

**ACROSS**

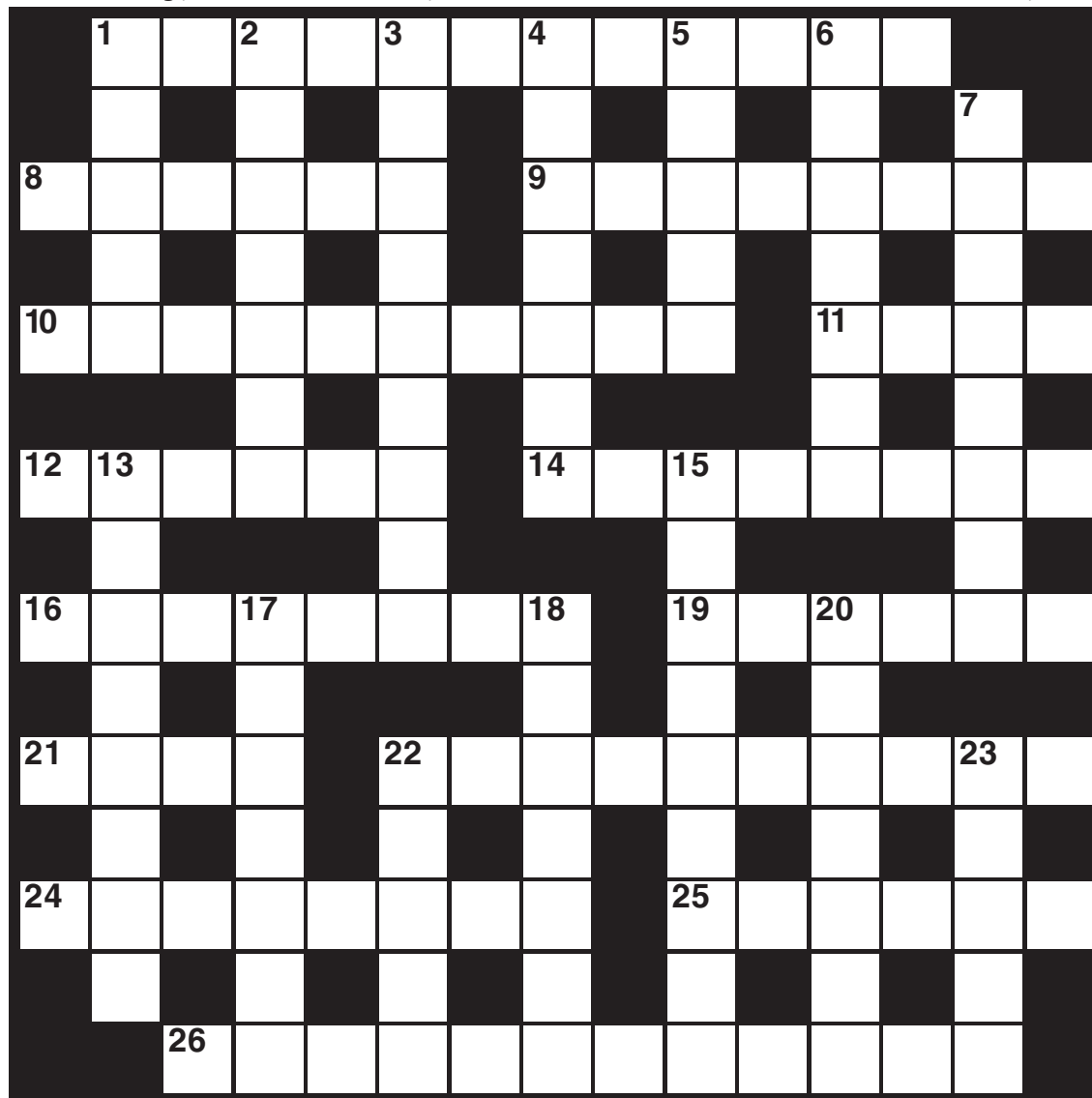
- 1 Loving coffee, attain brew (12)  
 8 Fix our severity (6)  
 9 Sounds like Neil and headless monarch in a praying position (8)  
 10 Bird loved utter mayhem! (6,4)  
 11 Mel's damaged trees (4)  
 12 Make further amendments to part of agreed itinerary (2-4)  
 14 Carol follows regular church service (8)  
 16 Woman communist, a monarch (8)  
 19 Forecast that old flame is getting kissed, say (6)  
 21 Run into part for such annual music awards on TV (4)  
 22 Atomic particle I caught, accessed by laptop? (10)  
 24 Quit financial institution in part of Paris (4,4)  
 25 Rod, he's moved to the island (6)  
 26 Important person in Star of Bethlehem? (7,5)

**DOWN**

- 1 A gambling device at university? I'm off! (5)  
 2 Drifted and loafed about capital of Thailand (7)  
 3 Tradesman will complain and then go in (9)  
 4 Annoying, or Mike's dreadful (7)  
 5 Relation, English, in French resort (5)  
 6 Bank staff – they give accounts (7)  
 7 Memory aid for a thousand con men, I gathered (8)  
 13 Restaurants are it! See cooking (8)  
 15 Concerning voting, rate cello poorly (9)

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- 17 Section of government – it leaked name (7)  
 18 Makes family hide (7)  
 20 In favour of desire to stretch (7)  
 22 Antelope from Eastern country (5)  
 23 Incompetent writer returned in it (5)