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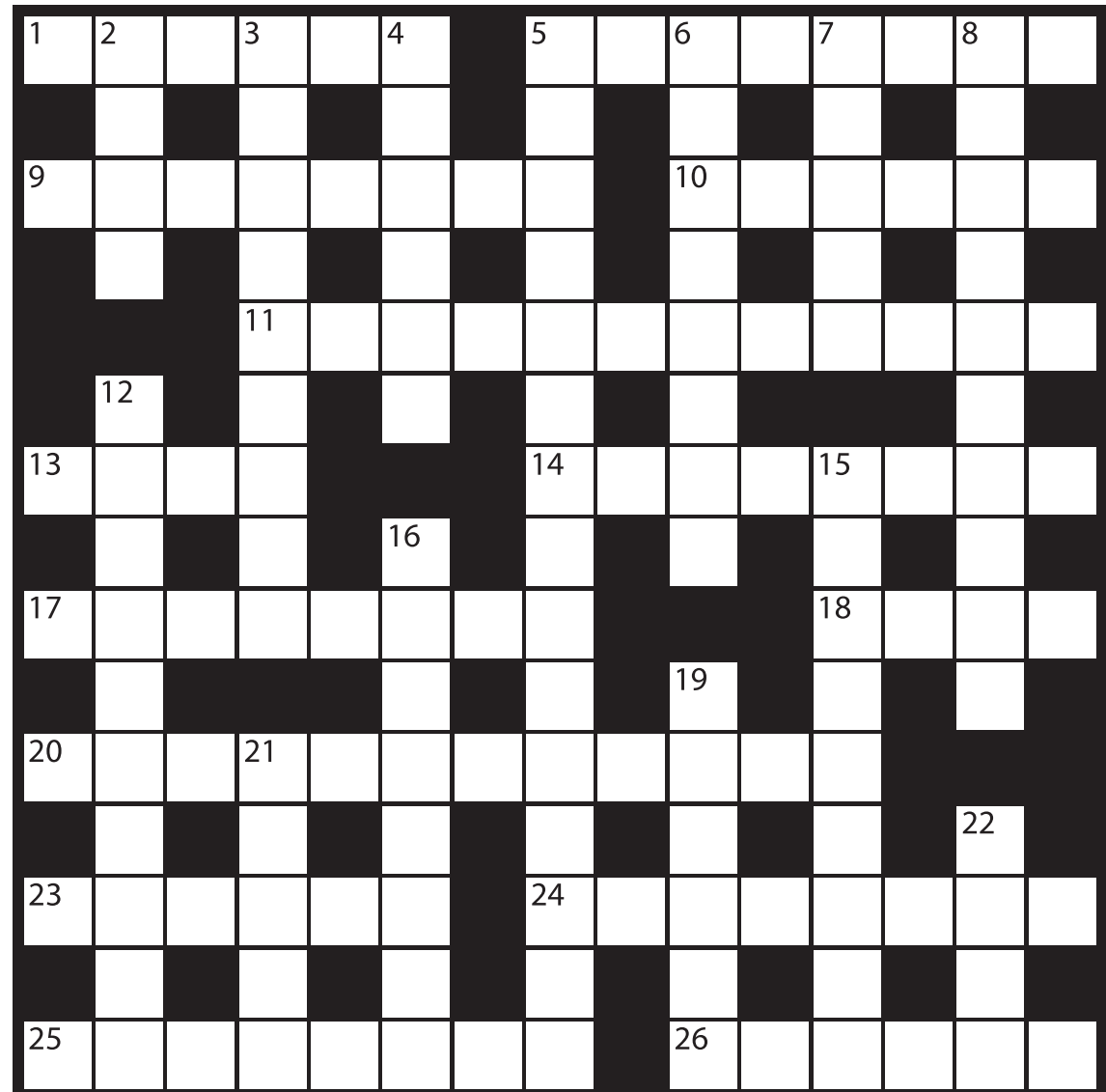
- 1 Awkward cowboy with little energy for love (6)
 5 Soldier, bloke protecting a country (8)
 9 Unstable countries, mostly revolting (8)
 10 Expeditious reminder (6)
 11 Excited about thin suitcase (12)
 13 Animal not completely dry (4)
 14 Perhaps accepting drinks in passing (8)
 17 Pension regularly wasted acquiring squash drink (8)
 18 Honest man left murder victim (4)
 20 Holidays including family initially down 90% - Covid control measures? (12)
 23 Artist pens one volume for festival (6)
 24 A bloke embracing another bloke? Must be a foreigner (8)
 25 Socialist housing entirely reasonable (8)
 26 Gold vital to secure new islands (6)

DOWN

- 2 Mature artist almost in retirement (4)
 3 Writer entertained by US president - Joseph? (9)
 4 European country property (6)
 5 Souvenir from trip to DC, cap sure is awful (7,8)
 6 In Rugby League, praise unusual counter-attack (8)
 7 Odious varnish changing hands (5)
 8 Consortia accepting two pennies for first 50 machines (10)
 12 Ignore criminal - he is absurd (5,5)
 15 Plastic taps in professional comedy (9)
 16 One commonly in casino wasted capital from 2ac (8)

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- 19 Give up on behalf of oneself (6)
 21 Families primarily listen wearing headphones (5)
 22 Protect bar (4)