## ACROSS

11980 black and white film starring John Hurt as severely disfigured Joseph Merrick $(3,8,3)$
9 Herbaceous perennial of the buttercup family also called larkspur (10)
10 Bookmakers' telegraphy by arm signals at racecourses (6) 11 Velvety cord or yarn of silk or worsted (8)
12 Describing a device or trick intended to attract attention or publicity (8)
131946 spy film noir directed by Alfred Hitchcock (9) 14 Elementary textbook serving as an introduction to a subject (6)
15 The _, progressive rock band noted for the song Part of the Union released in 1973 (7) 17 Government instruction issued to news editors not to publish for security reasons (16)

20 A fruit stewed in sugar or syrup (6)
21 Official appointed in old
English courts to test quality of beer brewed (3-6)
23 Edible molluscs with shallow ear-shaped shells lined with mother of pearl (8) 25 Large-scale, usually narrative musical work for orchestra and voices (8)
26 To win back something lost or expended (6)
27 The county town of Wiltshire (10)
28 Icelandic novelist who won the 1955 Nobel Prize for Literature $(7,7)$

1 Short-term problems that occur in the early stage of a project $(8,8)$
2 To erase, especially a conviction from a person's public criminal record (7)
3 Insectivore named after a German naturalist born in the late 18 th century $(8,3)$
4 Partner of Baucis in Greek mythology saved from a flood after showing hospitality to gods (8)
5 Treatise on astronomy written by the ancient mathematician Ptolemy (8)
6 Art __, US jazz pianist born in 1909 (5)
7 One who looks after and preserves collections of historical records (9)
8 Taxis licensed to collect passengers from a taxi rank (7,9)
14 A source of great and unexpected troubles $(8,3)$ 16 Breed of US horse noted for its mottled skin and verticalstriped hooves (9)
18 A type of voice production by male tenors to sing notes higher than their normal range (8)

19 A structure, eg a wing, with curved surfaces to reduce drag and generate lift (8)
22 Black, coarse mineral (7)
24 Asian country with a double pennon as its national flag (5)


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