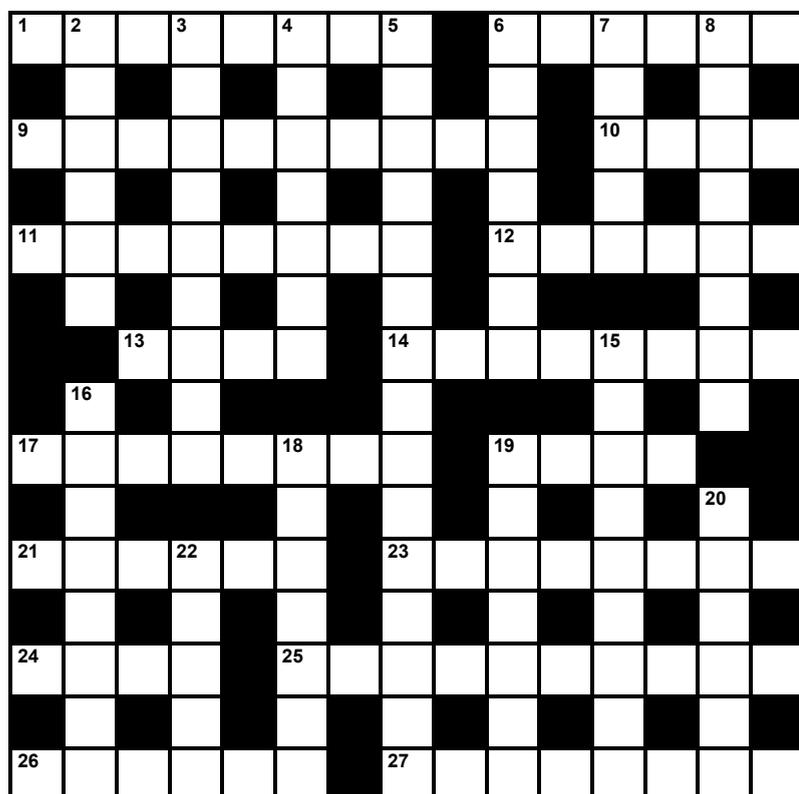


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Across

- 1** Cold meal encourages like the devil. Not bad! (3,5)
- 6** No going back with fighting dead ahead (6)
- 9** Fail to learn lines, although she should? (10)
- 10** Terribly loud contest on board (4)
- 11** Kicking game makes foal bolt (8)
- 12** Quantity of pressure in three states (6)
- 13** Bets whichever way the second half goes, it's a ball game (4)
- 14** Princess going around the city, putting pressure on that woman to make out (8)

- 17** Extremely agitated as foreigner starts to collapse in Crete (8)
- 19** Note about mineral (4)
- 21** Scavenger ending up in blurred image (6)
- 23** Five-year dye mixed - it's quite normal (8)
- 24** Phone message from insistent extortioner (4)
- 25** Little space in garbled newscast for fence-sitters (2-8)
- 26** Smelly cheese's trace of fruit (6)
- 27** Sole motion gives instruction to former Liberal leader thrown overboard (8)

Down

- 2** Dugong incongruous as hunter's help (3,3)
- 3** Show disrespect eating small square vegetable (9)
- 4** Influential guitarist got pause wrong between lines (3,4)
- 5** Shaken, subdued, I leave Lockerbie for travel around London (6-6,3)
- 6** Greek airline policy Macedonia's first problem (7)
- 7** Home Counties statute turned over across the border (5)
- 8** Poorly fed, ran round blushing (3-5)
- 15** Jekyll's alter ego gripped by terrible cramp sees a hippo or elephant (9)
- 16** Cheeseplant ruins my career (8)
- 18** Things are often compared to this of a 5, an 6d 27 13, a 11 22 or 7 (3,4)
- 19** Times are mostly dreadful for conductors (7)
- 20** Heard clergyman knocking billiard balls together (6)
- 22** Dark hole with central heating (5)