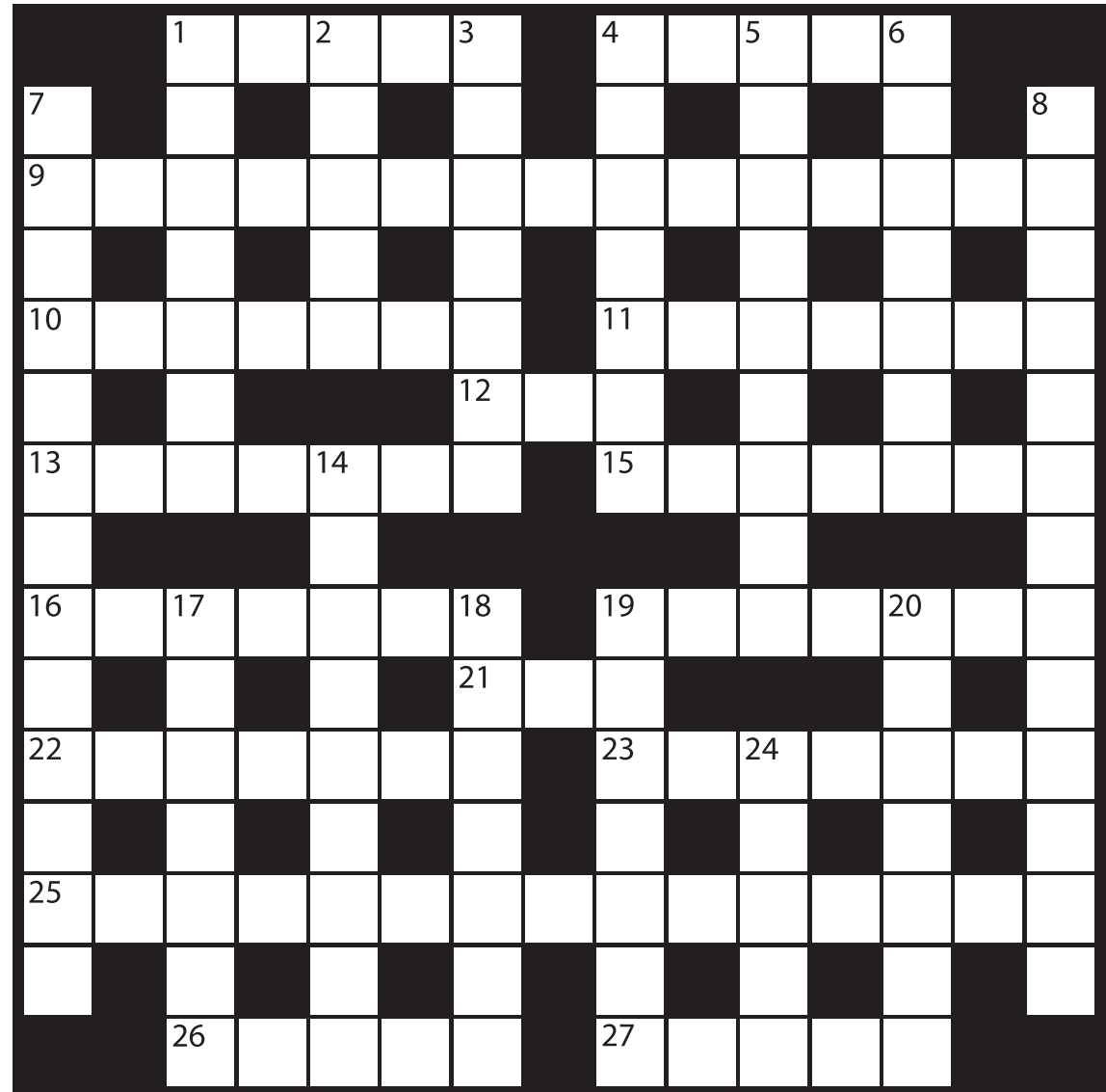


ACROSS

- 1 Forked out about a quid for cloth (5)
- 4 Uranium found in officer's head (5)
- 9 I value role working with nicer actor (8,7)
- 10 Turning in before eight ruined garment (7)
- 11 Criminal careless mostly after consuming beer (3,4)
- 12 Runner bound to fall short (3)
- 13 Object sure confused bears (7)
- 15 Biased people stage plays about terrorists (7)
- 16 Article about housing old soldier (7)
- 19 It's eaten by donkey as food (7)
- 21 I say nothing (3)
- 22 Idiots briefly twisting bananas (7)
- 23 Disclosures made by first-class groups (7)
- 25 Painter cooked vindaloo and rice (8,2,5)
- 26 Youngsters essentially panic in river (5)
- 27 Posh car's wheels (5)

DOWN

- 1 Copper (bore) getting promoted (7)
- 2 Social worker captures extremely gullible spy (5)
- 3 Noble pair short of oxygen before game (7)
- 4 Spies surrounding area in rubbish country (7)
- 5 Soldier turned on pirate (9)
- 6 Places to go? Set off after work (7)
- 7 Break dance silently and in secret (13)
- 8 Chair under the table is for shoppers (13)
- 14 Copy terrible article describing record (9)
- 17 Stop colony? (7)



- 18 Stays on edge close to Christmas (7)
- 19 Adult cuts fringe for school pupil (7)
- 20 Wife leaving spoils opportunity to score (7)
- 24 Hammer that's right for German composer (5)