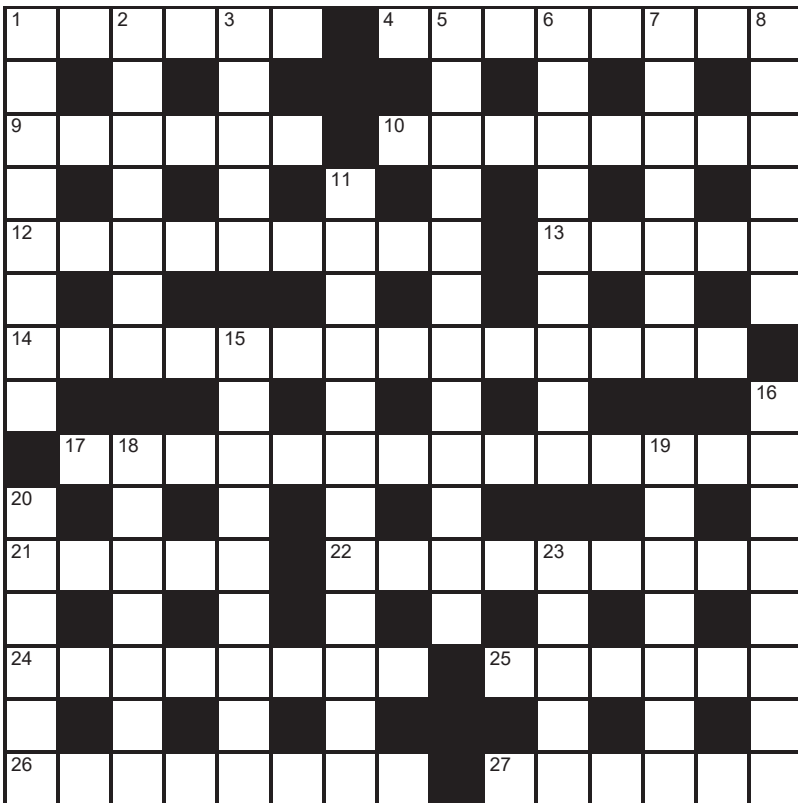


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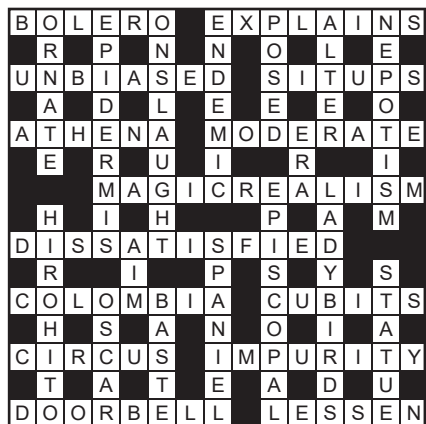
ACROSS

- 1 Impertinent male adolescent with yen to change sides (6)
- 4 Concerns some French revolutionary lovingly embraced (8)
- 9 Long-term cons tons of body-builders avoided (6)
- 10 Deciding jointly about getting on ferries (8)
- 12 Daughter was some time back risk-taker (9)
- 13 Seabirds getting lost in swells (5)
- 14 Boldly join insurrection taking place in work (14)
- 17 Horror, as robbers nobbled car parts (5,9)
- 21 Walk from corner holding mastiff's lead (5)
- 22 A sign about hotel services for boozers (9)
- 24 Swimmer with lack of hostility discussed pouchlike garment (8)
- 25 A kid free from anxiety (2,4)
- 26 Suffering Frenchman's put in plea for help (8)
- 27 Shortest route east completely empty road (6)

DOWN

- 1 Ailments put mother on toilet (8)
- 2 Happy to participate you said with profit generated (2,3,2)
- 3 Shot stern English dons (5)
- 5 Gentle sort joining a body of soldiers — he's producing memoir (7,5)
- 6 Part of potato starter that's revelatory (3-6)
- 7 Lot of alcohol sunk if turning fifty (7)
- 8 Break down joke that's heard to gradually understand (6)
- 11 Tips when penning said article succeeded (12)
- 15 Recording in building having erased top social event (9)
- 16 Easiest shot blocked by one in my view (2,1,3,2)
- 18 One stores aged wine in retirement (7)
- 19 Catch characters in veterans' network after keeling over (7)
- 20 Fills opening in stapler with staples (6)
- 23 Group of performers regularly boycotted tango (5)

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