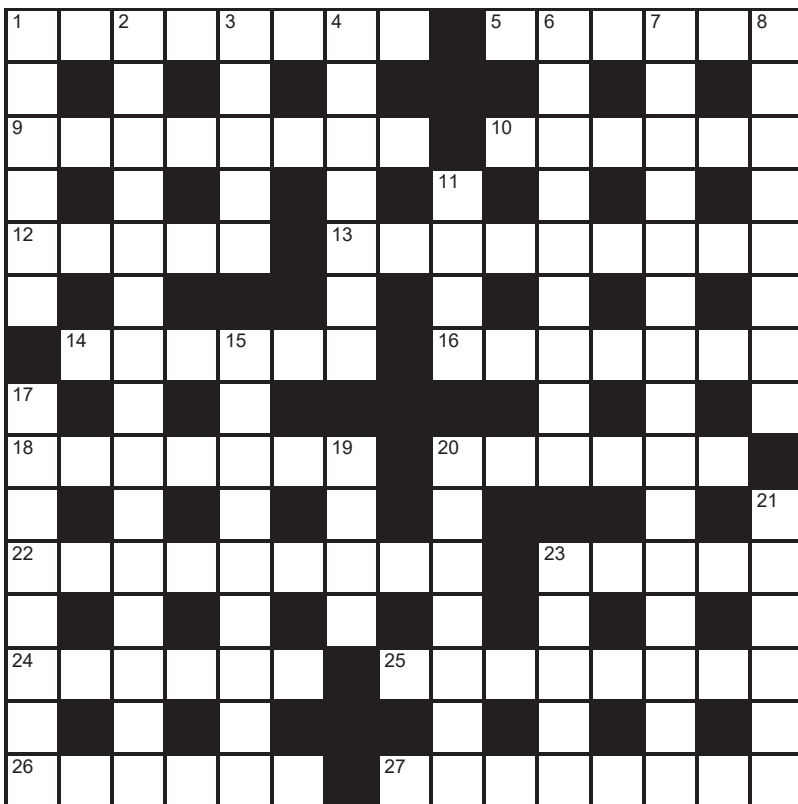


CROSSWORD No 18,128 by ZAMORCA



ACROSS

- 1 Pub drink curtailed amidst tense fracas (8)
- 5 Queen has retired vicar a-flutter (6)
- 9 One inspiring person organised run for detainee (8)
- 10 First to join uniform-wearing workers' excursions (6)
- 12 Tearooms hosting king put out fine buns (5)
- 13 Example of a setter's puzzle (9)
- 14 Wait perhaps taking on students when convenient (2,4)
- 16 Harrassed staff gathering right information for taxes (7)
- 18 Exchange of letters with artist in Manga style (7)
- 20 Graduate finally forfeited post for shoddy work (3,3)
- 22 Complaint from good Republican regularly riles Vice President (9)
- 23 Advantage with Alcaraz beginning second part of match (5)
- 24 Housing for workers is good in areas beside railway (6)
- 25 Take pains with horse involved in poor result (8)
- 26 More sympathetic when family brought back wine! (6)
- 27 Smashed act of daring crossing river delta (8)

Solution 18,127

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Hit writer reportedly ready for holiday (6)
- 2 Jumper Dad left during 7-0 win finally found in clubhouse (7,8)
- 3 Process order containing climbing pants (5)
- 4 Abruptly ended trip before finishing, out of petrol required (7)
- 6 The same eternal problem probing universal dimension (9)
- 7 Run out of lacquer with fear old manuscript inside's to fade (6,4,5)
- 8 Easter's fitting holiday at last to relax (4,4)
- 11 Legal document set down brief (4)
- 15 Brought back sad reveries about November (2,7)
- 17 Hesitate when mediocre journalist to pen article on Britain (4,4)
- 19 Naughty girl gets cross after a short time (4)
- 20 Panicky bather initially encouraged to fill lungs (7)
- 21 Pay heed to top grade race finish (6)
- 23 Last letter's in gold on blue (5)



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