

**ACROSS**

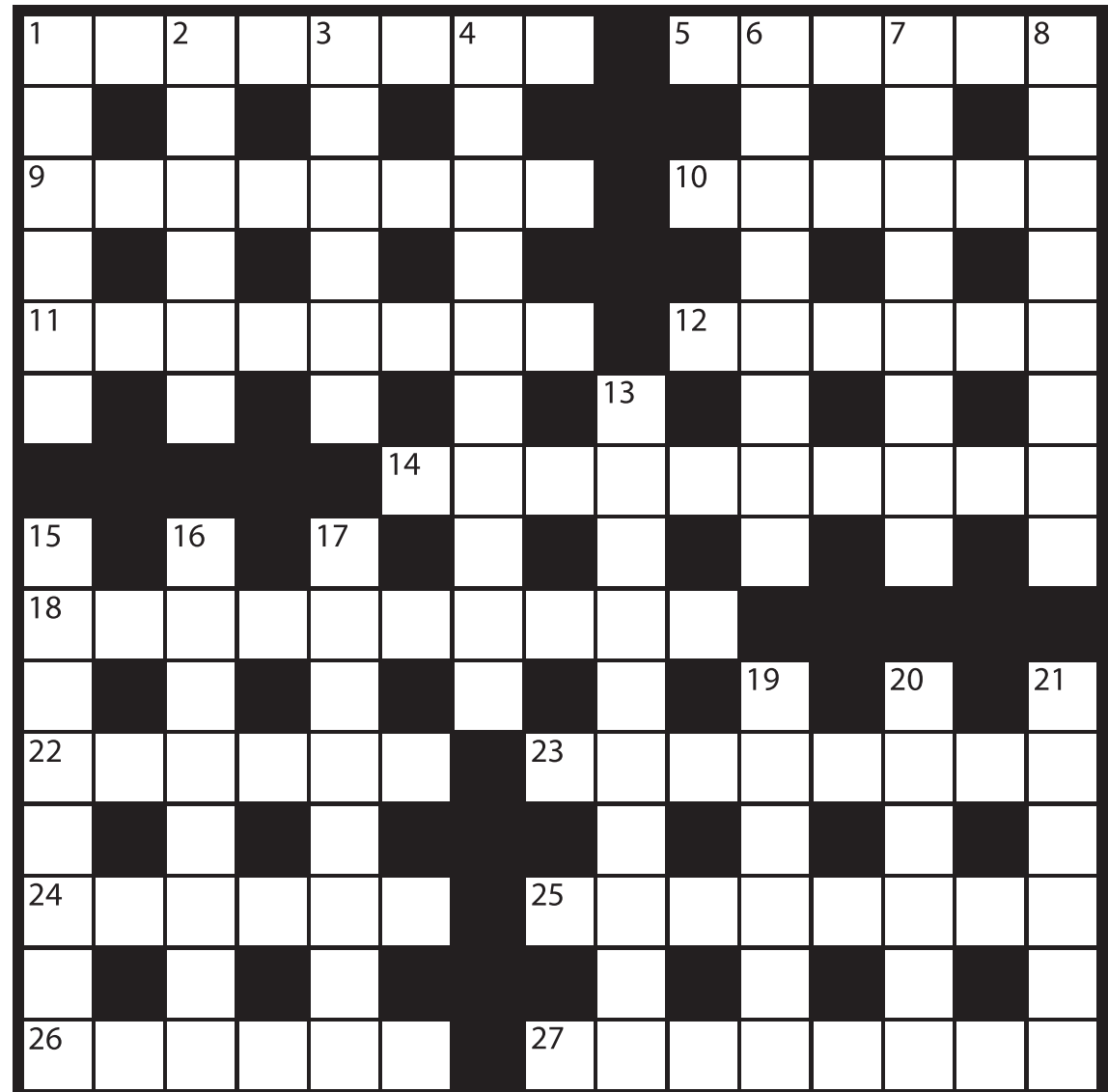
- 1 Spoil beloved with lamb seasoning (8)  
 5 Engineer is able to descend rock face with rope (6)  
 9 League with futile changes about beginning of match and its end (4,4)  
 10 Portentous court order (6)  
 11 Inclinations and as in glen slopes (8)  
 12 One showing intense devotion to a party in the case of Republican (6)  
 14 Makes faint shadow on a breast smeared with mud (10)  
 18 Maybe bulldozer could make heart flutter and flitter (10)  
 22 Check where Abram set off with children here? (6)  
 23 Taught to few assembled coteries (8)  
 24 I'd leap up for flitter-mouse for instance (6)  
 25 Arts once refined by one 27 have in common (8)  
 26 Truths forming gist of argument (6)  
 27 Family members besmirched McLean's name (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Dull sound that's very loud suppressed by obstinate person (6)  
 2 Look in study for boot again (6)  
 3 Completely suitable matching clothes (6)  
 4 Take in an odd game for settling final struggle (10)  
 6 They put up with headers and stretchers (8)  
 7 Curse former wife packing case after end of marriage (8)  
 8 Spuriously bookish article about sex appeal and love (8)  
 13 Cold, prim Sloane moved around (10)

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- 15 Hard worker supports foreign car dealer (8)  
 16 Dealer's auction sale that is in Costa Rica (8)  
 17 What left in pot does? (8)  
 19 Scattered or spread news about Turkey (6)  
 20 Theatre emptied during concert for the time being (3,3)  
 21 Institution of Civil Engineers managed a tobogganing slide (3,3)