

**ACROSS**

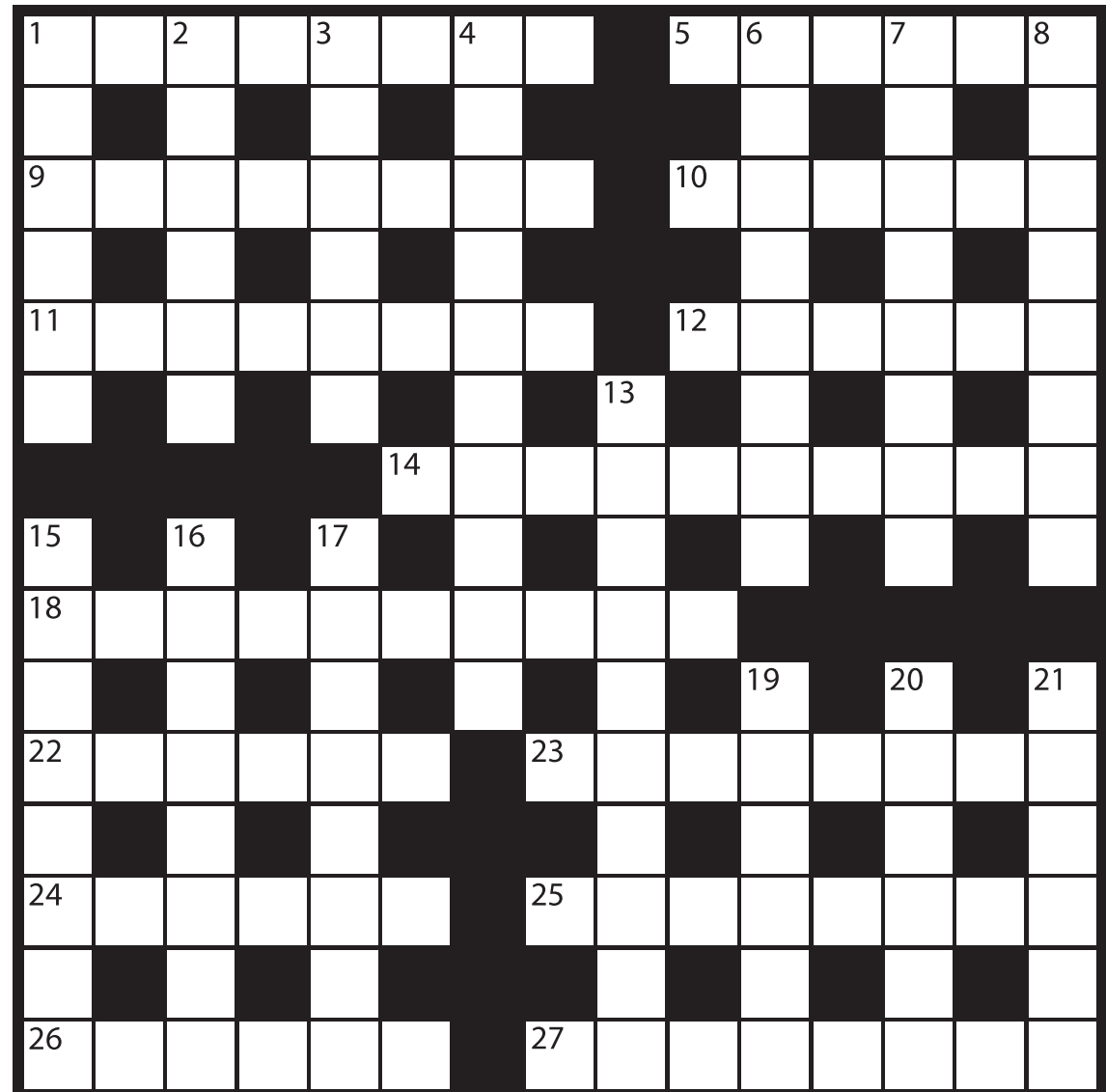
- 1 Save time when entering beach (3,5)  
 5 Yellow mark needs removed regularly (6)  
 9 Disregarding fighter returning with no belt (8)  
 10 Agree with copper right behind criminal (6)  
 11 Aimed for Jack, hit Edward (8)  
 12 Gratitude from actor that's lost award (6)  
 14 Minister left gold behind altar area (10)  
 18 A male singer's brief love for diplomat (10)  
 22 With papers, obtain device (6)  
 23 Old man in recession with little stomach (8)  
 24 Bargain with judge to imprison tenants on and off (6)  
 25 Helps opponents wearing suits (8)  
 26 Hold back speed when reversing in highway (6)  
 27 Intend to ignore a promise to get clothes (8)

**DOWN**

- 1 Second husband enthusiastic about religion (6)  
 2 Hard nut not hard after climbing in wasteland (6)  
 3 Cover vet show (6)  
 4 Fool less than happy at first after getting in late (10)  
 6 Idiot greeting HMQ is tailor (8)  
 7 Bank accepting US coin of late (8)  
 8 Ridiculous father turned up in party extremely rowdy (8)  
 13 Short copper allowed to split wages (10)  
 15 Bug attendant to leave one free item in restaurant (3,5)

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- 16 Submissive monarch in the east ousted by plot (8)  
 17 One who agrees to join a ship up north (8)  
 19 Ministers ultimately supporting most of drastic cuts (6)  
 20 Eat around six; it's delightful (6)  
 21 Cut some from Saracens' organisation (6)