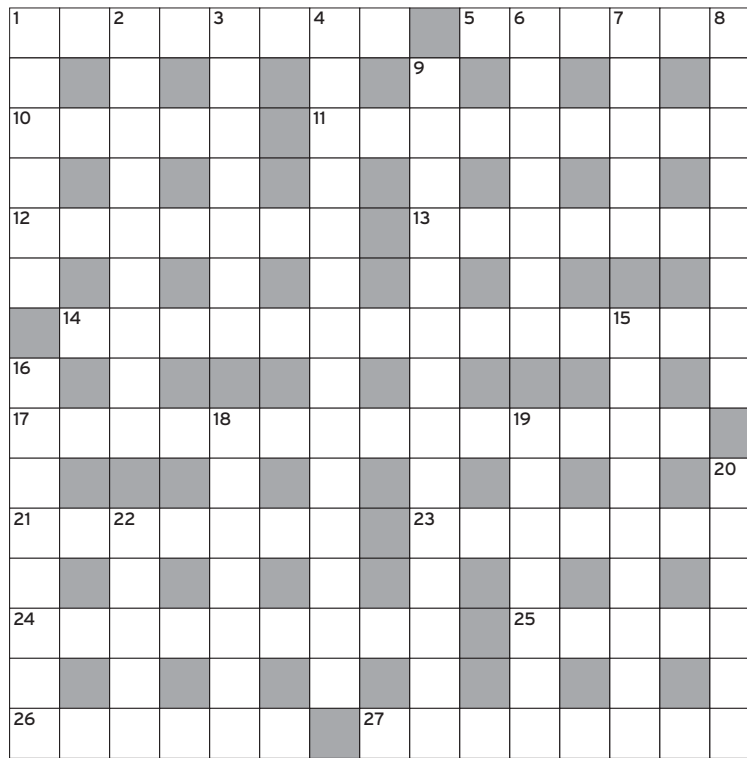


The Hindu Crossword No. 2497



Across

- 1 Dance with sergeant, say, on fire (8)
- 5 Playing well, batting instead of Middlesex's opener (2,4)
- 10 Try holding nameless pet lizard (5)
- 11,12 Dish done differently in French city by Italian composer (9,7)
- 13 Heavy metal stuff by Austrian composer (7)
- 14 Arresting son, surprisingly admitting extremely serious crimes (14)
- 17 Each side slow at sea, around turn, in fruitless pursuit (4,5,5)
- 21 Puts up covers (5,2)
- 23 Boy takes home poems (7)
- 24 Powerful woman in secret society snubbed during parade (9)
- 25 Irregular bears a sword (5)
- 26 Bob breaking rule causes one to stand down (6)
- 27 Decidedly trendy suit (2,6)

Down

- 1 Build a number (6)
- 2 Inherited a northern castle (close to Lancaster) in ruins (9)
- 3 Feeling generated by Ernest's first proposal (7)
- 4 Taking the easy option on finding problems supporting excavation (7,7)
- 6 Bewilder small number with new perk (7)
- 7 Command from frontier bishop ignored (5)
- 8 Fail to catch service, according to drunkard in a muddle? (8)
- 9 Broadcast he feared unwise, being so long (3,11)
- 15 Main place for the rest of the natives? (6,3)
- 16 Pair watch, perhaps, for an unfaithful lover (3-5)
- 18 Young bird shot by catapult (7)
- 19 Who knows workers at university? (5,2)
- 20 Fools appearing before singular judge (6)
- 22 More than one toy aircraft (5)

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