Across

- 8 Manage energy level after work... (7)
- 9 ... last time regarding me was insane(7)
- 11 Joint article with King and the French (5)
- **12** Try out plane, or interview the driver? (4,5)
- **13** A racist poet is pixelated on screen size (6,5)
- 15 Attack beast! (3)
- **16** Novel about ethnic treachery (7,2,3,3)
- 20 Authority on racing Fiats somewhat (3)
- 22 Tool to swindle actor Adam (11)
- 24 Good for stars? (9)
- 25 Babies, female and others (5)
- 27 Pasta for us, something I like lots in the morning? (7)
- 28 Country founded atop one article (7)

Down

- 1 City ran out of masters (4)
- 2 Spooner's verbally confused it's his Achilles heel! (4,4)
- **3** For the purpose of rice wine... (4)
- 4 ... teacher left East Connecticut and found pure rice (8)
- 5 Sleep and rest in an one-room apartment (6)
- 6 In law, e.g., woman holding a man upside down, resulting in hospital! (10)
- 7 Drank 6 informally, lost end of their nose (6)
- 10 Talk of mechanic mathematician (5)
- 13 Swerve around vehicle (3)
- 14 Everyone agreeing as one company man is vile, deranged and an unknown (10)
- 17 Broadcast latest (second) attempt to fish (8)
- 18 Compelling attachment? (8)
- 19 Perry naked and wrong (3)
- 20 Key security left when Del Boy was around? (3,3)
- 21 A chess champion's pain... (5)
- 22 ... introducing new piece that is! (6)
- 25 Fixes tantrums (4)
- 26 King's left hearing aid (4)