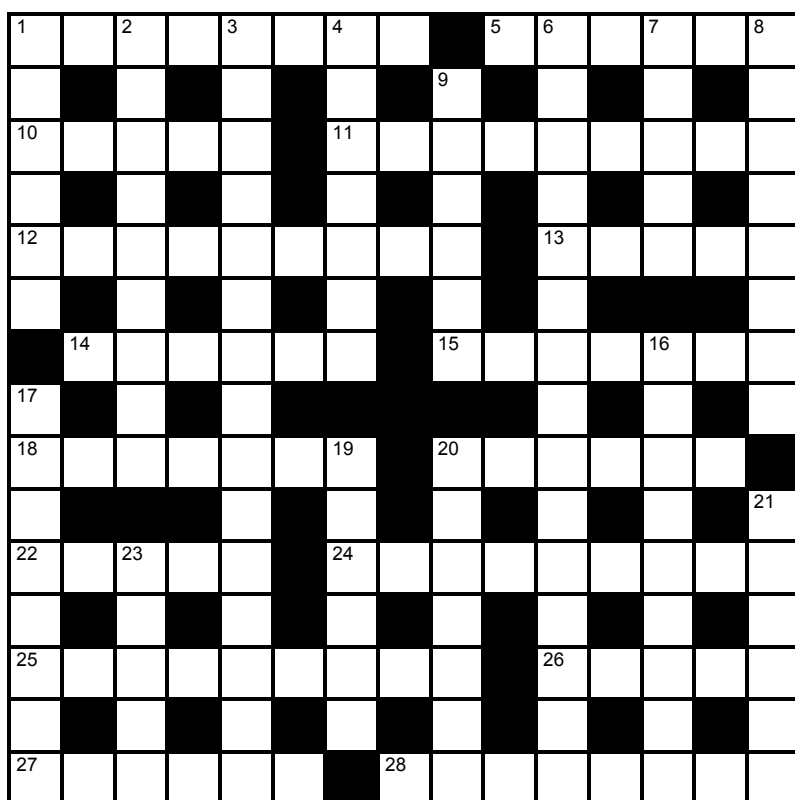


ARENA



Across

- 1 I had sex with lady - could be spelling trouble (8)
- 5 Understood to get credit and cover (6)
- 10 Hurt by reversing vehicles (5)
- 11 Broken set strewn by the roadside (9)
- 12 Ex- air cons can be very skinny folk (9)
- 13 Even birdie call is perfect (5)
- 14 Capital business in general has unnatural shock for VIP (6)
- 15 Head's revised old ones (7)

- 18 The French stage production of *Little Birds* (7)
- 20 Playmates dancing (not lap) but still hot (6)
- 22 a place for pole-dancing (5)
- 24 Possibly ascribe the Italian as being thus (9)
- 25 A boring article about such Christians (4-5)
- 26 Stupid in an excusable sort of way (5)
- 27 Left inn, got pensioned of and forced out (6)
- 28 Box fruit for horse (8)

Down

- 1 A little bloodhound is maltreated and appears dejected (6)
- 2 Raucously sing sea-song endlessly, like salt (9)
- 3 Mealeats unlike 12 , I assume (3,7,5)
- 4 Don't start searching for shell-fish - get the idea? (7)
- 6 Perhaps I can go to NHS's hospice to die (4,2,4,5)
- 7 Woman has right to bring it up (5)
- 8 Lessened punishment that's gratuitous..... (8)

- 9or spin-doctor's can (6)
- 16 Fool prepared meal with noodle (4,5)
- 17 He'd a debt - settled for the rest, finally (8)
- 19 Round tour of Acropolis going coo (6)
- 20 Stop being firm (7)
- 21 Right, throw out that which is substandard (6)
- 23 Insect tucking into moth, rips off it's wings (5)