

## ACROSS

- 7 Amiable, cheerful (6)
- 8 Free from injury (6)
- 9 Male deer or rabbit (4)
- 10 Clothes-line clip (3)
- 11 Candle's inner thread (4)
- 12 Storm in a \_\_\_\_, a lot of fuss over nothing (6)
- 14 Excavating machine (6)
- 16 Distort (a message or sound) (6)
- 19 Loose-limbed (6)
- 21 Butterfly-like insect (4)
- 23 Bridge call (3)
- 24 Obtains (4)
- 25 Piffle (6)
- 26 Sturgeon eggs (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Decline (6)
- 2 Slang for 'police station' (4)
- 3 Minor blunder (4-2)
- 4 Distended, swollen (6)
- 5 Melting period after a frost (4)
- 6 Day nursery (6)
- 13 Baby lion (3)
- 15 Opening, break (3)
- 17 On a ship (6)
- 18 Preserve the old Egyptian way (6)
- 19 Lead astray, entice (6)
- 20 Fatal (6)
- 22 Bee's home (4)
- 24 Make a donation (4)

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