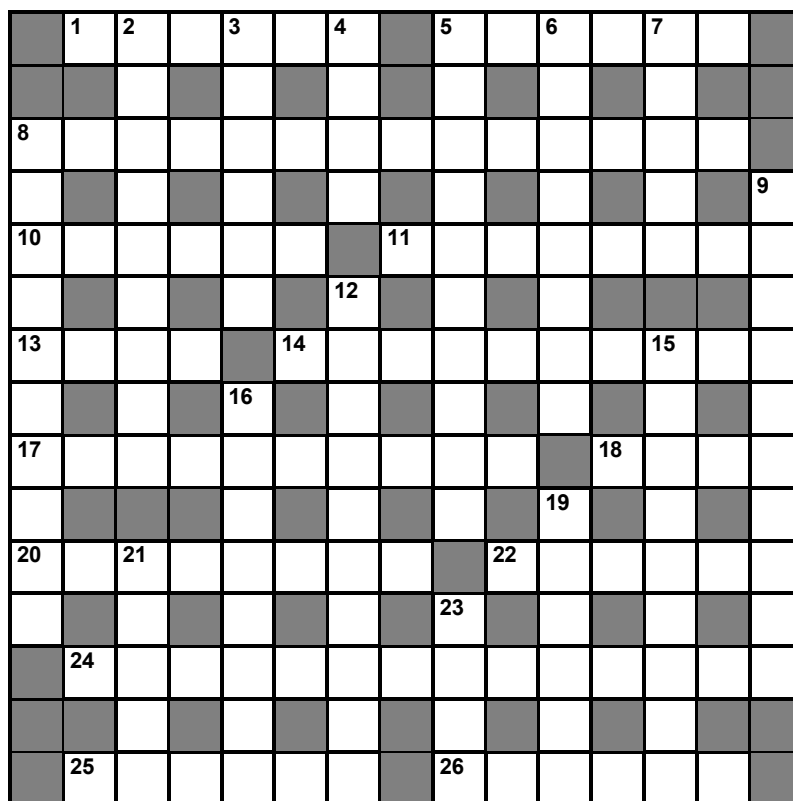


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## ACROSS

- 1 Brace for a small boxer perhaps (4,2)
- 5 Leave a pet locked in empty vehicle? (6)
- 8 Leader of massive political unit reviewed expansion? (14)
- 10 Edges of timber fractured more with vibration (6)
- 11 Scalpel manoeuvred around opening of oesophagus breaking down (8)
- 13 Offspring of widow, essentially, is in debt? (4)
- 14 The press gathered around doctor, drinking, for instance, alcohol (5,5)
- 17 Discerning one fellow implicated in hustling abroad (10)
- 18 Search contents of van pulling away from hangout? (4)
- 20 Acknowledged bridge partners were used in publicity (8)
- 22 Dawdle ungainly? (6)
- 24 Squads heard lies fabricated after failure with weapons (6,8)
- 25 He might, after misgivings initially, summit (6)
- 26 An unfavourable response by judges ultimately causes irritation (6)

## DOWN

- 2 They back up wrong information stored in reconfigured server (9)
- 3 Toxin in marijuana mostly is concerning (6)
- 4 Part of fence washed out (4)
- 5 Savage securing hill is triumphant (10)
- 6 Company, engaging one departing Italy, is manipulating agent (8)
- 7 Head of operations in shipping town upset military unit (5)
- 8 Drug overdose, one caught by a large orderly (10)
- 9 Marine must oddly lock sewer (10)
- 12 One leaving title with people in established colony (10)
- 15 Manage to put off including love song (9)
- 16 A conservationist accepting one thousand dollars for reaching a settlement (8)
- 19 Minister's unlawful firing after termination of bishop (6)
- 21 Work for American camper during visit (5)
- 23 Four linked characters of typical type (4)