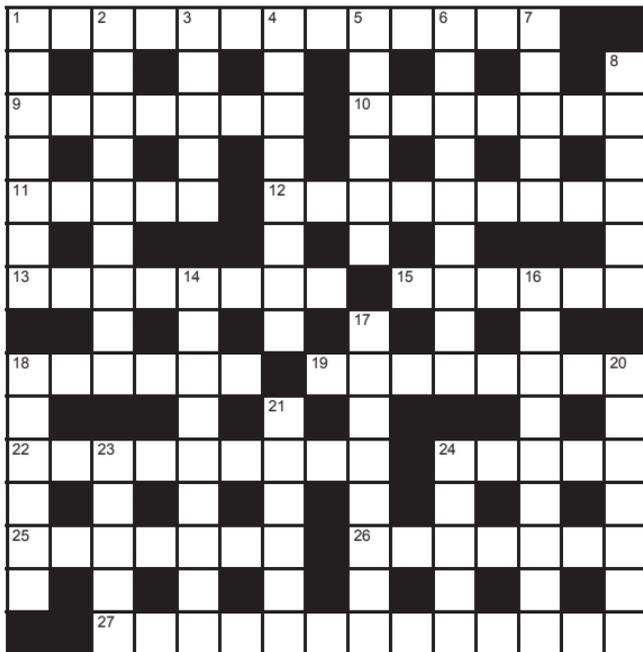


CROSSWORD

No. 16,020 Set by HAMILTON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1, 18 **across** Obeying Thatcherism requires a new approach to foreign aid policy (7,6,2,4)
- 9 Survive fall of tenth wicket? (7)
- 10 Unimaginative, like one in thrall (7)
- 11 Bachelor blows his top by the fire (5)
- 12 11 then used to inform (9)
- 13 Manager holds very ambiguous grievance (8)
- 15 Some retiring, genteel artisans in town (6)
- 18 See 1 across
- 19 Bar to Jack (among others) having proof of discount (8)
- 22 She set up government department shed (9)
- 24 Half a point to Bond girl who's smart (5)
- 25 Nonsensical officialese? Not as if it's a problem for mariners! (3,4)
- 26 See 8
- 27 See 16

DOWN

- 1 Finishing with large number going down (7)
- 2 Which star signs? (9)
- 3 That is grandma inside, which is ludicrous (5)
- 4 Wittered on so treated badly after close of play (8)
- 5 Talked about support for Yankee without embarrassment (6)

- 6 First one sincere, though huge middle revealed when shirt removed! (9)
- 7 Journeys to the north by jet (5)
- 8, 26 Go for it! There's risk (so moaners need to be prepared) (6,4,3)
- 14 Animal protection said to work when sick at heart (9)
- 16, 27 Get back on good terms with repair man by keeping quiet? (5,4,7,6)
- 17 Brusque request after posh dinner for ID (8)
- 18 Romance is a fine objective (6)
- 20 Imagined fear enveloped yours truly (7)
- 21 Pay homage to US folk hero (6)
- 23 The FT begins early-risers service for subscribers (5)
- 24 Island's secret enterprise exposed (5)

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