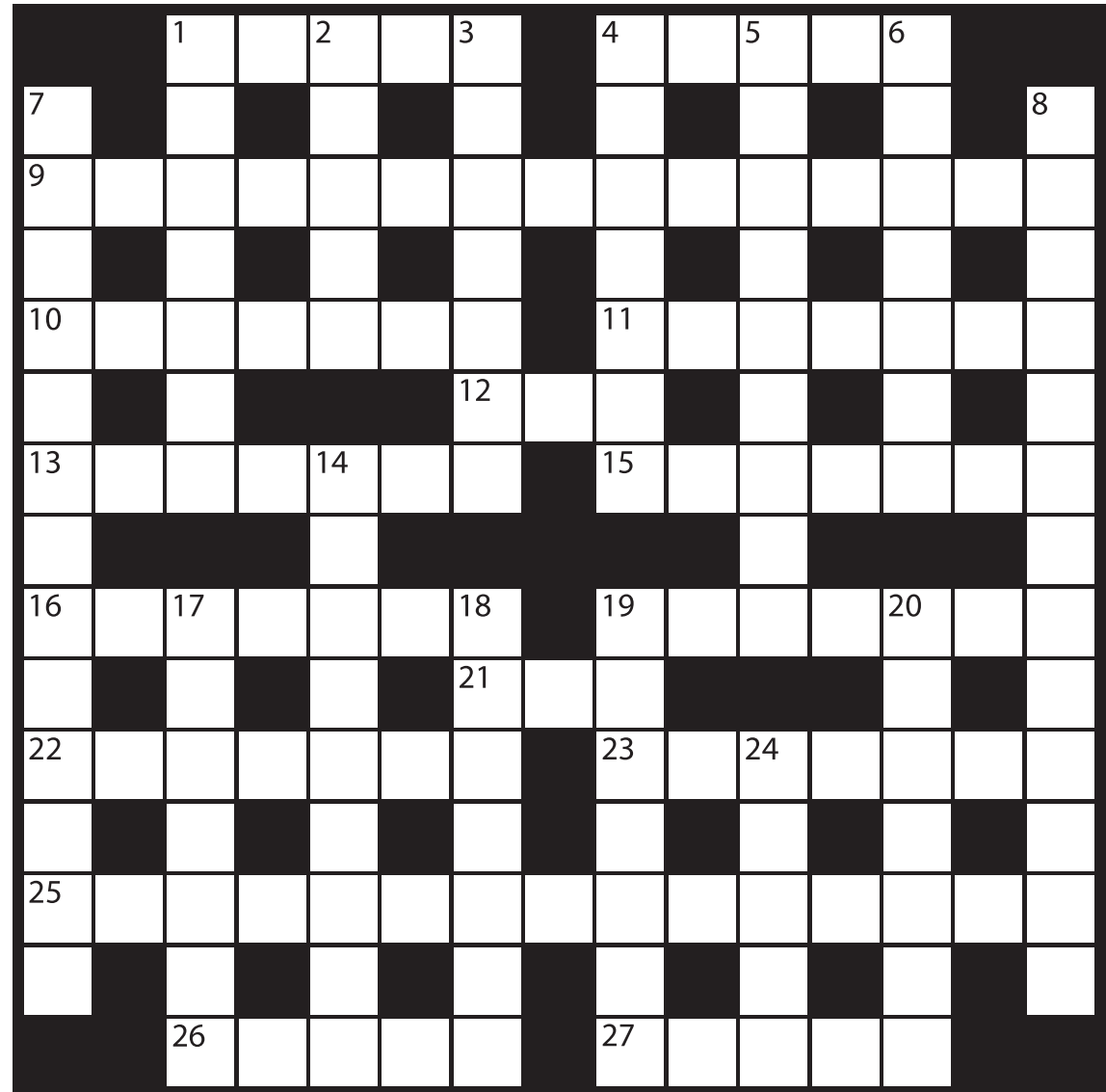


**ACROSS**

- 1 Cowan's among the odds for Penny Black? (5)
- 4 Vehicle organisation's hesitation over one speeding (5)
- 9 Noted work by elegant handlers (6,3,6)
- 10 Change two different materials (7)
- 11 Bouncing back with coin he employed at force (7)
- 12 Vehicle's returning on part of the suburban route (3)
- 13 Working sailor gets the score - or half of it - in Canada (7)
- 15 Rest uneasy about commercial vehicle used as retainer (7)
- 16 Spoke of the dead being overdrawn (7)
- 19 Haggard heroine might run back to this creature (3-4)
- 21 Palindromic female's taking a breather from mount (3)
- 22 Writer's a hit on the rebound with long-distance buddies (3,4)
- 23 A crime committed against original Asian country (7)
- 25 Type of spectrum that's currently attractive (15)
- 26 Young man brings it back, going with the flow (5)
- 27 Banker's material (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 And quietly sit out where children may be found? (7)
- 2 A near disaster in the stadium (5)
- 3 It has no active effect on Premier League star's hygiene problem! (7)
- 4 Inflammation by socialist head (7)
- 5 Orchestra's discombobulated by this creature (9)
- 6 Steep crime, writing article on drink (7)
- 7 One developing steps to earn a living (13)
- 8 Stairs cancelled by girl, losing her head - it's a pipe dream (6,2,5)



- 14 Withdrew a publication in a rush (9)
- 17 Tenniel work is the opposite of strict (7)
- 18 Plunder of French odds and fuel (7)
- 19 Creature and insect combine as a blocking mechanism (7)
- 20 Left out glove in dictionary (7)
- 24 Irene's infatuated with the boy (5)