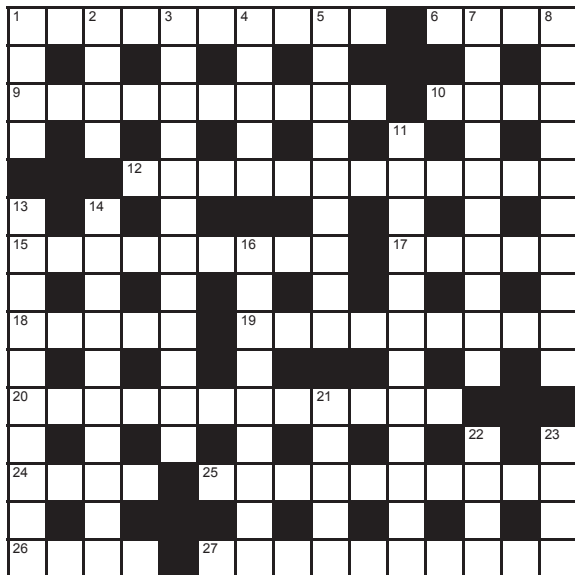


CROSSWORD

No. 16,406 Set by ARTEXLEN



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Preserving expert's hard evidence (7,3)
- 6 Bathe disheartened tramp (4)
- 9 Film about an independent dog beautician (10)
- 10 Prompt for start of debate (4)
- 12 Media people ordered best cars to cover route (12)
- 15 Pressure on fragile candidate (9)
- 17 Lodge in middle of America unopened (5)
- 18 Greek character half-cut with another (5)
- 19 One perusing books and article about Italy's theatres (9)
- 20 Ability to ride's hard with leaderless Viking boat (12)
- 24 Chilly swimmer crossing lake (4)
- 25 Phone to receive idea of part of company (10)
- 26 Oddly shady use for reports (4)
- 27 Isolated drunk staggered around Spain (10)

DOWN

- 1 Considerable problem discussed (4)
- 2 Reason pen's useless making pig cry (4)
- 3 Put away cider near cat going wild (12)
- 4 Copper overseas turned up a haul (5)
- 5 Iffy going round city centre of Cardiff without protection (9)

- 7 They annoy and upset rubbish teachers (10)
- 8 Uninspired novel read in Sept (10)
- 11 Working out and working out, neglecting runs after poor races (12)
- 13 Unannounced reviews of location Europeans reported (4-6)
- 14 Using intelligence from faith teaching, bishop in church meeting (10)
- 16 Tots gathering at one end of house play up (9)
- 21 Maybe sportsman's captain not very quiet (5)
- 22 One place to study temperature (4)
- 23 Lost claret in part of Wimbledon (4)

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