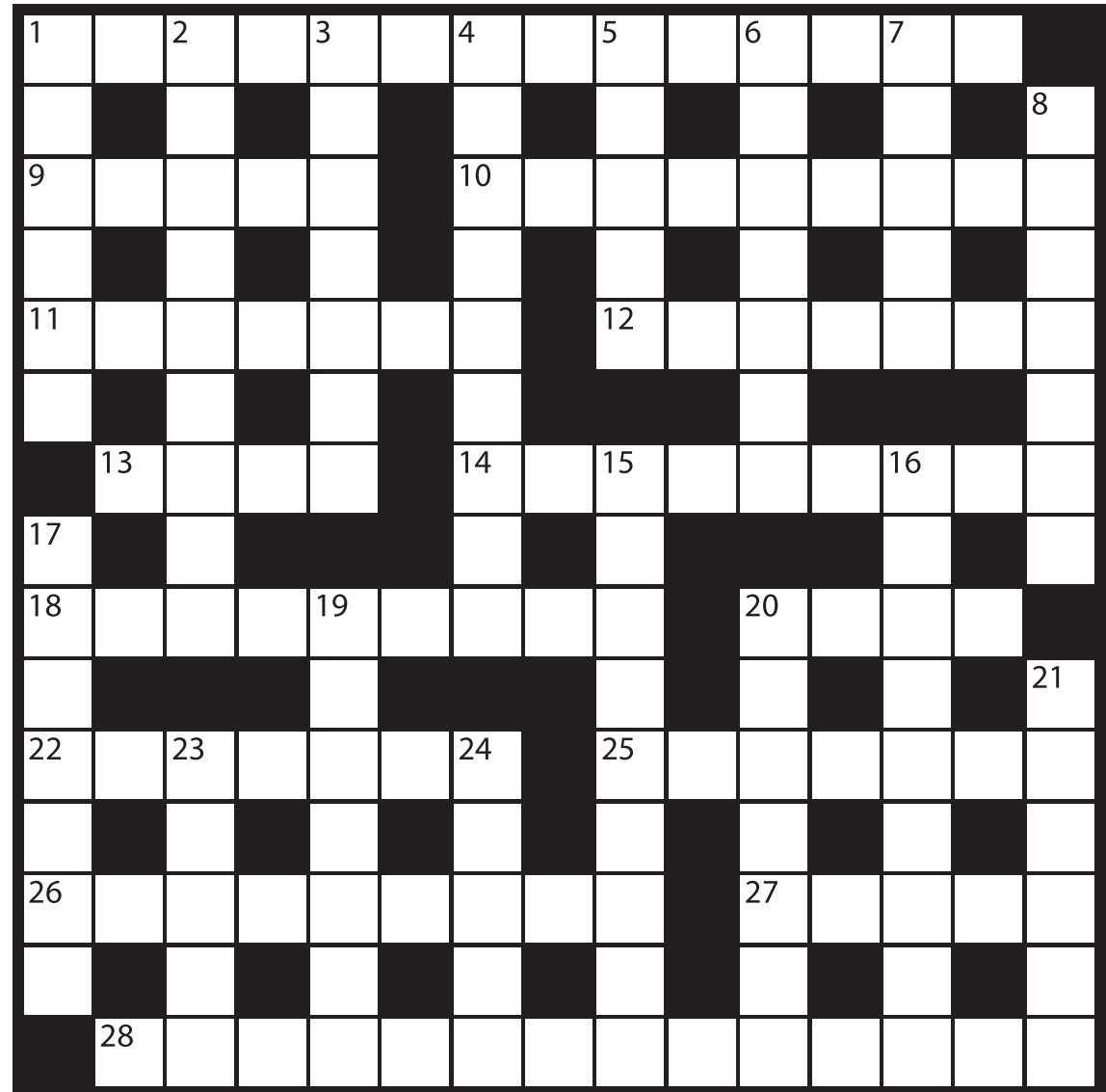


**ACROSS**

- 1 Great ball includes a cake excess (14)
- 9 Snacks best cooked around one (5)
- 10 Dangerous slip experienced by very popular candidate (9)
- 11 Once-over to observe twice (4-3)
- 12 Adjust my radar beam (7)
- 13 Makes fun of chest bones (4)
- 14 Backing motorway design Ted put in (9)
- 18 Member is not in time to make laws (9)
- 20 Some biker blocking part of pavement (4)
- 22 Infantile and shabby, I get removed (7)
- 25 Top bowler (7)
- 26 Girl speaker in temporary bans (9)
- 27 Runs organised tour round city (5)
- 28 Testing time for colliers (8,6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Bustle around, it's implied (6)
- 2 Smell the endless crude oil in underground activity (9)
- 3 Withstands stress I suffered (7)
- 4 Liberal interpretation not applicable to classical performer (9)
- 5 Billy's partner is a relative (5)
- 6 Al's away from Oz country (7)
- 7 Protruding feature on a collection of porcelain (5)
- 8 Remember, mud always covers this island colony (7)
- 15 Force horde of journalists (5-4)
- 16 Spider natural at spinning (9)
- 17 State in the manner of two different degree holders (7)



- 19 New kit, let's knock down (7)
- 20 Needlewoman's fancy trinket (7)
- 21 Men return nothing in fun (6)
- 23 Woman without a place to dock (5)
- 24 Ran fast, difficult round centre of arena (5)