



Across

- 1 Child prodigy drew unkind caricature (10)
- 6/26 What is just over half of 9? An assurance, such as 1 across (8)
- 9 Fast, I move to spot (7)
- 10 Above granary, bearing letter from abroad (7)
- 12 Billy Wilder clip to get Oscar (5)
- 13 Most negligible insult is French (9)
- 15 A Frenchman deals with repercussions (7)
- 16 Mexican state concealed most of Beta Persei (7)
- 17 Male magazine has spectacles for a short-sighted chap (2,5)
- 20 Puppet risen to fight (5-2)
- 22 Air Lennon composed to a type of equation (9)
- 23 Russian capital and region of the countryside (5)
- 24 Rex and bird take time in Auckland suburb (7)
- 25 Rummaging, say, as usual (7)
- 26 See 6
- 27 Attractive gold chaps enter, birth related (10)

Down

- 1 Wait where I'm ousted by student giving quarter to killer poet (4,7)
- 2 Type of surface rarely found on a slide (7)
- 3 Dire "Yes Minister" emergency no mystery (somehow) to a Sir Humphrey (8,5)
- 4 Almost be aware of c-call for help from home of bullish type (7)
- 5 Fairly dark film, with union leader replacing iodine feed (7)
- 7 Properly lubricate bore... (3,4)
- 8 ...a creature of habit, taking every second in turn (3)
- 11 Can't get this German 6/26? Tee-hee! (13)
- 14 Molière plot foiled by a misleading French 6/26 (6,5)
- 18 Memo Ron distributed around compound (7)
- 19 Duck to write song for a type of concert (4-3)
- 20 Uproar I fermented in Wellington (7)
- 21 Nagging musician? (7)
- 24 A line of scrap (3)