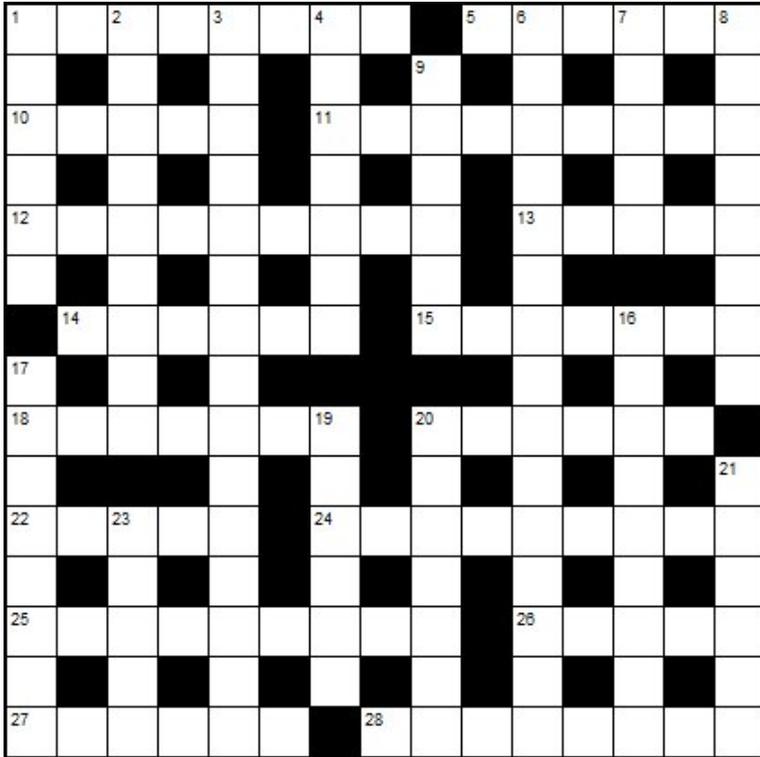


Puzzle by Raymond

This one is quite a challenge. There is a lot of clever stuff going on in the clues, and you'll feel a sense of satisfaction when the pennies drop. I particularly like 10 and 24 across.



ACROSS

- 1 CID op yet might produce proof in Hollywood... (8)
- 5 ...relating to sight of copper in or around LA... (6)
- 10 ...beginning to scheme with Al about Bush (5)
- 11 Help us to retain newspaper second editions for a larger circulation? (9)
- 12 EEC neatly gets around the flaming matter! (9)
- 13 Reg dunno about having a jog (5)
- 14 Once more fill the breech dear ol' chaps (6)
- 15 Snap stripped covers back in place (3,4)
- 18 Just occasionally isn't Keown a crude factor? (7)
- 20 Check a joint does have itself sorted (6)
- 22 Fast consisting of water ultimately paid off (5)
- 24 Dodgy retsina to pen and ink here! (9)
- 25 Boxer, perhaps with short reach, failing to finish training (4-5)
- 26 Trump and his crowd leaving historian wordless (5)
- 27 Fails to do nest out (6)
- 28 Quite possibly in some jeopardy as eradiated elements are returned (1,4,3)

DOWN

- 1 Do go on, said in short (6)
- 2 Recall Levi's the day before following shade of blue getting stick... (9)
- 3 ...for sometimes the renowned navy must be modified (5,3,3,4)
- 4 As a replacement it's Dean or Ted in as arranged (7)
- 6 Provide clothing specs including note about type of skirt for important PM appointment (7,8)
- 7 Express free paper finally tried to get rational (5)
- 8 Muscle in on small time society honours (8)
- 9 He's half afraid to get involved again (6)
- 16 Top Gear down in the dumps about first of laps (4,5)
- 17 Postdoc art soiree served up peeled shrimp? (8)
- 19 Fancy kind of potato out of Spain (6)
- 20 Get over shock at the end of Rod Laver? (7)
- 21 "Nasty Noel's" present place appears unfinished to the naked eye (6)

23 Eliminate parking on drive (5)