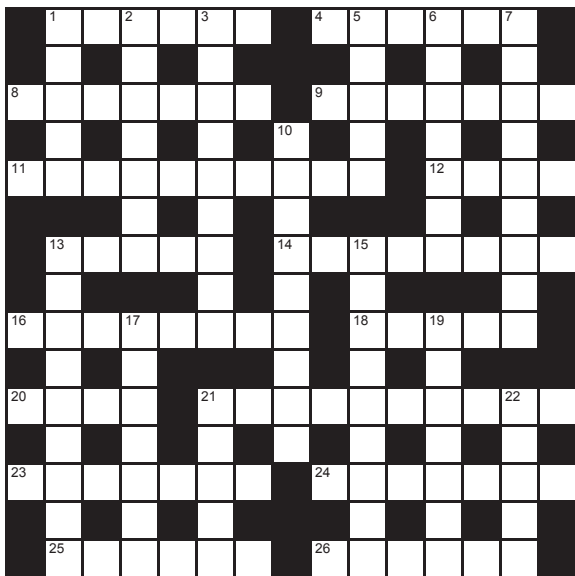


CROSSWORD

No. 14,550 Set by REDSHANK



JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Second best's hilarious (6)
- 4 Woeful first aid is struck off course (6)
- 8 Go over old sad event (7)
- 9 Duty men return, a tad frustrated and cross (4,3)
- 11 Indulge in trips round Yankee firm (10)
- 12 US writer holds page for poet (4)
- 13 Not all quaff retsina in little bars (5)
- 14 Aberdonian knows about long galleys (8)
- 16 Slug left hole in one decorative band (8)
- 18 Small prize money cut incentives (5)
- 20 Spot cryptic clue for Burgess? (4)
- 21 No-frills shopping made in high dudgeon (7,3)
- 23 Extremely dirty and unpleasant TV series (7)
- 24 Nice novel, very old, recalled one of 23 (7)
- 25 Midshipman drinks one litre, no problem (6)
- 26 Heraldic device with very strange name (6)

DOWN

- 1 Alluring woman is upset about note (5)
- 2 Two contrasting organs' endless piano music (7)

- 3 Spanish region, also a large one in the States (9)
- 5 Leave old road going up to see Burgess' Russian "friend" (5)
- 6 Thorough training of pathfinder may get you this far (2-5)
- 7 Split up police seizing new office equipment (9)
- 10 Elect Euro politicians tackling top-class medicines (4-2-3)
- 13 Stroke loosens part of roof, say (9)
- 15 Blair concealed controversial items in evidence (9)
- 17 Lily leaves behind Caribbean isle's TV controllers (7)
- 19 Promote film ratings and read novel (7)
- 21 Stolen article from 3 stays here (5)
- 22 American sailors take care of mast (5)

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