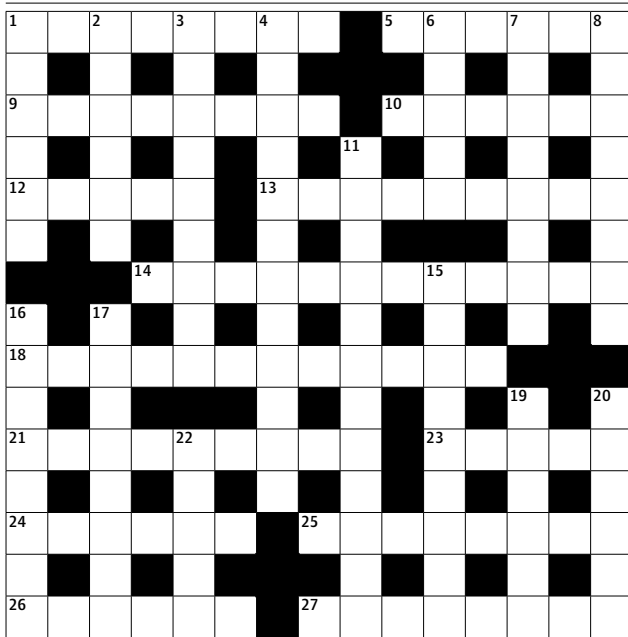


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,872 set by Arachne

Across

- 1 Sailors who have many relations? (8)
- 5 Fully committed, dad and I join Unionists (4-2)
- 9 Acolyte starts to forswear open-mindedness, like one of the herd? (8)
- 10 Spooner's to kill writer and collect £200! (4,2)
- 12 Couple in USA regularly picked flowers (5)
- 13 Helped hide the claret? (9)
- 14 Plots involving high-speed races (12)
- 18 Source of retired aunt's tailored, fashionable top (12)
- 21 Haiti cops dressed in pale green (9)
- 23 Corrupt president's interment (5)
- 24 Energy supply? Dave ignored privatised wrongdoing (6)
- 25 She's over-groomed (8)
- 26 Unearth old philosopher (6)
- 27 Stealing 80% of everything movable (8)

Down

- 1 The legend of Arachne? That's a tall story! (2,4)
- 2 Rang and gave away secrets on air (6)
- 3 Charms spoil with time, so get on with it! (4,5)

- 4 What you will otherwise do on 6 January (7,5)
- 6 A sector of Fukushima was hazarded thus (5)
- 7 Feyerabend finally is in favour of falsification (8)
- 8 Postured preposterously, having highest opinion of oneself (8)
- 11 Finish like Marie Curie? (6,6)
- 15 Farsi can become français, if you do this (9)
- 16 Away I step, ill-prepared – or not prepared – for skiing (3-5)
- 17 Browning perhaps subverting cosy oral tale (8)
- 19 I have supper after ten (6)
- 20 Showing no emotion as muscle gets caught in zip (6)
- 22 Principle aside, love to get married! (5)

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