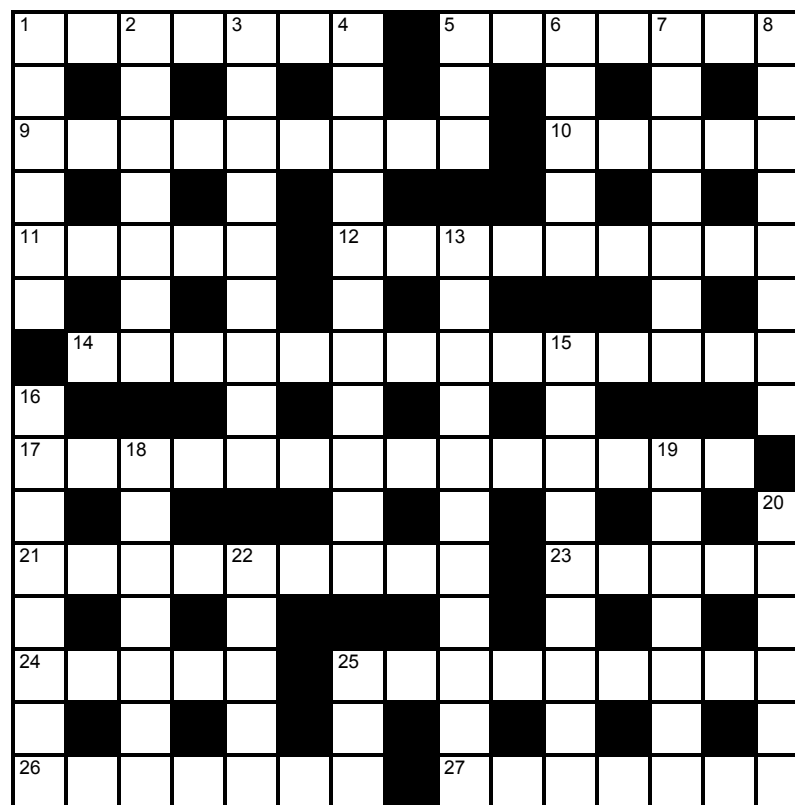


## Across

- 1 It may sound funny, but it's part of the anatomy (7)
- 5 Harder when a whistle-blower agrees to return (7)
- 9 Got back wind instrument, including case (9)
- 10 Entertained a big noise and journalist (5)
- 11 Praises peers, we hear (5)
- 12 Fruit in crate 9 going rotten (9)
- 14 Repaired deaf aids last, if in good condition (2,3,2,1,6)
- 17 Attendance at track racing is sharply deteriorating (5,2,3,4)
- 21 Reprimand while conversing (7,2)
- 23 Section of poem from worker in company (5)
- 24 Subject of article on yours truly (5)
- 25 Spoilt by scattered tinder ash (9)
- 26 Range making a come-back in home improvements show (7)
- 27 Partially unravel a sticky fabric (7)



## Down

- 1 An obstacle some athletes regularly overcome (6)
- 2 Models get out of bed during exams (4-3)
- 3 Taking with force what's very attractive (9)
- 4 Casually accompany musical instrument, having a desire to follow (6,5)
- 5 Unfashionable winter blues, perhaps (3)
- 6 State funding raised after international newspaper leaders (5)
- 7 Imagined being attracted to (7)
- 8 Saved and paid off the mortgage (8)
- 13 Turn up uninvited and run a series of lectures (5,6)
- 15 Eastern region provides fashionable party crockery (9)
- 16 Upset to be old, surrounding oneself with junk (8)
- 18 Lack of movement with no way to start complaint (7)
- 19 Report of weapons being stolen (7)
- 20 Scandinavian with the beginnings of normal diction (6)
- 22 One hand is perfect (5)
- 25 Attempt to bring to court (3)