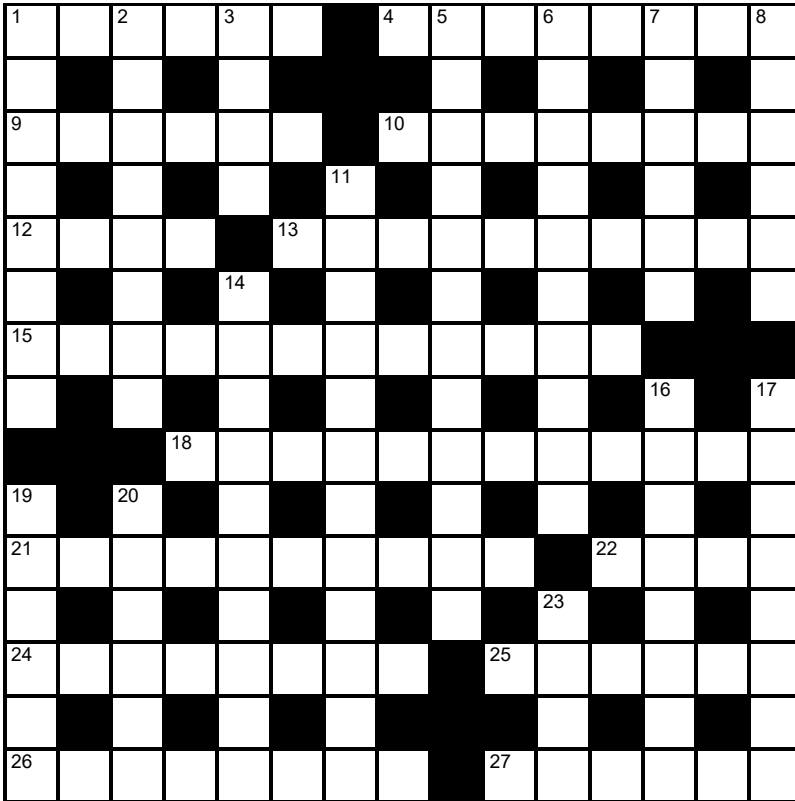


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Remains involved in membership (6)
- 4 Blow hard on pen before finally writing inscription (8)
- 9 Mark for mutual destruction (6)
- 10 This Frenchman's not capturing a location in the Arctic circle? (8)
- 12 Dip into small bucket (4)
- 13 Question is welcomed separately by Eskimo or Torquemada? (10)
- 15 Where fish come from unexpectedly (3,2,3,4)
- 18 Raising interest rates might be no fairy tale ending for undercapitalised organisation (12)
- 21 Gangmember, following torture, betrayed the Spanish (5,5)
- 22 Surrender flag (4)
- 24 Whipping in public area (8)
- 25 Balance tea cup until echo from bomb ends (6)
- 26 Season by blending in vegetables (3,5)
- 27 Swells in lake infiltrate ships (6)

DOWN

- 1 Vandalise menus with oil paint (8)
- 2 Operatic singing can buckle without love (3,5)
- 3 Polish off headless fish (4)
- 5 Spread a brunette put out (6,6)
- 6 Loses interest in missing mushrooms first (5,3,2)
- 7 Spies man when arrested (6)
- 8 Longing for suspended trains (6)
- 11 Finally entering a marathon? (2,3,4,3)
- 14 Puddings contain fragrant lotion (10)
- 16 Trajectory to return a high shot with a smash (8)
- 17 Digest most of dessert with success (8)
- 19 Bites guardians (6)
- 20 Slick explanation why is reported (6)
- 23 Friend is after round gemstone (4)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,322



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