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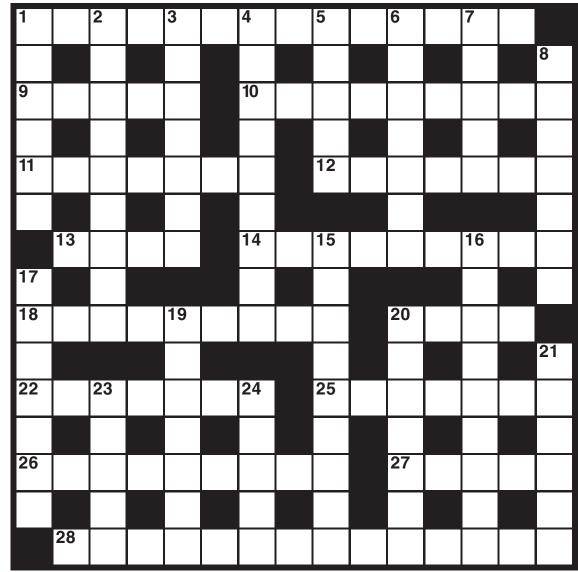
- 1 Welfare agency sorted out a sclerosis, blocking bad habit (6,8)
- **9** Hope Ravel piece is musical drama (5)
- **10** Formerly one to charge, but free from blame (9)
- **11** Most eminent sight he recollected (7)
- 12 Other names back cruise in the ocean (7)
- **13** Potentate with some of them I reckon (4)
- **14** Unavailable to add spice during the quiet period (3,6)
- **18** Deer controlled time impediment (9)
- 20 Aurally cart to arboreal nest (4)
- **22** Good hit to ruin rules of language (7)
- **25** Fashionable car conveying bishop up in the air? (2,5)
- 26 Direct alternative media item (9)
- 27 I wander back with distant native (5)
- 28 So nice, aunt is worried about being not keen (14)

DOWN

- 1 Calm down those stampeding round ring (6)
- 2 Ministers to 150 blokes about to turn grey (9)
- 3 Lay some flooring over half a continent! (7)
- 4 Vegetable crop following dessert (9)
- **5** Jack, in city, opens appalling wine (5)
- 6 Tim, I see, comes round to list (7)
- 7 Cut up manuscript for tests (5)
- 8 Public image of rappers on affordable housing (7)
- 15 Passion rises, fine mess! (9)
- 16 A mast to be constructed for vessel (9)
- 17 Caring awfully about hospital causes annoyance (7)

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- **19** Managed to keep a reservoir rising fast (7)
- 20 Cover up novel predicament (7)
- 21 Astrological signs in palazzo Di accessed (6)
- 23 Notice time for paperwork (5)
- 24 Distance right for each person (5)