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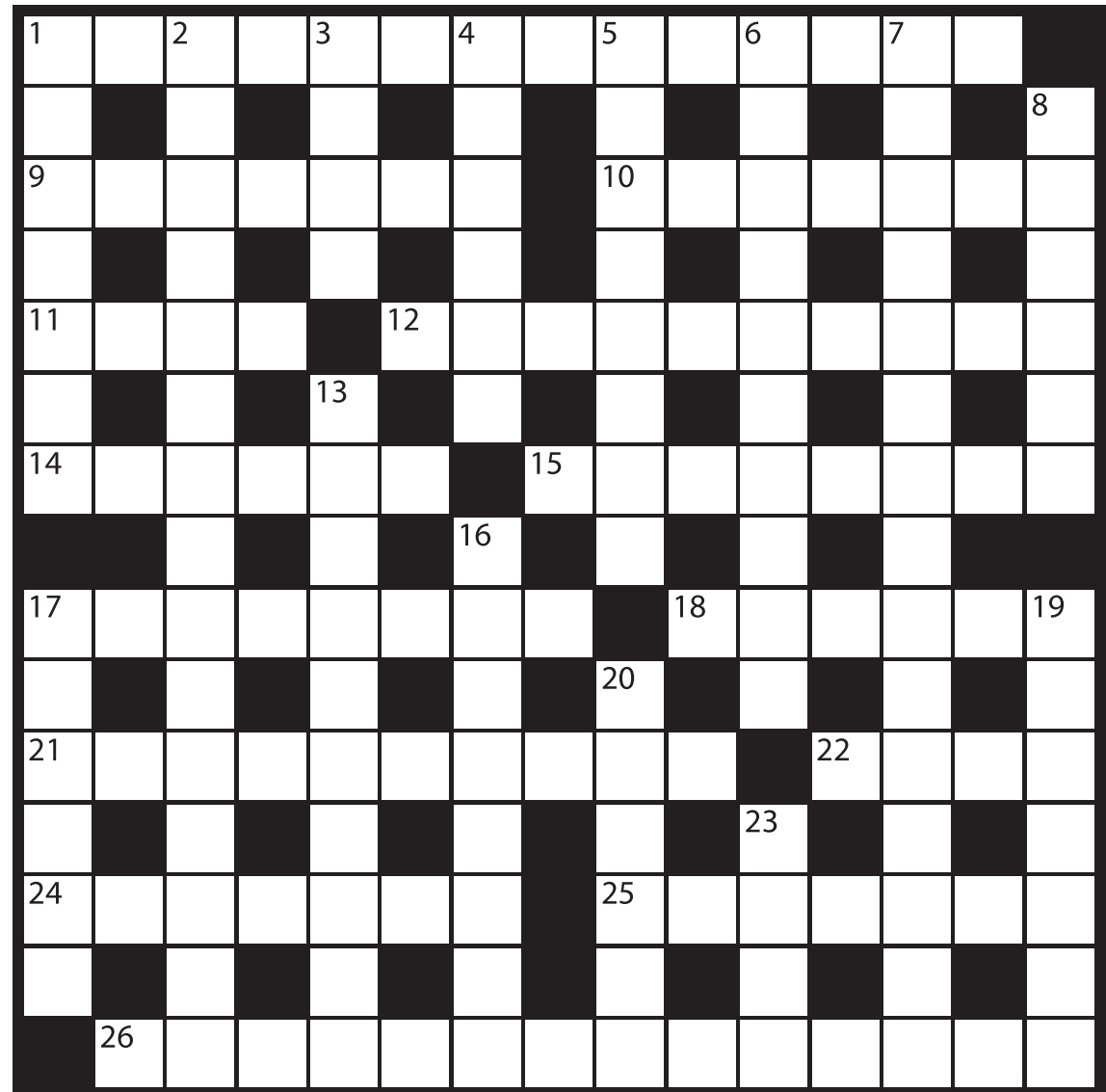
- 1 Keeping current, cook does menu for policeman (5,9)
- 9 Bit of Hindi Alec tried as local language (7)
- 10 Wages in Middle East invested in Greek island (7)
- 11 Tax small tanks (4)
- 12 Feller's boat beside golf club (10)
- 14 Turned grass to trap the Parisian (6)
- 15 Resolved the delay in impassioned manner (8)
- 17 Embarrassed woman with man holding drink returning (8)
- 18 Comparatively derogatory rows about the Queen (6)
- 21 Female with an award manic, indeed, very much (3,3,4)
- 22 Edited Time article (4)
- 24 Settle fee with team (7)
- 25 Appreciative sound about drawing new comic strip (7)
- 26 Objectifies criminal responses? Ideal (14)

DOWN

- 1 Scoundrel with a really short body (7)
- 2 Tsar bit irrelevant, he must change (4,3,8)
- 3 Mounted support with fine bases (4)
- 4 Alternative measure not quite working (6)
- 5 Superficial type plugging leak (4-4)
- 6 Filling in deed, nobleman with a northern businessperson (10)
- 7 Fibbed about US university revolts when head's lost rare prints (7,8)
- 8 Bird's very big victim (6)
- 13 Snaking trees in ground bordering enclosure (10)

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- 16 They take flight east with captain blocking views (8)
- 17 Most reliable saint after Peter (6)
- 19 Prompts Aberdeen FC to take in male, popular (7)
- 20 Positive mantra for dance? (6)
- 23 Test of musical group separated from church (4)