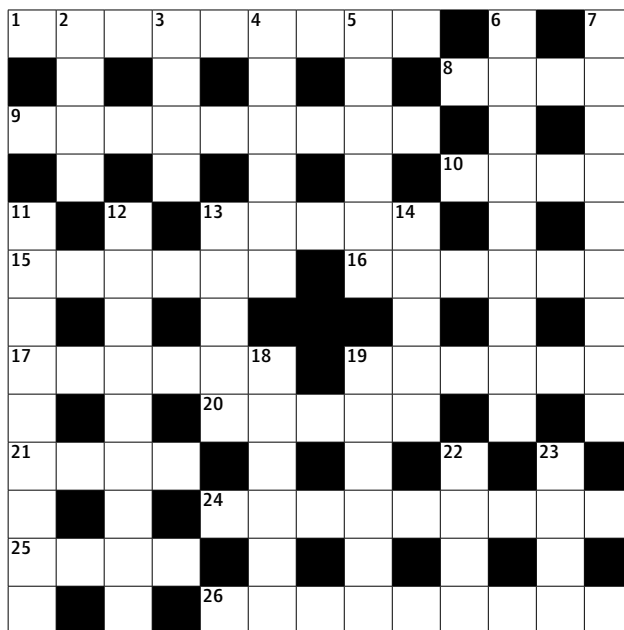


## Quick crossword no 12,571



### Across

- 1** Announces officially (9)  
**8** Tug – influence (4)  
**9** Advantage of one group denied to others (9)  
**10** Lump (of blood) (4)  
**13** Urge (5)  
**15** Connection crossing river etc (6)  
**16** Firework – salad plant (6)  
**17** Philippine dictator, Ferdinand, ousted 1986 (6)  
**19** Refuge as in middle of road (6)  
**20** Express one's view (5)  
**21** Police spy (4)  
**24** The least worst political system? (9)  
**25** Hard wood (4)  
**26** Fizzy drink (9)

### Down

- 2** Type of ferry (2-2)  
**3** Small bay (4)  
**4** On fire (6)  
**5** Criminal – crocodile (6)  
**6** Coleridge poem about Chinese emperor (5,4)  
**7** Trite saying (9)  
**11** Dislike deeply (9)

- 12** Person in charge of books etc (9)  
**13** Snow house (5)  
**14** Not restrained (5)  
**18** Oration (6)  
**19** Tell (6)  
**22** Space (4)  
**23** Survey – fit in metrically (4)

### Solution no 12,570

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