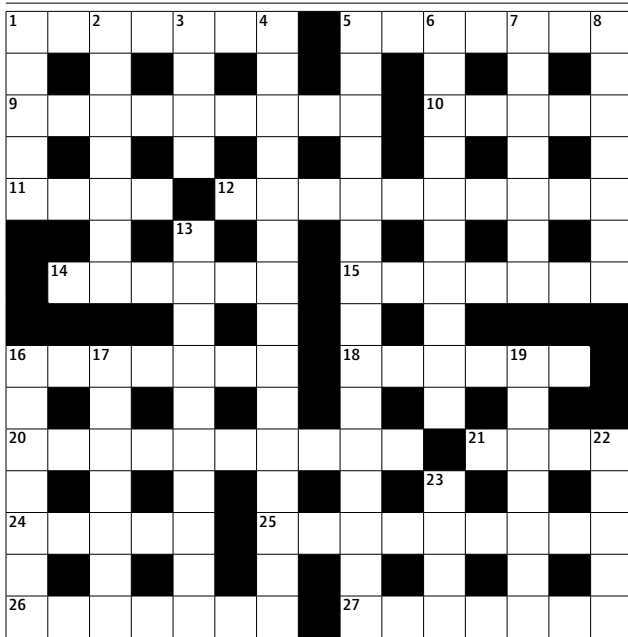


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Fit to grasp point of gap (7)
- 5 Come to point about pious character's drinks dispenser (7)
- 9 Embedded impulse to stew peeled vegetable (9)
- 10 Unusually rich part of song (5)
- 11 Bring up what gets brought up? (4)
- 12 City's a study in artificial stone (10)
- 14 Jumper for Nellie the Elephant – or where she performed? (3,3)
- 15 Vacuous telly guide introduced faux-archaic writing (7)
- 16 Get a bunch of singers heard (7)
- 18 Clown and king go off (6)
- 20 Fickle Charlie Clark ingesting drug? (10)
- 21 Prejudice results in Indian master going back gutted (4)
- 24 Use electronic device to commit theft (5)
- 25 Get legless – could result be inertia? (9)
- 26 Still wearing dead baby's outfit (7)
- 27 Stray soldier returning in women's clothing (7)

Down

- 1 Cop for hot dog (5)
- 2 Short Sri Lankan star engulfed by disaster (7)
- 3 Clothes a capital (4)

- 4 Drug (speed?) bringing partner round, one choked by gas (15)
- 5 Deflate daughter's alternative band (3,8,4)
- 6 Recycled document, white as can be, infested by gremlins (10)
- 7 Centre (that of Siena?) redesigned by Roman playwright (7)
- 8 Playground adjoining right-winger's ecclesiastical home (7)
- 13 Art endeavouring to encapsulate no-good underwear? (6,4)
- 16 Charge up when infiltrating Italian province (7)
- 17 Characteristic of drunk entering wharf (7)
- 19 Frost over, having dined in state (7)
- 22 House of ill repute is agitated (5)
- 23 Overeat? Almost turned to drink (4)

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