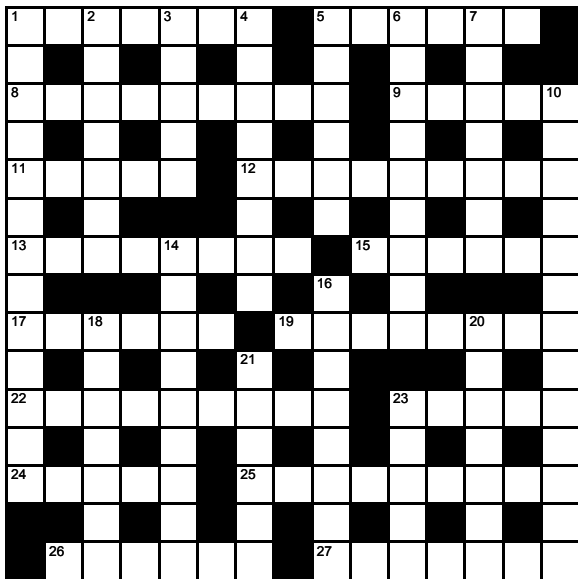


CROSSWORD

No. 13,238 Set by ALBERICH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Composer and his nationality announced after appearance of female compatriot (7)
- 5 Unpleasant atmosphere in bird sanctuary (6)
- 8 Book early as Time Out indicates sell-outs (9)
- 9 Openings in chess finally covered by books and one article (5)
- 11 Before climb finish off picnic hamper (5)
- 12 Bird offering rough stuff, according to Cockney (9)
- 13 Channel Four abandoning claim live broadcast gets run internally (8)
- 15 Accommodation housing students chiefly? (6)
- 17 The second to appear in colour spectrum (6)
- 19 Servicemen able to travel around to find what Belshazzar saw? (8)
- 22 Cautious and vigilant when leaders advance (9)
- 23 One in class may be apple of teacher's eye (5)
- 24 Relation's Desert Island Disc (5)
- 25 You're filling me in about promise broken by fellow (9)
- 26 Vegetable produced with rapidity? That's not it (6)
- 27 Embarrassed about gutless proprietor being rather wet (7)

DOWN

- 1 Task force's 50% mortally wounded, and he makes things worse (4,9)

- 2 Score in football game (7)
- 3 Show approval, holding son in embrace (5)
- 4 Among rubbish, say, is sleeping bag (8)
- 5 I had to escape guest with grudge (6)
- 6 Pudding and the result of eating it? That's dependable (9)
- 7 Deteriorate as snooker player may do (2,2,3)
- 10 Broadcast of radio play's left time for some jokes (5,5,3)
- 14 To fix machine, initially getting a part is a palaver (9)
- 16 To complain endlessly about that is very distressing (8)
- 18 Stake out to capture woman (7)
- 20 Beg for stories about goblins (7)
- 21 Born with strong desire to be malicious (6)
- 23 Very quickly loses recipe for sauce (5)

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