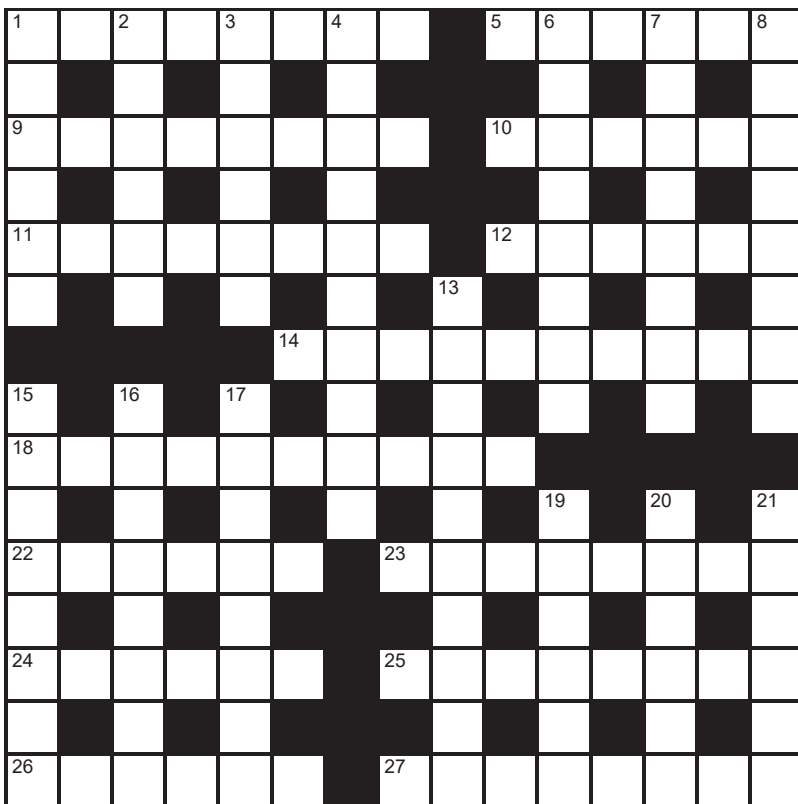


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ACROSS

- 1 Dramatic performance with line about daughter's witty repartee (8)
- 5 Difficult at university when short of money (4,2)
- 9 Permission to proceed with the only thing against Cuba having a king (3,5)
- 10 Easily influenced by books on Italian originally living in mountain retreat (6)
- 11 Freedom from restraint by lake having sex with American guy? Not at first (8)
- 12 Key soldiers trained primarily to provide an armed guard (6)
- 14 Hesitation after a bit, admitting return of speaking part is an unreasonable demand (1,4,5)
- 18 Done in an inept way as Mennonite sect without regret takes volunteers back (10)
- 22 Bear is close by river (6)
- 23 Utter an expression of surprise over occupying ditch (8)
- 24 Where Noah ended up with a pair of rodents one tailless (6)
- 25 Money that's skimmed principally from golf clubs in the past (8)
- 26 Monkey entering race against one kind of rabbit (6)
- 27 General view of northern goddess on extremely soggy island (8)

DOWN

- 1 Key law used in an ineffective manner (6)
- 2 Tell of powerless church dignitary (6)
- 3 Refined oil confounded private pinches (6)
- 4 Small amount of work to make commercials featuring Chinese fashion (1,5,4)
- 6 Oblique mention of everything melting fellow ignored (8)
- 7 Spoke about catching Rockers' rival protecting new suit (8)
- 8 Kitty seen with a Conservative given to drinking (8)
- 13 Short news announcement to worry ostentatiously showy chap (5,5)
- 15 Rising to criticise keeping oddly meek painting of Henry V for instance (4,4)
- 16 A couple from Spain going around with DNA lifted, for example, from a digging insect (4,4)
- 17 Soldiers repeatedly describing cold social worker as cowardly (8)
- 19 Prince is in Paris to find love quickly (6)
- 20 Oxford's opener stops, gives up, throwing game (6)
- 21 Believer in God largely accepting society as a subject for discussion (6)