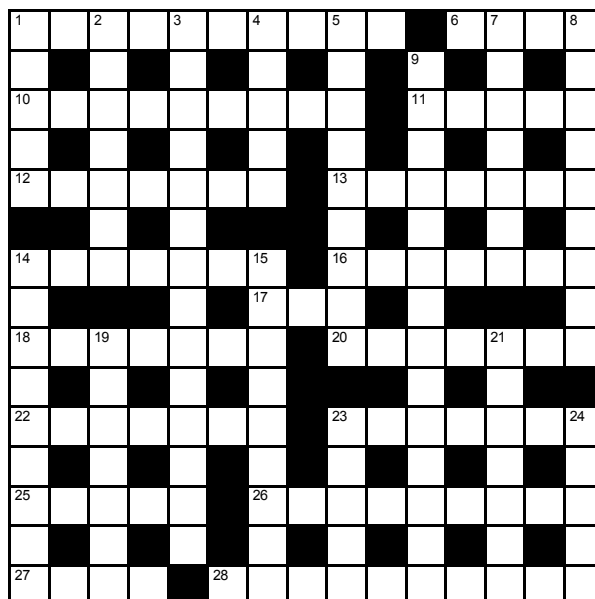


Across

- 1 Extra short and tidy, generally (2,3,5)
 6 Speed-eating American shows willing (4)
 10 Ancestors cooked here (3,6)
 11 Spirit added to my 6 (5)
 12 Singer's crime, taking penultimate Rolo back to little boy (7)
 13 From the very beginning Richard Olney's introduction of viola transformed traditionally savoury morsel (7)
 14 First to spot rain damage in very soft vegetable (7)
 16 Control soft drink in India said to have a nasty smell (7)
 17 Athenian's second oddly chosen teacup (3)
 18 Valley girl drinks large cup (7)
 20 Coalition leaders in Britain ignore pan-European agreement restricting Turkish yoghurt (7)
 22 Salvage miracle brew (7)
 23 Rolls, perhaps, ruined meal for sweetheart (7)
 25/27 Axeman's twin stopped short, demanding to eat dinner first (5,4)
 26 Heavyweight musical style (9)
 27 See 25
 28 One check in 18, perhaps, found in 26? (10)

Down

- 1 Cook often does this. Something to pass on (5)
 2 Dissolve skin of avocado pear resembling doughnut (7)
 3 At least four birds skimming 6 (5,3,6)
 4 An ear for something with potential (5)
 5 Wrongly identified as a "grub" spot? (9)
 7 Morel a hunter initially unearthed near pit (7)
 8 Making refreshing change from restaurant? Quite the opposite (9)



- 9 Questionable 6 in which some compete for cheese (7,7)
 14 6 is not completely smooth (9)
 15 I leave "martini gap" about 6 (9)
 19 Apple developer put faith in Jobs's second firm (7)
 21 Family supports addition of butter to bottom of pie dish... (7)
 23 ...dish that is chopped first (5)
 24 Root for unfancied debutant in large field (5)