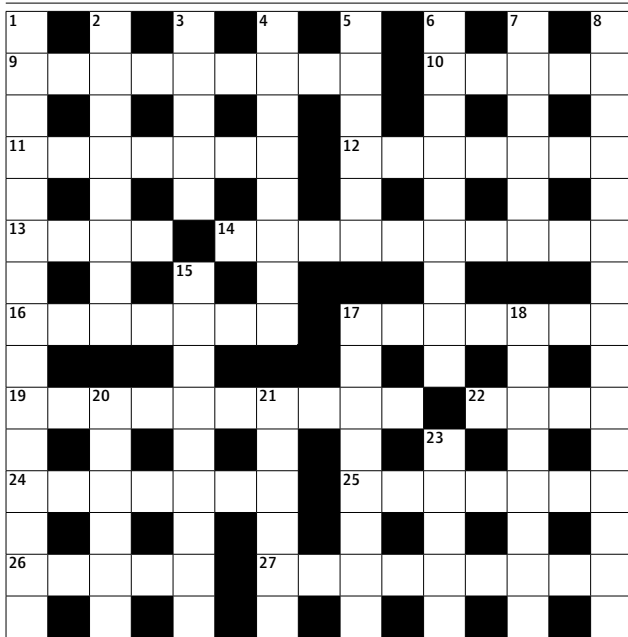


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9** Saw around soft fold in limb (9)
10 Come to an open stretch of water (5)
11 Corked claret accompanying last of wine that's sweet (7)
12 Wind force then a problem – in this? (7)
13 Team's flank (4)
14 Awful motor designed for second-class racing (7,3)
16 Dance preceding tango in newspaper? (7)
17 Agent apprehending prisoner, reflected in looking glass (7)
19 Superior to beat sovereign (10)
22 Composer not working by royal pronouncement? (4)
24 Neighbouring houses cheery in wartime Britain (7)
25 Arc of the horizon, a spot overshadowing much, not half hot (7)
26 Trademark and name required to access network (3,2)
27 Drug users as cover for chief of police? (9)

Down

- 1** Supporter totally fab, so made for game of team selection (7,8)

- 2** See 6
3 Slam-bang? (5)
4 A sports official wearing shoe – or not? (8)
5 Upright but not opening – I'm unsure it's part of the gut (6)
6,2 Mild complaint, as part of book appearing whiny? (9,8)
7 Perfectly round number, that's clear (6)
8,20 Yonder item identified? Never mind! (5,3,2,5,6)
15 See 18
17 Segmented language? (8)
18,15 Letter quick to reveal didgeridoo player's technique (8,9)
20 See 8
21 Important flat part of a calculator (6)
23 Suspect confined by himself is hysterical (5)

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A	G	A	T	H	A	C	H	R	I	S	T	I	E
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