

**ACROSS**

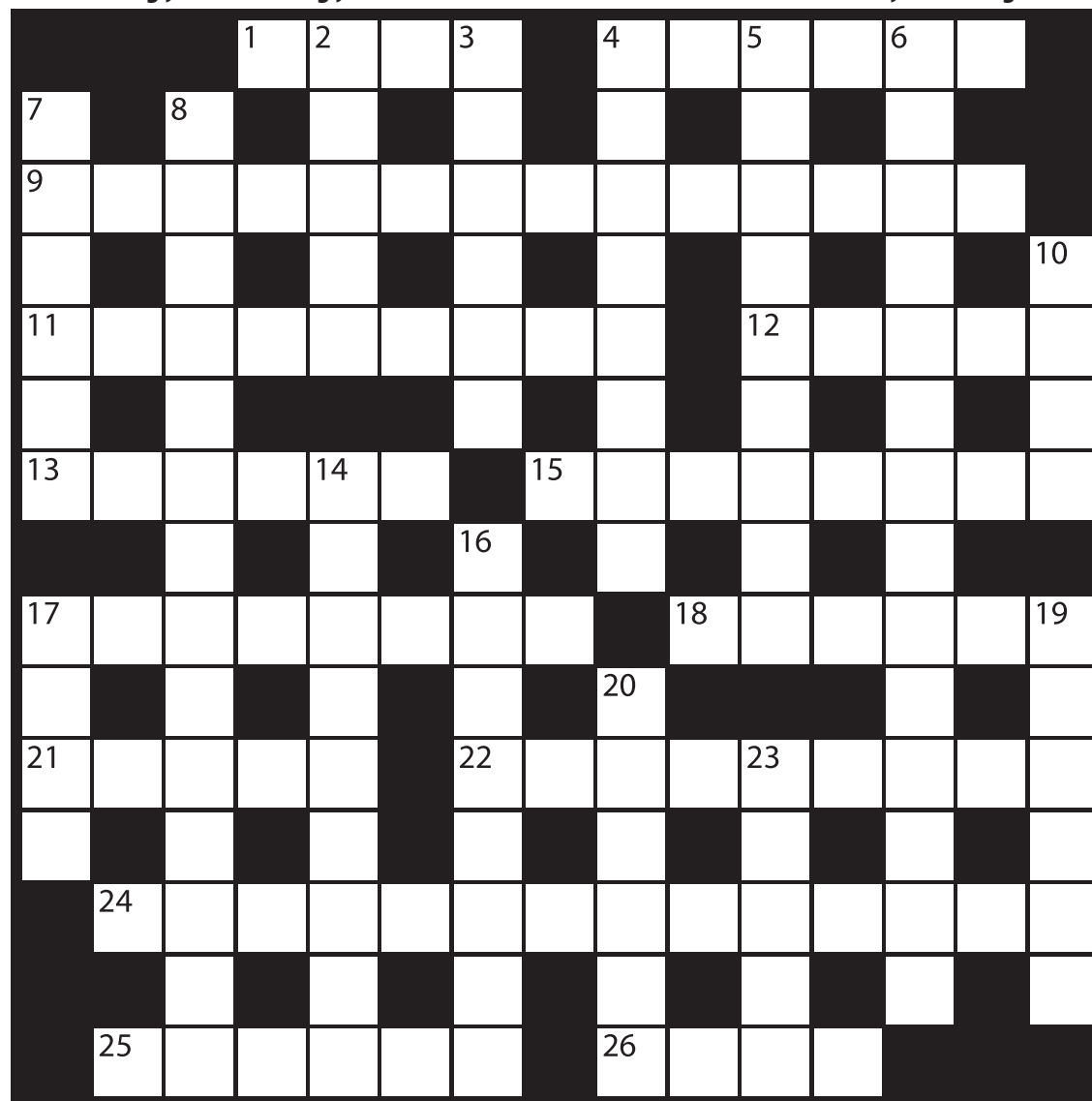
- 1 Wound projecting part on hydrant (4)
- 4 Bits of music popular with type from the East (6)
- 9 Hardy creatures from island, not to be confused with sheep (8,6)
- 11 Ladies are to groom dogs (9)
- 12 Assume no escaping from blaze (5)
- 13 Head of nerd held by a lone maladjusted bully (4,2)
- 15 Photograph of hastily arranged strike (8)
- 17 Help stir exotic potions (8)
- 18 Attire on, worn by son in bed (6)
- 21 Board transport with line moving to far end (5)
- 22 Adorned pud with seeds randomly around exterior at the end (7,2)
- 24 Criminals hiding article with diamonds in beautiful river (6,3,5)
- 25 Entertained in the morning accompanied by American journalist (6)
- 26 Drop last of carried timber (4)

**DOWN**

- 2 Had trouble in section of supermarket, losing son and daughter (5)
- 3 Rocky, Meg and Neil leaving base to socialize (6)
- 4 Impressive answer from model as to what he's doing (8)
- 5 Wrong sports equipment set up for sports person (6,3)
- 6 She is to be troubled with foot and eyes at some point in the future (3,2,5,4)
- 7 To the north, king's island country (6)
- 8 Place to relax, or more quirkily, to embrace the universe (10,4)

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- 10 One of us in the company of celebrities (4)
- 14 Malleable folks aunt gets around (9)
- 16 Unproductive person late joining leader (8)
- 17 Page penned by one writer for another (4)
- 19 Put listening device in software within cuddly toy (6)
- 20 Understood US president is without support (6)
- 23 See ecstasy is regularly used for parties (5)