Puzzle No. 3501
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ACROSS
1 At first, acute pressure to back up claims (7)
5 Like one receiving a pension or new wheels? (7)
9 En route, I smuggled in bell (5)
10 Enterprising stratagem after disposing of initial debts (9)
11 Like a bit of sapphire amid mere counterfeit jewelry (10)
12 Computer person losing head with love, love, love... (4)
14 Commercial break without purpose (6)
16 Nerd goes around globe with no better than average means of access (8)
18 Perfume dispenser talking at a cheapskate (8)
19 Flat stone housing Kentucky research facility (6)
21 What you need to think without limits: money (4)
22 Written right to left in Avignon, the calfskin describes that object with many stories (10)
25 Sound arrangement of skeleton is outstanding (9)
26 Man takes in Eastern playwright (5)
27 Spooner’s optimal skin tone is the subject of a treaty (4,3)

DOWN
1 Keep reusing garment materials as a way to stay cool (5,10)
2 Legal actions of executives (5)
3 Urchin runs over to conceal error (10)
4 Second piece of furniture is not likely to fall (6)
5 Brooks and birds, running (8)
6 Bishop’s skirt (4)
7 Applaud Panama, say, for invasive operation (4,5)
8 Confused, having expanded outside small band at second-rate university (15)
13 Garden tool interfering with plant disease is a safety feature (5,5)
15 Hopper looks for oil and gas—they’re on top of the car (4,5)
17 Blue law inscribed in broken cane (8)
20 Feverish, except for the face (it is an ailment) (6)
23 Old-fashioned recording, like “Jungle Love” at the beginning (5)
24 Beat of young reporter including legislature’s opening (4)

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE NO. 3500

ACROSS
1 NOTIFICATION + HELP IT (anag.)
2 BE(D)FELLOW (Fed anag.)
3 E + ULER (anag.)
4 REV + DO + CTOR (rev.)
5 “seen”
6 [k]NO-WIN[ing]
7 ME(TATARS)AL
8 LOOP + SPINDOCTOR
9 LA [o]DY
10-bedroom
11 REST + AURA + [N]ET
12 LOOP + INDIC + IDE[a]
13 letter bank
14 “icon tacked”
15 “flu”
16 “acid test”
17 “madeleine”
18 “cape”
19 “london”
20 “chateau”
21 RESTAURANT + PRIM
22 “cheappest”
23 “cadet”
24 Barbi[e] anag.
25 “aid”
26 “illegible”

DOWN
1 NO + BE + LIST (anag.)
2 “acids”
3 “cheapest”
4 “cadet”
5 “restaurant”
6 “prime”
7 “by”
8 “london”
9 “london”
10 “brasil”
11 “shoestring”
12 “brazil”
13 “acids”
14 “madeleine”
15 “brazil”
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26 “madeleine”

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