



Across

- 1 Gay politician's campaign against Southern cowards (8)
- 5 City contest the Observer caught (6)
- 9 Rascal caught in a lie making shoes (7)
- 10 During brief recreation, fellow turned to a soft-soled shoe (7)
- 11 Explosive opening to Advent - bishops covered the shortest prayer (1-4)
- 12 Was once privy to details Graeme bore in error? (9)

13 "Perceptive

- Conservative character that descended into madness" - quoted on the radio (5-7)
- 17 Disease minimized in hotbed (12)
- 20 Imitate G-d in farce - wasn't so severe (9)
- 22 Good drops a little bit (5)
- 23 Shoes for sale - worn (7)
- 24 Lieutenant stopped touring envoy for trivial matter (7)
- 25 I'm determined the pro's odd (6)
- 26 Hacking measure added new login input (8)

Down

- 1 Mafia syndicate boss passed over decorative bonnet (3,3)
- 2 View of bathroom floor - intro to nacre (4,2)
- 3 Wrangler almost cops bullet and luckily extinguishes racketeering leads (9)
- 4 Office makes specific adjustments for future doctors (13)
- 6 Live on the soulless and rocky edge (5)
- 7 Props to good guys eating up unfinished pork (8)
- 8 Spooner's wench marries - they'll blow you away! (8)
- 10 Second person

- involved with sacrament's ending? More than one (13)
- 14 Run one rule back-to-front for exam (5,4)
- 15 Litmus test on University's influence (8)
- 16 Six-pack stretch isn't practical (8)
- 18 Trouble raised after prosecutor introduced husband's girl (6)
- 19 Limits to Eastern Zymology and Medicine? It can start something (6)
- 21 Fools turn to the Right over 'endless gender' (5)