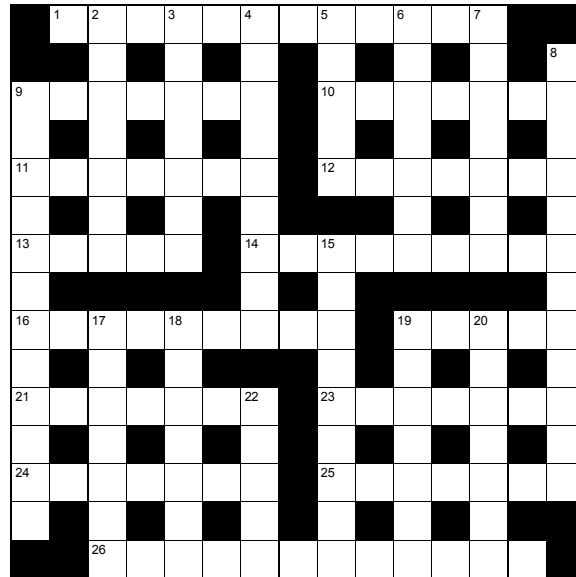


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ACROSS

- 1 They work on cars doing better than the experts? (5,7)
- 9 Song about region largely in US state (7)
- 10 Left in charge of first of obituary columns (7)
- 11 Vegetable served with one bird or another (7)
- 12 Cloth acceptable for Native American (7)
- 13 Decorative work produces popular song (5)
- 14 Runs into a very sad, crushed opponent (9)
- 16 Female gave a kiss when nagged (9)
- 19 Make secure by holding drink back (5)
- 21 Achieves destruction of satanist without leader (7)
- 23 A canoe comes to grief around island in Pacific area (7)
- 24 Reconstruct buried ruins round lake (7)
- 25 Send a daughter clothing (7)
- 26 Don't heighten problem of acceptable behaviour (3,4,5)

DOWN

- 2 Girl from Ayr initially going to great trouble (7)
- 3 Frugality shown by company in management of money (7)
- 4 Moorish sailor's card game (9)
- 5 Like little picture of jelly? (5)
- 6 Nobleman, one with the Queen previously (7)
- 7 Philosopher from Australia found in Spain perhaps (7)
- 8 A long time finding Eeyore's age? (7,5)
- 9 Building designed for performances, or part of one (12)
- 15 Recording of top diva performing around eastern Spain (9)
- 17 After stick-up I will get time – it's nothing (3,1,3)
- 18 Not entirely bothered if I certify large building (7)
- 19 Adaptation of the Bard shows broadness (7)
- 20 One abandons new internal source of light (7)
- 22 Unsociable sort is unhappy at party (5)