

**ACROSS**

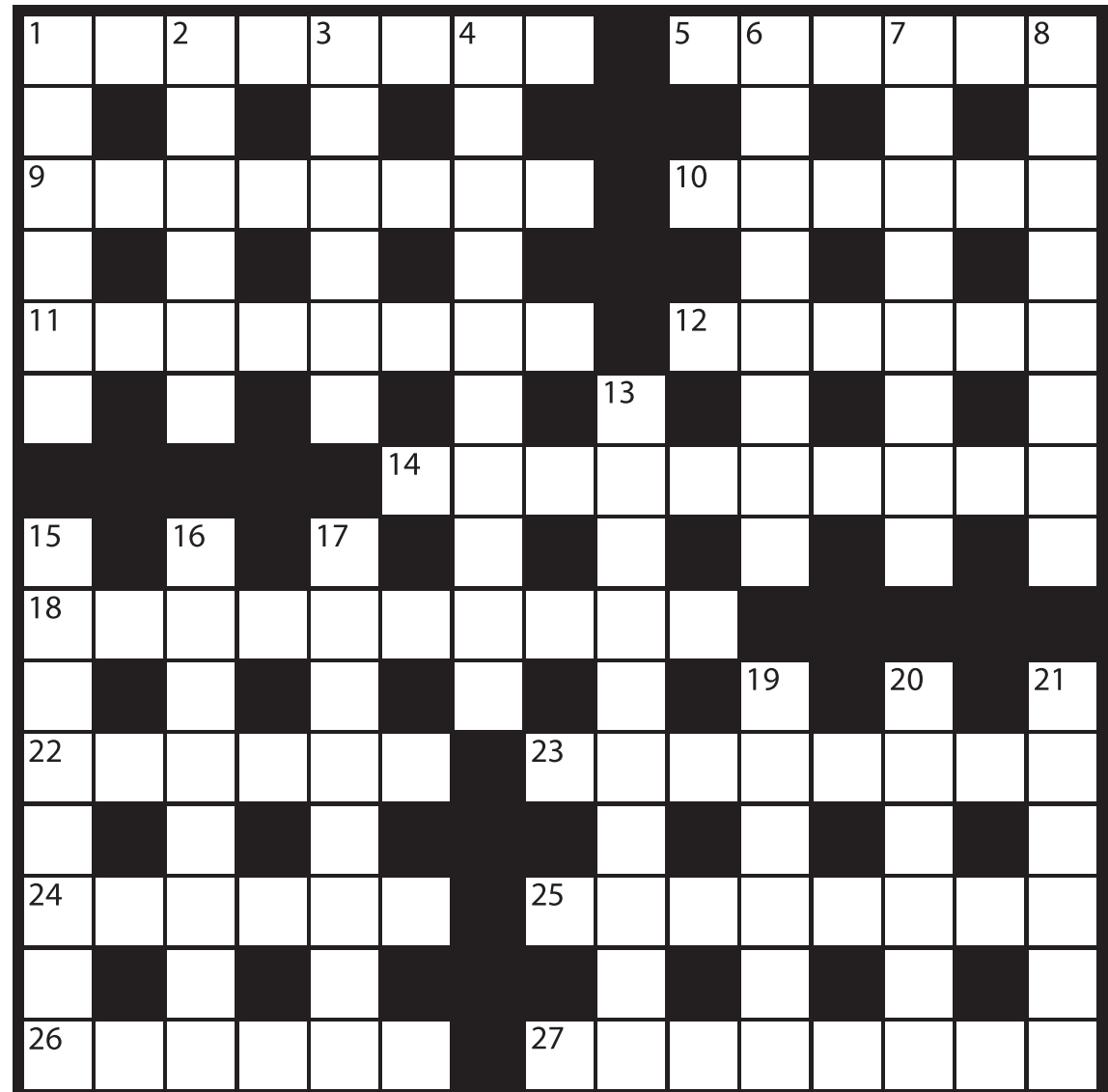
- 1 Neds terribly miserable in jail (4,4)  
 5 Emotional old verse found in China (6)  
 9 Visitor with love for area getting more stout (8)  
 10 Witness ultimately sufficient for trial (6)  
 11 Old queen is victim of murder by short kid (8)  
 12 Charming antique almost destroyed (6)  
 14 Name English place in budget (10)  
 18 Spanner that's for keeps (10)  
 22 Components not originally cast (6)  
 23 One's hopeful when country stops exercises (8)  
 24 Stays in my firm (6)  
 25 Prisoner behind getting safety equipment (4,4)  
 26 Disclose secret about copper in railtracks (6)  
 27 Depression is extremely tedious for health workers (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Finch is spotted in hide (6)  
 2 Typical woman over fifty (6)  
 3 Fellow leading important animal (6)  
 4 While bee's around home, refuse to go there (7,3)  
 6 In exam, copper has a right to be wise (8)  
 7 Understood plainness after expelling outsiders (8)  
 8 Welcome sign of joy, perhaps (8)  
 13 Gives guest cocktail that's blue (10)  
 15 Present small subs (8)

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- 16 Stuff produced by writer was important (8)  
 17 City brewed beer and ale at last (8)  
 19 Straightforward order (6)  
 20 Theatre regularly employed 3dn and badger (6)  
 21 Figures outlining university's position (6)