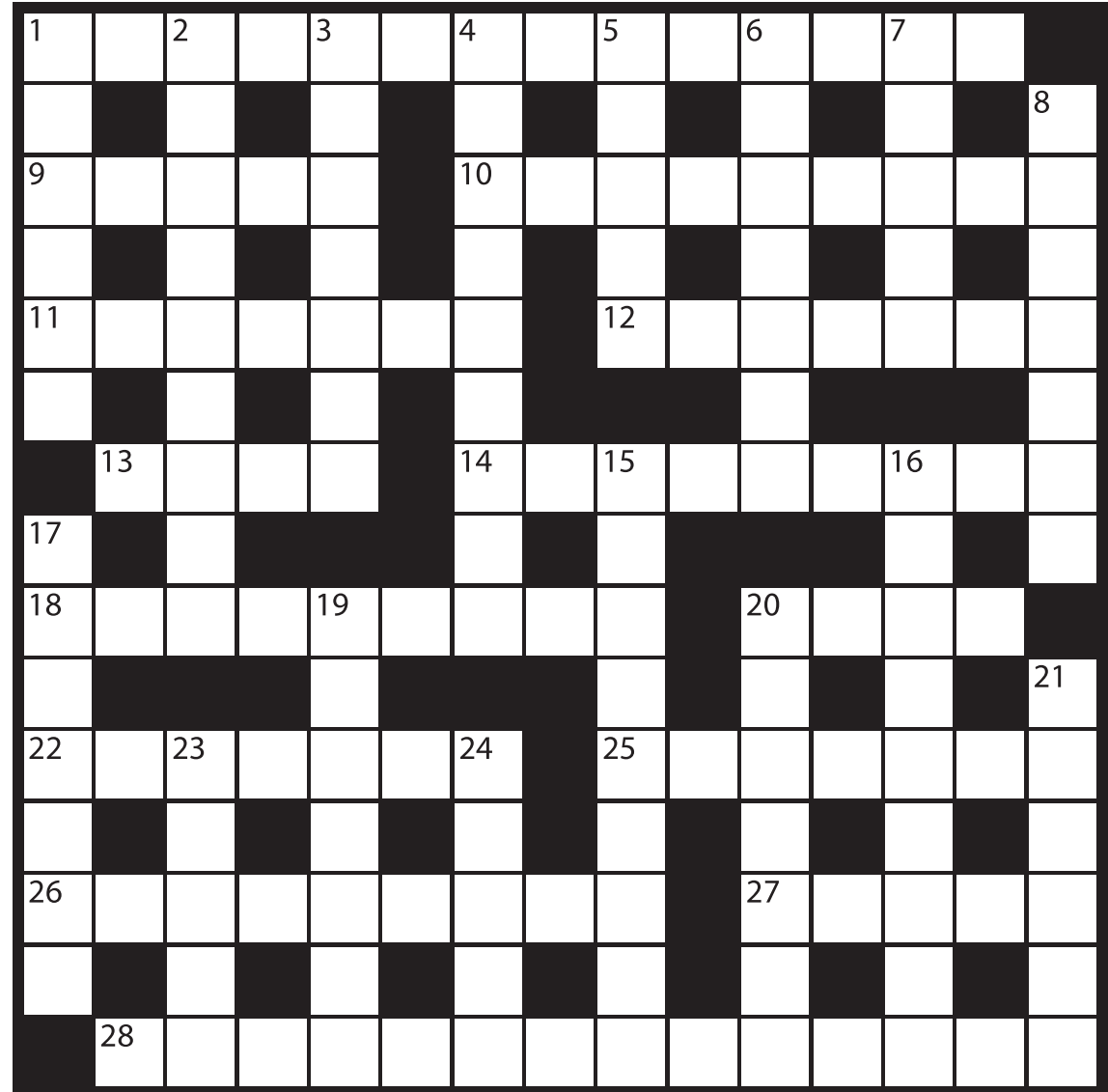


ACROSS

- 1 Solo pop recording passed across to heartless lady (6-8)
- 9 Short emotional poem Cyril composed (5)
- 10 Resentful about dagger I've broken (9)
- 11 It is smoked by brave man in bed (7)
- 12 Hiker runs with walker (7)
- 13 Not a slow way to go without food (4)
- 14 English task force to initially suppress harmful gases (9)
- 18 Out of gear (9)
- 20 Laos bombed in addition (4)
- 22 Reproduction in parcel I sorted out (7)
- 25 Renault's unusual gear position (7)
- 26 Feline ill-feeling? (9)
- 27 Stirred paint is unsuitable (5)
- 28 Dutch general, an outcast, isn't chuckling at the time (6,8)

DOWN

- 1 Join leader in league during season (6)
- 2 One looking after babe in arms due for a change (9)
- 3 Don't welcome New Look cut (4,3)
- 4 Cruel man, naive (9)
- 5 Reign over African river (5)
- 6 Riddles cracked in games (7)
- 7 Crossing up and down (5)
- 8 Speech on modern item of clothing (7)
- 15 One's in India or another place (9)
- 16 Quick to notice old boy with worker (9)
- 17 Director to rub out exterior buzz (7)
- 19 Rabble-rousing hasn't started to be an issue (7)



- 20 A time of thought is quite funny (7)
- 21 Disturbing result from the province (6)
- 23 Greek bread is mine, thanks! (5)
- 24 A nut is in the lead (5)