

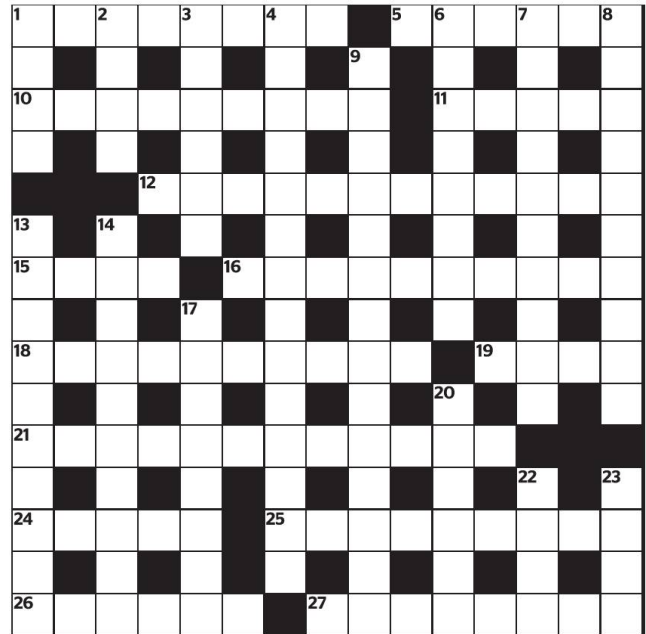
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Little green sheep bites hooker in rock band? (5,3)
- 5 Fair rum invoice (6)
- 10 Ralph raised edge of drinker's cooler (3,6)
- 11 It stops cracks in artery, ultimately, following stroke (5)
- 12 Broadcast on air reasoned about crap (12)
- 15 Frown on Islamic temple being gutted (4)
- 16 Monk is getting tie knotted after work in triage (10)
- 18 Illegal one mutated dangerous bacteria (10)
- 19 Peanut allergy somewhat unbelievable (4)
- 21 A pop put up with retrenchment, forming resolution (12)
- 24 Busy take-away doesn't open mid-September (2,3)
- 25 Nouveau salon stocks pencil to dye ends of fair hair (3,6)
- 26 Heading off gutless dogfight? (6)
- 27 Recites engineering tutor's books inside (5,3)

**DOWN**

- 1 Bars up retro country ball? (4)
- 2 Tourist mecca issues a prayer ignoring church (4)
- 3 Words strictly avoided by Times hack (6)
- 4 Government sleuth seeing car slob reversing to enter margins in back alley (7-7)
- 6 Chord spreading out opera gig (8)
- 7 *Zany Latin Capital* by Downer? (10)
- 8 Heard to stir dynamite into queenly food (5,5)
- 9 Quick fear the hero suffered on swallowing three litres (4,3,7)
- 13 Contractual details making retail complex enter race (5,5)
- 14 Treasure damn ears? (10)
- 17 It's complete on leaded Shell (4,4)
- 20 Main dump - an acre for wildcat? (6)
- 22 Clumsy punk stripped two, proverbially (4)
- 23 Hide batter (4)



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