

**ACROSS**

- 1 Out of the sunlight, dreams of hot stuff! (7,7)
- 9 Speak with some tutor, a teacher (5)
- 10 Get back right dog (9)
- 11 Give way to urges, eluding disaster (7)
- 12 Cost – it sounds like an unspecified amount (7)
- 13 Some tried gymnastics, nervous (4)
- 14 Causing drowsiness if tailless scorpion stirs (9)
- 18 Dog could be too old? Yep (3,6)
- 20 A girl hasn't finished, unfortunately (4)
- 22 It'll hop round crest (7)
- 25 Club concealing the broken knife (7)
- 26 Least broad missile in the home (9)
- 27 Spontaneous remark made by wayward lad to one bishop (2-3)
- 28 Ongoing money for running major city (7,7)

**DOWN**

- 1 Was to do with the ear coming from abroad (6)
- 2 Urged lady to move with caution (9)
- 3 Fish with friend if in Utopia (7)
- 4 Sends her a version that's attached (9)
- 5 Relative without a release (5)
- 6 He falls over one on excursion (7)
- 7 Bird, very close, turning up outside (5)
- 8 Acute need for uniform grey again to beset North Carolina (7)
- 15 Came in, put out, full of air (9)
- 16 Make Lee go into apartment with vegetable (9)
- 17 Getting engraving, but not loudly (7)

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- 19 View unruly lout with nothing satisfactory (7)
- 20 Painter lifts brace to bright light (3,4)
- 21 Anger Bill by hiding pet rodent (6)
- 23 Doesn't finish great old piece by Handel (5)
- 24 Clean pair, born to be raised (5)