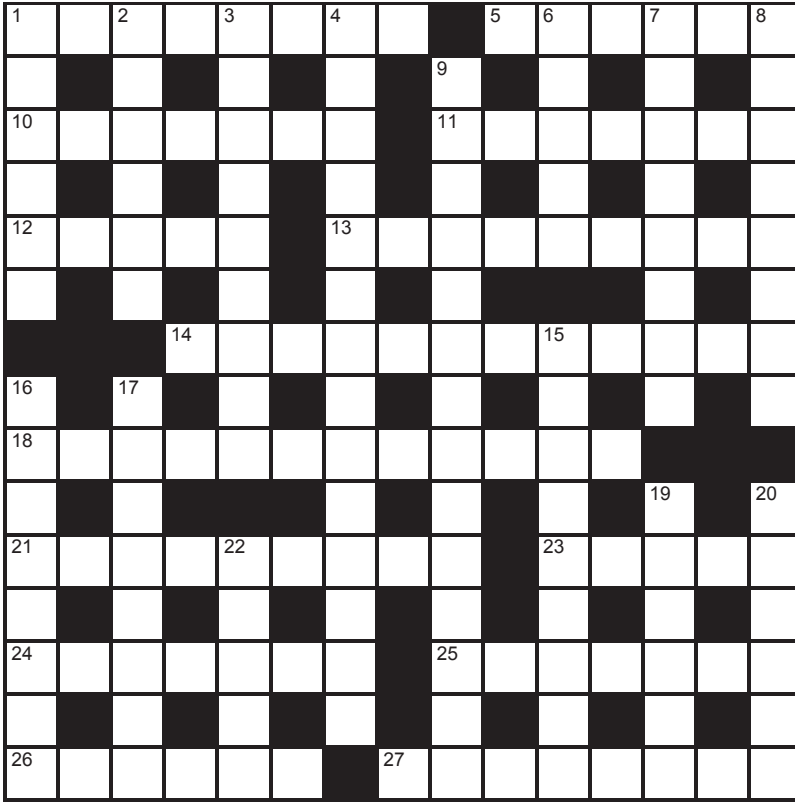


CROSSWORD

No 16,677 Set by REDSHANK



ACROSS

- 1 Opening lines in court (8)
- 5 A team's more popular numbers (6)
- 10 Stomach's wind spasm overcomes resistance (7)
- 11 Like a new fiddle that's free? (7)
- 12 Wants current reversed between poles (5)
- 13 Two blokes reportedly wasted cast (5,4)
- 14 Deborah and Tracy misused source of energy (12)
- 18 Pricey French article to engrave for obstacle race (12)
- 21 Sudden low pressure stopping top-class missile (3,6)
- 23 Bypass English Channel on return trip (5)
- 24 Theatre worker and caviar supplier short of time (7)
- 25 Head office put on *The Prisoner* for money (7)
- 26 Record husband visiting latest relative (6)
- 27 Member of CID's in nick with Yankee regularly (8)

DOWN

- 1 Persuasive businessman (6)
- 2 Arab accepts all the main headings in reply (6)
- 3 Pack instrument for trickster (4,5)
- 4 Film burglary by leader of gang raising the bar (6-8)
- 6 Forecaster is over beside lake (5)
- 7 Transfer county charge (8)
- 8 Got down old Scandi books by new editor (8)
- 9 Stop fighting, polish up still, hiding where the drink goes (4,3,7)
- 15 Spent days downing cola for wind problem (9)
- 16 Two idiots battling hit man (8)
- 17 Rent reduction causing little sign of emotion (8)
- 19 Writer's regrettably given up Italian food (6)
- 20 Plant needs IT installed for speed (6)
- 22 One gets this often by eating something enticing initially (5)

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