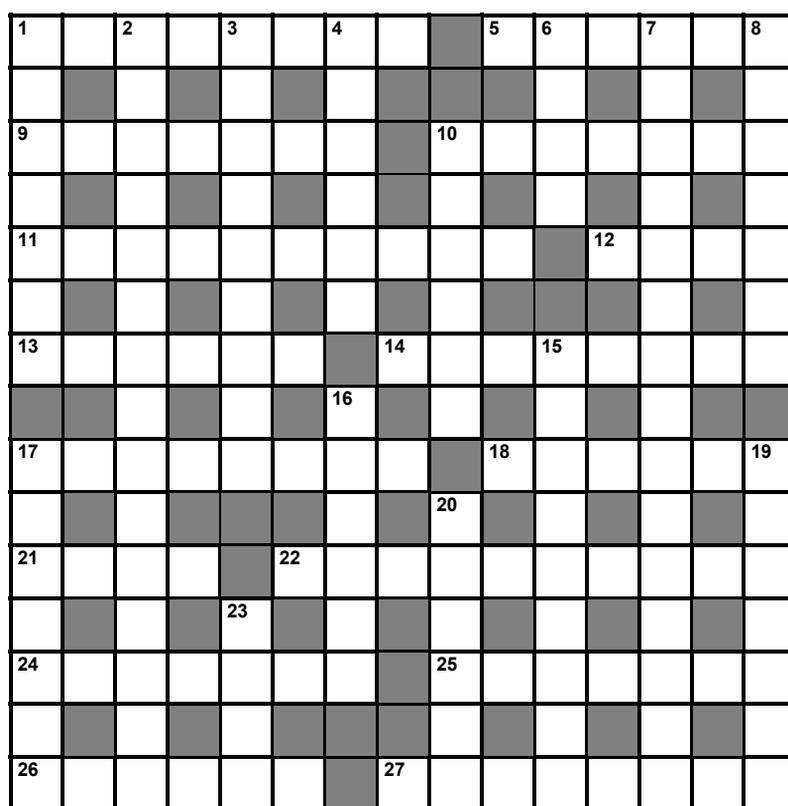


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ACROSS

- 1 Court ruling following harsh, outdated military punishment (8)
- 5 Retired expert wearing superior piece of footwear (6)
- 9 Supplier of honey and feta ordered a hot drink (4,3)
- 10 Explosive decapitated men in position? (7)
- 11 Crook collared by competition in the neighbourhood (5,5)
- 12 Sudden burst of activity compressed springs (4)
- 13 Most of class worked out mean (6)
- 14 Was part of boned leg cooked? (8)
- 17 Big noter runs a horse stabled by Cummings (8)
- 18 Storage facilities filled with sculptor's final pieces (6)
- 21 Part of stove normally (4)
- 22 Women in society resist agitated thug (10)
- 24 Outline problem with closing of detour in one month (7)
- 25 Translated letters from Palestine missing an extract of the Bible (7)
- 26 Racket infiltrated by one lacking strength (4,2)
- 27 Good Queen accepting broken seal is lacking support (8)

DOWN

- 1 Bee, accompanied by another in strong winds, doesn't communicate very well (7)
- 2 American dealer's scam implicated an old auto dealer (4-3,8)
- 3 Addition got knocked back outside big home (9)
- 4 Paint handle welded into the centre of pipeline (6)
- 6 Outstanding head of organisation formed a union (4)
- 7 Title holder, with battle gone, ordered a magnum of Moet, for example (9,6)
- 8 Disheartened friend, made comfortable, is content? (7)
- 10 Adult turned up to stake structure used for hanging (6)
- 15 The man imprisoned in tower is treated differently (9)
- 16 Ground primarily wet and gravelly (6)
- 17 Queues inside base looked around (7)
- 19 "The Blues Brothers", at the end, wrecked sedans (7)
- 20 Greek goddess honoured some in Sparta then Aegina (6)
- 23 Racing yacht is last to confirm a team (4)