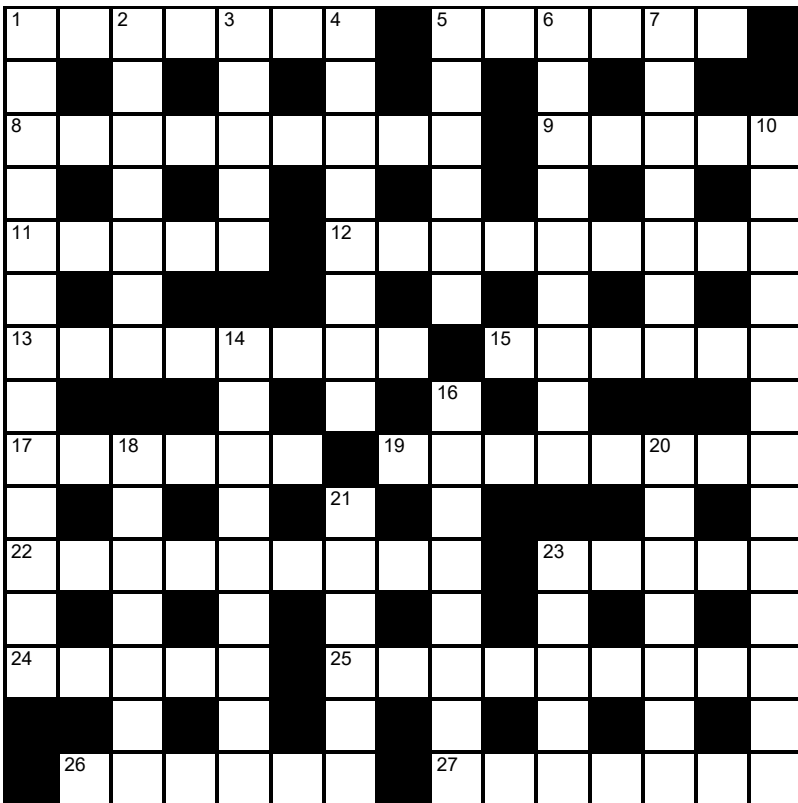


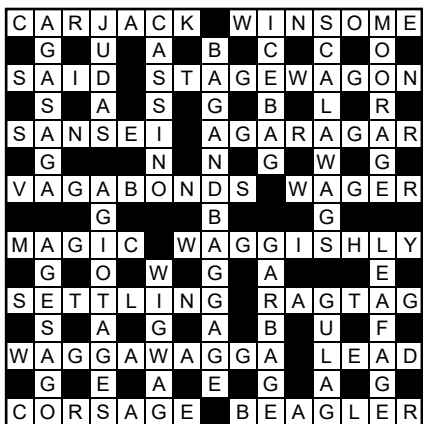
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ACROSS

- 1 Total meltdown finally ruined a celeb, unfortunately (7)
- 5 Pastry snack sold primarily in part of Polynesia (6)
- 8 Provide padding for raised place an arm might go? (9)
- 9 Republican taken in by donation scam (5)
- 11 Source of inspiration weary author regularly dismissed (5)
- 12 Matchless new open-air building next to lake (9)
- 13 Male colleague grabbing you casually by the hand (8)
- 15 Politician backing some acclaimed bills (3-3)
- 17 Star players ultimately go under (6)
- 19 Plant cut back entirely (8)
- 22 It gets the worst of five grades, adding additional stress (9)
- 23 Showed love for many a Hitchcock film role? (5)
- 24 Odd chunks from a big loin smothering ordinary sauce (5)
- 25 Feeling excited, I intended to ignore the last bit of drama (9)
- 26 Horrible smell coming from head of spoiled fish (6)
- 27 Wild artist embracing Nationalist movement (7)

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JOTTER PAD

DOWN

- 1 Doctor examined such a contrived solution (4,2,7)
- 2 Clever person touring a hot country (7)
- 3 Small chamber orchestra's lead instrument (5)
- 4 Twist involving star just after the start? (8)
- 5 Extremely short phone cord (6)
- 6 Plane offering provision for helping people travel from one location to another? (9)
- 7 Gratuity included in second and final payment (7)
- 10 I know what you mean — so give me the details! (4,2,5,2)
- 14 Hobby, or a specified career (9)
- 16 Trawler's equipment captures old fish (8)
- 18 Leave upset and almost too distraught (4,3)
- 20 Permits covering one member and hangers-on? (7)
- 21 Trashy uniform given to school (6)
- 23 Feature on a global leader (5)



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