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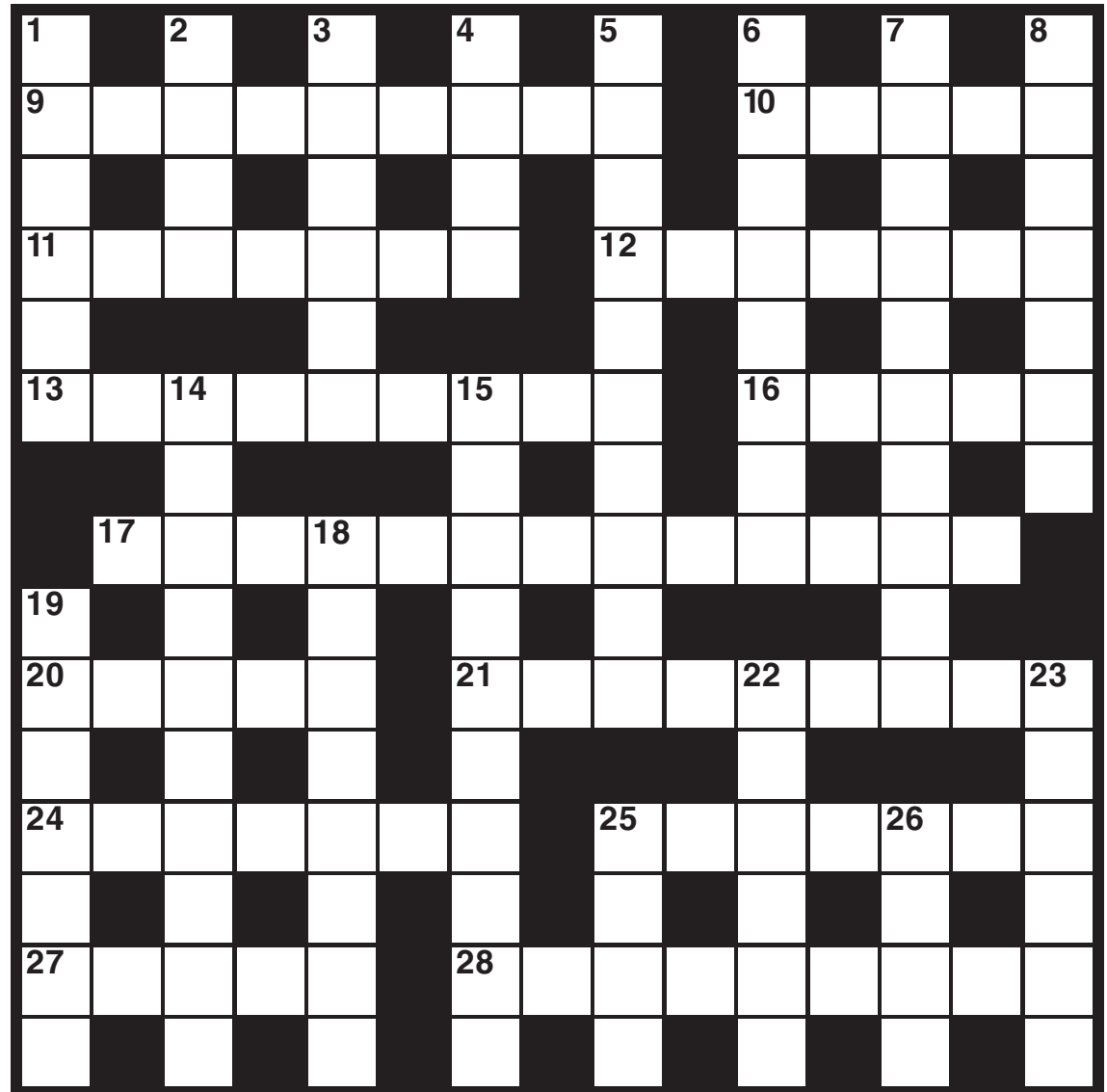
- 9 Short race arranged for the players (9)
 10 Lift beams soundly (5)
 11 Making amends in Tonga revolution (7)
 12 Finish with terribly sore back (7)
 13 Let father display strong emotion (9)
 16 A Scot composed opera (5)
 17 Grandson tried amending request for a regular delivery (8,5)
 20 Staid Penny starts to titivate (5)
 21 Suggests they're very good friends (9)
 24 Great at organising river sport (7)
 25 Trade vehicles (7)
 27 Planet appearing in heaven, usually (5)
 28 Uncle sore about the pen (9)

DOWN

- 1 Compound made from hot sap (6)
 2 Resonant note from the choir (4)
 3 Is among the others to make a stand (6)
 4 Party animal? (4)
 5 The sort of argument not subject to leaks? (10)
 6 Another director – he's owed money (8)
 7 Bad press cited for contempt (10)
 8 Old-timer put chopped tree in vehicle (7)
 14 Strain suffered by chap is harsh (10)
 15 Removed and replaced lead in time (10)
 18 A relatively favoured practice? (8)

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- 19 Father goes up to show he will be in agreement (7)
 22 Roughly mowed a field (6)
 23 Acted like a vandal – was dismissed (6)
 25 Thanks to company for Mexican food (4)
 26 Disgusting bird, it's said (4)