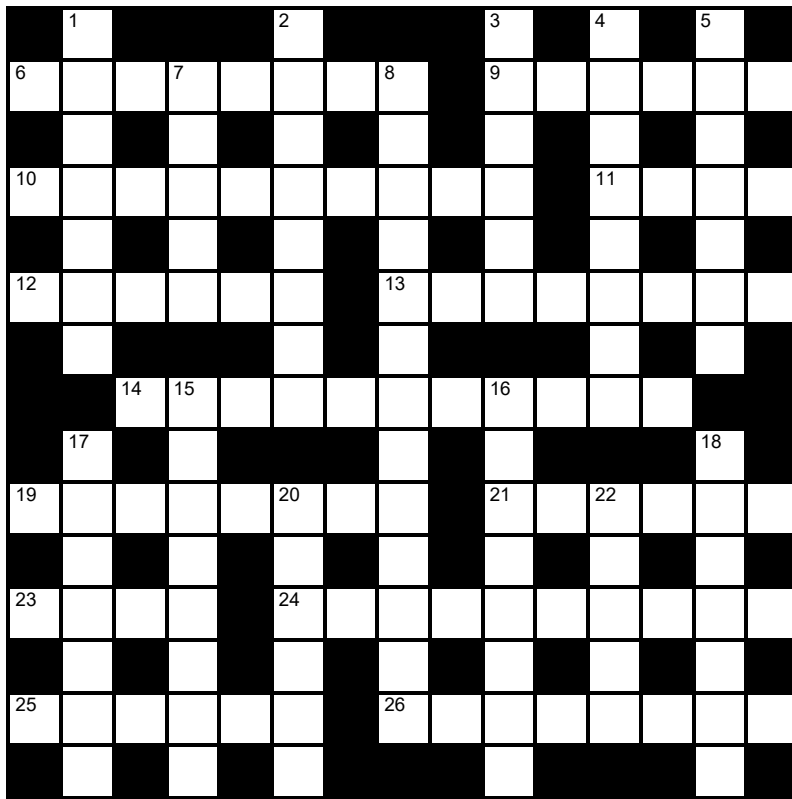


This puzzle is best solved as an alphabetical jigsaw. See NTSPP - 299



Across

- 6 Water sport excited Cathy in Gabon (8)
- 9 Emergency room containing dead beetle (6)
- 10 Soup order sent in Rome? (10)
- 11 Attack bachelor when hot (4)
- 12 Revolutionary force at the end of Saratoga (6)
- 13 In Kuala Lumpur, trees camouflaged small birds of prey (8)
- 14 Isolates question, isn't near a resolution (11)
- 19 Member returned free from guilt to prepare for exercise (6,2)

- 21 Greek character in racket takes a share (4,2)
- 23 Cross over South African's language (4)
- 24 Old pretences involved something that's common knowledge (4,6)
- 25 Falsify dates in reference papers (6)
- 26 Highlights at the tip of sister's hair (8)

Down

- 1 Brutish man a politician's imprisoned? (7)
- 2 Song due for transmission from one plane to another (3-2-3)

- 3 Principles originally expressed under canvas? (6)
- 4 A large and lively gathering crowd carried ecstasy (8)
- 5 Withstands sly characters (7)
- 7 One laughs extremely heartily about a Northern European (5)
- 8 Philosopher appears in novelty singles featuring piano and percussion instruments (13)
- 15 On horseback, bishop attacks reprimands (8)

- 16 Business in Springfield accepting Homer's termination (8)
- 17 Casino suprisingly conceals individual's capital (7)
- 18 In Rome, see duck newspaperman's committed to film (7)
- 20 Island ways, by the sound of it (6)
- 22 Police Sergeant comprehending expert's steps (5)