GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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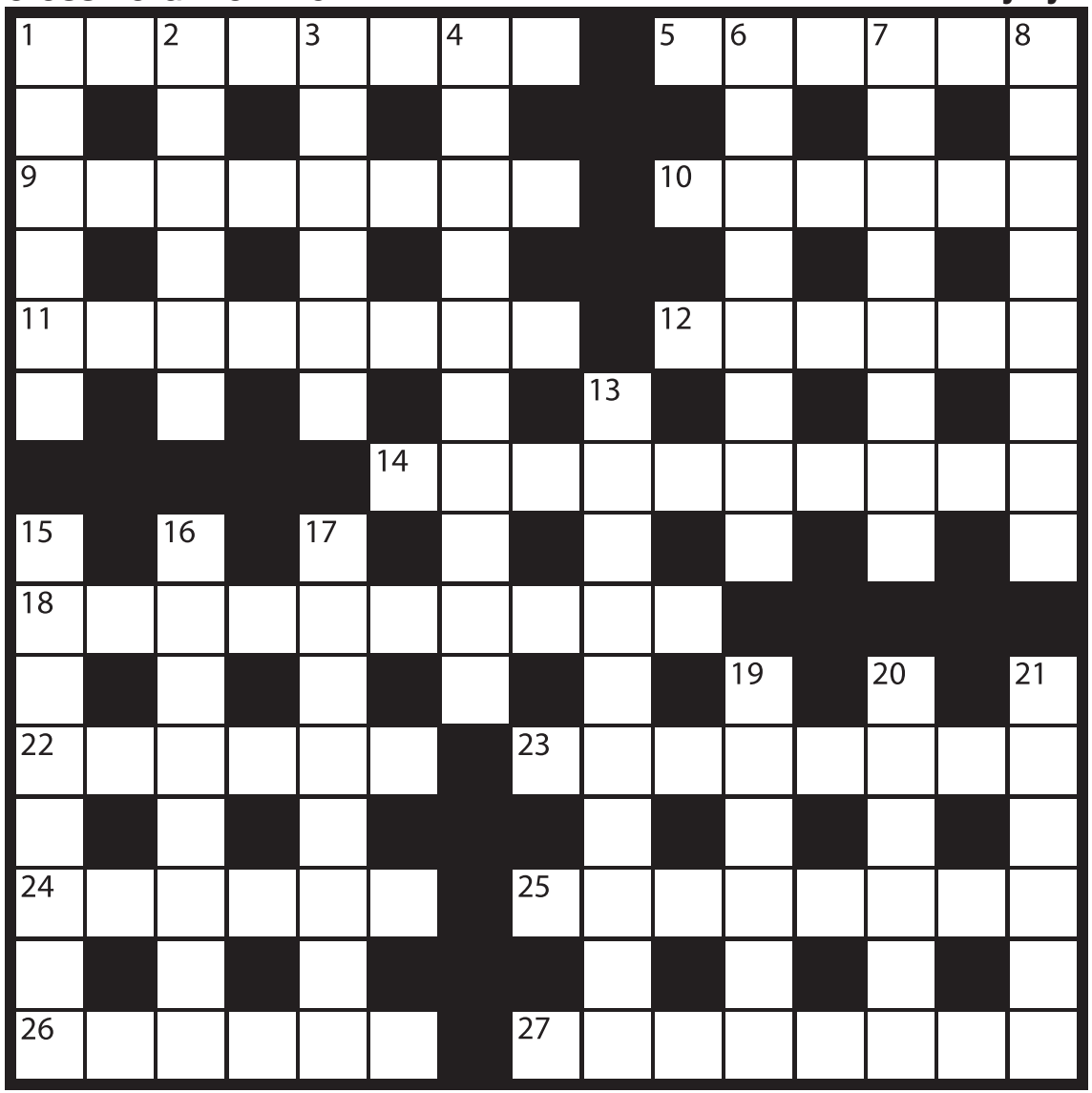

ACROSS

1 Fence of stakes forming a defence or enclosure (8)
5 Beetle regarded as sacred in ancient Egypt (6)
9 Writ commanding attendance in a court (8)
10 Narrow passage between high walls or buildings (6)
11 Tendency towards the highest conceivable perfection (8)
12 Someone, intentionally or not, exciting much laughter (6)
14 (17th cent.) Supporter and defender of Presbyterianism in Scotland (10)
18 Handle-operated stringed musical instrument such as a barrel organ (5-5)
22 See 21dn (6)
23 Specialist in the study of trees (8)
24 Inflatable safety device to protect vehicle occupants in a collision (6)
25 (Canada) Boatman who transported goods etc. between trading posts (8)
26 Strong desire for something (6)
27 (Physics) Study of chaotic systems (8)

DOWN

1 Marginal note, especially on a biblical text (6)
2 Big, awkward, clumsy person (6)
3 Informal term for plunder or booty (6)
4 13th cent. Scottish philosopher beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1993 (4,6)
6 Idle or inconsequential conversation (4-4)
7 (Canada) Game similar to ice hockey played mainly by females (8)
8 Noughties BBC TV children's programme filmed in Tobermory (8)
13 Where in Scotland the judiciary are getting older? (10)
15 Neck injury caused by a severe jerk to the head (8)
16 Fellow members of a male religious order (8)
17 A watch over a dead body (4,4)
19 S American freshwater fish known as the golden salmon (6)
20 Another term for a sweeper in football (6)
21 And 22ac Person who brings or portends trouble (6,6)