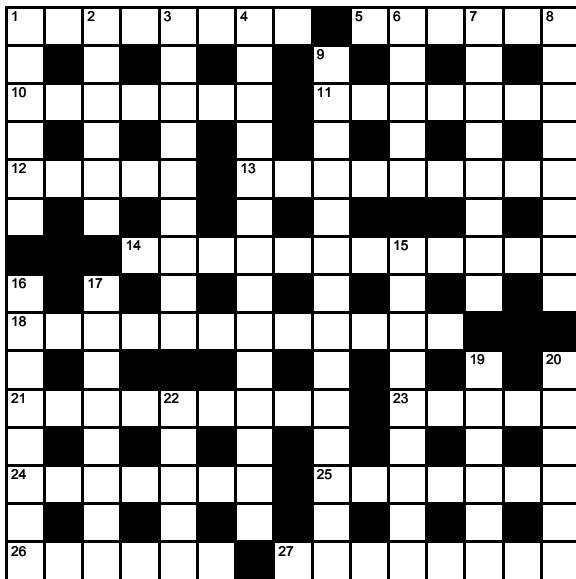


CROSSWORD

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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Superb examples given by boyfriend with connections (8)
- 5 Regret accepting key delivery (6)
- 10 Herb providing source of nutrition in eggs (scrambled) (7)
- 11 In the chair, begging to be executed (7)
- 12 Rampant sex covers in the morning papers (5)
- 13 Where there's talk on the origin of wine? (9)
- 14 Undertook to touch down in paradise (8,4)
- 18 Pub lowering heat for a change (8,4)
- 21 Got back a couple of revolvers (insured) (9)
- 23 Sarcasm from press, say, at last (5)
- 24 Hormone that will mostly offend at home (7)
- 25 Talk around venue for carnival transport once (7)
- 26 Good eyes failed viewer finally, in spring (6)
- 27 A Brit, for example – one to cast aspersions (8)

DOWN

- 1 Striker's great tendency to finish early (3,3)
- 2 Former queen with answer starting to lose temper (6)
- 3 Financial controller right to chase prize (9)

- 4 A sign of commitment to the battle call? (10,4)
- 6 Dodge concealed by upping weighted average (5)
- 7 Vital fault-finder on a line (8)
- 8 Intellectuals encourage principals (8)
- 9 Profits sketched out, prepares for action (6,3,5)
- 15 Raised youth – first class student – a master becoming religious leader (5,4)
- 16 Gathering sorrow, disheartened, and supplying weaponry (8)
- 17 Remains loyal to staff, with second purchase rumoured (6,2)
- 19 Managed to pinch one and made a transcript (6)
- 20 The world of Shakespeare is pale pink (6)
- 22 Something to regulate flow of visitors initially through valley (5)

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