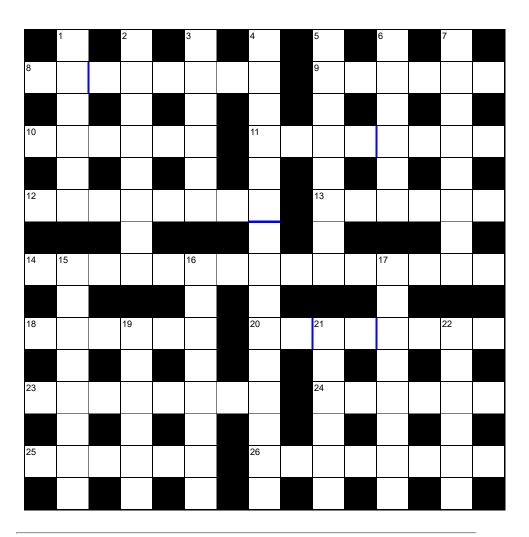
Happy Holidays

By FANtastic Three



Across

- **8** Leaders of Egypt, Tanzania, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Tunisia, Eritrea, Rwanda, Algeria, and the rest (2, 6)
- 9 Sad as nothing's left to gobble up, he gets a drink (6)
- 10 Start association in Church (6)
- **11** Drive to store? (4, 4)
- 12 Time when old leaves become red magically (8)
- 13 Pair in group getting publicity (6)
- **14** A nerd sees things poorly for this reason (15)
- 18 Capital investment I'd made illegally (6)
- **20** Very quickly mention about setter in the beginning (2, 2, 4)

- 23 Container vessel capsized in plant (7)
- **24** Lovely forecast (6)
- 25 Reside at home now (6)
- **26** Excited as a musical instrument gets initially tuned right (8)

Down

- 1 Avoid eating courses essentially! (6)
- 2 For the audience, hail close companion of Santa (8)
- **3** Return endless love, boy (6)
- 4 Plump man spreading mirth across, expressing love (6, 9)
- 5 Upon reflection, some serviceman resubmitted the access code (8)
- 6 King takes over Germany to be the one in charge (6)
- 7 Announces awards (8)
- **15** I happen to spoil your first moment of realization (8)
- 16 Name one person carried by mule around (8)
- 17 Common scene around 12 noon, about going out of business (8)
- 19 One who dresses stylishly would ultimately like that girl (6)
- 21 Tumor of new faculty member's disappeared (6)
- 22 Hamburger say, with top half at the bottom, in a food container (6)