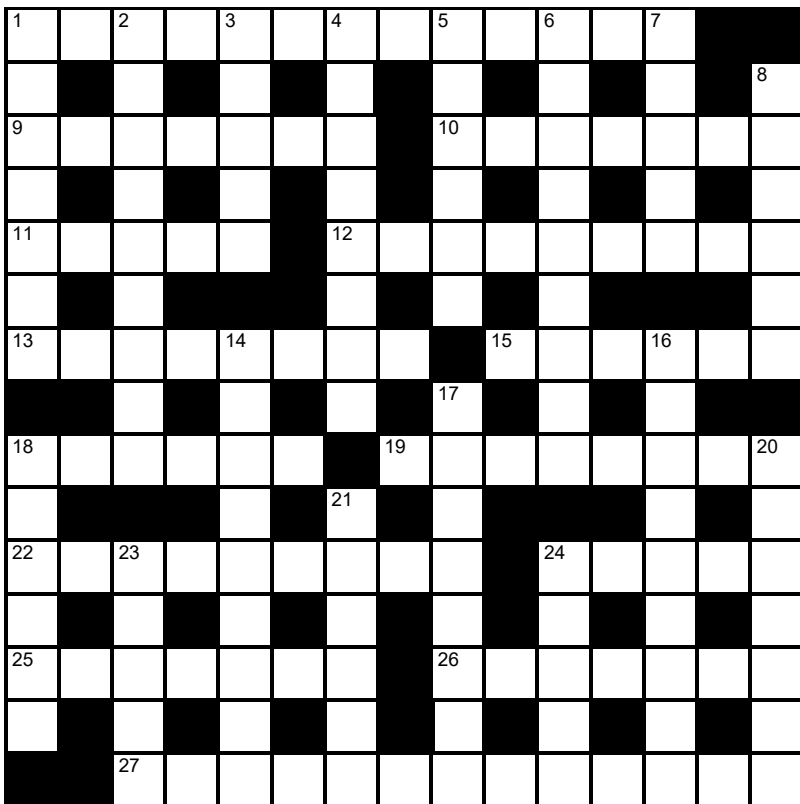


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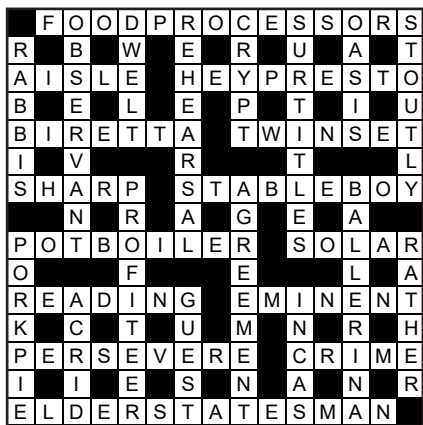
- 1 Food to set before terrible heathen idol (4-2-3-4)
 9 Member of group at home with drink, say (7)
 10 Fool claiming record is in pristine state? (7)
 11 Forgets to mention sick son, very neglected (5)
 12 Chartered accountant hits on Mum's financial security providers (4,5)
 13 Complicated phase entails delay for collection of waste (4,4)
 15 Paramilitary group originally implicated in Republican Party report (6)
 18 Slovenly model lodged in college dormitory on vacation (6)
 19 Support mother with questionable sanity (8)
 22 Sign on relative's food stores (9)
 24 Expert occupying an area of stage (5)
 25 Lunatic insults clansmen on a regular basis (7)
 26 Good-natured, alpha female enters story (7)
 27 Peace broken by discontented European's envy (13)

DOWN

- 1 Photographer's assistants stumble upon police officer with nothing on (7)
 2 He attacks while venerable type crosses city (9)
 3 Having eradicated source of heresy, religious people flower (5)
 4 Ancient Greek chair wrought in bronze (8)
 5 Pass by some houses Palestinians erected (6)
 6 Extravagant linguistic feature common in Old Norse (9)
 7 It supports conclusions of male nurses in county (5)
 8 Consumes American energy drink (4,2)
 14 Beginning to harmonise thoughts about style for sanctuaries (9)
 16 A blue star exploded exhibiting chemical property (9)
 17 Roguish character let down missing international workers (8)
 18 Grave of upper-class male found beneath ancient ruins (6)
 20 Americans escalating search for Al-Qaeda's base in state (7)
 21 Message bearer simplified language on the radio (6)
 23 Reportedly shift focal point of mass (5)
 24 How sweet fellow starts to understand life is ghastly (5)

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