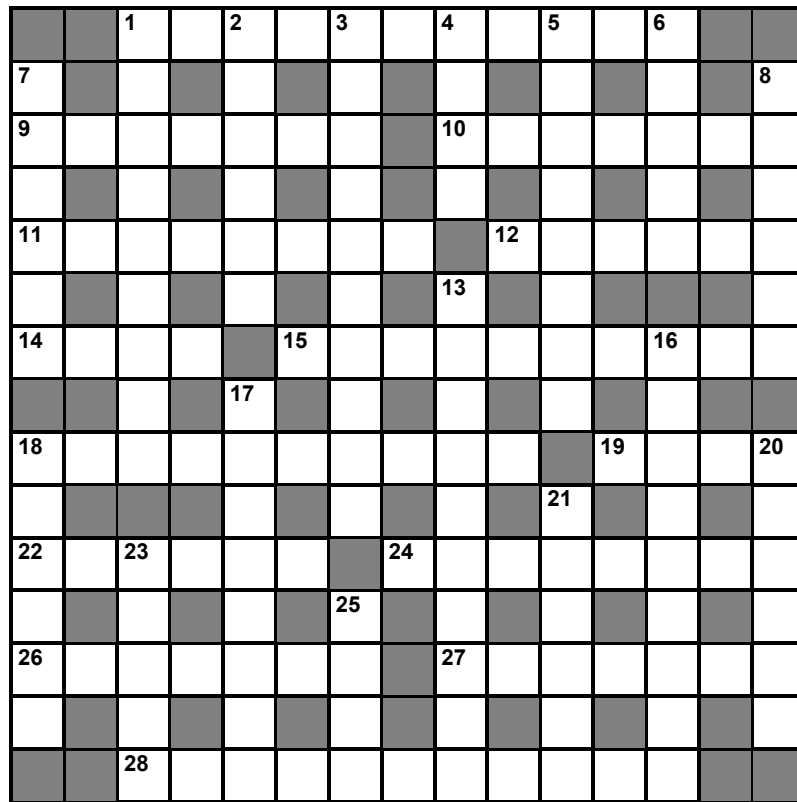


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ACROSS

- 1 Coward engaging me in place of volunteer (4,7)
- 9 Picture printed on both sides of most recent credit card (7)
- 10 Sugar, as such, largely increased in price (7)
- 11 A tingler that's played with? (8)
- 12 Centrepiece of county festival is a bit rough (6)
- 14 Wound male with object (4)
- 15 Tactician's moving target is set in stone (10)
- 18 Pondering time spent in good offices (10)
- 19 Associates of host, a Greek, like bachelor parties (4)
- 22 Promoter, at the front in class, wrongly sells tickets at inflated prices (6)
- 24 Committee members and volunteers interrupted by one heading to court (8)
- 26 One in evil city cut down criminal (7)
- 27 A let admitted by the tennis player possibly (7)
- 28 Spruce's spring seeds scattered beyond drive (4-7)

DOWN

- 1 Head of closed airfield switched shed light on (9)
- 2 Greek character leading very small revolt (6)
- 3 One large one, in fact, consumed food with help (10)
- 4 Wine increased in price... (4)
- 5 ...as clubs closed (8)
- 6 Work on a spread (5)
- 7 Discharged matter presented in problem at school (6)
- 8 Confidential witness claiming credit ahead of time (6)
- 13 Disguise hint of fennel in blended guacamole (10)
- 16 Winning headline strangely about end of Brexit (2,3,4)
- 17 Japanese money invested in redeveloped capital is exceptional (8)
- 18 Club Med's opening that is after eruption of a volcano (6)
- 20 It helps seal request listed in contract (6)
- 21 Large number of Chinese worked in specialised areas (6)
- 23 Put up with a large weather system (5)
- 25 Colt producer curtailed research (4)