

Across

- 1 Carelessly obese and appearing royal? (12)
- 9 House-guest hides in passage? Quite the contrary! (5)
- **10** Hype that voters eat poorly (9)
- 11 Formicary mob in Wacky Races (7)
- **12** Admitted defeat in making Eddy lie (7)
- 13 Wonderful trireme leaves Rhode Island with crashing sound (10)
- **16** Donated headless century plant (4)
- 18 Red assassin (4)

- 19 Claiming to be an explanation of bad hair (4-6)
- **22** Brewing herbal tea, beginning foolish talk (7)
- 24 Porcelain range found crossing central Illinois (Percy's Point?) (7)
- **26** Drove around, holding speed, but it's not as much fun as they said (9)
- 27 I care about Heather (5)
- **28** Uncertain order of texts in the West End (6,6)

Down

1 Rat puts out arriviste (7)

- 2 Weight you and I lost after a drop of tequila drunk (5)
- **3** Deem it is wrongly listed (8)
- 4 Japanese report of East Anglian city wisdom (9)
- 5 Wanting to hotly deny the end is in the middle (5)
- **6** Whipped boy holding southern man (6)
- 7 Continental shelf ends everything as coastline is sighted (8)
- **8** Interfere in Pink Floyd album (6)
- **14** Hugs Forster, maybe, holding his trousers up? (8)

- **15** Baseless violent feud undone, almost (9)
- 17 Raucous small weapon (8)
- **18** Strip-tease by U2's frontman, nonetheless (6)
- **20** Decorative vocal addition in Buxtehude's cantata (7)
- 21 Norse god with American weapon in the chest (6)
- **23** Relationship helps in this, possibly (5)
- 25 Having beer around four shows one isn't dead (5)