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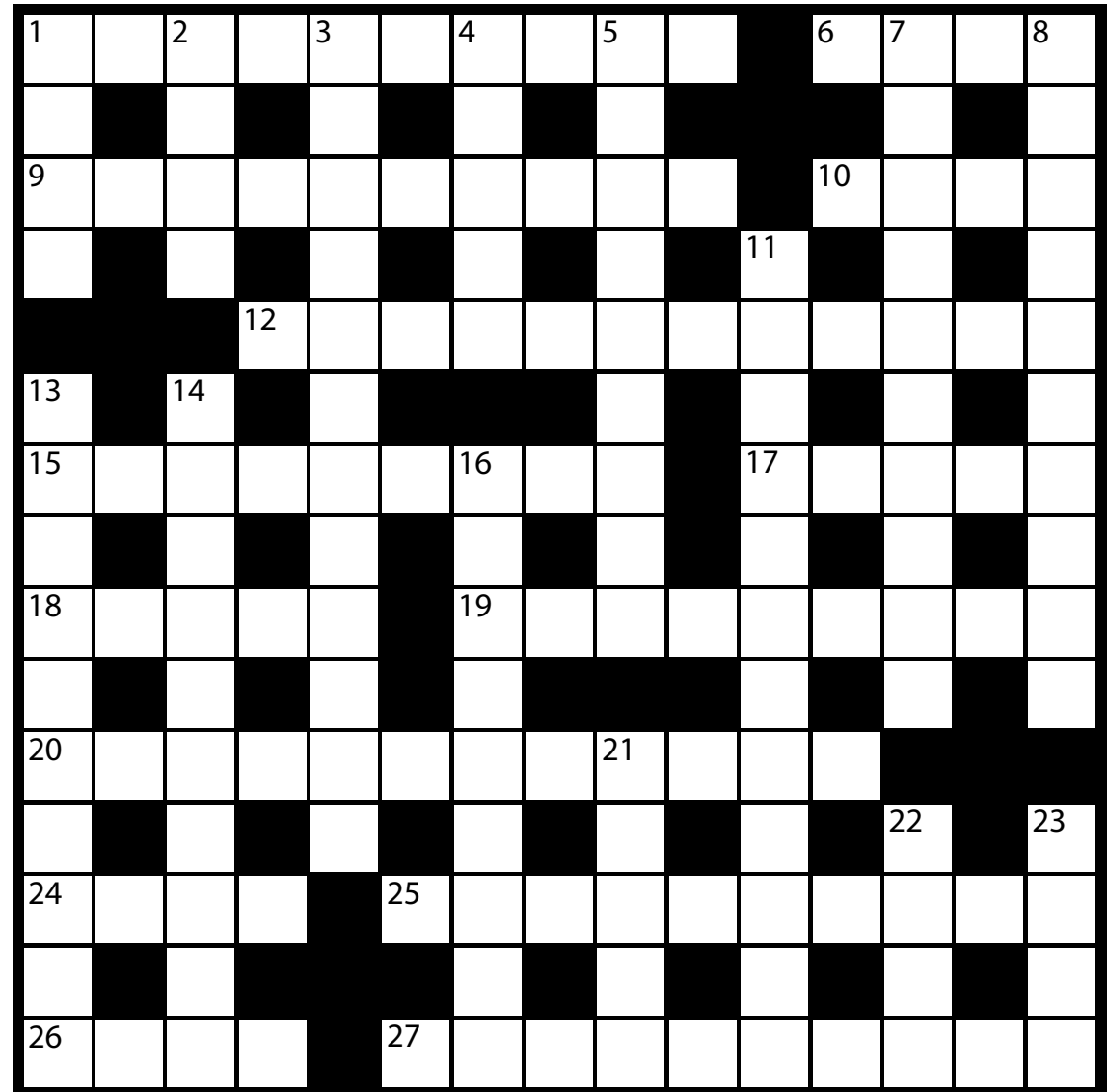
- 1 Man set 1 down up to counterbalance (10)
 6 Turf decay (4)
 9 Ordinary soldiers protect HM ships (10)
 10 Section of table Africans turn over casually (4)
 12 Read letter by letter book cover: fascinating (12)
 15 Grounds for court martial or court marital? (9)
 17 Caterpillar perhaps or rook buried in molten rock (5)
 18 Wet first and second first (5)
 19 Unable to express feelings in bed I hit out (9)
 20 Countries crossing a border and those who'd like one (12)
 24 Ten trained a mount (4)
 25 Dark, risky ground I entered is consecrated ground (10)
 26 PM's supreme happiness (4)
 27 Fly in under clouds that may be cold (10)

DOWN

- 1 Successfully deal with bishop's cloak (4)
 2 Scales for letters (4)
 3 Anger of previous partner as usual right away with fixed allowance (12)
 4 Rob mentioned David (5)
 5 Strange tree, black and unusually thin that produces resin (9)
 7 A friend takes in oriel altered to become better (10)
 8 Biography takes care of troops of Household Cavalry (4,6)
 11 I'm a nun ballet dancing virtually (2,3,3,4)
 13 Progenitors believe (4,3,3)

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14 20 is turned up in case maybe help is required (10)

16 Flattery proverbially is sham (9)

21 Heart? Not head, ear (5)

22 Dry part of 25 is moved (4)

23 Guessing game is over; party ends (1-3)