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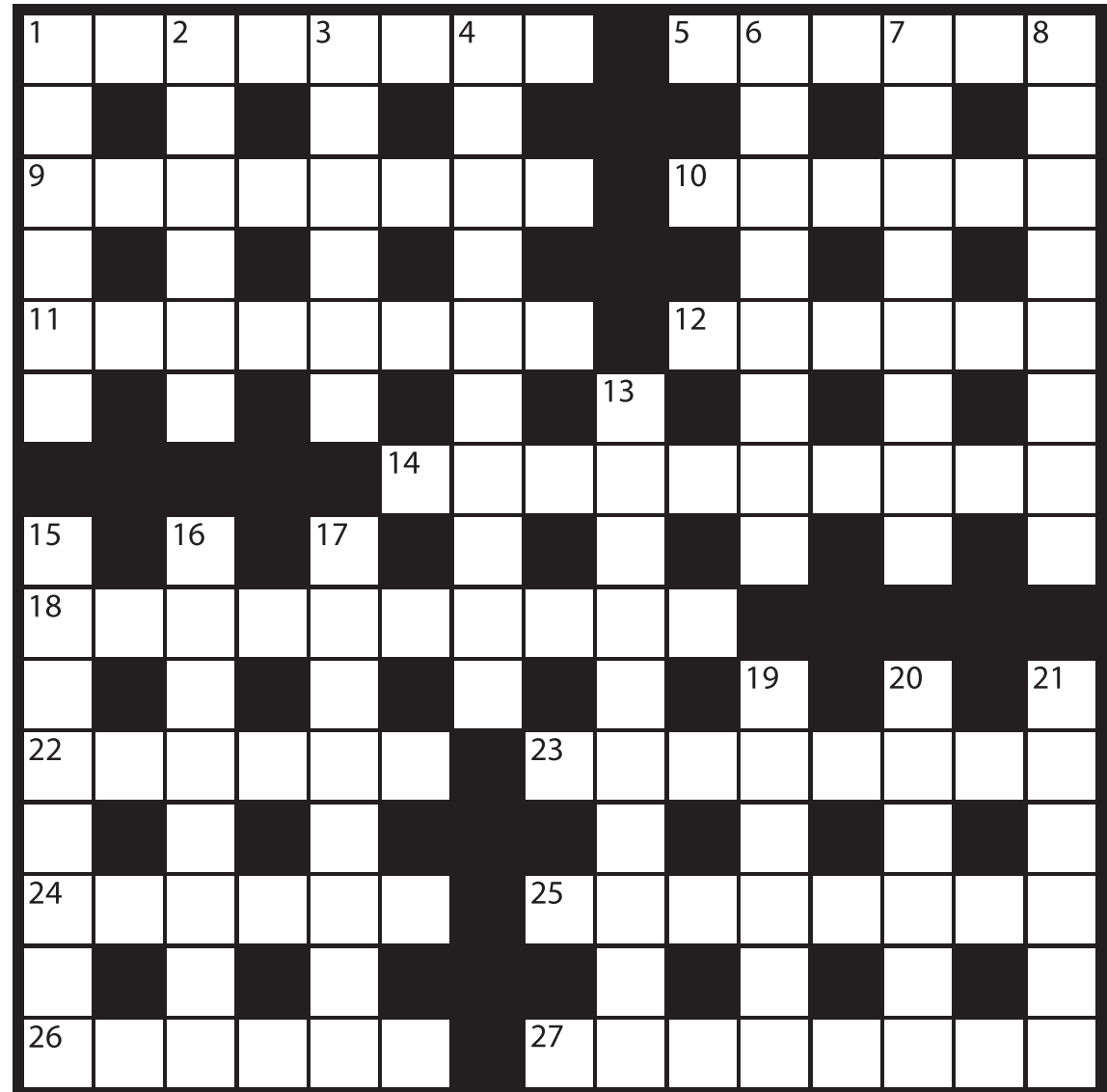
- 1 Mineral obtained from cooked pig heart (8)
 5 Stays a moment aboard ship (6)
 9 Rotten within platter, rib leftovers (8)
 10 Forcing disheartened Meg to accept answer by relatives (6)
 11 Father not blighted with mature face (8)
 12 Space beside river, quietly make base (6)
 14 King in bad places in conflict retreats (4-6)
 18 Note haunch on reptile with small tags for identification (10)
 22 Bird, wingless cock nursed by a specialist with animals (6)
 23 Adam's son coming west, seen travelling from Middle East (8)
 24 Benevolent like monarch, lead character in drive for good (6)
 25 Creeper wrapped round ripe bananas like a snake (8)
 26 Ridicule from journalist about trip (6)
 27 Not oddly, naggy girl is almost always causing distress (8)

DOWN

- 1 Escape alien in rising fine mist (3,3)
 2 Run wearing first-rate fleece that modifies temperature (6)
 3 Lifting equipment is shot, needing repair (6)
 4 Signals great helps at sea (10)
 6 Learners look up following vehicle (8)
 7 Ape knocking out miles on a route is to weaken (4,4)
 8 Recruit put on duty as guide for directions (8)
 13 Being in charge of feeding fish to rat (10)

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- 15 Boz set up plot to capture craft and went aboard (8)
 16 Glass shoe playing havoc with corn (8)
 17 Made a copy of form, managed to acquire fifty (8)
 19 Job is to go fast (6)
 20 Tone of elevated address for king in church (6)
 21 Nasty cut on end of toe (6)