

**ACROSS**

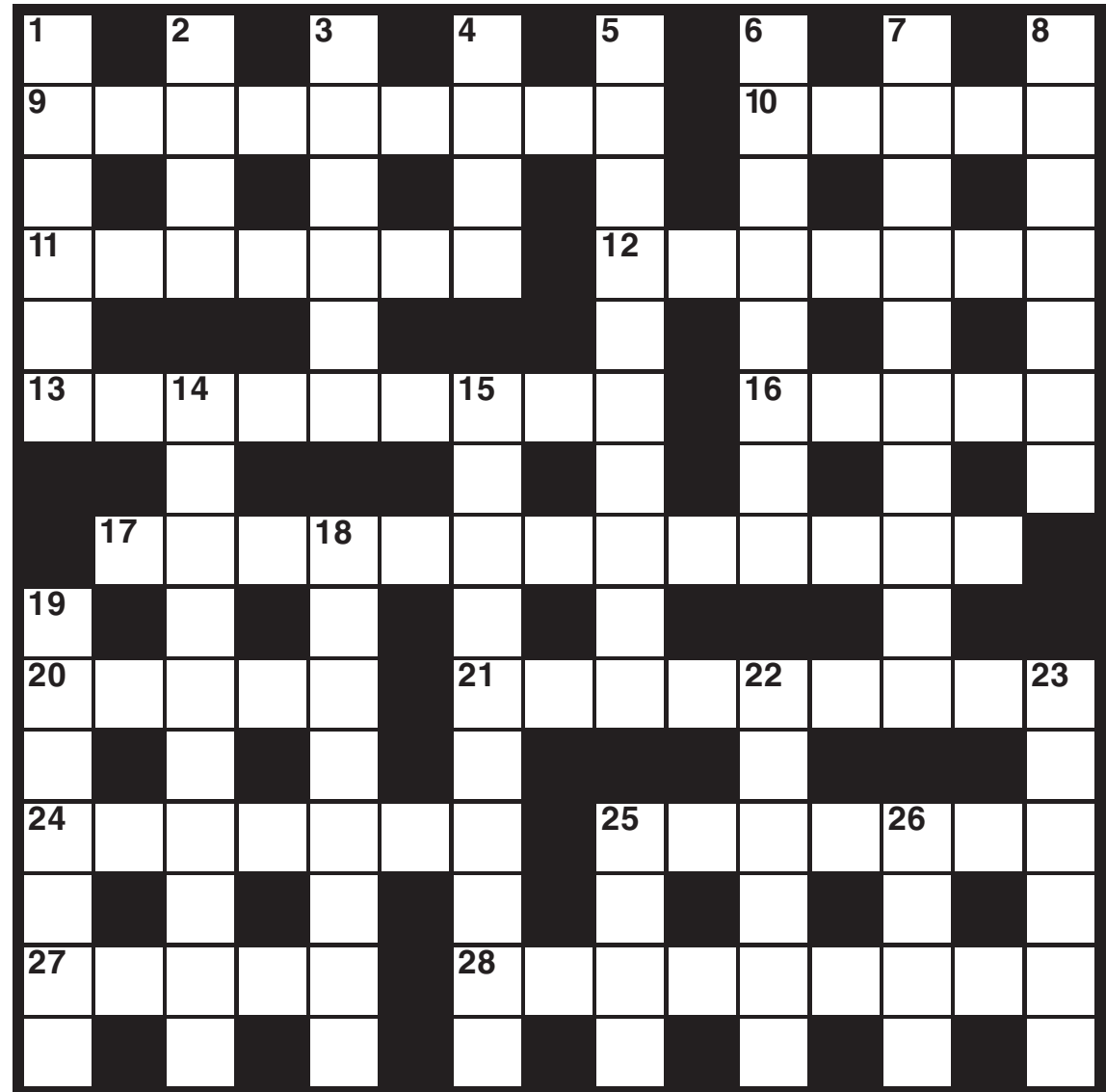
- 9 Brief season in American results in deficit (9)
- 10 After morning I leave foreign friend (5)
- 11 Poles in error get a letter for the Greeks (7)
- 12 Duty-bound to cook boiled starter of greens (7)
- 13 Most important college head (9)
- 16 Five enter mucky hole, a dirty place (5)
- 17 Knocking the head off a pencil is the last straw (8,5)
- 20 Release dogs, some would be relieved (5)
- 21 Disaster I disastrously mocked ironically (9)
- 24 Gather together for a short prayer (7)
- 25 Film we back (7)
- 27 Work on muscular twitch of the eye (5)
- 28 Four included in deadlock show no feeling (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Please turn over when dozing (6)
- 2 Suffices for some animals (4)
- 3 Stressed character? (6)
- 4 Sticky substance on northern lake (4)
- 5 Illumination needed by Noah? (10)
- 6 Exaggerated fuss when eccentric hobo embraces friend (8)
- 7 Having doubts about donating to girl outside (10)
- 8 Moved gold on a boat (7)
- 14 Rule Tories broke, being hesitant (10)
- 15 Plant pot I set in a different place (10)
- 18 Dance that is upper-class, interpreted for those watching (8)

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- 19 Respond to alternative nuclear apparatus (7)
- 22 Hold out against unruly sister (6)
- 23 One who takes steps to entertain (6)
- 25 Caught in the rain, softly cried (4)
- 26 Give out wrong time (4)