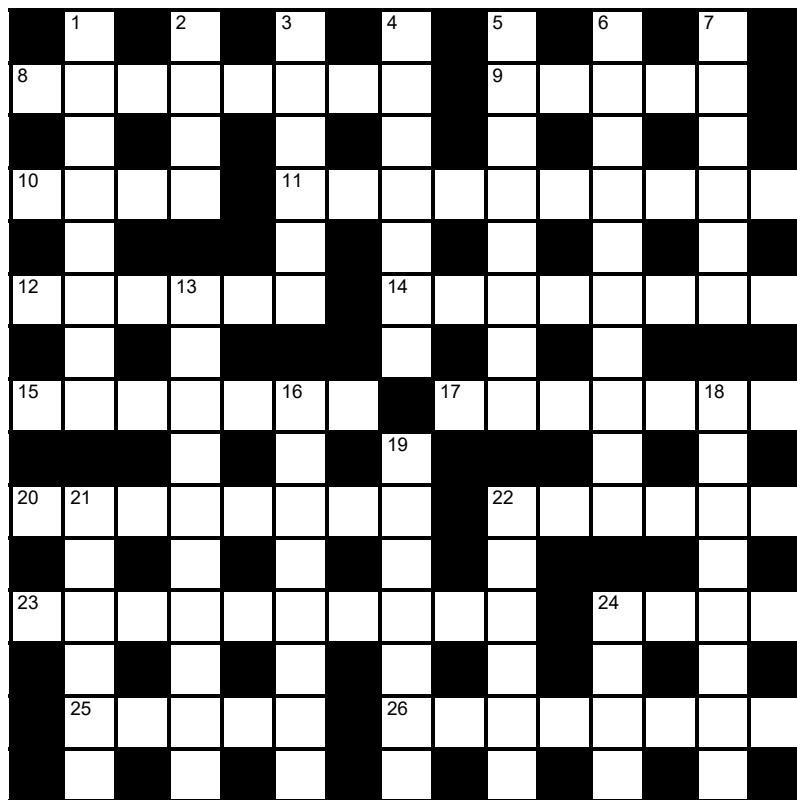


Across

- 8 Track academy to claim athletic Swede for America (8)
- 9 Surgeon backs simplistic fix (5)
- 10 Hiccup from taste of barbecue sauce (4)
- 11 Comedic art could be egalitarian (10)
- 12 Speechless about advanced temperature change (6)
- 14 Prompt to give up when infiltrated by Military Intelligence (8)
- 15 Proposition disrupted focus of new mother (7)
- 17 Deep cuts constrain ten secretariats (7)
- 20 Drop informer next to seedy bar (8)
- 22 Shared dire ultimatum with all except Tim (6)
- 23 Spooner's family advertisin' sewing accessory? (10)
- 24 Deal with fiascoes regularly (4)
- 25 Disorganized concert lacks any opening for country singer (5)
- 26 Singer Lipa introduced to unusually great bachelor (8)

Down

- 1 Leave coat by Irish lake (8)
- 2 Vespa starts to wobble after striking pothole (4)
- 3 Everton forward ultimately decked by robust tackle (6)



- 4 Identify a bull in bear market? (7)
- 5 Astronaut succeeded with walk atop ship (8)
- 6 A sober inmate sadly accepting noon execution (10)
- 7 Pick plum (6)
- 13 Childish fuss over inane language added to series of clues (10)
- 16 Spy young lady overwhelmed by attention at end of party (8)
- 18 Summon less energy amid alarming shortage (8)
- 19 Harass bewildered big cheese leaving Switzerland (7)
- 21 After surgery, I swallowed this! (6)
- 22 Servant cheering, having money for good (6)
- 24 Unionist crowds encouraged vendetta (4)