

## ACROSS

- 1 Caresses (7)
- 5 Favouritism (4)
- 8 Perform (5)
- 9 Attacks (7)
- 11 Part of the neck (4)
- 12 Adjust continuously (8)
- 15 Nickname for the southern states of the USA (5)
- 16 Beleaguering of a town (5)
- 19 Canary or budgie, eg (4,4)
- 21 Seven days (4)
- 23 Open (a jar) (7)
- 25 Hinder (someone's style) (5)
- 26 Scottish Gaelic name for Scotland (4)
- 27 Small close group (7)

## DOWN

- 2 Pounding underfoot (9)
- 3 Horse feed cereal (4)
- 4 Exultant (6)
- 5 Large snake that kills by crushing (3)
- 6 Distribute in portions (5)
- 7 Sir \_\_\_ Henry, comedian and actor (5)
- 10 Artist's workplace (6)
- 13 Builder's concrete mix (9)
- 14 Someone who is economical with the truth (6)
- 17 Plasterer's tool (6)
- 18 Jumps over a twirling rope (5)
- 20 Declare void (5)
- 22 Frozen desserts (4)
- 24 US espionage department (inits) (3)

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