

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8957

Across

- 1 Missile fired at night, at best a wild guess (1,4,2,3,4)
 8 A conqueror captured by a convict organisation (6)
 9 Snooty bridge partners with funny, non-English hobbies (8)
 11 Gutsy man's unusual, involuntary eye movement (9)
 12 Pace bowler who could reportedly restrain boy (5)
 13 Provided with an objective, was in debt (7)
 15 Bird that shows dog-like pleasure? (7)
 17 Sender, disturbed about union, suffers (7)
 19 Cultured man, slippery type but excessively polite (7)
 21 Come again for a fresh cure, right? (5)
 23 Errors made by press in a thousand and one runs (9)
 25 Quashed, like an order appealed against (3,5)
 26 Audio equipment for some austere orchestras (6)
 27 Is it stridency, I wonder, that makes for personal psychosocial conflict (8,6)

Down

- 1 Go ahead, dish out a loan (7)
 2 Trick a corps leader in unfinished dwelling (5)
 3 Old conflict culminating, inter alia, in the burning of Troy (6,3)
 4 Tool that a worker spotted (7)
 5 First appearance of a university being in arrears (5)
 6 Control, say, and restore to old position (9)
 7 Carbohic acid corrodes phone line initially (6)
 10 In the middle of some pyramids ... (4)

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- 14 ... set aside a dead edict for revision (9)
 16 Current producer or, reportedly, a valuer of the unit of heredity (9)
 17 Way out for a female monster needing change of head (6)
 18 Resting place that may make him a sad deviant (7)
 19 A deep cut in guinea deposit (4)
 20 What may be learnt at school may, to a smaller extent, take in boy (7)
 22 Colophony sir, no kidding! (5)
 24 Levels of achievement of a small number on British mail (5)

Solution to Puzzle 8956

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