

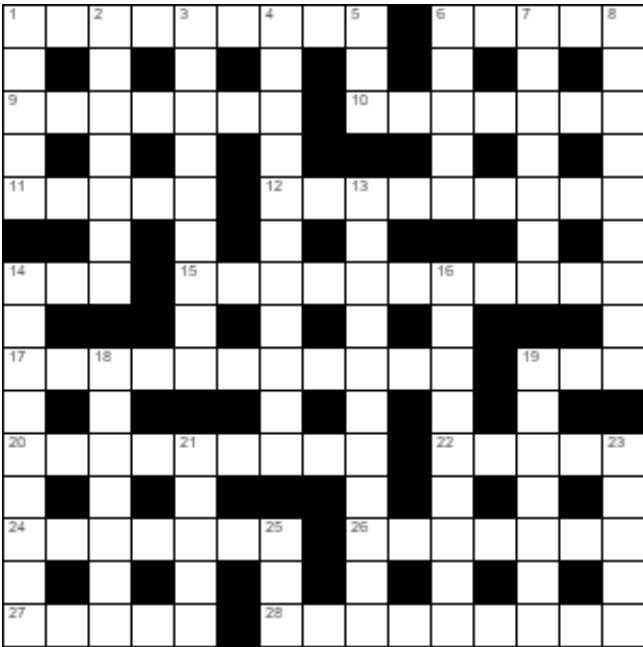
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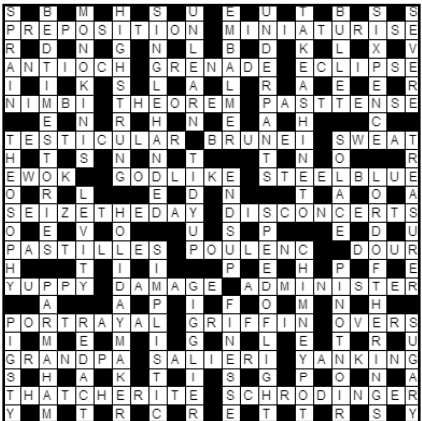
- 1** Labour, upset about November GE, drown their sorrows here (6,3)
6 Pound ugly first thing in the morning, some sort of record (5)
9 Old City mate: 'your mum's outside' (7)
10 Portend clear-out of brittle cryptocurrency (7)
11 Assassin in Japan strangles assassin in Japan (5)
12 Bar firm's leader inhibiting current growth down under (5,4)
14 Jacks' muscles (3)
15 After change of heart, Starmer rubbishes *Dark Age* philosopher (11)
17 Aircraft tech that tracks one crossing the Atlantic? (11)
19 Slightly potty, occasionally fiery (3)
20 Tries to get in authentic practice session (9)
22 List of characters penned by Colin Dexter (5)
24 Dad runs search, having lost son in area of US theatre (7)
26 Academic introducing Switzerland to green energy sector (7)
27 Avoid automaker (5)
28 Great photographs capturing Republican race (5,4)

DOWN

- 1** Trinidadian writer turned up without notes, which is a bloomer! (5)
2 Highveld University timetable disheartened daughters (7)
3 Fresh wagyu, fine cuts — kilos! — fed English traitor (3,6)
4 Profane abuse MPs & HoL suffered? (11)
5 Massage parlour's closure initially upset bishop (3)
6 Old Mexican detective settled south of Arizona (5)
7 Odd bits of black rock that's sticky and sweet (7)
8 A new Kahlo framed by Julius's factotum (3,6)
13 Sweet warmed up in the style of rude boy music (5,6)
14 Hard-top or convertible Beetle? (9)
16 Decorated knight — boring, vulgar newspaper boss (9)
18 Closely followed boss after cycling, showing sign of exertion (7)
19 He's found at the bow, following little fish, wasting time (7)
21 Sharp article, clever (5)
23 With which to copy lover boy endlessly covered in kisses? (5)
25 Tail a sports car performing a U-turn outside (3)



Solution 17,823



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