# **CROSSWORD** No 17,607 by STEERPIKE

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## Solution 17,606





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#### ACROSS

**1** He got feminists worked up? It epitomises modern life! (4,2,3,5)

**10** Softly kisses pronounced muscles (5)

**11** Image of Agadir or possibly Malta (9)

12 Couriers from Austria left in droves (7)13 Repeat claims the French penned about knight's rank (7)

**14** Artefact found in labyrinth in Greece (5)

16 Block challenge to Spooner's seat (4,5)

**19** Issue IBM resolved, introducing new conveyances (9)

**20** World shortage initially ignored (5)

**22** A note received by fat, revolutionary officer... (7)

25 ... reported an enemy's approach (7)

**27** Well-dressed karate expert confronted in hearing (9)

**28** Sheriff's men sit outside entrance to saloon (5)

**29** Greek character deciphering riddles and captivating English bird (5,6,3)

### DOWN

2 Raid home with dogs on south of island(9)

**3** US agency given hand, in a manner of speaking! (5)

**4** Dismisses detailed plan to suppress society hot spots (9)

**5** Hard border provides natural barrier?(5)

**6** Unduly discontented Turkish revolutionary supporting a common condition (9)

7 Good mark on test (5)

**8** Study group taken aback by popular anime series (7)

**9** Outcome of United player's first attempt on goal (6)

15 Material from a breeding ground (9)

**17** Priestess caught a ship and abandoned Russia (9)

**18** ITV airs broadcast about king meeting European upstart (9)

**19** Cruel medicine man crushing tail of vine snake (7)

21 Stopped Edward succeeding Henry (6)

**23** Chairman keeps nurturing hollow tree

(5)

**24** Privates love wearing nothing ascending Sierra (5)

**26** Lightning attack captures pawn (5)