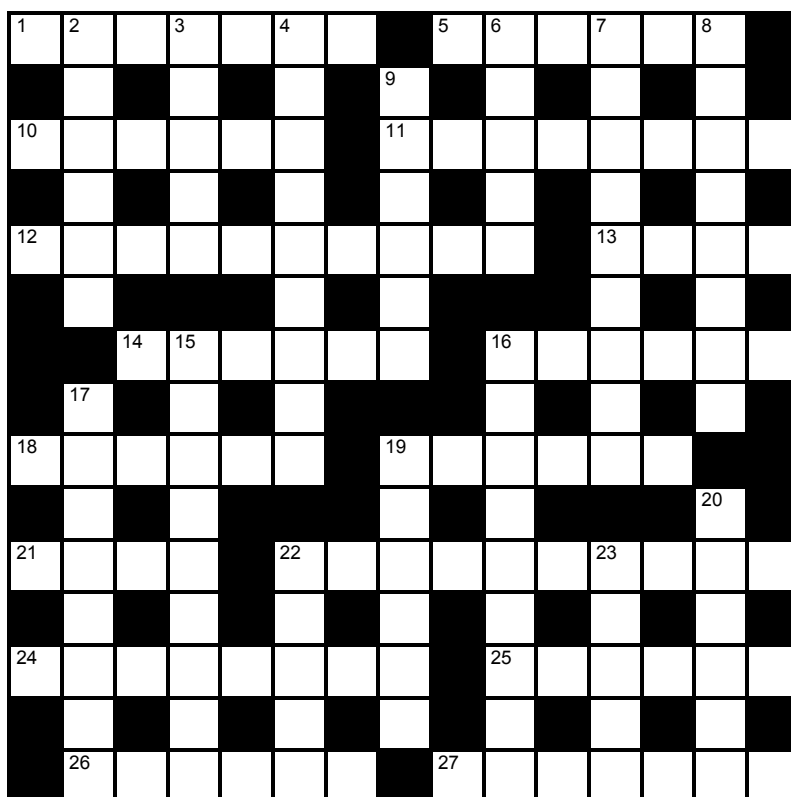


**Across**

- 1 Solvent expert on the front of 2/12 (7)
- 5 In South Africa, 2/12 encounters Zulu verse (6)
- 10 Small obstacles at the beginning complicated this race (6)
- 11 Orientation of Swede with gay disposition (8)
- 12 See 2 Down
- 13 Get fit going round island in the Med (4)
- 14 Destination in Turkey welcomes 2/12 back (6)
- 16 Ground forces used for painting (6)
- 18 Old poet gets half hour to preface 2/12 (6)
- 19 Times 2/12 pinched by sons (6)
- 21 Green husband gets involved in local issue? (4)
- 22 2/12 raises output for feather-brained worker? (10)
- 24 Ruined by dodgy credit record getting in the way (8)
- 25/22D Undo purse and pay 7 for this (6,5)



- 26 English and under-prepared for weather (6)
- 27 Novice artist regularly dissected by 2/12 (7)
- 9 Go back and half read 2/12 (6)
- 15 Mad about misspelt name - so you finally contact 2/12 (9)
- 16 Africa's seen to be the right environment for this grub (9)
- 17 Real cold on island in the Med (8)
- 19 Butcher's shut, if out of sorts (6)
- 20 Asian turning up in alpine resort (6)
- 22 See 25 Across
- 23 Post finally dispatched to soldiers' Spanish
- 3 Switch lit up bulb (5)
- 4 No 2/12 inside and only half the news - get the boss (6,3)
- 6 Mean to get drunk (5)
- 7 Retailer's latest books plugged by 2/12 (4,5)
- 8 Question asked
- of chippy, heard here in the States? (8)
- address (5)