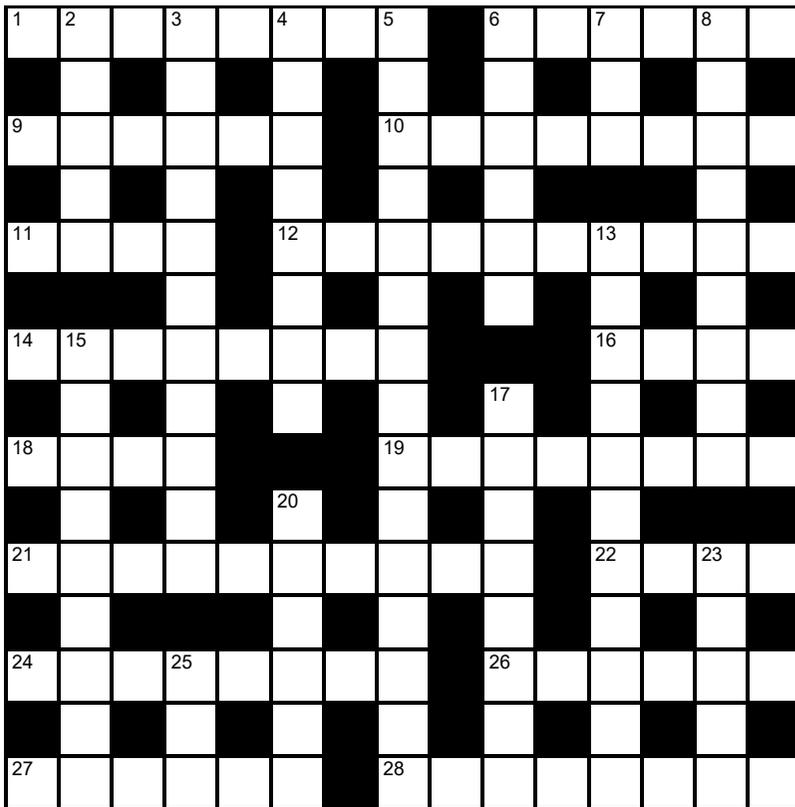


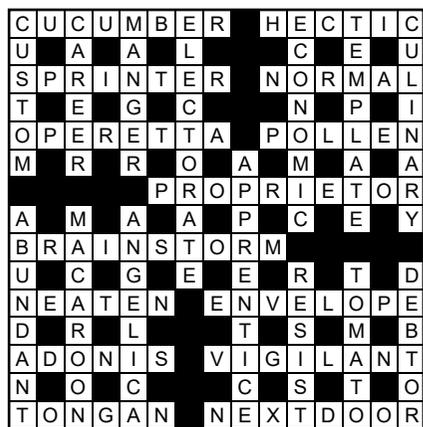
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## ACROSS

- 1 Entertainer against providing coverage for newspapers, magazines, etc. (8)
- 6 No matter how dating starts, it's futile (2-4)
- 9 Tout piano piece on the radio (6)
- 10 Bird near trail next to lake (5,3)
- 11 Murderer in prison claiming innocence at first (4)
- 12 Young, unsettled lad wrote about occasionally being gutted (3-4-3)
- 14 Steer clear of backing favourites on team (8)
- 16 Place to hole up in Schiphol Airport (4)
- 18 Limitless anise-flavoured liqueur and sparkling wine (4)
- 19 Key part of match shown in item on TV? (3,5)
- 21 Supremely risqué couples wearing nothing (10)
- 22 Sharp object that you always stick at the back (4)
- 24 Small Peugeot? In France, it is most difficult to find (8)
- 26 Pound inspired by British author and poet? I don't think so! (6)
- 27 Bug consequently found in bygone music device (6)
- 28 Playing possum protects soldiers and commanders (8)

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## JOTTER PAD

## DOWN

- 2 Series finale is nothing major (5)
- 3 Quit ruffling people's feathers and being threatening! (11)
- 4 Individuality? It is embodied by Enid Blyton's central characters fantastically (8)
- 5 Crazy sergeant maybe drunk some pints (3,6,6)
- 6 Arm lifted up, ultimately revealing huge great lump (6)
- 7 Growth evens out — understood! (3)
- 8 Like a dystopian writer, or, um, Fleming perhaps? (9)
- 13 Mathematical method is extremely unusual and therefore complicated (4,2,5)
- 15 Examples of popular attitudes on given issues (9)
- 17 Deposits raised to hide long con? (6-2)
- 20 After a time, be inclined to put in an appearance (6)
- 23 Outburst from member of Christian church in Australia (5)
- 25 Criticise a Stormy performance? (3)



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