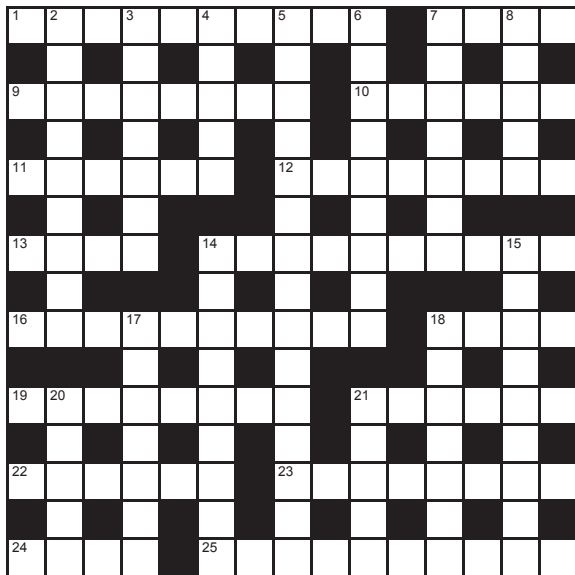


CROSSWORD

No. 13,892 Set by MONK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Cheeky sort jokes about a king in prison (10)
- 7 First question unknown – bad start in this (4)
- 9 Query about future wife? Husband finds note in a passage (4,4)
- 10 Film two trios from Bratislava making a comeback (6)
- 11 Hand-me-down, say, with frilly edging? (6)
- 12 Catch a composer penning three notes (8)
- 13 Film rabbits
- 14 Limp Strategic Defense Initiative beginning to kick out redundant hardware? (6,4)
- 16 On drugs, two men stole something in transit (10)
- 18 The most important thing about rugby gatherings is announced (4)
- 19 Broadcast much fun about a fictional character (2,6)
- 21 King's following grand eastern carriage (6)
- 22 We purchase farm buildings based on report (6)
- 23 Party member almost taking on church's old celebrity (8)
- 24 Stuffing a BBC presenter?

- 25 Left to occupy luxury hotel following most of severe battle (10)

DOWN

- 2 Jew remains oddly keen on his persecutor? (9)
- 3 Winding track is where you might test these (3-4)
- 4 Poor doyenne dropping on bum (5)
- 5 Covers software repair function, even tackling heart of failure (9,6)
- 6 Rushed round everything planted in unfinished bed with ornamental borders? (9)
- 7 Drank some coffee in part of college? (7)
- 8 Prayer leaders heads of Israelis met at Mount Sinai (5)
- 14 Country about to imprison southern girl (9)
- 15 Boring person taking blow, having a strong chin? (6-3)
- 17 Rejection of call to work at sea (5-2)
- 18 Famous director casting a little brother in opening sequence of *Cool Hand Luke* (7)
- 20 Mouthpiece of vuvuzela having three parts removed (5)
- 21 Part of wall beginning to buckle in strong wind (5)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle Saturday January 14

Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday January 16

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