

Better Than One

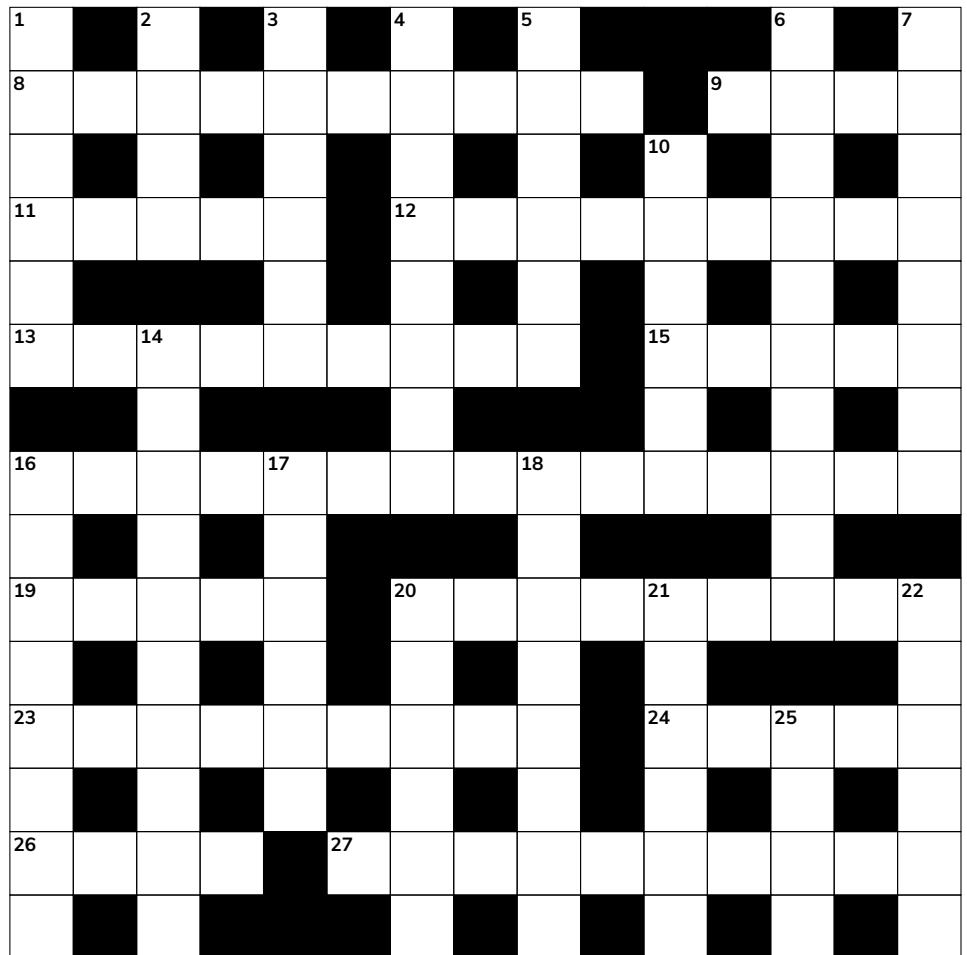
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ACROSS

- 8** (+27) In the dark, smile at king after some serious banging - both of us came to the same conclusion (5,5,5,5)
- 9** Stake a prototype version (4)
- 11** Liberal representative loses Massachusetts
- 12** Extremely sensitive with respect to rent (3,6)
- 13** Stresses about documentation errors, maybe (9)
- 15** Sounding like IT support specialist is someone who may have made sacrifices? (5)
- 16** Tear George's idea to pieces - that's one way to end an argument (5,2,8)
- 19** Some card sharp, winning nothing (5)
- 20** Legendary brand of Tex-Mex/Cali burrito filling (9)
- 23** Two foreign articles by good, cool college student (9)
- 24** Symbolized by the eye in defaced Egyptian language (5)
- 26** Hold back support (4)
- 27** See 8a

DOWN

- 1** Iowa captures tailless, batshit reptile (6)



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- 2** Something clogging snorkel, perhaps! (4)
- 3** Take heed at the beginning of the end (6)
- 4** Japanese company has no plan on the inside (8)
- 5** Takes up physical training amid troubles (6)
- 6** Dreamboat to take off following trace of tryst found in home (10)
- 7** "Mixed up patches" may describe one! (8)
- 10** Dave turning around somewhere in North American state (6)
- 14** Loads truck and drives, after adding a bit of gas (10)
- 16** Selflessness of key RuPaul quote? (8)
- 17** Doctor fired after disrobing - gross (6)
- 18** Event tab is around \$101 (8)
- 20** Crude shortage after failing to start refinery on the eastern border (6)
- 21** Ha! Ass-backward scrub (6)
- 22** Rackenfracker's first five themers beginning to make noise (6)
- 25** Cancel last of cable in duplex (4)