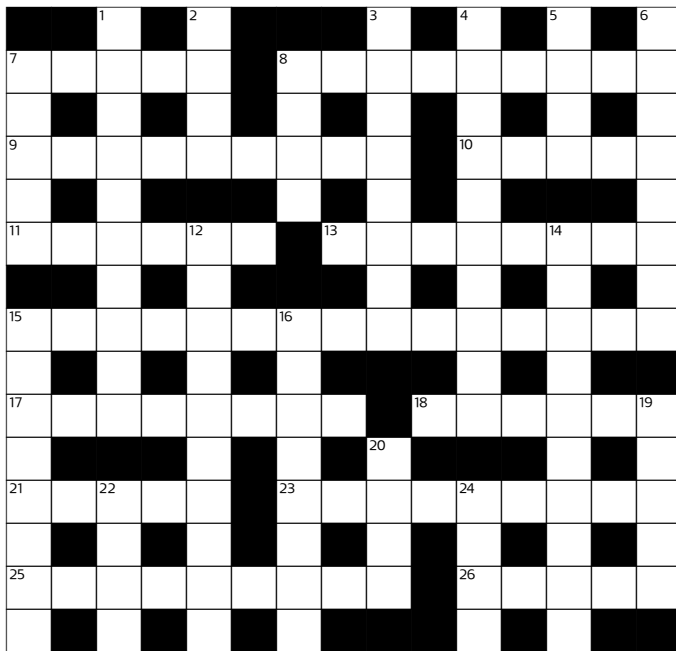


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ACROSS

- 7 Meg's protest (5)
 8 Change intro and halt multi-stage race (9)
 9 Sausage exploded, with rodent and piece of worm inside (9)
 10 Bird's unfinished home (5)
 11 Sweet music for two involving 50 Cent (6)
 13 Terrible boos in decline for soccer-like game (8)
 15 Forced lone divorce onto patriarch played onscreen by two actors whose names straddle the completed grid (3,4,8)
 17 One-time soybean parcel turned into scenic park (8)
 18 Powerful outfit in the tropics substituting Ford's models (6)
 21 Fleece popular sidekick (5)
 23 Strange tint covering dog that keeps to itself? (9)
 25 Send letters! You need nothing else to show stupidity (9)
 26 Capital firm captures atmosphere (5)

DOWN

- 1 Places to get free food (pickles) after embracing New Deal (10)
 2 Playwright was brought up to accept *Hamlet's* opening (4)
 3 Verdi's overture—riotous!—unsettled skillful performer (8)
 4 Increase in one's shares of bouillon, served with ice cream, sauce and whipped cream? (5,5)
 5 Fire engulfs large family (4)
 6 Someone who's signed on to raise fish with *SNL's* Michaels (8)
 7 Lunatic gets upset by 14 words (2,3)
 8 Part of car's exhaust (4)
 12 Malevolent treatment of middle vein (4-6)
 14 Regretful diary written in prose? (10)
 15 A speculator's action is to go out with a predatory incursion, we hear (3-5)
 16 Edits revision in "Our Foreigner" (8)
 19 Starts to grasp evolution through germinating (or beginning) (3-2)
 20 When to expect characters from Athens? (4)
 22 Bedroll stank, ultimately (4)
 24 Guarantee: without victory, it hurts (4)

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