

**ACROSS**

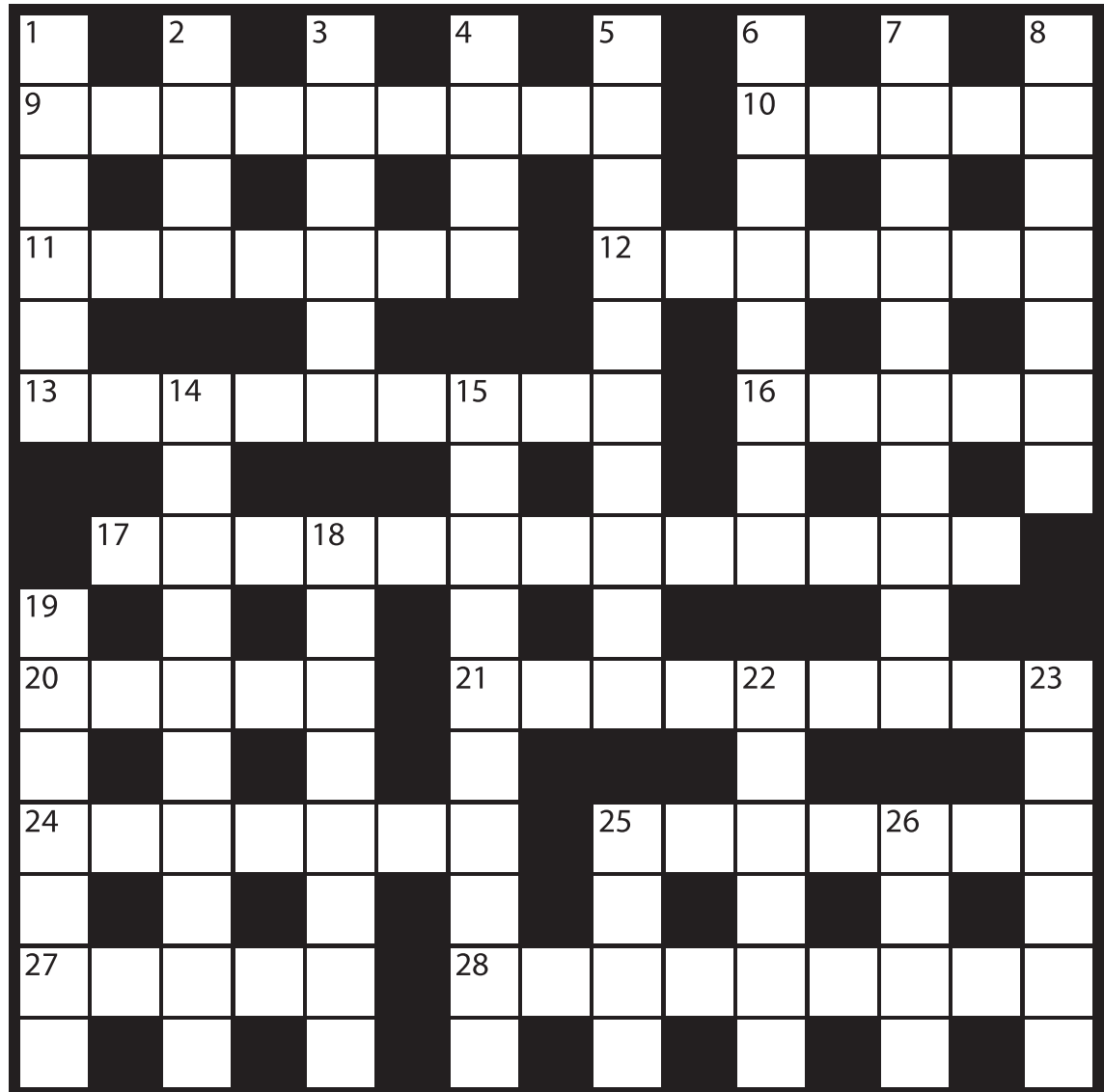
- 9 Stupidly stops near interchange (9)  
 10 Flower that's held under the chin? (5)  
 11 Ongoing conditions for 151 to breed (7)  
 12 Worker on strike to get free sample (7)  
 13 Vessel has form that's neat and tidy (9)  
 16 Like writer would describe a tree (5)  
 17 Devolved island erected elsewhere (13)  
 20 Cut right into a grotto (5)  
 21 Generates upheaval for young people (9)  
 24 Girl fighting enemy's leader in the dark (7)  
 25 Take away when model pulled back (7)  
 27 Overturn enclosed area in the middle of Bude (2-3)  
 28 Four caught in deadlock showing no emotion (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Heaps horse riding equipment in ship (6)  
 2 Island serving some Cuba libres (4)  
 3 So reversing automobiles get awards (6)  
 4 Dwelling where doctor held back by man (4)  
 5 He gets worried and locks garden (10)  
 6 Evil type cooking veg with snail! (8)  
 7 Oh, pioneers scramble to reach such a height (10)  
 8 Boy needing single drink (7)  
 14 Arctic vessel that gets a party going? (3-7)  
 15 Hostile to paper contrast (10)  
 18 Gemstones – new dealer's investing a thousand (8)  
 19 Vegetation to increase – prepare to operate (5,2)

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- 22 Painter displaying unusual traits (6)  
 23 An easy catch for a model (6)  
 25 Party foods are the low points (4)  
 26 Opera singer Callas won't start operatic song (4)