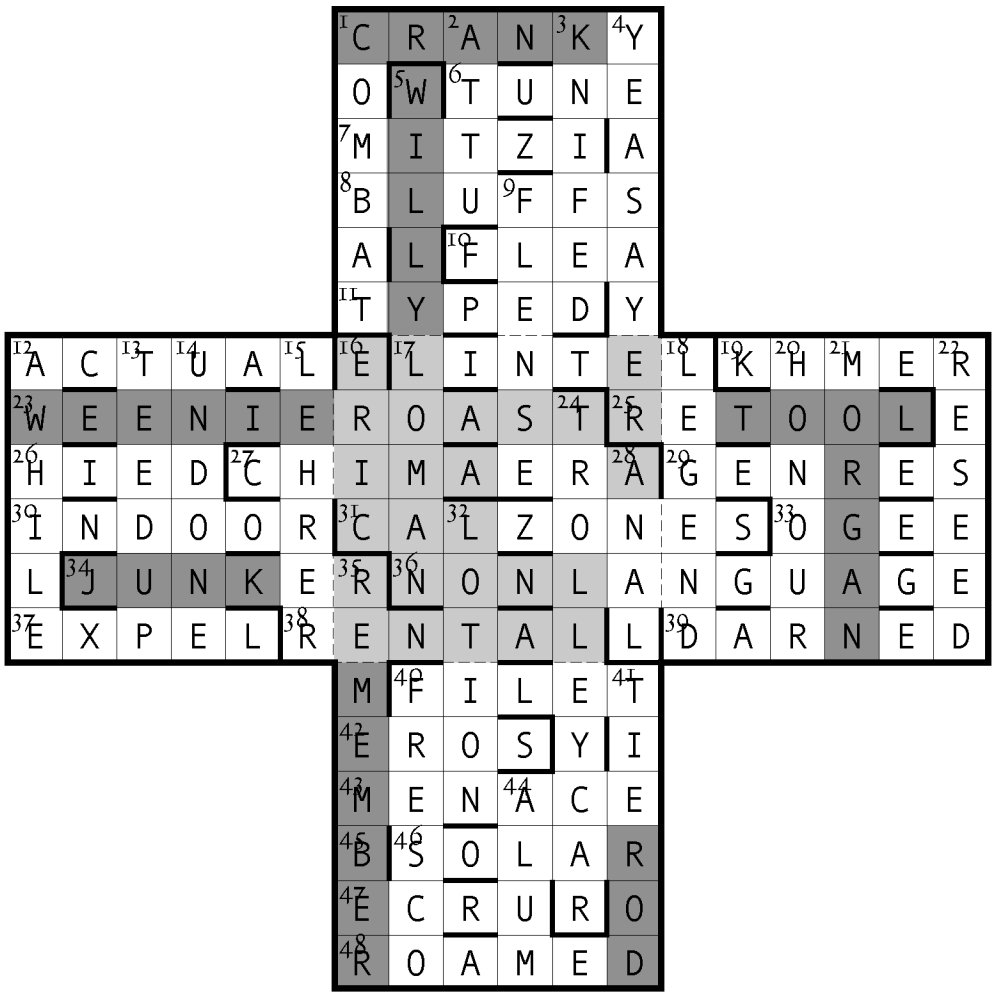
PANFILO'S PUZZLE SOLUTION - INTERZONAL

Phallic euphemisms found in the grid should be blacked out, as in the redacted intro text. Note that these all occur within the outer regions of the grid. If the outer regions are folded to the middle, as suggested by the intro and the dotted grid lines, all of the letters in the middle region are obscured except those spelling the answer INTERZONAL.



Clue Explanations

* = anagram, " " = homophone

Across 1. NARC reversed + KY 6. "toon" 7. showbIZ TIMes rev. 8. double definition 10. "flee" 11. pretTY PEDestrian 12. (-f)ACTUAL 17. L(IN + TE)L 19. Khan's...remaining initials 23. own eateries* 25. LOOTER rev. 26. "hide" 27. hair came* 29. GEN(R)E + S 30. rodin* around O 31. CA(L+ZO)NES 33. rOuGhEnEd 34. jerk* surrounding UN lone, gaga nun* 37. E(X+P)EL 38. lanter(-n)* 39. DAR(n)ED 40. felt I* 42. SORE rev. 43. mean* + CE 46. S(-ch)OLAR 47. crue* 48. ROA(ME)D

Down 1. C + (-w)OMBAT 2. thAT TUrned 3. DE + FINK rev. 4. YE + AS(-s)AYER 5. womanly* holding ILL 9. F(LENS)E 12. AW([-c]HIL[-d])E 13. pet due* 14. dun(-g)eon* 15. LE(HR)ER 16. charactER I Consider 18. L(EG)END 20. H(ON)OUR 21. MO(RG)AN 22. "recede" 24. colt rarely* 28. ANAL(-ysis) 32. oil not* 35. REM + EMBER 40. SERF rev. + CO 41. editor* 44. maul*