

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9074

Across

- 1 Bumbling VIP gains hint on where parallel lines apparently meet (9,5)
- 8 Australian creature lacking feeling, a kind of square (6)
- 9 The dog that I, a leader, trained (8)
- 11 Such food, lacking sauce, could be bare (9)
- 12 Anticipate a burden, say (5)
- 13 Try open treatment for disorder (7)
- 15 Gem that gives out some ephemeral dazzle (8)
- 17 Indian or perhaps Chinese (7)
- 19 Live-in student who would reportedly pall on the German (7)
- 21 A sweeper put right in a big blast (5)
- 23 A loner's pen misused by employees (9)
- 25 Adapt to a new environment, using tin and steel components (6,2)
- 26 Escorting member, Tom returned for a rodent (6)
- 27 Instruction for rewriting prince's epitaph (14)

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Down

- 1 Half proven, oddly true commercial undertaking (7)
- 2 Wanderer who upset writer Runyon (5)
- 3 A fall guy has a go at space shot (9)
- 4 Cooking vessel poses a grand puzzle (7)
- 5 Concealed letter in Greek from e.g. an admirer (5)
- 6 Place in Africa where, sadly, Anna suffered (9)
- 7 A group of five kept confined a daughter (6)
- 10 Spot an oriental agent (4)
- 14 Slim, successful but growing bald (4,2,3)
- 16 Disappear with girl, Penny: make a speech (9)
- 17 People hiding to make a surprise attack on a leader of men, a president (6)
- 18 Title for army officer at home about love (7)
- 19 Make a hole, one in the gun barrel (4)
- 20 The kind of desk for a devious trollop (4-3)
- 22 Long distance runner, covering 1.609 km maybe (5)
- 24 A Nereid perhaps or an Oceanid (5)

Solution to Puzzle 9073

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