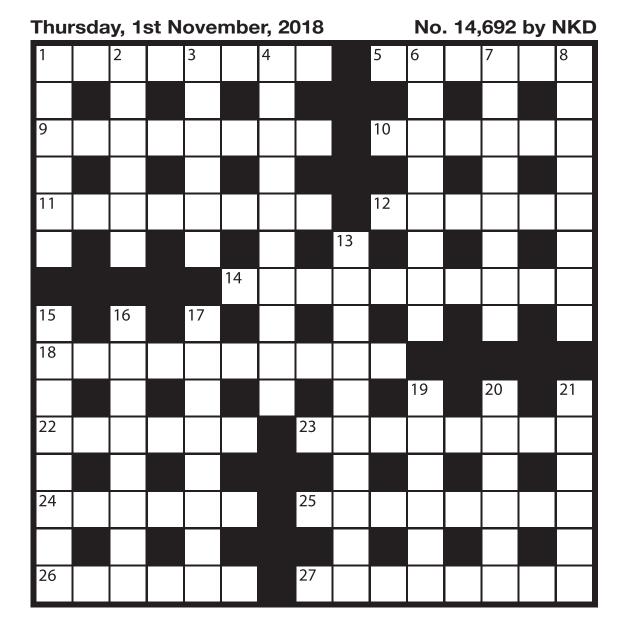
ACROSS

- **1** Had lost shape about loud instruction to remain fixed! (4,4)
- 5 Point to nation's type of car (6)
- **9** Steer again towards the subject of credit reform (8)
- **10** Clumsy state is acceptable for revolutionary (6)
- 11 Light's working in phone network for all (8)
- **12** Religious type of circle (6)
- **14** Writers were torn to shreds in Thebes (3,7)
- 18 See 1 Down (10)
- 22 Potent variety of hit songs (3,3)
- 23 Cease to flow and label a Sturgeon fan in Home Counties? (8)
- 24 They beat footballers (6)
- 25 Go with secret form of processions (8)
- 26 You shouldn't miss this model (6)
- 27 Killer of two fools is popular (8)

DOWN

- 1 And 18 Ac Famous cocktail sausage: why rave about everything before it? (6,10)
- 2 Convenience of warped ideals (6)
- 3 Attacks backing a heartless affirmative (6)
- 4 Back the worker, being used (6-4)
- 6 Last potential for Northern fuel, reverting to a beast (8)
- 7 Precise churchman puts Bill first (8)
- 8 Old queen prepares ices on train (8)
- **13** Opponents raise them with things holding No 1 comeback (10)
- 15 Jerks join birdwatchers, right away (8)
- 16 Superficial pitch absorbs quiet worker (8)



- 17 Despatched an insect outside for one who's missing (8)
- **19** A label returned with a laugh by the woman (6)
- 20 Crones swallow soldier's dish (6)
- 21 Shanty's not finishing in winter, for instance (6)