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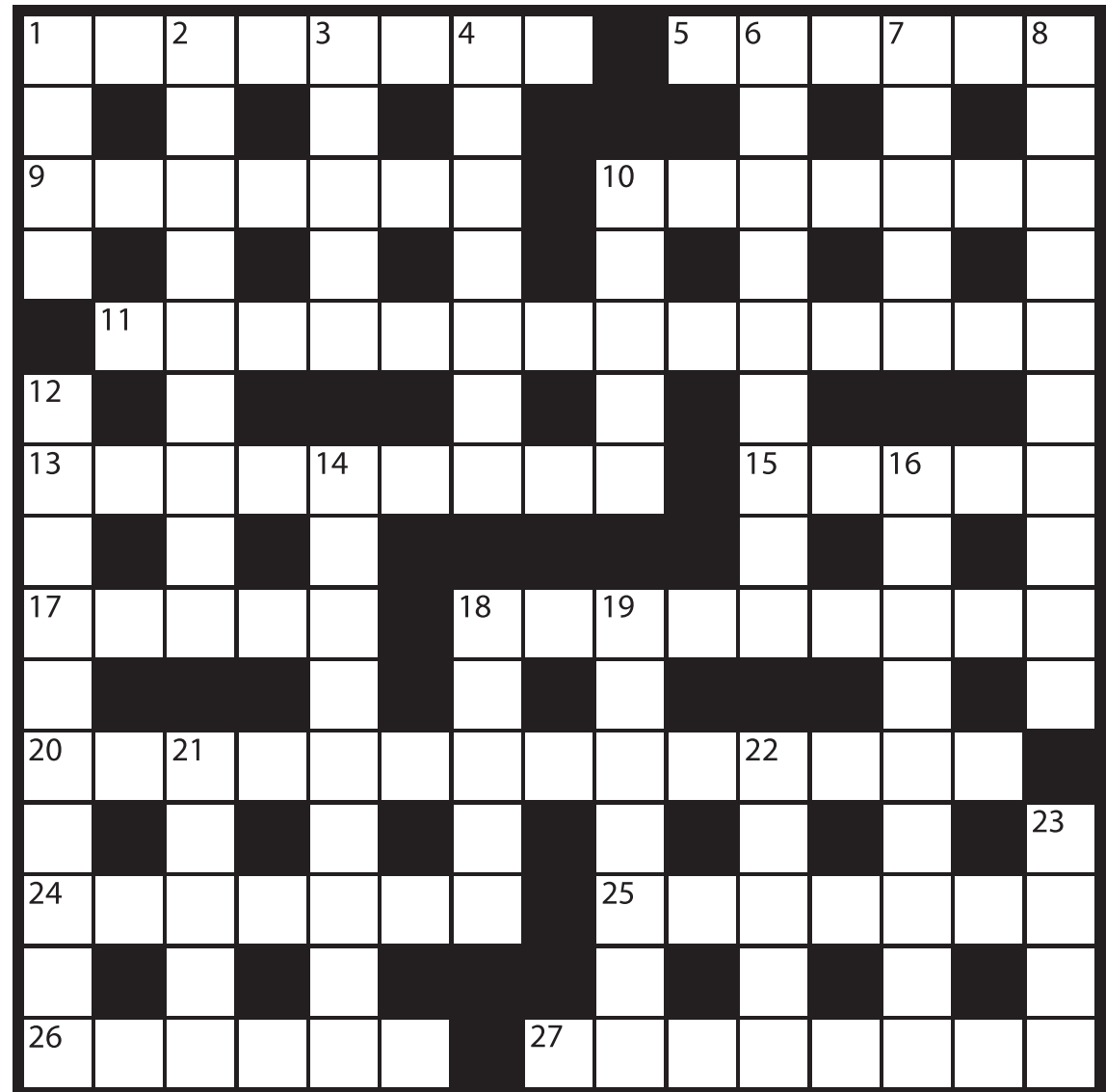
- 1 Charge round about roundabout (8)
 5 Youth leader in a squalid property finds sanctuary (6)
 9 Scored rather quickly? Everyone, say, run out (7)
 10 Dictators bellow when imprisoned in awful sty (7)
 11 Where round after round may be served (10,4)
 13 Five having point to justify (9)
 15 True male domain (5)
 17 Wants massages, we hear (5)
 18 Distinguished politician, say, southern fellow (9)
 20 Army officer with object having a range of uses (7-7)
 24 Down-to-earth sort is later converted (7)
 25 Picture in East absorbing wise men (7)
 26 English flower festival (6)
 27 Guard transported to new line (8)

DOWN

- 1 I governed Persia some time ago (4)
 2 Daughter before marriage has casual love affair (9)
 3 Profligate nicking grand, the villain (5)
 4 Disease or ache perhaps? Left to be injected (7)
 6 Swell cleaner pocketed an additional sum (9)
 7 Jargon used in appalling office (5)
 8 Be the brains behind midstream disturbance around noon (10)
 10 Perhaps past showing the strain (5)
 12 Innovative, a vet with a grand spread (5-5)
 14 Being employed below stairs in Venice, sir, is dreadful (2,7)

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- 16 Notice girl, one working to get means of entry (9)
 18 Rift in Croatian port (5)
 19 A coach I have using insulting language (7)
 21 Approaches with some within earshot (5)
 22 Design foremost of toys for factory (5)
 23 Sense charge low initially (4)