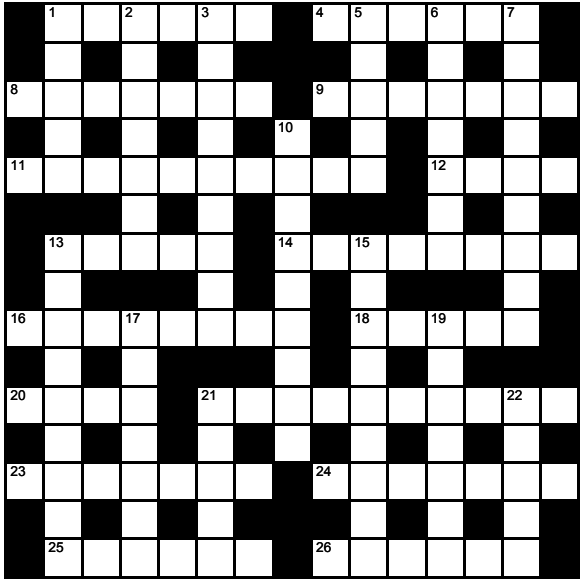
CROSSWORD
No. 13,779 Set by GURNEY



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

1 Artist represented watery scene? (6)
4 African politicians imprisoned for dance? (6)
8 Front of oven sealed by one trying out kitchen equipment (7)
9 Brave quartet eschewing journey in pursuit of pleasure (7)
11 "A Man Risen" I ordered for religious trainee (10)
12 Group of criminals maybe in place for fight (4)
13 First of all supremo wants everyone actively tackling hard work (5)
14 Edict disposing of last mine, past its best (8)
16 After vacation, trusty circle arranged transport for children (8)
18 A street in US city becomes unpleasant (5)
20 Old North African land (uncultivated) (4)
21 Inept beginning for awkward mother, her suit's crumpled (10)
23 Take on board French priest, suitable to be welcomed (7)
24 Shed tears after operatic heroine's imitation (7)
25 Breadwinner's essential for those studying at school (6)
26 Run away from church, coat is needed (6)

DOWN

1 Support coastal area (5)
2 Especially enthralled by ceremony that brings relief (7)
3 Supply not sensitive to price changes in the Spanish wine clubs (9)
5 Old military commander at home once more (5)
6 California's gold that is reference unit for consumers (7)
7 Inn not yet busy, it's no reputation (9)
10 Buyer and seller, he's in the right place here (9)
13 One standing in Eurostar, nervously protective of girl initially (9)
15 Having similar interests, could be nice to take along rambling (9)
17 Cultural employee, first to conserve our art perhaps (7)
19 Opening move in court (7)
21 Have the same opinion: "An intense desire must be curtailed" (5)
22 Cleanser gets used to some extent for fabric (5)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday September 3
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday September 5
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