

Rookie Corner 646

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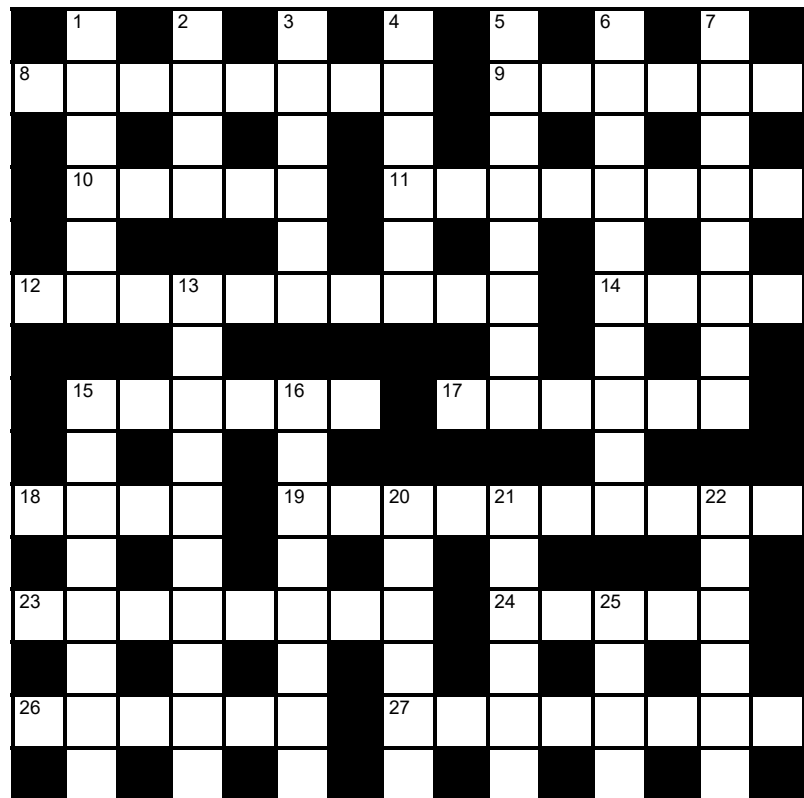
Across

- 8 Rebel, banged up, breaks out after killing king (8)
- 9 Approached with "need a friend?" every so often (6)
- 10 Harry Kane finally scored, being unguarded (5)
- 11 Aimed at butt of vermin, shot quick (8)
- 12 Brainwashing for heathen followed by vacuous dogma (10)
- 14 Is from the gospel? (4)
- 15 Regular in filthy place nursing wine while topless (6)
- 17 Just your setter, concerned about cruciverbal difficulty ultimately (6)
- 18 "Smart" revolutionary's backing America (4)

- 19 Assuredly, pro-ICE rant will be dealt with (3,7)
- 23 Weapon of cat against a bird (8)
- 24 Storyteller's extremely average, and so quiet (5)
- 26 Cigar licking in part a cause of bad breath (6)
- 27 Detective's beginning to solve with hair found by that woman (8)

Down

- 1 Brontë is between title and genre (6)
- 2 Hook up with physician back to back (4)



3 Old sailor travels about drinking these days (3-3)

4 Will I adorn fancy dresses? (6)

5 Friend, sooner or later, will hug a ton (8)

6 Manipulation from man, spy, keeping me in check (10)

7 We hear Sarah tending to complain for show (8)

13 Favoured before lie about backing soldiers (10)

15 Lost race after changes made concerning healthcare? (8)

16 If rejected, college official's filled with

depleted confidence and contempt (8)

20 Dapper? Ha! Slick hair's regularly fixed up (6)

21 Sent story, upsetting editor (6)

22 Influence of politician in Independence Act (6)

25 Hawk disembowelled seagull, digesting drained eyeball (4)