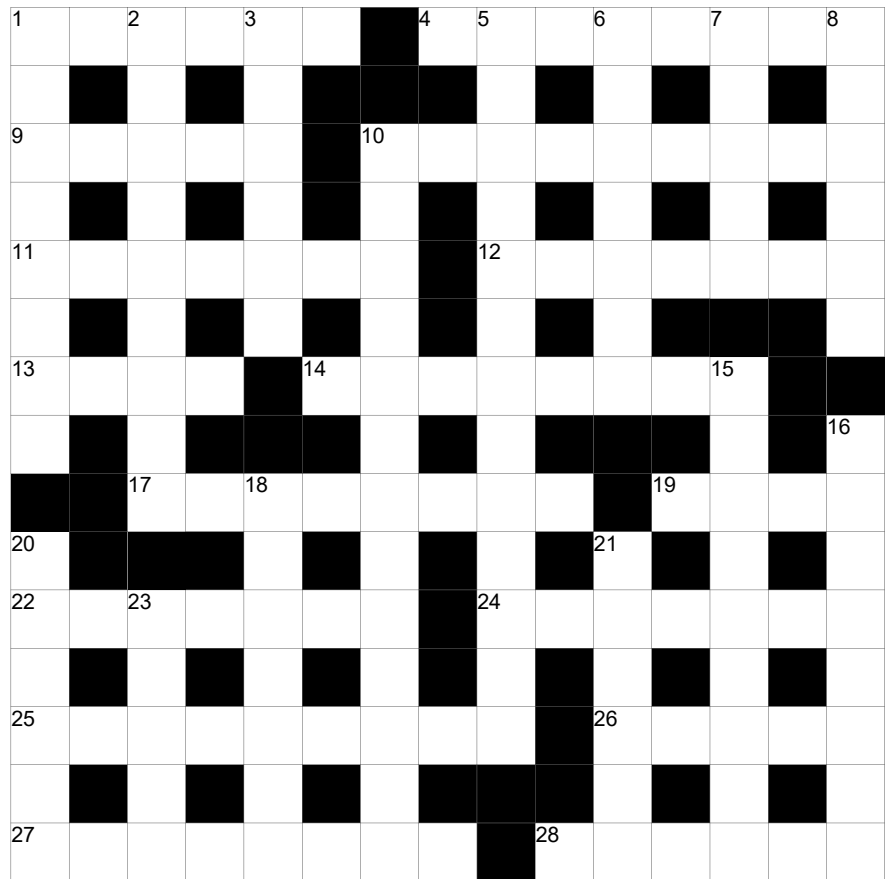


ACROSS

1. Palm of deserter getting colour (6)
4. Exceptional moral ban overturned (8)
9. Said to be waitin' for president (5)
10. Singer Cher joins trios in new composition (9)
11. Half ran back to conference (7)
12. Mother chopped chard beforehand for old money (7)
13. Son of duke's head rolled back to some extent (4)
14. Who in France gets involved with search engine optimization when they're forest dwellers? (8)
17. Rush to endorse back-to-front flower (8)
19. Mexican food served during pasta course (4)
22. Soldier almost finished model (7)
24. Bird caged by old US immigration authority trainees (7)
25. Director's long speech to Austrian composer (9)
26. Sounds like equine scam artist (5)
27. Wisdom of Washington e.g. following tale (8)
28. James of old with one Scottish wimp (6)

DOWN

1. Energetically steal American television when Chicago train departs (8)
2. Shorelines? (9)



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Trading unopened sunshade (6) 5. Excited Nordic bulldog creating horror (12) 6. Soldiers meeting their American counterpart on the way up with French friend providing paperwork (7) 7. With German, going to church to dodge lessons in Ireland (5) 8. Officer catches tune pitched by cowboy (6) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Wow! One who answers to journalist (13) 15. Fake diamonds proudly worn by the Irish (9) 16. Unruly behaviour on northeast ness is disrupted (8) 18. Blissful cherub with heart of vice (7) 20. Text message about father's tremors (6) 21. Firmly established Spanish leader on board (6) 23. Regretting game with spilled gin (5) |
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