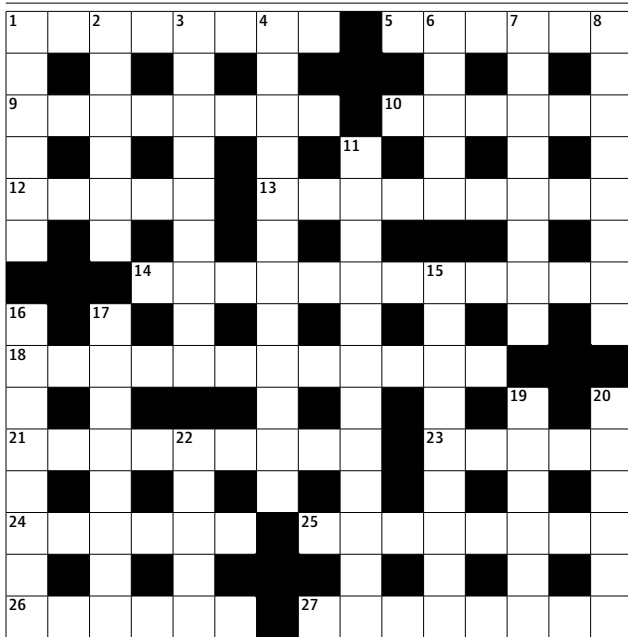


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Zola novel this religious (8)
5 Hunger ends accessing perfectly narrow passage (6)
9 A bodybuilder's heavenly body (8)
10 See 22
12 Cat food, including last of luncheon meat (5)
13 Bird carrying child carrying boy off, love being source of romance (9)
14 Vital process cut, expert gathered (12)
18 On this, three scripts came up, as in three times one (7,5)
21 Papers full of crap on dinosaur (9)
23 First sixteen hours of the week storing uranium in pile (5)
24 Hairy, like a bird? (6)
25 Part of a log where prayer sat endlessly (8)
26 Maximum of sixty on board giving voice (6)
27 Money once pocketed by runner sent back, it's learned (8)

Down

- 1** Half-drunk barman? (6)
2 Affectionate pet scoffing preserved food (6)
3 This for those with mare to prepare? (9)
4 See 20

- 6** Bouncer not filled with air then? (5)
7 Large-scale work, or a small-scale piece about nothing (8)
8 Provocative moves by Third World leaders and royal couple? (8)
11 Mature way to poke grandad when tipsy, as mark of excellence (4,8)
15 Filmed item in a complex, 200 screens (9)
16 Something for the boys, as shower framed in trial hauled up (5,3)
17 Pucker up to clue, as cryptic (8)
19 Piece of material for reinforcing some skirts in the wind (6)
20,4 Picture the king of cutting-edge digital design? (6,12)
22,10 I enrage flag wavers as party leader (5,6)

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