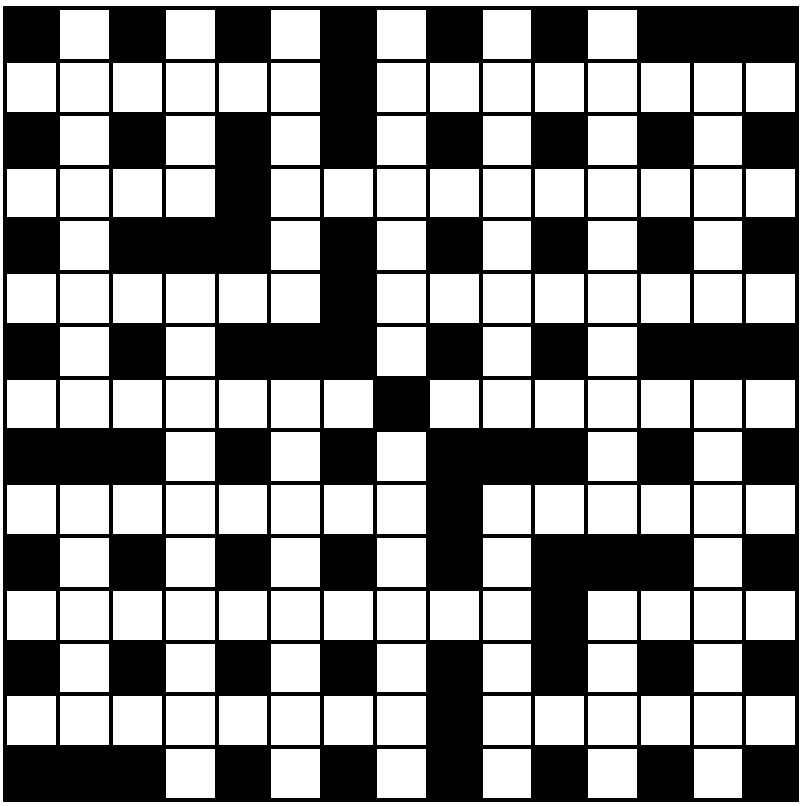
NTSPP - 330 by Knut

This puzzle is best solved as an alphabetical jigsaw. See NTSPP - 330



Across

7 Thud! An axeman returns to capture Kubla Khan's city (6)

8 Lack of fine 18" special lines (8)

10 The King's head is swelling (4)

11 "It takes some beating to shoot Cecil in South Africa" - Express leader (10)

12 Fearful chicken outlet after being set on fire (6)

14 Being told off (failing in definition) (8)

15 She brushes off drunken PM's romp (3,4)

17 Ms. Palmer-Tomkinson left struggling manufactory awkwardly positioned (7)

20 He wrote V for Z in DRC once (8)

22 Send to the bottom headless resident of the inky depths? (6)

23 Wrap around blue Lalique sculpture (10)

24 The old recording of *Hound Dog?* (4)

25 Diminish D disheartened, tore wildly about (6,2)

26 Wessex, England's outsiders for return tie (6)

Down

1 Condom (yellow) keeping it up, Romeo is more perky (8)

2 Knut's magnetic flux density meter (4)

3 Slurp this, having exchanged PG Tips! (6)

4 Girl's fringe affair (7)

5 Discover Belinda Carlisle's requirement? (6,2)

6 Infantry Warrant Officer runs streets ahead (3,2,5)

9 One cornered with paper hat (5)

13 Red hot dish sold in Cannes, on dit (6,4)

16 Having snooped on Brussels, I grabbed a pew (4-4)

18 Music genre role playing is the stuff of legend (8)

19 Hector Dickens about wizard content (7)

21 Text "love you madly" - it gets seedy (5)

22 Charles, entertaining Earl, absorbs Victor Hugo (6)

24 Boat hauled up dry slipway (4)