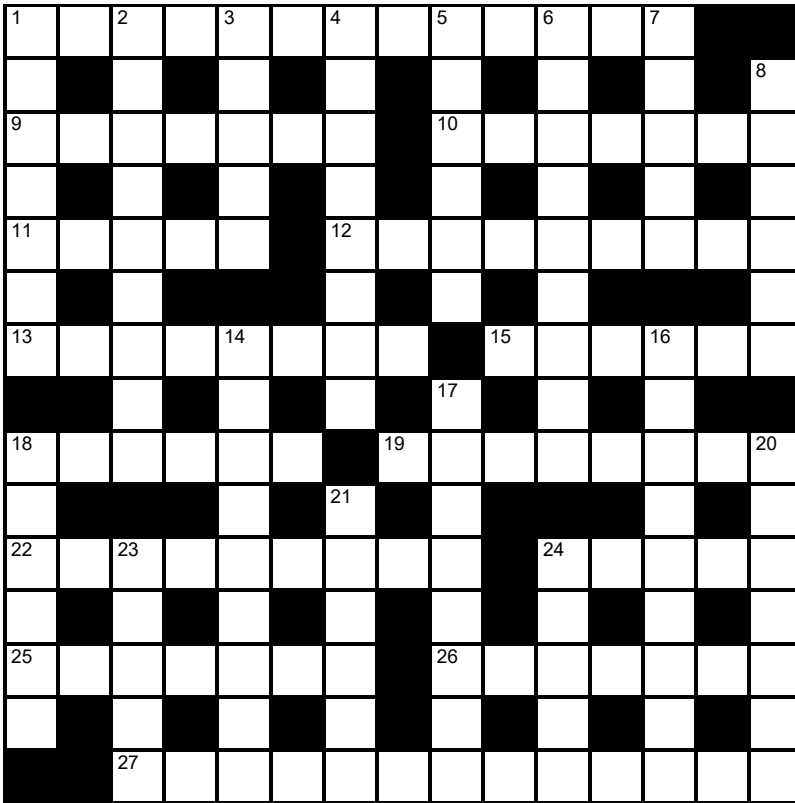


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ACROSS

- 1 Sound system standard far from original (13)
- 9 Delicacy, see, best at sea, close to gourmet's heart (7)
- 10 Some err sadly, guilt results (7)
- 11 Peer, unknown, from far back in time (5)
- 12 Criminal clan have a fall (9)
- 13 Politician so very dear to the French? (8)
- 15 Allowed to accommodate troublemaker, one disinclined to move (6)
- 18 Ulster's unexpected final scoreline (6)
- 19 Make ostentatious use of mistake about currency (8)
- 22 Visitor attraction, say, in California by the city road recalled (9)
- 24 Confused situation, catch, after learner's brought in for English (5)
- 25 Painting maybe in period that is austere (7)
- 26 Approval from most powerful about a preliminary contest, time to go (2-5)
- 27 Blow from top left? (13)

DOWN

- 1 Very large opening paying its way (7)
- 2 Disconcert listener, bringing in doctor, brassy, no frills (9)
- 3 Gate maybe and someone guarding it? Not initially (5)
- 4 Indicate impending trouble — then overriding flexible rate (8)
- 5 Internet site not wholly gossip or talk (6)
- 6 Guidebook, one of a pair (9)
- 7 Part of really rich songlike poem (5)
- 8 Temporary ruler's group of soldiers — I'm put off (6)
- 14 Philatelist's prayer for missing female? (9)
- 16 One looking inquisitively round tank at centre of enemy vessel (9)
- 17 Expert with record EU rejected for a start (8)
- 18 New arrangement in relation to players (6)
- 20 Time to relax idly, heading away from Doha, flying (7)
- 21 Twist spanner (6)
- 23 Mark couple as old (5)
- 24 Like some phones in vehicles going north (5)

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