

## ACROSS

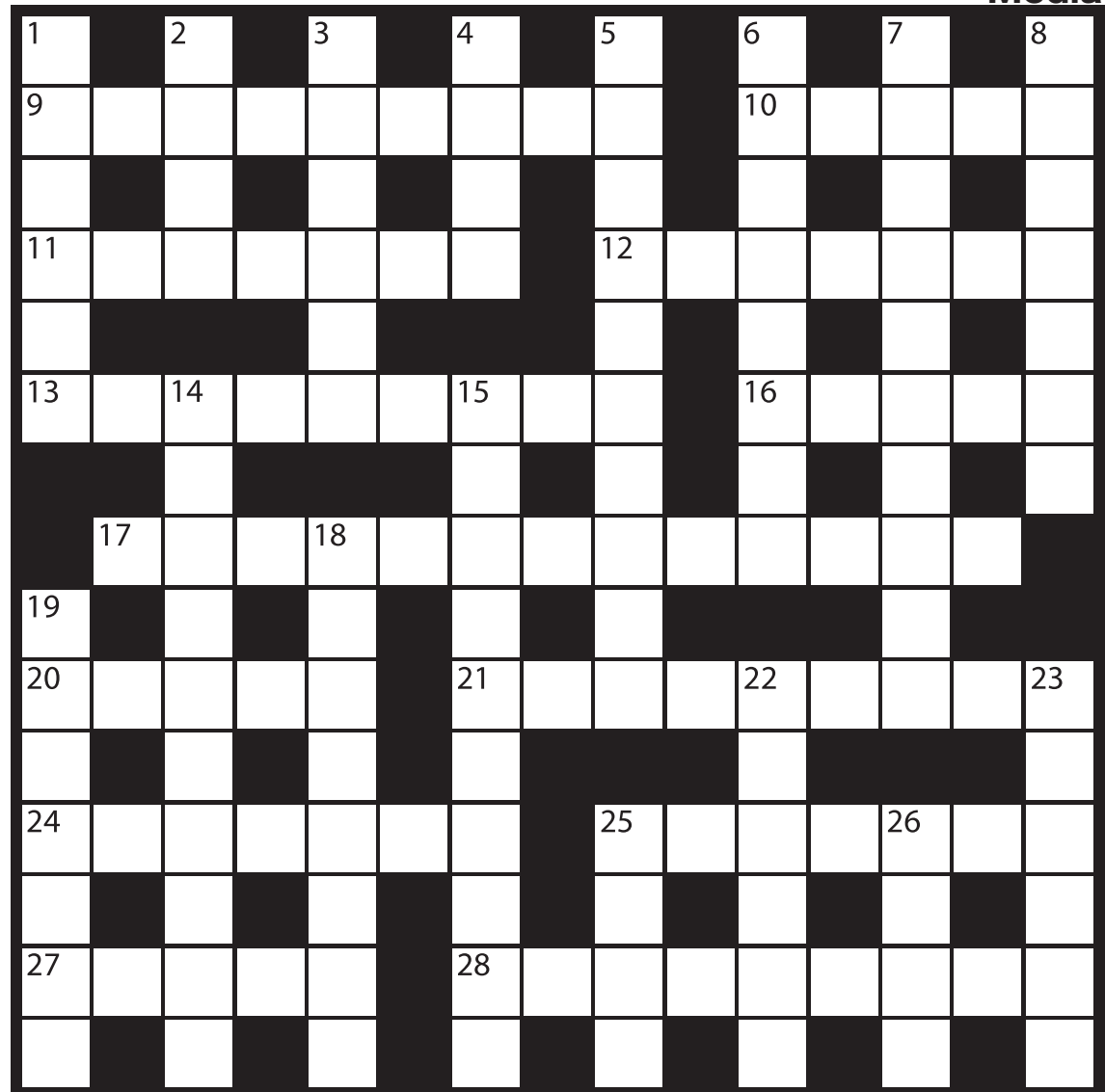
- 9 He swore it could be different (9)  
10 After a short time the ceremony becomes banal (5)  
11 Speed by Russian plane to settle elsewhere (7)  
12 A hundred left outside were agitated (7)  
13 Volunteers pranced about for entertainer (3,6)  
16 Like writer would describe a tree (5)  
17 Countryman is after £1000 for sporting event (5,8)  
20 Box concealing eastern weapon (5)  
21 Having taken the plunge, suffered (9)  
24 Following disastrous raid, worker looks very happy (7)  
25 Piece of furniture for the ministers? (7)  
27 Wild dog doing wrong (5)  
28 Restrain with power to strengthen (9)

## DOWN

- 1 Layout for floor covering (6)  
2 Some uncouth, ugly and violent criminal (4)  
3 Mistakes made by a deserter in time (6)  
4 Team which is neither at the bottom nor the top (4)  
5 Held a party for the famous? (10)  
6 Short abrupt sounds coming from Tom in rocky coast (8)  
7 Origin of Bach triplet mostly resolved (10)  
8 Studying garden I cultivated (7)  
14 Being a sign that the wine is running out (10)  
15 Maestros study passage or start of symphony (10)  
18 Storyteller rushed up to artist on the hill (8)

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- 19 Sat on a step (7)  
22 Snub religious education enthusiast (6)  
23 Some slate the reporter's restraint (6)  
25 Is able to take in one old murderer (4)  
26 Annoy an informer (4)