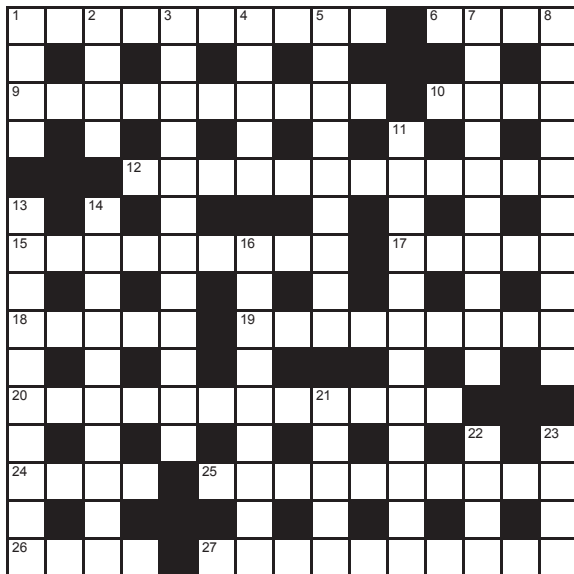


CROSSWORD

No. 16,402 Set by VELIA



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Monarch is furious with part of London (5,5)
- 6 Fruit sounds unappealing (4)
- 9 The art of getting out with a key expression of regret (10)
- 10 Curry favour for Bambi by the sound of it! (4)
- 12 Resents changing gear as right shift outside (5,1,6)
- 15 Clean off one's rocker back in Nevada (6,3)
- 17 Prize publicity involving conflict (5)
- 18 Volley of colossal volume (5)
- 19 Musical composition for air travel? (4,5)
- 20 Johns swelter with coats off! (5,7)
- 24 Notion that's almost perfect (4)
- 25 Yes to Italian best cooker by one with a food aversion (10)
- 26 and you? A portion of fettucine? (2,2)
- 27 Control bad mood and bad acne (10)

DOWN

- 1, 23 Reminder of weekend piss-up on Japanese wine (8)
- 2 Kiss cheek (4)
- 3 Top judges flirt with a member of Diana's entourage (7,5)
- 4 Emperor's guideline? (5)
- 5 Guard who leaves Englishwoman in distress (9)
- 7 Fab month for ball's opening ceremony (5,5)
- 8 Allusions from Tyneside, heading north wearing no undies? That's terrible! (10)
- 11 Artfully created charm talisman (12)
- 13 Silly right swot initially exchanges pen for another (5-5)
- 14 Is teetotal somehow found in 20? (6,4)
- 16 Chemical fluid is de-constructed (9)
- 21 Exposé on small pen (5)
- 22 Some snob analysing whisky or port (4)
- 23 See 1 down