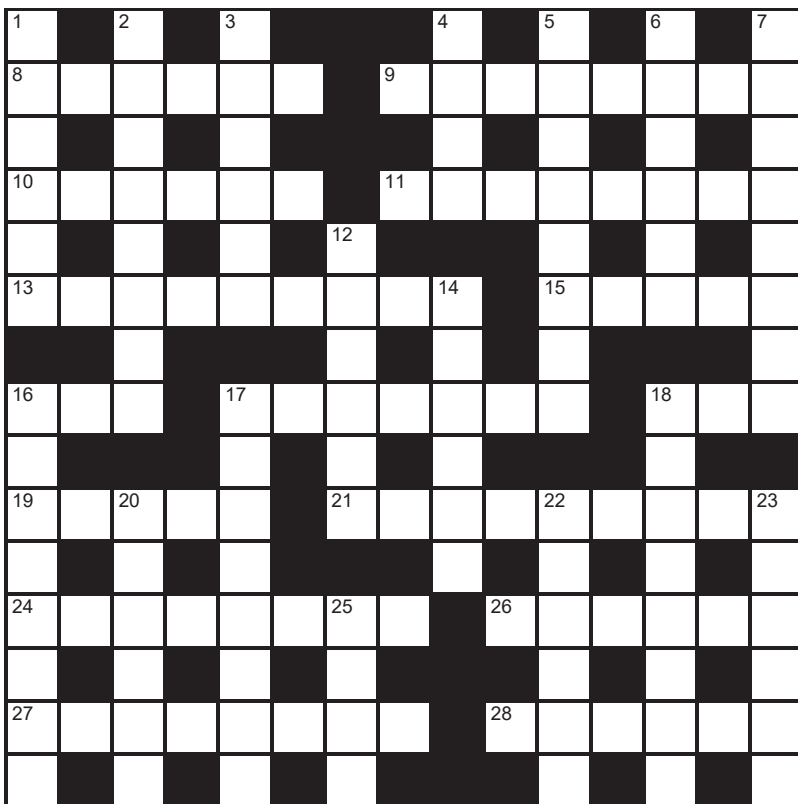
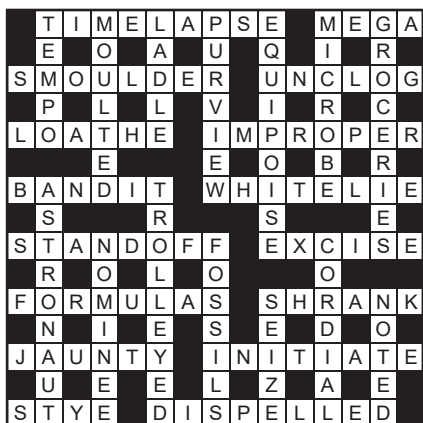


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ACROSS

- 8 Abandoned title and line of Stuart, maybe (6)
- 9 Charges to remove lead from exhaust fumes (8)
- 10 Address problem with timers (6)
- 11 Where peers may stand for number one (4,4)
- 13 Most likely to rise but when deadlock's broken (9)
- 15 So far, replacing loudmouth in collapsing Tesla has happy ending (2,3)
- 16 Crazy instructors (3)
- 17 Formal famous chess openings you begin with (7)
- 18 Regular unsightly wanting (3)
- 19 You offspring have turned inquisitive (5)
- 21 Newspaper covering only Californian cities is disappointing (5,4)
- 24 Hung out with unsightliest awful snobs (8)
- 26 Eject leading bantamweight (6)
- 27 Star woman covered in light (8)
- 28 Clever Abrahamic leader parted sea (6)

DOWN

- 1 Awkward muscly criminal (6)
- 2 Inclined to put lion in a race (2,1,5)
- 3 Can the part of Hannibal be Italian, notwithstanding? (6)
- 4 Learned ladies have empty space (4)
- 5 Balance camera setting with distant focus in steady frame (8)
- 6 Insignificant problem for murder investigation (6)
- 7 Few attempt to follow one of equal height (8)
- 12 Drink dealt with in the wrong way on first floor (6)
- 14 Stimulate flow right away (6)
- 16 Reject most of One Direction trio's repeated rubbish (8)
- 17 Kinkily edges through small aperture (8)
- 18 Great Lake's source put into use by Idaho (8)
- 20 Spare accommodation in heaven (6)
- 22 Snow storm starts covering feeble tracks (6)
- 23 Drawn a bit of yellow hand colour (3-3)
- 25 Minute that is not yet started (4)