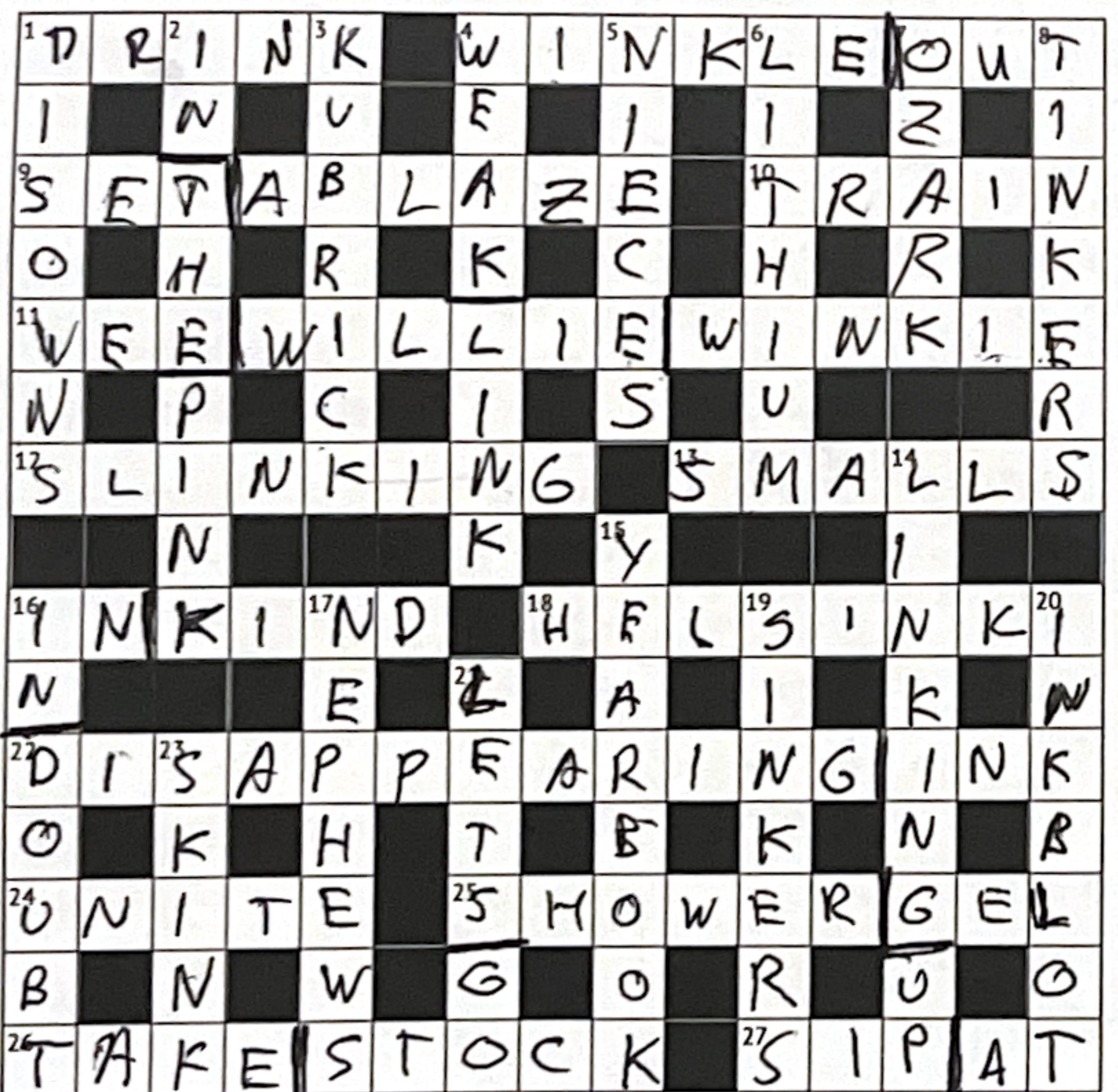


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NOTE: <i><b>The wordplay in 13 clues has 22-across. All other clues are normal.</b></i>

## ACROSS

- \* 1 Possibly shot medic (5)
- \* 2 White House cut top off extract (6,3)
- 8 Creepy motelier returned lounge light (3,6)
- 10 School tracked commuter's ride (5)
- \* 11 Night runner we heard that's twice bearing west by choice (3,6,6)
- \* 12 Cast moving like cats (8)
- 13 Jocks: 1-7 on the table? (6)
- \* 14 Similarly object to blowing lead (2,4) *IN KENDO*
- \* 15 Capital hotel retrieved key (8)
- \* 16 Maybe a code-writer's need to drain fruit gin - one developing into double (12,3) \*
- 21 Fuse intermittently burns in tree (5)
- 25 Cleaner holes grew at random (6,3)
- 26 Assess rustle? (4,5) DRINK
- 27 Model secretary filling 1-across slowly (3,2)

## DOWN

- DRINK
- \* 1 Abjures 1-across one's absorbed (7)
- \* 2 Fit 9<sup>th</sup> Episode sequence (2,3,4)
- \* 3 He filmed revolutionary British part of *The Wall?* (7)
- \* 4 Diminutive walker dodged vulnerable point (4,4)
- 5 Relatives claim new movers scratched piano (6) *set ablaze*
- 6 Part of battery perhaps 9-across central kit in drone (7)
- \* 7 Dramatic series of two quolls, two quokkas etc aboard this? (5)
- \* 8 Stern let down by snappy fiddles (7)
- \* 9 Perhaps puppy love soared, getting together (7,2)
- 10 Bakery cooked glazed doughnuts as class souvenir (8)
- 11 Sabotage? I nod, but hesitating (2,5)
- \* 12 5-down's brothers maybe record the heart during bulletin (7)
- \* 13 Wingers to save Roosters in part of tackle? (7)
- \* 14 Therapy test, initially by chance (7)
- \* 15 Releases ducks for Spooner? (4,2)
- \* 16 Lizard content to flee sack (5) *16/1/2025, 17:39*
- 17 SKINK

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