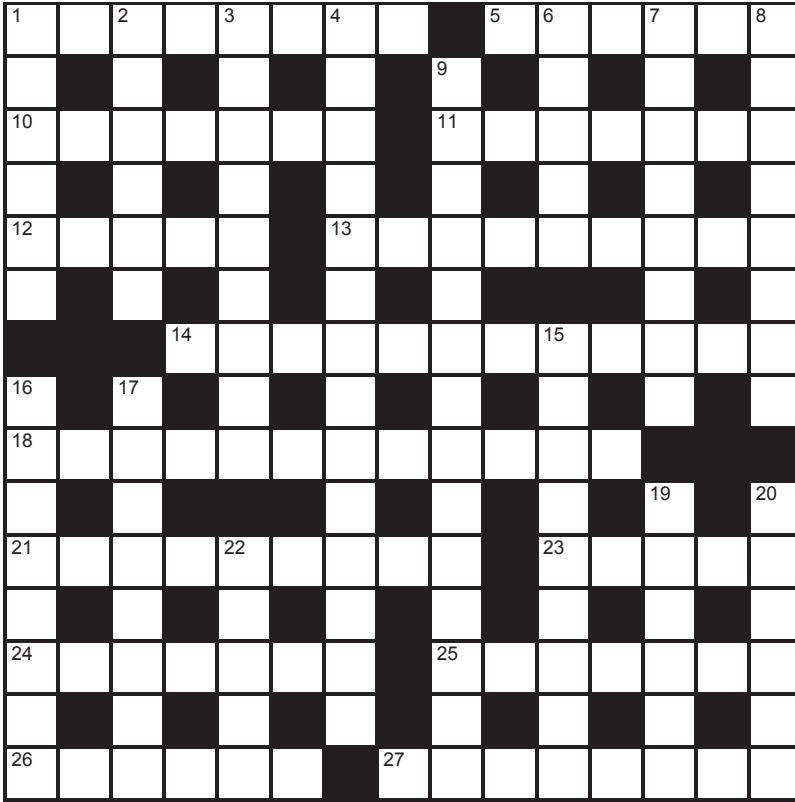


CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Snub bishop then run away (5-3)
- 5 Litter picked up, as is some drink (6)
- 10 Opener in theatre's second workout in ring (7)
- 11 Preserves trees cut by budding executive (7)
- 12 Local vet's helping cows do it (5)
- 13 Meaning of cross in Rome and in eastern church life (9)
- 14 Paper is covering wizard's reflections (6,6)
- 18 Joanna's just an architect (7,5)
- 21 Note series of coded signals I'd sent back (9)
- 23 Like layer to be pale (5)
- 24 Start to examine sirenian after docking issue (7)
- 25 Foreign articles extremely lucky to be getting on (7)
- 26 Tiresome Yankee visiting Herts town (6)
- 27 Build a ship with incomplete device (8)

DOWN

- 1 Split piece keeping dry (6)
- 2 Black under uniform is functional (6)
- 3 Fashionable event (9)
- 4 Freelance steps out of line, creating deception (5,9)
- 6 Automaton bowled boring captain of England (5)
- 7 Almost consider bringing in students at noon (4-4)
- 8 Hand out one's soft thick sandwiches (8)
- 9 Sincere Zionist distressed the 25 (6,8)
- 15 Mistreat crew worker left without paper (9)
- 16 Finding project to engage general manager in study (8)
- 17 Familiar old money invested in track (8)
- 19 Revolutionary Polish tot (6)
- 20 Enemy foolishly seizes unknown catalyst (6)
- 22 "Man of steel" ignores large mark (5)

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