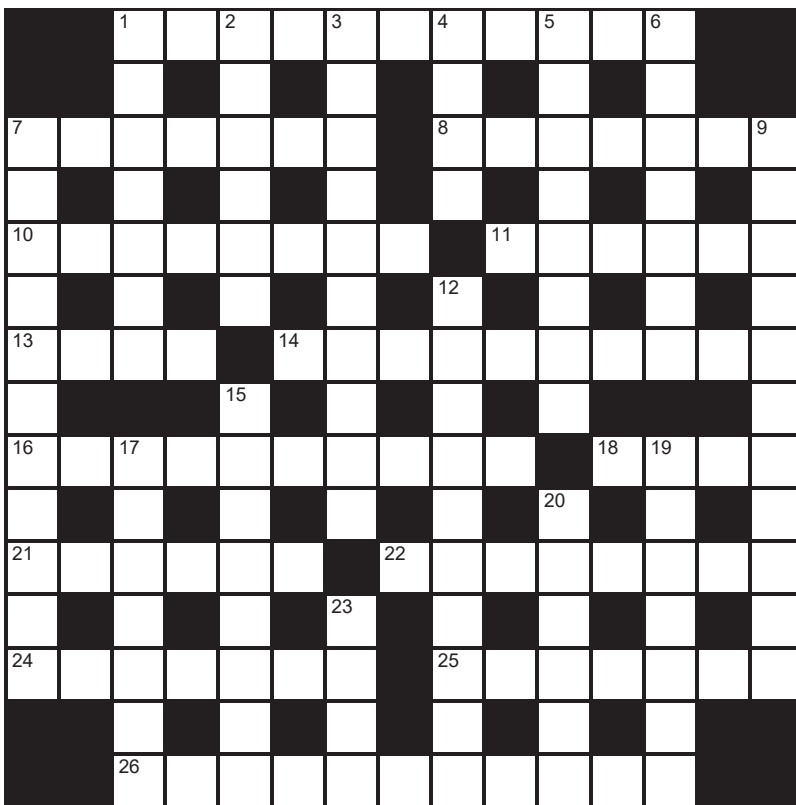


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ACROSS

- 1 Kinky sex put finally aside — a lot protest (11)
- 7 I get rid of point of sale — stopping stags? (7)
- 8 Like Billy No-Mates, wasting half a day out of bounds (7)
- 10 Spicy stuff John served with French wine and dhal every now and then (8)
- 11 Nonsense books secured by locks (3,3)
- 13 'Place to rest,' you said (4)
- 14 Old fellow attached to division securing battlefield (10)
- 16 Deadpan Rod overturned coffee (5-5)
- 18 Check work on the way (4)
- 21 Bogus king once posed by entrance to zoo (6)
- 22 American practice needing time to absorb friend's capital (3,5)
- 24 Radio consumes variable unlimited power (7)
- 25 Two heartless men reversed lease for minor part of plant (7)
- 26 Editor tipped select novel, being a dedicated monitor of fiction (3,8)

DOWN

- 1 Stretch of river crowded with vessels (7)
- 2 Be taken for a backward clod, wearing clothing in pieces (4,2)
- 3 Batty old rector's interminable bad language (5-5)
- 4 Vital substance about to overwhelm Uganda's interior (4)
- 5 Hormone with equal parts of hydrogen and nitrogen (8)
- 6 Retired author cycled around tree in green (7)
- 7 Evolution of very naked apes led to men? (11)
- 9 Talent wasted snorting pot (6,5)
- 12 Transported — so tore new bra off! (10)
- 15 Retired, constrained by very little money? That's make-believe (8)
- 17 Starkest relative's inherently predatory character (7)
- 19 A student visiting different parts of old German city for advertisement (7)
- 20 Able lady from city avoiding extremes (6)
- 23 Measure of force feed delivered (4)

Solution 18,019



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