

**ACROSS**

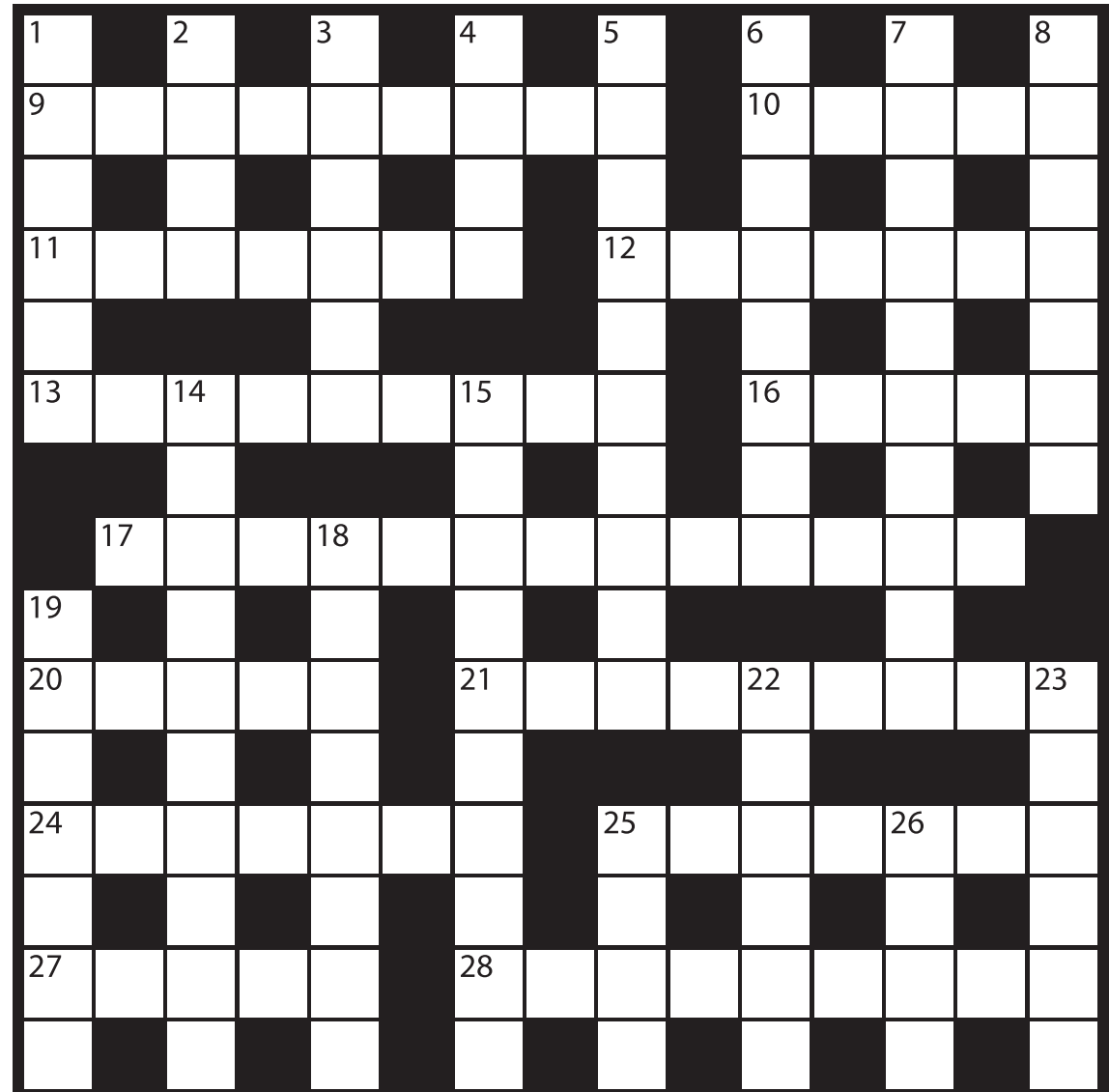
- 9 Brief season in American results in deficit (9)  
 10 After morning I leave foreign friend (5)  
 11 Poles in error get a letter for the Greeks (7)  
 12 Compelled to do something – as a favour? (7)  
 13 Most important college head (9)  
 16 Five enter mucky hole, a dirty place (5)  
 17 Knocking the head off a pencil is the last straw (8,5)  
 20 Carefully moved and gave relief (5)  
 21 Disaster I disastrously mocked ironically (9)  
 24 Gather together for a short prayer (7)  
 25 Film we back (7)  
 27 Work on muscular twitch of the eye (5)  
 28 Four included in deadlock show no feeling (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Please turn over when dozing (6)  
 2 Suffices for some animals (4)  
 3 Stressed character? (6)  
 4 Sticky substance on northern lake (4)  
 5 Illumination needed by Noah? (10)  
 6 Exaggerated fuss when eccentric hobo embraces friend (8)  
 7 Having doubts about donating to girl outside (10)  
 8 Moved gold on a boat (7)  
 14 Rule Tories broke, being hesitant (10)  
 15 Plant pot I set in a different place (10)  
 18 Dance that is upper-class, interpreted for those watching (8)  
 19 Respond to alternative nuclear apparatus (7)

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- 22 Hold out against unruly sister (6)  
 23 One who takes steps to entertain (6)  
 25 Caught in the rain, softly cried (4)  
 26 Give out wrong time (4)