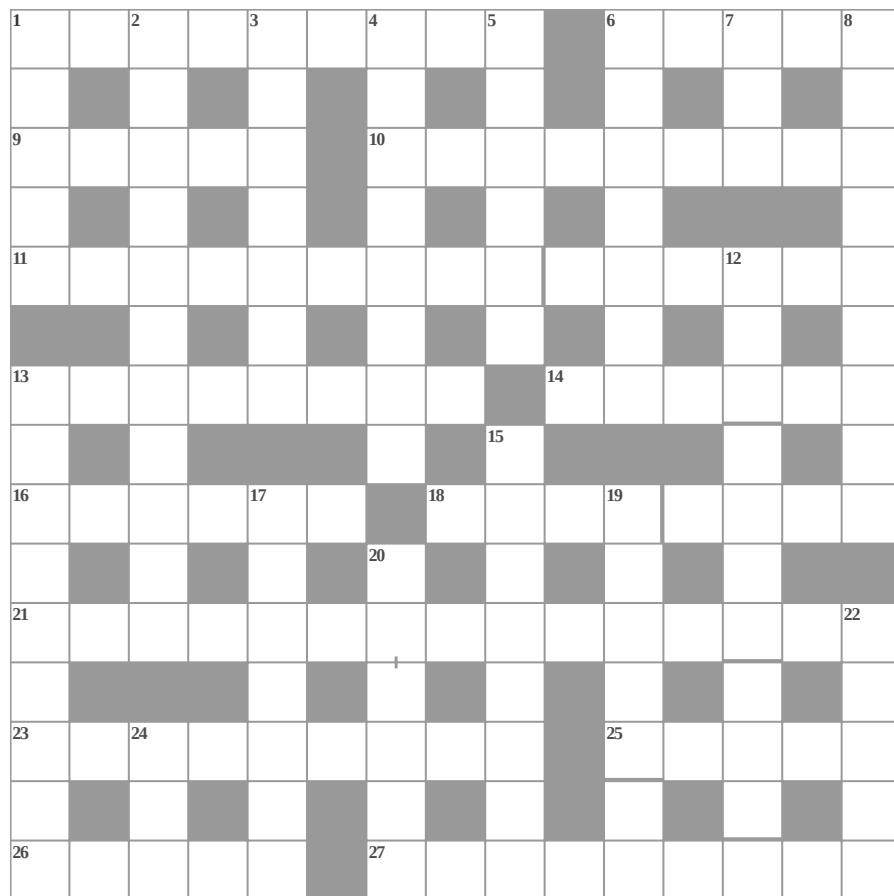


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**ACROSS**

- 1 Following delay of months, slander hospital department's union (9)
- 6 Public school lodge reported (5)
- 9 Depraved scene from "love party" embodied by aggressive-submissive proclivity (5)
- 10 Second-rate artiste carrying more weight on thigh (9)
- 11 Monarchies asserting vetoes abroad (9,6)
- 13 Took away cover from discharge pipe examined at both ends (8)
- 14 Stick notice in The Times? (6)
- 16 Catch securing edges of door-plate in tank (6)
- 18 Good buzz surrounding Polish play in Rugby (4,4)
- 21 Regrettably, couple that initiates divorce furtive about settling (15)
- 23 Bizarre dream, not the first that involves intro to *Finnegans Wake* (9)
- 25 London authority protects river for locals (5)
- 26 Horse bet, essentially £1 (5)
- 27 Soldiers charging Roman Catholic gathering ultimately feeling sorrow (9)

DOWN

- 1 Fools judge? Not quite (5)
- 2 People from Indiana share twin sons (11)
- 3 Head of state no longer in charge following union of cardinals (7)
- 4 Defective electronic chip's core codes formed imitative words (8)
- 5 Breaking in, tense street urchin lowering head (6)
- 6 Hurt forces brought up case for three days (7)
- 7 Old newspaper much of the time in verse? (3)
- 8 Continental jargon primarily used in sensitive, regressive summit (9)
- 12 Film of Charles upset Diana briefly (3,4,3,1)
- 13 Dry ditty regularly confused with 14 (9)
- 15 Scold Henry in school, location of Maggie's education (8)
- 17 Met maker of saw that's turned up in River Dee (7)
- 19 Incorporate legal draft delivered prior to crash (5,2)
- 20 Fat cat completely extra (2-4)
- 22 Second person finally seen collecting litter? (5)
- 24 Leading trio to sign letter overseas (3)