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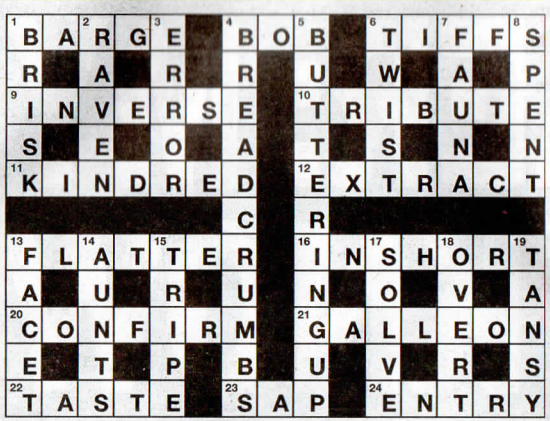

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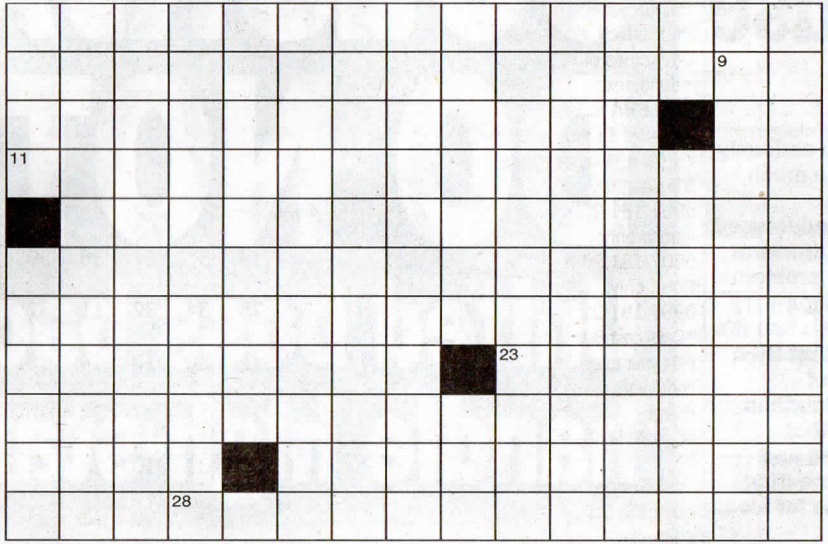

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ACROSS

1 Crush, say, on day girl
6 Long leg extended first
8 Something worn, 22 said
10 It's opulent and high-end
11 Opposed state with selfish leaders
13 Coal in different fuel's container
15 Alternatively, plant trees
16 Children are introspective
17 A duck looked at one speaking
18 City, when it's beaten Natal
21 Lie pertaining to an attitude
23 Line in a book about end approaching
25 Part of a bloomer consumed back in Poland
26 Leading man rejects artless part
27 Gee, maids tidied up without game players
28 Creed a nun spread continuing

DOWN

1 Pet animal's utterance
2 Somebody returned a snake
3 Popular father got us out (2 words)
4 Hate violent crime some more
5 A film with Pacino and others (2 words)
7 City stories gutted by hot author
9 Crossed reds avert disaster
12 Drinks turned down before rounds
14 Perfect cut is by arrangement
19 Lukewarm food usually eaten up without preferred starter
20 Claw that's initially trimmed on its own
22 A monster consequently capsized
24 Mirror's primary function: to reflect

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