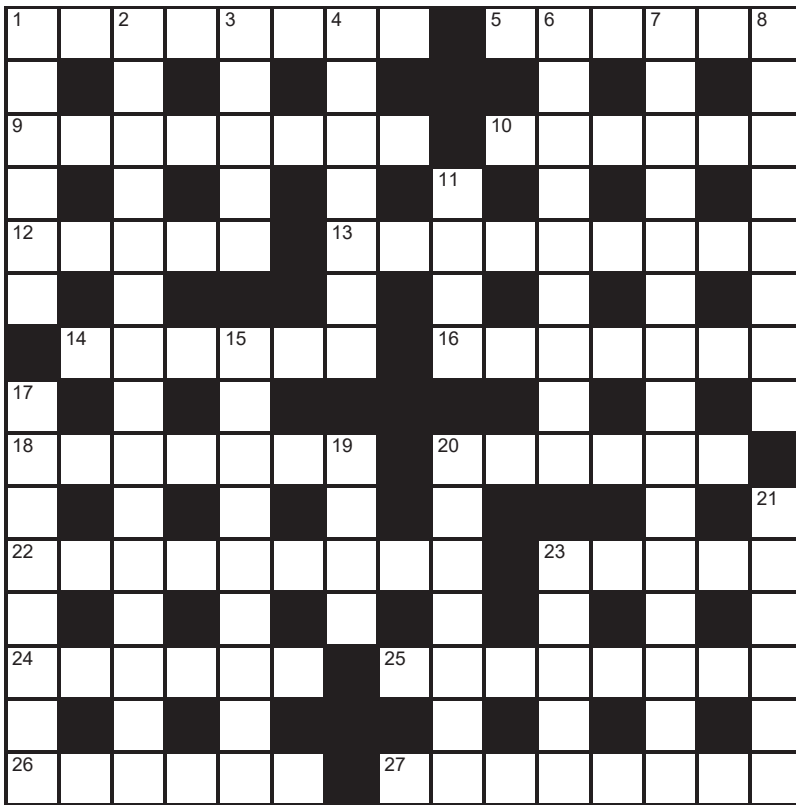


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ACROSS

- 1 Permit those finally excluded before sixteen, for example, to vote (8)
- 5 Plaster minor injuries around clot unevenly (6)
- 9 Ticks example broadcast (8)
- 10 Cheers, episode nine: Crane openly ridicules European capitals (6)
- 12 Sucker punch, no joke, gets past protection (5)
- 13 Economy Ministry traffic follows what is expected (9)
- 14 Sound quality pioneered by soprano (6)
- 16 It marks the spot General is picked up and run over (7)
- 18 Try Tetris, mostly replaced by debut of Nintendo console (7)
- 20 Court library is vacant (6)
- 22 Some gains are realised from contents of stolen gilts (3-6)
- 23 What cow does with English deer (5)
- 24 Striking gesture (6)
- 25 Blend fuel Tesco giving away to add energy (8)
- 26 Shrink accompanying medical facility (6)
- 27 Immoral and lacking heart — moral on the outside (8)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 The Spanish attack Sweden, lifting blockade (6)
- 2 Can't travel so amazingly far at this length (6,4,5)
- 3 Get to stretch (5)
- 4 Won work with last two pieces of apricot crumble (2,2,3)
- 6 One plays spin or net shot (6,3)
- 7 Pudding cooked in the Colosseum with coal after lira abolished (9,6)
- 8 How 11 is written gradually (3,2,3)
- 11 3 down by hard box or plane, perhaps (4)
- 15 Instrument built from gold I removed from laboratories (9)
- 17 Washington rose up after enslavement as tool (8)
- 19 Crazy for students to adopt ChatGPT's conclusion (4)
- 20 Charming ladies wear fashionable silk top (not new) (7)
- 21 Heads of major economies invested in small dollar denomination bond (6)
- 23 Animal tallow extract in Mediterranean island (5)



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