



**Across**

- 9 Of course, part requires dressing up - it's a panto (9)
- 10 Counting every second in fear - you die in 8 (5)
- 11 Good opening for a new, unknown writer's work (7)
- 12 One airborne chick, dropping guts, blocks gutter (7)
- 13 Don't panic about skirts not fitting (5)
- 14 Brutal dictator with belt caught in killing machine? (9)
- 16 Aristos subsequently attempt to besiege state border (3,6,6)
- 19 Small flaky gold

- filling perished and came loose (9)
- 21 Wags start to regret wearing heels (5)
- 22 Delays - they hold things up (7)
- 23 Sink top partially trapped so taps must be removed (7)
- 24 Free pay (5)
- 25 Jumping a metre, insect goes around swarm (9)

**Down**

- 1 Slow beating dealt with force (4-6)
- 2 Old time rock and roll's beginning to go out of fashion (5-3)

- 3 Well that's no good - it's missing one bolt (6)
- 4 Land that is surrounding Senegal's borders (4)
- 5 Prisoner's body discovered - DA's left baffled (10)
- 6 Go on vacation, somewhere accommodating family dog (8)
- 7 Worker - one who may go in to detail? (6)
- 8 Stand scratching if wife goes on a run (4)
- 14 Moving drama about a gas cylinder's first 4 (10)
- 15 Settle for buzzing in anticipation? (3,2,3,2)

- 17 Balm goes, every day, internally for soothing - this? (4,4)
- 18 Mass recruit to be prepared for growth in Asia (8)
- 20 Fix drain covers leaking in the middle (6)
- 21 Pet chinchilla - reclusive species, content to go unnoticed (6)
- 22 Cultists determined to protect their leader? (4)
- 23 Intro of *Rattle and Hum* coming from troubadour's instrument (4)