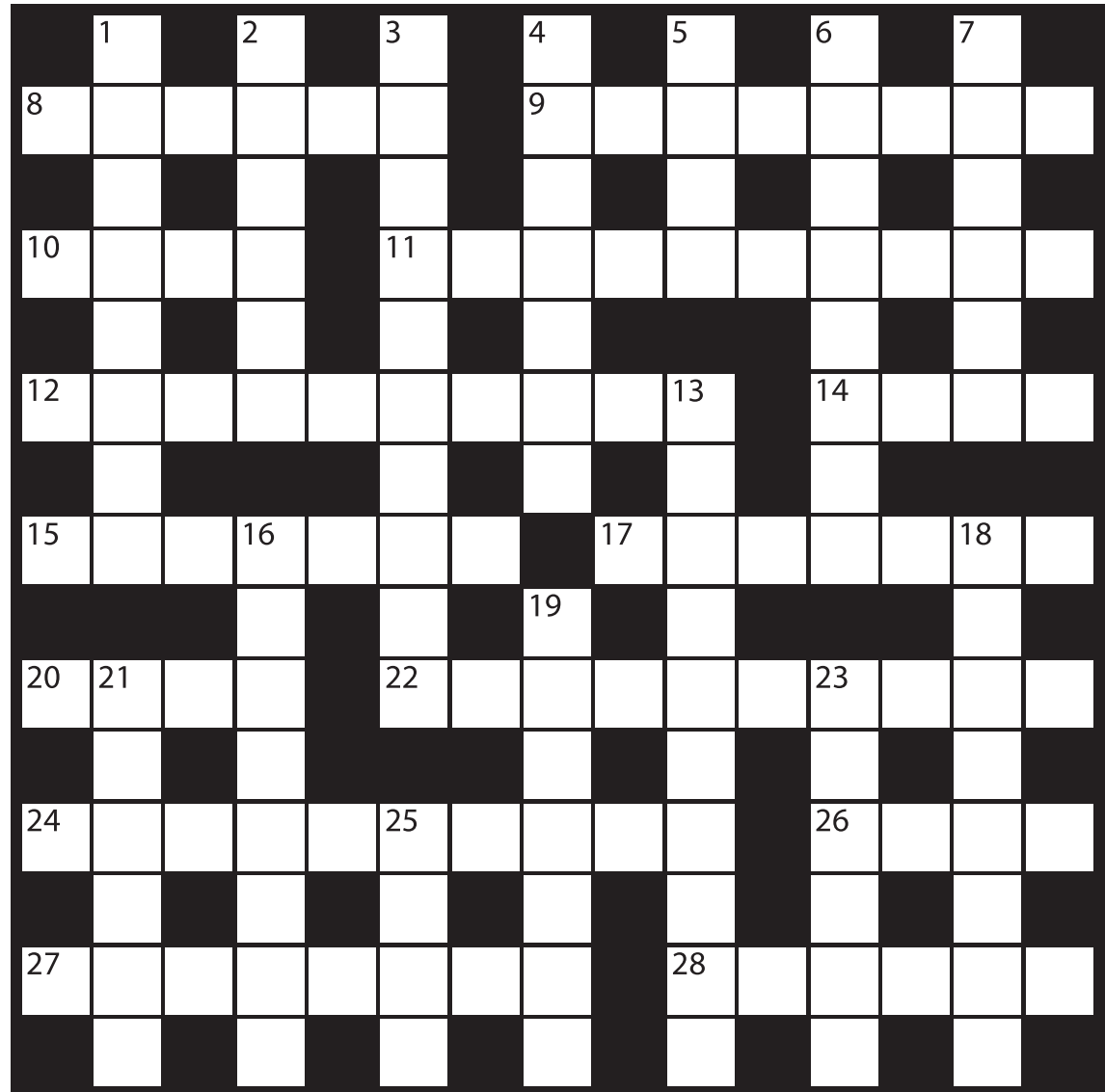


**ACROSS**

- 8 I'm set to take liberties (6)
- 9 Tyrant gets to almost turn investigators back (8)
- 10 Opera singer Callas won't start operatic song (4)
- 11 Anchorites flustered in large shop (5,5)
- 12 Zero income wasted by California, which is frugal (10)
- 14 Top primate, unknown quantity (4)
- 15 Any girl goes mad, in furious manner (7)
- 17 Tom claims Robert after a gymnastic performer (7)
- 20 Short platform for deer (4)
- 22 Release from punishment, sailor has the answer (10)
- 24 Time and speed nothing special (6-4)
- 26 Notion viewed in wide angle (4)
- 27 Halpern's upset by cause of war wound (8)
- 28 Subtle sort of woman's undergarment (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 US cinerama, amazing! (8)
- 2 Party on the chief estate (6)
- 3 Blame cheap ingredients for pudding? (5,5)
- 4 Go forward to get loan (7)
- 5 Single Tory, one revered (4)
- 6 Got in as a different capital city (8)
- 7 Rough route, it's said (6)
- 13 Pub over Midlands city where Liverpool v Everton seen? (5,5)
- 16 Iron Age works left in specific area (8)
- 18 At the very top, especially (5,3)



- 19 Crime a sailor reported (7)
- 21 Suffer as a toddler – the support must be first (6)
- 23 Desire to rip up T-shirt (6)
- 25 Eat some food in Edinburgh (4)