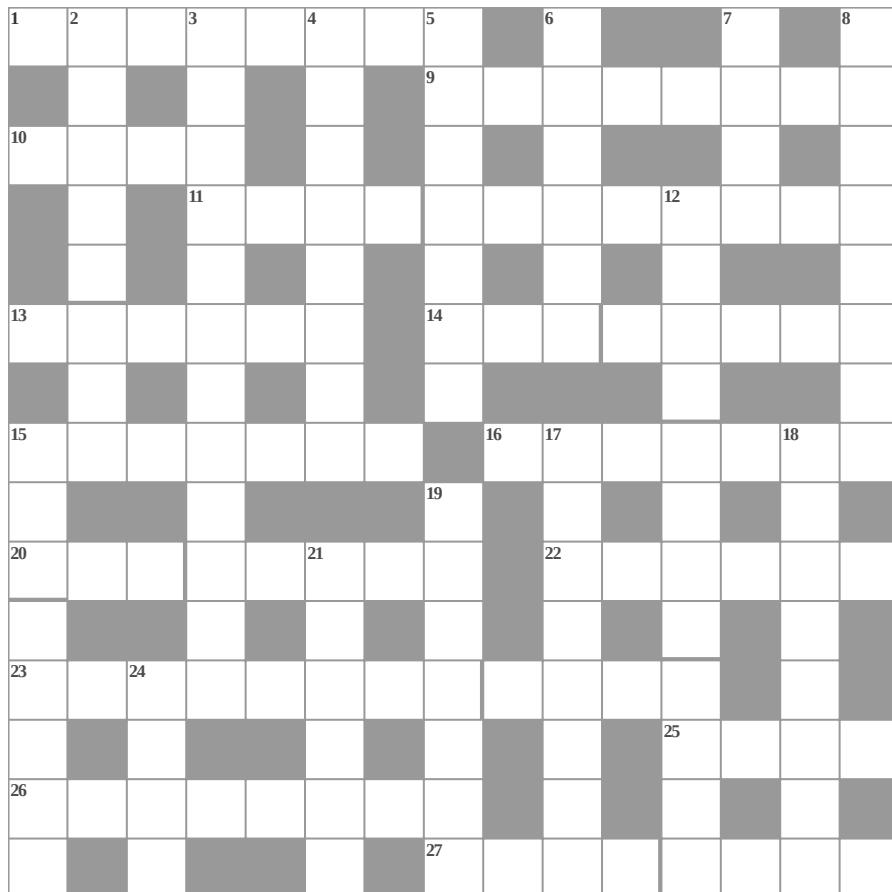


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**ACROSS**

- 1 The last thing batter needs to stop collapse? (8)
- 9 What's encapsulated by 007 and certain to stir? (8)
- 10 You did ask to ignore such a significant difference (4)
- 11 A breakfast order for one – Bill's golf round ahead (4,8)
- 13 Select pipe to feed empty cistern (6)
- 14 Nothing loaded, in that case what's charged magazine? (3,5)
- 15 In the company of medic, dread takes hold (7)
- 16 Relief only some deny donating to the West (7)
- 20 Film one crashing against tree, then reversed over (3,5)
- 22 Compositions confirmed residents of Planet Earth? (6)
- 23 "I H8 U": slogan ultimately adopted by disaffected Biden voters (8,4)
- 25 Within limits, fancied backing fiery mount (4)
- 26 Contrary article edited a lot in The Times? (8)
- 27 Narcissus advanced, in a furtive manner, the last of his dodges (4,4)

DOWN

- 2 "Meet" me on the waves? (5,3)
- 3 Ill-timed counter logic makes right arguments in the end (12)
- 4 The Cynic leaves us eating melon (8)
- 5 Brought into line, book parts rather like Peter or Roger? (7)
- 6 A particular example is in this position (6)
- 7 Heritage group taken in by first-class con (4)
- 8 Show coppers curtains connected with front of theatre (8)
- 12 *Ring* done well, but individual characters adapted rhyme (4,4,4)
- 15 Scales one of these when going over rising ground (3,5)
- 17 Unaffiliated religious individual's initiation in middle of day (8)
- 18 Having ruled out Holy Island, left with just an impression (8)
- 19 Real life and natural laws are seen to grip (7)
- 21 On stage as temporary replacement? (6)
- 24 One used to fighting old Prohibition (4)