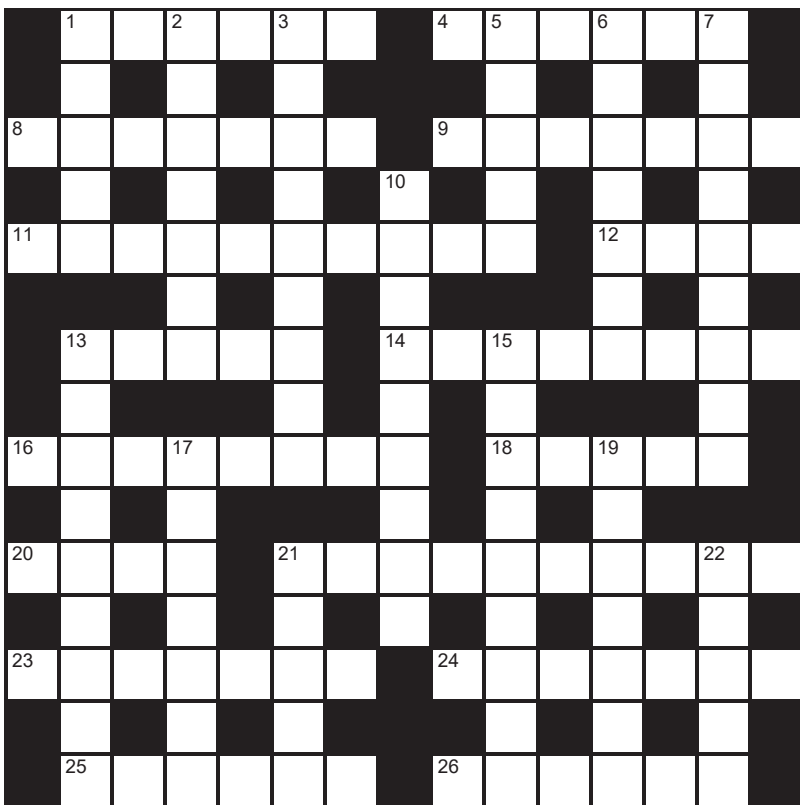


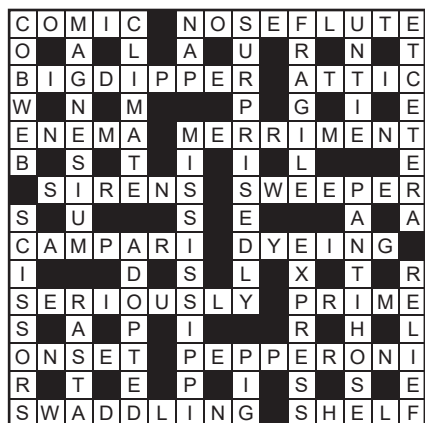
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ACROSS

- 1 President finding extremists in England exhausted (6)
- 4 Avoid getting key cut (6)
- 8 Information on fellow not specific (7)
- 9 Stuff described by Ms West as ornamental knotted thread (7)
- 11 Woeful failure of musical to captivate audiences at the outset (10)
- 12 Minister to become widely discussed on X right away (4)
- 13 Letter from novelist about gripping opening of *Germinal* (5)
- 14 Use of tax to protect oddly neglected deer (8)
- 16 Ignorant of reason for O'Sullivan not playing around end of April (8)
- 18 Complete crackpot needing no introduction (5)
- 20 Notice some of stop signs facing the wrong way (4)
- 21 Delightful Democrat likely to attract votes in ballot (10)
- 23 Hits Sainsbury's first with industrial action (7)
- 24 South American girl crossing very open grassland (7)
- 25 Oppose Iceland stopping support (6)
- 26 In all likelihood that's a boot (6)

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DOWN

- 1 Plot to nab Republican near Alaska's capital city (5)
- 2 Affair with a female outlaw finally ending (7)
- 3 Murder of Austrian leader included in revised timeline (9)
- 5 Speaks about chateau's central supports (5)
- 6 Mostly rustic housing before time of Galileo for instance (7)
- 7 More astute to frame old island philanderer (9)
- 10 Swimmer from Germany finished with spirit reportedly (5,4)
- 13 Test Pearl devised for component of gunpowder (9)
- 15 Utter devastation of aunt and niece (9)
- 17 Items in diary showing guards absent at first (7)
- 19 Labour right about trouble embracing alternative vote (7)
- 21 The most worthless part remains (5)
- 22 Take a brief look ignoring German weapon (5)



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