

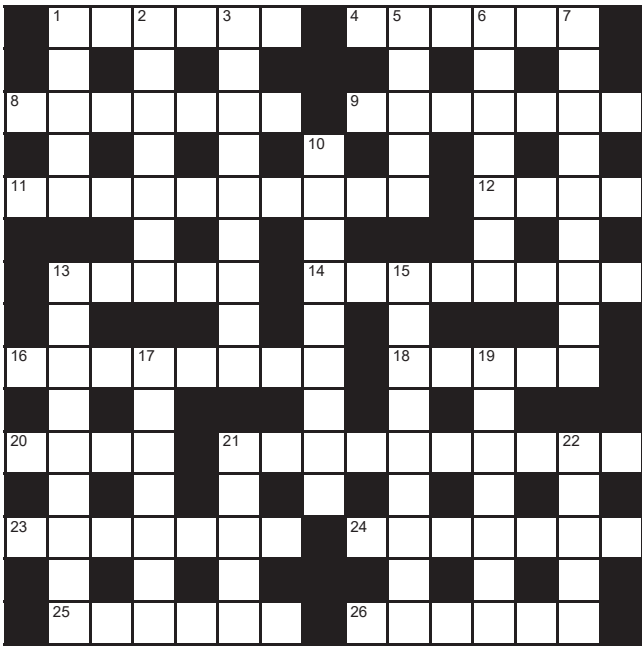
SUNDAY No 43 - NEWS PUZZLE by BASILISK

ACROSS

- 1** Anderson dismissing last pair out caught (6)
4 Mayor who didn't get in way (6)
8 Ridicule over male club (7)
9/25 Writer and reporter's certainly managed to protect company name (7,6)
11 Unruly character affected club tenure (10)
12 Applaud series of UCLA protests (4)
13 Confront losing point by leading competition (2,3)
14 Social creature's need to consume dose of heroin and ecstasy (5,3)
16 Raisi's helicopter engine initially failed somewhere near Britain (5,3)
18 Nutrition containing little to begin with is overwhelming issue in Kenya (5)
20 Exhausted fighter tangling with Usyk regularly? (4)
21 This star's outburst provided spectacular viewing on Sky? (5,5)
23 Acknowledgement of debt to vehicle featuring lead in *Baby Reindeer*? (7)
24 See 26
25 See 9
26/24 Angry denials provoked star witness (6,7)

DOWN

- 1** Chaos upset United supporters (5)
2 Type of exercise drill welcomed by agency in retrospect (7)
3 Cuts and runs after key act's introduction (9)
5 I'm amused that man cuts support for drivers (2-3)
6 Complaint about ambassador supporting blighted area (7)
7 Cut disc from record and rent out decks (9)
10 Drinks with former news anchor and cabinet minister (9)
13 Fico involved with start of right-wing maul conforming to a pattern (9)
15 Grass stain for man tending borders (9)
17 Gloomy nationalists upset about unknown soldier (7)
19 Anomalous result of fake news following public resistance (7)
21 African people's silence over North America (5)
22 Ivy league university rector brought up race (5)



Solution No 42

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