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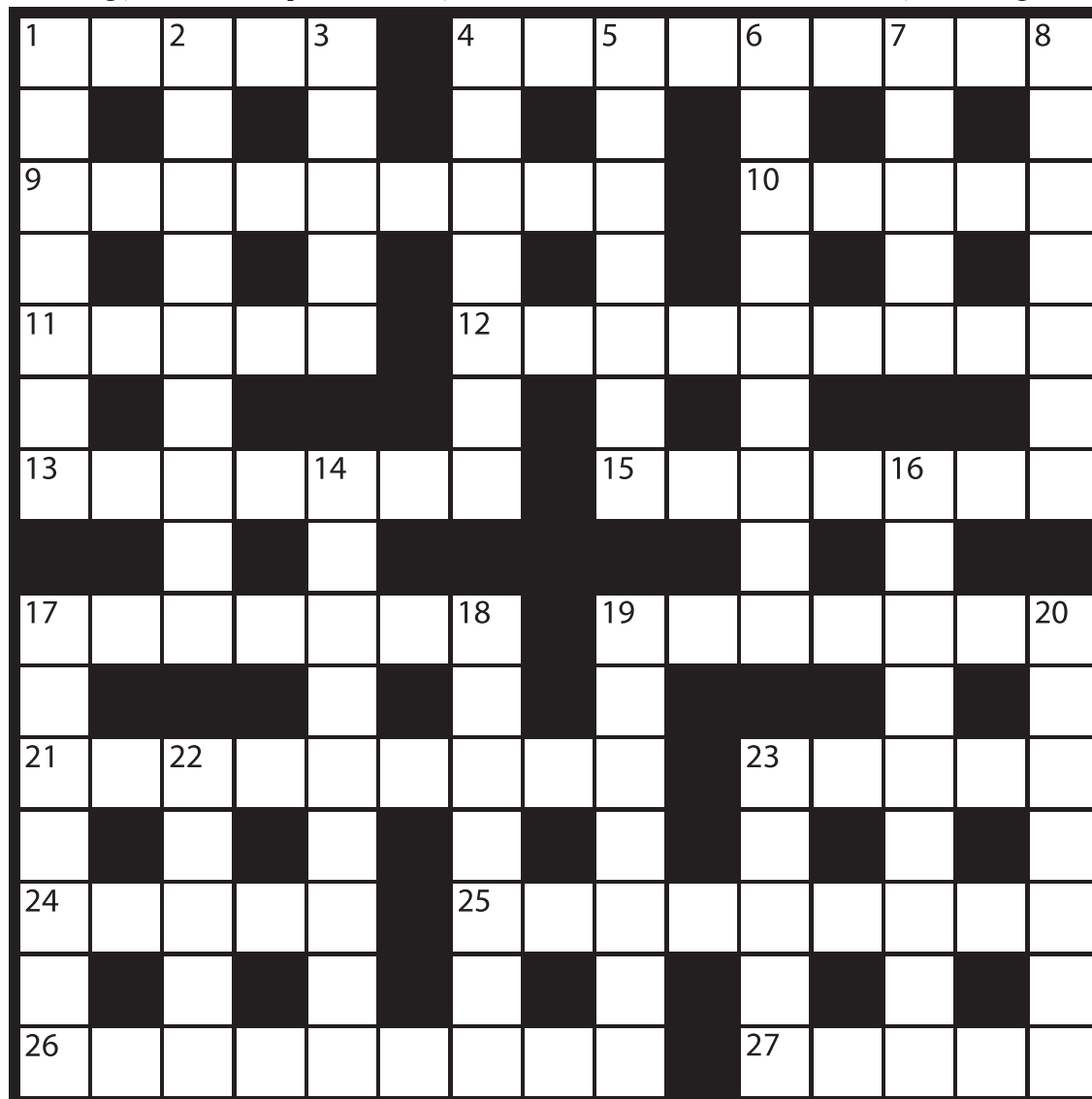
- 1 Zest that's left of oranges after sudden blow (5)  
 4 Lively pub's motto produces cheers (7,2)  
 9 Uncomfortable and sick in front of a joker (3,2,4)  
 10 Makes name surrounded by listeners (5)  
 11 Put off venison - about time! (5)  
 12 Sadly I'm male but unable to change (9)  
 13 Going off and surviving with no end of stress (7)  
 15 Staggers seeing enticements put outside church (7)  
 17 Writer on love has best sort of bus (4-3)  
 19 About to get a bite, angler's doing this (7)  
 21 Vile attack (9)  
 23 A bit of bacon, as always possessing such sound quality (5)  
 24 Animal looks at pair intermittently (5)  
 25 Evidence of insurance upsetting voter once (5,4)  
 26 Devil worshippers posed with saints, confused (9)  
 27 Harsh way to make money, we hear (5)

**DOWN**

- 1 Cook needing good sieve (7)  
 2 Game for one diamond, for example (9)  
 3 Animal showing excessive hesitation? (5)  
 4 Supporter with monarch will be slowing down (7)  
 5 Accept her malaise is full of hot air (7)  
 6 Floating voter rues advances (9)  
 7 Second hotel massage for Bush (5)  
 8 Notices problems - about time (7)  
 14 One new strain reportedly becomes the aim (9)  
 16 A drop of the hard stuff (9)

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- 17 Perfumed mogul regularly trapped in revolving doors (7)  
 18 Costs protecting new royals (7)  
 19 Splits or sticks? (7)  
 20 One might sink eight pints, full of energy (7)  
 22 Achievement eating second large meal (5)  
 23 Scandinavian mostly embracing married standards of conduct (5)