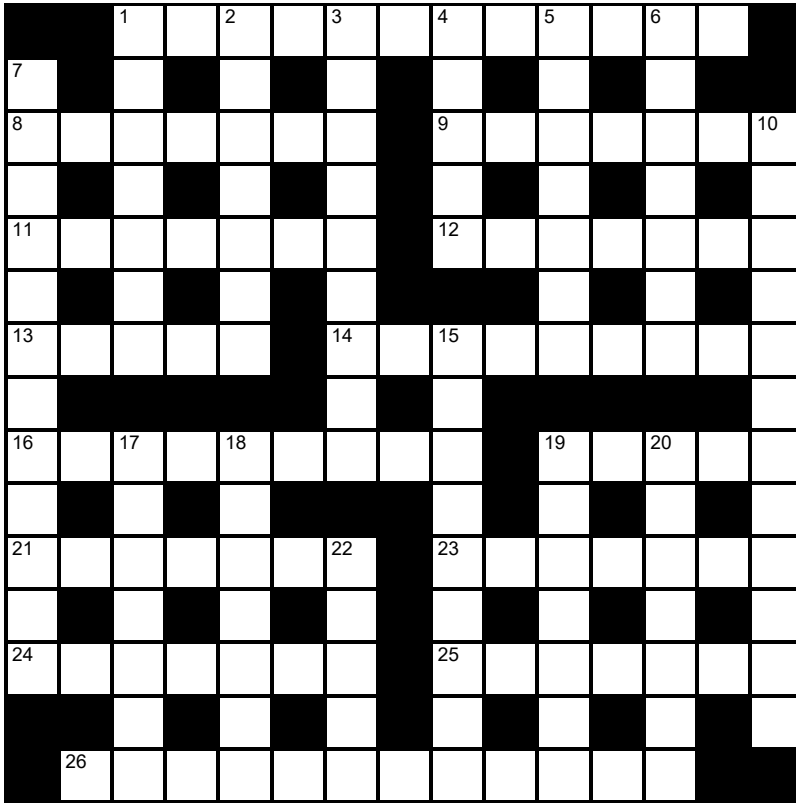


CROSSWORD

No 17,279 Set by LEONIDAS



ACROSS

- 1 Fiddler taking six out on walk to see gymnast (12)
- 8 Fast male animal brought back nothing (7)
- 9 Abbreviated writing on reverse subtly illuminated (4-3)
- 11 Attention being held by lair closest by (7)
- 12 Pine flacons stripped twice in the distant past (4,3)
- 13 Declares part of song that's ultimately been lifted (5)
- 14 Manipulative healthcare worker (9)
- 16 Sailor with small shelter keeping home dry (9)
- 19 Nasty biter somewhat chafing at orthodontist (5)
- 21 Greek figure taking lead from Greek god (7)
- 23 Paints fish touring isle to the West (7)
- 24 When to expect arrival of child owed fruit (3,4)
- 25 Gratify one with nude dancing across empty landing (7)
- 26 Charles on throne with good woman? It reflects well (7,5)

DOWN

- 1 Upset German with a Christian dish (7)
- 2 He leaves ornate covering in residential location (7)
- 3 Cake not eaten loosely covered by priest (9)
- 4 Ex-President wearing 50s brand (5)
- 5 Party without six-packs? It's not possible (2,3,2)
- 6 Sauna oddly housing large brown dried thing (7)
- 7 Steaming fresh larks around centre of griddle (5,2,1,4)
- 10 Overly tetchy hotel boss initially hurries cleaners (12)
- 15 Chuckles when wife abandons *Birdsong* (9)
- 17 Expert more animated after drink (7)
- 18 Sea hazard from bleak Cape circles northwards (7)
- 19 African money pinched by doctor and a relative (7)
- 20 Framework turned regularly on inverted ledge (7)
- 22 Harsh film we walked out of (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,278



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