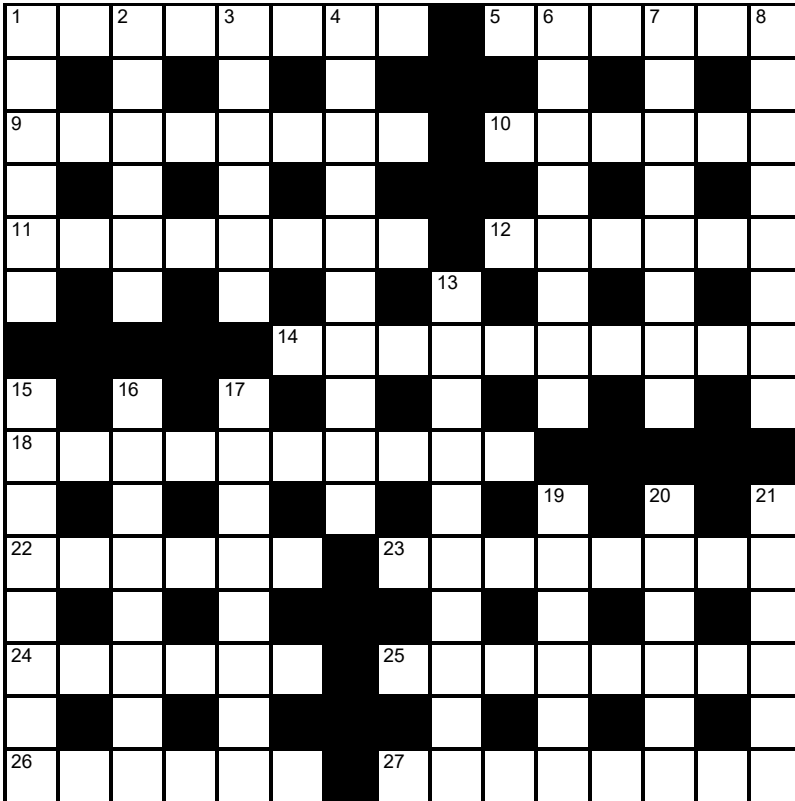


# CROSSWORD

No 17,564 Set by AARDVARK



## ACROSS

- 1 One holds booze, Chairman Jack keeping mine back (8)
- 5 Lock connected with small pressure (6)
- 9 Rock band, in one word, erratic (3,5)
- 10 Plant sadly receding around boundary (6)
- 11 Maybe part of John F. Kennedy's uniform on display (8)
- 12 Hard to cut special slice that chippy needs? (6)
- 14 He painted much of group travelling with horse, mid-Ethiopia (10)
- 18 Drew attention to 5 pence (10)
- 22 Each recruiting academic institution comparatively weak (6)
- 23 Possibly Christian character in Athens always collecting money (8)
- 24 Noted Roman returning amphora, say, into shade (6)
- 25 Hotel room primarily trashed during annual excess (8)
- 26 Leaves jacket (6)
- 27 School dance, Mike assuming initial sentimentality (8)

## DOWN

- 1 Is the reader aware of casually reported capital in US? (6)
- 2 Struggle being overdrawn? Pay-off needed (6)
- 3 Criticise social worker defending wrong 'un (6)
- 4 First-class jerk oversees a police department compound (6,4)
- 6 Uncle Sam's wastebin remains cooler under half-clipped tree (8)
- 7 Fancy travel document used in English terminus on cruise (8)
- 8 Minor work brought about by character tracking VW disorder? (8)
- 13 Announced mental state with shaved head (4,6)
- 15 Comedian exactly right to invite comment at the end (8)
- 16 Sloth perhaps last to remove underlying garden rubbish (8)
- 17 Dicky safe outside to knock back ale and smoke drug (8)
- 19 Winner taking away gold over one mile - a pushover? (6)
- 20 Park greaser creates backlash (6)
- 21 Some monsters at zoo artificial (6)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,563



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