

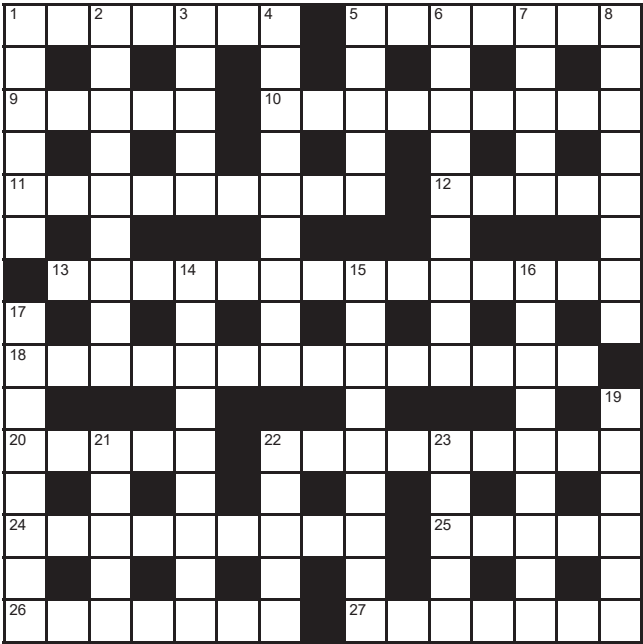
CROSSWORD 17,896 by LEONIDAS

ACROSS

- 1 Withdrawn males resist naked goddess (7)
- 5 Bit of ear from river eaten by gull and swan (7)
- 9 Basil sulked regularly in part of church (5)
- 10 Old man lost goat in a South American region (9)
- 11 Sailor recalled popular soldier leaving new vessel (4-5)
- 12 Flash bikers finally stop in bay? (5)
- 13 It may prevent dramatic openings in theatre (7,7)
- 18 Note records introduced by Bury brokers (14)
- 20 Tongue of deer beginning to inflame (5)
- 22 VIP from India bowled over by child feeding birds (3,6)
- 24 Drink with a single escort (9)
- 25 Prophet in ecstasy among mass of plants (5)
- 26 Plastic diapers given good reviews? (7)
- 27 Fish split by two traversing southern country (7)

DOWN

- 1 Supporter in Asian capital up close (6)
- 2 Wrongly address officer about Charlie in fog (9)
- 3 Power Nick ultimately increased 20-fold (5)
- 4 Adhesive plug re-used almost carelessly (9)
- 5 Sweet sort outside of quadrant reportedly? (5)
- 6 Skills one German raised with king's record keeper (9)
- 7 Dance in centre of Bangor wearing short fur (5)
- 8 Bruise footman covered with edges of bandage (5,3)
- 14 Husband with game cycling to show resilience (9)
- 15 Least generous and most waspish? (9)
- 16 Snack from sheds oddly adjoining the Spanish fair (9)
- 17 Sir barely close to agreement about final dram? (8)
- 19 Entertaining lady crossing lounge is half-cut (6)
- 21 Northern place reared American antelope (5)
- 22 Minor highway suitable for large vehicles? (5)
- 23 Virile type taking point from ex-tennis player (2-3)



Solution 17,890



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