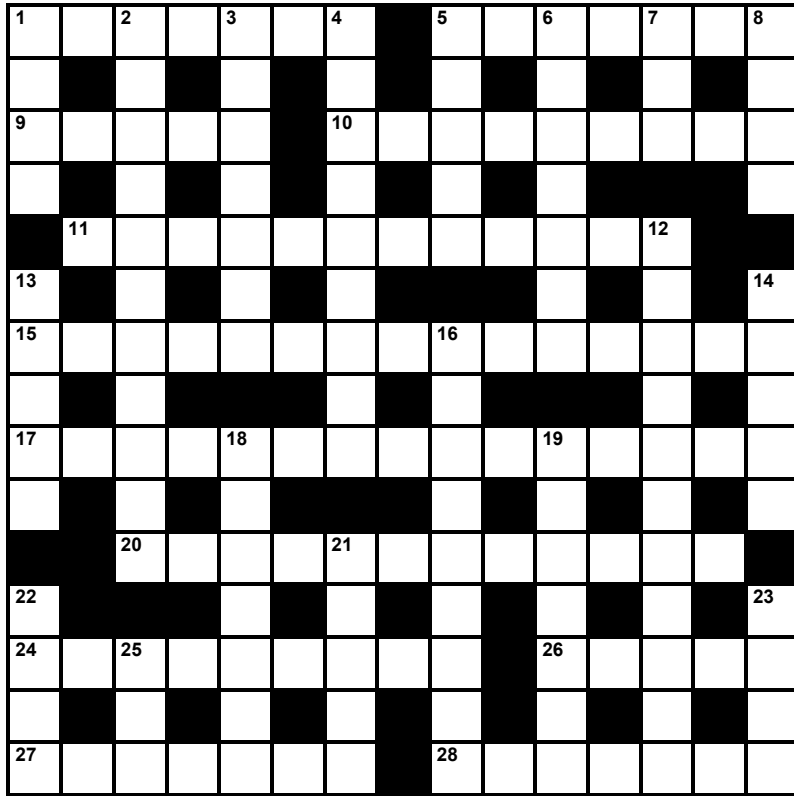


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Across

- 1 Reportedly recognises baby's first silver feeder (7)
- 5 Swine getting broken nose from birds (7)
- 9 Gold-plated article is different (5)
- 10 Meeting the people is dreadful, but law A-OK! (9)
- 11 Corrupt donors acquit invader (12)
- 15 Gaucho inherited incredible hilltop school! (6,9)
- 17 Holy man calls on diplomat, beginning to demand what Eric Clapton prefers his guitars to have? (7,8)
- 20 Minor god perturbed

- after holy man gets adoration without substance in crowded area (8,4)
- 24 City back covering a poor save attempt (4,1,4)
- 26 North London borough office manager? (5)
- 27 Scot getting state papers no longer in trouble with HMRC? (3,4)
- 28 Forgave former council leader at second hand (7)

Down

- 1 Into rock, even in a corner (4)
- 2 Students train soldier with odd relish (11)
- 3 17th century-style boat with nothing on board (7)

- 4 Surprisingly, Stefan Edberg initially was King Inelegance (9)
- 5 Very good grouping for trial implementation (5)
- 6 Old man King George tortured panda (7)
- 7 Line in tic-tac-toe cube? (3)
- 8 Straight edges circumscribe alien's underground home (4)
- 12 Wantonly ravish retro football team (5,6)
- 13 Hint about second game (5)
- 14 Denis goes out sneering (5)

- 16 Lacking capacity to contain time and space is indefensible (9)
- 18 A piece of Indian music, I note, rises and falls (7)
- 19 Spies holding drill climb, needing oxygen (7)
- 21 Fixed in time and worried about theologian? Just the opposite! (5)
- 22 Point man takes time to sharpen (4)
- 23 Unfit detective starts chasing street boss (4)
- 25 Very old anger (3)