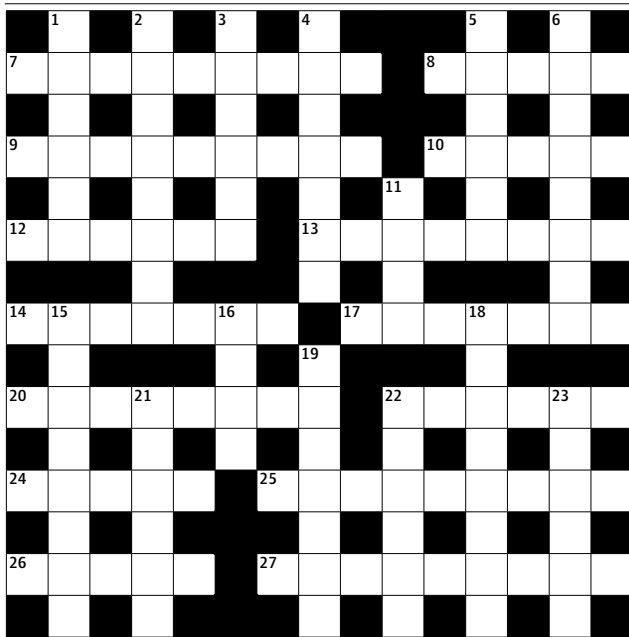


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,108 set by Rufus

Across

- 7 Army command to be rigidly obeyed (9)
- 8 Two officers get together for a drink (5)
- 9 Packed audience gives a good hand (4,5)
- 10 Turf out? Of course (5)
- 12 Children produced periodically (6)
- 13 Gardener cultivated and gathered in crops (8)
- 14 Wishes of a worshipful company (7)
- 17 Inferior articles that don't last long (7)
- 20 Proposal to provide public with running water (8)
- 22 Former model makes a revelation (6)
- 24 Exercising we object to in middle age (5)
- 25 Queen's favourite isle? Crete, possibly (9)
- 26 Funny business with three blind victims? (5)
- 27 Meat market's up for relocation (4,5)

Down

- 1 Plays a guitar for drinks on the street (6)
- 2 It gives warning to sailors affected by the drink (4,4)
- 3 Sharpens games up (6)
- 4 Study bill for dispatch (7)
- 5 Control river pests (6)
- 6 Decline to visit daughter (2,2,4)
- 11 Constantly right (4)
- 15 Preparing for exam? That makes a change (8)
- 16 Put to flight right away (4)
- 18 It comes in to resist, or just the contrary (8)
- 19 Money coming in from flat in French street (7)
- 21 Managed to get detectives' rank ... (6)
- 22 ... and manage to avoid a leakage (6)
- 23 The bishop's concern observed in child's play (3-3)

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