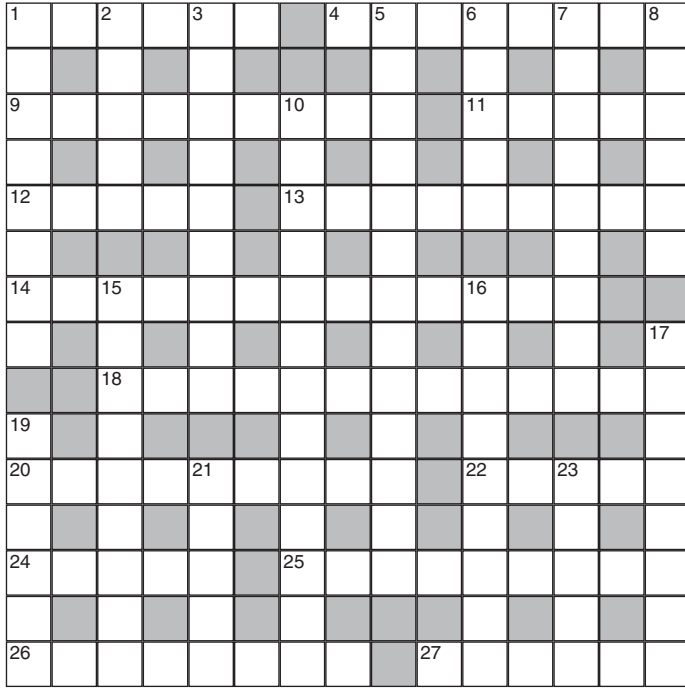


The Hindu Crossword No. 2504



Down

- 1 Advice to the couch potato, ill at ease? (8)
- 2 Appoint a Russian president (3,2)
- 3 Former Labour leader's extremely Left, getting members' support? (9)
- 5 Is concerned about lob Rod getting smashed out of play (5,8)
- 6 Vagrant, male lying in ambush (5)
- 7 Patrons of varied intellect, mostly English (9)
- 8 Girl in New York bank almost tripped up (6)
- 10 Cartoonist from Hobart shone in broadcast (5,8)
- 15 Spread a bit of mackerel pate and tea's done (4,5)
- 16 Seriously trendy boy, it's said (2,7)
- 17 Remained steady at sea in operation (6,2)
- 19 Socialist, better MP (6)
- 21 Approaches miserly son (5)
- 23 Girl exercising daily (5)

Across

- 1 Almost ready, cricket side to expose cheat, (3,3)
- 4 Old boy's story about Conservative in bar (8)
- 9 Treasure site to South, no kidding (6,3)
- 11 Similar article to enjoy (5)
- 12 Connections for golf course (5)
- 13 Warhol and Williams, say, round piano showing off puppet (4,5)
- 14 Not now Tories, the memo let slip (4,5,4)
- 18 Done with good intentions, cracked open a fresh litre bottle? (3,3,3,4)
- 20 Former partner, thoughtful dear (9)
- 22 Last to muster and join forces for mass meeting (5)
- 24 Conspirator from America's caught (5)
- 25 Debarred for a time, South American priest's finished (9)
- 26 Yokel squeezing head of huge game bird (8)
- 27 Family tax burden (6)

Solution No. 2503

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