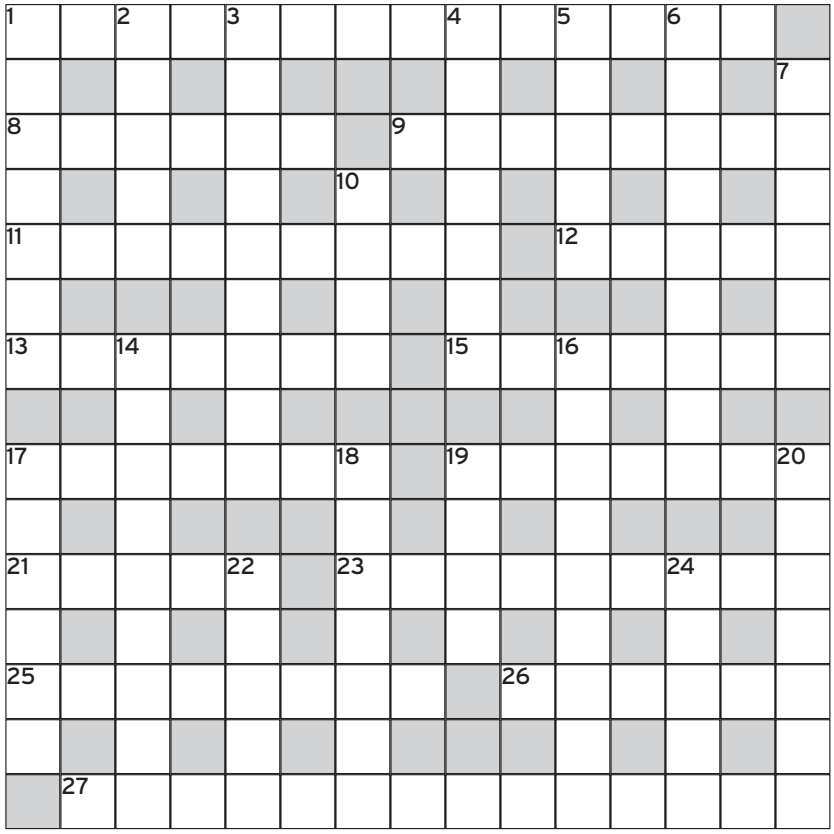
THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9265



Across

1 Advanced in years and, tonight, one loth to dance (4,2,3,5)
8 Do that key job again (6)
9 Abandon aircraft? It's no joke (8)
11 Business associations provide royal spouse with excellent backing (9)
12 Daughter gets in to cut down chaplain (5)
13 Part of the staircase where a flight may end? (7)
15 Say no to inclusion of Special Investigation Team? That's firmness (7)
17 Public official in an awkward situation has love at heart (7)
19 A noble of the French boardgame (7)
21 He puts people in their places (5)
23 Can a runt bleat about a part of a record player? (9)
25 Deceive and make the gangster close his eye (8)
26 Small beast turns into a dog (6)
27 Primitive ancestor who, in a manner, halted an agitation (11,3)

Down

1 Poetic words of a song on a learner (7)
2 Unacceptable time in midday (3,2)
3 Violent inward collapse of a mischievous kid with a reportedly soothing skin application (9)
4 "And ice, mast-high, came floating by, as green as ___" (*The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*) (7)
5 Ready for immediate use, like piped water supply perhaps (2,3)
6 A trial for the car dealer? (4,5)
7 Bridge partners, said to be relaxed, but with an itch in the nostrils (6)
10 Singular label for a deer (4)
14 Staff follows direction in a very cold place (5,4)
16 Plant that is a tonic in a fresh form (9)
17 Tom, suppressing an expression of disgust, gets nabbed (6)
18 Be sorry about accepting English money on train (7)
19 Small boat, devoid of moisture, contains nothing (4)
20 Remove the bitterness (7)
22 Tree visible from a narrow annexe (5)
24 Engineer's order for a long-handled broom (5)

Solution to puzzle 9264

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