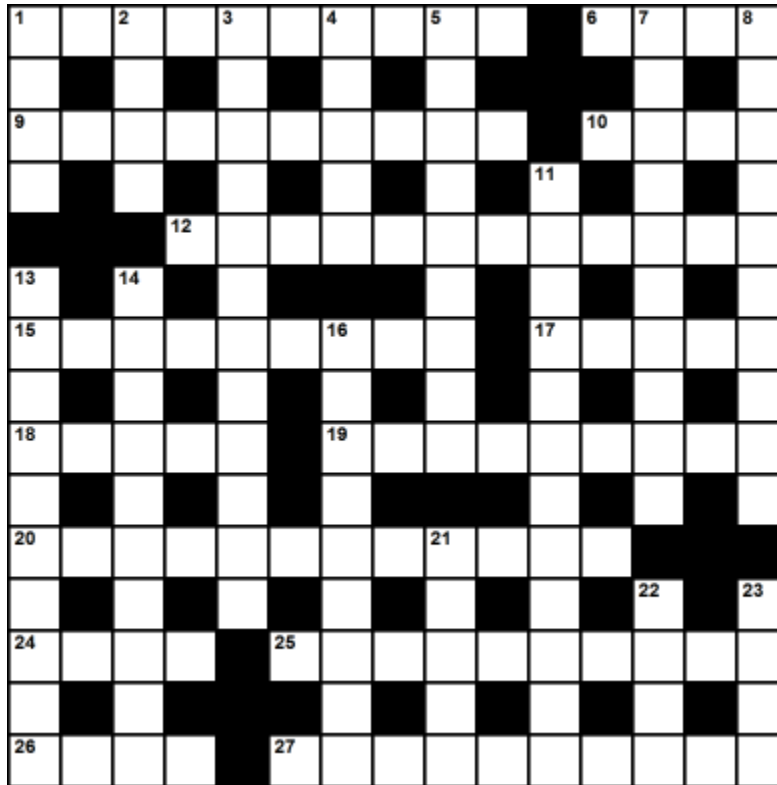


Set by Māyā



**Across**

- 1 D.C.I. Stanhope mentions about one set of truths (10)
- 6 Work soapsuds evenly (4)
- 9 Mitty left out bottoms of tanks (5,5)
- 10 Pace of caresses taken the wrong way (4)
- 12 The classroom's disrupted, but not by him (12)
- 15 E.g. root growing - hot, endless, towards the earth (9)
- 17 Yes, a craftsman has the beginnings of a craft (5)
- 18 Anguish a type of aunt (5)
- 19 Kink of Verdi, say - a fantasy (3,6)
- 20 What instructor at the wheel does for buff (12)
- 24 Lump coming after A is terminal (4)
- 25 Is order related to Orpheus of a similar structure? (10)
- 26 Will ego? (4)
- 27 The much-loved cartoonist from "Riverdance" (6,4)

**Down**

- 1 Pledges German cars contain nothing (4)
- 2 Tree top rodent? (4)
- 3 Like a communist postman on your birthday? (4-8)
- 4 Half bull, half pony found in the Waikato (5)
- 5 Thence Lye artistically composed Aristotle's final form (9)
- 7 Shoot towards Scottish lake (not the head) with endless nips and snacks (6,4)
- 8 Schismatic is set apart (10)
- 11 The wife of Lord Greystoke, an Earl, and a very short ruler (4,4,4)
- 13 Railway worker inside, for instance, first to scarlet-hipped bloomers! (10)
- 14 Italian code left lying around in town to the east (10)
- 16 Capital University admits backward chump at an equal rate (4,5)
- 21 Get new floor coverings back, even duller (5)
- 22 Spoke of sadness said to stop a horse (4)
- 23 Want rising unit of energy (for short) (4)

