

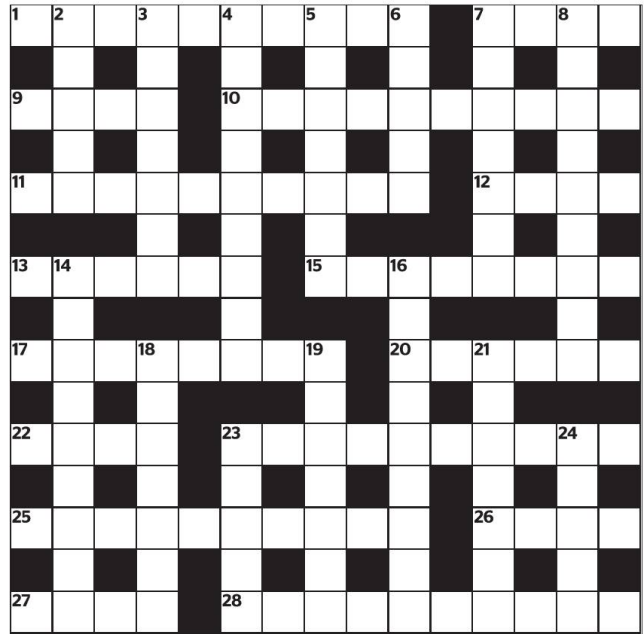
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**ACROSS**

- 1, 10-across Went and gave so-called accessory questionable praise (4-6,10)
- 7 Punt charge (4)
- 9 Noted mosque feature? (4)
- 10 See 1-across
- 11 China once banked on river to be part of TV broadcast? (7,3)
- 12 Soldiers collectively dwelling (4)
- 13 See 22-across
- 15 Reserved semifinal in Canberra during spell (8)
- 17 Worried hospital car was used, but not initially (8)
- 20 Cheekier one quivered? (6)
- 22, 13-across Swift perhaps (or small swallow) joined old singer (4,6)
- 23 Old school fitting had bar-lock sabotaged (10)
- 25 Dodge four optimistic flankers during match (10)
- 26 Alternatively caught a seal-eater (4)
- 27 Slightly wet classifier on radio (4)
- 28 Layered salary cap takes time, OK? (10)

**DOWN**

- 2 Deadly virus ultimately drove cricketer to speak (5)
- 3 Drive baby girl to Spooner? (3,4)
- 4 Chances on passport, stopping stresses (9)
- 5 Fault flake by sea, scaled? (7)
- 6 Put off by campus don reflecting on leaving (5)
- 7 Fruit said to appear short minus top (7)
- 8 Firm sacked generic hotel staffer? (9)
- 14 A square erupted, taking in live ballet move (9)
- 16 Nerdy journo reported pencil-pusher near Canterbury area (5,4)
- 18 Some houses treated 12-across to yearly income (7)
- 19 Sampling idea - DA, I reckon - enough to panic a DJ! (4,3)
- 21 Feel less passion in rank (4,3)
- 23 Water birds scamper, head lowered (5)
- 24 Patrol about cache at intervals (5)



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