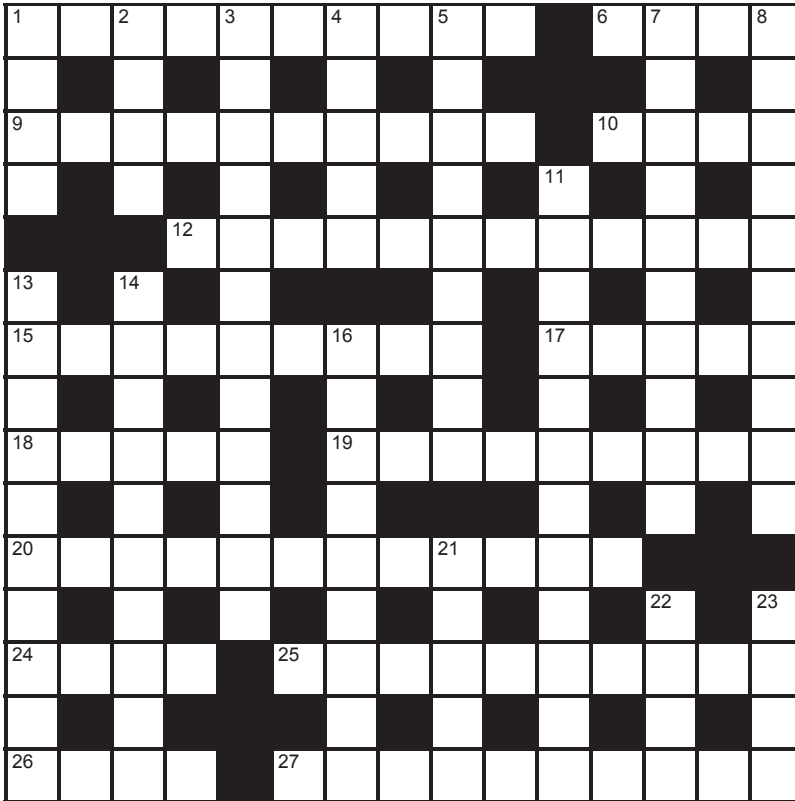


CROSSWORD

No 17,102 Set by FALCON



ACROSS

- 1 More gusts at sea around middle of March, a coastal danger (5,5)
- 6 Struggle with scene (4)
- 9 A drug bust – hold prisoners here? (10)
- 10 Commotion starts in shanty town in Rio (4)
- 12 Relatives caught sight of crossing awfully sinister lake (7-2-3)
- 15 Curtains, net, something most unsafe (9)
- 17 Song about a character losing love at the end (5)
- 18 Intense dislike of element having leader dismissed (5)
- 19 Working with composure, taking everything into consideration (2,7)
- 20 Official statement made by journalists set free (5,7)
- 24 Solemn promise from Filipino at hearing (4)
- 25 To flee with current partner is warranted (10)
- 26 A deficiency, primarily in iron, may cause one to lose strength (4)
- 27 Planner gets to hold craft back – is right, ultimately (10)

DOWN

- 1 Son, mature and wise (4)
- 2 Gemstone and ring mate wanted (4)
- 3 Twelve gather for church ceremony (8,4)
- 4 Submarine about to be destroyed (1-4)
- 5 Smashing grub – spot a place for that and a drink? (9)
- 7 Impatient at home, the Parisian managed to feed toddler (10)
- 8 Mythical creatures – we wore out sprites devoid of energy (10)
- 11 County, nicer with no hills anyway (12)
- 13 Incapable of going wrong? Poor do if it exploded! (5-5)
- 14 Revealed policy declaration abridged by editor (10)
- 16 A president's lot, ever so complicated (9)
- 21 Show Greek character boxing against one (5)
- 22 Mostly charming, ancient priests (4)
- 23 Ran one's hands over a soft fabric (4)

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