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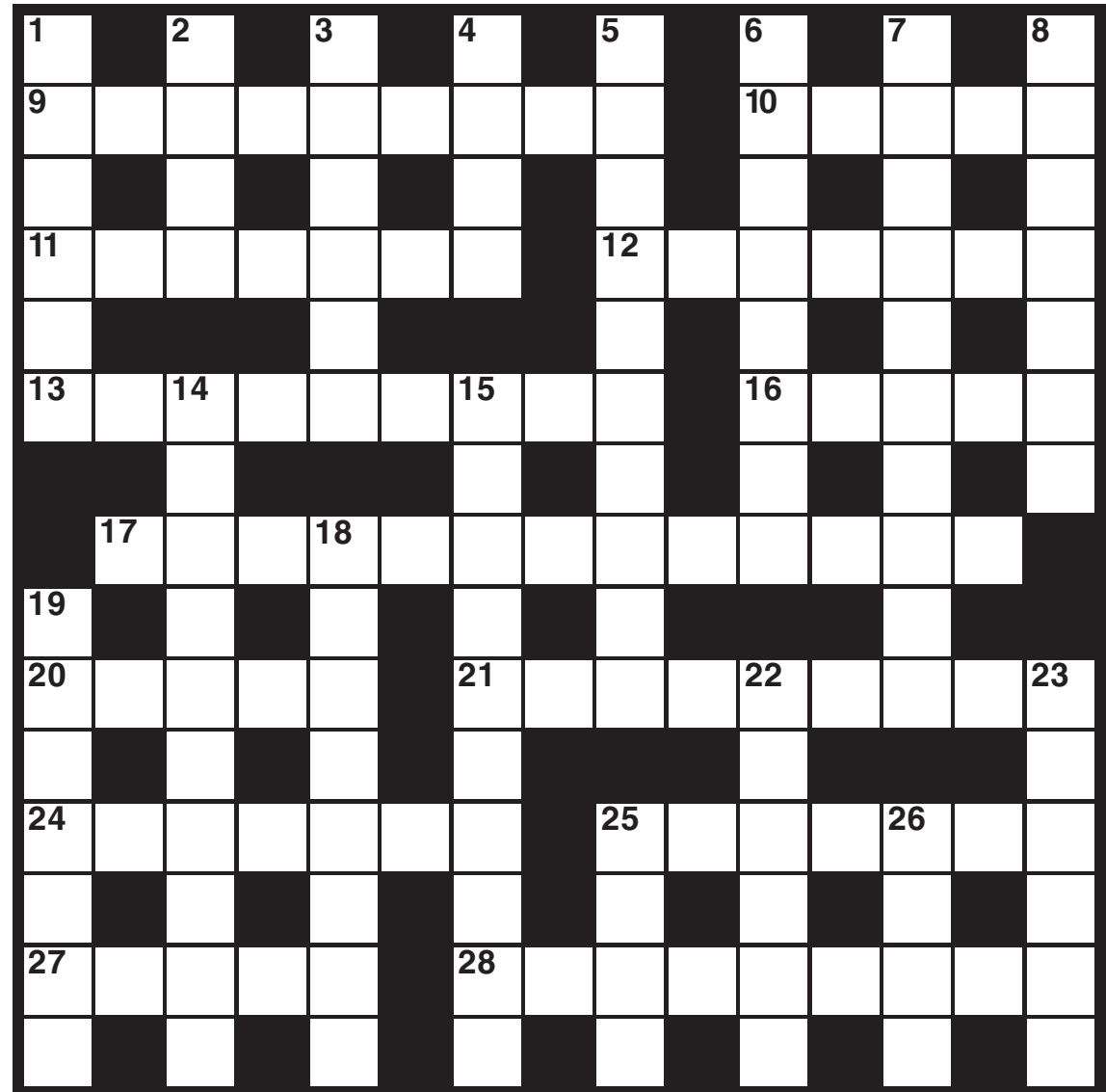
- 9 Break up, not counting autumn (4,5)
 10 Hundred in desperate hope for a time (5)
 11 Repeat there's a point in ragged attire (7)
 12 Forecast needs advertising ahead of proclamation (7)
 13 Nearly set wrong in a serious way (9)
 16 Tempted Greek character loses tan from bone (5)
 17 Strict expert almost joins a rain dance (13)
 20 Improve one repair (5)
 21 Imitating without ring of bells is charming (9)
 24 Trendy as a priest not finishing poem (1,2,4)
 25 Put forward that work is involved in writing (7)
 27 City includes hot but cosy corner (5)
 28 Former kind of respite that gives special skill (9)

DOWN

- 1 Bureau no longer skating? (6)
 2 Down a shade (4)
 3 Cut around commercial display (6)
 4 Regularly seen classier piece of luggage (4)
 5 How to learn a dance in stages (4,2,4)
 6 Red steer upset missing serviceman (8)
 7 Restlessly ailing, I'd follow doctor and artist (10)
 8 Palest success in the west (7)
 14 Army exercise to outreach Mr Twist (5,5)
 15 Intimidated, attend here, shaking (10)
 18 Part of water where dog, Henry, runs wild (8)

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- 19 Pasta dip in part of motorway (7)
 22 Foreign affairs? (6)
 23 Horse causes two exclamations (3-3)
 25 Apple's content with time signal (4)
 26 God corroding houses (4)