CROSSWORD 17,817 by LEONIDAS

ACROSS

- 1 Poor country singer performed another style on street (4-8) 8 Aiming high with English
- album (7)
- 9 Humanity of doctor taking in half-Goan family (7) 11 Something to chew filled with brilliant sauce (7)
- 12 Female poet briefly given water in French flatland area (7)13 Festive day with ladies
- dancing across town in thermals (5) 14 Setter once then twice
- stops pastor breaking left arm (3.6)16 Getting better working with 17 Ending in wet earth below
- those people close (2,3,4) **19** Bone from exposed tail section twisted (5) 21 Mama struggling with gal
- to make blend (7) 23 Zero regret going back into 20 £0.10 invested in writer's extremely nice cell (7)
- 24 Boldly utter demand for alimony? (7)
- 25 One who doesn't believe in heartless art theft (7)
- 26 Dispute over northern

performer's patron (12)

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DOWN

fish (7)

1 Song in German maybe covered by Sting? (7) 2 Leaves stick in bag with husband (7) 3 The Spanish explorer follows quiet fowl (9) 4 Band starts to perform after climbing chart again (5) 5 Asian strike on island after cringing witticism? (7) **6** Clear competition to catch

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- 7 Sad record playing into the early hours? (12) 10 Suspicions surrounding field intel for spies (6.6)
- 15 Excessive tirade about erected Dutch statue? (9)
- farm block (7) 18 Cut teenager oddly missed at top of road (7)
- 19 Poser away from home cvcling: weight barely lost (7)
- life stories for screen (7) 22 Reptile Mark crushed by
- degrees (5)



Solution 17.811 MASCARPONE EGGS

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