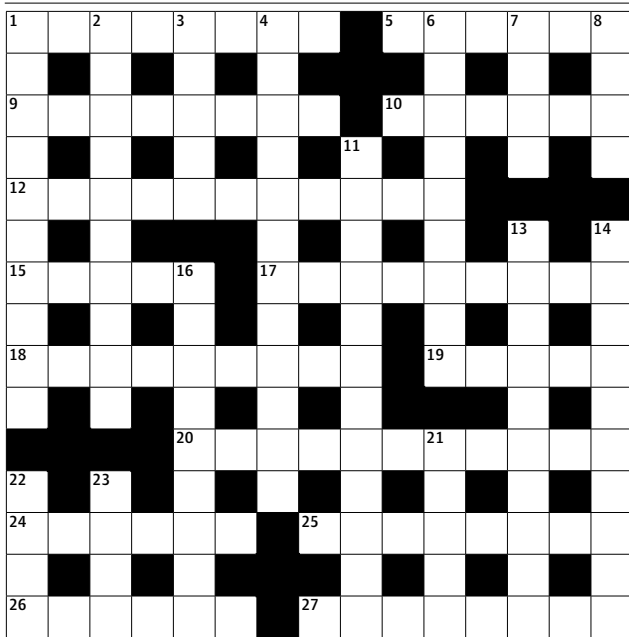


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,409 set by Enigmatist

## Across

- 1** "Pulp" featured in this newly remixed chart-topper (5,3)  
**5,24** Not a catering school, this measure of hard knocks? (6,6)  
**9** Naturally lost: abstract female (2,6)  
**10,26** Dodgy tum my nemesis? (6,6)  
**12** Leaving home at one, southern Englishman acquired painting (11)  
**15** Lines about film venue (5)  
**17** Pass reader a squirrel (9)  
**18** Where actor may be found, never turning into a married man (9)  
**19** Fruit of Borneo one put in mouth (5)  
**20** Up to no good with Eric, ran from Caribbean island (6,5)  
**24** See 5  
**25** What has me pinned back by the two large animals? One only (8)  
**26** See 10  
**27** Part of letter read out by a man in Post Office? (8)

## Down

- 1** Winter vehicle presently parking in Berkshire town (10)  
**2** Principled Greek Olympian's agreed to inter-rupt (10)

- 3** Frequent adviser offering tip with a chance of success? (5)  
**4,11** New to CBS TV show, serial killer admits mass 13s approach! (3,5,4,5,7)  
**6** Whip arrests MP somewhere in Normandy (9)  
**7** Objection lodged on American border (4)  
**8** My point is often hidden from life peers (4)  
**11** See 4  
**13** Warning issued from slur.com? (10)  
**14** Lie up, as medicine man looking down on soldiers besieging Villa? (4,6)  
**16** The right change? (9)  
**21** He had a tale to tell about the First Lady (5)  
**22** "Love is Tender", heading for the top (4)  
**23** I can confirm the end of inflammatory condition (2,2)

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