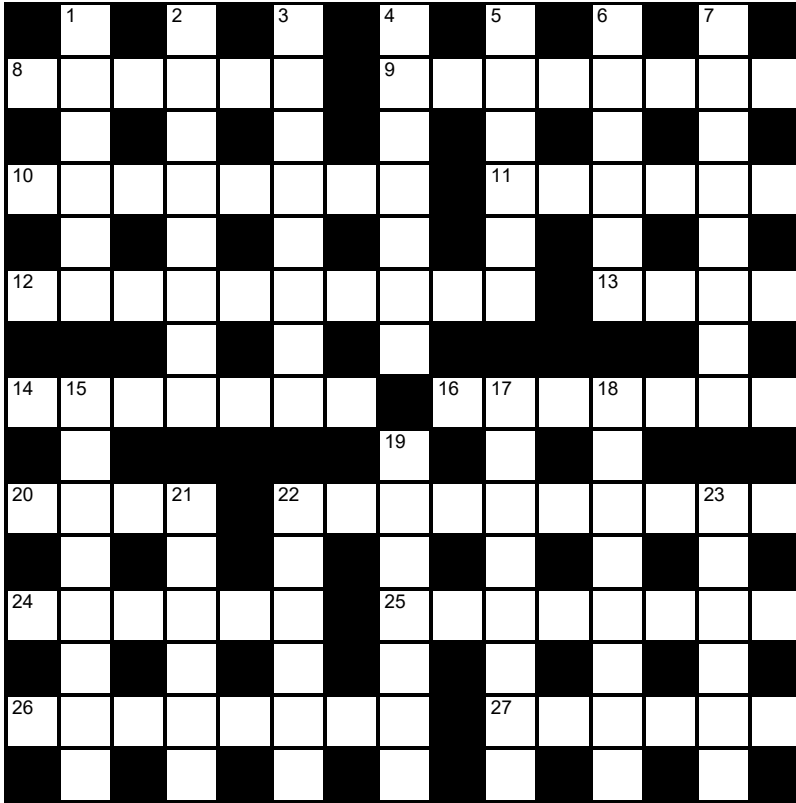


CROSSWORD

No 17,428 Set by GAFF



An anniversary puzzle

ACROSS

- 8 Forces control centre to backtrack (6)
- 9 Song high with no weak points (8)
- 10 Use hands desperately for protection (8)
- 11 Guide woman into spring (6)
- 12 It's vulgarity to mind your old ship (10)
- 13 Unfinished writing from experts (4)
- 14 Breathe and freeze regularly holding back tears (7)
- 16 Mime topless drunk gripped by odd lunacy (3,4)
- 20 Formerly of higher status (4)
- 22 Trip report turns pictures by the Spanish into fashion (10)
- 24 Observed odd soup in flask (6)
- 25 Vikings and not sailors lacking first aid (8)
- 26 Slow moving menu item (8)
- 27 Pretend to change (6)

DOWN

- 1 Taking rust away using malic acid leads to damage (6)
- 2 Spend time stuffing bear that's raised the roof (8)
- 3 Method of training seal with ripe bananas (8)
- 4 Having planes destined to restrict church (7)
- 5 Upset extremely seductive assistant with bloomers (6)
- 6 With no alternative, ordered superior to rebel (4,2)
- 7 Work with cut-out displayed too much (8)
- 15 First to hear lies takes part (8)
- 17 Hear Gaff shout at Neapolitan, maybe (3,5)
- 18 Be inclined to kill and leave quietly (5,3)
- 19 Marvellous little generator (7)
- 21 You can't lose your head over bird (6)
- 22 Turkish boat northbound with fashionable Indian (6)
- 23 Cultural body uses fluid ounces (6)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,425



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