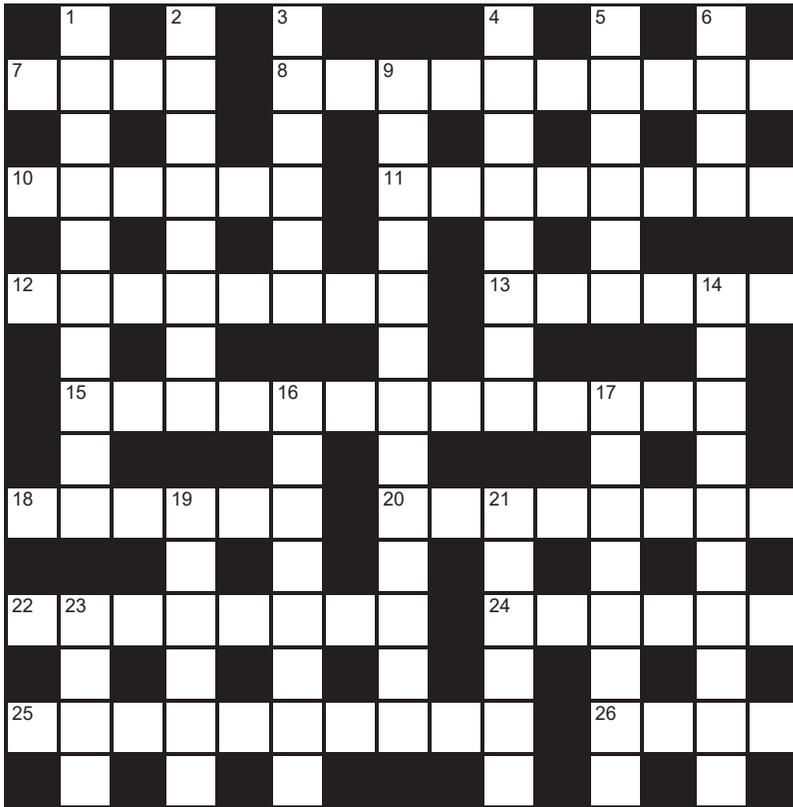


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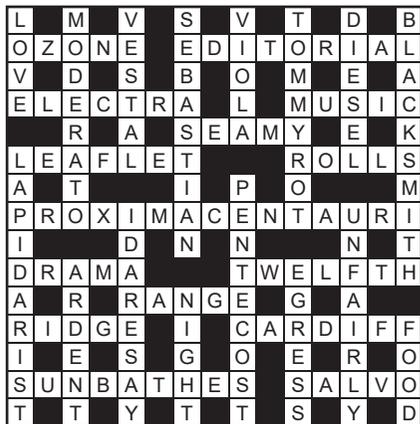


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- 7 Terrible fellow's arrogant, putting number one first (4)
- 8 Irregular soldier from hell? (10)
- 10 More than one party member leaves (6)
- 11 Car needs space in front of church, we hear (8)
- 12 Like a priest translated — dreading almost nothing (8)
- 13 Spiteful hag unmasked in *Times* (6)
- 15 Having influential contacts with access to source (4-9)
- 18 My daughter's been taken in by old judge (2,4)
- 20 Overhauled piano is, accordingly, having effect (8)
- 22 Increase amount of money allocated to unfinished search (8)
- 24 Variegated material, extremely old, yet refurbished (6)
- 25 Unfortunate wordplay for traders? (3-7)
- 26 Company that controlled railway points joined in plot (4)

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- 1 50% of government in disarray, all but thrown out, getting abundant coverage (10)
- 2 Bodyguard relieved from covering back thoroughly (2,6)
- 3 Backing team switch position for sound recordist (6)
- 4 Trustworthy former president, no Nationalist Catholic, returned to lead the French (8)
- 5 Bond showing mercy is out of line (6)
- 6 Nearly prevent alliance (4)
- 9 Rangers did not supply instruction for payments (8,5)
- 14 Device measuring alcoholic strength was introduced to boring hotel lounge bar at last (10)
- 16 Widely-distributed mail round (8)
- 17 Experimental component of Transport for London under scrutiny (4,4)
- 19 Former model's shocking disclosure (6)
- 21 Something funny about marine region's fish, according to report (6)
- 23 Collusion, ignoring the odds, upped capital (4)



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