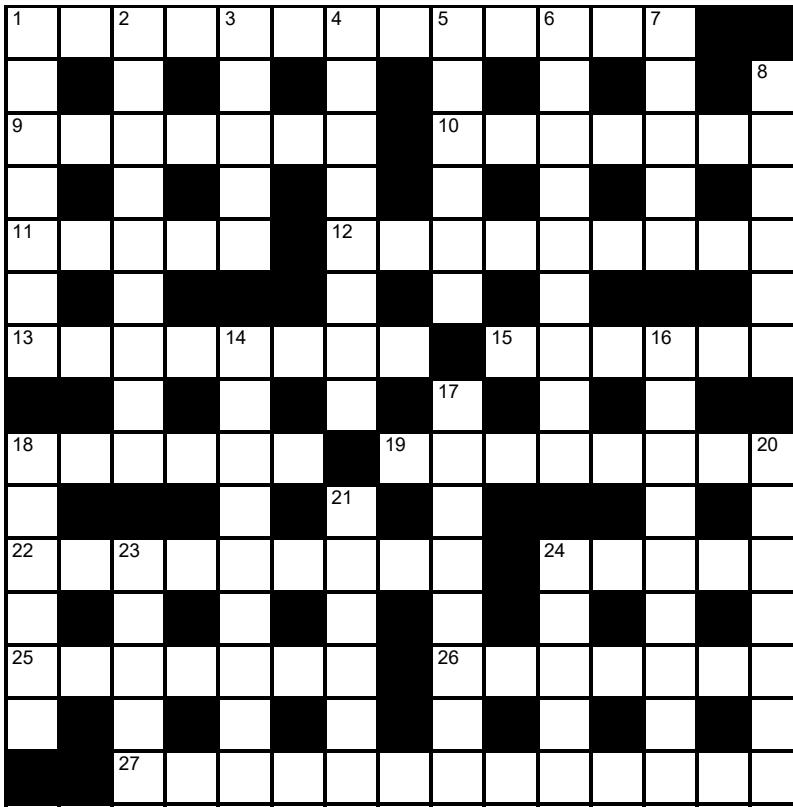
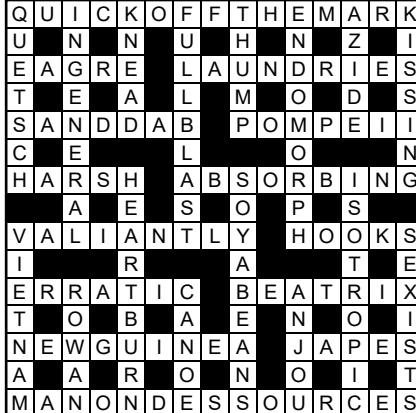


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ACROSS

- 1 Millions booed Starmer, possibly the situation with his wardrobe? (6,7)
- 9 Dover, say, area with Kent to the left (7)
- 10 Poster filled by boy wearing rubber in panto (7)
- 11 See he tripped over, smothering a laugh (2-3)
- 12 Pull out odd bits of crap in old stock (9)
- 13 Citizen with ridiculous airs, and pain? (8)
- 15 Look askance, beginning to sift Jaws' last meal (6)
- 18 Drinks after golf turned into meal (6)
- 19 Simple joke Watson might have recorded, but left out (8)
- 22 Host sat eating cold noodles (9)
- 24 We don't like that back street chemist (5)
- 25 Summary chapter omitted from very long book (7)
- 26 Given permission to travel on, leave alone (3,4)
- 27 Exaggerated line government workers fed to public (13)

DOWN

- 1 Fail to notice flipping pet's whoopsie (7)
- 2 US hit show regularly includes mother's idol (9)
- 3 Call up first wife about agreement (5)
- 4 Poet laid Monsieur, introduced to John in France (8)
- 5 Want expensive article reduced (6)
- 6 Female slave does quail dreadfully (9)
- 7 Male assistant switched channels (5)
- 8 Swallow, you might say, meaning a lark (2,4)
- 14 Country dancing in G&S opera (9)
- 16 Jam is spreading better (9)
- 17 Mexican eats everything I run over (8)
- 18 Seal grand coffin after wiping top (6)
- 20 With time to finish, cryptic was one that's easy (2,5)
- 21 Olympic rugby, yet between sides in speedos (6)
- 23 What's beneath beard? Old cloth (5)
- 24 That man joins club to swim (5)

JOTTER PAD