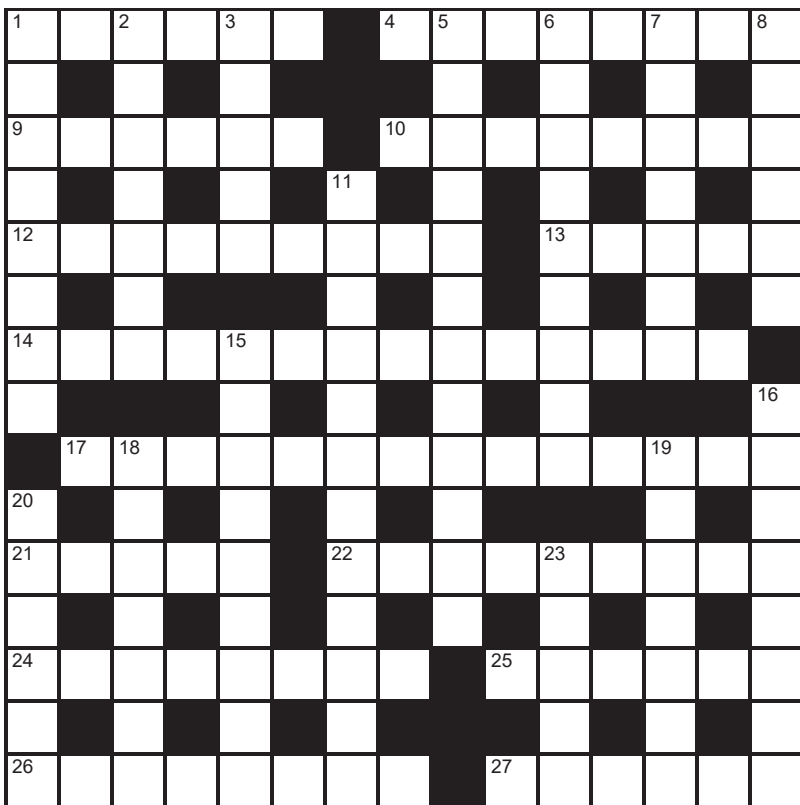


CROSSWORD No 17,959 by ARTEXLEN



ACROSS

- 1 Secure money from America with reduced grant (6)
- 4 Confused hysteria losing head traversing bridge (8)
- 9 Row in middle of doggies feeding (6)
- 10 Insectivore's leg bearing a long wound (8)
- 12 Expanded garden plot accommodates track with space (9)
- 13 Run after husband's admitted to affair (5)
- 14 Bad time: individual frequently reported confusion on Tube (3,2,5,4)
- 17 Reggae song fan performing role as idol (7,7)
- 21 Bug found in mayonnaise that's turned (5)
- 22 Vital Frenchman returned to become in charge (9)
- 24 Damage important piece's patterns (8)
- 25 Knight crossing an eastern river (6)
- 26 Diamonds in present turned out to be fakes (8)
- 27 Uncovers bar area for festivities (6)

DOWN

- 1 Serious setback by old bow snapping (4,4)
- 2 Forgive scam carried out (7)
- 3 Love retired editor showing signs of age (5)
- 5 Close shave having confounded eastern raids (4,8)
- 6 Enlisted American detectives to intercept material that's treasonous (9)
- 7 Explorer taking a track beneath tor (7)
- 8 Changing sides to wipe sign (6)
- 11 Without question, finding things easy (12)
- 15 Spooner's smart slender figure (5-4)
- 16 Nuts and biscuits (8)
- 18 Racer losing lead very close to unfortunate upset (7)
- 19 Enter unwelcome home with host ultimately vulgar (7)
- 20 Prepare for contest with weapon aloft (4,2)
- 23 Picked up large jar (5)

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