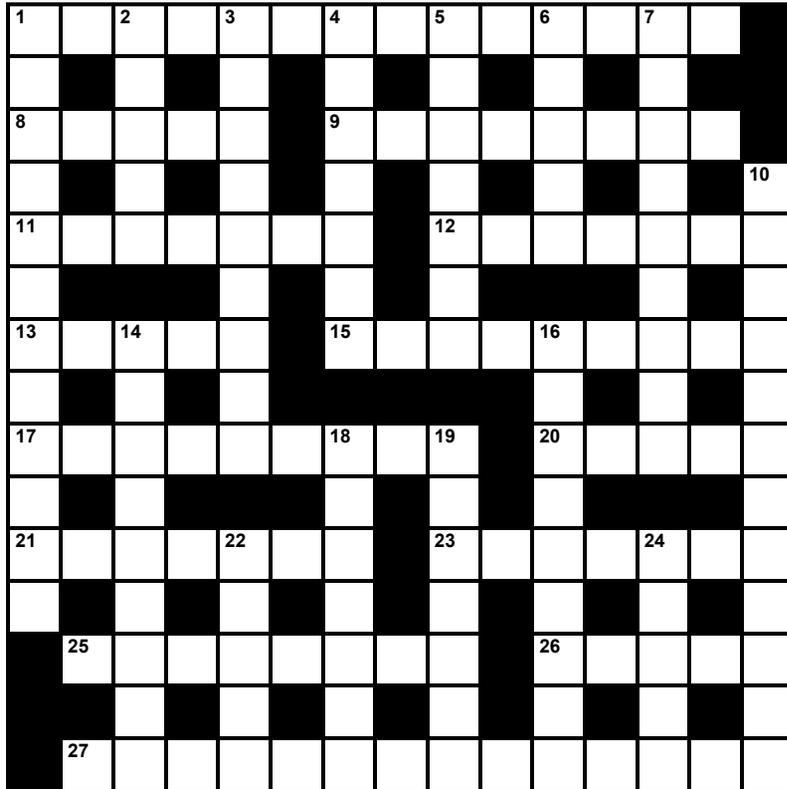


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Across

1 Poorly impersonate bad American leader (9,5)

8 Spot a blemish inside piece of furniture (5)

9 Attracts return of lion's pride before yours and mine (8)

11 I heard about king, William Rufus, who had this (3,4)

12 Mother has sprite back-to-front in high-priced property area (7)

13 Kids, high having taken drug, went on the piste (5)

15 Hunted animals: recklessly bold one in multiple conflicts (4,5)

17 Buries French king's

return in Woody Allen film (9)

20 Part played by George Clooney and Frank Sinatra in global covering (5)

21 Played too hard a shot, missing square, failing to thrive (7)

23 Somehow make boat out of Optimus Prime? (7)

25 Paltrier results from legal conference (8)

26 Arrest head of N'Drangheta in tumbledown villa? (3-2)

27 Funny man I help out with a suet pudding, chasing tit away (4,10)

Down

1 It never rains but it pours as, amazingly, Brits ruin a polymath (5,7)

2 Singer Harry was on the way up; I left and the tide went out (5)

3 North countrywoman is in charge of articles from Spain, Britain and Germany (9)

4 Solvers in river start wetting raisable feature (7)

5 Restrain one of two Spice Girls after market rises (7)

6 Plunder 25th piece of footwear (5)

7 Mother produced eggs, we hear, for the breakfast table (9)

10 Now on edge, this clue is in this (7,5)

14 Being local, listen in at home with a cuppa? (2,3,4)

16 Squander flashlight for burner (9)

18 Spectacular Christo turns himself into a bird! (7)

19 Everything in small stolen onion (7)

22 *Where to Stay in Lesotho* is not so bad (5)

24 African to outlaw trade union (5)