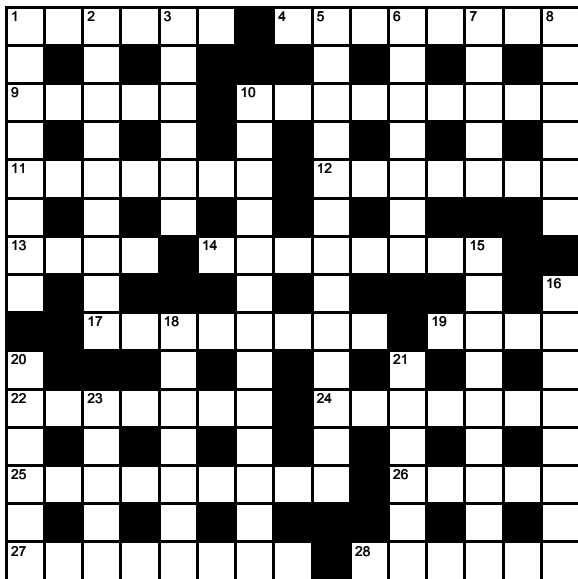


CROSSWORD

No. 13,237 Set by AARDVARK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Work assistant finally inside stole capital (6)
- 4 Excel in semis with a knock-out? That's fantasy (8)
- 9 Mob intend to welcome footballers returning (5)
- 10 Running short in cake mixes every Monday? (4,1,4)
- 11 Vomit after servant emptied out porridge (7)
- 12 Retired Irishman, perhaps falling in river, made communication (1-6,)
- 13 Cook stew (2-2)
- 14 City is less urban cutting westwards (8)
- 17 Area of medicine where patient puts his best foot forward after treatment? (8)
- 19 Tramp earliest to find discarded papers? (4)
- 22 Hike involved groups drained of oxygen in periphery of Ukraine (7)
- 24 Guess head of geography will be immersed in one US state (7)
- 25 Turk's Head absorbed by Melinda's rousing strip (9)
- 26 Indian boss ignores welcome, heading for the reduced alcohol (1,3,1)
- 27 Bill enters state building for rigorous examination (4,4)
- 28 Gave warning to road users, like some sheep (6)

DOWN

- 1 Bikini model forced into dessert? (4,4)

- 2 Take the plunge, and start to get ring, paid for excitedly (2,3,1,3)
- 3 Warm place for pigs alongside oat grinding (6)
- 5 See 10
- 6 Fast marches regularly supported a strike (2,1,4)
- 7 Delia's cooking is perfect (5)
- 8 Improvise oriental fencing (no middle), underpinning a degree (4,2)
- 10, 5 Novel stamp on envelope, bearing English emblem, son lifted (2,3,8,6,7)
- 15 Pierre's at the top of vineyard to meet operative, nosing this? (9)
- 16 Reckless cadet attracts females on to Force's base camp (8)
- 18 Lethargic guard misses ordinary source of trouble (7)
- 20 A clergyman joining axis upset religious leader (6)
- 21 Gina crashed into back of fast driver (6)
- 23 Foreign food repulsed American on boat mostly (5)

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