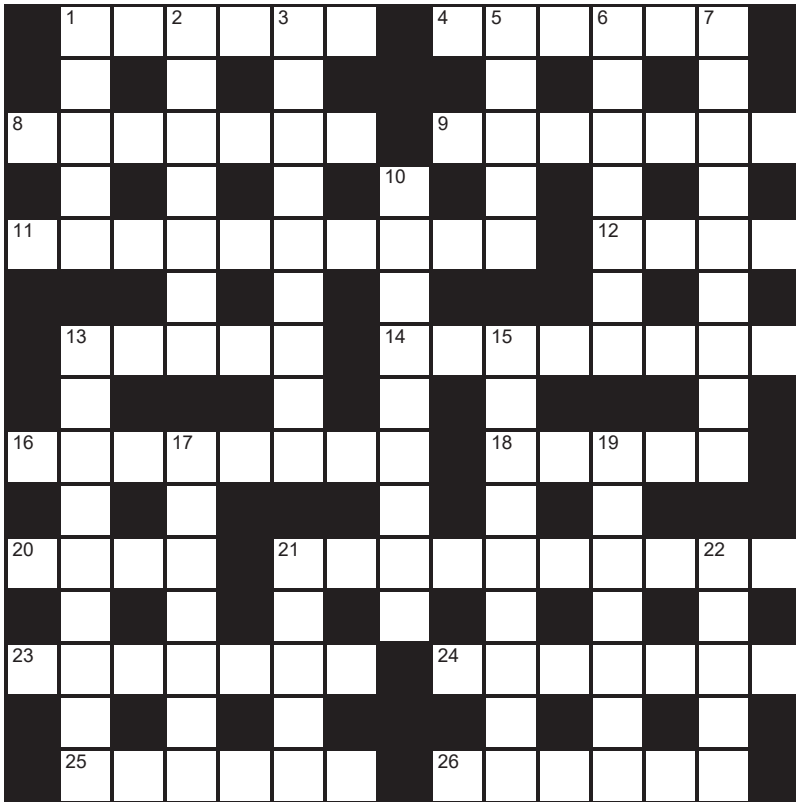


CROSSWORD

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

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