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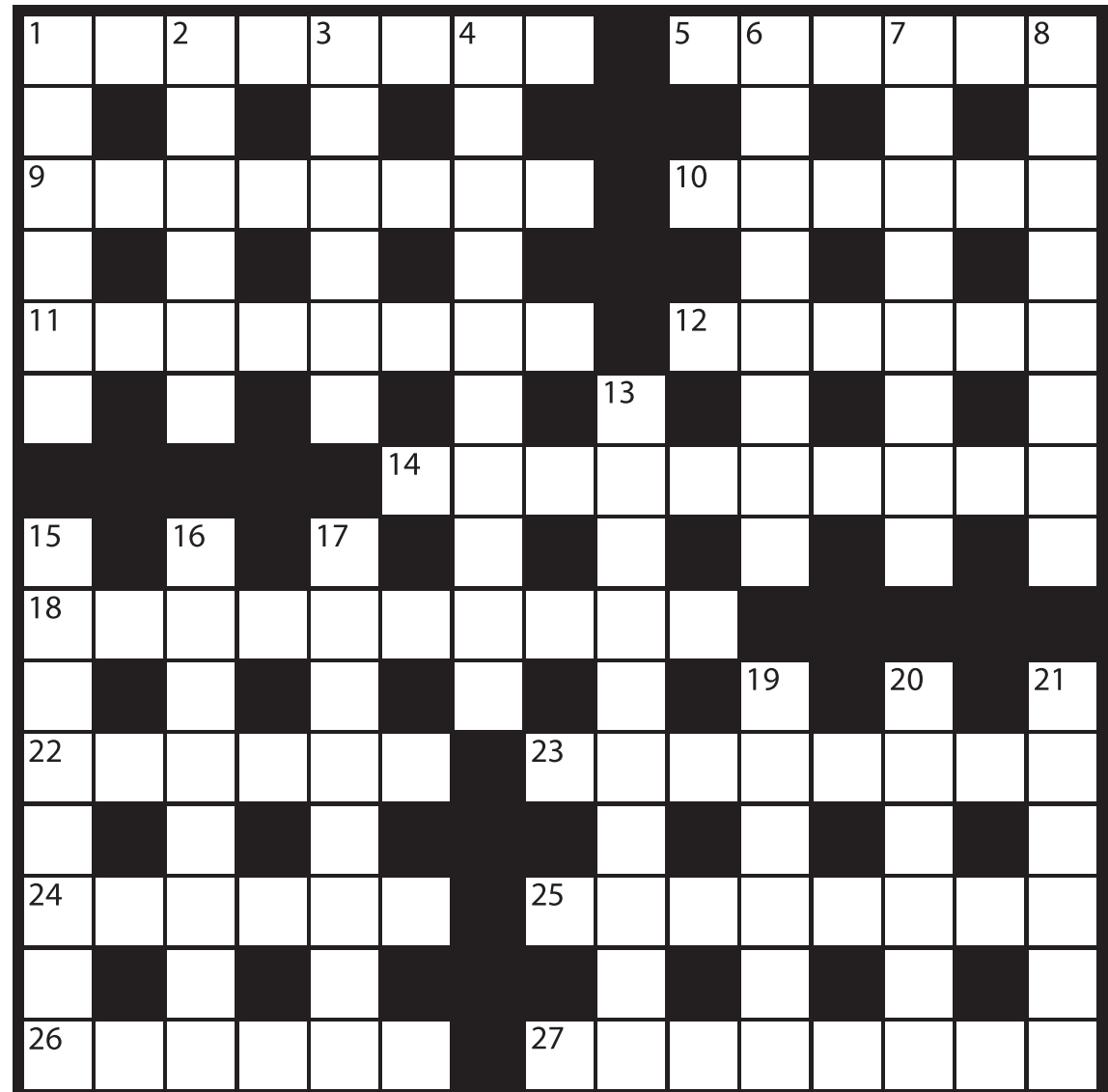
- 1 President satisfied with chief pilot (8)
 5 Plant left in thicket concealing game (6)
 9 Forward rubs up and causes disorder (8)
 10 Son scorns overalls (6)
 11 Jam for spreading over scone (not the middle) (8)
 12 Cave made attractive by last king with scent of roses (6)
 14 Keyboard instrument recording includes the French verse with choir arrangement (10)
 18 Country workers will accept Latin humour (10)
 22 Country airs played round America (6)
 23 Arran got misrepresented by presumptuous ... (8)
 24 ... influenced by mercenary considerations about rain in spring (6)
 25 Wrongly puts about scheme to replace (8)
 26 Large snake and alternative player prefers (6)
 27 Procrastinator's excuse for one breaking Second Commandment? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Coin of little value or half of it with perfunctory kiss (6)
 2 Broadcasting laundry's last task (6)
 3 Tool for hollowing network device (6)
 4 ITV man able curiously to be for and against simultaneously (10)
 6 Five lines of fruit on heap (8)
 7 Holiday for jazz fan I love in Dormobile (8)
 8 In tears works over answers (8)
 13 Not as in Metro crushed too much (10)

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- 15 Dismay about remotely-operated vehicle getting commendation (8)
 16 Mares due to be trained and restrained (8)
 17 Like unlicensed letter Londoners add or lose (8)
 19 Spell on spell almost is good news (6)
 20 Learned person finds VAT's an enigma (6)
 21 One who declares ancient coin (6)