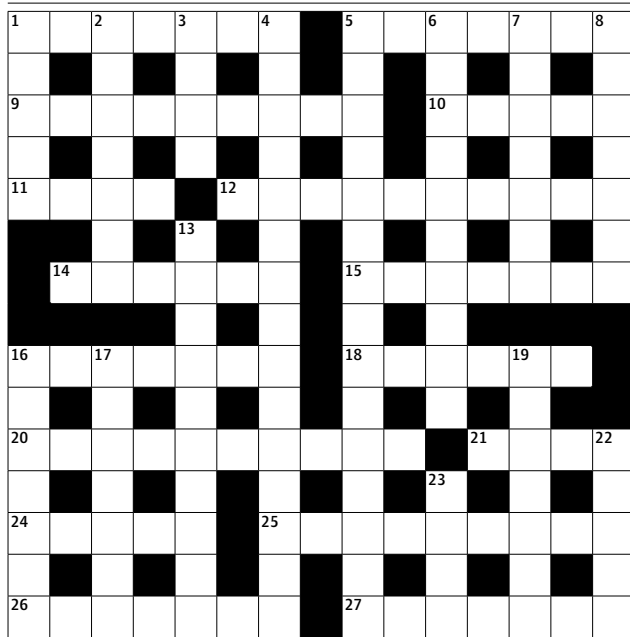


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Two down clues lead to notorious films (not further defined), which must be entered in the grid after being cut.

Across

- 1 Old republic in South America forms a new one (7)
- 5 British invade to threaten state (7)
- 9 A grain store's taken over in citadel (9)
- 10 It's self-evident in the morning about ten to ten (5)
- 11 Emend, delete and insert text primarily (4)
- 12 Unionists backed hon sec, sacked after South Shields (10)
- 14 Writer recalled ambassador's wife's relative (6)
- 15 Makes smart new cut when running out of 10 (7)
- 16 Society tailor in hurry (7)
- 18 Swimming pools swamp restricted decks (6)
- 20 Eg a Queen's Medal I won after canoe qualified (5-5)
- 21 Hairstyle awful? Ring for one ... (4)
- 24 ... of them: with Alys it could be reset (5)
- 25 Greek leader, willing to meet Merkel initially, soon hedges (9)
- 26 Clegg gets enthused somewhat about savings (4,3)
- 27 Reportedly brakes in one limousine put off head of state (7)

Down

- 1 Plane has unusually odd view (5)

- 2 Deposit in pit or a cutting (7)
- 3 Prunes give you the runs, girl conceded (4)
- 4 Carol Cook nervously called about power unit (1,9,5)
- 5 Endure Brown bumbling: "I ring OAP?" (4,5,2,4)
- 6 They're tossed about on holiday, maybe stranded if separated? (5,5)
- 7 Offensive sound doctor picked up inside (7)
- 8 Unstable euro in mess: cause of Greek downfall (7)
- 13 Such cheek reported by admiring neurosurgeon? (4,1,5)
- 16 Dock in North Sea nearly rebuilt (7)
- 17 Like a carousel essentially with no edges? (7)
- 19 Root for average bargain (7)
- 22 Cut up about Kew's earliest blooms (5)
- 23 Drop the pair appearing only at intervals (4)

Solution No. 25,699

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