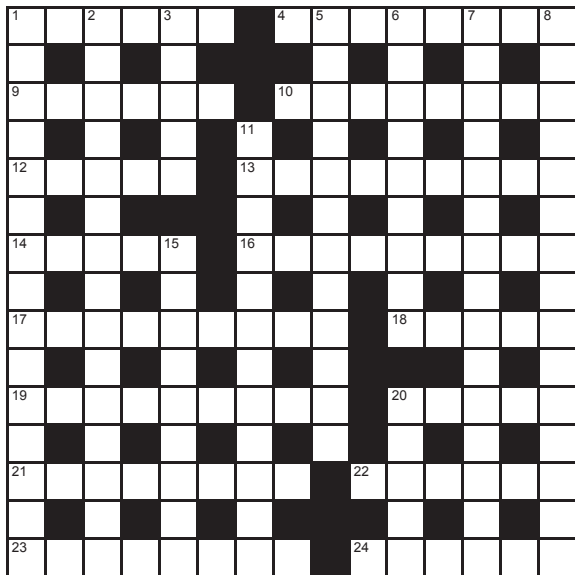


CROSSWORD

No. 13,981 Set by MONK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Celebrity's present wrapped in notes (6)
- 4 Most prompt satirist does not finish exam (8)
- 9 A large feather almost given by a group of stars (6)
- 10 Pub key placed behind vestibule and what it leads to (5,3)
- 12 Stout or beer seen alternately (5)
- 13 First signs of near miss imply this distance (9)
- 14 Change direction in small island bay (5)
- 16 Ancestor worked round hard voussoir (9)
- 17 Prove confident on a subject's origin (9)
- 18 Canteen's northern drinkers beginning to fade by lunchtime, perhaps (5)
- 19 New arcade, one that is housing a collection of flags? (9)
- 20 Animal suggested by dad? (5)
- 21 Mountaineer with credit for a bad spell of weather (8)
- 22 Short horseman races inside cave (6)
- 23 Final's just on time, but not the first half (8)
- 24 Tap muscle regularly in 12 (6)

DOWN

- 1 Illogical way to argue justification in a theatrical part (6,2,1,6)
- 2 One unveils clue: "I cooked fresh clean food" (8,7)
- 3 Line adopted by morally lax author (5)
- 5 Easily prevail in ancient war novel (3,2,1,6)
- 6 Frank finds parent and child who could be in order (9)
- 7 In race meeting, colt wandering about two different fields (15)
- 8 Book quartet on board when 1 down? (5,3,2,1,4)
- 11 Girl dominating another in adult book (4,8)
- 15 Call a huge person, but not the one she scolds (9)
- 20 Soft otter shedding its first coat (5)

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