

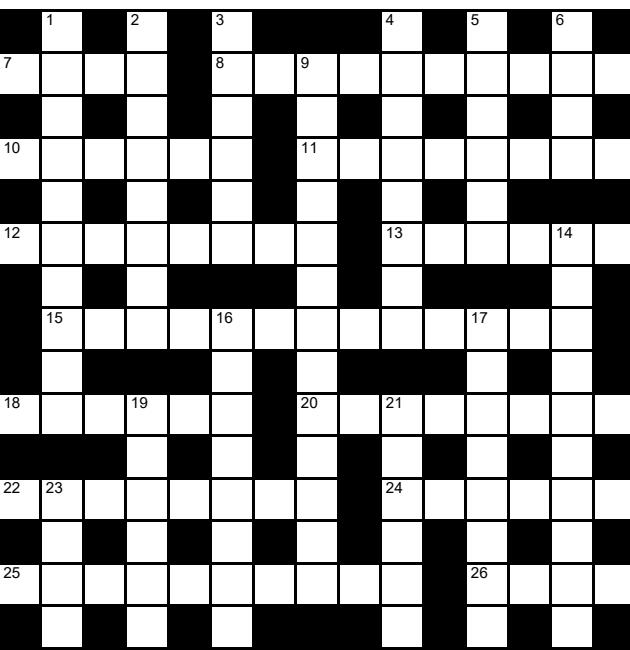
CROSSWORD 18,264 by ROSA KLEBB

ACROSS

- 7 Gave birth and tolerated pain well, for an Aussie (4)
- 8 Gather article in both hands for security (10)
- 10 Classes are laid back, on dope (6)
- 11 Pleasure-seeking couple entertaining male on welfare (4-4)
- 12 Utmost of these briefly stopping Trump (8)
- 13 Single chap, discontented and glum (6)
- 15 Many scandals about to engulf international tax haven (6,7)
- 18 St Helier perhaps turned hot and humid (6)
- 20 Spoke after end of ding-dong and threatened to go out (8)
- 22 Person fostering teen from Barking (8)
- 24 Insipid sunshine left one disappointed at first (6)
- 25 Disorderly scene in bar angered drunk (4,6)
- 26 Promises of money dropped from phoney stimulus (4)

DOWN

- 1 Erotic acrobat cavorting heartily after penal code amended (4,6)
- 2 Not much money in bank of late (8)
- 3 Fix fight with European (6)
- 4 Excited state after cocaine and revelry (8)
- 5 Pulse is fast, almost unhealthy (6)
- 6 Passionate women's weapon (4)
- 9 Spooner's spirit remained likely to lift (5-8)
- 14 Writer's grave keeping heart's ultimate secret (10)
- 16 Old Nick beginning to tempt cracking tennis champ (8)
- 17 Unnecessary rivalry with second son (8)
- 19 Regularly using prose, attempt verse (6)
- 21 Elite backing some unashamed nepotism (3-3)
- 23 Comply with honour and dignity at last (4)



Solution 18,258

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O A U M I O E U
W O R S T B E S T O F A L L
E E O A L K S L
D I D O N E S B I T F E T A
E A S K J H
S E V E N T Y E X E C U T E
Q I A T N A
U N L O C K S D E F A C E D
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