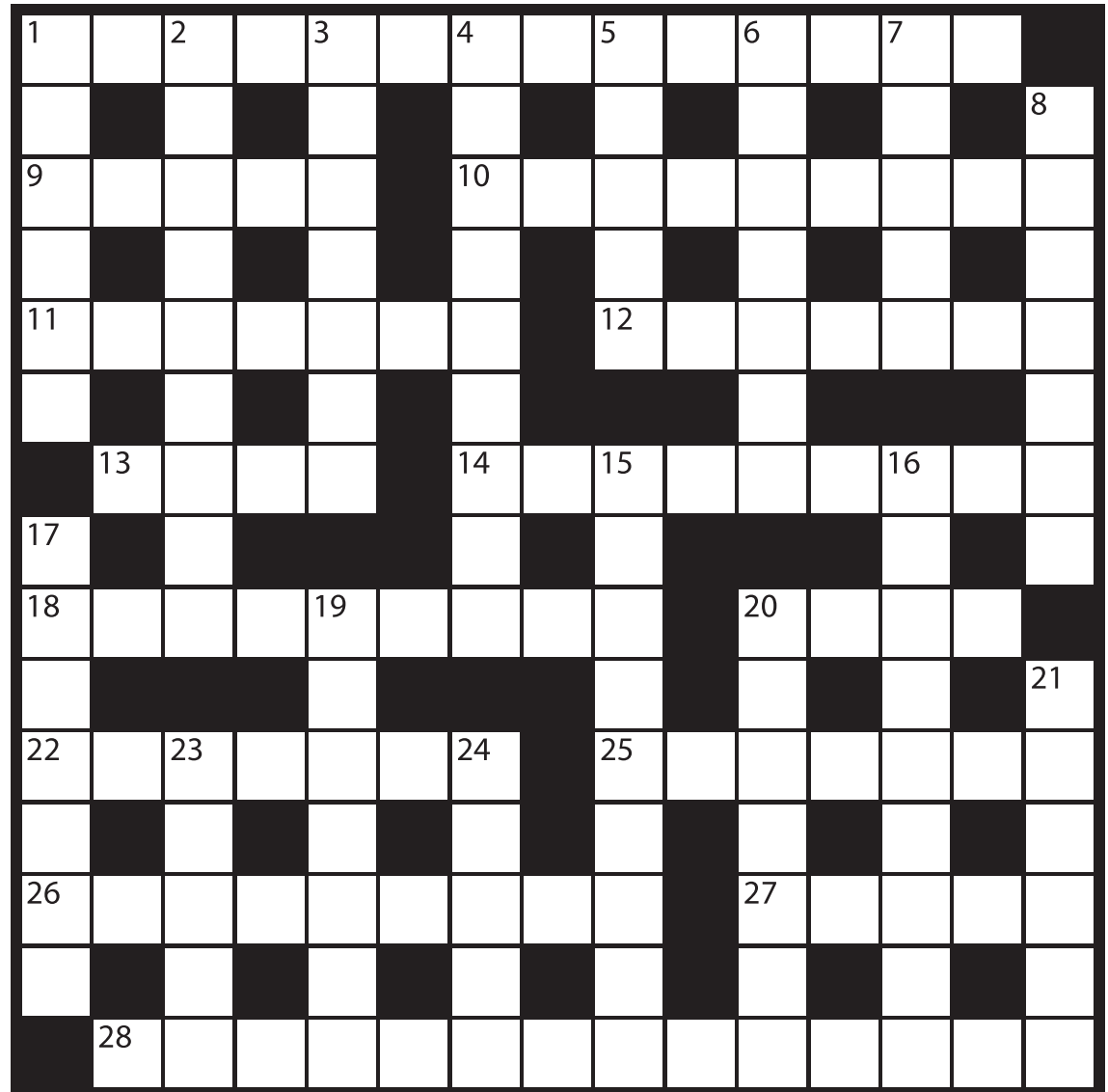


ACROSS

- 1 Following requests, surely foe is about to act selfishly (6,8)
- 9 Clothes-horse from Ireland, say (5)
- 10 Not a quality required in the communications industry? (9)
- 11 Yearn before an attempt in the distant past (4,3)
- 12 Expert by pitch is solvent (7)
- 13 Tender in the ears or eyes (4)
- 14 Nice bee, a large sort (9)
- 18 Going up again, big increase in housing charge (9)
- 20 Cheese in short, shortened (4)
- 22 Mathematics to make lab rage (7)
- 25 Scandal not in anger (7)
- 26 This dream interpreted in novel (4,5)
- 27 Nine in a frenzy after a musical (5)
- 28 Imagine garland on roller for masquerade (5-5,4)

DOWN

- 1 Jewels and fruit on left (6)
- 2 Wrong exchange for euro, señor (9)
- 3 Make cuts but fill to cover lapse (7)
- 4 Refining of already long drink (4,2,3)
- 5 Some result, rampaging excessively (5)
- 6 Salmon's organ placed on belt (7)
- 7 Jargon used in appalling office (5)
- 8 Removed what was allowed in the act (7)
- 15 Trouble, so Reuters turned up (9)
- 16 Female warrior Rita in ban, perhaps (9)
- 17 Garlands from the wars (7)
- 19 Boor removed bloodsucker, say, it's automatic (7)



- 20 Bert, say, unfortunately breaks faith (7)
- 21 Breakfast programme announced (6)
- 23 Pull over by a lake in Italy (5)
- 24 Injured (decapitated) when carrying a gun (5)