

**ACROSS**

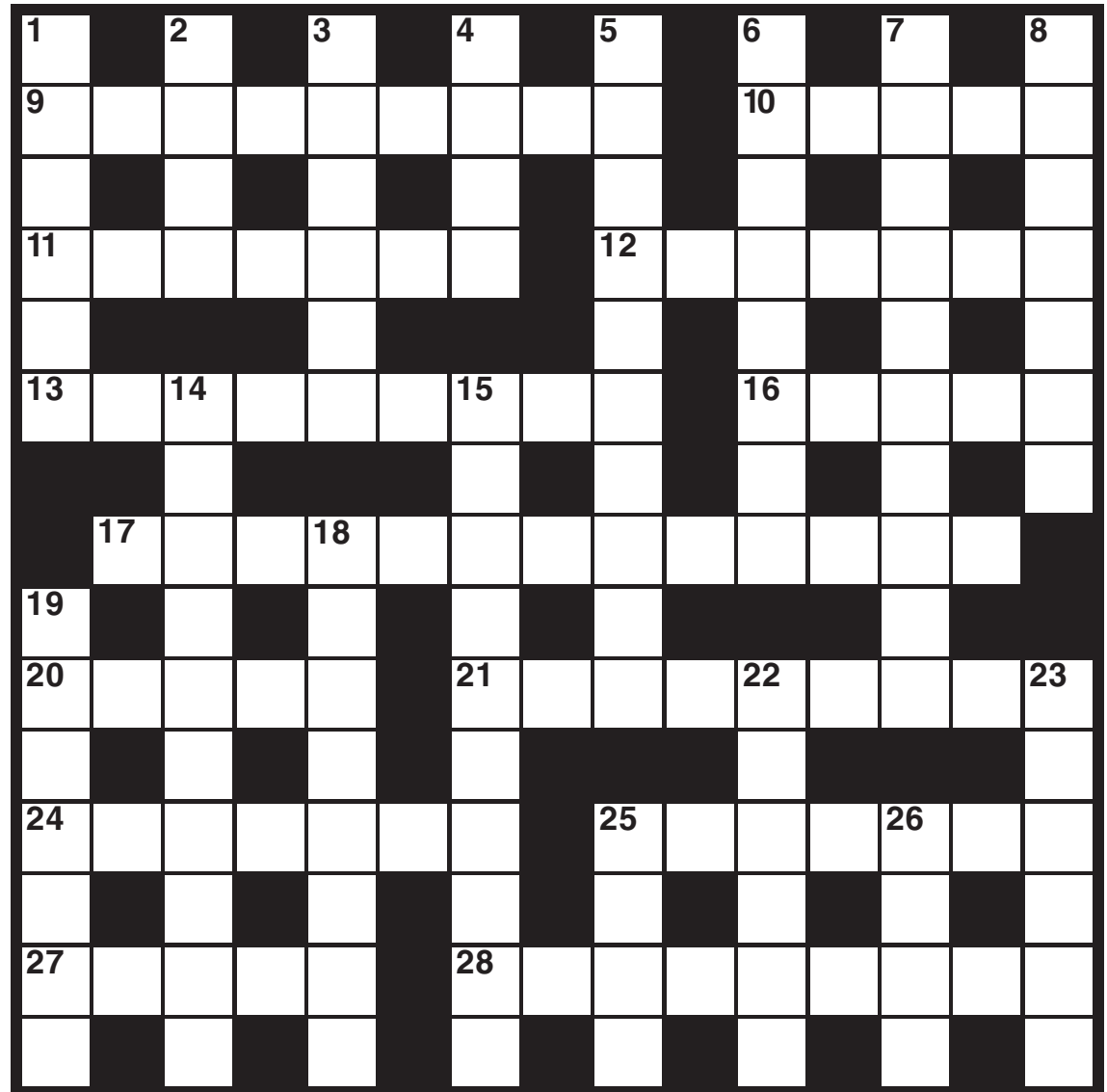
- 9 Set of maths rules needing goal difference to soundly beat (9)  
 10 A price to pay for coral reef (5)  
 11 Weapon to get parking space, one taken initially (7)  
 12 Occasionally manipulate incomplete estimate (2,5)  
 13 Makes a statement about former printing machines (9)  
 16 Swiss dish sent back in selection of fruits ordered (5)  
 17 Problem in trading? Maintain support and be stoical (4,3,4,2)  
 20 Travel in winter with very strong boat (5)  
 21 Doing what you are told, ie once bed made (9)  
 24 Bookish, but no university broadcasting rooms (7)  
 25 Cleaning deposits in part of building (7)  
 27 Use a screen, we hear (5)  
 28 One caring, strangely, to show lack of knowledge (9)

**DOWN**

- 1 Ramble round ball (6)  
 2 Threatening – strange guy, about 50 (4)  
 3 Good stove for country house (6)  
 4 Printing recorection spotted in haste, thankfully (4)  
 5 I'm OK, though difficult to negotiate (10)  
 6 Germs race a bit out of control (8)  
 7 Is silicon found in public land put into service? (10)  
 8 Large company stocking Italian wine? Credit cards required (7)  
 14 Fussy detail (10)  
 15 Options when in water, to cope or not? (4,2,4)

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- 18 Budget another florin to get vacant lots (2-6)  
 19 In the normal way, USA twice turns left (2,5)  
 22 Cover is fashionable, certainly (6)  
 23 Birds are below par (6)  
 25 Stick with first conjunction (4)  
 26 Pubs where Helsinki residents lose head (4)