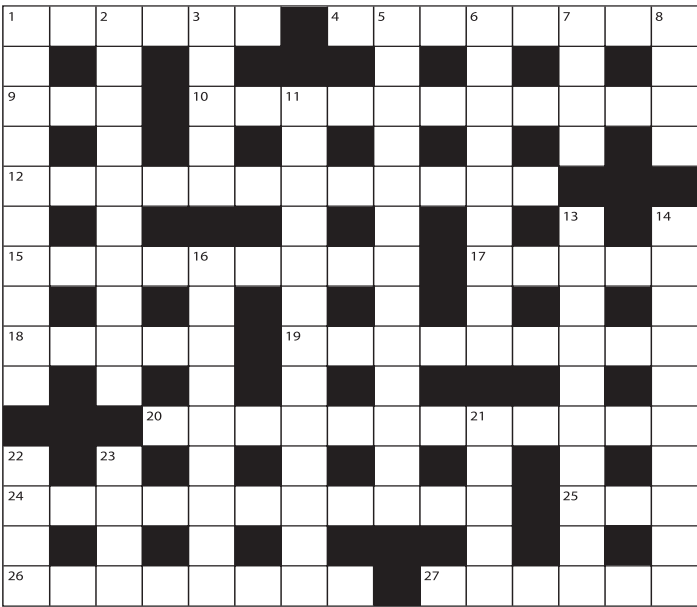


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Across

- 1** A Sitwell in Brest relaxing after round (6)
- 4** Argues with husband and son about a weapon (3,5)
- 9** Pair of scarlet women (3)
- 10** Left gown in travelling bag (11)
- 12** Boredom dispelled – ticket price includes opening of Coward play (7,5)
- 15** Produced a further edition in red – Pinter staggered (9)
- 17** Goodness in an oak's fruit (5)
- 18** Irish in knockout victory in Russian city (5)
- 19** Sticking together in crèche one built (9)
- 20** How to describe concert pianists, exceptionally skilful players? (12)
- 24** Offer of reconciliation made by girl on section (5,6)
- 25** Commander heading for Augusta, Georgia (3)
- 26** Water, alas, made impure (5,3)
- 27** Sailor, on special date, calmed down (6)

Down

- 1** Film from the novel *Rocket Boys* (7,3)
- 2** Opening claret first ahead of start of season's hunting? (5,5)
- 3** Copy agent runs off initially (5)
- 5** Farcical NHS drama, meant as a comedy? (4,3,3,3)
- 6** Item of furniture in annexe, one covered by cleaner (4,5)
- 7** Hera's fabulous mother (4)
- 8** Bullet's from captain's Luger (4)
- 11** It enables one to see the other side without changing one's position (6,7)
- 13** Check bar turn (10)
- 14** Dig down by station (10)
- 16** Popular French novelist's introduction to sedate Scottish city (9)
- 21** A term for an Englishman in India has upset one bishop (5)
- 22** Painter, Ray, ultimately shown in part of India (4)
- 23** Travel document is required to enter Virginia (4)

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Correction: In the Magazine issue dated 21/6/2009, The Hindu Crossword number should have been 2538 and not as printed.