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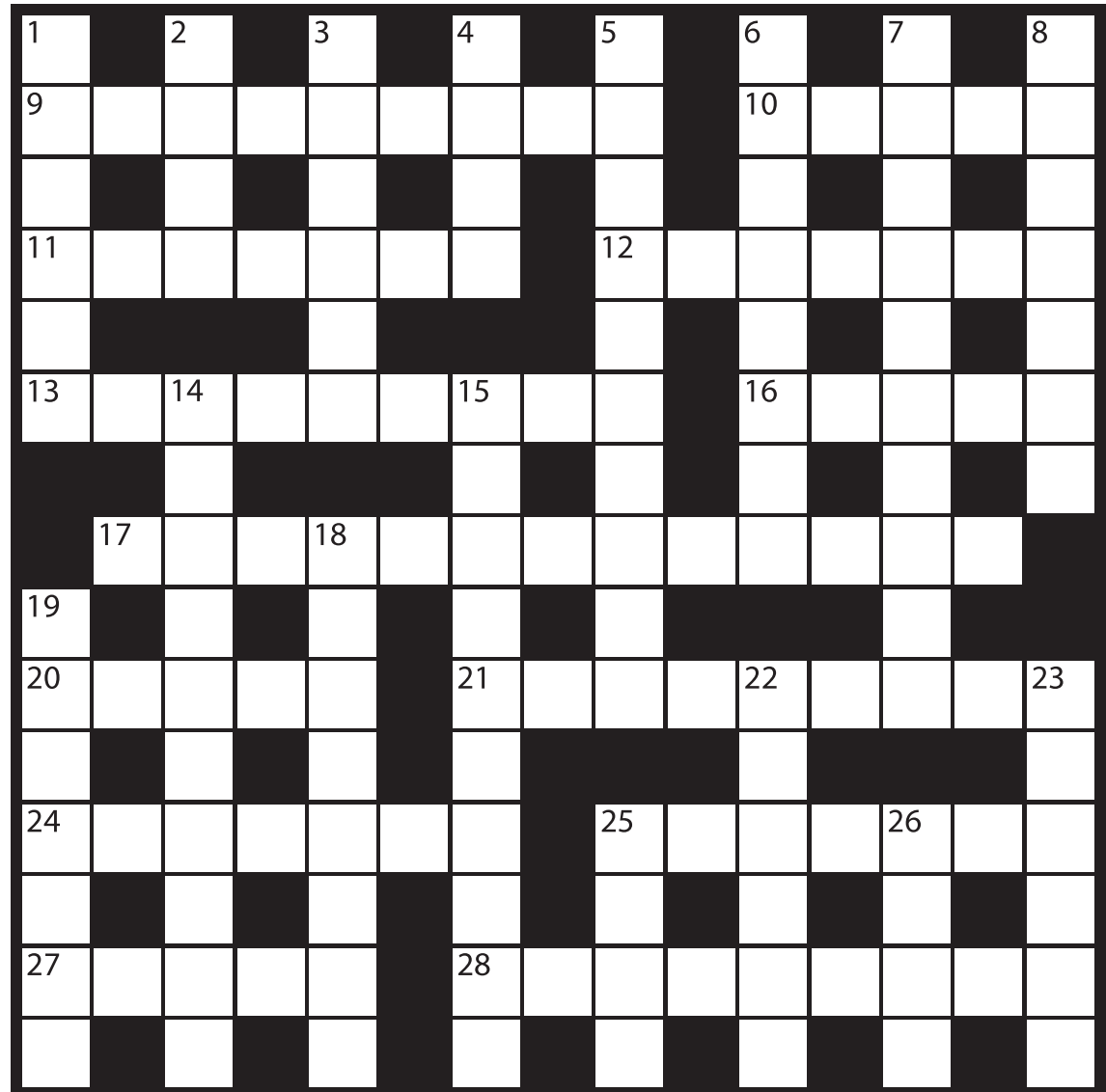
- 9 Criminal tennis player? (9)
10 Ring in some sort of elk (5)
11 States a Frenchman had a rice pudding (7)
12 Dwell with one street musician (7)
13 Youth's vegetarian periods? (5,4)
16 Flower starts to take up leaves inside petals (5)
17 Army officer Colonel PA Carr, dishevelled (5,8)
20 West associated with this unusual card game (5)
21 Sheep counter at home with Monica's novel (9)
24 Sharp-featured model Laura, no good inside (7)
25 Case of cutlery, and its location? (7)
27 Cut up manuscript for tests (5)
28 Relatives, surprisingly talented (9)

DOWN

- 1 Visions about breaching barriers (6)
2 Preacher's inner yearning (4)
3 Refused stranger indeed (6)
4 Cheese in cafe, tagged (4)
5 Trash score badly written by groups of musicians (10)
6 A horse taking leader to drink (8)
7 Portrait painter, one loading shakily in motorway (10)
8 Predate crazy bureaucracy (3,4)
14 Organising England, am I the most important player? (7,3)
15 Surround at home, chief island tour cut (10)

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- 18 Crystal sword containing gold initially (3,5)
19 Someone suffering the heat finds winter garment! (7)
22 Guide is not automatic (6)
23 Grant study evergreen tree, we hear (6)
25 In vehicle, the last to exercise caution (4)
26 Boy disheartened by lake (4)