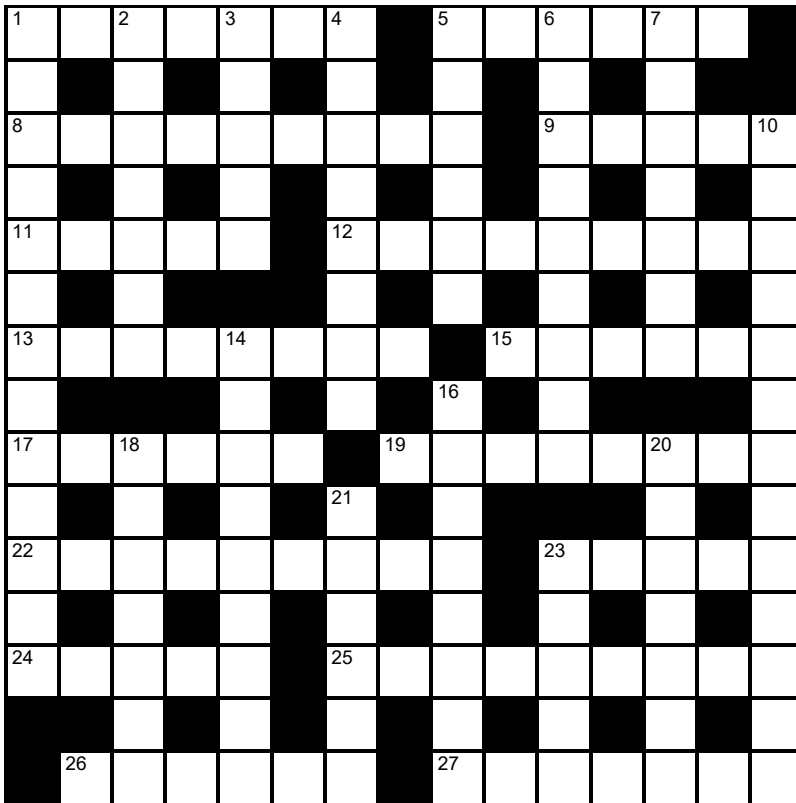


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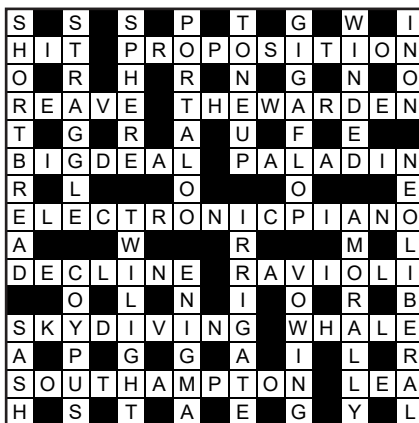
- 1 Backing innocent against officer's deception (5-2)
- 5 Jointly endorse function in auditorium (6)
- 8 Suddenly giant turned on expert guards (3,2,4)
- 9 Keen to keep old duck (5)
- 11 Set down on soft cloth (5)
- 12 Letter and formal deed about account (9)
- 13 In disorder, cue riots and protests (8)
- 15 Intervening, one succeeds for all to see in confusion (6)
- 17 Spring, not oddly, is a part available (6)
- 19 Shared this, literally entertaining a French learner (8)
- 22 Shunning all outsiders, simply pick matey associate (9)
- 23 Staff strike concerning (5)
- 24 Heating apparatus part of newest oven (5)
- 25 Garment unfortunately apt to clash primarily with tie (9)
- 26 Gems from abbey royals so regularly used (6)
- 27 Clough's wingers advanced on other team (7)

DOWN

- 1 Husband entering plants joint with son for contests (13)
- 2 Heroic victor over boxer, six-footer (7)
- 3 Expensive climbing frames tons valued (5)
- 4 Thief interrupted by small dog (8)
- 5 He dictated what might precede salad (6)
- 6 Fellow is drawn into fake religion (9)
- 7 Broke all contact with good journalist protecting entertainer (7)
- 10 Drink in jar delegate's drunk (10,3)
- 14 Regularly decrypted your intel (9)
- 16 Monk in Mont-Saint-Michel is in charge of dwelling-place (8)
- 18 Criticise soldiers for case of vengeance (7)
- 20 Concepts central characters in Pentagon dismissed in writings (7)
- 21 Mike cutting father's grass (6)
- 23 Informed of spaces for loading surface material (5)

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