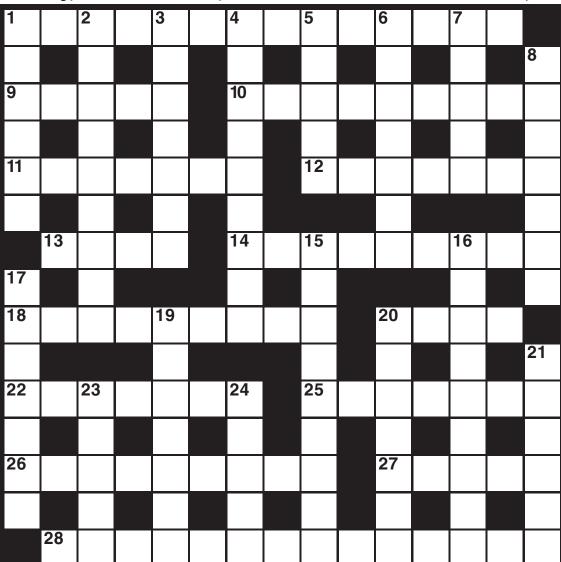
ACROSS

- 1 Great ball includes a cake excess (14)
- **9** Distribute everything with love on time (5)
- 10 Munitions retain one regulation (9)
- 11 No longer played the part as demanded (7)
- **12** Admire ornate sceptre (7)
- 13 My hippo's even a problem for golfers (4)
- 14 Paris ruined in a friend's estimation (9)
- **18** Without sensation, wrote about deputy (6,3)
- 20 Smoke but get remedy (4)
- **22** Hardly the garment for someone perspiring! (7)
- **25** I would myself twitch about love, which is daft (7)
- **26** Easily roused and once could have been quoted (9)
- 27 Bird removes head from dog (5)
- **28** Oddly silent, so a promoter needed for TV actress (6,8)

DOWN

- 1 Showed mercy when padres in trouble (6)
- 2 Element of theatre (9)
- **3** Turns toaster round (7)
- 4 Bad actors off air (9)
- 5 Lowest point in dinar exchange (5)
- 6 Loss of memory confusing men within one of the continents (7)
- **7** Boat in ocean wrecked (5)
- 8 Salesman with part of roof is cold-blooded creature (7)
- **15** In favour of pit, conservationists in the public eye (9)
- 16 Plan to knock back enormous cakes (9)
- 17 Dog tooth? (7)

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- 19 Eastern nations' landed properties (7)
- 20 Ring artist, the fire-breathing monster (7)
- 21 Vet show (6)
- 23 Loud forty shine (5)
- 24 Bird returns gold to garbage can (5)