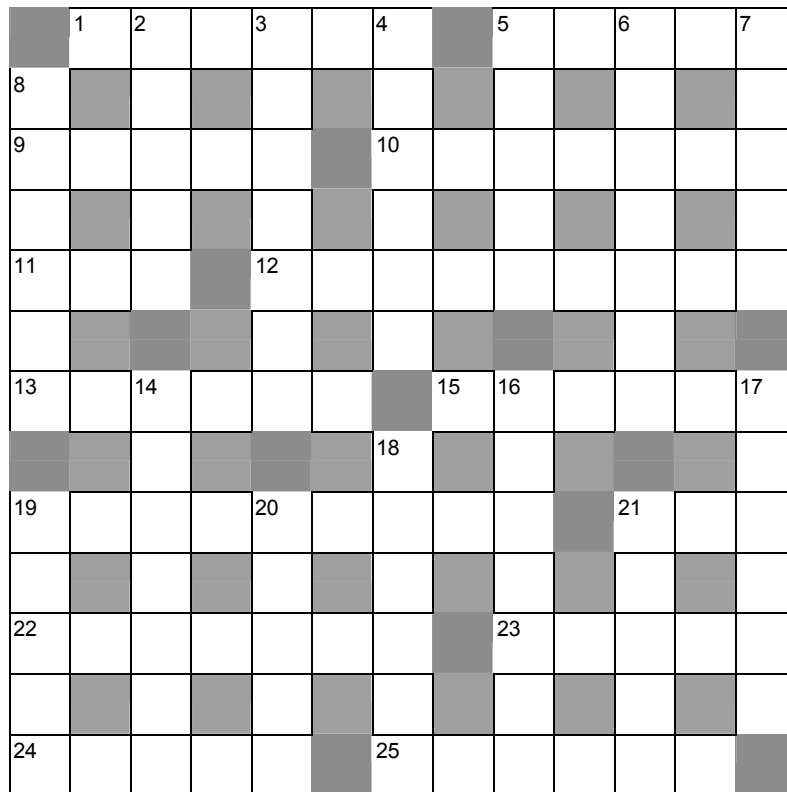


# Crossword No. 274

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## Across

- 1 Figaro di Siviglia in shop quartet? (6)
- 5 After Earth, a question. Will he and Jaden ever make another movie? (5)
- 9 Merchandise — OK, but some “bads”, some “indifferents”...? (5)
- 10 Brief upload after what’s consumed in very loud part is catastrophic. (7)
- 11 Fish of which several are seen in the middle of every month, in Rome. (3)
- 12 Domestic employee after any old halfpenny is quite attentive. (9)
- 13 Weasel belonging to me after the queen. (6)
- 15 Current unit reveals French father after amplitude modulation. (6)
- 19 *Litter carrying friend and unspecified article — one of five.* (9)
- 21 Used to be in Washington (south). (3)
- 22 Absolve, then it’s left to wither.(7)
- 23 Be tenacious, like heather, after a century. (5)
- 24 Lag behind on track. (5)
- 25 In France, tea is had before mass, indicating belief in a deity. (6)

## Down

- 2 Mud bricks for building to take place — after a bit of a fuss. (5)
- 3 Before very long, but after graduates discover the deepest double reed. (7)
- 4 Decline any waste. (6)
- 5 Goat-man held session over a year. (5)
- 6 Before energy in apartment blow-up. (7)
- 7 Spartan slave, male — just an item offered at auction. (5)
- 8 I get in awkwardly and set light to something. (6)
- 14 Song after disease turns out to be one caused by a mosquito bite. (7)
- 16 Cool men confused about single eye-glass. (7)
- 17 Flag officer. (6)
- 18 Fish hairstyle. (6)
- 19 Assume place on chair under naval NCO. (5)
- 20 Umbilicus left below church centre. (5)
- 21 Caprices for some chap in Western Samoa. (5)