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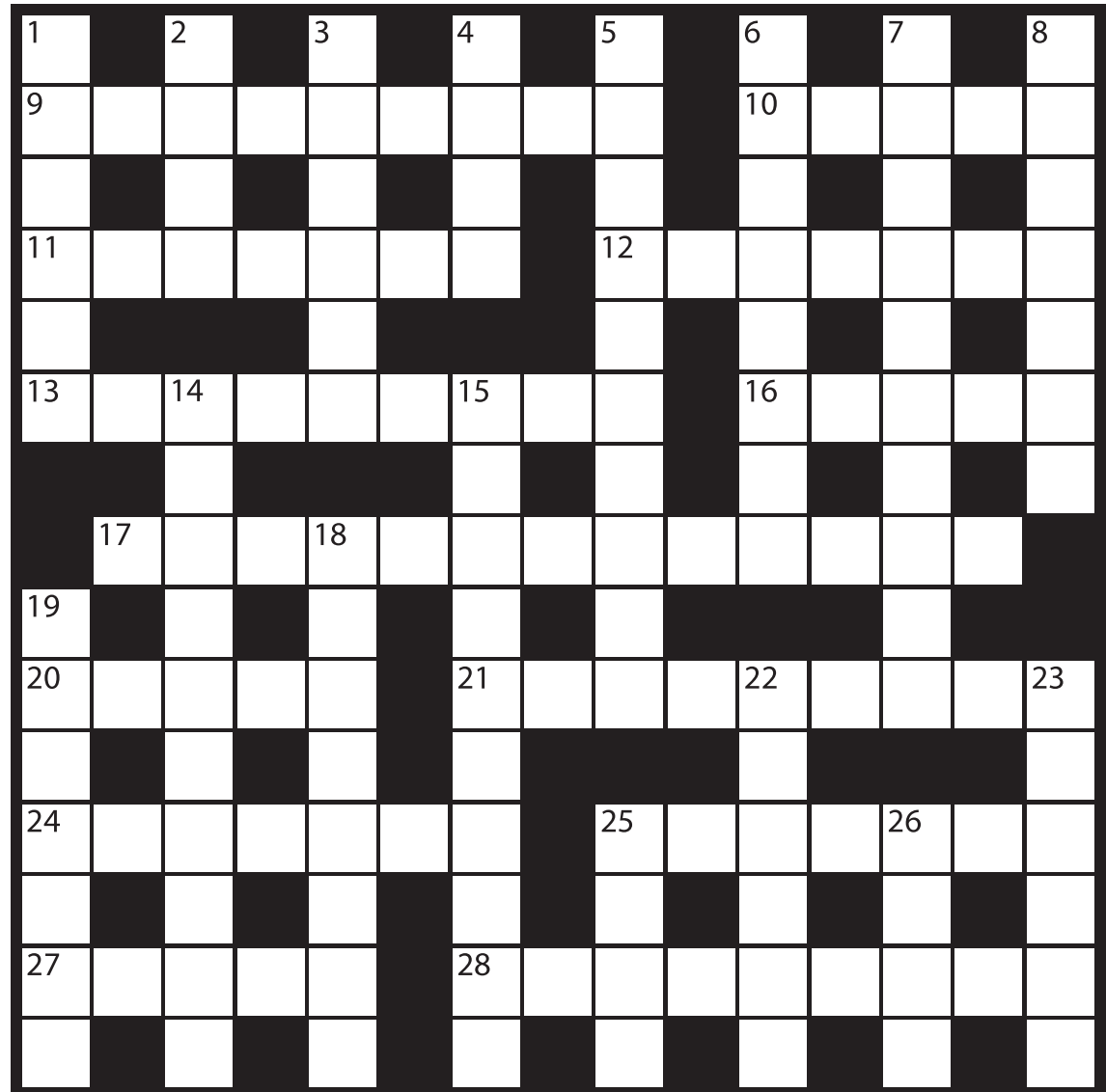
- 9 Either son could be going up (2,3,4)
 10 Old grim smell (5)
 11 Style of farm building suggests humbleness (7)
 12 Sappers gave up – retreated (7)
 13 A comrade's brewing drink (5,4)
 16 Name protected by Phoenician god is unoriginal (5)
 17 Listen – it's news about crime series (6,7)
 20 Sit with a retiring storyteller (5)
 21 Bird I would say is sharp-sighted (5-4)
 24 Missile to drop perhaps around end of June (7)
 25 Sea eagle follows Frenchman to lake (7)
 27 Helps wild beast (5)
 28 Tim's eager and prepared for move abroad (9)

DOWN

- 1 Funny sulphur interior of the universe (6)
 2 Metal button on the farm (4)
 3 Discarded cargo in streams by the morning (6)
 4 Shame mine takes a year (4)
 5 Ironing, you might say, is going down (10)
 6 Journey record: taxi home to residence (3,5)
 7 Cooking soya on duty – is that a fact? (3,4,3)
 8 Good conundrum for hotplate (7)
 14 Oriental girl with sign for envoys (10)
 15 Phone store distributor close to defeat (2,3,5)
 18 Yes, press on to extract coffee (8)

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- 19 Catcher takes some black stuff up (3,4)
 22 Ten lose head and heart again! (6)
 23 Some padres sympathetically appearing elegant (6)
 25 Lost bearing – retreat (4)
 26 Speed with which dinner finally swallowed (4)