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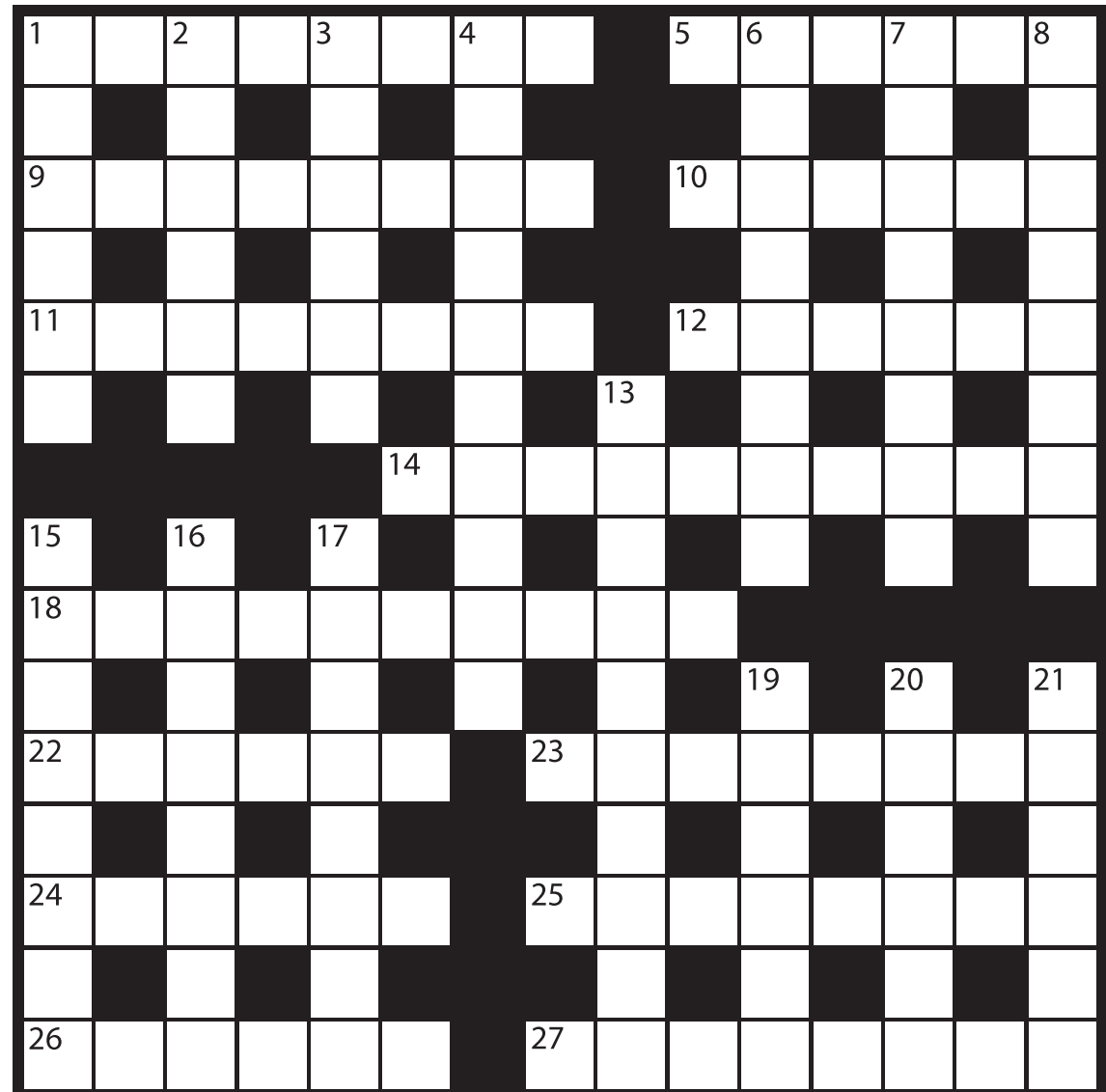
- 1 A place in China gets cut off (8)
 5 Kindness seen in match, oddly, after conflict (6)
 9 My piano exam is rank (8)
 10 Complaint letters from gang in Afghanistan (6)
 11 Understood one country west of Germany (8)
 12 Free instrument returned by leader of group (6)
 14 Evidence defence originally missed (10)
 18 One may be possessive, and perhaps too restless (10)
 22 Unnamed criminal disposing of male escort (6)
 23 Mexican plant in underground was revolting (8)
 24 Slash - cool musician (6)
 25 Model pockets it after a quiet fitting (8)
 26 Frenchman comprehending, say, Welsh (6)
 27 Most laconic celebration of cheese? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Collect a band for audition (6)
 2 District in capital close to Lambeth (6)
 3 Part of moth or axolotl (6)
 4 Workers organised routine and laboured (5,5)
 6 Odd sailor left by woman (8)
 7 Cardinal's clothing isn't providing support (8)
 8 Cooler hake isn't well-cooked (4,4)
 13 On a trip with top athlete (4,6)

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- 15 Copper container from Canada deployed in Puerto Rico (5,3)
 16 Moderate colour, goes with blue (4,4)
 17 Deputy with good reputation (8)
 19 Suggest heartless discipline upset school (6)
 20 I eat after ten (6)
 21 Modern church books by soldiers (6)