



**Across**

- 1 Shellfish and crisp bread prepared (6,4)
- 7 Broadcast naked brute (4)
- 9 Spooner's to tolerate barb, with a feeling of fatigue (3,3)
- 10 Unstable and vulgar, touring old American city, close to Shreveport (8)
- 11 Central character and, weirdly, another one within (8)
- 12 Surrenders when beheaded, eyelids flickering (6)
- 14 Writer, oddly nerdy, playing cricket following that man (5,8)
- 17 Mismanage crap? Untrue! This is defamation! (5,8)
- 19 Outsiders in Calgary prefer the States as a country (6)
- 21 Adroitly disrupted the worship of graven images (8)
- 23 Northern African scribe ultimately typing a composition (8)
- 25 Iron is extremely trusty and resilient (6)
- 26 Thoroughfare passing through part of Norfolk (4)
- 27 Charity is noble in quality when director replaces head of governors (10)

**Down**

- 2 A fancy airline meal? It's unlikely to come about (3,2,3,3)
- 3 Dead marriage resulting in illicit romance (9)
- 4 Scoundrel in heavy shoes edges away (5)
- 5 Hear a violinist eating pasta (7)
- 6 Inventor beginning to yell "bomb!" in rough dive (5-4)
- 7 Hit on that man - you might do this at a swimming pool (5)
- 8 Spike's dead, I hear (3)
- 13 Ellen perhaps getting ratty regularly with perverts (11)
- 15 Standard fence post, it could be? (9)
- 16 Copy one quote about being supplanted by Frenchman (9)
- 18 Not good - van going wrong in French location (7)
- 20 Swift incursion to capture president (5)
- 22 Rotten, extremely awful, variety meats (5)
- 24 Sentimental drivel is a turn-on (3)