

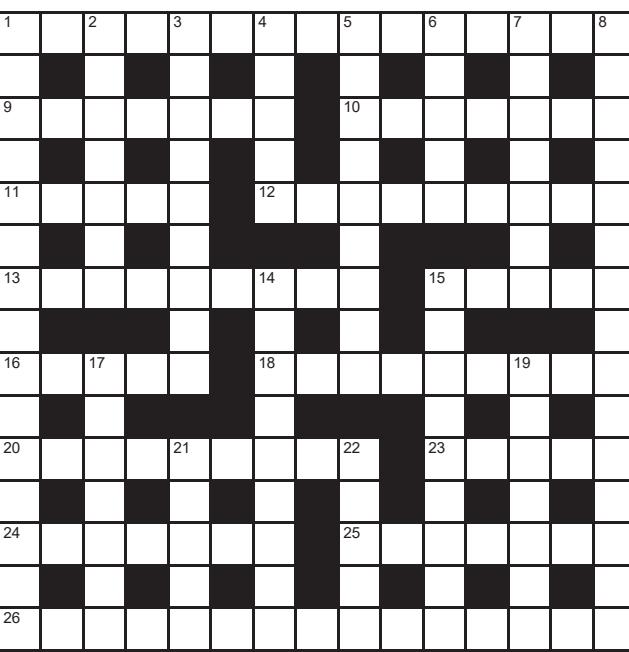
CROSSWORD 18,282 by JULIUS

ACROSS

- 1** One in transition might acquire this derivatives house (7,8)
- 9** Screen vehicle going round the outskirts of Nairobi (7)
- 10** Crescent-shaped string instrument imported clear of tax (7)
- 11** Join a union (5)
- 12** Double assignation involving uniform constable (about 51) (9)
- 13** Somewhat slow husband seen in broad Stetson periodically (9)
- 15** Oscar winner Billy denied last Oscar (5)
- 16** Chagall's back — hop it! (5)
- 18** Impressive standing of sergeants' mess? (9)
- 20** Reportedly forgo classes in electrical oscillation charts (9)
- 23** Beam technology unaffected by reflection (5)
- 24** Casually meet on Turin ground (3,4)
- 25** Top game covered by *Media Bologna* (7)
- 26** House leased in Aspen, it's amazing — it'll take some beating (7,8)

DOWN

- 1** Say "Lay on, Macduff...!" after James for one brandished sword (6,4,5)
- 2** Port? Foreign attaché knocked back bottles! (7)
- 3** Siblings skinned gammon in S Yorks town (9)
- 4** Quiet book missing a fragment (5)
- 5** Instrument unknown characters cut and polish (9)
- 6** Hospital on Iona raised capital (5)
- 7** Game to be arranged, Gwyn admits (7)
- 8** Sober geezer, once drunk, a reformed character? (8,7)
- 14** Actor Spall taking year off after getting stung by German insect (5,4)
- 15** Poor Fats Waller needing removal of second cataract (9)
- 17** Italian city all-night party girl set up (7)
- 19** Monsieur is in Flanders port cycling farthest (7)
- 21** Fine wildebeest served up on bed of porcini mushrooms (5)
- 22** Stormy regularly hosts party — a scene of utter depravity! (5)



Solution 18,276

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