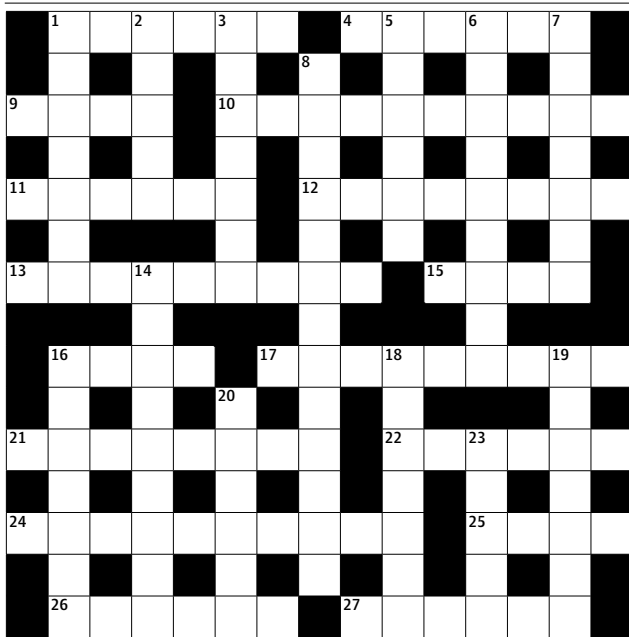


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,990 set by Brummie

Across

- 1** Very attractive, ample – not left disconnected (6)
4 Backward class welcomes religious examination (6)
9 See 15
10 Get to know about Hard Spike, marksman with Ohio's top force (4,4,2)
11 See 2
12 Understands salts show a reaction to punch? (3,5)
13 Kitty cherishes Cher's dancing like a kid who has no class (9)
15,9 Blue wing's unpunctuated surrender (4,4)
16,25 Price, taking goblin about, gets go ahead (4,4)
17 Undergoing education makes sense beyond any used in 10, 12, 16 25, 2 11 and 14? (9)
21 Hole ship for the viewer's enhancement (8)
22 Spotted thing gets sick, as doomed species do (3,3)
24 Film director wants Cruise for African location (5,5)
25 See 16
26 Make to look a bit like a rodent sanction? (6)
27 Port's responsible for smug Dan's kind heart (6)

Down

- 1** Possibly care to wear ermine, Travers? (7)

- 2,11** Experience loss of testes almost – daft A&E aberration (5,6)
3 Not struck with church divorce (7)
5 Rogue racehorse fails to start (6)
6 Navigational aid prototype ring inserted in echo locator (5,4)
7 Traditional Scotsman's ready to be put in one? (7)
8 Introduction to "Alice in Wonderland" so sullied a sports venue (9,4)
14 Suspect evildoing of singer in smart novel (5,1,3)
16 Sharp finished superior road (7)
18 After raise, went out, romantically briefed (7)
19 Out of condition spy broadcast at a less busy time (3-4)
20 Chateau Nice farm houses organisation with minor concerns (6)
23 Playfully delicate life abused and shortened (5)

Solution No. 24,989

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