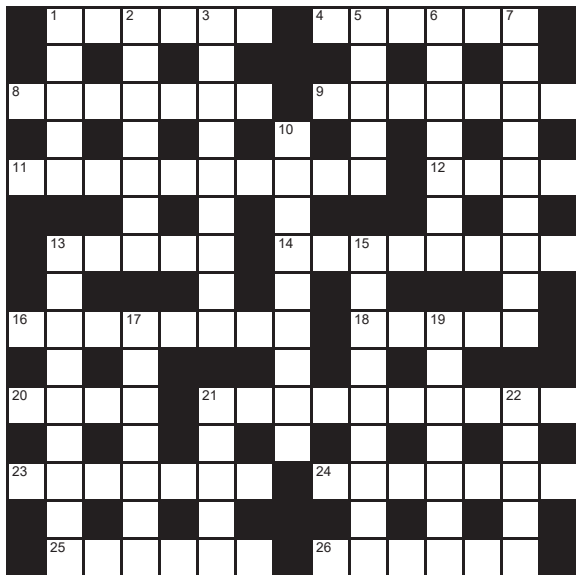


CROSSWORD

No. 16,566 Set by ALBERICH



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Approached soldiers to find shooter? (6)
- 4 Advances rapidly westward, covering a great distance (6)
- 8 A vote halved after returning officer finally conducted recount (7)
- 9 Observe Italian wearing wide cape (7)
- 11 Room temperature fashionable for red wine (10)
- 12 Either way, it's a blast (4)
- 13 Advocate loses recipe for dish (5)
- 14 Faulty hearing from one being stuck in violent wind (8)
- 16 Against a few eating starter of minestrone soup (8)
- 18 Bad translation of timeless poetry (5)
- 20 Knight had ignored festive occasion (4)
- 21 Bent copper is given written recommendation (10)
- 23 A bird ate another bird (7)
- 24 Doctor cured a leader of Oceanian country (7)
- 25 Dry one out over there (6)
- 26 Sounds like thoroughly cool artwork (6)

DOWN

- 1 Pound is put in money jar (5)
- 2 Mother's on edge – boy's beginning a musical instrument (7)

- 3 Drive to secure second hospital for northern town (9)
- 5 Edges away from prominent foreigner (5)
- 6 Politician's new in constituency, as an alternative (7)
- 7 Bird misrepresented as crow, say (9)
- 10 Rushed to impress with reckless deed (9)
- 13 Shame about Romania supporter's swearing (9)
- 15 Desire for one small plane? Right, turn up! (9)
- 17 Severe criminal charges mounting over nationalist uprising (7)
- 19 Come before search for quarry (7)
- 21 Scour first of pans with egg on (5)
- 22 Hotel in centre offers routine job (5)

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