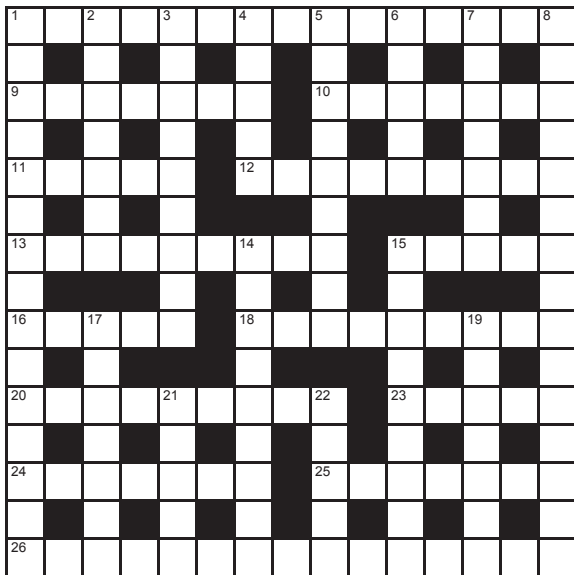


# CROSSWORD

## No. 16,477 Set by WANDERER



JOTTER PAD

### ACROSS

- 1 Comment column? It might be in *The Watchtower* (11,4)
- 9 Thrills former partner mentions (7)
- 10 French politician seeing *The Terminator* in Brazil (7)
- 11 A sister that's one of nine, please (5)
- 12 Fragrant mixture containing cannabis flower, added to some curries (9)
- 13 Tottering, I can blame lack of equilibrium (9)
- 15 Somewhat retiring old drummer (5)
- 16 Good headgear for Asian mountain passes (5)
- 18 Turn a trick? On reflection, suspect 10cc is what could give you the clap (9)
- 20 Frightfully grey? Not us, kid! (9)
- 23 Gathering stuff about king or queen (5)
- 24 Queen of Britain, a title on its way back (7)
- 25 Daily soap? (7)
- 26 May claims aid? She's out of order – it's a bloomer (10,5)

### DOWN

- 1 Windows possibly partially closed? Yes, if briefly sitting inside (9,6)
- 2 Give way slowly, under critical condition initially seen by university doctor (7)

- 3 Period of sexual activity with mostly very wicked killer escort (4,5)
- 4 Famous storyteller a model raised (5)
- 5 Interval where Spielberg film no.1 is screened? (2-7)
- 6 Returning officer managed to find drug smuggler (5)
- 7 Greek character unhappy in Morocco, short of company (7)
- 8 Volunteers once making tea regularly (11,4)
- 14 Strange thing left by river just after sunset? (9)
- 15 Paddy cried forlornly, describing wretched life (9)
- 17 Like swimming from a short wharf? That's correct, mostly (7)
- 19 Song about Italy? One part of it only (7)
- 21 American working for one over in Italian port (5)
- 22 Sound of very drunk adult's guts, partly (5)

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