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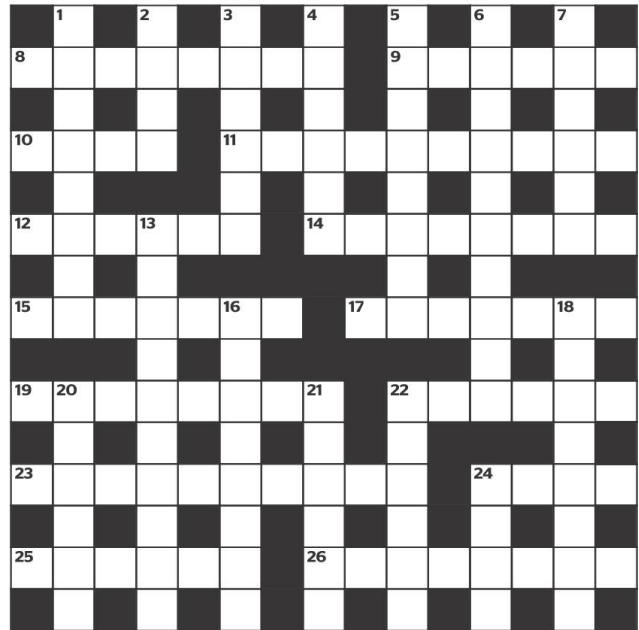
NB - the wordplay in 21 clues presume their answers have 6-down. All other clues are normal.

ACROSS

- 8 Backing ideal goal briefly as a favour (2,6)
- 9 Persian ruler dried up wheels (6)
- 10 Nice mate returning to the big screen (4)
- 11 Peers exerted influence on CityLink? (10)
- 12 Cabinet forfeit in court (6)
- 14 Utter stink in your throat? (5,3)
- 15 One boring ad appearing next month (7)
- 17 Copied Sheeran wolfing caviar (7)
- 19 Bitcoin trade? (8)
- 22 Stuff more like Groening? (6)
- 23 She classes Chinese religion, not film (10)
- 24 Transition a winter worry (4)
- 25 Prophets - those adept in examining chicks (6)
- 26 Rogue bid to infuse Ten TV (5,3)

DOWN

- 1 Model uncovered part of head in head's organ (8)
- 2 Hypothesis omitted the antelope (4)
- 3 Maybe sesame plant blocks way (6)
- 4 Quoted quibble of board maestro (6)
- 5 Rush album briefly revised (8)
- 6 Eliminates designer dogs on sleeping (7,3)
- 7 Crude, giant beverage one-third coffee (6)
- 13 Revolver spins now and then, disorienting to hero (3-7)
- 16 Carnivore gets herbivore to eat mangoes' pith (8)
- 18 Will figure corrupt court after explosive case? (8)
- 20 Adult spoke in public, losing face (1-5)
- 21 Potion for one bitten by climbing bug (6)
- 22 Lift the lid on grid's interior grid (6)
- 24 Cheese fondue ends Thanksgiving? (4)



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