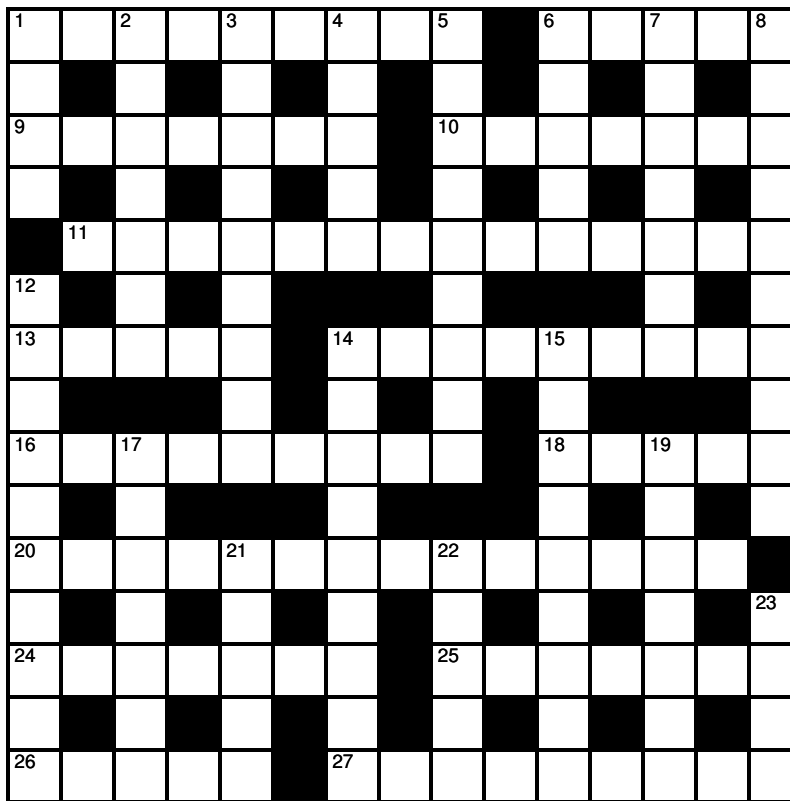


Block Puzzle One

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Across

- 1 Angry hotel worker suppresses insult (9)
- 6 Start to praise some translated verses (5)
- 9 Dame Edna's audience and most of entourage receiving total (7)
- 10 About to get exposed in a customary way (7)
- 11 Standard article properly written about 1960s music artist (6,8)
- 13 Many times decimal? (5)
- 14 Realistic photo in possession of tabloid, having dull finish (9)
- 16 Rates adjusted to accommodate certain prizes (9)
- 18 Holbein's foremost, located in fine recess (5)
- 20 Author's finally written *For One or Two Nickels*, during low point (6,8)
- 24 Someone coming with a red flower (7)
- 25 Traded with one in bed (7)
- 26 Persuade to eat with macaroni (5)
- 27 Separation of church and state is weird, and extremely light (9)

Down

- 1 Devilish group is taking back the night? (4)
- 2 WWII movie star's opening in send-up of *Alas!* (3,4)
- 3 Fellow stuffs pumpkins and such for epicures (9)
- 4 Minister uncovered a crime (5)
- 5 Airplane operators devoted to wearing headdresses (9)
- 6 Power, fortune, or courage (5)
- 7 I've gotten over depression, that'll be obvious (7)
- 8 Defeated, the woman didn't have to accept loss (10)
- 12 Some Slavs getting to some New Englanders (10)
- 14 Father turned up all right, with one cold medication (9)
- 15 Churchman composes some sermons ignorantly (9)
- 17 Criminal seen concealing gun, climbing back (7)
- 19 British pharmacist has time off at middle of Wednesday shift (7)
- 21 Just a touch of vulgarity in Christmas story (5)
- 22 Hayseed gets 50 in foreign money (5)
- 23 Make changes in a vowel and its Morse code equivalent? (4)