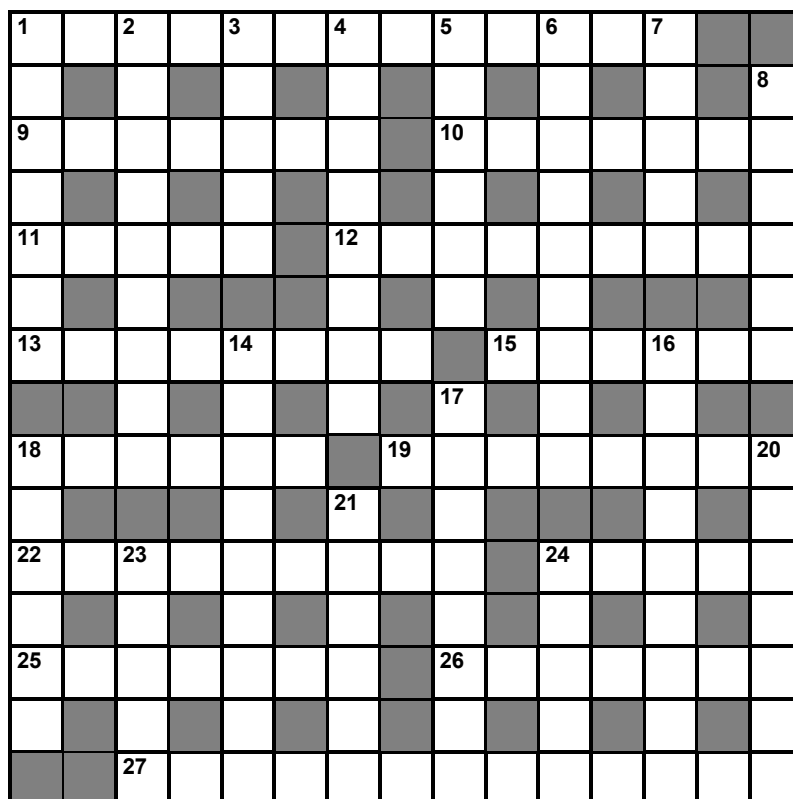


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ACROSS

- 1 Major can race it on redeveloped base (8,5)
- 9 Sunken vessel is intact strangely, apart from bow of ship (7)
- 10 Unaccompanied monk losing support of king, a wise man (7)
- 11 Promiscuous ladies, say, curtailed sex (5)
- 12 Crush resistance in obvious manner (9)
- 13 Prod proboscis pierced by a pinpoint (8)
- 15 Recreational vehicle arrived, taking parking next to river (6)
- 18 Bit of butter in a shallow Roman pan (6)
- 19 Small bay, in our opinion, is wanting (8)
- 22 We disrupted heat and took the lead (4,5)
- 24 A copper tube hollowed out is sharp? (5)
- 25 Go back to doctor again (7)
- 26 Be unduly critical returning metal tool (3-4)
- 27 Passive investor, loaned a standard amount in rent, is given backing (6,7)

DOWN

- 1 Test requiring a rewrite was first worked out (7)
- 2 One relocated to Saturn? (9)
- 3 A character ejected from unruly Senate is unable to relax (5)
- 4 Treatment of corpse in main mortuary ultimately? (8)
- 5 Sign reformed members of Spice Girls at the end (6)
- 6 Strange guy found behind villa with head cut off (3,2,4)
- 7 Clock-watcher's area of responsibility in recession (5)
- 8 A cross-section of Australians were solvent (6)
- 14 Nothing limiting about clip is unique (9)
- 16 Abundance of uranium stored in refurbished prison (9)
- 17 Old vessels tied up following onset of cyclonic period of wintry weather (4,4)
- 18 Influential authorities pressure those in debt? (6)
- 20 Orator came away from peacemakers confused (7)
- 21 Scientist not familiar with nitrogen? (6)
- 23 Bum had a meal served in tin sent back (5)
- 24 Modify components in general terms (5)