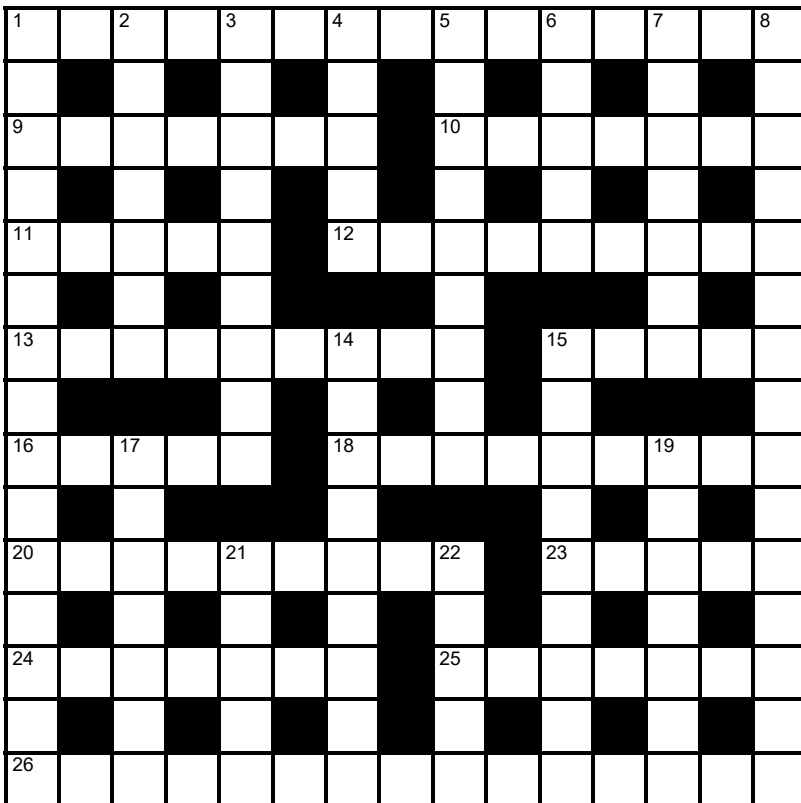
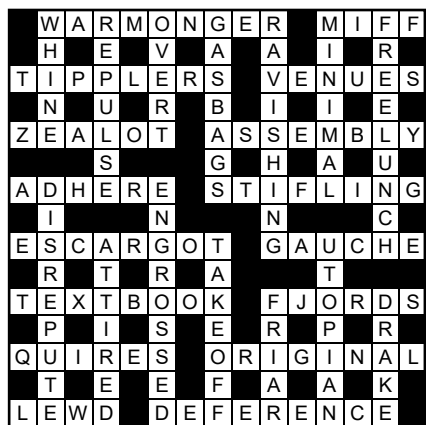


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Chaotic electronic pop is rank (6,9)
- 9 Recent works by European dramatist (7)
- 10 I caught aquatic bird going over floating mass (7)
- 11 Split orchestra, one left downsized by 90%? (5)
- 12 Pound store ruined instantly (4,1,4)
- 13 Jerk is decked by felon's stick (9)
- 15 Composer's catalogue picked up (5)
- 16 Waste from Cornish river (5)
- 18 Peter and David almost shuffling deck (4,5)
- 20 British bore, chasing king and queen, that could make folk cross? (4,5)
- 23 Car manufacturer backed promo agreements (5)
- 24 Monetary unit of Ghana I forged, netting fine (7)
- 25 He superficially reads second Kipling work right after setter (7)
- 26 Camera shake OK in fixed audiovisual gear? (7,8)

DOWN

- 1 Reduce two to one on a timely basis (3,3,5,4)
- 2 Femme fatale sorely needing clothing dons garland (7)
- 3 Pleasant dance briefly advanced in reverse sequence (9)
- 4 Perfect example of croupier's running commentary? (5)
- 5 Bank statement preceding dodgy cash withdrawal? (5,2,2)
- 6 Evacuation of English army's top soldiers in retreat (5)
- 7 Gets canines, perhaps from leader of hunt beset by support group from the south (7)
- 8 In which you'd find users/authors get alternative? (6,9)
- 14 After time among Arctic people, setter's understood immediately (9)
- 15 Mistress meets maker in South African town (9)
- 17 Hunter, pro, suppressing anger (7)
- 19 Tough guy, smooth, wanting threesome in romance (4,3)
- 21 Severe legislator once pulled up old comic (5)
- 22 Rabies rampant in grassy land (5)