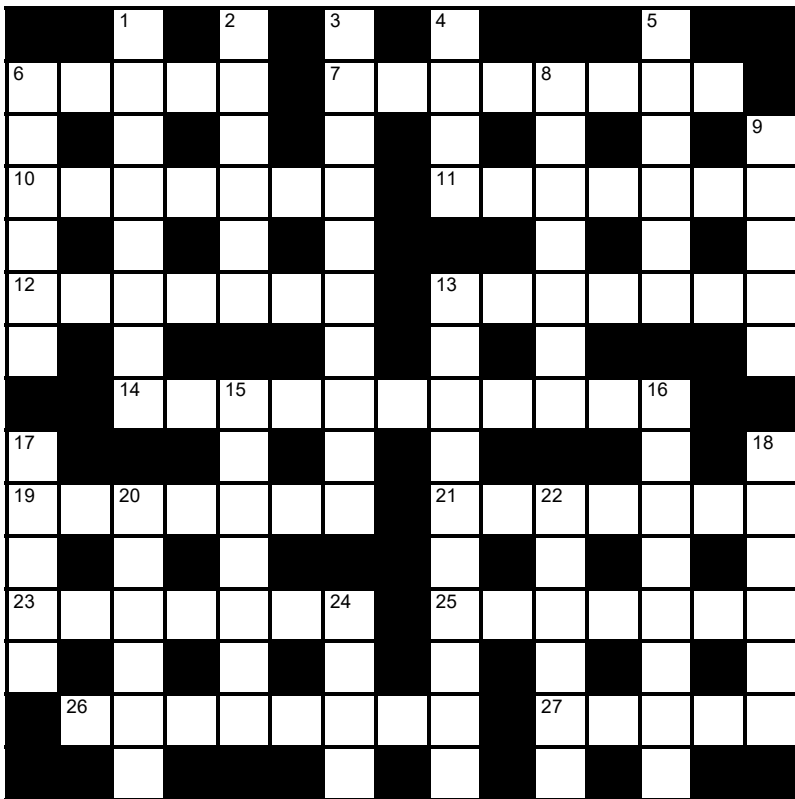


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Across

- 6 Small stroke by artist painting headdress (5)
- 7 Damned hot area might fill in here (8)
- 10 Write about first class in or outside (4-3)
- 11 Rave about seventh US election coverage (7)
- 12 End it chaotically, shambolically, not calmly (7)
- 13 Angry about the heartless repeat (7)
- 14 Shows empathy, sir? (11)
- 19 Modernise rising group of songs (7)
- 21 Look after degree by taking an exam (7)
- 23 Quite an old-fashioned concoction (7)
- 25 Divorced of any duty after ex married (3-4)
- 26 Examiners go after

brilliant part of one's mind (8)

- 27 Requires a dense mixture (5)

Down

- 1 Poor people get stone erected after leaders have a victory (4-4)
- 2 Is upset about a long distance walk in the bush (6)
- 3 Clare has a hunch about a way past the pond (6,4)
- 4 Not a quick way to make gin? (4)
- 5 Tangible reaction anyone undergoing mental anguish has initially (6)
- 6 He had doubts about most of the starters (6)
- 8 In the far South the parents are (see three down) (7)
- 9 Family head public

relations about summer in France (5)

- 13 In hospital I have a small injection, ending in a suppression of feeling (10)
- 15 Sumac - a queer ingredient for a monkey (7)
- 16 Holds back books (8)
- 17 He's not Santa Claus dressed up (5)
- 18 Strain to emphasise (6)
- 20 Remove overload switch (3,3)
- 22 Sport post Christmas (6)
- 24 Can rise up in revenge at any time (4)