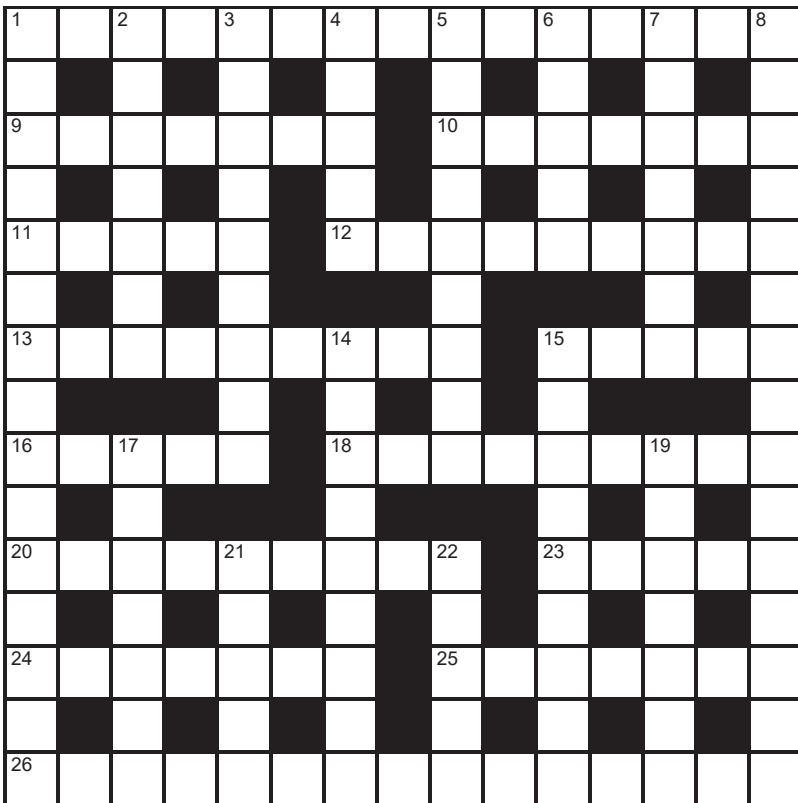


CROSSWORD No 17,928 by VELIA



ACROSS

- 1 Blooming Velia, kinda drunk with crackhead Charles (5,3,7)
- 9 Into scrambled eggs, first to get enthusiastic reception (7)
- 10 Totally or partially (3,4)
- 11 One of two mini revelations? (5)
- 12 How do you get this string of successes? (5-4)
- 13 Coffee from the US with nothing added (9)
- 15 Music as teacher holds class (5)
- 16 Take off motion to fill empty shelf (5)
- 18 Blocks the first of two short returns kept by corrupt boss (9)
- 20 Compiler backs reign, changing leaders in crisis (9)
- 23 Clean inside of Tesco urgently (5)
- 24 Football's premier goalie turning green (7)
- 25 Overact as some pig backed Putin briefly (3,2,2)
- 26 Note small French issues on review, as in Groundhog Day (15)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Woe of translator shifting responsibilities (1,3,2,6,3)
- 2 Picture one born after wise men (7)
- 3 Correct hip problem as found initially for singer (5,4)
- 4 Lad working up taboos (2-3)
- 5 Out go anoraks and jumpers (9)
- 6 Snag net (5)
- 7 Leaning to the right, dodgy capitalists forget past (7)
- 8 Mist rises on errant priest chasing flowers as useless embellishment (2-6,7)
- 14 Decoration not made out to include sailors (9)
- 15 Its charms may be festive (9)
- 17 Lover heading down and father heading up share common ground (7)
- 19 Laugh gets hotel customer extremely upset (7)
- 21 Very big soldiers? (5)
- 22 Fantastic news source (5)



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