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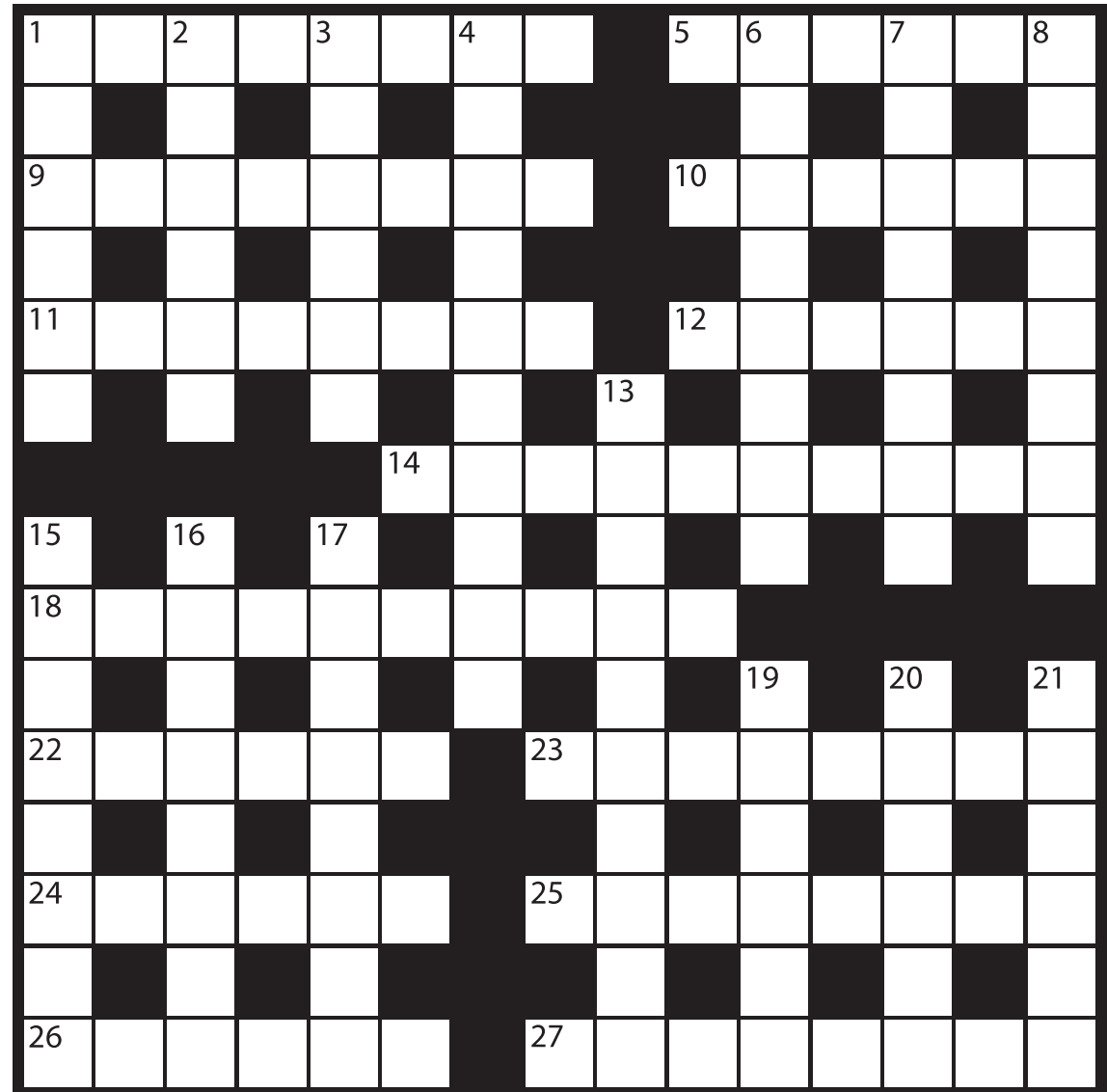
- 1 Adore characters about bad paper, causing offence (4,4)
- 5 Supply sea's return in addition.... (6)
- 9to being finished with spoken symphony by German master (8)
- 10 Organ that may be vented (6)
- 11 Quiz show for intellectuals? (8)
- 12 A location outside grand home (6)
- 14 Fuel might be obtained here with new sliced loaf (10)
- 18 Relish the impudence of former Premier (5,5)
- 22 Not a main thoroughfare and not at home (6)
- 23 The strength of the current (8)
- 24 Siding against possible description of somebody in temporary accommodation (2,4)
- 25 Escape by Swing Out Sister? (5-3)
- 26 Study about river, backing required (6)
- 27 Very big direction of railway town in England (8)

DOWN

- 1 Hunter doesn't start with Eminem, say (6)
- 2 Allocate a small omen (6)
- 3 Boy went to Brazilian city and caused disorder (6)
- 4 Impressive result of adding hundreds of dollars? (5,5)
- 6 Import a dish of pies and mash (8)
- 7 Willing to provide means in support of rising scholar (8)
- 8 Possibly Sudanese entertainer (8)
- 13 Grim Communist, we're told, unwanted by workers on their record (5,5)

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- 15 A place for grazing (8)
- 16 Scottish breakfast for bird! (8)
- 17 Tie up damaged net and fish (8)
- 19 Lavish the boy with drink (6)
- 20 Artist's illness from seasoned stew (6)
- 21 Guard dispatched to overlook the lines (6)