

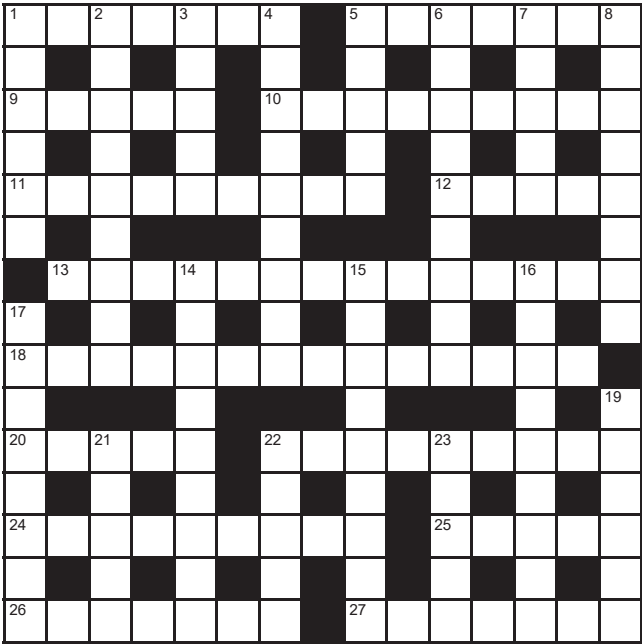
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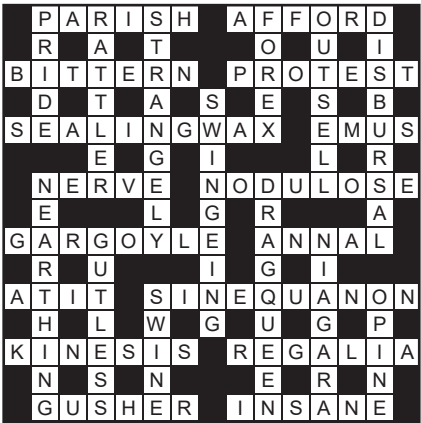
- 1** Language making fellow bishop defect (7)
5 Leaves sailor in bed, returning with company (7)
9 Visitors ignoring temperature estimate (5)
10 Eastern ring road confused long-distance runner (3,6)
11 Little one by sides of the arena about to fall? (9)
12 Book of charts finally stolen at the end (5)
13 Scheming inmate given pairs tailor fabricated (14)
18 Delight overwhelms child amid cattle and racing horses (14)
20 Animal cool next to river (5)
22 Some Charlie let Neil call back customers (9)
24 Corrupt officer excelled ultimately as sergeant (9)
25 Stiffly formal embracing adult Homeric king (5)
26 Turned all grey for the most part (7)
27 Fetch bowed object from the rear inside court (7)

DOWN

- 1** Snake nurses caught in capital (6)
2 Choose key at end of bar for conductor (9)
3 Problem with venue Saskia regularly brought up (5)
4 Male pony maybe drinking writer's weedkiller (9)
5 Very warm cycling with new German underwear (5)
6 Primitive dig on area over in Russia (9)
7 Obsessive follows college course in Amsterdam? (5)
8 Exaggerate merits of old poetry before local emptied (8)
14 US student awfully morose eating noodle soup (9)
15 Lacking faith in theft after a time, I see (9)
16 Shifting realities for Jacob's descendant (9)
17 Lily's snake died in pit with tail twisted (8)
19 Allow instruction perhaps to hair stylist (6)
21 Bone held by a painter's subject? (5)
22 Tough cut in vacant carvery (5)
23 Note female bird raised in country (5)



Solution 17,866



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