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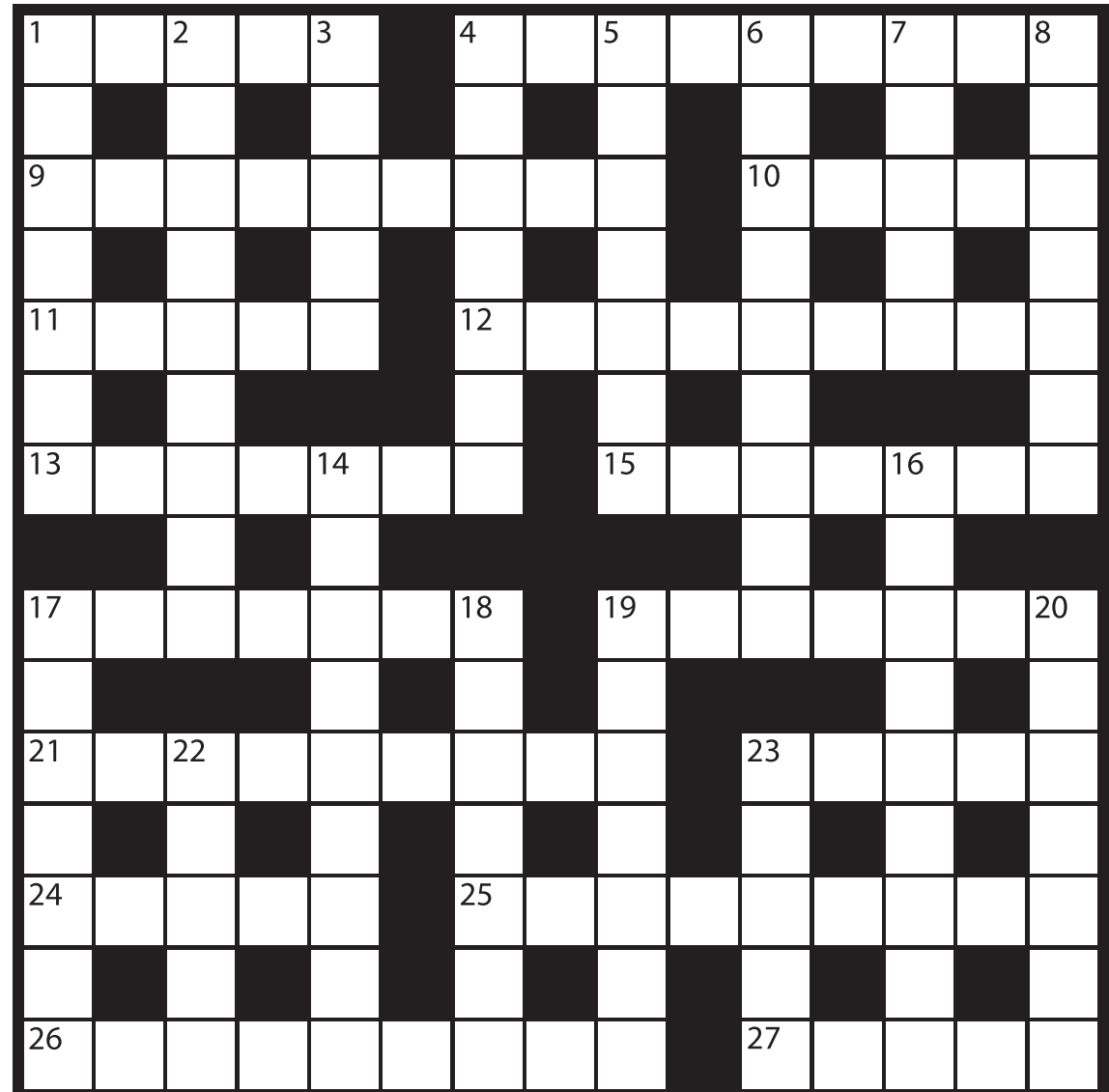
- 1 Food for Liverpool striker, not quite German (5)
- 4 Rigid about following university's criticism (9)
- 9 Popular air space gets charge of a lie (9)
- 10 Aristocrat with prize-founder, we're told (5)
- 11 Could be Epsom drinks (5)
- 12 Pet dog all upset, getting coat (4-5)
- 13 European election's first to be relevant (7)
- 15 Touching line from bronze chap (7)
- 17 Starts again, but takes for granted, having missed the beginning (7)
- 19 Dog brush cut short (7)
- 21 Ireland backed by money from Yorkshire eatery (9)
- 23 Crash programme initially organised? Good! (5)
- 24 One artist with question - one for an Asian (5)
- 25 Nice pup or new prickly creature (9)
- 26 Popular boss with journalist getting impetuous (9)
- 27 Gasps, seeing note added about worker (5)

DOWN

- 1 Hiding out after son's wild party (7)
- 2 Alert people who may be shocked by their charges? (4,5)
- 3 Impressions of studies covering time (5)
- 4 Quiet nook seeing this on the beach? (7)
- 5 Lock phone and rent (7)
- 6 Metal cutter is able to bat (3,6)
- 7 Shadow cast by drum brakes? (5)
- 8 A component of copper, for example (7)
- 14 Ceasefire due to a fog covering river, and the effect of freezing (9)
- 16 Issue of people supporting English master (9)

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- 17 Scrap Big Brother 1 in hurry (7)
- 18 Superficially damaged half of script, and copied (7)
- 19 Brightened up when freed of blame (7)
- 20 Incapable of supporting oneself? (7)
- 22 A film role on its own (5)
- 23 Opt for question about top of league (5)