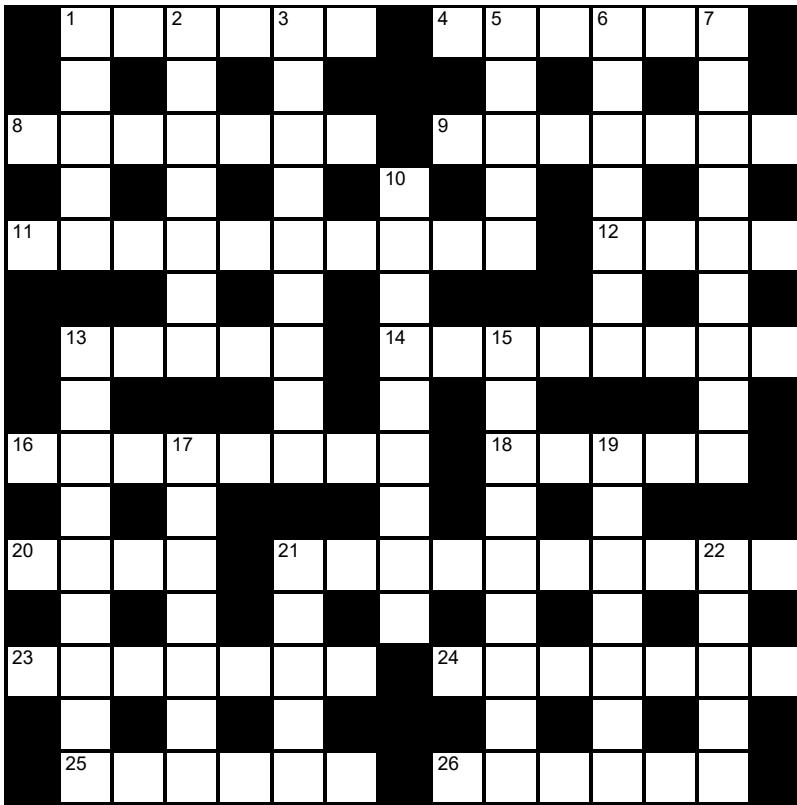


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ACROSS

- 1 Policy position example not popular at first (6)
- 4 Rest of snooker player's team absorbing pressure? Right (6)
- 8 Good time for tea? Not at first, but came across foodie (7)
- 9 Madrid team first — I'm not making it up! (7)
- 11 CEO, timid, extremely ropy, maybe this? (10)
- 12 Hear about latest offer — first of all ring (4)
- 13 Back settled in Ulster now (5)
- 14 Short time, I hesitate to say, for one providing support (8)
- 16 Dad's blade that may help to gain entry (8)
- 18 Very little in way — that's gratifying (5)
- 20 Incline to be short of fat (4)
- 21 From now on fellow attending Northern church by river (10)
- 23 Large water creature ultimately slippery that's hard to predict (7)
- 24 Place of obscurity new hero could emerge from? (7)
- 25 After despicable person rebuffed, understand objective (6)
- 26 Shout back briefly after sea race (6)

DOWN

- 1 Ray's small jab (5)
- 2 Company broadcast row (7)
- 3 Grasping anger finally, unexpectedly concedes noise at its peak (9)
- 5 From time to time pained, try devotion? (5)
- 6 Academic accepting old record and greeting swimmer (7)
- 7 Tough, having to take exam again — about right! (9)
- 10 Not agreeing, Democrat insisted changes needed (9)
- 13 One's a fall guy as a pact goes awry (9)
- 15 Accountant's part bringing in southeastern dish (9)
- 17 Politician, guy from Spain, welcoming a Tory's introduction (7)
- 19 Important place, oligarch's content to leave to be rebuilt (7)
- 21 Large group in store, they say (5)
- 22 Delay attempt to admit artist on the rise (5)