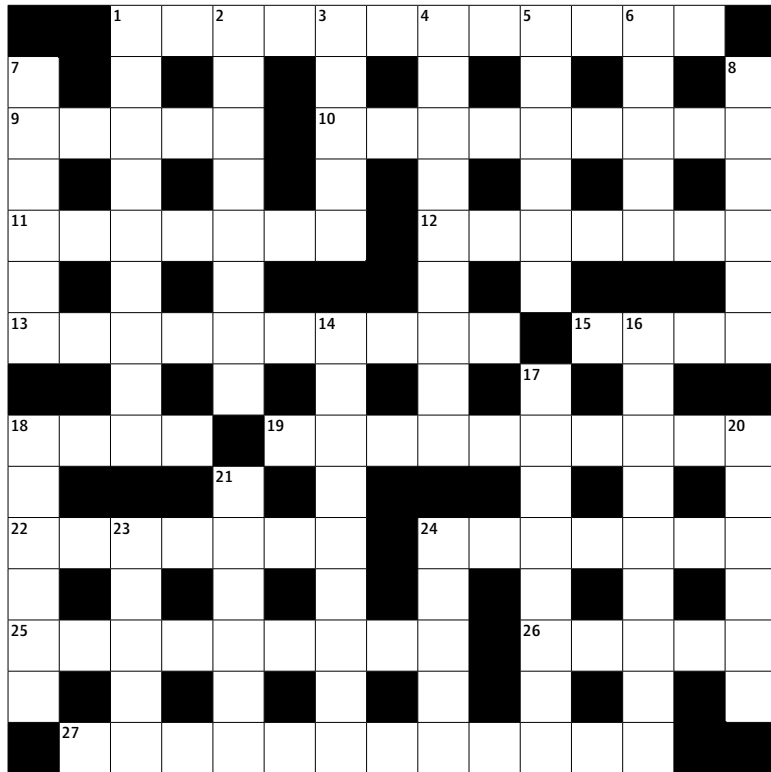


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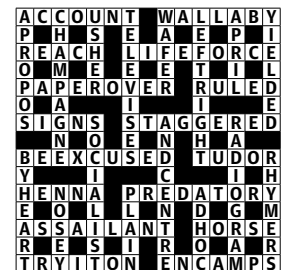
- 1 Ultimately, Katie Hopkins cuts off support for the poor (4,8)
- 9 Pierced from stab and stained with blood (5)
- 10 Way to write cards after game of golf (9)
- 11 Check - moving over knight, one might give away rank (7)
- 12 Hotel food around midday, that's left out, curls up (7)
- 13 A Spice Girl over making comeback around fiery studio session (10)
- 15 Restrain having thrown a punch (4)
- 18 Saucy thing admits backside in miniskirt sticks out (4)
- 19 Nothing from lover, as many desperate to pick up date (5,5)
- 22 Typical bits of grass, garden getting trimmed (4,3)
- 24 Check dipstick in car? No time (7)
- 25 Last panto rearranged after infant pulled out (9)
- 26 Awkward to write about boring sex (5)
- 27 Guardian fellow sent a report for editing (6-6)

Down

- 1 Filter air - not at home (6,3)

- 2 Fail to warm up sufficiently before start of game - one's likely to lose (8)
- 3 Before artist put on the canvas new religious work (5)
- 4 Feel sad? Come in (5,4)
- 5 Beating from punch, getting cut before sound of the bell (6)
- 6 Rugby Union club having straight rugby posts? (5)
- 7 Perhaps copper maintains good power - it might retain output from battery for consumer (6)
- 8 Pretty certain con is set-up - sucker not Yankee (4-2)
- 14 Not initially bad weather for swimming in spring? (9)
- 16 Romeo during passion done in a flash (9)
- 17 Ocean vessel docked for a major route (8)
- 18 Biblical figure formed from rib inspiring epistle (6)
- 20 They hold balls in opening of Royal Ascot racing (6)
- 21 Body in zone for running during training (6)
- 23 Criticise old following Conservative Party (5)
- 24 Old singer, ace, supporting Spice Girl (5)

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