



ACROSS

- 1 Last minute (8, 4) (12)
- 9 Preserved in brine (7)
- 10 Give a gift now* (7)
- 11 Polynesian country (5)
- 12 Making (8)
- 14 Rise (10)
- 15 Home of Taj Mahal (4)
- 17 Drains (4)
- 19 Moved (10)
- 21 Stiff book (like turtles?) (8)
- 23 Expected behaviours (5)
- 25 Purple, latino minotaur-like character from Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends (7)
- 26 Most sparsely populated European country (7)
- 27 Frankenstein's hobby (12)

DOWN

- 2 Concise - conical(anag.) (7)
- 3 Hall of the slain (8)
- 4 Vertex (4)
- 5 Exaggerated (or maybe just negatively curved space) (10)
- 6 The last character was nothing big* (5)
- 7 Smelly (7)
- 8 Regimented (12)
- 9 Clay instrument? (7, 5) (12)
- 13 Fat Man, for example (6, 4) (10)
- 16 Where the user is (5, 3) (8)
- 18 Disturb (7)
- 20 Land (7)
- 22 Uninterested or in bed* (5)
- 24 It's a bird! It's a fruit! It's a people! (4)