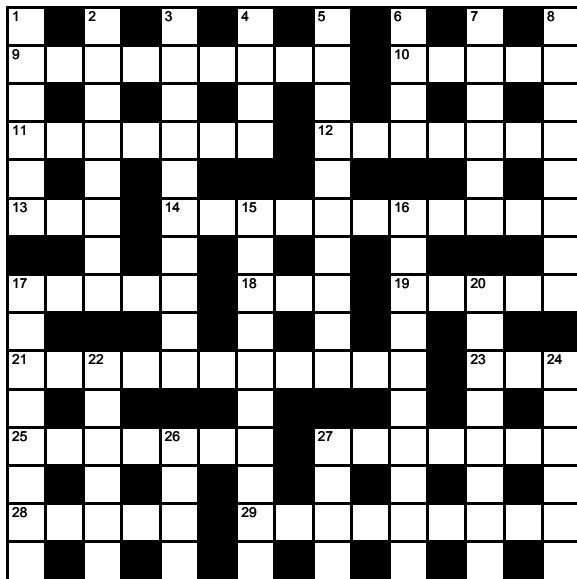


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 9 Politician in early spinning after letter giving warning (9)
- 10 Subject, for example found in press (5)
- 11 Tune is oddly catching – I could make single (7)
- 12 Authoritative discourse from English court stopping enticement (7)
- 13 Drop off fellow on the way back (3)
- 14 More work in recession with most recent forecast (11)
- 17 Chocolate and cocoa are obtained originally here (5)
- 18 Object as wings are cut in bird (3)
- 19 Trainee accountant finds liability having third concealed (5)
- 21 Shift in public opinion as government turns fortunate (11)
- 23 Melody regularly coming from aviary (3)
- 25 Performing in opera – as at Verona? (4-3)
- 27 Outlaw swindle introduced by gang (7)
- 28 Cheer as long drink knocked back followed by a short one (5)
- 29 Shock as unknown tree from the east gets chosen first (9)

DOWN

- 1 Give back proceeds (6)
- 2 See Eric with iPod shuffle every now and then (8)
- 3 Reversal of fortune follows winning team getting in disarray (6-4)
- 4 Solemn, missing good party (4)

- 5 Firm supporting one's request – don't mention it! (2,8)
- 6 French policeman: not quite *The Pink Panther*? (4)
- 7 Drag disrupting most of support for highly prized fish (6)
- 8 Passionate macho types held in check (8)
- 15 Financial authorities in attempts to conceal a sure upset (10)
- 16 Stoics prepared to admit sect who believe in the supernatural (10)
- 17 Only women subordinate to important person in organisation get nickname (8)
- 20 Admit car crash to be spectacular (8)
- 22 Type of band against backing celebrity (3-3)
- 24 Blemish in image eradicated, initially in further tint (3-3)
- 26 Depositor, after initial loss, makes claim (4)
- 27 Raised money for auditor (4)

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