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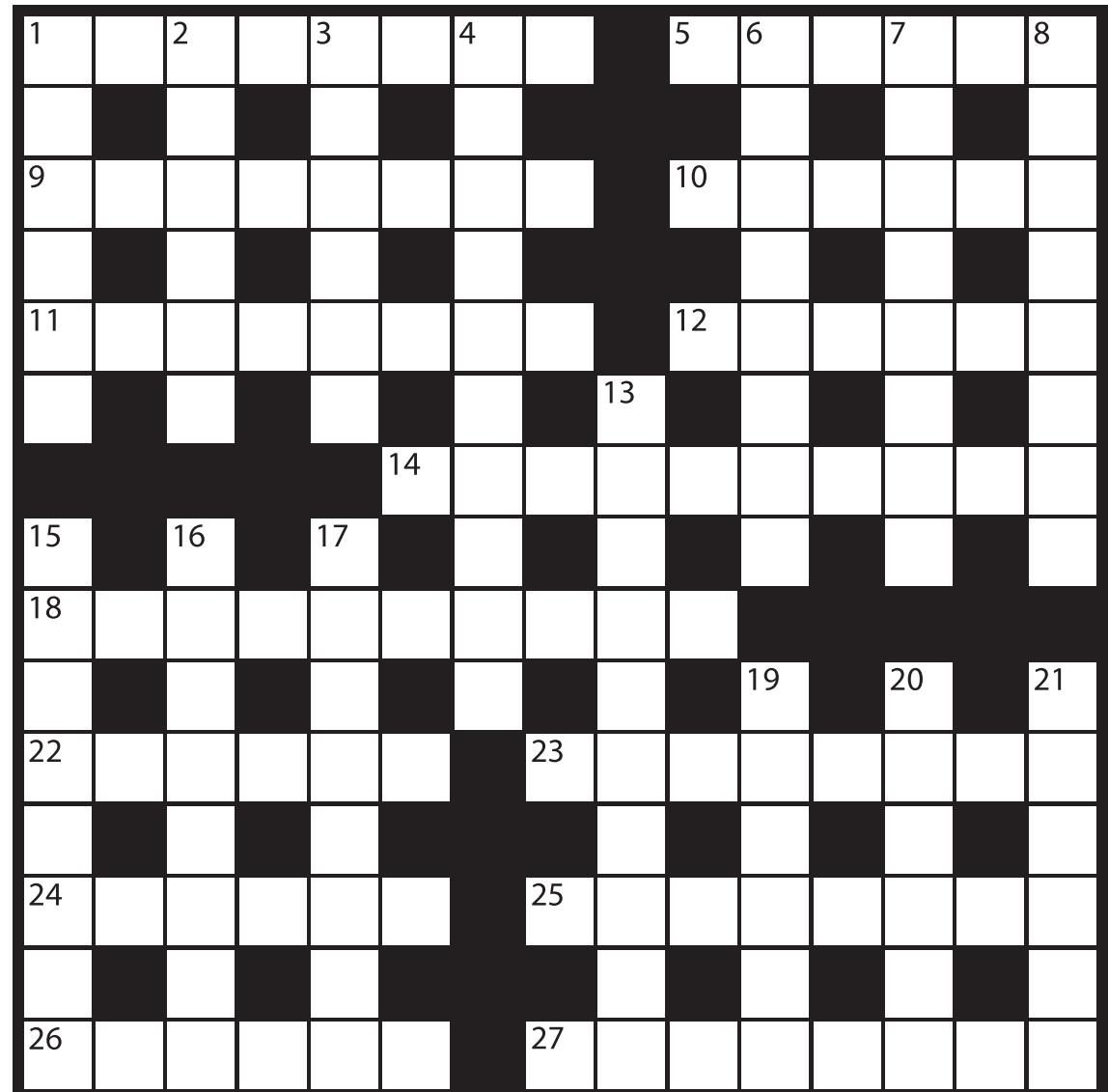
- 1 Boats caught by gurus (8)
 5 Cover in slate (6)
 9 Ring European relative, cutting cost (8)
 10 One who trades from basement, say (6)
 11 Notice your bait is wrong (8)
 12 Unpleasant atmosphere when old lady's on busy road (6)
 14 Press completely dotty over rock band (4,6)
 18 Old man corrected smartest expert (4,6)
 22 Polish again on course to return (2-4)
 23 Measure ordinary flag (8)
 24 Choosing work can lead to gains (6)
 25 One working to cut back beer in local (8)
 26 Protect blind vet (6)
 27 Elders regularly backing expensive church decorations (8)

DOWN

- 1 My fellow produces ring (6)
 2 Citrus cultivated in country (6)
 3 Approve criminal getting dog (6)
 4 Trees ripen, becoming firm (10)
 6 Woman grabbed by awful man like Donald Trump (8)
 7 Fence in China is made to exclude Frenchman (8)
 8 Reptiles not originally present in landscapes (8)
 13 Risk wearing robe (10)
 15 Bogus promise of cash accepted by football team (8)

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- 16 When directed by the Queen, one agrees (8)
 17 Mood of Val not in doubt (8)
 19 Guts shown by home team (6)
 20 Fleishy copper ignored by chief (6)
 21 Confuses Dad, struggling with article in French (6)