

Thursday, February 6, 2025

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ACROSS

- ~~1~~ Planet fair way out, rotating on point (7)
~~8~~ Celeb I'd upset with a bit of noise (7)
~~9~~ Church regulars in holier hymn group? (5)
~~10~~ Old red chair Australian joint turned into issue? (3,6)
~~11~~ Bugs eating Kimberley's tender sketch for fun? (4,3,8)
~~12~~ Glossy like Rolls? Very little (6)
~~13~~ Vast continent drifting down again, seeing India adrift (8)
~~16~~ Mocking review produced by massive crowd leaving? (8)
~~18~~ Bargain well to corral horse (6)
~~21~~ Press that trustee of heritage fencing, perhaps (3,6,6)
~~24~~ A Bronte covertly to fulfil Pavlov's theory? (5,4)
~~25~~ Develop adjoining bathroom minus one toilet lid (5) *bidet?*
~~26~~ Relative forgiving roulette bet (7)
~~27~~ Music genre back in play, accompanying The Cure? (7)

DOWN

- ~~1~~ Vaccination holding firm for key player in Genesis? (5)
~~2~~ See 15-down
~~3~~ Country school closing mid-term (7)
~~4~~ Fix outsiders in race, maybe derby (6) *repair*
~~5~~ Bash, or lofted hit by opener? (8) *Peak Frob*
~~8~~ Made deceived husband lose out to Romeo (7) *CRAETED?*
~~11~~ Cook baker's crusts using fuel (5)
~~13~~ Allege it's crooked to pass laws (9)
~~16~~ Team song to divert (9)
~~18~~ Part of the Med - an area evacuated with geese migration (6,3)
~~19~~ 2-down
~~20~~ Budget figure undertaking essential work on old school shower? (8,9)
~~21~~ Strap 16-across one? (7) ? *OVERSIVE*
~~22~~ Stern face ignoring features in makeover (7)
~~23~~ During card game, receiving last deal (6)
~~24~~ Flamboyant John occasionally talked back with overblown lips (5)
~~25~~ Lament case of emergency catching on (5)

ELEGY