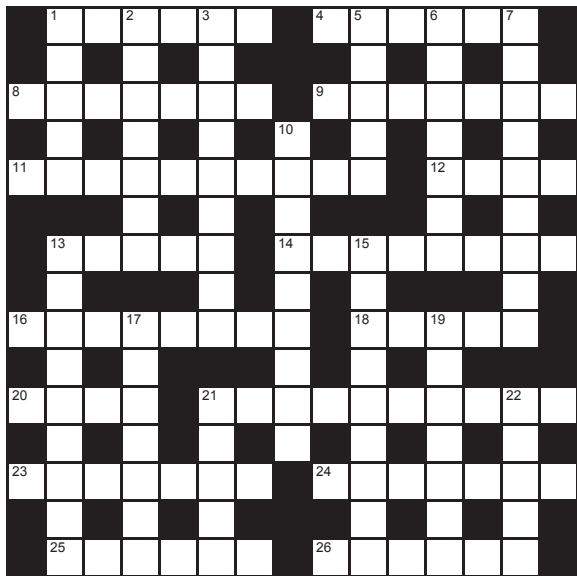


CROSSWORD

No. 13,986 Set by ARMONIE



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Corrupt French noble found in bishopric (6)
- 4 Dog in mine without railway (6)
- 8 It is given here (7)
- 9 Living with an independent partner (7)
- 11 Rude show about the Spanish (10)
- 12 Measure sentence (4)
- 13 Weapon discovered in Catalan cemetery (5)
- 14 Order to conceal Channel Islands' public disturbance (8)
- 16 Nicholson embraces the right to cheer up (8)
- 18 Trouble riding mount (5)
- 20 Henry has time for divinity (4)
- 21 Former pupil's able to read, write and rub out (10)
- 23 Tourist sees peak when touring Italy (7)
- 24 Question an Anglican with suspicion (7)
- 25 Utter nonsense about king in tower (6)
- 26 Resolved to be under canvas (6)

DOWN

- 1 Father's new hooter (5)
- 2 Notice director is overseeing nuclear researchers (7)
- 3 Sober and satisfied when outside batting (9)
- 5 Big cat's sudden swoop lacks power (5)
- 6 Bound to put small amount in hat (7)
- 7 I meet Stan dancing in the bistro (9)
- 10 Reasons for putting drink under control (9)
- 13 Thief damaged clarinets (9)
- 15 No curates should get mixed up with her (9)
- 17 Worker finds group leader more idle (7)
- 19 Breakers' expert is superficial (7)
- 21 Australia's a gas! (5)
- 22 Diplomacy surrounding Indian leader is understood (5)

Solution to Saturday's prize puzzle on Saturday May 5
Solution to yesterday's prize puzzle on Monday May 7
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