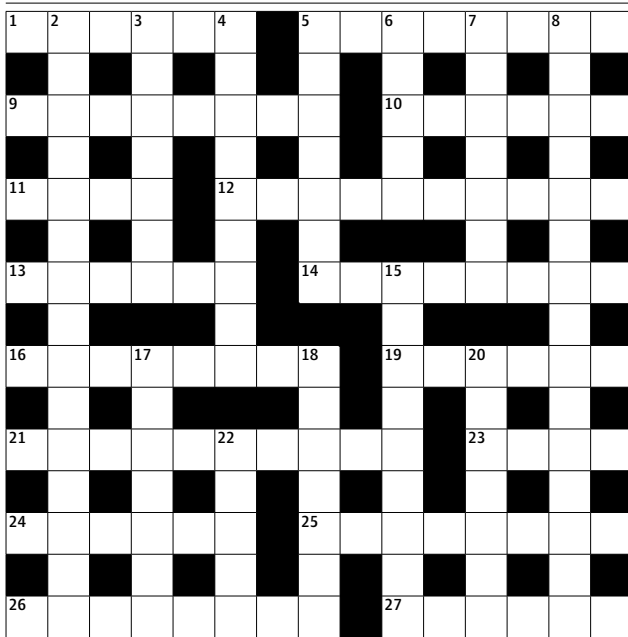


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 Aftershave contracts boxer that's tough (6)
- 5 See 4
- 9 Twisted end of cap – fresh sardine packaging (8)
- 10 Dried fruit shapes (6)
- 11 Picked stuff that's green and returned bags? (4)
- 12 Two records, one after the other (6,4)
- 13 Some strange Nevada city (6)
- 14,25 Casting TV hit as a weary one gets number (8,2,6)
- 16 Aldi promotions initially see returns after Tesco misses out to defectors (8)
- 19 Passion excuse, missing start to party (6)
- 21 Flo-Jo, ignoring judge, died – ugly side of runner's field? (5,5)
- 23 Hunting call originally sets off hounds' onslaught (4)
- 24 Exposed rider to run with fanatical backing (6)
- 25 See 14
- 26 One cuts off foxtrot – a losing sequence overturned (8)
- 27 Second date to be arranged – unknown still (6)

## Down

- 2,22 So a heartless Led Zeppelin IV tour's awful – will you attend? (8,3,4,5)

- 3 Snack done perfectly that is providing sandwich for son (7)
- 4,5across Composition of Page/Plant – disc in an artwork (9,8)
- 5 Balls trapped in underwear – they split hairs (7)
- 6 Urge forward, one to mark short footballer ... (5)
- 7 ... yet unusually hurt tackling nothing? (4,3)
- 8 Want skinny rat? Watch catcher, ultimately, six feet under collecting equipment for sewer (6,3,6)
- 15 Sugar maybe taking one part of 7 tree (9)
- 17 Not friendly – while one cuts nutritional description of water (7)
- 18 After change of centre spread, becomes more bare (7)
- 20 Restricted part of street magician's vanishing trick essentially, around America (3,4)
- 22 See 2

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