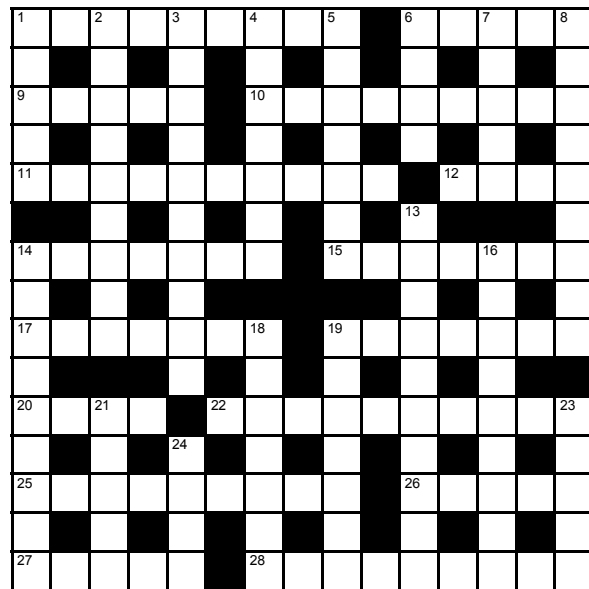


Across

- 1 "Democratic Alliance are befuddled!" - first cry back at meeting (9)
- 6 Drop off to a degree ... then regularly (5)
- 9 I, a Frenchman, come from small Gauteng village (5)
- 10 Let everyone know bar ones caught in the grip of contemptibles (9)
- 11 Knock off at four, right? (3-1-3-3)
- 12 Step echoed (4)
- 14 Fodder from Switzerland? (7)
- 15 Medic first to chase depression (7)
- 17 Forest of current hot American city endlessly thin (7)
- 19 Serious and dramatic, with son replacing mother (7)
- 20 Dash out lane (4)
- 22 Unprepared from end of sleeve (3-3-4)
- 25 Mostly at sea (2,3,4)
- 26 No-one's got energy, it sounds (5)
- 27 Finally realise booze returns to defile (5)
- 28 Very much contained in stature, very in charge (5,4)



- 21 Performer loses face in feature (5)
- 23 Saucy and loud, small and hot, circling about (5)
- 24 Ego-centric internet imitation? (4)

Down

- 1 Rose to announce outdoor cook (5)
- 2 Doubtful of wild ecstatic LP - it loses time (9)
- 3 Voting public choose nothing to tear apart (10)
- 4 Map out central thrusts to support legless person (7)
- 5 Evil arises, hard and professional ... (3,4)
- 6 ... via upward pivot (4)
- 7 A drive out, oddly, is so long (5)
- 8 Lively Green movement has alien in charge (9)
- 13 My inn alone operated fictitiously (2,4,4)
- 14 See it doing wrong, not right, hanging around (9)
- 16 Encroachment into ruins all over the place (9)
- 18 Enlarge trendy apartment with fourth stoep (7)
- 19 Trade ten territories as part of lessening of hostilities (7)