromboli, after evacuation (8)
- 4 Attend pound (4)
- 5 Tell Rob about cracking manure for mushroom (10)
- 6 Fit climax to blue joke (5)
- 7 Battle of New Orleans (7)
- 8 Military abuse unexpectedly shows capacity to be valued (13)
- 9 Separating glued base metal and silver-plated can (13)
- 14 Dope on set essentially helping production (10)
- 17 National Gallery initially upset with Ionian painter (8)
- 19 Supporting Queen, Yes follows American 80s group (7)
- 21 Part of ship kills fish (7)
- 23 Jargon is absent from information sent over (5)
- 25 Regularly considered proof, and way of approach (4)

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