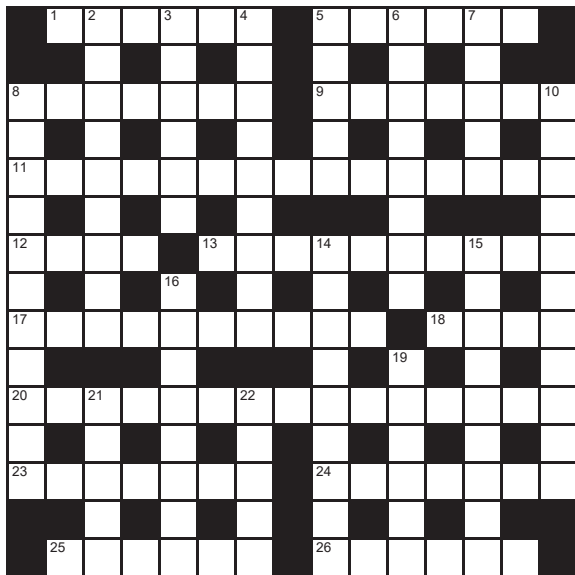


CROSSWORD

No. 16,533 Set by ZAMORCA



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Support contract in Australia is something to count on (6)
- 5 Rookie is initially trying to be an artist like Picasso (6)
- 8 False tooth turned out fine at last (7)
- 9 Prime minister of empire-building Queen? (7)
- 11 Old Bill's home is modern with a country garden (3,8,4)
- 12 Goes on horses (4)
- 13 Judgmental about musical trio not suitable for all (10)
- 17 Sympathy for sore head (10)
- 18 Sample from Fendi or other couturier (4)
- 20 China's caught in appalling scam with sporting equipment (9,6)
- 23 East Germany's providing rocks for building (7)
- 24 Denied access in revolutionary study (7)
- 25 Peer in utter darkness (6)
- 26 Fears taking top off to reveal boobs! (6)

DOWN

- 2 Set trailer everyone's jumping on? (9)
- 3 About to manage church crisis (6)
- 4 Sow centre ground with maize (5,4)
- 5 Dad's after a pot of tea (5)
- 6 Kitchen container used as money box? (5,3)
- 7 Kind of Muslim to accept verse of Hindu god (5)
- 8 Specialised board for consumers? (6,5)
- 10 Rampant stag encompassing Art Deco style is painted again (11)
- 14 Donkey's working cane crush to loose juice perhaps? (9)
- 15 Deceiver of King's put in strict order by Queen (9)
- 16 Policeman retains criminal file, noting contents removed: act of corruption (8)
- 19 No good getting in back-up for park keeper (6)
- 21 Pronounce drink to be a powerful spirit (5)
- 22 Plagiarism of article by newspaper (5)