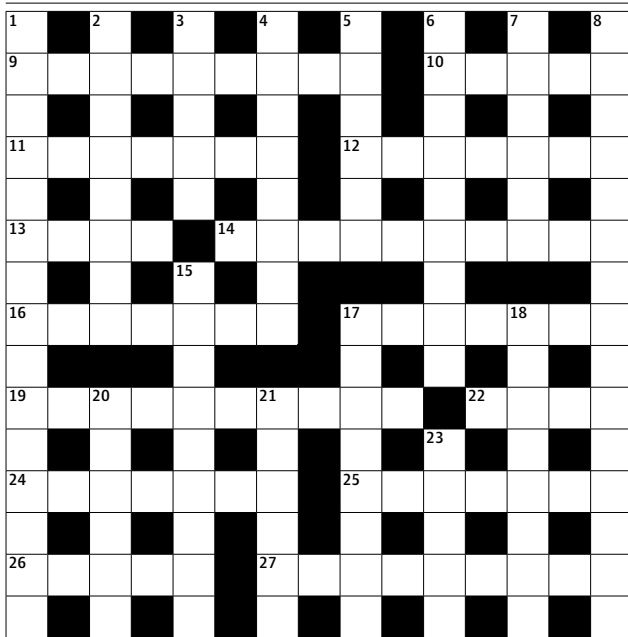


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9** Greek maiden with romantic dream about love (9)
10,23 Team building follows when not working (5,5)
11 Titanic problem – Diamonds Are Forever’s finale needs £1,000 (7)
12 Choose to swallow ace cooked bun (7)
13 See 5
14 After starting to train women, one church backs reason to doubt (5,5)
16 Shooting weapon at home pierces new bodyguard’s heart (7)
17 Rushed copper once pursues subtle criminal (7)
19 Checkpoints? Nice when travelling (10)
22 Planet loses 10% first of atmosphere and rainforest – wow! (4)
24 CD noise spoiled parts of a duet (7)
25 151 + 1000 + 8, say? That’s the spirit (7)
26 Spy a refined male’s mature books (5)
27 Bass’s first note sounds like a stringed instrument (9)

Down

- 1** Maybe Tripoli wins vote after soldiers charge (7,5,3)
2 He said “shaken, not stirred” – timeless Bond! (8)
3 Doctor No: “He’s cut in half, my dear” (5)
4 Crawl into water, good animal (8)
5,13 Author exhibits Muslim art in a misquote (6,4)
6 Hit maker? (3,6)
7 Artist models clouds (6)
8 Holiday film? (12,3)
15 I wrestle with bear, then sleep (9)
17 Vegetable oil runs beneath half-broken engine size (8)
18 Much laughter over king 10’s lover (8)
20 Untouchable Spain’s No 1, getting measure over Germany (6)
21 This hat’s 3 pound, yes? (6)
23 See 10

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