

**ACROSS**

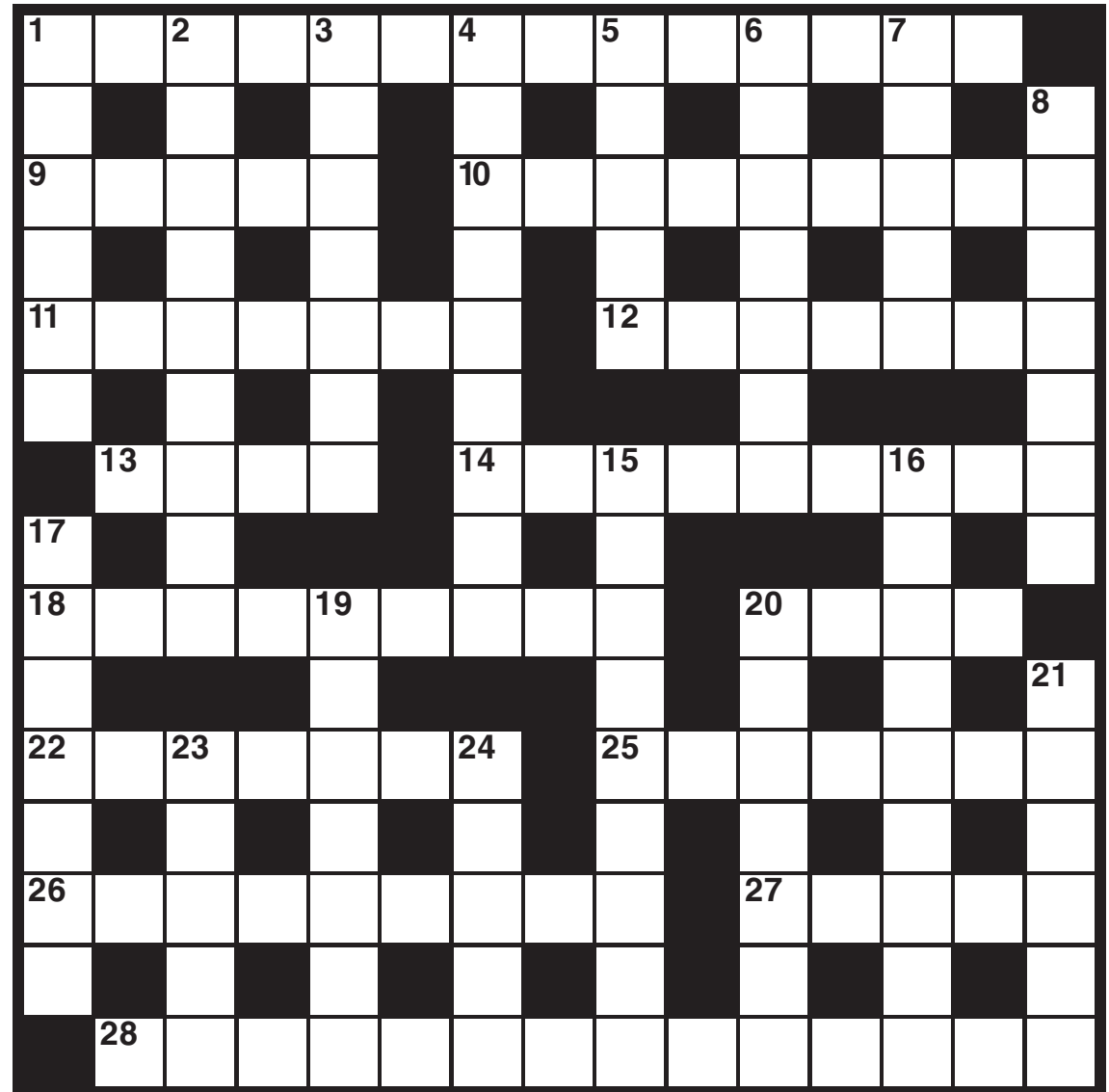
- 1 Making contrasts, the US festive food (5,9)
- 9 Suit to prove in good shape (5)
- 10 A label attached, one held by father for South American region (9)
- 11 Hit part of face with salmon (7)
- 12 Note Catholic in whitish fabric (7)
- 13 Minute in moment in year (4)
- 14 A sheet hiding front of hybrid snowdrop (9)
- 18 Cancellation of man with tunnel to construct (9)
- 20 One in the community (4)
- 22 Tablet seen in outer space? (7)
- 25 Throw ring in, beside pack of cyclists (7)
- 26 Treacherous and bad son argued (9)
- 27 Give medical aid as a special present (5)
- 28 Sure to be punished at the Olympics? (3,3,4,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Sturdy vehicle surrounded by decay (6)
- 2 Cite no confusion after a very strong love (9)
- 3 Try tote out when shaky (7)
- 4 Make a dash for it? (9)
- 5 On reflection, place is needed for exercise (3-2)
- 6 I regain composure in the country (7)
- 7 Friendly Islands interpreting tango (5)
- 8 Appalling red tape came to a point (7)
- 15 Opposed to first pink wine for starters (9)
- 16 Liqueur sorted out a neurotic (9)
- 17 Fall heavily when heel gets trapped in sleeve (7)

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- 19 Cracked lutes do become most noisy (7)
- 20 A French student at church to open the gate (7)
- 21 Conforming to human arch (6)
- 23 Show insect in river (5)
- 24 Girl inwardly all right to call up (5)