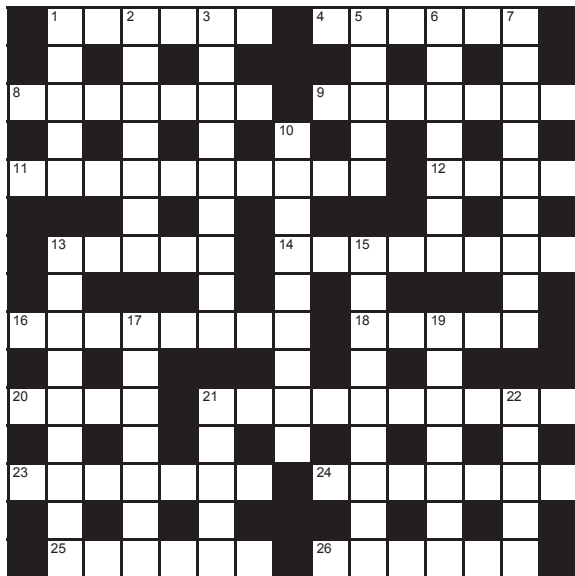


CROSSWORD

No. 16,286 Set by VELIA



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 National assistance needed back in local (6)
- 4 September sun, add the sea in St. Tropez (6)
- 8 may be all inclusive or bank (7)
- 9 love not working for Italian church (7)
- 11 Pretty pics, ugly text (10)
- 12 Rejected a portion of rice pudding and fool (4)
- 13 Soup's served regularly with this inside – that's fishy! (5)
- 14 Building redo ship-shape (8)
- 16 Quote back passage to begin with – that is sad (8)
- 18 Gather information for good list (5)
- 20 Dig food served in a pub? (4)
- 21 Roughest boat seen during sleep, briefly (10)
- 23 Dare unleash river (7)
- 24 startup money for London (7)
- 25 month starts with this landlord (6)
- 26 correspondent sounding more precise? (6)

DOWN

- 1 Press "play" at the end for feature of Greek theatre (5)
- 2 Clubs for motivators (7)

- 3 China's rat problem is subversive (9)
- 5 Craft using beads only, accessorising tank tops (1-4)
- 6 Strange name given to the German wind (7)
- 7 10 percent out for party (9)
- 10 Misguidedly sided with religious group, imprisoned and analysed (9)
- 13 Report to look really hard for flight location (9)
- 15 Spaced out leader's just the thing for young diners (9)
- 17 Place a small amount in bucket? (7)
- 19 Highbrow titles I dished out (7)
- 21 Work to start the game (5)
- 22 Drummer among first arrivals (5)

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