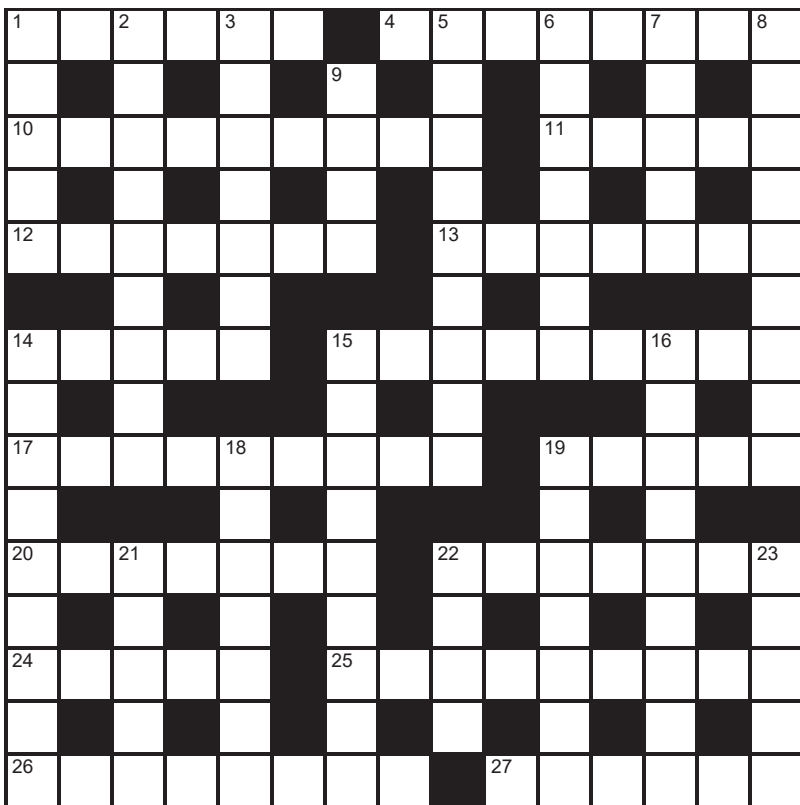


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JOTTER PAD

ACROSS

- 1 Minor league championship in which one takes the lead (6)
- 4 That which increases by 3.57% every 4 years (8)
- 10 Biscuit made of fish I originally bought at the supermarket (9)
- 11 Puzzling specimens, including this sample from varicose ulcer, put on the counter (5)
- 12 Curatorial projects carried out — what's inside the walls of galleries? (7)
- 13 A matter in dispute (2,5)
- 14 Colour of top? Navy (5)
- 15 Guarded, quiet and shy (9)
- 17 Anniversary of significance beginning to go badly — their king leaves (9)
- 19 Game of grubby scrimmaging in which, initially, ball gets dropped (5)
- 20 River's current by which two Zulus carry a gong (7)
- 22 Woman — Mother Theresa, perhaps? — wearing tight lycra (7)
- 24 Plucky model with long neck knocking orange juice over on bar (5)
- 25 Sword of old Shakespearean brute dispatching an 'uncrowned cur' (9)
- 26 They support bat and balls outside (8)
- 27 Drug in Lynx sprayed close to face is an organic compound (6)

DOWN

- 1 Turning on girl that's drunk (5)
- 2 Cast starts to hum gently then croons sentimental ballad (5,4)
- 3 State censorship restricted by Trotsky (7)
- 5 Queen of Belize fidgeting with hat (9)
- 6 Hear reverend choking on crushed ice before the start of evensong (7)
- 7 Colours extracted from a peeled 16 (5)
- 8 Polyester dayglo trousers a thing of the past (9)
- 9 Good point made by those on the margins of post-neoliberal America (4)
- 14 Flying insect with blue bum circling unknown, black, devilish creature (9)
- 15 One's elected to hand around documents (9)
- 16 Beagle vet operated on getting something to eat (9)
- 18 Film starring Nicolas Cage and Dwayne Johnson (3,4)
- 19 Maybe the Prince of Lichtenstein will prepare to drive to the auditors (7)
- 21 'Make America Great Again' ripped into by newspaper's leader and cartoons (5)
- 22 Bird's tail removed from snowball? (4)
- 23 Big bottom of 1 Down is raised (5)