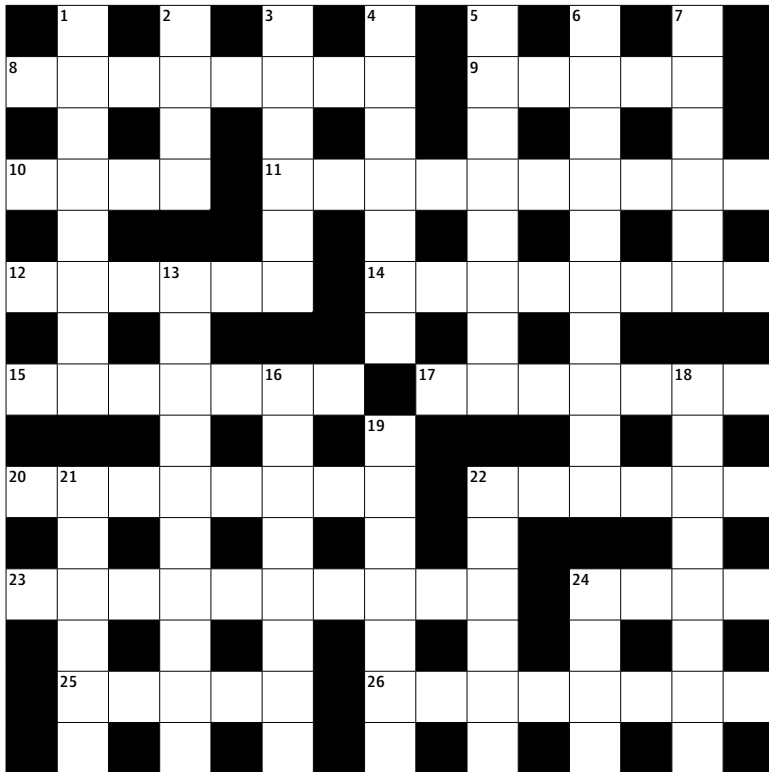


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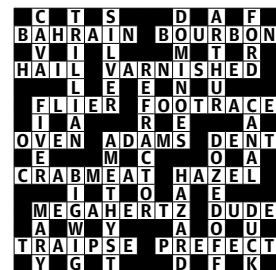
Across

- 8** For middle of month, put in one unknown soldier, historically (8)
- 9** Back a time and a place for events (5)
- 10** Dramatically it follows the winter's end, we hear (4)
- 11** Some February mail – around middle of month lets naive get excited? (10)
- 12** Springtime festival's call for help (6)
- 14** British admitting poet wanting to return in April (8)
- 15** Be scrupulous with slight touch after start of summer (7)
- 17** March, perhaps, for international event (7)
- 20** Said with relief where royalty goes in summer sometimes (8)
- 22** Saint seen in one page of annual publication? In a way that's fair (6)
- 23** Frantically organises to contain end of spring hostility (10)
- 24** Stretch between spring and end of autumn (4)
- 25** Our group on board? Reduced fare from Japan (5)
- 26** Specimens one removed from tall buildings after test (8)

Down

- 1** Cause of cloudiness that affects visibility in fall (8)
- 2** Help for speaker that comes before November (4)
- 3** Heart specialist's trick taking in Republican on the Fourth of July (6)
- 4** Information on courses, some tribally set up (7)
- 5** You can't miss it on board at sea before year's end (4,4)
- 6** Names dynasty one's located among offspring being raised (10)
- 7** Oktoberfest setting for local by replacing TV, bit by bit, in pub (6)
- 13** Russian revolutionary's exceptionally discreet about doctor (10)
- 16** Test ground with it, as rule (8)
- 18** Violently attacked about pound being rescued (8)
- 19** Upset last month over mail being misdirected, it's asserted (7)
- 21** A flurry about Burmese title that's imposing (6)
- 22** Place in Alaska where gold's found after start of summer (6)
- 24** Short part of year for some Irish clan (4)

Solution No. 28,349



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