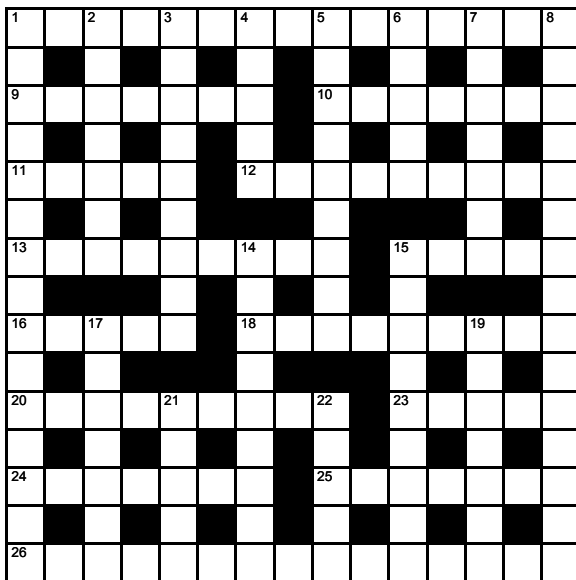


CROSSWORD

No. 13,612 Set by JASON



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Punch in mug and joints with heartless enchantress (7,8)
- 9 Ability to appreciate French city developed before much time's passed (5,2)
- 10 Agency worker is French causing a commotion (7)
- 11 Fungus is in yard where the sun rises (5)
- 12 Among other things, bury a little fibber (5,4)
- 13 Spun about drunk in perfect form (9)
- 15 West coast river's Bonnie's favourite (5)
- 16 A little cake = small tapering figure (5)
- 18 Where top grub's a must (9)
- 20 Hot? Long let it boil (3-6)
- 23 Fit female fleeing from terror (5)
- 24 Draw – score is evenly split – have a rest (4,3)
- 25 Eccentric old designated driver beginning to bore everyone (7)
- 26 Not fit to try Latin crackers (3,6,6)

DOWN

- 1 Chill out! Not topless please (4,4,5,2)
- 2 Increases right strokes with rackets (7)
- 3 One tap makes the most important shot (9)
- 4 Listless feeling is in part a rotten nuisance (5)
- 5 Postures on dance floors with antagonistic manner (9)
- 6 Show reluctance being pretty much shy and modest (5)
- 7 In a perfect world I trade in liberty, first and last (7)
- 8 Steamy bed mates? We lead to trouble with nerve beginning to shred (3-5,7)
- 14 Chill! Plug in the fire (7,2)
- 15 Carry saddle round (9)
- 17 Old silk twisted in waterproof cloth (7)
- 19 Show a boy in training a model of industriousness? (7)
- 21 Possibly alfresco, or going to top? (5)
- 22 American north gives thumbs up to retreats (5)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday February 19
 Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday February 21
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