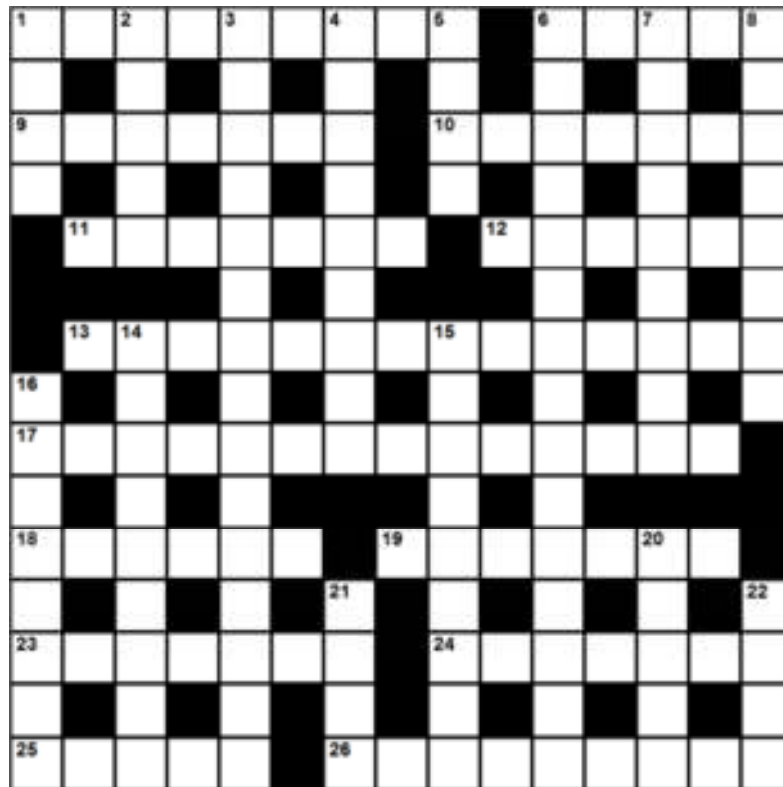


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A Puzzle by Anax



Across

- 1 Tyre's initially bald and wobbly - one to watch (9)
- 6 Stop and do something rude? (5)
- 9 Guides recall sailor in his environment (7)
- 10 Head-on smash not far ahead of new driver (7)
- 11 Attend boxing club, causing delight (7)
- 12 Caught news flash that's going around (see 22) (6)
- 13 Smart, so gets dug in (7,7)
- 17 Shocked hotelier: My! Lord Lucan? (3,6,5)
- 18 Line breaks do, a bit (6)
- 19 A dry dock with nothing in it (see 22) (7)
- 23 Disapprove of training (see 22) (7)
- 24 Original belief in a prostitute one's married (7)
- 25 This is so unusual in a puzzle (5)
- 26 Work, and be sacked (see 22) (5,4)

Down

- 1 Expect to grasp answer (see 22) (4)
- 2 She's heartlessly hiding old meal ticket (see 22) (5)
- 3 Separating cells is basic, so nearly disastrous (10,5)
- 4 This hot and cold liquid is a kitchen cleaner (9)
- 5 Runs 12 in (see 22) (4)
- 6 Rolling Stone genre? (11,4)
- 7 One isn't even odd total (9)
- 8 Agreeing to recall good time, keeping partner in (8)
- 14 Changes path in secret, rickety fencing put up free (9)
- 15 Hair not in curlers, say (see 22) (5-4)
- 16 Engine thus prepared for stock car? (6,2)
- 20 Electoral system, one that's second best (5)
- 21 Jolly good man on top (see 22) (4)
- 22 Warning from setter - cracks appearing (4)