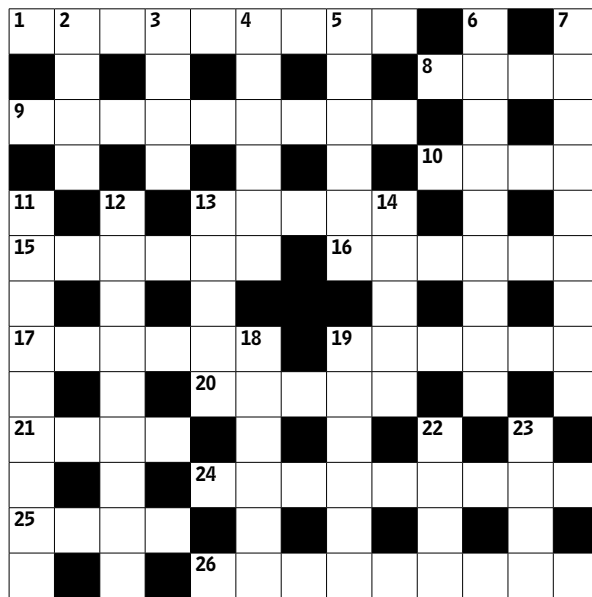


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ACROSS

- 1 Stop in transit (9)
- 8 Place, stead (4)
- 9 Abominable (9)
- 10 Irritation (4)
- 13 Become, suit (5)
- 15 Choice (6)
- 16 Minor earthquake (6)
- 17 Regal seat (6)
- 19 Formal warning (6)
- 20 Sing the praises of (5)
- 21 Half open (4)
- 24 Hopeless (9)
- 25 Peel, chime (4)
- 26 With time to spare (2,7)

DOWN

- 2 Following in sequence (4)
- 3 Engrave (4)
- 4 Cowardly (6)
- 5 Church lectern (6)
- 6 Disease of dogs (9)
- 7 Power, influence (9)
- 11 With great speed (9)
- 12 Forever (9)
- 13 Carried (5)
- 14 Legal hearing (5)
- 18 Anticipate (6)
- 19 Dead body (6)
- 22 Part of the eye (4)
- 23 Agitate (4)