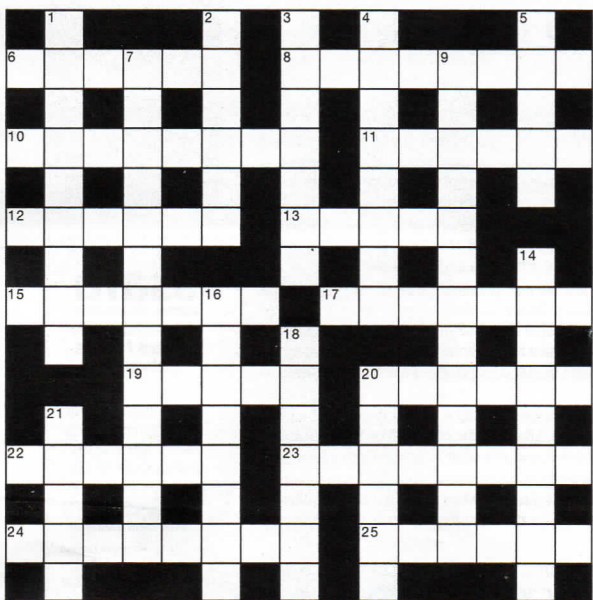


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ACROSS

- 6** Complete agreement, harmony (6)
- 8** Dismaying, startling (8)
- 10** Make dirty, sully (8)
- 11** Capital of Australia's Northern Territory (6)
- 12** See **22 across**
- 13** Absolutely perfect (5)
- 15** Bird noted for its thieving habits (7)
- 17** Strange, hidden, anonymous (7)
- 19** Nationality of whiskey thus spelt (5)
- 20** What a lift stops at (6)
- 22** (and **12 across**) Playwright who

- was married to **9 down** (6,6)
- 23** Faltering, hesitating (8)
- 24** Biased (8)
- 25** Jittery, unsettled (6)

DOWN

- 1** Resembling a cherub in beauty and purity (9)
- 2** Person who makes a noise when asleep (6)
- 3** Region of southwest central Asia which, since 1947, has been disputed by Pakistan and **5 down** (7)
- 4** (and **18 down**) 1973 song written (originally) for **9 down** (6,2,3,4)
- 5** Asian country

- which gained independence in 1947 (5)
- 7** 1959 film in which **9 down** co-starred with Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon (4,4,2,3)
- 9** Late American actress (7,6)

- 14** Knowledge, heedfulness (of a situation) (9)
- 16** Beekeeper (8)
- 18** See **4 down**
- 20** Kindness, good deed, courtesy (6)
- 21** American pop group; British sitcom (5)

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