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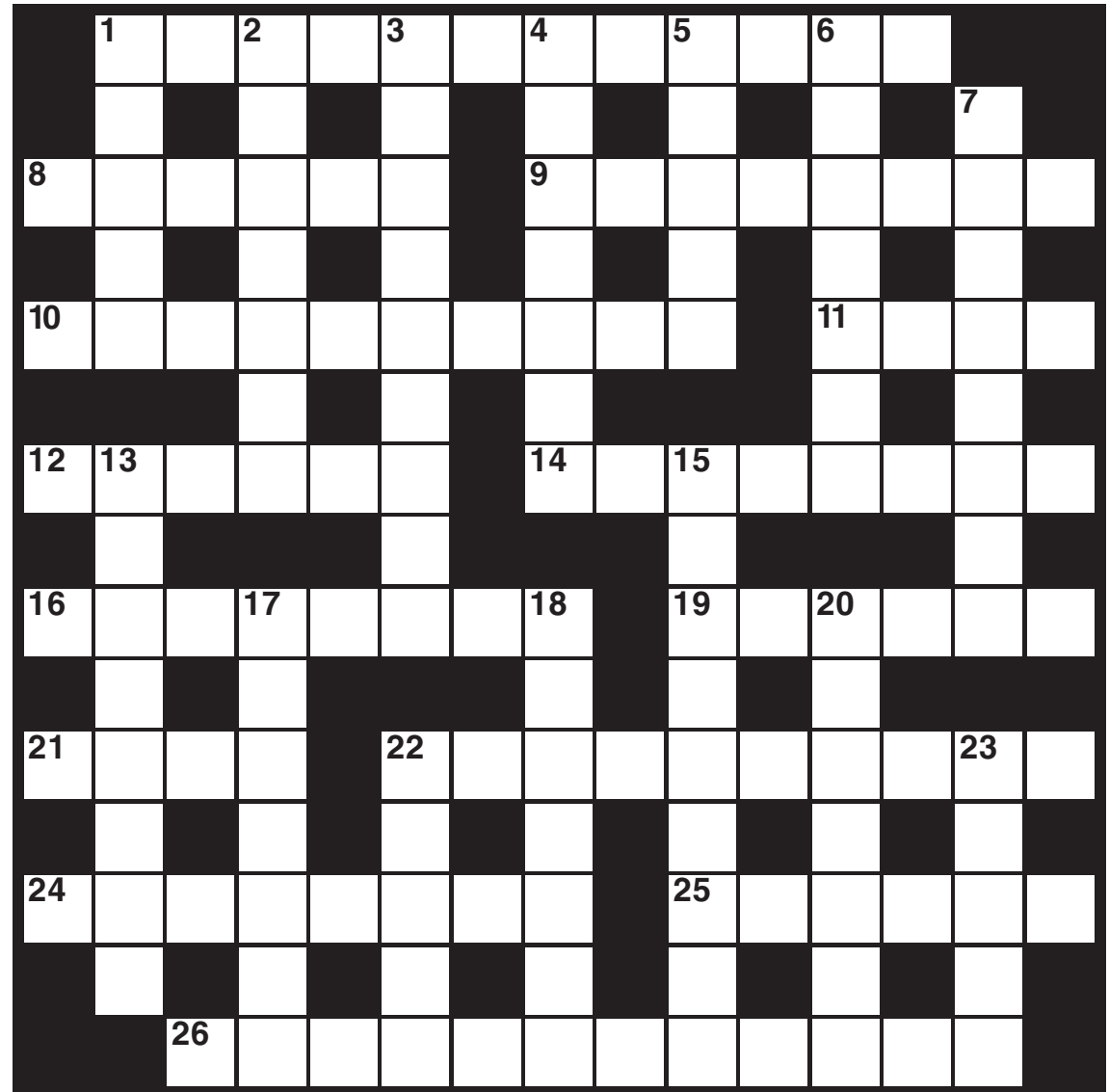
- 1 No longer doing stunt flying? (3,2,3,4)
 8 A national source for sand, essentially (6)
 9 Stopped progress when taken into custody (8)
 10 Formally request to hold a payment, by all accounts (10)
 11 Unknown among one sort of cattle (4)
 12 A pile of snow floating away? (6)
 14 Aristocratic subject: boxing (5,3)
 16 Partner I abandoned, the reptile! (8)
 19 Leaps suddenly, removing head and leaving light weights (6)
 21 Boy holding nothing but a burden (4)
 22 Article one placed in railway building provides drainage (10)
 24 Sort out monarch by gently applying friction (8)
 25 Senior lecturer is book lover (6)
 26 Mole's going round country with radio host (6,6)

DOWN

- 1 New Open University having the edge (3-2)
 2 Main pit reorganised for drums (7)
 3 Meddle with very end of body part (9)
 4 Catch a number and cheer (7)
 5 Road vehicle left with alternative - railway (5)
 6 Near the coast connected to prop (7)
 7 Practise the play about the carriage (8)
 13 Direction of rolling thunder over house (3,5)
 15 Flaming tool with odd bowl and light (9)

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- 17 Not a Black Forest tree? (7)
 18 Figure twelve surrounds horse (7)
 20 Ten turn to dance game (7)
 22 Futuristic genre, if CSI is involved (3-2)
 23 Sweethearts head off to see bowlers' sessions (5)