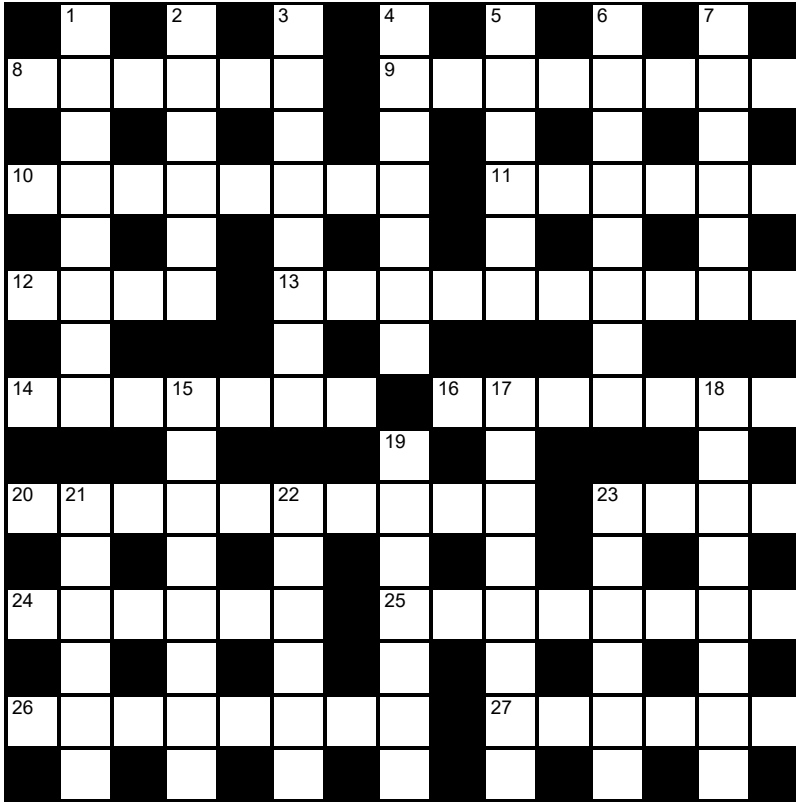


CROSSWORD

No 17,251 Set by GAFF



An anniversary puzzle containing a hidden phrase

ACROSS

- 8 Boil no white fish (6)
- 9 One interrogated by deposed dictator has meek heart (8)
- 10 Young escorts corrupted by tenors (4,4)
- 11 Applied for relief from clutch of diamonds (3,3)
- 12 Decides umpire slightly rewound second hand (4)
- 13 Theoretical place for fair with tractor (5,5)
- 14 Burgundy, for example, in pool is eccentric (7)
- 16 Look to measure back of antelope (7)
- 20 Brooks no need from crooked elder statesmen (10)
- 23 Reduced account with coin (4)
- 24 Communist paintings returned by dealer (6)
- 25 Tippy group of ladies left inside towards the end (8)
- 26 Mark could make gains in semi-final (8)
- 27 Winter sport for runner with float (6)

DOWN

- 1 Allowed to slice end off (8)
- 2 Expressed desire for even more of the extremely delicious starters (6)
- 3 A jolly old coin bearing symbols (8)
- 4 Dislike topless form (7)
- 5 Because I play even with little effort (6)
- 6 Boring book about rise in chaos (8)
- 7 Divinity teacher endlessly confused (6)
- 15 Roll container around behind bar without second thought (5,3)
- 17 Part of establishing position with basic SAS training (8)
- 18 Unlawful company hoping for suspension (5,3)
- 19 Dominant key (7)
- 21 Soundly ejected from power (6)
- 22 The part of Homer in our fine yarn (6)
- 23 Detectives captured by spies turned bitter (6)

JOTTER PAD

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