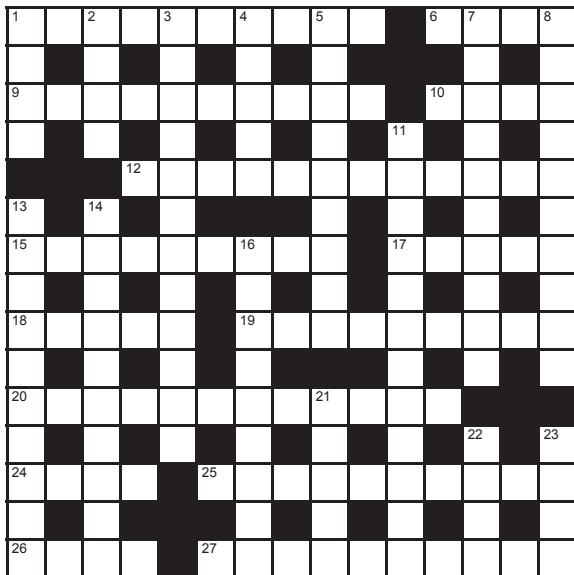


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No. 16,039 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1, 6 Guys in a band who produced something mildly erotic? (10,4)
- 9 One that's taken brief holiday, standing in for unknown criminal (10)
- 10 Regular flyer knocks back large drink (2,2)
- 12 Poor decision leads to exacerbated dispute emulating Bounty mutiny (12)
- 15 Being prepared to eat in a field, putting away starter and seconds (9)
- 17 Person in charge of game, essentially referee between two sides (5)
- 18 Recipe in hand? Note cocktail ingredient (5)
- 19 State in "wrong" sort of Europe, not EU country (9)
- 20 Given motivation by mobile devices, innit? (12)
- 24 Model No.1 too pretty, perhaps (4)
- 25 Endless denial about injecting of kidney hormone (10)
- 26, 27 Behind new message about breaking into separate 17th century house after purge (4,10)

DOWN

- 1, 13 Error spoilt Poe translation? In the US, the concern is mine alone (4,10)
- 2 Disputes setting of 1 across 6 and 26 27 (4)

- 3 Dividing up in two, distressed after wife leaves one during split (12)
- 4 For topless tea dances, it must be Muse (5)
- 5 Writer of Rocket Man, we hear (9)
- 7 Hold up Leonard briefly, or a younger relative? (4,6)
- 8, 23 Wanderer set off to take in the Spanish League, as reward for hard work (4-6,4)
- 11 Venus oddly is back fully in range (6,6)
- 13 See 1
- 14 Something very amusing about a young male dressing (5,5)
- 16 Varied Asian diet here? (4,5)
- 21 Best thought left (5)
- 22 Sentence from a biography (4)
- 23 See 8

Solution 16,038

