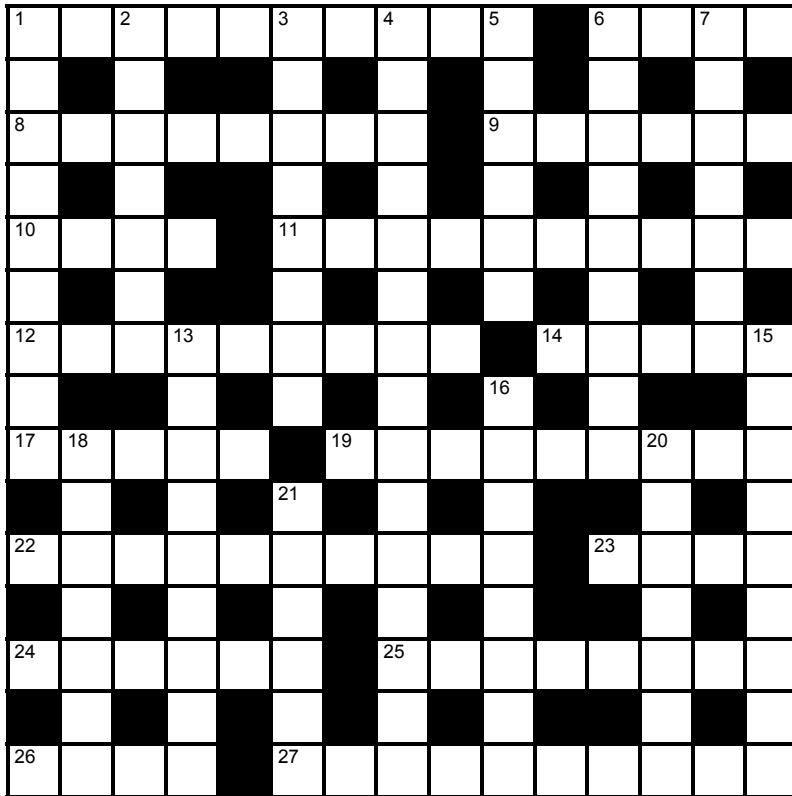


NTSPP 026



Across

- 1 Very bad sort of art politician does not correct (10)
- 6 Race winner breaks this record (4)
- 8 Man rejected by couple with little room for parasite (8)
- 9 Back down long after American retreat (6)
- 10 Cheat run over - thumbs-up to that (4)
- 11 Negotiating payout when promoted? (2,3,3,2)
- 12 Issue tender as ladies manage to hold one back (9)
- 14 Drop nothing in front of this (5)
- 17 Wise seabird circling island (5)
- 19 Potentially being a lit substance (9)
- 22 Where keystroke is appropriately used? (6,4)
- 23 Cut beef, say (4)
- 24 Base everything on one's inner spirit (6)
- 25 Engagement ends in defeat for army and pain (8)
- 26 After cross, a goal? (4)
- 27 Spokesperson giving evidence in fraud (10)

Down

- 1 Security guards on duty (9)
- 2 Cry about end of stay in Paris? (7)
- 3 Sailing vessel loads produce before shipping (3,5)
- 4 A percentage off, a great deal (9,6)
- 5 Reindeer - extremely eager (6)
- 6 Chief to condemn a boycott for centre (3,6)
- 7 Bird shooter will bag one on polar hunt? (7)
- 13 Assumed what's left out of solid isn't a liquid? (3-6)
- 15 Precious jade on monarch, young one (9)
- 16 Unreliably so, I dally? (8)
- 18 Elizabeth I (5,2)
- 20 Was dancing serviceman heckled outside? (7)
- 21 But golf, I hear, regularly appears more like sin (6)