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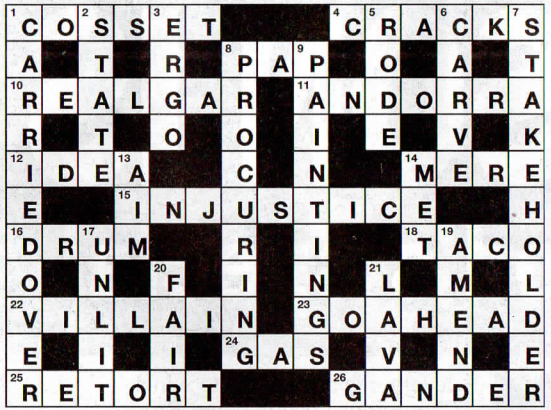

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WINNERS: Please allow 30 days to receive your prize.

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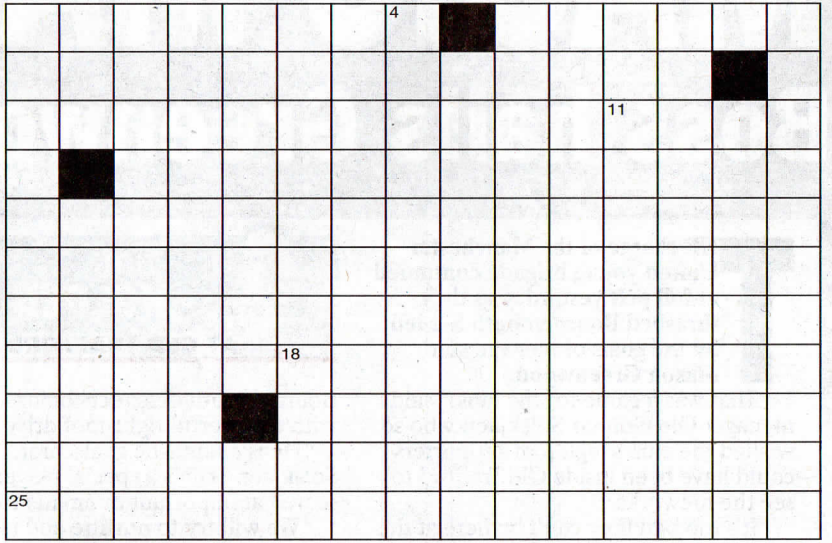

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ACROSS

1 Note on a fabric filling
5 Pigment a girl lies about
8 Sort of care hard to get
9 Leading lady rings 'lover boy'
11 Water put on fourth-degree burn
12 Yellow flower - last rose? (Hyphenated)
15 Women dancing irk ace stranger
16 Dynasty's following consider it apparent
17 Retiring, taking a picture?
22 Sharp knife cutting core (red core) in half
23 A weighty volume, as I see it
24 Returning flush covering right cheek
25 Animal den surrounded by rubbish
26 A rich man to cut off and dispossess

DOWN

1 Maybe one wanders out
2 Excessively large puppet
3 Hoary old king envies younger leaders
4 A country mile, a boxer added
5 Nothing's acquired by female cardholder
6 Putting 'born' before 'died' is an obligation
7 German runs with debit reduction
10 Crimes grasping king registers
11 Separate Feds entering park
13 Garish top worn by some nurse?
14 A goddess loves taking part
17 Go wide, meeting boundary
18 Winner taking knight's advice
19 Unusual employer ending overtime
20 White flower seen from behind a plant
21 Left turn an associate ends

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