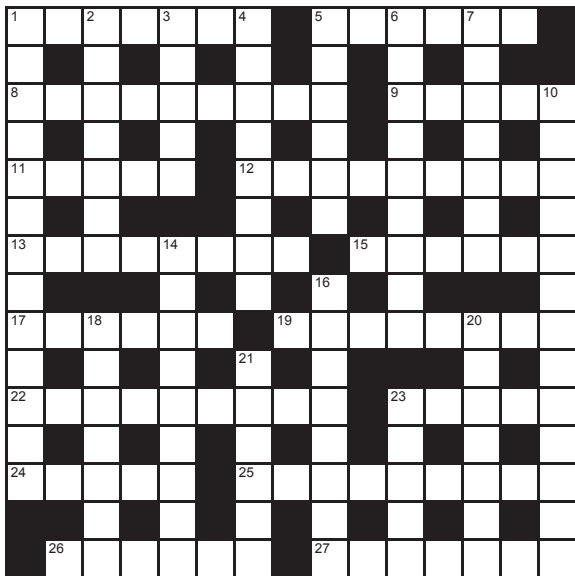


CROSSWORD

No. 14,150 Set by SLEUTH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Engineer with difficulty mentioned piece of furniture (7)
- 5 Dubious group of workers by yard (6)
- 8 Prestigious award favoured in social event gets commanding position (9)
- 9 Fool caught in sandy area (5)
- 11 Former runner almost completed races (5)
- 12 Absolute jazz fan, male infused with energy (9)
- 13 Smarten up object exhibited by four in gallery (8)
- 15 A lot initially bound to return for foreign dish (6)
- 17 Retired woman accommodated by observer mostly without a hitch? (6)
- 19 March sees son also getting into sport on reflection (8)
- 22 Military order recalling solver's past? (2,3,4)
- 23 Abandon insignificant type (5)
- 24 Cut in turn portion of beef in kitchen (5)
- 25 A foreign character wearing top is styled in light green (9)
- 26 Party organiser ignoring pressure, figure free from guilt (6)
- 27 This star unexpectedly ditches a set of clothes (1-6)

DOWN

- 1 Fellow engaged in dubious work with the media? It's inaccurate (4,2,3,4)
- 2 Stop around Malta to get support (7)

- 3 Musical composition providing problem in court? (5)
- 4 Determination shown in renovation of neat built-up area (8)
- 5 Seat is designed for a nap (6)
- 6 Northern worker first at excavation feeling anger (9)
- 7 Feature of plant giving nurse endless bother (7)
- 10 Quarrel physically in business area getting depressed in the Bahamas (8,5)
- 14 Light food with value on TV to be distributed (3-2-4)
- 16 Very good time to take in much of river in county (8)
- 18 Fashionable part of farm above lake is close to church (7)
- 20 Dog, an enticing thing with tail docked by singer (7)
- 21 No hand is raised carrying European gun, say (6)
- 23 Consignment of drugs remains below road (5)

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