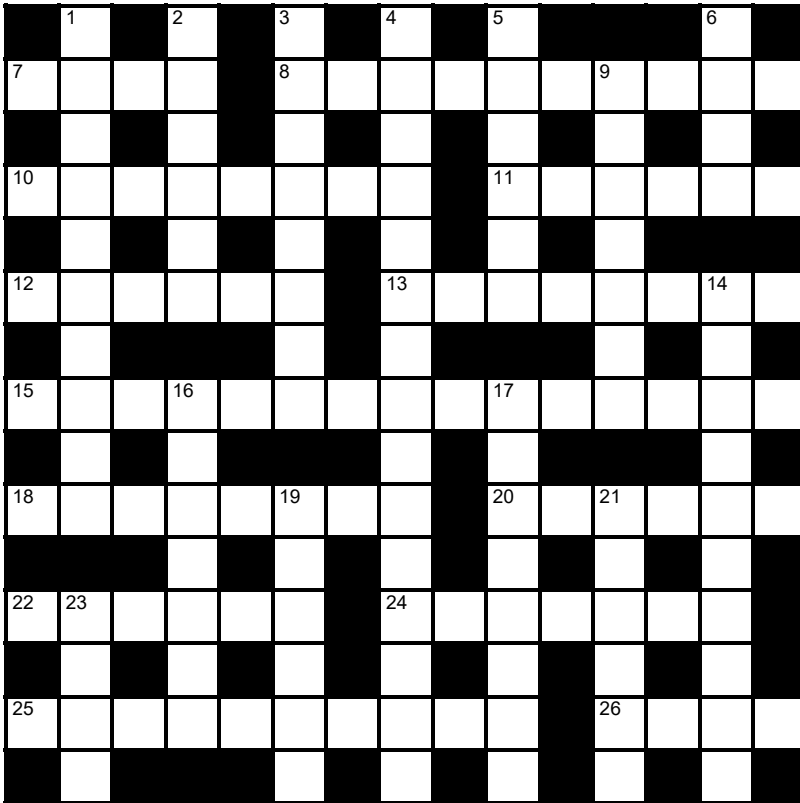


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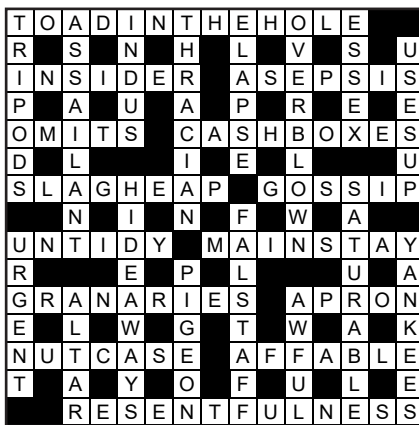
- 7 Invalid held back by Hull University (4)  
 8 Aberdeen's wingers tackled by Paul, sent off for foul? (10)  
 10 Fuel-burning in Rio field unsettling (3-5)  
 11 Celibate caught with a lot of speed (6)  
 12 Heartless poet's competition verse (6)  
 13 Large stone circle demolished, its central part in May? (8)  
 15 One attracts short homage, seen after edit (9,6)  
 18 Editors discharged journalists, 50% on drink (8)  
 20 US city contributing to help a soldier (2,4)  
 22 Again call with reference to having relaxed, might one infer? (6)  
 24 Bury welcomes grand European cardinal (7)  
 25 Begins to arse about when smuggling island spirit (10)  
 26 Animal found in wood uncovered by conservationists? (4)

## DOWN

- 1 Yielding gold that's prevalent in our USA complex (10)  
 2 Cocks up complaint — how very infuriating (6)  
 3 Takes priority over French where river found blocking military vehicles (8)  
 4 Unfortunately, I spied gloomiest pandemic experts? (15)  
 5 Unanimously backing staff study (3,3)  
 6 Perhaps Cambridge final in Part One (4)  
 9 Streetwise adults each vacantly pull slimy little creature (3,4)  
 14 Assigning high value to alternating TRUE-FALSE bits introduced by computing pioneer (10)  
 16 Working for some food (7)  
 17 Join up with son in extremely majestic movement (8)  
 19 Key left in back of book (6)  
 21 Gull in gully having broken leg (6)  
 23 Deserve 'desire' but not 'yen' (4)

## JOTTER PAD

Solution 17,508



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