

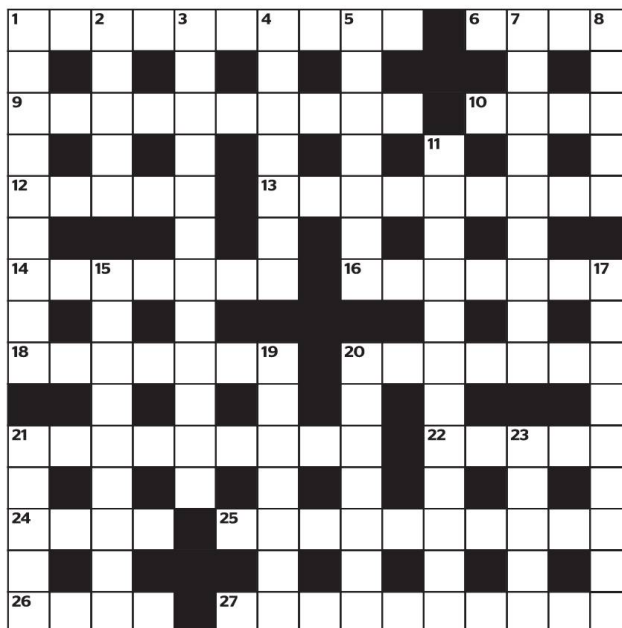
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ACROSS

- 1 Took the stuffing from her basic refit for dance tutu? (10)
- 6 A bum almost out of port (4)
- 9 Bizarre conversion of M, L and I? (10)
- 10 Examine top of Spandau Prison (4)
- 12 Dirt smear - thin streak (5)
- 13 Contract to economise on safe-sounding ivory product (9)
- 14 Tries curling iron for tasteless fringe? (7)
- 16 Saw-horse flipped, broken by porker? (7)
- 18 Brought up the rear rowlock, gunwales, in northern river? (7)
- 20 Hawaiian women first to arbitrate in complaints (7)
- 21 Communist supremos game to detain computing buff from the East (9)
- 22 The ultimate in crazy: a Japanese car (5)
- 24, 26-across Symphonic narrative varied one tempo (4,4)
- 25 Opens missing season, inclined to cut in (10)
- 26 See 24-across
- 27 Lists overdue to support clubs' fresh start (5,5)

DOWN

- 1 Manic men notate McEwan novel (9)
- 2 Provide for conman when he leaves (5)
- 3 Airhead, starting to babble, prepares to shave bird (12)
- 4 Brutes extremely suspicious about a remote worker vanishing (7)
- 5 See doubts regularly attend life? Not initially (7)
- 7 Tea-bag foremost getting buzz reduced by sweetener (9)
- 8 Sellers' pledge close to fallacious, breaching again? (2,3)
- 11 Criminal so nimble, hiding fraud stuff-up (12)
- 15 Hireling released clean fluid (9)
- 17 Saltworker, in the long run, to bungle (9)
- 19 Daily ruin, perhaps, visited upstanding boy (7)
- 20 Maiden during romance period made for a fling! (7)
- 21 Lodge untroubled by review (3,2)
- 23 Experimental rocker taped taser (5)



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