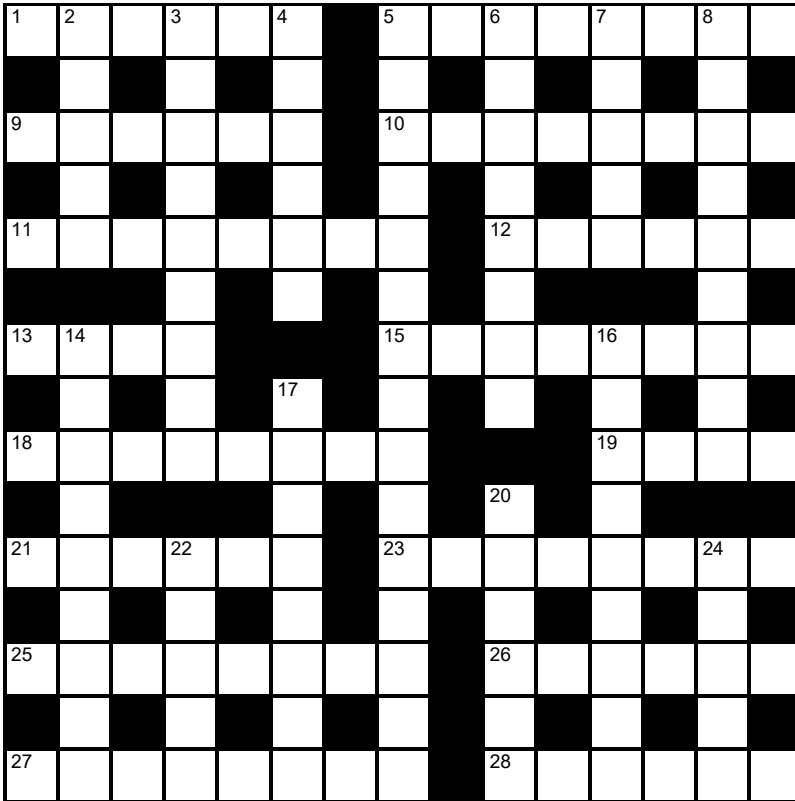


CROSSWORD

No 17,294 Set by ZAMORCA



ACROSS

- 1 Mist shrouds river in flood (6)
- 5 Briefly Mach 1, jets' flying is glorious (8)
- 9 Accurate return of numbers in possession of drug (4-2)
- 10 Fail to thrive when left suffering (8)
- 11 Top second team's getting better (5,3)
- 12 Bodyguard's run after men I'd injured (6)
- 13 Put off by stage audition (4)
- 15 Cause offence with article that's scoffed about line dancing (8)
- 18 Don't risk putting toys close to tea and firesides (4,4)
- 19 Distrustful of rebellious callow youth at first (4)
- 21 Go with the French firm (6)
- 23 Supplied key and protective clothing to enter pound (8)
- 25 Popular class is joined by nearly everyone, being free (8)
- 26 Very best work comes after lean time (6)
- 27 Summoned when bilge emptied on deck mistakenly (8)
- 28 Homicide's rampant on beat (6)

DOWN

- 2 Subject to reduced choice (5)
- 3 Very old oak, maybe over 1000 and likely hollow (9)
- 4 Specialist support for soldiers in danger (6)
- 5 Realise lapsed criminal's pursuing case of money — I won't say anything (2,4,3,6)
- 6 Get rid of money trouble delivering circulars (4,4)
- 7 Turn down egg nog initially (5)
- 8 Superintendent in division has hidden pressure (9)
- 14 Suddenly gets a local network (3,2,4)
- 16 More recent mobile apps installed for current affairs site (9)
- 17 Rep theatres finally getting drinks staff (8)
- 20 Business buyer gets 25% off (6)
- 22 Cut off boy's hair (5)
- 24 Folk regularly come in night before call up (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,292



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