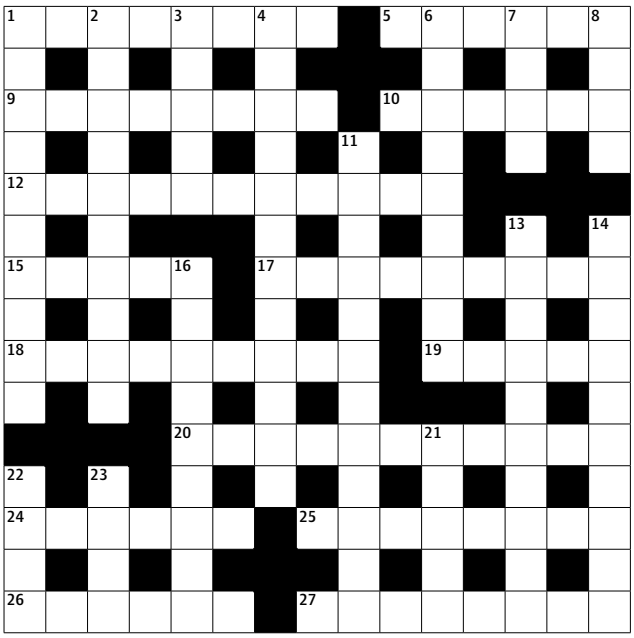
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

1 Make out fabulous stores close to retail chain (8)
5 Hang on! It's a very subdued finale (6)
9 Grand confession from show-off (8)
10 Notice skirts twirling in opener from Lady Gaga (6)
12 Winning back Liberals, virtuous type calls to exert influence (4,7)
15 Free toy? About time! (3,2)
17 For this, seek knave? King or queen included, too (5,4)
18 Anti-capitalist movement thus is ousting North America from Asian country (9)
19 Way of speaking Latin pupil rejected (5)
20 Crazy family's slippers seen on these? (6,5)
24 Boozer gaining weight around middle – such a product could help! (3-3)
25 One's tied in second till leader drops out of position (8)
26 Woman's rear clad in lingerie (6)
27 It has a laxative effect in repeat runs (8)

Down

1 Trouble in new language? You should have it at your fingertips (4,6)
2 Like a joiner's debut in carpentry work – value it poorly (10)
3 Throwing up portion of crisps ill-advisedly makes sinner less fat? (5)
4 Sign of Labour and Tory battles about heads of Treasury (12)
6 Fleet Street heart-throb gets closer (5,4)
7 Pencil case, mirror, pens, ruler (4)
8 Action in 2-D (4)
11 Reformed human sin with Pope Victor's tactics (3-9)
13 Father becoming "pater" in old German territory? (10)
14 Troubled developer requires a financial handout to be on track (10)
16 Nothing's stopping complete poet getting beyond the limits of his craft? (9)
21 Unqualified, drunken fortune-teller (5)
22 Turned up source of light whimper (4)
23 Terribly sweet with no end of mawkishness (4)

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