

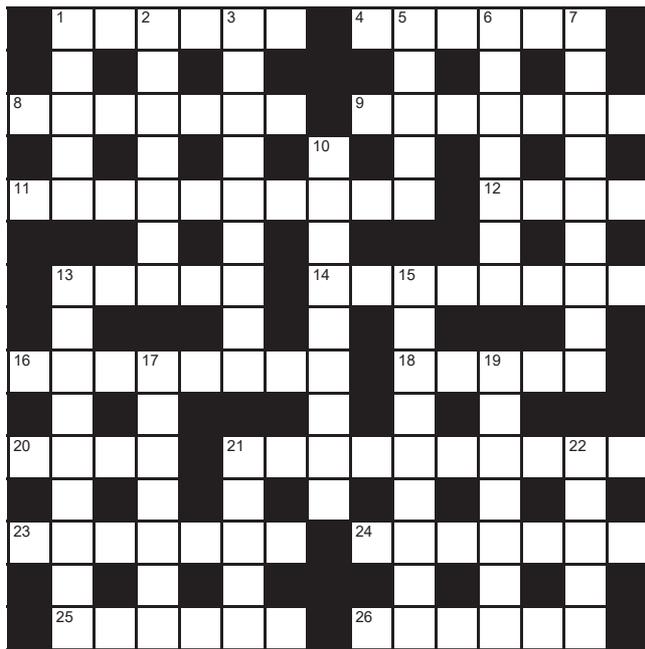
# CROSSWORD 18,306 by ZAMORCA

## ACROSS

- 1** Picked up cool yet hot stuff (6)  
**4** Runner's knocked back orange juice with scrambled egg before start of race (6)  
**8** Proverbially no more than two actors? (7)  
**9** Lad finally abandoned dodgy area of city (7)  
**11** Briefly pitch copy about mysterious hero protecting good parishioner (10)  
**12** Some backed Alcaraz challenging leading Russian (4)  
**13** Helium balloon centrepiece of good day (5)  
**14** Weak violin player's part of a formal outfit (5,3)  
**16** Arranges holding routine review for upcoming matches (8)  
**18** Designed lamp with last of fine wood (5)  
**20** Put money on American going ahead for help (4)  
**21** Uncertain before taking on vehicle debts? (10)  
**23** Doctor re-equipped junking PPE that's disputed (7)  
**24** What happens at launch pad with elevator not working? (4-3)  
**25** Stripped, shedding disguise unseen (6)  
**26** Underground cult infiltrated by soldiers (6)

## DOWN

- 1** Charlie's husband material (5)  
**2** Endanger one long supporting prime moves (7)  
**3** Look around a French church, heading to historic old city for meal break (5,4)  
**5** Old, sour smell (5)  
**6** King in the grip of awful cough finally really complaining (7)  
**7** Tackle master part in play making a big fuss (9)  
**10** Party girl's coming up with clothes right away for female deities (9)  
**13** Quiet, look! Burglar's banking on cutting tool for locks (9)  
**15** Belligerent mob active at sea (9)  
**17** Tour abroad after end of student education helped with learning (7)  
**19** Father's shafted by home decorator (7)  
**21** Bit sanctimonious about blocking drugs (5)  
**22** Spoiled fun with sex being out of condition (5)



## Solution 18,300



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