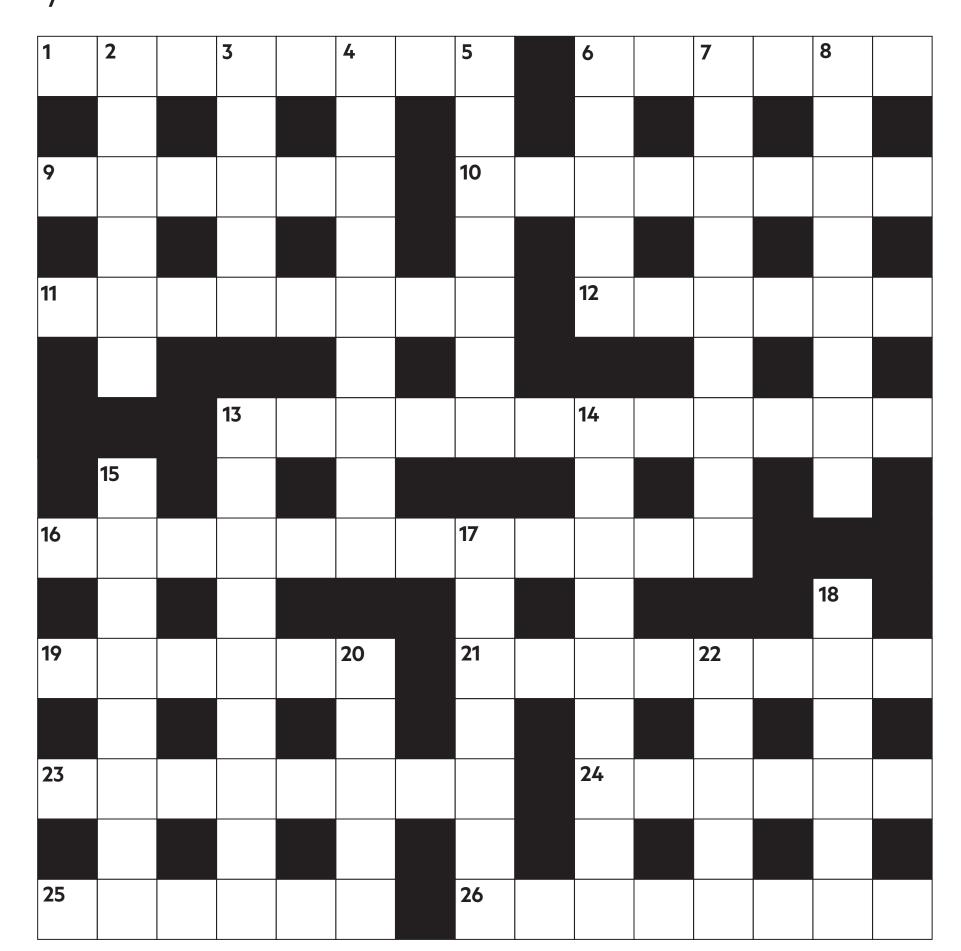
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The Across clues are straightforward, while the Down clues are cryptic.

ACROSS

- 1 Impediment, hindrance (8)
- **6** Renown, fame (6)
- **9** Mend (6)
- 10 Unequivocal, clear (8)
- 11 Emphatic, fervent (8)
- **12** Cut out (6)
- **13** Pennsylvania city (12)
- **16** Stasi, eg (6, 6)
- **19** Iron attractor (6)
- **21** Upbeat (8)
- 23 Italian bread made with olive oil (8)
- 24 Pulled, yanked (6)
- **25** Cure (6)
- **26** Dawn (8)

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DOWN

- **2** Port city of some calibre mentioned (6)
- 3 Meal's last piece of prime rib(5)
- **4** Ambitious type creates trouble without right incentives to start with (9)
- **5** Lear etc upset dramatic heroine (7)
- **6** Currency's rising in fee purchases (5)
- 7 Honour college head, we hear(9)
- 8 Precipitous drop follows upwards dash (8)
- **13** Forebears aren't stopping attendant (9)
- 14 Clearly reform it and end levy(9)
- **15** Never mind the French story working internally (3, 5)
- 17 Place to find fruit or vegetable(7)
- **18** Europe meets English king with a cry of triumph (6)
- 20 It's distasteful to act badly over empty kitty (5)
- 22 Run out German acknowledgement (5)