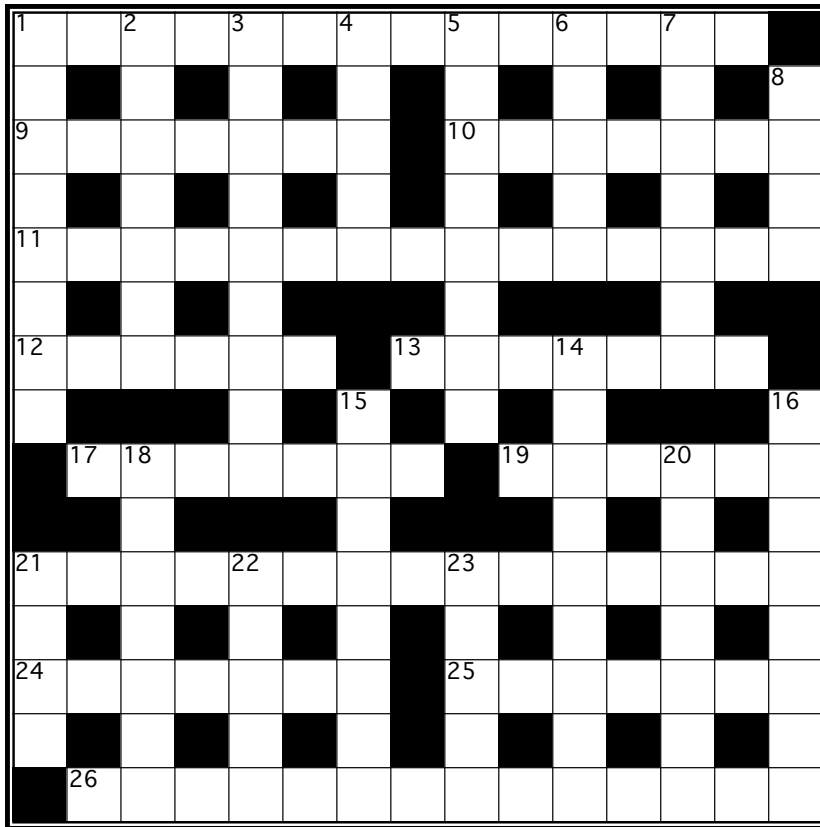


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ACROSS

- 1 Actor Eric and Newton are well-known in tropical country (6, 8)
- 9 Deranged, lewd dad wasted time (7)
- 10 Reactionary company: leading American organization with far-reaching influence (7)
- 11 South African province with no citrus? (6, 4, 5)
- 12 The nearly optimal Egyptian location (6)
- 13 Spotty cloth by arrangement (7)
- 17 Sing off key and do wrong registers (5, 2)
- 19 Facilitate baleen conversion (6)
- 21 Head north to chatter shrilly — begged to catch glimpse of a legendary old sow-and-sow? (6, 9)
- 24 Exclude upper-class sign in groove (4, 3)
- 25 You do it to software in a stable (7)
- 26 What shows up repeatedly in this puzzle: frequently, that guy with long, low, backwards underwear (5, 2, 3, 4)

DOWN

- 1 On arising, society girl updates her blog with places to keep her chewing gum overnight (8)
- 2 London prison yields the latest scandal? (7)
- 3 Anaïs clothes Simon in a pale color (4, 5)
- 4 Freed from ignition starter in broken-down Ford (3, 2)
- 5 Layer covering rodeo cowboy in a suitable way (8)
- 6 Gabby testimony conceals pieces of memory (5)
- 7 Accuse one British politician apiece (7)
- 8 Reportedly, walkway is key (4)
- 14 Famous waltz sounds all racket-and-ballish? (9)
- 15 Herb mixed iron with talc (8)
- 16 Swinger's unsightly nude lump (8)
- 18 Popular, healthy Republican? Bill Clinton claimed he was not one (7)
- 20 Hybrid beast's stinger raised Norwegian king (7)
- 21 Sixties dance from Jamaica? (4)
- 22 Getting up, I cry out for a woman (5)
- 23 Run off and run quickly, losing a second (5)