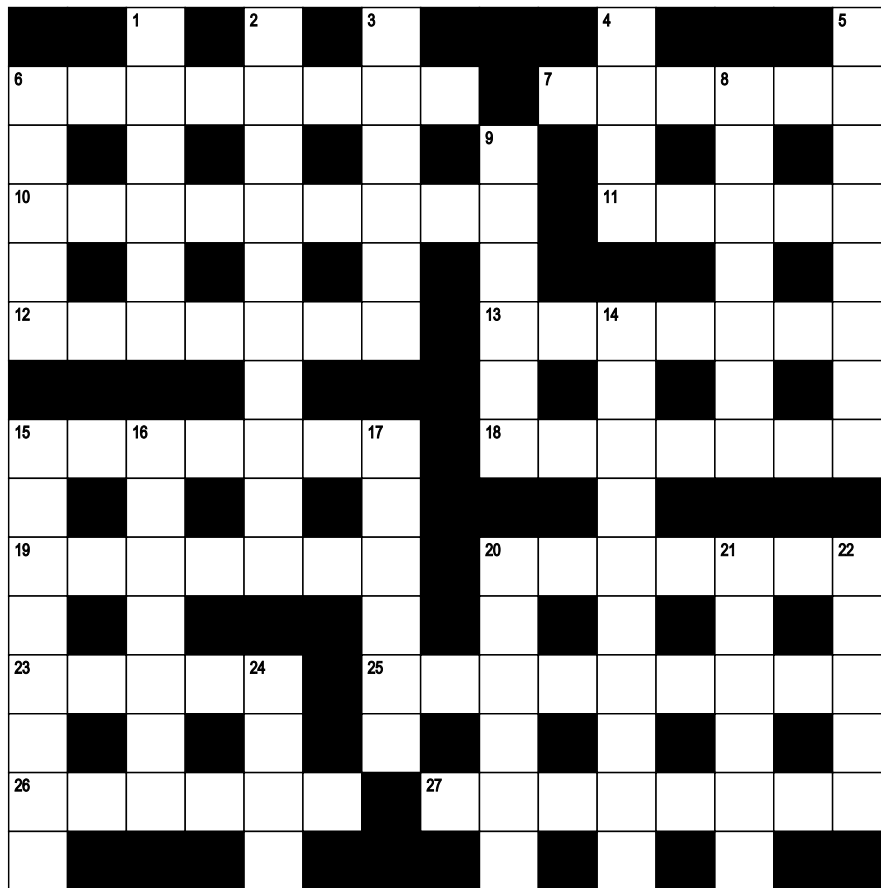


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Across:

- 6 By the sound of it, vacation avoids military bases (8)
- 7 Italian version of "Frozen" to proceed, involving story taken in a new direction (6)
- 10 Voucher for make-up stand having plastic niche (4,5)
- 11 Confidence in face of temptation leading to corruption (5)
- 12 Lead pipe's edges lined with ruby, covering hollow core (7)
- 13 Miser changed prisons if sent back in error (7)
- 15 Big lion snarled, furious (7)
- 18 You're dancing around, essentially single and less mature (7)
- 19 Sweet pie I left inside messy diner (7)
- 20 Cherries half off behind Tom, who's by the plate (7)
- 23 Final moments of bad date at hotel (5)
- 25 Refugees regularly ignore terms in German notes (9)
- 26 Absolutely ridiculous! Taking y'all out is dumb (6)
- 27 Leaders departing to act upset, trading first of seven for large group of eight (8)

Down:

- 1 No landlubber has piece of Calamari Neapolitan-style (6)
- 2 Prudence is engaged in working on credit (10)
- 3 Old-timer discovered element 50, starting an explosion (6)
- 4 The Spanish teenagers primarily chasing boy band (4)
- 5 Spooner said, "kick back a cold drink" (4,4)
- 6 Bill quit Pillsbury, going off to get sweet stuff (5)
- 8 Cheering a Mustang leaving outskirts of Tampa around one (7)
- 9 Secret agent captured Korean leader without much to go on (6)
- 14 Brute thugs provoked expert shooter (10)
- 15 Excited donor supports tavern's rural opening (4,4)
- 16 I'm starting to pick locks and need that stick (7)
- 17 Contraption is tagged in a strange way (6)
- 20 Secure pair of cleats in church (6)
- 21 What you might call someone found in myth and legend (6)
- 22 Go back? Every so often, others fear going back (5)
- 24 Opted to discard cap that might be used in the garden (4)