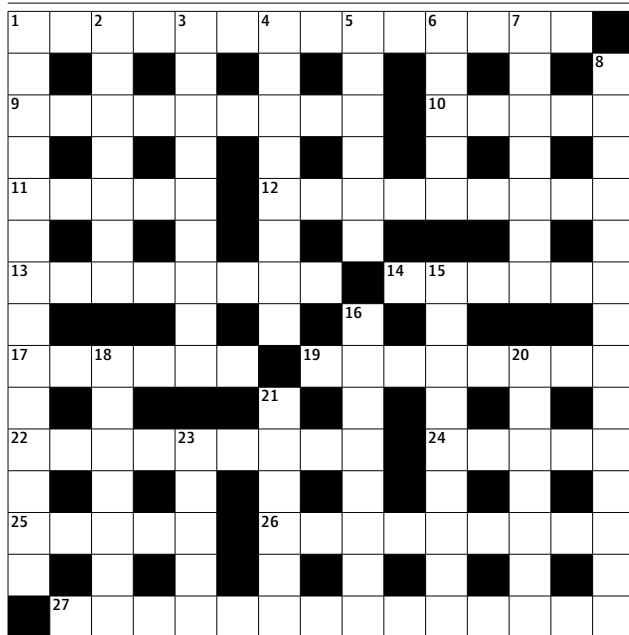


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### Across

- 1 Cook's been able to do this once on time (common gender question posed by society!) (6,3,5)
- 9 Police who want use of crackdown say they are gripping the court! (4,5)
- 10 Sri Lankan port's lifeboat's chief caught in a force 8 (5)
- 11 Itinerant #out to lunch (5)
- 12 Play this for eventual gain and drag to the ground (4,2,3)
- 13 World traveller's not doing too well in business with PC? (1-7)
- 14 High-class clothes business – right time to go for it! (1-5)
- 17 Fitful earless driving programme through well (4-2)
- 19 Look into enclosed space and see transmitter (6,2)
- 22 On vacation, double-crossed nasty DJ? (5,4)
- 24 International ran laps on record (5)
- 25 Timeless band's backing track (5)
- 26 One intriguing old Spanish gentleman (9)
- 27 Virginia back, cutting Myra, is getting involved with Gordon – TV feature? (4,5,5)

### Down

- 1,8 Freshly hassled, gets even: divorces bride – so saying? (7,2,1,4,4,6,4)
- 2 Old mortar in building programme co-tenant's brought up (3,4)
- 3 Mannequins I de-legitimised, having the measure of men's outfitter (6,3)
- 4 Moving about (8)
- 5 Last divers under base (6)
- 6 With intervention of government, this goes up a great deal (5)
- 7 Articles praising one in United goal getting drunk after end of game (7)
- 8 See 1
- 15 Indulge too much in what's unusually legal of mafioso (9)
- 16 "N", some out of uniform inspiring Sussex resort with no hotel (8)
- 18 The Queen's personal circle has no news to broadcast (4,3)
- 20 Outstanding piece of fiction concerning upset on borders (7)
- 21 Received refreshment at 4pm on 1/4, oh yesssss! (6)
- 23 Parents' progeny? Some of it (5)

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