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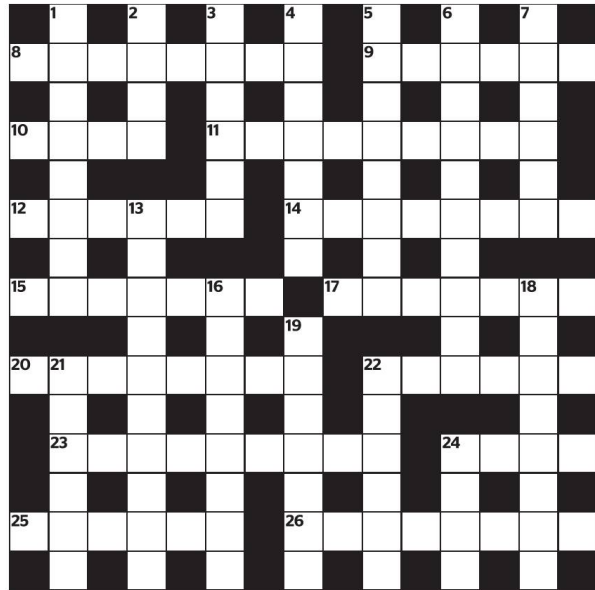
[NB - Across answers (plus one Down) are related and thus go undefined. All other clues are normal.]

**ACROSS**

- 8 Help to squeeze lemon? (8)
- 9 Rip into skinless date (6)
- 10 Grand desire to demolish whisky (4)
- 11 Neighbour's holding? That's true, and revolutionary (9)
- 12 One to propose a juice box? (6)
- 14 Used cars rise (8)
- 15 Bottom, before being covered by me (7)
- 17 Australian article manipulated news from the get-go (7)
- 20 Spring song recital (8)
- 22 Endlessly beyond serene (6)
- 23 Spoils retro outfit... (9)
- 24 ...although, in 4-down, fine (4)
- 25 Drain Saigon broth (6)
- 26 Workman's content on regular payroll, getting old money invoice? (4,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 A clove (or bubbly) for conscientious eater (8)
- 2 Bugger quite late to get up (4)
- 3 Pothead lost face supporting a sorry soul (6)
- 4 Heard tin church has soul? (7)
- 5 Improves puzzle's drift, with no end of turmoil after 11-across's approval (6,2)
- 6 Threw frenetic blows for overlooked customers online (3,7)
- 7 Stick to Spooner's experienced audience (6)
- 13 Natter absorbs one modest about shop's latest imitation (6,4)
- 16 Encourages medic attaching drip to twisted organ (6,2)
- 18 Passion for ultimate Bratz toy getting real makeover (8)
- 19 Newly connects when romance ends on course (7)
- 21 Checked out organ covering single recording (2,4)
- 22 Pierre's step to taste profiterole, perhaps (6)
- 24 Movie's opening seen in colour (4)



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