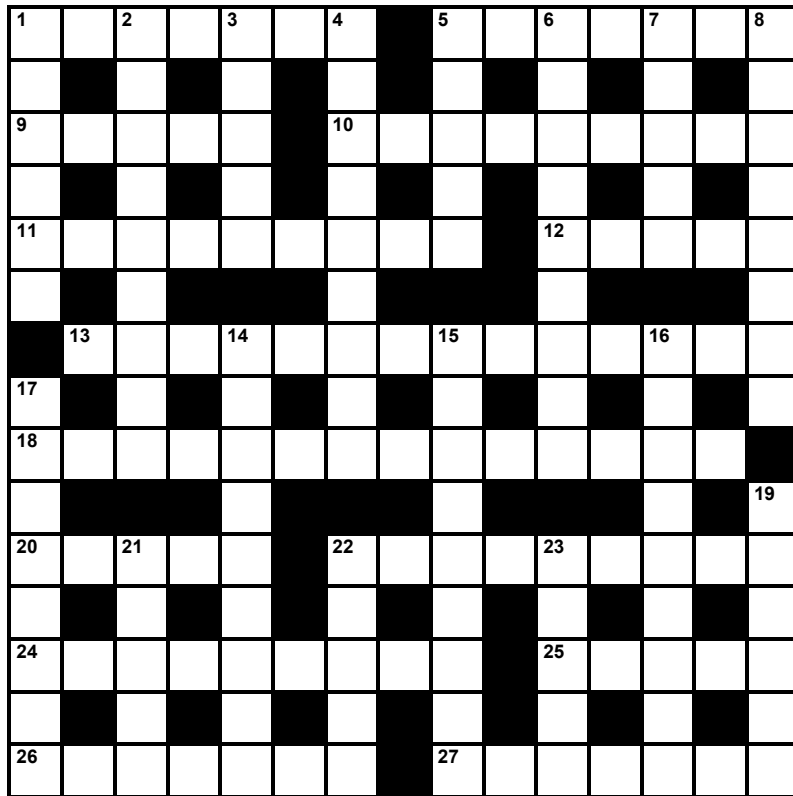


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Across

- 1** Racing disrupted at circuit made of carbon compounds (7)
- 5** Beat kid's head over cup shirt (4,3)
- 9** Crowd member from Cornwall (5)
- 10** The most empty-headed queen maybe draws - in a way (9)
- 11** Bird's alfresco meal (9)
- 12** Tennis player from Canada loses (5)
- 13** Stoned potheads stop fruit losing to vegetable (6,8)
- 18** Said horse is significant in bills to be paid later (6,8)
- 20** Hitchhiker's essential

- tool helps unassuming men be leaders (5)
- 22** Soldiers more foolish to lose heart following our people around (9)
- 24** Film of Charles's mangled body run over by railway engine (5,4)
- 25** Back down before being dismal (5)
- 26** Hates Germany-Spain international matches (7)
- 27** Saints go and perform in swimwear (7)

Down

- 1** Get stiff East German funny clothing (6)
- 2** Country festival welcomes United team having a party (9)

- 3** Almost an ultimatum over being given a title (5)
- 4** One who prognosticated gloomily about fool with artillery (9)
- 5** Stream of invective losing first exchange (5)
- 6** UN hate any troublesome Middle Eastern leader (9)
- 7** Point in support disappointing first Scottish banker (5)
- 8** Heartlessly cruel and irrational head of theology slightly fewer support (8)
- 14** Skiers cocktails (9)
- 15** Causes hole in shoes Mike dropped (9)

- 16** Do-over including new signature tune now beginning to be a bit better (2,3,4)
- 17** Sank empty tugboat the French missile passed over (8)
- 19** God very upset over Murdoch? (6)
- 21** Full-length tunic I left ruined after you texted (5)
- 22** Senses strong swimmers (5)
- 23** Inject a little glycerin into vein and retreat (5)