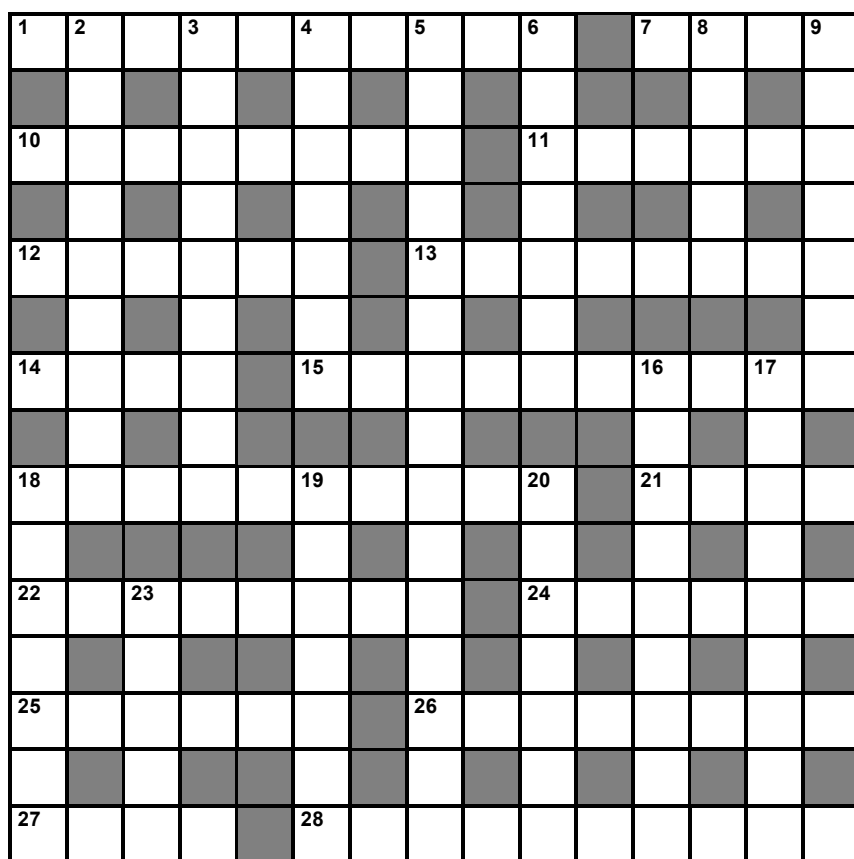


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ACROSS

- 1 A male singer runs following trouble with foreign agent (10)
- 7 Beat knight pierced by spear in the back (4)
- 10 Top performers steal from one taking part in performances (8)
- 11 Find out about dog in the bag (6)
- 12 A nightclub employee on about one neighbour (6)
- 13 Unlucky fall - it altered focus of procedures (3-5)
- 14 Against a religious work written by Isaiah primarily (4)
- 15 Archaeological site, viewed by seniors, organised departure (10)
- 18 Health professional holding, for instance, title in authority (10)
- 21 Administrative official reduced size of hotel accommodation (4)
- 22 Reduce one's workforce on excavation (8)
- 24 Steady activist not supporting one opposed to changing (6)
- 25 Don't change nitrogen in raising agent (6)
- 26 Fall in blood pressure connected to one part of the head (8)
- 27 Associates of guides knocked bureau (4)
- 28 Drunk driver, one punched by detective and set aside (10)

DOWN

- 2 Country club fellow and I hooked up with head of Apple (9)
- 3 A ball game is clinched by great defender (9)
- 4 Peas finally sealed in a tin should be examined closely (7)
- 5 Clear building site has resettled (15)
- 6 Lovers lacking cohesion and energy break up (7)
- 8 Stir up leader of sect in hiding (5)
- 9 Wine store securing loan to match others (5,2)
- 16 American wearing black is held up (9)
- 17 Speak about one game pioneer (9)
- 18 Streaky sheep stood up and haemorrhaged (7)
- 19 Came across river bordering developed nation (3,4)
- 20 Padre is not right to give up hope (7)
- 23 Closing of supermarket finishes off food and milk suppliers (5)