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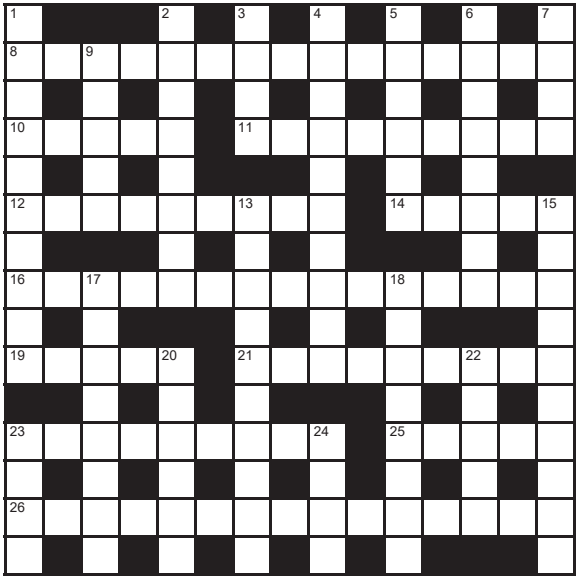


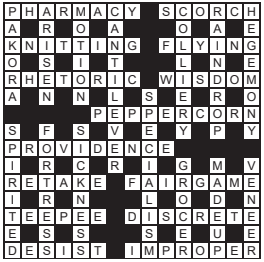
JOTTER PAD

An anniversary puzzle

ACROSS

8 A number released air (9,6)
10, 15 Number seven Luigi's "Did I foul?" (5,2,8)
11 Unwelcome elements in unstirred mixture (9)
12 Harder to predict having more lines (9)
14 Holiday destination in Ionian I'd risk (5)
16 A great place for polar bears? (2,3,2,3,5)
19 Patsy takes credit for discard (5)
21 Secure in cream of society's climbers (9)
23 Sharpen by turning round semi-combat drill (9)
25 Starts to harness an idealistic karma understandably (5)
26 Notes brains, after Stallone's first American movie, are number (10,5)

DOWN

1 See 24
2 Register strength of current round a warning light (4,4)
3 Not consenting to finish off caper (4)
4 Tories confused about bad end to joint press office (10)
5, 6 Number ten to surrender abjectly (6,2,6)
7 Number following Spanish studies (4)
9 Top version of number (5)
13 Low frequency of cairns in wild (10)
15 See 10
17 Wretched transients lost in acidity (8)
18 More, over half, covering the final after City returned to own ground (4,4)
20 Medicine is singular subject (6)
22 Loses heart with civic leaders over issue (5)
23 Crush server with anchor (4)
24, 1 A number of the audience whistled and affected alarms (4,5,5)

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