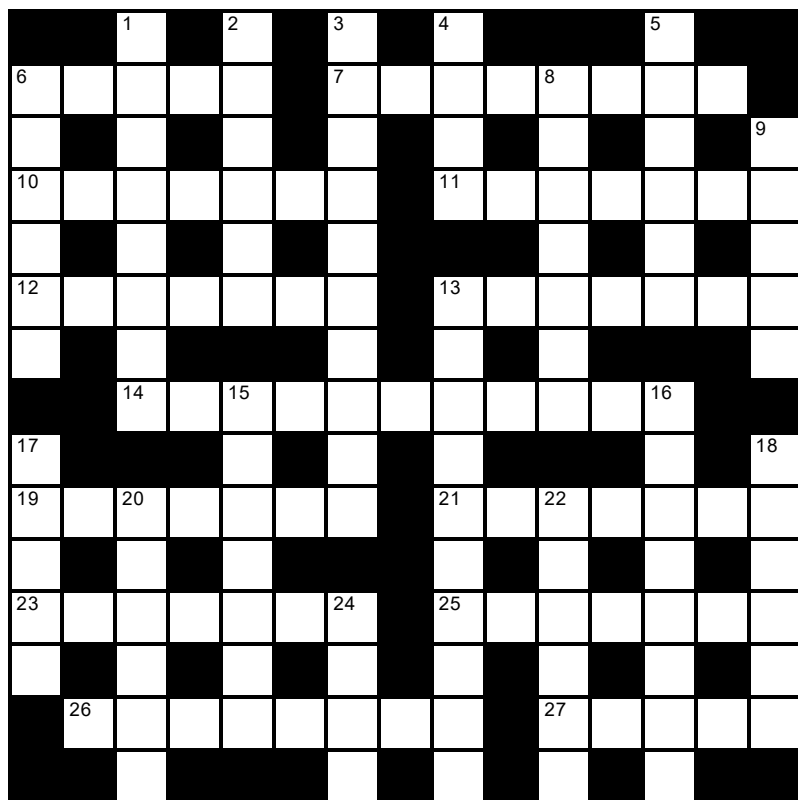


**Across**

- 6 Black centre-back's force (5)
 7 Arranger of musical to tour last (8)
 10 Polish keeping benefits support (7)
 11 Try to release from duty (3-4)
 12 A cloche makes part for pick-up (7)
 13 Low on new books with romantic atmosphere (7)
 14 Story of 'Redemption Song' liar podcast (8,3)
 19 Maturer by mistake (7)
 21 Facing the main drawback after drink (7)
 23 Cover for a calf? (7)
 25 Native abused medicine without me (7)
 26 Sex-mad pet? I run right off (8)
 27 Comes to function on the way back (5)

Down

- 1 Germany catch up with corruption to cover for European head (5,3)
 2 Be inflammatory after short walk (6)
 3 Reporting broken urinals in outer Jericho Metro (10)
 4 Account for time underneath young woman (4)
 5 Salad leaves advisor relatively content (6)
 6 Split bit over bit (6)
 8 10 to 10, in a hole, on edge (7)
 9 Setter's over-consume stout (5)
 13 Intends street to form return of financial assessments (5,5)
 15 One on the edge of dead and in bed (7)
 16 Work seminars, almost a hit (4,4)
 17 Djembe echoed through the wood (5)

- 18 Orders to enter document into contract then sign initials (6)
 20 Pencil turned for pay (6)
 22 Seize the day in Cuba, backing ultimate communist (6)
 24 Encourages thousands (4)