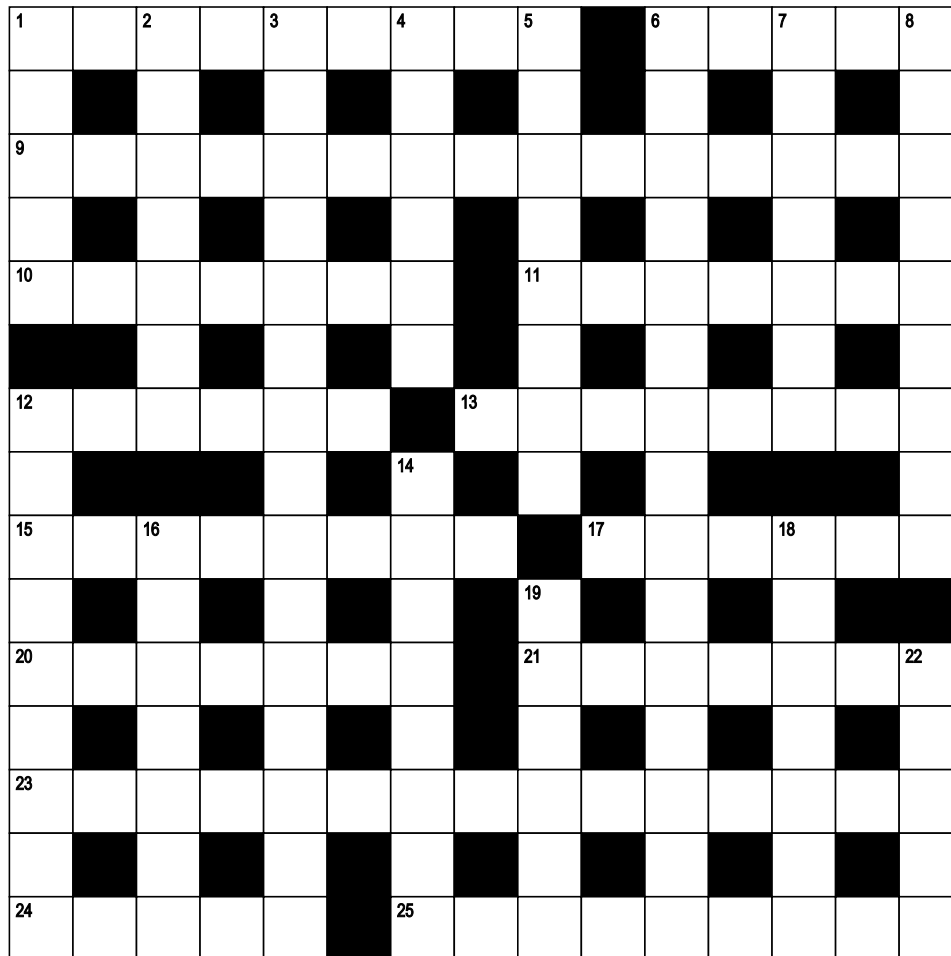


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Across:

- 1 Romeo interrupts greeting to young lady, results not guaranteed (3,2,4)
- 6 Something to chew on for cop? It swaps sides (5)
- 9 Somehow, I learn speech about Navajo leader in Puerto Rico; it makes a point (6,9)
- 10 Doodles of ship carrying camel skins uncooked inside (7)
- 11 Reverend requested complimentary shower for chorus (7)
- 12 Yes, lad, unfortunately they're holding things up (6)
- 13 Sorry, shirt eaten by animated chia pet (8)
- 15 How to follow Shakespeare's lead with Othello, for example, returning to an exhibition hall (8)
- 17 Jack and Nigel exercising to a tune (6)
- 20 Bishop absorbed in new applications and puzzling challenges (7)
- 21 Spoke maliciously, embarrassing and ridiculing esteemed democratic leaders! (7)
- 23 Bowl with tea brewed by her felt weird (4,2,3,6)
- 24 Alternately, use her lungs to express indifference (5)
- 25 Dig deeper, strangely having blue blood (9)

Down:

- 1 Advertises some unhealthy pesticides (5)
- 2 Shoot crazy old intern on departing (7)
- 3 Tracks in the road from hiking, having messy clay rows (7,8)
- 4 Oddly, Ian is first to make demands (6)
- 5 Deliver hard look and measure a flight (8)
- 6 Doctor, I bet the epic frog is more than it seems (3,2,3,7)
- 7 Charm to quietly kill insect (7)
- 8 Account of unusually rich clone (9)
- 12 Tells stories about rearing children, including cribs ending on top (9)
- 14 Take left from South Pole, flying where Santa might be? (8)
- 16 It goes around sphere and evens out, in theory (7)
- 18 Jeff, a righty, recalled bagging a wild beast (7)
- 19 Aces wild. Next deal's antes go up (6)
- 22 Spirit of the woods and druid order terrify millennia old followers (5)