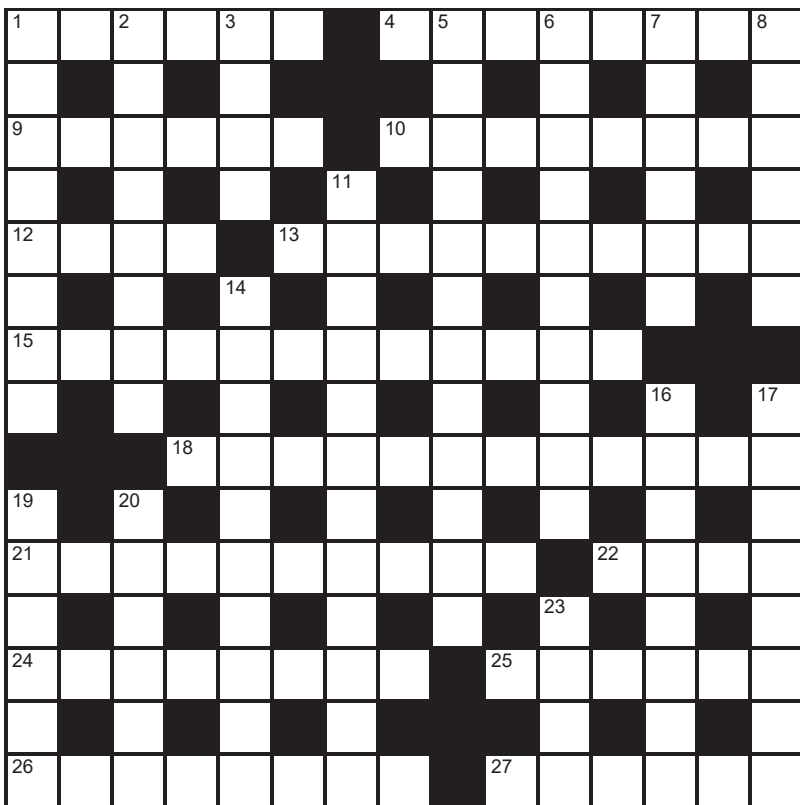


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ACROSS

- 1 Strung out, making noises (6)
- 4 Smiled facetiously and praised me, leaving a mess (8)
- 9 Source uncovered more high wind (6)
- 10 Wide-ranging Celtic playing to contain City (8)
- 12 Heartless neocon seeing the light (4)
- 13 Follow instructions to safeguard door's intricacy (10)
- 15 Cause of inflation with little money for bread (12)
- 18 Attractive European somewhere in the arctic circle (8,4)
- 21 Listen to weird USA sect getting regularly rattled (10)
- 22 Ravel covered in banknotes (4)
- 24 False alibi not a result of drink (8)
- 25 Non-drinker gets into German beer, not lager (6)
- 26 March to secure one's utopia (8)
- 27 Family member is born, and that's a relief (6)

DOWN

- 1 Unloaded weapon held by gangs of men and women (8)
- 2 Matching costumes for us? (8)
- 3/23 Write novel to cover rent that sets mine off (8)
- 5 At a picnic, eat badly and weaken (12)
- 6 Bent party leader gets mention (10)
- 7 Trade can make it real (6)
- 8 Lures firm into manufacturing dyes (6)
- 11 Drinking stool, top to bottom, is striking (7,5)
- 14 A vault redesigned indeed made cheaper (10)
- 16 Excellent high mark (on the bedpost) (8)
- 17 How to hide broken heart saying goodbye here? (8)
- 19 Run from a cholecystectomy? (6)
- 20 Shed a tear in polluted air — it's a weather feature (6)
- 23 See 3

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