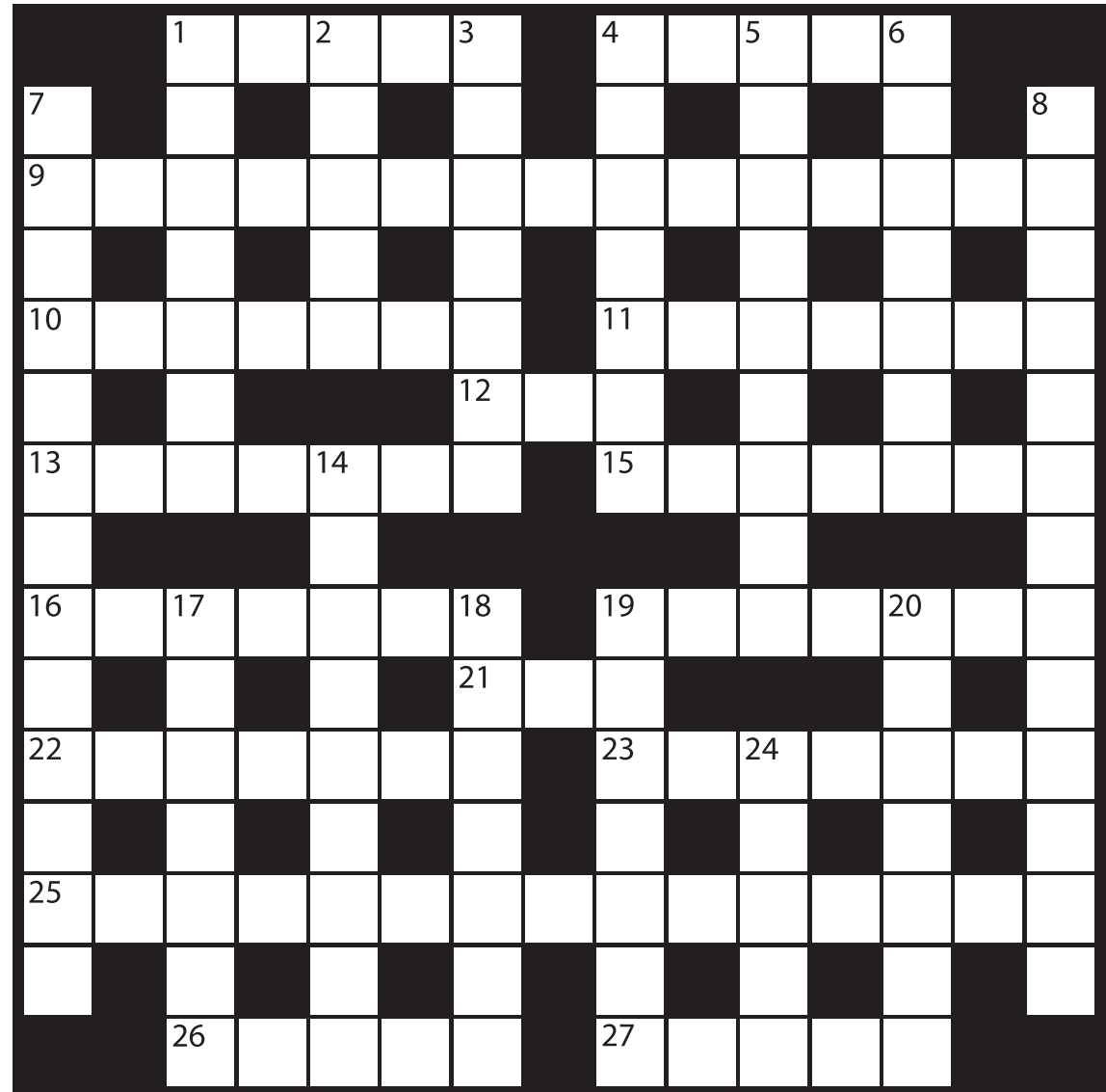


ACROSS

- 1 Hatred of platform with no power (5)
- 4 Bowl a second one in case of backspin (5)
- 9 Troubled soul in political deceptive impression (7,8)
- 10 Hurried back after house discussion group (7)
- 11 Better independent test after end of term (7)
- 12 Anger that's about right (3)
- 13 African republic ban I aim to change (7)
- 15 Learner of French in escapade (7)
- 16 Opponents see mine failing (7)
- 19 Claret blended with last of the syrup (7)
- 21 Beginning to take eggs as well (3)
- 22 Person offering gratuity accepts Liberal is a drinker (7)
- 23 Insignia of royal with first-class returns (7)
- 25 Give up, and include drier (as part of deal) (5,2,3,5)
- 26 A poet's race for place, for example (5)
- 27 Whisky stored in doctor's hot tub (5)

DOWN

- 1 Best to choose one parent (7)
- 2 South American accountant found in hostelry (5)
- 3 Flipping horsehair - a lamentable carrier of disease (7)
- 4 One embraced by beautiful girls with paunches (7)
- 5 Bust perhaps due to cup result being fixed (9)
- 6 Sound around the centre of Rome is offensive (7)
- 7 Ruined Stone Age hut is found in residential area (7,6)
- 8 Reporting to the board secretly (5-3-5)



- 14 This may offer a route for the wedding procession to be broadcast (9)
- 17 Ruler of Rome, pre-revolutionary (7)
- 18 Road on mountains that's weird (7)
- 19 Nonsense written up on church editor being fired (7)
- 20 Armless conflict? (4,3)
- 24 Some forgot bypass, but managed to survive (5)