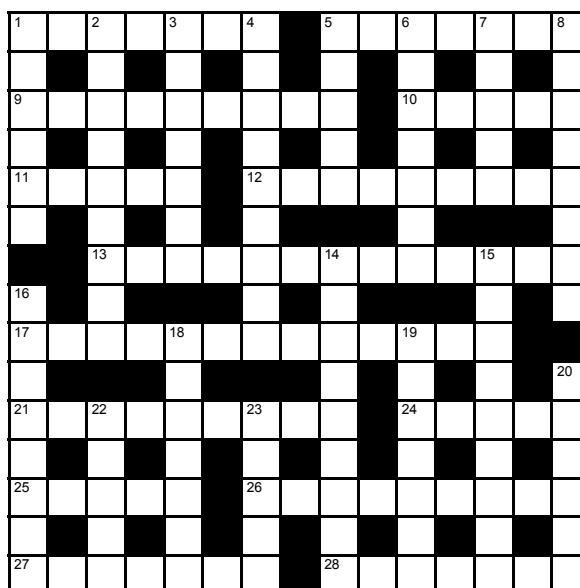


Across

- 1 Asian takes on a US state (7)
- 5 Regrets last dance circling guys (7)
- 9 Obstinate student meets working geek (9)
- 10 Saying too much in second (5)
- 11 Fairly crass clothing fibre (5)
- 12 We shall invade bashes in houses (9)
- 13 Try out fewer nests - no time for inelegance (13)
- 17 Dine out, stout one - good, gifted and tireless (13)
- 21 Playwright about South Africa: "Buggered tweed" (4,2,3)
- 24 Travel to Ugie where I withdraw to dig (5)
- 25 Learn about liver connections (5)
- 26 So I mend in another aspect (9)
- 27 Fooled daughters about escape (7)
- 28 Developing new climb (7)



23 Way did sound like river got crossed (5)

Down

- 1 One megabyte, one Learner App - starts with 'dassie' (6)
- 2 Committed to throw dice in old hat (9)
- 3 Nun, alas, neglected plants (7)
- 4 Change alpha-males to reserved (at last!) males over time (9)
- 5 Submit chalet (5)
- 6 Doctor, overwhelmed by hybrids, speaks unclearly (7)
- 7 Either way, no heavyweight is unacceptable (3,2)
- 8 Director marks first epic about son (8)
- 14 Name thigh moving forward (9)
- 15 Old and surprisingly cute, I have become leader (9)
- 16 Reflected in final heirloom - one Rolls Royce, old and rosy (8)
- 18 Played but cheated (7)
- 19 Grand times start - one is past 'things' (7)
- 20 Snack with veggie fanatic (6)
- 22 Zulu gets special loan relating to area (5)