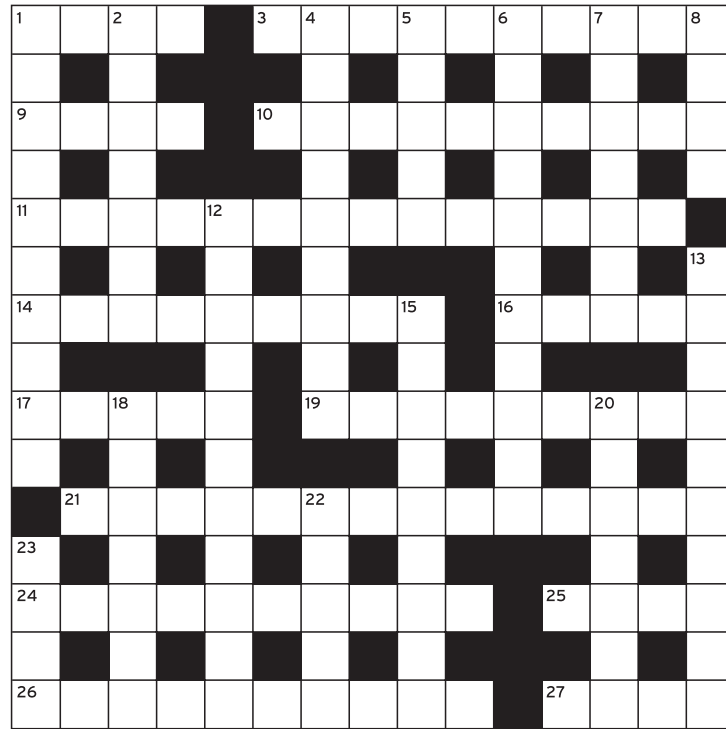




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Across

- 1** Instant credit check (4)
- 3** Extra cover is broad (10)
- 9** Legal documents, reportedly for Swiss hotelier (4)
- 10** Unusual decoration for one equal in rank (10)
- 11** Writer in car has hit gate, I suspect (6,8)
- 14** Dance master leading a bright star (5,4)
- 16** District surrounding neutral ground (5)
- 17** Intelligent prompt (5)
- 19** Balance achieved by good man with talent (9)
- 21** Stop working and cut out article on poltergeist (4,2,3,5)
- 24** Knighted conductor and geologist upset about king (5,5)
- 25** Fish expert by mouth of Dee (4)
- 26** Know-all may get smack later (5,5)
- 27** Pole in aircraft making joke (4)

Down

- 1** Number outside a Dutch pub, the worse for wear (10)
- 2** A sword made out of crystal, good for export? (7)
- 4** Using wedge, say, teed off in medal (4,5)
- 5** Mistake made by perisher blowing top (5)
- 6** Extremely careful, father in entrance to store, stealing (11)
- 7** Inspect burst main running into river (7)
- 8** Act, one way or the other (4)
- 12** Important person, forceful with rowing crew (11)
- 13** A state of financial security enjoyed by a roundsman? (4,6)
- 15** Lacking passion, amateur, distressingly inadequate (9)
- 18** State, an Australian one artist sent up (7)
- 20** Point out one very much delayed (7)
- 22** Move stealthily, front left (5)
- 23** A long time in rummage sale (4)

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