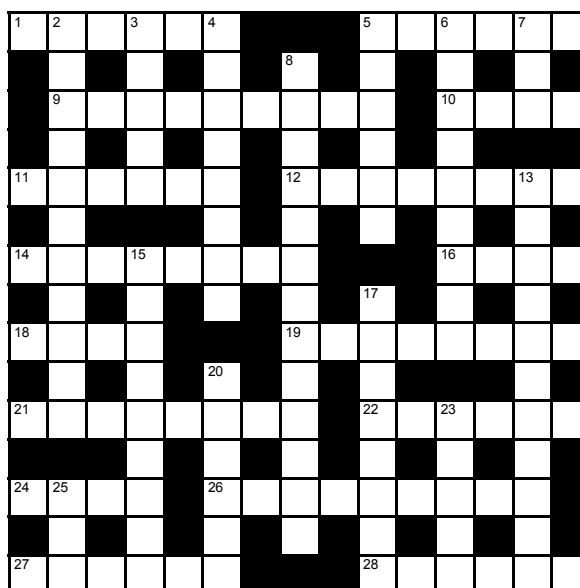


Across

- 1 In a little while came first echoes (3-3)
- 5 Gift, say, covered in frills (6)
- 9 Messed up meal accommodating cold pressman (9)
- 10 Make listener listen at last (4)
- 11 Make mistake with assignment (6)
- 12 I push it in. Why, you say? It's my image (8)
- 14 Denigrate Book Promotion Month after central changes (8)
- 16 Stick to quiet vlel, having no energy (4)
- 18 Knock out answer to new Zen riddle (4)
- 19 *Visa*, for instance, to enter Congo finally with group (8)
- 21 Turning extremely ghastly rodent in opening gambit (8)
- 22 One donor gets lost inside building (6)
- 24 Woman harbours love for vellie (4)
- 26 Sculpture depicts students at rest (3,6)
- 27 Poles protect regular pulse fed to organ (6)
- 28 Just So (Pull-the-Tail) story ends (6)



- 25 Anticipate brief walk on one leg (3)

Down

- 2 Cape Town place where you really see the stars (11)
- 3 Go up in Germany, UK, Austria (5)
- 4 Dumped by surf and exhausted (5,3)
- 5 Hands over advantage of accounting book (6)
- 6 Begins smoking dagga and falls apart (4,2,3)
- 7 Smart perhaps and worry endlessly (3)
- 8 He focuses on feathers - nothing - nil! His grotto is chaos (13)
- 13 Small amount of drink put on small dump and shortly flung away (11)
- 15 Chap had wild genes and heart for heavy metal (9)
- 17 Lies and guns is a recipe for horror (8)
- 20 Large climbing bug initially attached to ape (6)
- 23 Bore doctor with pain (5)