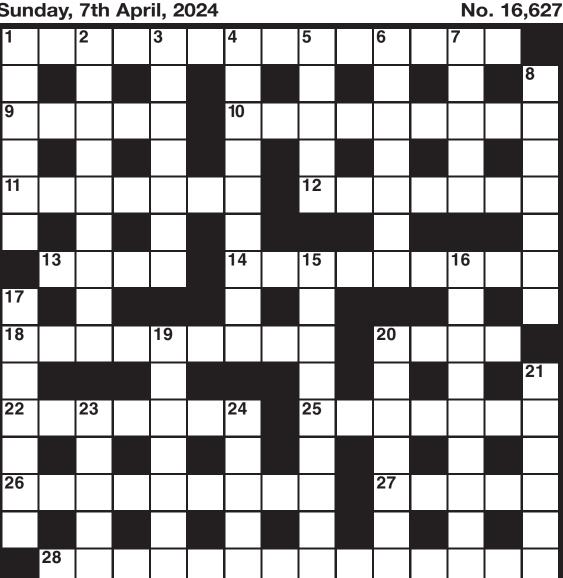
## **ACROSS**

- **1** Authoritative source checked by a vet? (3,6,5)
- Break open sculpture right in the middle (5)
- **10** Gas about one slim sort of playwright (4,5)
- 11 Head of reserve infuriates Scottish football team (7)
- **12** Furniture found in actor's room? (7)
- **13** Toy to perform: 50-50 (4)
- **14** Reporters in a rush to be subjugated (9)
- 18 Nurse felt terribly bitter (9)
- **20** Boat that once changed hands in Ireland (4)
- 22 Snake provides weird present (7)
- **25** Artillery fire causing anger at the pub counter (7)
- 26 Mexican dish left in tumbledown hacienda (9)
- **27** Pick up smoother bottle (5)
- **28** Old hotel? Nothing to worry about (4,2,3,5)

## **DOWN**

- Thanks poet for item of clothing (6)
- Wrong exchange for euro, señor (9)
- Nothing at dinner, perhaps, but porridge (7)
- Type style should begin to develop fairness (4,5)
- Recoiled when one's in hut (5)
- Old book setting disgusting! (7)
- Uses a stopwatch on occasions (5)
- 8 I turned out to trespass (7)
- **15** American resort to conceal billion per person (4,5)
- **16** Romanians struggling in this republic (3,6)
- **17** Guardian faithful about unreliable set (7)

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- **19** Lacking bakery process, we hear (7)
- 20 Defensive wall part surrounds monkey (7)
- 21 Riches gained when the law amended (6)
- 23 Page found in the correct order (5)
- 24 School coach (5)