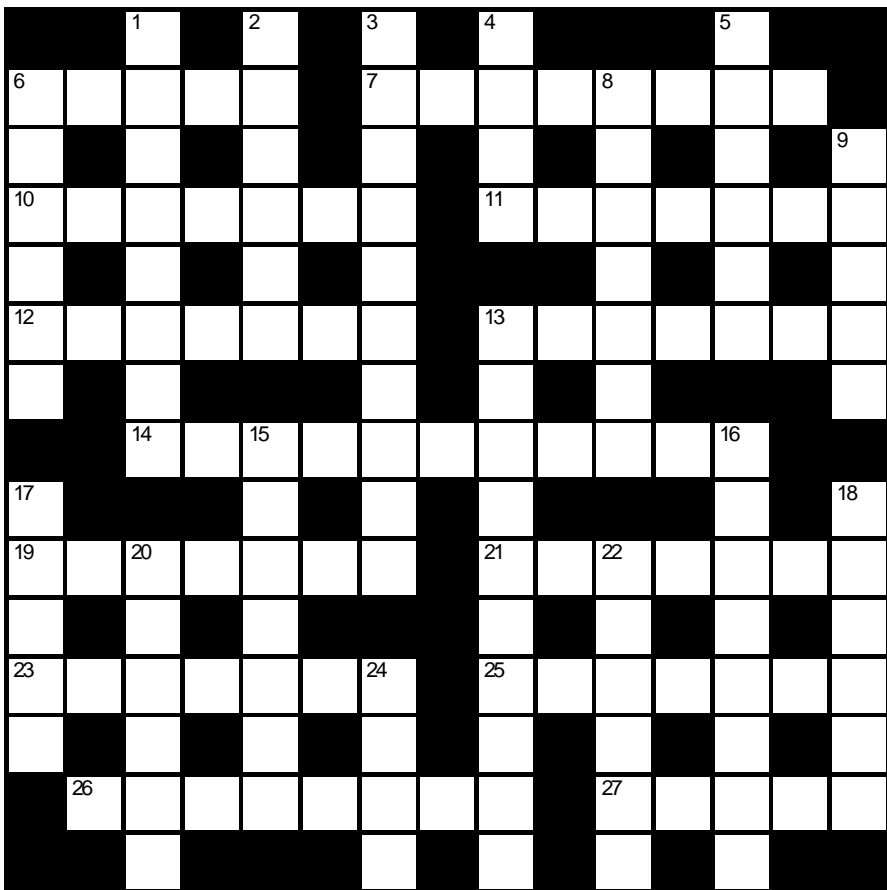


GAMETIME

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Across

- 6 Card dealer's essentials
- 7 Decade of last Lakers-Celtics final
- 10 Baseball squabble
- 11 Veteran center backed up Ming in 2007-08
- 12 "The Star-Spangled Banner," et. al.
- 13 Profession useful to the frequently traded
- 14 2006-07 NBA Defensive Player of the Year
- 19 Display
- 21 Unpaid athlete
- 23 Hitting a waist-high pitch with power
- 25 Like a must-win situation
- 26 "Who's On First?" partner
- 27 Area-based defenses



Down

- 1 Familiarize through practice
- 2 Narrowly avert a loss
- 3 Last sports film to be nominated for Best Picture Oscar
- 4 Got older
- 5 Common Riddell product
- 6 "Bull _____"
- 8 Prepare to shoot
- 9 Cubs closer, to friends
- 13 Jason, Quentin or Pooh
- 15 Like a dismantled and reassembled team
- 16 Allowing
- 17 Churchill Downs race, casually
- 18 A.C., Rickey and Sidney
- 20 Colorado Rockies all-time hits leader
- 22 Veteran won first championship as backup center for 2006 Heat
- 24 Sport that could feature an albatross or a condor