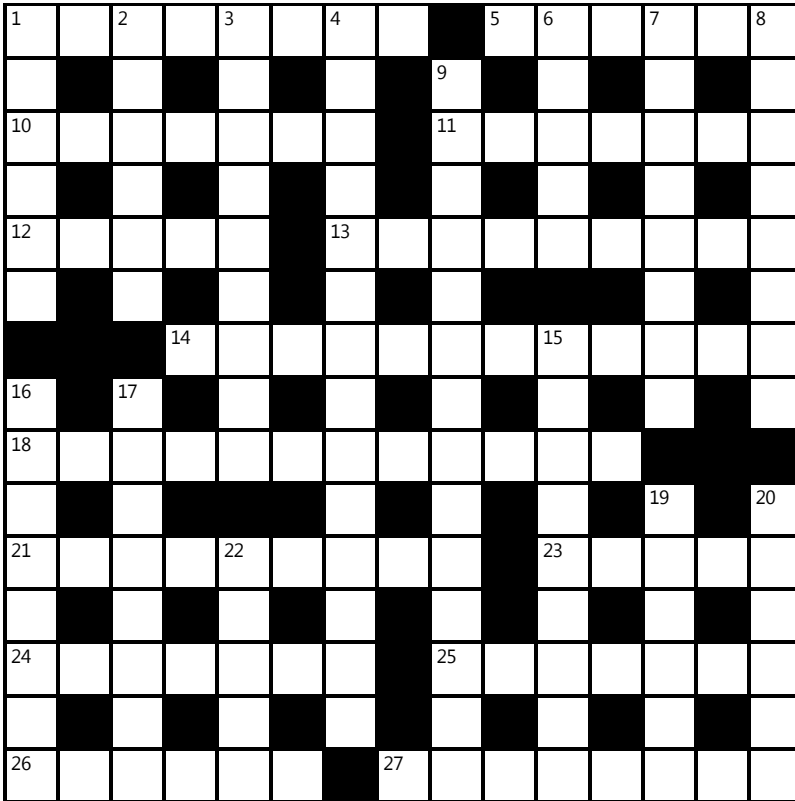


CROSSWORD

No 17,266 Set by FALCON



ACROSS

- 1 Bag Kelvin put down by fire (8)
- 5 Essential part of service in part of ship (6)
- 10 Take the Spanish female supporters back (7)
- 11 Best to choose single mother (7)
- 12 Former deed, strictly accurate (5)
- 13 American brought in instead, unexpectedly went through (9)
- 14 Hostile? Worker perhaps acting so, I suspect (12)
- 18 Pole has lodgings next to river in Cardiff (12)
- 21 Runs away from cattle farm in a valley in flood (9)
- 23 Relative's soiled article disposed of (5)
- 24 Stir too vigorously making rice dish (7)
- 25 Personal target in move that backfired? (3,4)
- 26 Sister outside a church in shade (6)
- 27 Hit man when given cheek at work (8)

DOWN

- 1 Fate of king is settled (6)
- 2 Film a vessel on a river (6)
- 3 Nasty, feet slipping – this should save you (6,3)
- 4 A four-by-four dodgy character stole (7,7)
- 6 Spare more (5)
- 7 Mention a ridiculous name (8)
- 8 Passenger to avoid following spicy meal (4,4)
- 9 Favouritism in the workplace some may interpret as sexist (4,3,3,4)
- 15 Complaint in New Zealand advanced about alternative fuel (9)
- 16 Small bike runs over large group of people (8)
- 17 Mali, say, a foreign country (8)
- 19 A bad-tempered over (6)
- 20 Legendary magician's falcon (6)
- 22 Some latticework in room (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,265



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