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JOTTER PAD

Seven trapped singers

ACROSS

- 7 Steep tariff on spice (8)
- 8 Mid-sixties tolerate fat (6)
- **10** Stomachs turned level and more raunchy (8)
- **11** Suddenly appear to cheer up TV shows (5)
- **12** Prison ship (4)
- **13** Both are responsible for back-stage gossip (2,5,3)
- **15** Occupied by sinuses, predominantly (2,3)
- 17 Mid-Atlantic, drone leads race (5)
- 22 Fuel line left in factory (10)
- 26 Said to have coached wrong (4)
- 27 Regularly forgive original dead-beat
- **28** State of game embracing new abundance (8)
- 29 Found first one in abandoned coin (6)
- **30** Houses distressed goats etc (8)

DOWN

- Americans lose money initially through growth of store chain (7)
 Write about keeping game in shape (8)
- 3 Happy game if a smile breaks out (8)
- appy game if a simile breaks out (6)
- 4 Feel sorry for bird under hunter's foot(6)
- **5** Run exposed struggling skater (6)
- **6** Study hardpan from the south caves (7)
- **9** Lane in comic turn at heart of old boxer (5)
- **14** Remains of tree (3)
- 16 Skin headless fish (3)
- 18 CIA involved in utter sting (8)
- **19** Conductors confuse Ayrton Senna and Rob Roy (8)
- **20** Slum RAF destroyed with maximum loads (7)
- **21** Magician vanishes duck with flourish (7)
- 23 Earlier one in order (5)
- 24 Load of noise admitted by prisoner (6)
- **25** Where lions hunt and feast, revelling in carcasses and heads (6)