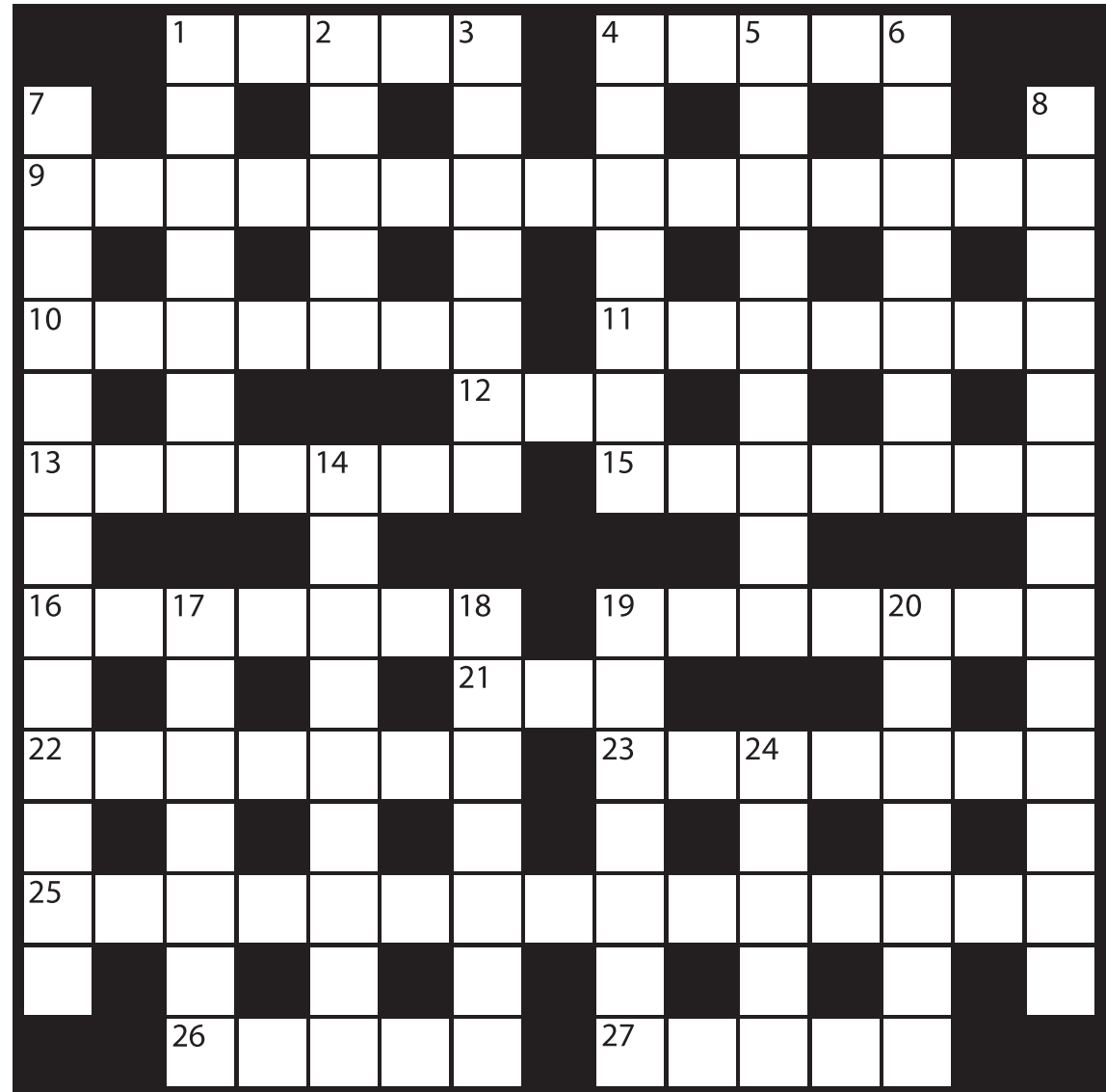


ACROSS

- 1 Steve Clarke often used rugby leaders – there’s the rub! (5)
- 4 Terrific loveless broth, taken hesitantly (5)
- 9 Nuclear explosion embraces point with one in hardy actor (8,7)
- 10 Presume to misdirect the court (7)
- 11 Extreme condition, originally after doctor takes drink (7)
- 12 Peg the key, regularly (3)
- 13 Steers towards apocalyptic courts (7)
- 15 Some of them I greet as a person looking to relocate? (7)
- 16 One million going on the river - or almost - for dip (7)
- 19 I’d burst out and harass (7)
- 21 By way of birds with article removed (3)
- 22 Challenge firm member with alien egghead (7)
- 23 Rush back after fish eggs for the creature (3,4)
- 25 Believer hit out with rant against old tyrant (4,3,8)
- 26 Traps sprung by swimmer (5)
- 27 Laconic patter served up by content manager! (5)

DOWN

- 1 Dash initial course during another (7)
- 2 Very heavy awards given to Edward the First (5)
- 3 Noisy commotions witnessed in court (7)
- 4 Notice some water inside the foot (7)
- 5 Priggish sign in US elections (9)
- 6 Celebrate noisily when one enters the schedule (7)
- 7 Copper in coil 13 broken/unbroken electrical current (6,7)



- 8 American rustic wants container for biscuits (7-6)
- 14 Go in after fish and chips (9)
- 17 Criticise mother, returning with creatures like us? (7)
- 18 The First Lady’s break is really, really up in the clouds (7)
- 19 Trades scattered around 1000 is least fair (7)
- 20 Sea-blue definition can be employed (7)
- 24 Panic beheaded as a mistake (5)