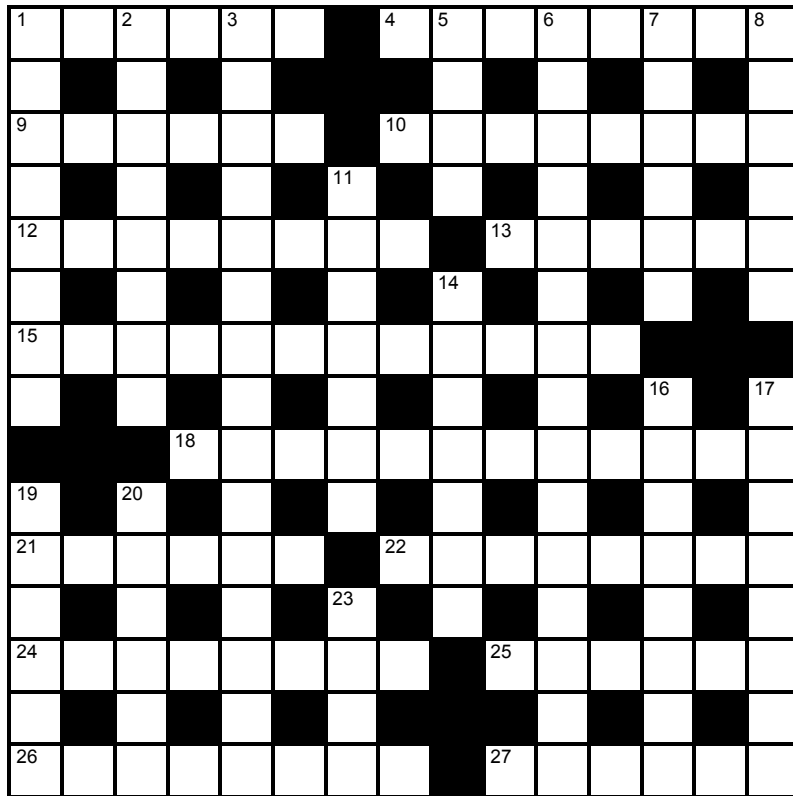


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Across

- 1 Rancid lattes, most expired (6)
- 4 People howl heads off after bang (8)
- 9 Everyone after lord, perhaps for chucking (2,4)
- 10 Work in equity, getting top commission, can interrupt flow (8)
- 12 Harsh pace into centre (8)
- 13 Perform lifetime cost reduction of my virtual workplace (3,3)
- 15 Example 49: desire allowance (12)
- 18 Usher folornly loves Navy Lieutenant, following fight among Atlanta epidemiologists (5,7)
- 21 Untouched during diplomacy (6)
- 22 Ring performer in to read Orwell (8)
- 24 Used to milder sundial, perhaps (3-5)
- 25 Hanker after ex-pupil's box, like (6)
- 26 Ended \$1,000 argument to get out of bed (8)
- 27 Go over mistake (6)

Down

- 1 Strength possessed by tall, well-dressed man (4,4)
- 2 Be cruel to first painful swelling (8)
- 3 Inform about rogue Feds trapped by disorganised clutter like Peter Graves' tape (4-11)
- 5 Know the score - about zero not out (4)
- 6 Unspeakable pub no-one can rule out (15)
- 7 Admit a very painful sound (6)
- 8 People in pole position take commission in returning to empty office (6)
- 11 Culture in pub is backward in the matter of legends (7)
- 14 Check-in boy is tacky (5-2)
- 16 Egg on Vatican City warns of impending attack (8)
- 17 A good thrill ride, OK? (3,5)
- 19 Lover raised mostly ancient Love Boat (6)
- 20 Starchy food surfeit gets unpleasant on outside (6)
- 23 Steam engine pioneer poured tea out of boiler onto middle of pot (4)