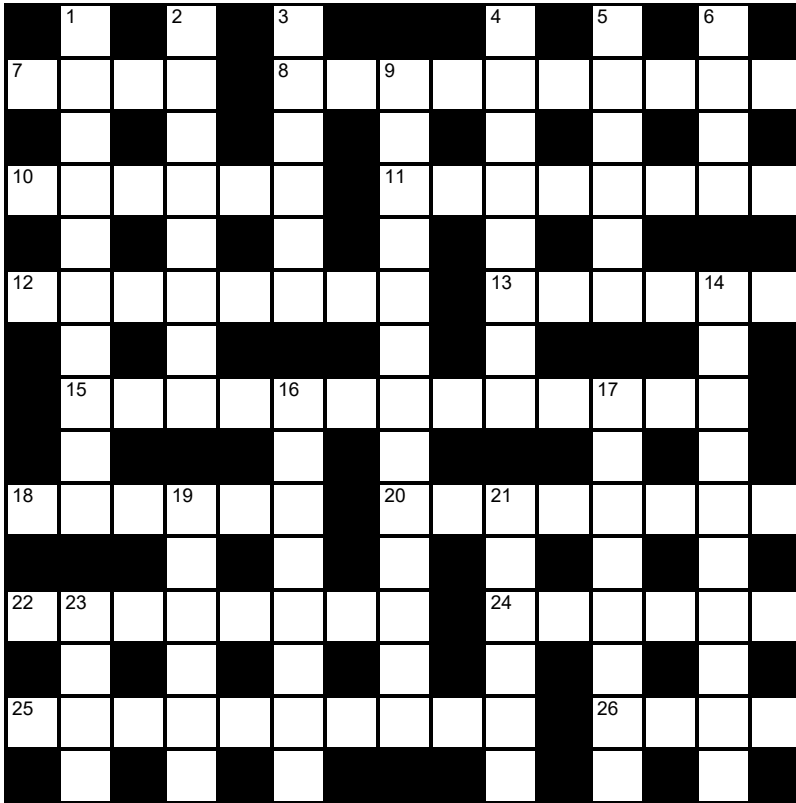


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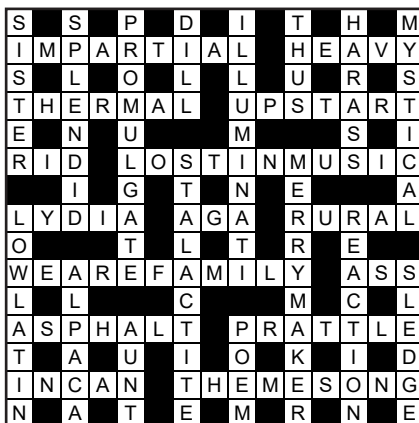
- 7 Row right after dead heat (4)
 8 Sort of parade in New York? Watch recording (6-4)
 10 Engraved metal sought (6)
 11 Lark's flight across a delta (8)
 12 Hotel, even more attractive (8)
 13 Peninsula in Russian region, not small (6)
 15 Remind general about a German opera (6,7)
 18 Eagerly purchase crack at university (4,2)
 20 English celebrity describing our new rail service (8)
 22 Film based on fact — it follows King George (4,4)
 24 Soldiers facing great danger (6)
 25 A group of owls initially plagued a busy terminal (10)
 26 Stagger round the bend on the way back (4)

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- 1 Passage checked by tall male, an old robber (10)
 2 Campaigner, more coarse when held up (8)
 3 Painstaking? All except us in workroom (6)
 4 Fine work of art, attractive (8)
 5 Basic piece of wire (6)
 6 Went fast through underpass, pedalling (4)
 9 Men in Met cheered going off for a drink (5,2,6)
 14 One may be used to exercise in a Delhi gym perhaps (6,4)
 16 August place in danger housing army's leader (8)
 17 Fire-raiser on stairs, running (8)
 19 Mate entertaining the Spanish with a rice dish (6)
 21 Aloof concerning test on vehicle ending in failure (6)
 23 Genuine old Spanish coin (4)

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