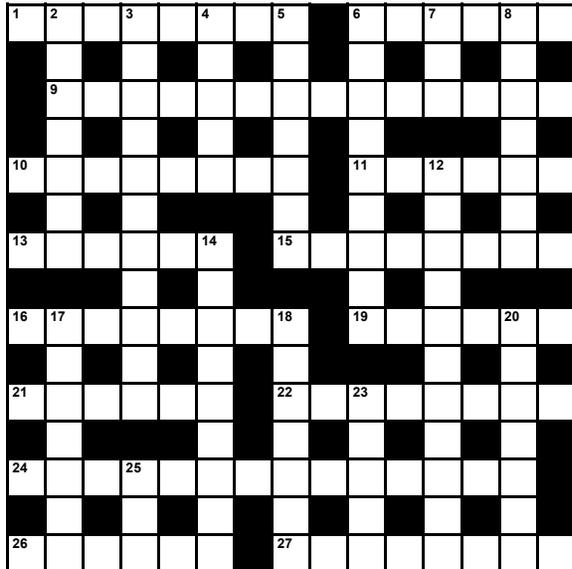


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Across

- 1 Being inside Oregon's first cricket club, winning a set of books (8)
- 6 Recording device arrived before 25 (6)
- 9 Hen runs around with antelope in eccentric celeb's stately home (8,6)
- 10 Said finale features cat (8)
- 11 One to cry a river for part of weather map (6)
- 13 School bird class carrying tons of sticks (6)
- 15 Piece of grooming kit Marie left regularly in river (8)
- 16 Carol eats half an oily fish as punishment (8)
- 19 In Room At The Top, Bishop has Susan and Joe initially replacing burner (3,3)
- 21 Between spaces reverse pound sign (6)
- 22 Using sight in the normal way, airborne weapon obliterates university (8)
- 24 Spooner's characteristic shrinking strength exercises (6,8)
- 26 Digressions when team comes in (6)
- 27 Enigmatic creatures have power to break a bone and put it back (8)

Down

- 2/17 Small cupboard with legs the government depends on (7,7)

- 3 In Bordeaux, a female who is speaking and leaving no room for doubt (11)
- 4 Australian osteopath finally accepted by surgeon as a one-off (2,3)
- 5 Temporarily wore tweedier clothing - that's academic! (5,2)
- 6 Dynamism follows limits on one getting wrecked (9)
- 7/23 Alchemi left university escorted by quiet comedian (3,5)
- 8 Part of shipping forecast puts music over everything (7)
- 12 Works of Count Basie left unfinished making things less clear (11)
- 14 Fellow passengers dined on roasted heart after quiet lunchtime (9)
- 17 See 2
- 18 Navy beginning to shrink after top Tory regulates (7)
- 20 Wildlife finally turn up in this pastoral poem (7)
- 23 See 7
- 25 Turn down Gordon Bennett (3)