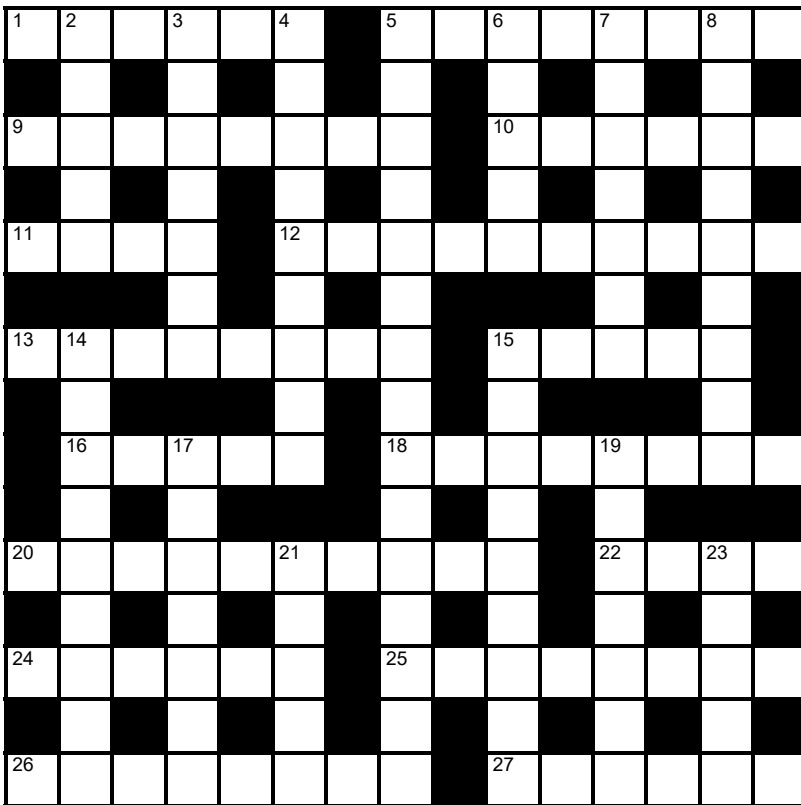


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## ACROSS

- 1 Scowl about rating work (6)
- 5 Cutting small investigation (8)
- 9 Finally, sound barrier broken — it's unique (4,4)
- 10 Make out, having classic sex in feast? (6)
- 11 The majority of men on speaking terms to begin with (4)
- 12 Actors helping removal in theatre? (10)
- 13 Scoring which you'd paradoxically relinquish aim (4,4)
- 15 Origin of some Kurdish tribal revolutionary (5)
- 16 Skilfully handle participants (5)
- 18 Farewell from curt janitor that's parted and rejoined anew? (4,4)
- 20 Share everything, rotating most important Mexican food (10)
- 22 Ape takes cover, dropping article (4)
- 24 Accepting greeting, strip buttocks (6)
- 25 Equally divide energy drinks? (2,6)
- 26 Beginning to advance Republican, say, Yankee plan (8)
- 27 Right accounts missing introduction (6)

## DOWN

- 2 Repeatedly curtailed fashionable mission (5)
- 3 Roofless old enclosure corporation cocked up (4-3)
- 4 Unexpectedly uncordial portent of downfall (4-5)
- 5 Team, aquiver, checking grass in a hysterical manner (4-11)
- 6 Source of down clue I derided to some extent (5)
- 7 Terse, exhausted Dee perhaps embraces Rosie, for one? (7)
- 8 Nobody else thereon — on manoeuvres (4,5)
- 14 Beaming about mostly stuffed bloke (9)
- 15 Recklessly go in centre of Turkish bath, scorching (6-3)
- 17 Pornography books Heather hides (7)
- 19 Moose, caught up in estate, maybe one crying raucously (7)
- 21 Lead fitting hides early sign of dry rot (5)
- 23 Bug peerage on vacation with First Lady (5)

Solution 17,715



## JOTTER PAD



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