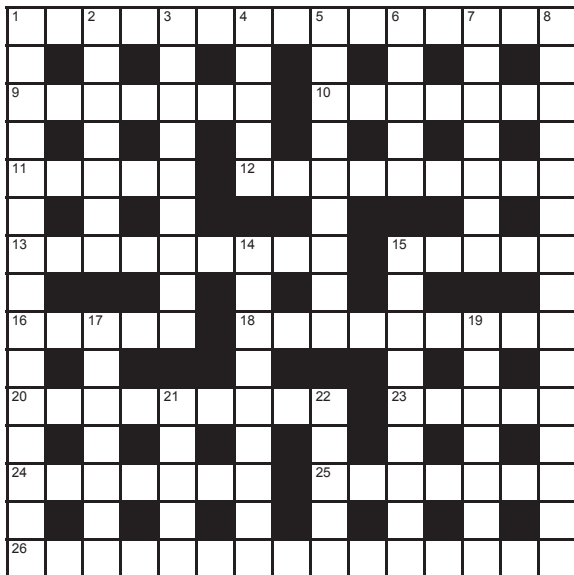


CROSSWORD

No. 15,974 Set by NEO



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Analyst flustered beginning to engage this sporty chap (15)
- 9 Excellent beer sent round in Crown & Sceptre? (7)
- 10 Maybe swelling number of reserve forwards (3,4)
- 11 Husband gets mum's sister in trouble (5)
- 12 Enliven by topping with one pizza ingredient (9)
- 13 In Natal he represented Hawthorne for example (9)
- 15 One departure after another for Spaniard (5)
- 16 Something incomprehensible from Tsipras say (5)
- 18 Fool succeeded with heartless gibe about single aide (9)
- 20 Infamous old port guarded by other people? (9)
- 23 Mysterious European Republic wanting revolution (5)
- 24 Lilac no good planted in troubled country (7)
- 25 King Henry having an artist over in boozier (7)
- 26 Lower form runs new school (9,6)

DOWN

- 1 Reproduction Stonehenge assembled in capital (15)
- 2 Food unusually tough and extremely rubbery (7)
- 3 Military vehicle brings force in to stop pain (4-5)

- 4 Incline encountered after time in hike (5)
- 5 Such surveys necessarily on the way out? (4,5)
- 6 Sign that character must be removed by alpha female (5)
- 7 His name is love (7)
- 8 Face up to defeat when punch gets through? (4,2,2,3,4)
- 14 Very soon scoundrel gets a girlfriend (9)
- 15 Bandit's gone round holding sellers up (9)
- 17 Record first signs of indigestion creaking in guts (7)
- 19 Big plot last from Zola on prison guards (7)
- 21 Lordless swordsman right ahead skinned mink (5)
- 22 Wet work agent accepts (5)

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