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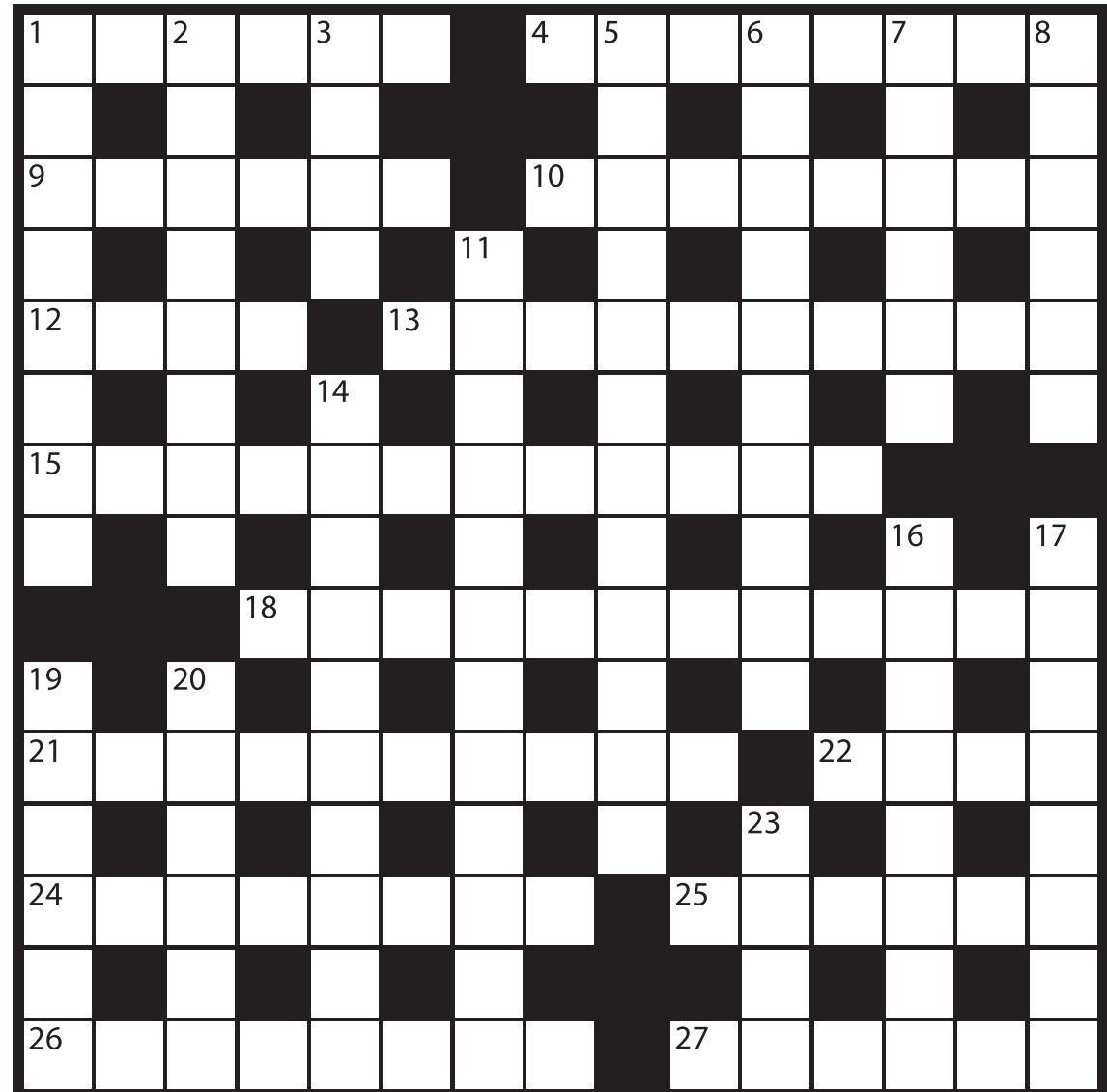
- 1 Lift piano, getting angry (6)  
 4 Reports about island firm in recession (8)  
 9 Heartlessly disfigured chicken (6)  
 10 First one to check inside broken machine? (8)  
 12 Having disposed of leader, burn castle (4)  
 13 Copper with proposal to ignore leader's command (10)  
 15 Verse ending unexpectedly initially shocked DJ, perhaps (7,5)  
 18 Let's tolerate odd people who don't drink (12)  
 21 Sailor spotting what 18ac are doing (10)  
 22 Excellent subtle penalty (4)  
 24 Musical work from old soldiers in relationship (8)  
 25 Stingy individual found in Bangladesh or Netherlands (6)  
 26 Unruly teenagers ignoring new guidance (8)  
 27 When birds may be in trees (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Old man's attempts to produce food (8)  
 2 Socialist housing collectively organised (8)  
 3 Row - it's upset HMQ (4)  
 5 Making better meal at sea with one old sailor (12)  
 6 Tries to penetrate concrete with small drills (10)  
 7 Couple consuming pub's Australian beer (6)  
 8 Flash back (6)  
 11 Enduring ambition to hug bear (12)  
 14 I'm voyeur, regularly taken with N. Cage performing, perhaps (10)  
 16 Extremists in Dundee intended to show opposition (8)

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- 17 A plea for help to contain top cause of cancer (8)  
 19 Aristocrats working in boozers (6)  
 20 Willing to lose capital and property... (6)  
 23 ...cheats business partners (4)