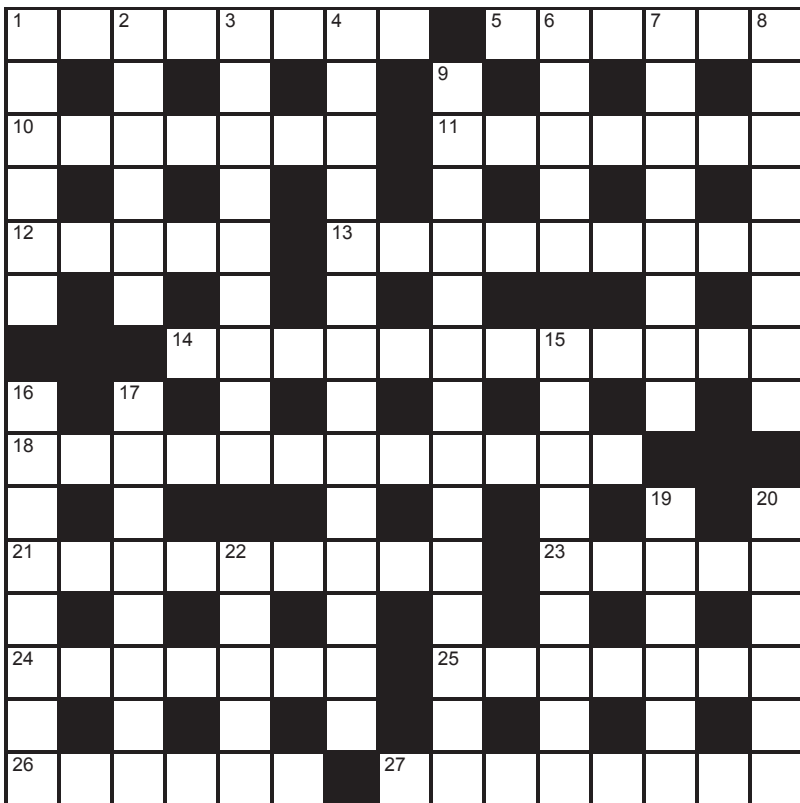


CROSSWORD

No 16,799 Set by FALCON



ACROSS

- 1 Perhaps aunt, about 50, tense, missing daughter (8)
- 5 Telephone to secure file, hand-held tool (6)
- 10 Rages at new riot control measure (4,3)
- 11 Greek character's order, constant in club (7)
- 12 Money in such a fund may be tied up, it's said (5)
- 13 Absolve former lover facing single charge (9)
- 14 Opera Atticus often reviewed (4,3,5)
- 18 Material about product used for enjoyment (12)
- 21 Male horse surrounded by strangely frightening collection of animals (9)
- 23 Stop ignoring PR function (5)
- 24 Beat struggling Spurs, netting a second (7)
- 25 Finished in the short grass off the fairway (7)
- 26 One moving cattle took the wheel, heading for ranch (6)
- 27 A member of the clergy, US patriot associated with North Dakota (8)

DOWN

- 1 Go round in foxtrot at embassy (6)
- 2 Maritime measure the French applied to malaria (6)
- 3 High wire in tense Hitchcock film (9)
- 4 Personal stake revealed by setters – evident in cryptic form! (6,8)
- 6 Collect article during hike (5)
- 7 Bond cautious with storm coming in (8)
- 8 Delayed departure of ship carrying Guardian's top editor (8)
- 9 Trouble over root vegetable left in faulty cooler? It's a pest (8,6)
- 15 Rather common amphibian, for example, seen on pond plant no end (2,1,6)
- 16 Professional shot wide, reportedly swore (8)
- 17 So, a nicer new storyline (8)
- 19 A Burgundy wine with what could be knuckle or shin, we hear (6)
- 20 Made a lasting impression, got female going (6)
- 22 Pleased ice, at last, is clearing (5)

JOTTER PAD

