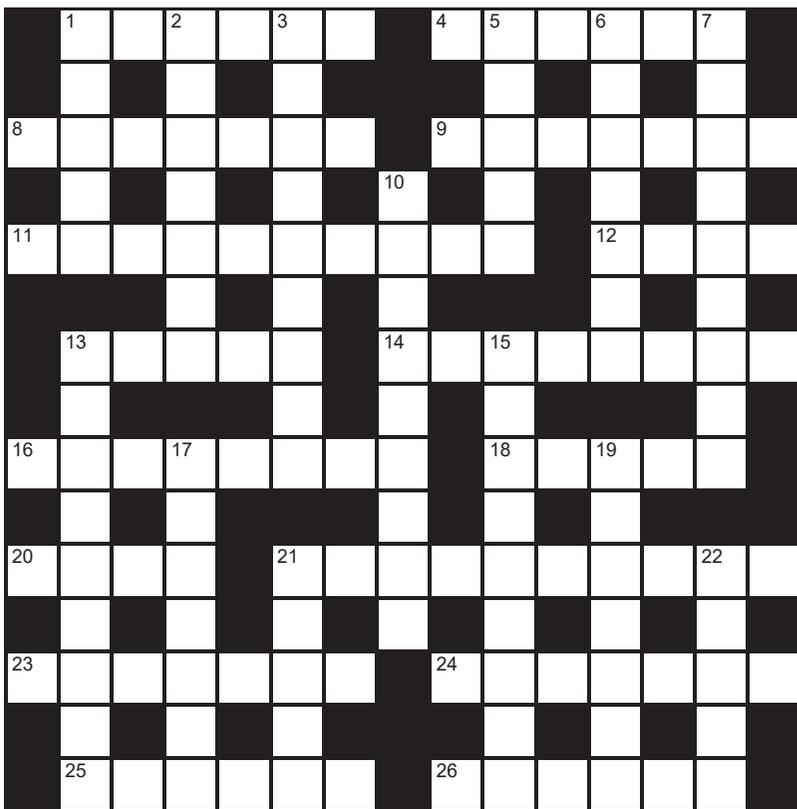


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An anniversary puzzle

ACROSS

- 1/4 Relax and maybe monitor gigolo (6,6)
 8 Can just be part of London (7)
 9 Bald guy confused with insect (7)
 11 Links format of deed with latitude (6,4)
 12 Chinese people haul wreckage (4)
 13 Beat by a distance (5)
 14 Human tests contracted officers swallowing tea (8)
 16 Clergyman holds Channel Islands most dear (8)
 18 Opening for light dog investigating leather leads (5)
 20 Fall for Spain's plain features (4)
 21 Rose perhaps to be attendant to the bride (6,4)
 23 Student is second class breadwinner (7)
 24 Let down by third guess in Wordle disaster (7)
 25 Magic cape at Oscars (6)
 26 Tell it's wrong toy (6)

DOWN

- 1 Inclined to report fast time (5)
 2 Open in advance (2,5)
 3 Did Gauguin ever envision hiding a legendary queen? (9)
 5 At first, ICE terrorises and loots your country (5)
 6 Not repeating cataclysmic disaster when mast was lost (7)
 7 Bold laugh misplaced round bread (9)
 10 Group reduced charge for delivery (9)
 13 Remark has upset city (9)
 15 Sleuth holds record for working with Italian banger (9)
 17 Bucking bronco is first injected with energy (3,4)
 19 Swineherds take time in the shade (7)
 21 Fire Spanish leaders for frustrating USA's excessively gung-ho operation (5)
 22 It's official — extremely risible First Lady (5)

Solution 18,317



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