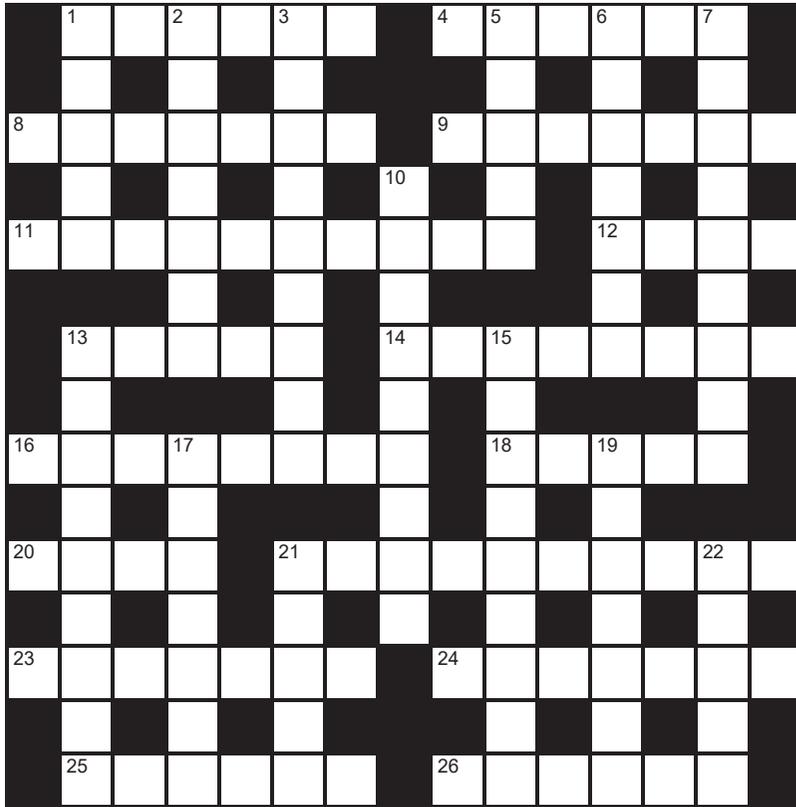


CROSSWORD

No 17,051 Set by BASILISK



ACROSS

- 1 Uproar after losing current leader of South Africa in disorder (6)
- 4 Thing that has old man embracing old boy in greeting (6)
- 8 Person arranging work schedule policemen once backed (7)
- 9 Writer is tense after counter-attack (7)
- 11 Case of apparent corruption involving staff acquisition (10)
- 12 Bit of poetry penned by William Blake (4)
- 13, 14 Work of author concealed end of novel in daring neologism (5,3,5)
- 16 School dinners comprising tiny portions in the main? (8)
- 18 American got rid of following pages in dictionary (5)
- 20 Song that man heard (4)
- 21 Lawyer's writing ignored body of work (10)
- 23 Shell's concession involving summons (7)
- 24 What is true, notwithstanding a bit of fiction? (7)
- 25 State blocks 60% of press articles (6)
- 26 Refuse to reduce debt and risk (6)

DOWN

- 1 Error made by football manager last month (5)
- 2 State of several articles punctuated by large black marks (7)
- 3 Decoration comprising a small circle worn by members of Royal Navy? (9)
- 5 What's used to raise army to protect Italy (5)
- 6 Fare from Mexico City's centre charges the earth almost (7)
- 7 Rallied American behind me, turned and ran (9)
- 10 Bias in operation is intimidating (7,2)
- 13 Complain beautiful woman has commandeered vessel briefly (9)
- 15 Spooner's only greeting is indiscriminate (9)
- 17 Hotel abandons seemingly spartan floor (7)
- 19 Whistleblower recalled being filled with desire to cause embarrassment (7)
- 21 Substitute player who's paid by year (5)
- 22 Sanctions really limiting pointless dialogue after revolution (5)

JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,050

