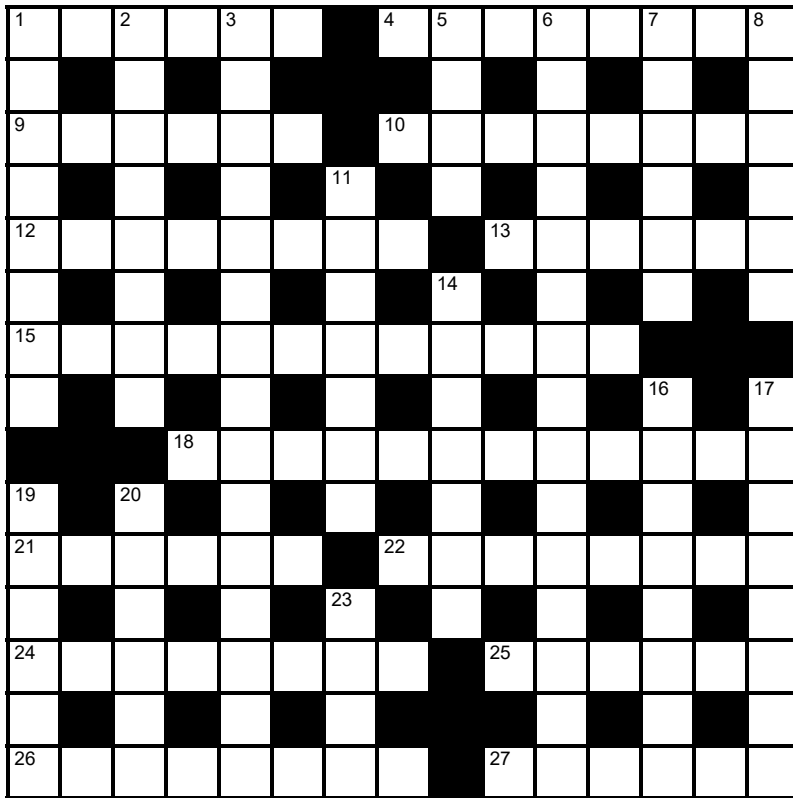


Mark's Crossword



Across

- 1 Father is extremely popular. That is a good man (6)
- 4 Designed with confidence (8)
- 9 Final numbers start emerging and point to the bottom line (6)
- 10 Cent toss settled debates (8)
- 12 Steel men build the foundation (8)
- 13 Piece of cake sounds cheesy (6)
- 15 Roast a soft vegetable - buzz is fleeting (12)
- 18 Kicks off chess opening match, lays out pieces (12)
- 21 Bill took a tiny charge in the initial direction (6)

- 22 So long as the capital finances are in good order (8)
- 24 Marxist married one with a bit of energy and real substance (8)
- 25 Australia invested in market and scored very well (6)
- 26 Wandering around central Bremen and withdrawing (8)
- 27 Provide filling meatloaf for dinner (6)

Down

- 1 Puts on pressure concerning nurses (8)
- 2 Hike in Chile near border with minimal effort (8)
- 3 Ivories are beautifully tickled with this geek prof (6,9)

- 5 Even lowbrowed characters can blow it (4)
- 6 Fade and eat voraciously after the work (5, 3, 3, 4)
- 7 Standard way to meet a royal family member (6)
- 8 Darn daughter had a scrap (6)
- 11 Shot at deputy starts trouble (7)
- 14 Breakdown and nearly come to a standstill as it becomes clear (7)

- 23 Start note with a welcoming opening point (4)
- 16 Doctor gave a speech adapted to a reasonable pace (8)
- 17 I bury the dead in the earth alone (8)
- 19 Christmas postal worker takes steps (6)
- 20 Current surge (6)