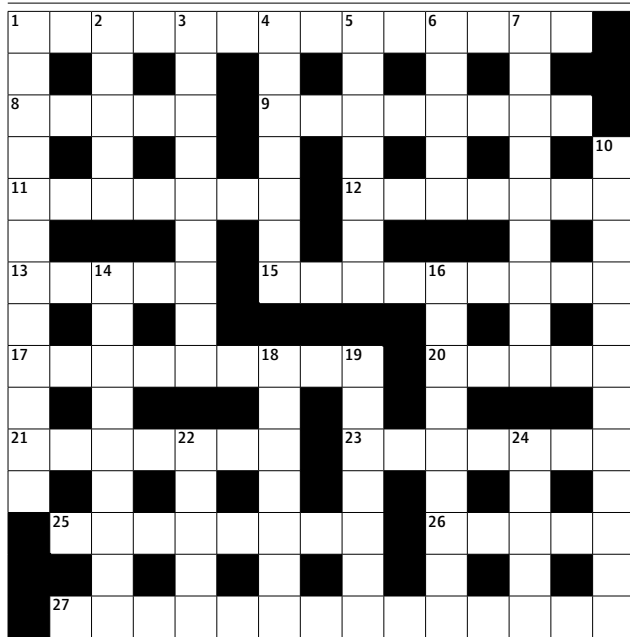


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Across

- 1 Accurately reproduced version of Largo, conflated with hip-hop act (14)
- 8 A desire to get a letter (5)
- 9 Maybe reckon about 50-50 one's not wearing a tie (4-4)
- 11 Thinning out bureaucracy as indexed? (7)
- 12 Partisan in 27 reported solver's bust (7)
- 13 Tito's hunchbacks (5)
- 15 Rhyming letters? I would say not: it's hermaphrodite (5,4)
- 17 Go with a winner to make wood for Beatles (9)
- 20 Name of girl in the CPR (5)
- 21 Deal with cars etc (7)
- 23 Maximum base to give setter a home (7)
- 25 Pollster's in building with joker (8)
- 26 Opposition to English subject (5)
- 27 Weak leading man's breaking goods in horticultural contests (4,2,3,5)

Down

- 1 Devise beliefs about silver brooms in 27 (12)
- 2 Sink number coming up in the first place (2,3)
- 3 12 emblem rendered differently (9)
- 4 Emblem of 16 moved altar back (7)
- 5 Syrian girlfriend produces toddy (7)
- 6 Local monarch next to magpie (5)
- 7 Church interrupting an irreverent boy (9)
- 10 Strength and loyalty saw slatterns put straight (12)
- 14 A French nobleman turned up on Hebridean island to fish (9)
- 16 Actors in a way on right side in 27 (9)
- 18 Distance that is key to being high up on shield (2,5)
- 19 Absolutely unequal to cancelling game? (2,5)
- 22 Novel river with candy (5)
- 24 First off numbers 50-50 (5)

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