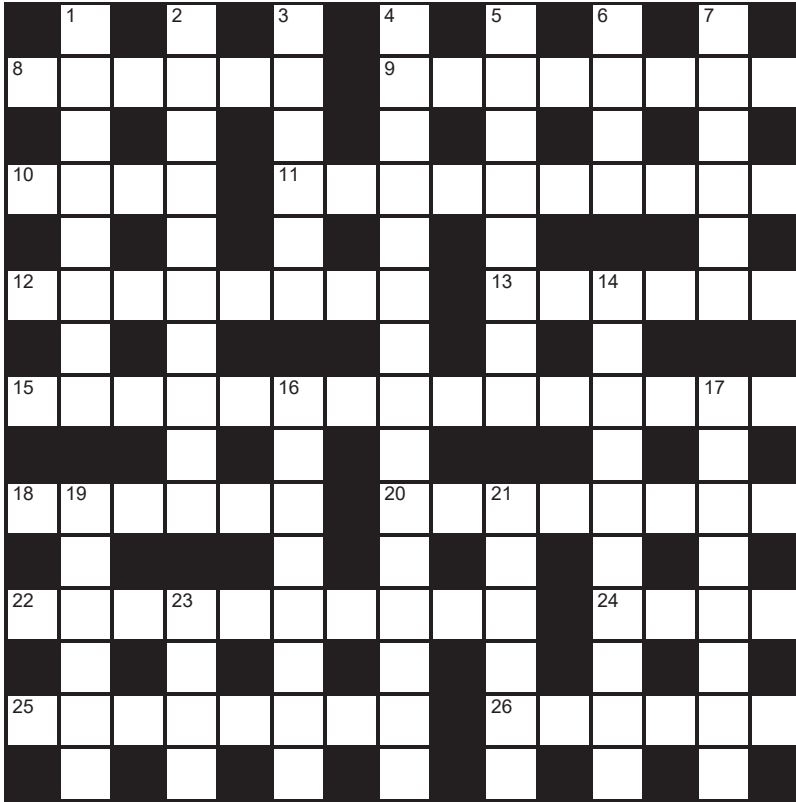


# CROSSWORD

No 16,783 Set by MONK



## ACROSS

- 8 Commendation of power lift (6)
- 9 Excessive, heartless, simple (8)
- 10 Tidy trade in backing just the regulars (4)
- 11 *The Karate Kid* centrally broadcast in promenade? (4,3,3)
- 12 Chief priest caught lofty principal (8)
- 13 Old Middle Eastern dignitary new to state forcefully ousted at the end (6)
- 15 Once more straighten out how one could cut deal, perhaps (7,3,5)
- 18 Board question a jazz guitarist after losing record player (6)
- 20 Madness caused by, ultimately, years in emptiness (8)
- 22 Expert seeing future developments emerging from present houses? (10)
- 24 Colour photo made her smile in seconds (4)
- 25 Change nothing without, say, close friend (5,3)
- 26 Easily win appeal after rule overturned by king (4,2)

## DOWN

- 1 Old transport company wanting uncapped stock production? (8)
- 2 Row about risotto getting processed colouring (10)
- 3 Right to prevent grasping by crime-fiction writer (6)
- 4 Tight-knit CID now busting a Lord Mayor (4,11)
- 5 Nothing needs to change place according to some Europeans
- 6 Oscillatory element of gun deaths (4)
- 7 Turkey breaking team's step (6)
- 14 Wretched ghost beginning to nettles Lord Nelson, maybe (10)
- 16 Ought Her Majesty to jostle? (8)
- 17 Brave prediction dashed following loss of split company (8)
- 19 Hollow vase – small antique still in store? (6)
- 21 Wily daughter oppressed by aggressive woman (6)
- 23 Rough getting picked up felt remorse (4)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 16,782

