

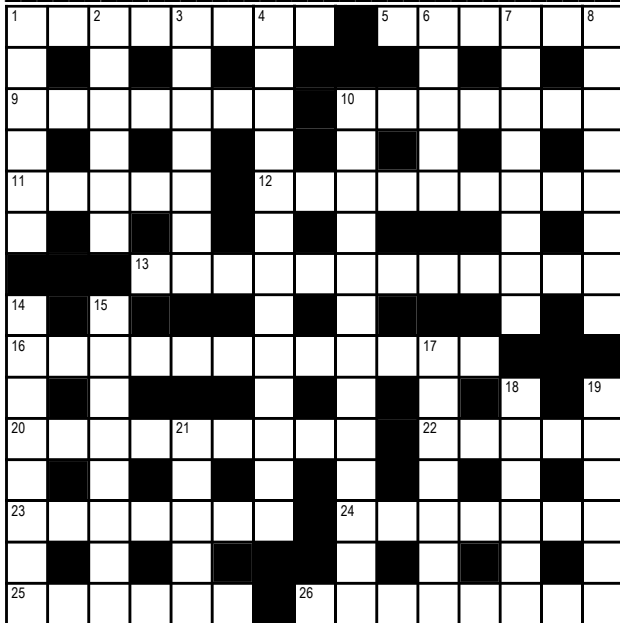


Opening Salvo

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Bonus Questions: 1. What is the theme? Clue: Union Survivors to accept new software (7)
2. Identify 5 themed entries



Across

- 1 Stick around, like an architectural feature (8)
- 5 Buyer abandons second American artist (6)
- 9 German rock legend Garland (7)
- 10 Handled kitchenware fixed to keep waste? (7)
- 11 Full of examples (5)
- 12 Service provided by back rows (9)
- 13 Perhaps I may play a supporting role (6,6)
- 16 Where you come to in a hospital? (8,4)
- 20 Fashion is tedious and provocative (9)
- 22 See 23
- 23/22 Art created for Church instead destroyed girls (7,5)
- 24 Individuals primarily globe-trotting hide new low (7)

- 25 Protection from the elements at sunrise? Not at first (6)
- 26 Say girl caught fantasy date lost in drink (3,5)

Down

- 1 Nick, pass note and run (6)
- 2 Fluids, exercise and something to keep warm (6)
- 3 New setting for fiction writer (7)
- 4 District hub, region, potentially get cover (13)
- 6 Material from Loire College (5)
- 7 Retraction in friend's current growth (8)
- 8 Put in, put off, turned up, checked again (8)
- 10 Tell tales about a boy on deck, it may add spice (5,8)
- 14 Perhaps, the drink from Rishi's travels to England and Austria (5,3)
- 15 Air-conditioning exhaust controls one outcome of pollution (4,4)
- 17 Love and caring can be natural (7)
- 18 Insult that's a term for a pretty, shallow, woman (6)
- 19 Fulfils ultimately profitable returns for value (6)
- 21 Tighten one's belt for projection (5)