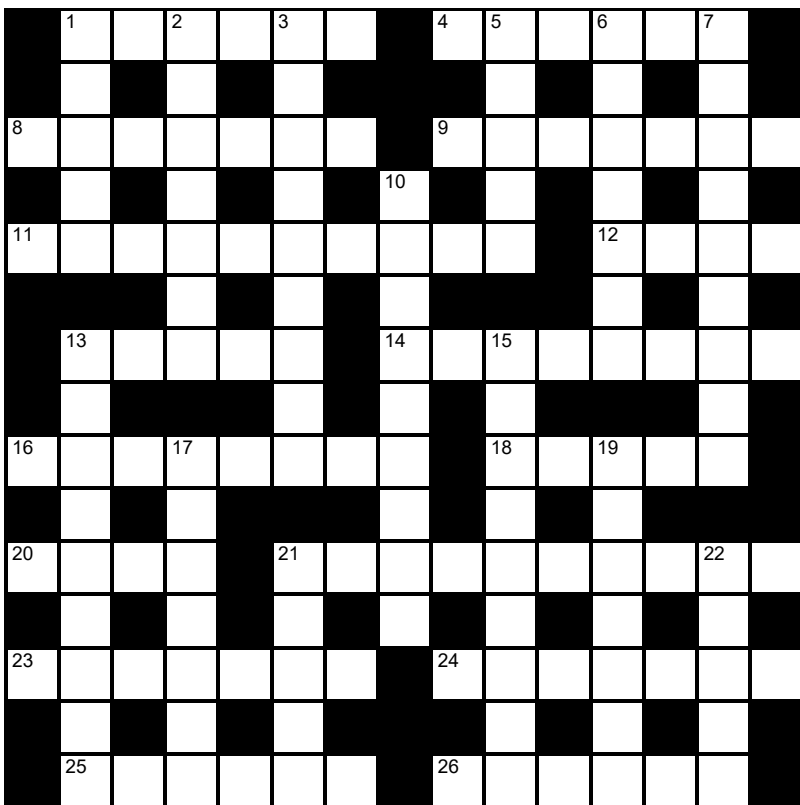


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ACROSS

- 1 Conventional city? (6)
- 4 Wheels out exotic Nicaragua creature (6)
- 8 After conflict, bad editor leaves town (7)
- 9 Polish celebrity that's no mean feat to cross (7)
- 11/12 Graduate musician role reversal, extremely ostentatious about wind (8,2,4)
- 13 Bear found in the outskirts of Philadelphia (5)
- 14 How to choose a recent cover for vehicle (1,2,5)
- 16 Labels for swatches? (8)
- 18 Not clear changing direction shows nerve (5)
- 20/21 Thus we stomach eating foreign articles from Italy during the war? (4,10)
- 23 Bound to be in healthy or unhealthy venue (7)
- 24 Weak person exploits work (7)
- 25 Postpone return to hug sweetheart, being partly deployed (6)
- 26 Medium workplace in ocean? Ocean's 5, 2 and 3 (6)

Solution 17,721

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DOWN

- 1 Fruit in Nicaragua varies (5)
- 2 Oxymoronic call for attention (3,4)
- 3 Not well-engaged in empty struggle to decide (9)
- 5 After the third of August sounding coarse and surly (5)
- 6 One with a magic word for a bailout with 11/12 (3,4)
- 7 They no longer believe America supports chiefs of American police organisations (9)
- 10 Pop finale involves much writing (5,4)
- 13 Let rip and boo rudely seeing such trite and uninspired work (9)
- 15 Plug: unfortunate to insert it the wrong way (9)
- 17 Outrageous captive residence? (7)
- 19 Good girl's family in a pickle (7)
- 21 Join returning stripped entourage (5)
- 22 Relaxed ladies and gentlemen come last (5)



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