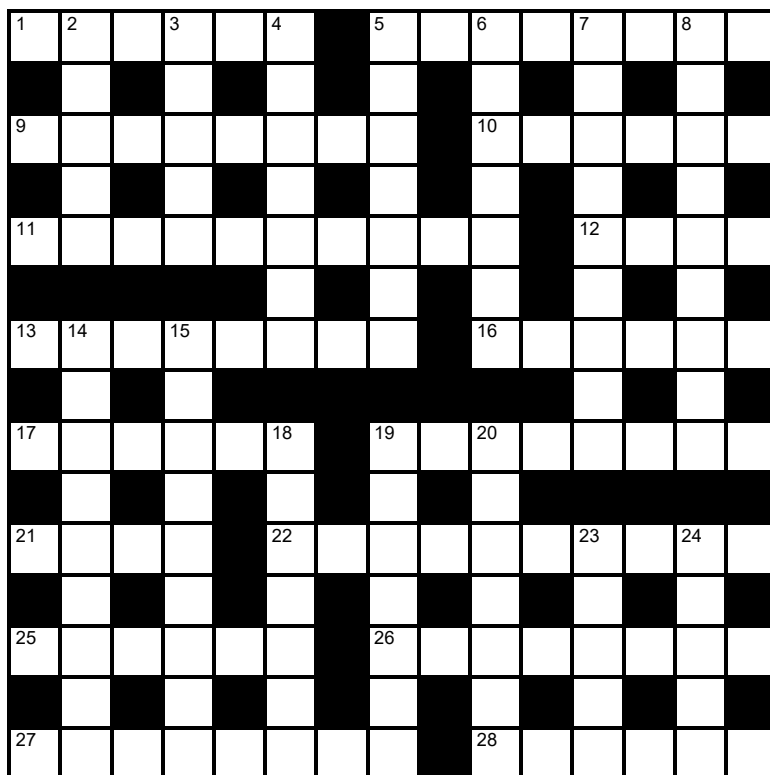


Across

- 1 Australian boy exploits perverts ... (6)
- 5 ... conceivably caned for suggestive act (3,5)
- 9 Popular official relaxed (8)
- 10 Food that hurts one standing up? (2-4)
- 11 Rely on nerve where dead men may be abandoned (6,4)
- 12 Couple pairing up in sixties regularly married (4)
- 13 Bungled a raid? Yes, that's quite likely (1,4,3)
- 16 Colourful bird beside river hit player (6)
- 17 Excels occasionally with puff pastry (6)
- 19 Lively repartee that bears fruit (4,4)
- 21 Past leader's tweets appear totally vacuous (4)
- 22 Possibly sees friend in Dutch capital (10)
- 25 Attract boot attack (4,2)
- 26 Most treacherous former PM is in Paris hotel forced out by King ... (8)
- 27 ... what's more Lady Eden ends numb, completely naked (8)
- 28 Defers earnings (6)



Down

- 2 Giant duck circling new house (5)
- 3 Explosive sound emanating from neutron star in the ascendant (5)
- 4 Politician at first easily taken in by gentleman's coy smiles (7)
- 5 Female colleague swallows a Conservative myth (7)
- 6 No essentially disconsolate child can resist a slide? (3-4)
- 7 At heart setter is so reluctant to indulge (9)
- 8 After hesitation worried intern's first to play ball (2-7)
- 14 Father skirts church to avoid dog (9)
- 15 Adjust bottom oven (9)
- 18 Soused in wine current writer's mellowed (7)
- 19 Traveller's gloomy, depressed by endless lager (7)
- 20 Many set out in spirit of forgiveness (7)
- 23 *Rebel without a cause* (5)
- 24 Reflected that old Queen wasn't missing crown (5)