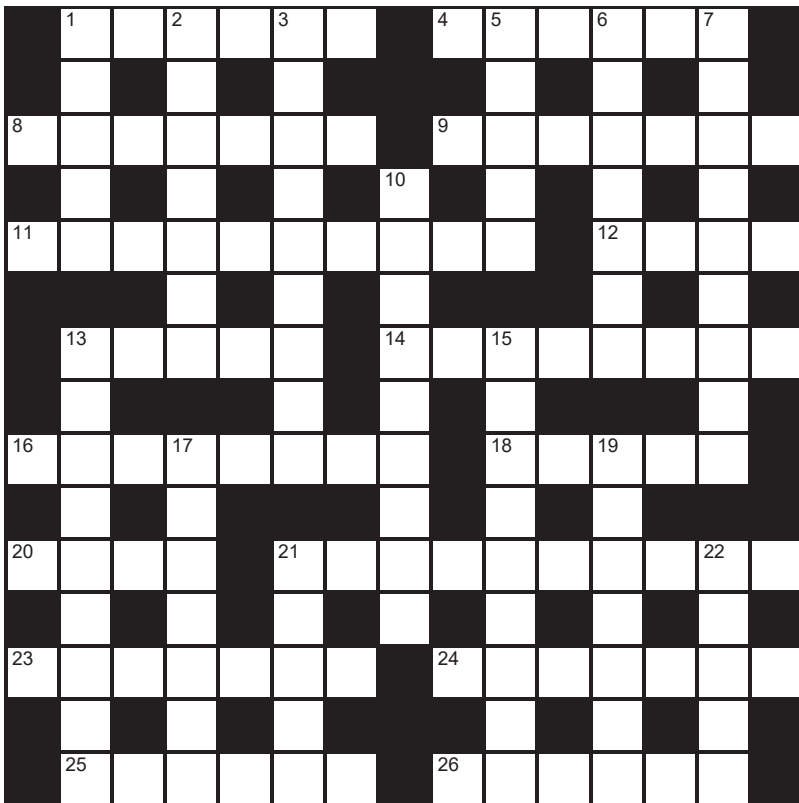


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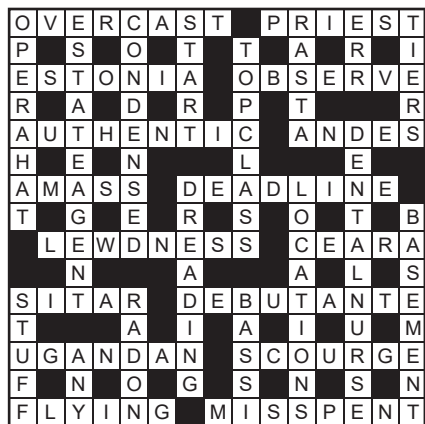
ACROSS

- 1/4** Buyer's recommendation to persuade enrolment in bespoke AA cover (6,6)
8 Not easy to accept abbreviated answer in parliamentary report (7)
9 Finally in Covid, the leadership party is corrupt (7)
11 Teflon-coated Rev out among the godless (10)
12 Isn't common parlance used in plain text? (4)
13 Haven of love in status quo (5)
14 Worker's tactic to steal emcee's heart (8)
16 American leader, strong, well-spoken and prosperous (8)
18 See 21 Down
20 Soon to be unidentifiable (4)
21 Once again, avail yourself of map to find a drink (10)
23 Litter gear sent out (7)
24 Forced to be grateful (7)
25/26 Obesity is what NHS patients suffer from, according to report (6,6)

DOWN

- 1** Spell 'amulet' (5)
2 Service scooters, say (7)
3 It's a river trip for social climber (9)
5 Events providing charcuterie for the audience (5)
6 Road not adapted for poor weather (7)
7/22 One's pudding follows, say, never over, as a cold dish will be enjoyed (7,2,5)
10 Make sharp political group upset by sexy lure (9)
13 Rude attempt to curry favour after 1 Down (9)
15 Tasteful friend with what she may need to eat (9)
17 Continual, not on/off, and mad (7)
19 Looking safe at last in old capital (7)
21/18 Wolf of Canvey Island half seen at the top by you and me (5,5)
22 See 7

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