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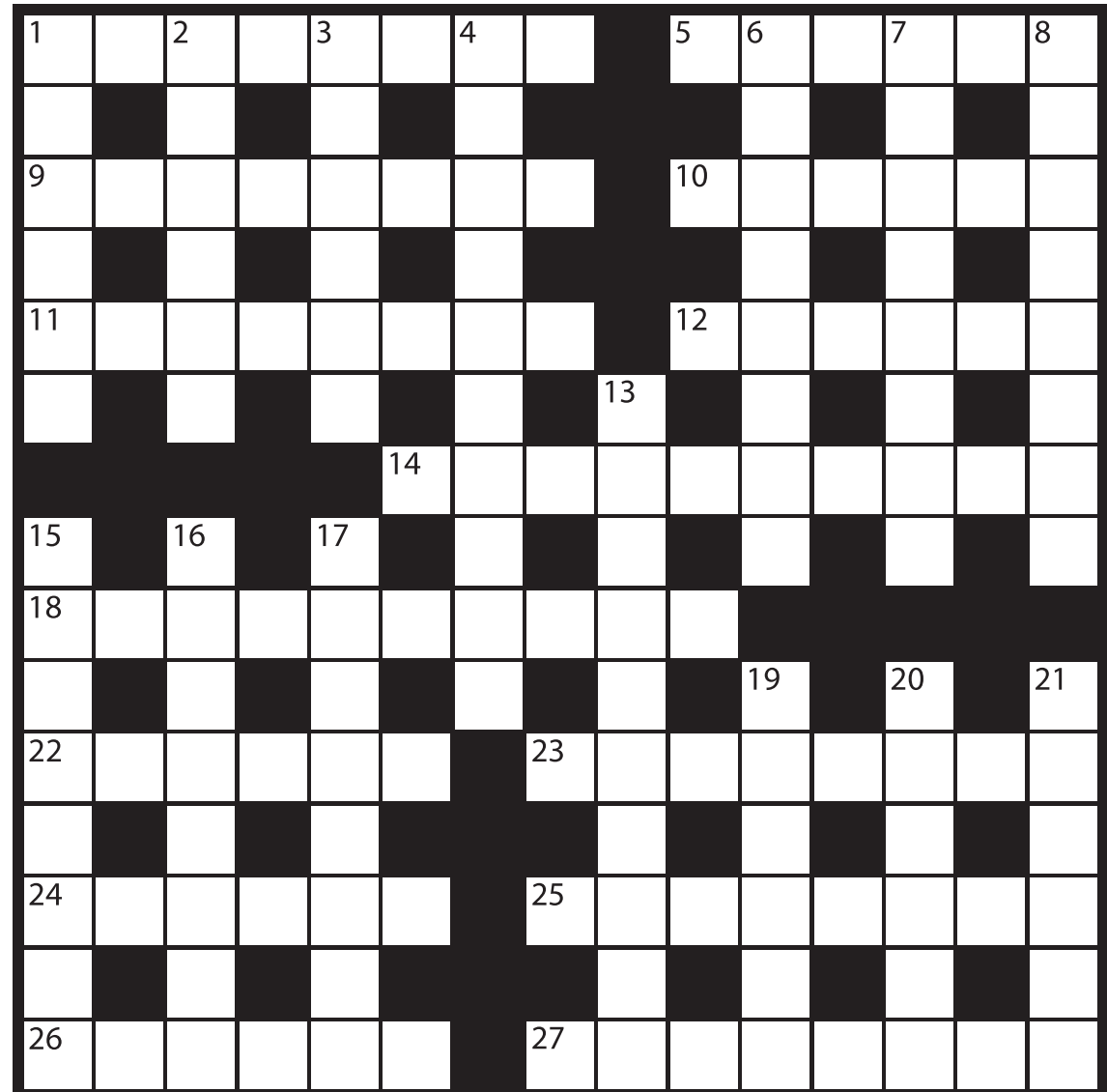
- 1 Weapons companies are rotten inside (8)
- 5 Illness caused by rancid pies aboard ship (6)
- 9 Beat produced by instrument to keep one dancing (8)
- 10 One's knocked back by queen, a foreign woman (6)
- 11 Article about a crime implicated Trump, perhaps (8)
- 12 Light snake that hurt me (6)
- 14 Where one is desperate to be president... (10)
- 18 ...respect our corrupt tyrant (10)
- 22 Hand over carry out (6)
- 23 Mortar surrounding a small 12ac (8)
- 24 Youngsters one kept in outbuildings (6)
- 25 Nothing odd in plain carpet being free (8)
- 26 Stay on periphery (6)
- 27 11ac icon - man struggling with clues (5,3)

DOWN

- 1 Plutocrat regularly ignored flak about diplomacy (3,3)
- 2 Spitting Image takes toll on the Queen (6)
- 3 Handsome chap occupies homestead on island (6)
- 4 Dishonest comedian damaged America (10)
- 6 Vision shown by crew accepting of course (8)
- 7 Intelligence used by son in recession (8)
- 8 Reliable institution admits breaking law (8)
- 13 Speech made by fellow having got out of hole (10)
- 15 Box opened by wizard with black key (5,3)
- 16 Awards beginning to generate fights (8)

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- 17 Left mark in grass (8)
- 19 Cancel opening of airport in disgust (6)
- 20 Periods of time including some lull, ultimately (6)
- 21 Burn tip of finger in hot water (6)