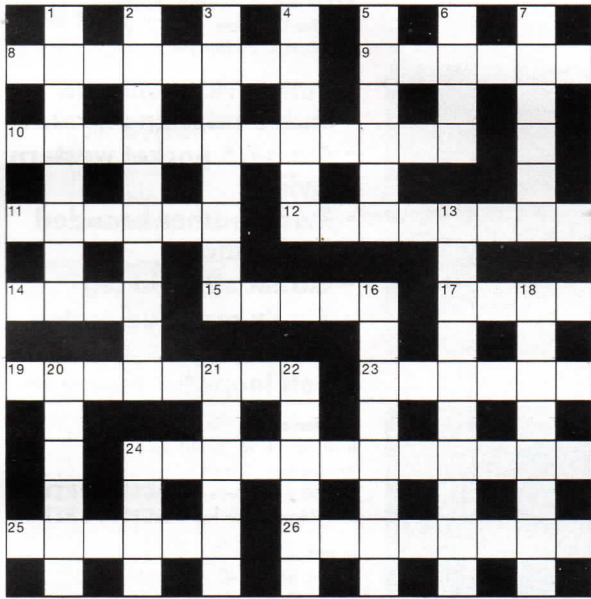


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**ACROSS**

- 8** What the bugler plays to awaken soldiers (8)
- 9** Smells (6)
- 10** Insolence, cheek (12)
- 11** Defame, harm (6)
- 12** The day after the day after **16 down** (8)
- 14** Outdoor bazaar or gala (4)
- 15** What **4 down** is played on (5)
- 17** Ready money (4)
- 19** Exhausted, overworked (3-5)
- 23** Referee in **4 down** (6)

- 24** Victoriously, profitably (12)
- 25** Clash, combat (6)
- 26** Medical condition that causes a person's blood-sugar level to become too high (8)

**DOWN**

- 1** Penetrate, pervade (8)
- 2** Charitable, benign, benevolent (10)
- 3** Type of love which is free from physical desire (8)
- 4** Sport (6)
- 5** Musical instrument that goes with ice cream? (6)
- 6** This means

- nothing in **4 down** (4)
- 7** Shock, ordeal (6)
- 13** Retaken (10)
- 16** The day before the day before **12 across** (8)
- 18** Ambled (8)

- 20** Parentless child (6)
- 21** What **4 down** is played with (6)
- 22** Fears (6)
- 24** What a match of **4 down** is divided into (4)

**SOLUTION TO NO 1,740**

