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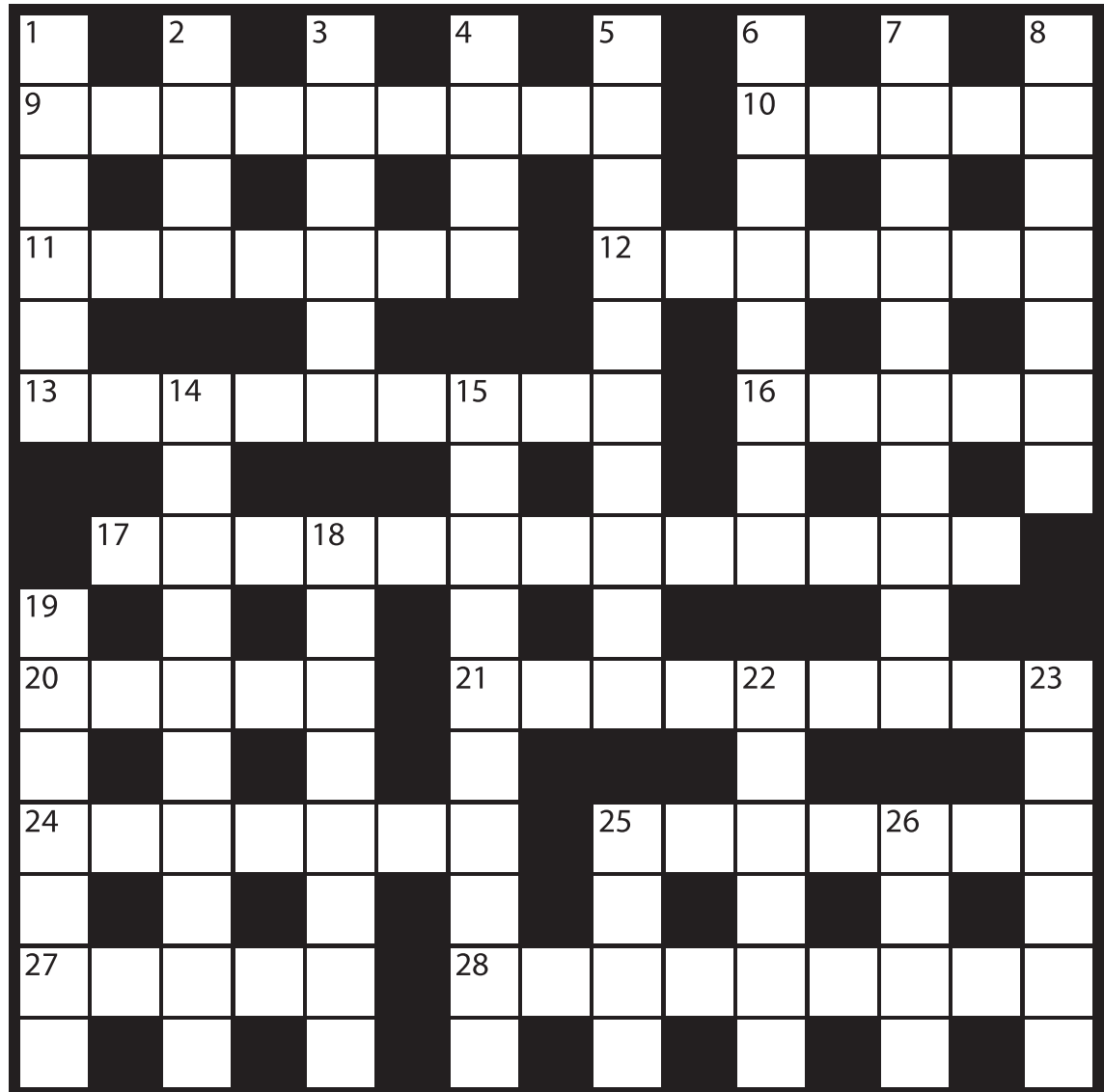
- 9 Moon location contains a report (9)
 10 Cover round ancient city is melodramatically sensational (5)
 11 Meander around, given new title (7)
 12 Individual, very tardy, separate (7)
 13 Statesmen's unreliable financial investigation (5,4)
 16 As usual a thermic part of machine (5)
 17 Dismay country following clumsily on crest (13)
 20 Bit of a fight? (5)
 21 Super bargain for many (5,4)
 24 Opera I'm composing for trading centres (7)
 25 I torch a dilapidated vehicle of long ago (7)
 27 Stage of development where yours truly's in the past (5)
 28 Forces plan a detour round the front (9)

DOWN

- 1 Push to fiery remains on yoga retreat (6)
 2 Shock some of cast unduly (4)
 3 Wheel locks left in temporary settlements (6)
 4 Watch out for intellect (4)
 5 About to hand over cane for money in the post (10)
 6 How the ark was illuminated? (8)
 7 Bob reset an irregular sternum (10)
 8 Stuck to eccentric redhead (7)
 14 Not necessarily true but it makes Carol happy (10)
 15 Point to youth in borders of American region (10)
 18 Better lake (8)

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- 19 Loner cites trouble during account (7)
 22 Roughly beat silver drink-making device (3,3)
 23 Piglets producing rubbish (6)
 25 Imitate facsimile (4)
 26 I managed country (4)