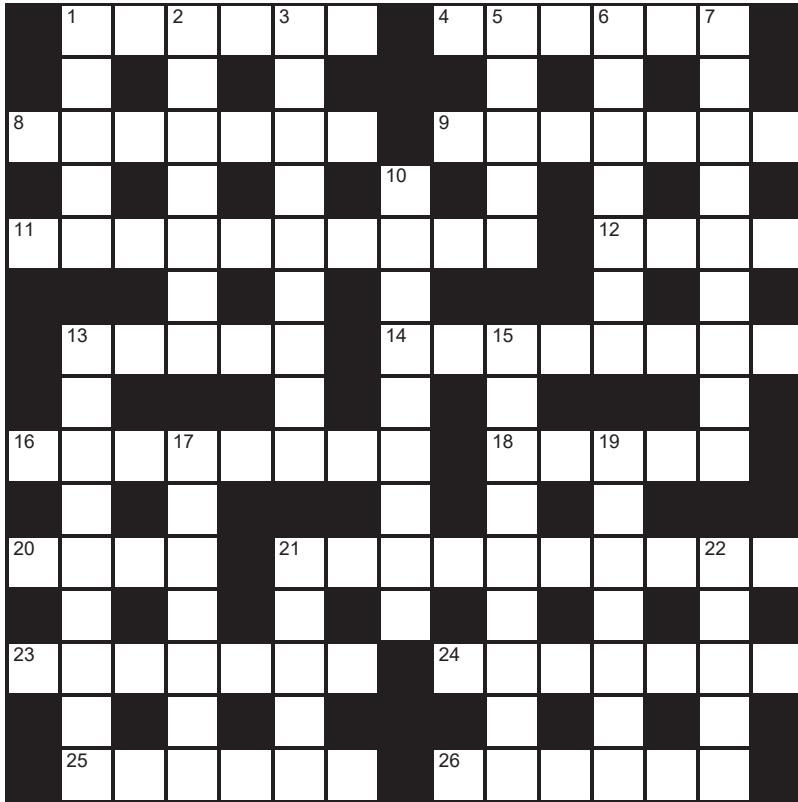


# CROSSWORD

## No 16,939 Set by GOLIATH



## ACROSS

**1, 4** Surprising price dip in South African novel (6,6)

**8, 9** 24 hours are somehow covered in gripping airport novels (7,7)

**11** Man entering empty Anglican temple, ecclesiastical western transept (10)

**12** Like a box of chocolates, this is short (4)

**13** Bracing note (5)

**14** They say you are into closure that's permanent (8)

**16, 20** Grinder ad? No snob could be looking for romance here (5,3,4)

**18** Tucker's partner with vacant lacklustre book (5)

**20** See 16

**21** *The Musician's Assistant* is a thrilling novel (4,6)

**23** Novels from 13 across, if edited (7)

**24** Perfect example of quiet part of Spain (7)

**25** Island state chief with a most unfriendly manner (6)

**26** One desperate to infiltrate pharmaceutical firm in port (6)

**DOWN**

**1** Ex PM exploded having switched sides (5)

**2** Drip not quite where it should be, serving motorists (5-2)

**3** Repetitive tea dance (3-3-3)

**5** Perfect trader's response to question about occupation (5)

**6** Confuse with overwhelming spin someone on board? (7)

**7** Protect re-enforcing order or be ignored (4-5)

**10** Masks and gloves included in revised agenda as an attachment (9)

**13** Record one found in attempts to produce novels (9)

**15** Bad credit may be the reason they take it away (5,4)

**17** Mad person in attic heard after a short breather (7)

**19** Good deal of local profit (7)

**21** First of predatory raptors and another move stealthily (5)

**22** Oboe-playing King? Read about it here (1-4)

## JOTTER PAD

## Solution 16,938

