

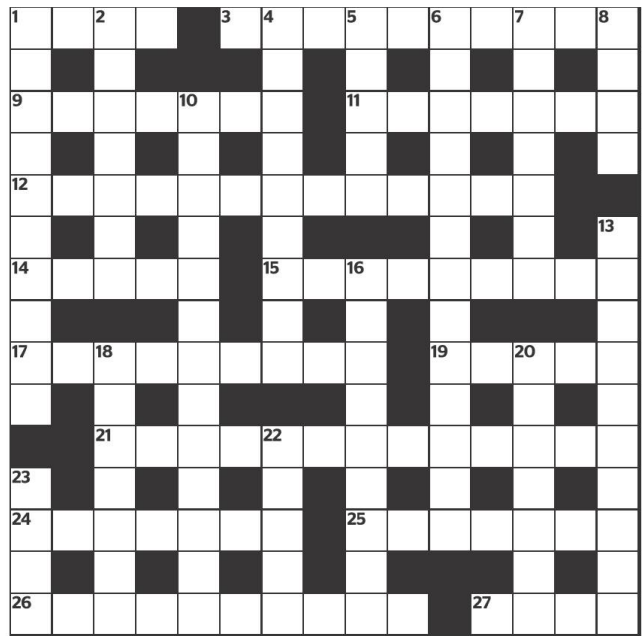
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ACROSS

- 1 Bob on stage, once yearning (4)
- 3 Keep firm grip (10)
- 9 Quickly conceal leg-ropes string (7)
- 11 Least lax exam after a bit of Greek? (7)
- 12 High-flyer gets rich playing fish against competitors (5,8)
- 14 Maiden wounds sloppy chap, reverting to one ☹ (5)
- 15 Is each love fading in expensive split? (9)
- 17 Bury randomly round all four directions? (4,5)
- 19 Invalidates movies collecting Oscar (5)
- 21 Flower open in summer, ultimately fulfilling resident? (8,5)
- 24 Cockney demanding, if placed in chief outskirts of city (7)
- 25 Consumption oddly culled villains bordering one ... (7)
- 26 ... Euro capital - open change critical (10)
- 27 Wilder sort of pool? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Meatloaf? Revolutionary cooking, see (10)
- 2 Fainter requires brief pause in Sicily (7)
- 4 Flaky dad, won't he like a duet (3-6)
- 5, 8-down Old duet needing a foot massage (3-2-4)
- 6 Private pages covering exploit always (endlessly) satisfied composer (8,5)
- 7 Late paramour showdown exposed? (7)
- 8 See 5-down
- 10 Sign: TOILET CAUSING TROUBLE (13)
- 13 Queensland town writing up spin in midst of event (10)
- 16 Cryptic setter admits struggle to make a setter's option? (9)
- 18 Perversely, clean fellows love present (5,2)
- 20 Bill, say, undermining trendy (7)
- 22 Surrealist displays a head for figures, dividing 2000 over area (5)
- 23 Current choice of band? (2/2)



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