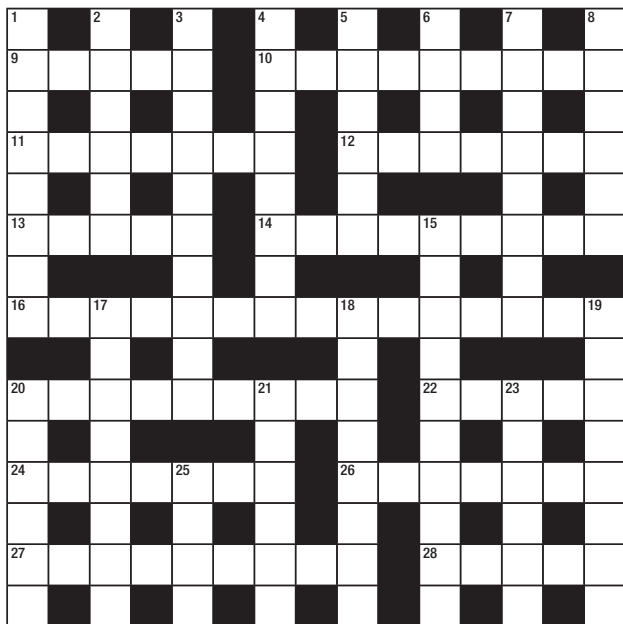


February 2006 Crossword



Across

- 9** Muse on short biblical weed making a comeback (5)
10 Unattached phosphorus displays unshared electrons (4,5)
11 Girl covers beef in flammable liquid (7)
12 Metal damage to limo is revealed in low steady continuous noise (7)
13 When not dry secretin can become inactive (5)
14 Flashing light on a vehicle – it may change colour (9)
16 Last bits of bronze strategically processed to make polymerisation aid (7,8)
20 Explosive device is a fag; it requires a great deal of money (5,4)
22 When put in still this helps in alcohol production (5)
24 I must appear three times with drum playing heavy metal (7)
26 Shaggy carpets in ranges of colours (7)
27 Two football teams score a brace (6-3)
28 Be fed up with eastern Scottish island (5)

Down

- 1** Spoke out loud then set fire to unknown type of powder (8)
2 Volunteers cease to have sugar (6)
3 Company laboratory coming up with new subtle non-solid pigment (6,4)
4 Relieves troubled scientific publisher (8)
5 Exercising hounds in one's stockings feet (6)
6 A gemstone is what signifies love when given to a friend (4)
7 Government department putting tax on small cars? Just the opposite (8)
8 Related compound is more volatile (6)
15 Fellow mostly has curry in alkaline solution containing iron compounds (10)
17 Record poems written about Greek character making small-ring compounds (8)
18 Fool acquires most excellent piece of opaque heat-resistant material (8)
19 Performs an analysis of bird speeds (8)
20 Virtuous people are not to be seen aboard steamship (6)
21 Very large friend gives you a heavy metal salt (6)
23 A second seabird is seen at the back of the boat (6)
25 Enthusiastic about taking part in badminton (4)



Solution to January 2006 crossword

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